

## Shelbina

A Beautiful Town that Knows no such Word as Fail  
Her Citizens Realize That They Live in the Nineteenth Century  
And With Quick Steps They Are Moving on in the Grand March of Progress

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Shelbina is at the present time beyond all question the most lively town on the Hannibal & St. Jo railroad, and if we mistake not it is the best between Hannibal and Kansas City. The population of the place is now about 1,500 and it is increasing rapidly, and the very large number of excellent business houses, each of which is doing a good business, is a matter of surprise to every stranger who visits the place. It is a fact that in all the town there is not a vacant business or dwelling house. We doubt whether the same can be said of any other place in Missouri. Several large, substantial and good business houses are now in process of erection and others will be erected during the summer. A number of fine residences will also be put up.

The most noted and praiseworthy enterprise, however, of the season, will be the establishment and erection of an educational institution to be known as the

### SHELBINA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE

The rapidity with which the arrangements are being made for carrying this enterprise through to a successful termination, speaks volumes for the liberality and public spirit of the whole people of Shelbina. The enterprise was inaugurated only a short time since. In a very few days stock to the amount of \$5,400 had been subscribed, the citizens generally of every condition taking one or more shares, which were for an amount of \$50 each. The success of the undertaking is now assured beyond all question, and we understand the erection of the building will be commenced as soon as stockholders shall determine upon a site, a number of beautiful ones have been offered from which to select. We saw only one offered by J.W. Towson which, without disparagement to the others, is we think, perfect in all its facilities, except that it is too far from the business center of the town. This strikes us farther as an advantage than otherwise, it being only half a mile from the business center. Before passing to another subject, it is proper to remark that the citizens of Shelbina accord great credit to Rev. Leo Baier, of this city, for the success of the enterprise. Hannibal never had a citizen who was more earnest, more energetic and more successful in his efforts to advance the cause of education than Mr. Baier.