

years or longer superintendent of the Sunday school. In other departments of church work he has been constant in his service and enterprising in his spirit, giving every worthy undertaking of his congregation his valuable counsel and invaluable assistance in practical labor. During all of the last fifteen years he has been one of the stockholders and directors of the Commercial Bank of Shelbina. On March 2, 1873, he was married to Miss Nannie E. Jones, of Marion county, in this state. They have had five children and all of them are living. They are May J., a resident of Shelbina; Jessie, the wife of Otis See, of the same city; and Eugene H., of St. Louis, Missouri; Charles Robert and John Lyell, who are living at home. Mr. and Mrs. Martin and their children add adornment and grace to the social circles of the community and on all sides are recognized as among the best and most representative and estimable citizens of a section in which the standard is high and the requirements are exacting.

JOHN H. WOOD.

This eminent banker and influential financial potency of Shelbina has been a resident of Missouri all of his life, and during the most of that period has been active in lines of endeavor which minister directly to the welfare of the people and help to build up the state in its industrial, mercantile and commercial power, some of them also bearing immediately and favorably on the mental and moral agencies at work in every community.

Mr. Wood controls the policy of the

Shelbina National Bank and is its leading spirit of enterprise and direction. He was born in Monroe county, this state, on December 8, 1869. He is a son of Winfield S. and Susan A. (Hepler) Wood, the former a native of New York and the latter of Ohio. The father was a carpenter and farmer. He came to Monroe county in 1859 and from that time until a few years ago devoted his energies to farming, doing some work also at his trade when occasion demanded it. During the Civil war he served as a soldier in the Ninth Missouri Cavalry, Company F, of which he was one of the lieutenants. He and his command were stationed most of the time in Missouri, but they saw a great deal of active service and were engaged in numerous battles and skirmishes. Mr. Wood was in the army from 1861 to the close of the memorable struggle in 1865, and during all of the time of his military service devoted himself wholly to the cause which he had espoused. After the close of the war he returned to his home and resumed his farming operations. A few years ago he retired from active pursuits and took up his residence in Shelbina, where he now lives. His wife died in that town. They had two sons and two daughters, all of whom are living. The father is a scion of an old English family, his branch of which has lived in this country for several generations.

J. H. Wood was reared and began his education in Monroe county. He also attended the University of Missouri, from which he was graduated in 1895 with the degree of L. B. He was pastor of the Christian church at Boonville, Cooper county, two years, and taught in

Christian College at Columbia, Missouri, during his pastorate. In 1897 he moved to Shelbina and became pastor of the Christian church, which position he still fills. Was associated with Messrs. Thomas & Gillespie in the abstract business for three years, the firm being known as Wood, Thomas & Gillespie. In 1907 he became interested in the bank, to which his time has since been largely devoted. He is also president of the Shelbina Telephone Company, which he founded and incorporated in the autumn of 1908. In politics he is a Republican, but he has never been an active partisan or filled or desired a public office. His fraternal allegiance is given to the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Order, in the latter of which he has risen to the degree of the Royal Arch. During the whole of his residence in Shelbina he has served as pastor of the Christian church, doing a great work for the congregation and building it up from a membership of 100 to one of 250. He is now engaged in the erection of a new church edifice which will be completed at an early date. He is much esteemed in church circles as well as in business relations, and illustrates in every walk in life the best attributes of an elevated, progressive and high-minded American citizenship.

In June, 1898, he was united in marriage with Miss Susan A. Jones, a sister □□W. H. Jone's, who was cashier of the bank of which he is president. They have no children, but take a warm and helpful interest in the education and well being of all the children in the community, being leaders and active workers in every good undertaking for the

welfare of the people and the promotion of every interest in which that is involved. Among the residents of Shelbina they are accounted as worthy of the highest regard and looked up to as examples of correct and upright living, which all might imitate with advantage to themselves and great benefit to the community.

Mr. Wood is a member of the board of regents of the Kirksville State Normal School, being chairman of the board, and is also a member of the board of trustees of Missouri Bible College at Columbia, Missouri. □

GEORGE ROFF.

This estimable citizen of Shelbina, who is passing the closing years of his life in rest and quiet after a long struggle for advancement in a worldly way, in which lie almost at times dared Fate herself into the lists and felt prepared to meet it on nearly equal terms, presents to the contemplation of the biographer a subject of unusual interest. He came of a family of roving and adventurous disposition, and although he showed his heritage in this respect in one particular he did not in others, for which his ancestors were distinguished. So far as daring danger, enduring hardship and undergoing arduous toil and privation are concerned, he has upheld the family traditions in a manly and admirable way. But he has never roamed far from the place of his nativity to seek a residence, but has helped to the limit of his ability and opportunities to develop the section and interests amid which he was born and reared.,