

religious connection he is allied with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

On December 19, 1867, Mr. Perry was united in marriage with Miss Ellen Randal, a native of Shelby county, Missouri. They have had seven children, six of whom are living: John H., a resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; Emma, the wife of Dr. Gaines, of Las Animas, Colorado; Ora, the wife of Edward Phillips, of Hannibal; Floyd, whose home is in Jefferson township; Leo, the wife of N. P. Turner, of Raton, New Mexico; and Harry, who is living at Clarence. The parents are accounted as among the worthiest and most estimable citizens of Clarence, and the other members of the family, in their several locations and stations in life are daily exemplars of the lessons and training inculcated around the family fireside while they remained under the parental roof-tree and the control of their parents.

#### JAMES RICHARD BAKER.

For more than half a century this progressive farmer and representative citizen of Jefferson township has lived in Shelby county, actively engaged in one of its leading industries, helping to promote its welfare and contributing essentially to the consequence and benefit of its people. He is a native of this state, born in Monroe county on September 25, 1842, and became a resident of Shelby county in 1857, coming to the county with his father at the age of fifteen years.

His parents, Carter and Lucinda (Crim) Baker, were born and reared in

Kentucky, and came to Missouri soon after they reached their maturity. The father located in Monroe county and farmed there until 1857, when he moved to Shelby county. Here he continued his farming operations until his death, in August, 1866. His widow survived him thirty years, dying on June 18, 1896. They were the parents of ten children, five of whom are living: Sarah Elizabeth (Newton), James Richard, Samuel E., Elijah B., and Carter A. At the beginning of the Civil war the father enlisted in a company of Missouri infantry. But he never got far into the active military operations of the great contest, participating only in a few skirmishes.

His son, James Richard Baker, grew to manhood on his father's farm in Monroe and Shelby counties and obtained his education in the district schools. At the beginning of the war, when he was but nineteen years old, he enlisted in Company D, Sharpshooters, and for a time saw very active and strenuous service. He took part in the battles of Lexington, Kirksville, Pleasant Hill and a number of others. But early in his military career he was captured by the other army, and from then until the close of the war languished in a military prison. At the close of the memorable conflict he was released from prison and discharged from the service at Shreveport, Louisiana. He then returned to his Missouri home and resumed his farming operations, beginning a career for himself in this line of endeavor, which he is still expanding. He now owns 189 acres of good land, nearly all of which is under

cultivation and highly productive. The farm is also well improved with good buildings and fully provided with all that is necessary for conducting the work on it according to the most approved modern methods in advanced agriculture. In addition he carries on an extensive and flourishing live stock industry, and in both lines of enterprise he has prospered.

Mr. Baker has been one of the leading men in his township in promoting public improvements and contributing to the general welfare of the locality. He served on the school board more than twenty years, and in numerous other ways has helped to build up and develop the township and county in all their moral, mental and material interests. He is a pronounced Democrat in his political allegiance and always zealous in the service of his party. For a continuous period of eight years he was town constable, and his services to the community in this office were very acceptable to the people and highly approved. In religious connection he is allied with the Baptist church.

In 1885 Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Ellen I. Johnston, a daughter of George and Theresa Johnston, who came to Missouri from Virginia. Mrs. Baker is, however, a native of Shelby county. She and her husband are the parents of two children, their sons, George C. and Everett R. All the members of the family stand well where they live and enjoy in a marked degree the regard and good will of the people around them in all other places where they are known.

### JAMES C. ORR.

This prosperous and progressive farmer of Jefferson township, in this county, has been tried by severe discipline in disaster and has never flinched or shown want of high manly spirit. The stern arbitrament of the sword in civil war ruled against him, and laid upon him unusual hardships, but he endured his fate courageously and showed, even in his darkest and most oppressive experiences, the qualities of persistency and determination of purpose which have made him successful in his subsequent operation and won him his high standing in the regard of his fellow men wherever he is known.

Mr. Orr was born in Randolph county, Missouri, in December, 1843. His parents, John B. and Eliza Anne (Hutton) Orr, were born and reared in Virginia, and there also they were married. Soon after their marriage they moved to Missouri, arriving in 1843, and took up their residence amid the wild natural luxuriance of Randolph county, which was largely unpeopled and still in a state of semi-wilderness at the time. Here they won a farm from the waste, which they developed and improved into a comfortable country home, and on which they reared to maturity four of their six children, all of whom are still living. They are: Elizabeth, the wife of Davis Mitchell; James C., the subject of this brief review; William M., who resides in Madison, Missouri; and John N., whose home is in Macon, Missouri. The mother died in 1854 and the father in 1884 at the age of sixty-nine years. They enjoyed in a marked degree the respect and good will