

extended all over this and the adjoining counties, and he was extensively and favorably known in other parts of the state.

On January 12, 1860, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Williams, the marriage being solemnized in Monroe county, of which the bride was a resident at the time. They became the parents of four children, all of whom are living and reside in Shelbina. They are: William W., James H., David, Jr., and John R. Their mother is still living and also has her home in Shelbina. Many of her forty-three years of wedded life were years of toil and endurance. But like her husband, she was at all times sustained and buoyed up by the hope of better conditions, and was winning her way toward them by faithful attention to every daily duty, both with reference to her family and the community in which she lived. Her record is well known to the people around her, and there is not one who does not esteem her highly.

In political faith Mr. Morgan was an ardent Democrat of the old school. And while he was ever loyal to his party and faithful in its services, he never sought or desired a political office for himself either by election or appointment. His principal concern in public affairs centered in the welfare of his city, township and county, the progress and elevation of their people and the full and wholesome development of every industrial, mental and moral agency at work in their midst. And to the practical and useful realization of his desires in these respects he gave himself with ardor and an energy that accomplished good results

in themselves and more in the forces in other persons which they awakened and set in motion. In fraternal life he was connected with and devoted to the Masonic order, socially he moved in the first rank in the community, and in business circles he was regarded as a leader, a judicious guide and a strong source of inspiration.

The men of the present day in Shelby county are doing their part to keep up and quicken the progress and sane and safe development of the region, and are doing many things which their forefathers could not do. But the latter wrought well with the means and the knowledge they had, and nothing can take away from them the credit of having laid broad and deep the foundations of the county's prosperity and civil institutions, and made them altogether worthy of the stately superstructure which has been reared upon them. Among the settlers in the county in the primitive stage of its history none is entitled to higher credit or was more worthy of esteem than David Morgan, the interesting subject of this brief memoir.

WALTER C. BOWER.

In the sketch of the career of John C. Bower, appearing on other pages of this work, is given data concerning the family genealogy of which the subject of this review is an honored representative, and by reason of the fact that ready reference may be made to the article mentioned it is not deemed requisite to repeat the data in the present sketch. Mr. Bower is one of the representative business men and highly es-

teemed citizens of the county that has been his home from his childhood days, and is now engaged in the retail hardware trade in the thriving village of Bethel, where he controls a large and substantial business.

Walter C. Bower was born in Beaver county, Pennsylvania, on September 21, 1841, and he was about five years of age at the time of the family removal to Shelby county, Missouri, his father, the late John L. Bower, having been one of the early members of the staunch German colony which had as its center the village of Bethel. In the schools of this village Walter C. Bower secured his early education, and after completing his studies he worked with his father at the cabinet maker's trade until 1869, when he became associated with his brother, John C., in the purchase of the furniture business conducted by their father. After a short interval he bought his brother's interest in the enterprise and he continued to be successfully engaged in the manufacturing and sale of furniture and the conducting of a general repair shop in this line until 1893, when he sold the business and engaged in the hardware trade, in which he has since continued with success, having a commodious and well equipped establishment, in which are handled a full assortment of heavy and shelf hardware, stoves, ranges, paints, oils, builders' supplies, etc. Mr. Bower has been a thorough and enterprising business man and has gained a large measure of success through his honorable and well directed efforts, so ordering his course as to maintain a sure hold upon the confidence and esteem of the community that has represented his

home from his childhood days. He is a stockholder in the Bank of Bethel and also in the Farmers' Bank of this village. He is the owner of valuable real estate in the village and also has well improved farm land in the county.

Though never ambitious for public office of any description, Mr. Bower is aligned as a loyal supporter of the cause of the Republican party, he is affiliated with the Masonic fraternity and both he and his wife hold membership in the German Methodist Episcopal church in their home town.

In 1868 Mr. Bower was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Carroll, of Shelby county, and their only child died in infancy. Mrs. Bower died in 1870, and on December 8, 1876, Mr. Bower was united in marriage to Miss Catherine Fox, who was born in Germany, whence she came with her parents to America, the family home being finally established in Shelby county. Of the eight children of this union, seven are living, namely: Anna, who is the wife of Rev. William R. Velte, a clergyman of the Methodist Episcopal church and now a resident of Denver, Colorado; Ida, who is the wife of Frederick Morris, of Green City, Missouri; Walter G., who is engaged in business in Bethel; and Nora, Adam, Clarence and Monroe, who remain at the parental home.

WILLIAM T. ZIEGLER.

Mr. Ziegler is one of the well known and popular citizens of his native village of Bethel, where he conducts a prosperous business as a blacksmith and where he is a representative of one of