

cal science and skill in practice in many other portions of the state.

Dr. Carson keeps posted in all phases of progress in his profession and is abreast with its most advanced thought and discovery. He is still a diligent student of its literature and is also an active and valued member of the American Medical Association and the Missouri and Shelby county medical societies. He takes an active part in public affairs as a zealous working Democrat, and in the fraternal life of the community as a Freemason and an Odd Fellow. In religion he gives his allegiance to the Baptist creed and is a working member of the Mission church of that sect. Locally he has given the people excellent service as an alderman, a school director and the county coroner. He is now the road commissioner of Shelby county. In all these positions he has won commendation for his directness, attention to duty and knowledge of the requirements of the county and city.

Three times has the little god of sentiment made the doctor his target, and each time his arrow has found its mark. He was first married in 1868 to Miss Mary Caldwell, a daughter of W. D. Caldwell. They had one child, who died at the age of six months. The mother died in 1870. His second marriage occurred on June 29, 1872, and was with Miss Lucy M. Caldwell, a daughter of Larkin B. Caldwell, of Shelby county. They became the parents of six children, all of whom are living—William G., of Kansas City, Missouri; Claud W., of Sheridan, Wyoming; Harry B., of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Mary A., the wife of Dimmitt Wainwright, of Monett, Mis-

souri; Larkin E., of Shelbyville, and James I., also of Sheridan, Wyoming. Their mother died in 1904. The doctor's third marriage was with Miss Martha Wilson, of Shelbyville, and occurred in 1908.

VERNON L. DRAIN.

Successful as a practicing lawyer and prominent and influential as a citizen far beyond the measure his modesty would allow him to admit, Vernon L. Drain, of Shelbyville, is justly accounted one of the leading and most useful citizens of Shelby county, and he is also well and favorably known in all of the adjoining counties. Wherever he is known he is esteemed for his worth, held in high regard for his elevated character and admired for the qualities of head and heart which have won him success in his profession and prominence among the people of Missouri.

Mr. Drain was born in Shelby county, Missouri, on January 21, 1864. He is the only child of Stanford and Mary M. (Lyell) Drain, the former a native of Sussex county, Delaware, where he was born in 1811, and the latter a product of Westmoreland county, Virginia. The father passed the first quarter century of his life in his native county and obtained his education there. In 1836 he moved to Missouri and was employed for a time in Hannibal. He then located in Shelby county and during a short period followed farming with success. But he tired of this occupation and took up his residence in Shelbyville, where he worked for a number of years at the carpenter trade, which he had learned in his

native state. He then again took up farming as his leading employment and adhered to this until his death, which occurred in 1892. Twice he yielded to the dominion of the tender passion, being first married on March 21, 1833, to Miss Sarah W. Parker. They had one child, who is still living, their daughter Mary, who is now the widow of John W. Jacobs, of Clarence, in this county. Her mother died September 8, 1850, and on January 5, 1857, the father married a second time, choosing Miss Mary M. Lyell as his partner on this occasion. One child was born of this union, Vernon L., the immediate subject of this brief review. Stanford Drain died November 20, 1892.

Vernon L. Drain attended the public schools of Shelbyville and studied a great deal at home. After leaving school he worked on his father's farm for a few years, then passed some time as a clerk and salesman in a store. But feeling within him a call to higher duties than those of a salesman, however necessary and worthy they may be, he began the study of law under the direction of the present representative of this district in the congress of the United States, Hon. James T. Lloyd, of Shelbyville. In 1891 he was admitted to the bar and began the practice of his profession in Shelbyville, and here he has been actively and successfully engaged in it ever since. He has risen to very good standing in his profession and influence among the people on merit which his whole record has made manifest, and in social life he is in the front rank.

Mr. Drain has taken an active part in the affairs of the county as a citizen deeply interested in its welfare and zeal-

ous in promoting its advancement, and as a Democrat in politics eager to secure the best interests of the country by the application of proper principles and theories in the administration of its government. He was elected prosecuting attorney of Shelby county in 1892 and served two terms in that office. His religious connection is with the Southern Methodist church. On February 17, 1892, he was united in marriage with Miss Nellie E. Turner, of Maryville, Nodaway county, Missouri. The three children born of their union are all living and at home with their parents. They are: Benjamin Stanford, Katherine V. and Vernon L. No family in the county stands higher in the estimation of the people and none is more deserving of a high rank.

EUGENE M. CADWELL.

One of the well known and distinctively popular officials of Shelby county is he whose names initiates this article. Mr. Cadwell is incumbent of the office of circuit clerk, in which position he has served, with marked efficiency, since January 1, 1907, prior to which he has been one of the representative business men of the thriving little village of Shelbyna, from which he transferred his residence to Shelbyville, the county seat, when preparing to assume the duties of his present official position.

Mr. Cadwell is a native son of Shelby county and is a member of one of its honored pioneer families. His paternal grandfather was Moses Cadwell, who was a native of North Carolina, whence he removed to Kentucky in the pioneer days of the latter commonwealth, in