

the end of the struggle he became quartermaster-general of Company I, being promoted to this position in recognition of the value of his services in the sterner phases of the conflict.

At the close of the war Mr. Bonnel returned to his Shelby county home, and here he was profitably engaged in farming and raising stock, except during the last two years, when he lived retired from all active pursuits. During his residence in this county he has ever taken an earnest interest and an active part in promoting the welfare of the region, doing at all times all he could for the benefit of its people; the development of its resources, and its moral, intellectual and material advancement in every way. He was clerk of the district for more than twenty-five years and served on the school board for a period of eight. In politics he was a pronounced Republican, but never was an active partisan. Fraternally he belonged to the Masonic order and the Grand Army of the Republic.

In 1864 Mr. Bonnel was united in marriage with Miss Mary Washington Matkin, a native of Shelby county, Missouri. Of the eight children born to them six are living: Willard, Effie May, now Mrs. Starmer, and Julian, Kate, Bailey and Mary Edith. The mother of these children died in 1900 after a life of domestic service and fidelity extending over thirty-six years, during which she was true to every trust and gave her offspring a fine example of devoted and upright womanhood, for which she was held in high respect wherever she was known as was her husband.

HENRY C. DRENNAN.

With his boyhood darkened by the terrible shadow of our Civil war and the hardships and trials incident to that momentous conflict, and being obliged in consequence to make his own way in the world from an early age, Henry C. Drennan, a leading farmer and stock man of Bethel township, in this county, and one of its prominent and influential citizens, has shown in his career that, however much the lessons of adversity sometimes indurate and sour the spirit, they are in most cases salutary and stimulate their subject to a development of all that is best within him.

Mr. Drennan's life began in Illinois, Sangamon county, in 1854. In that state his father, William Drennan, also was born and there was reared, educated and married, uniting in wedlock with Miss Lucinda Cannon, a native of Kentucky, in 1853. They had six children, four of whom are living: Henry C., Charles W., Darius D., who lives in Idaho, and Margaret F., the wife of Charles Miller, of Knox county, Missouri. In November, 1855, the family moved to this county and located on a farm, which was full of promise, and during the years of its cultivation by the father realized its promise. He prospered on it and was winning a competency. But in 1864, inspired by the warmth of feeling engendered by the cruelty of the predatory border warfare irresponsible parties waged on the helpless people, he enlisted in the Union army in Company G, 39th Missouri Volunteer Infantry. A few months later he was killed in the battle of Centralia, Missouri. The mother is

living yet and has reached the ripe old age of eighty-two years.

Their son, Henry C. Drennan, obtained a limited education in the district schools, his opportunities being more limited than they would otherwise have been, owing to the hard conditions laid upon the people by the war, which continued for years after that was over. He left school at an early age and at once began the career as a farmer which has made him successful in a worldly way and given him consequence and influence among the people. He has pursued his industry in this line of effort ever since and has wrung from the soil of this county, by arduous and continued industry, skill in the application of his labor and good judgment in the management of his operations, a substantial estate and the prospect of still greater achievements. He owns and has mostly under cultivation 360 acres of first-rate land, improved with good buildings and provided with all the appurtenances of an attractive and comfortable country home. In connection with his farming operations he carries on a thriving general live stock industry which is managed with the same intelligence and care as his farming, and which brings him returns in proportion.

Mr. Drennan has ever been active and zealous in the service of his community, manifesting his interest in its welfare by close attention to its requirements and an effective support of every worthy enterprise designed to promote its progress and development. He served on the school board for a period of more than fifteen years, and in other ways has done his part to advance the general weal of

the locality and its people. In politics he is a firm and consistent Republican, but he has never been an over-active partisan. He was married in 1882 to Miss Sallie C. Miller, a native of Ohio who came to this state with her parents when she was three years old. They have four children, Hurley H., Fred M., Alice and Phil O.

WILLIAM CUMMINGS RAINES.

Born in Wisconsin in 1839, at a time which may properly be designated as belonging to the early history of the Middle West, and in later years carried by his occupation to almost every other part of the country west of the Alleghany mountains, William C. Raines, now one of the prosperous and progressive farmers of Bethel township, in this county, has had a varied experience and found it profitable, not only in the acquisition of worldly wealth, but in giving him knowledge of himself and others, and a familiar acquaintance with the various parts of our great domain which lie between our two mighty mountain ranges.

Mr. Raines is a scion of old Virginia families on his father's side of the house, his ancestors having lived in the Old Dominion from early colonial days. From there his grandfather migrated to Kentucky when that now great commonwealth was almost a pathless wilderness, and there his father, Isaac Raines, was born. His mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Ramsdell, was a native of Indiana. Of the eight children born in his father's family he is now the only one living. The father was of a migratory