

county, just over the line from Ray county, in which his mother's farm was located, but was not allowed to attend them long or with any regularity while he went to them.

He remained at home assisting his mother on the farm until 1864, then moved to Shelby county and began farming and raising live stock on his own account. He has dwelt in this county continuously ever since and been engaged in the same occupations all the time. He has been very successful in his operations, having nothing to start with in the way of capital, and is now one of the substantial farmers of the township in which he lives. On December 8, 1870, he was married to Miss Martha Cadwell, of this county. Four children have been born to them and all of them are living. They are: Clara May, the wife of A. B. Stalcup; Birda Ethel McGee, whose home is in this county; Addie, the wife of Alonzo Keith, of Shelbina; and Allie, the wife of Elwood Snell, who resides in Texas. The parents are zealous members of the Missionary Baptist church and take an active part in the work of the congregation in the sect to which they belong.

WILLIAM L. DUNCAN.

A son of the late Judge Duncan, of this county, and taking from him the management of the farm on which he was born and reared, and on which he learned the art of farming under the careful tutelage of his father, William L. Duncan, of Black Creek township, in this county, has demonstrated in his successful career that the lessons of his

boyhood and youth were not lost upon him, and also that he had capacity to apply them in practice to his own advantage and the benefit of the township and county in which he lives and has passed the whole of his earthly existence to this time.

Mr. Duncan was born in this county on December 15, 1864, and is a son of William H. Duncan, who was born in this county in 1844, and a grandson of Levin Duncan, a native of Maryland, who was one of the early settlers of this part of Missouri. His son, William H. Duncan, the father of William L., was reared in this county and educated in its public schools. From the time when he left school until his death he was energetically and profitably engaged in farming and raising and feeding live stock for the markets, and in all his operations he was one of the most enterprising and successful men in his township, and one of its leading citizens.

His high character and great intelligence gave him influence with the people and made him something of a leader among them. And his interest in the progress and development of the county increased his prominence and power. In 1894 he was elected county judge and in 1896 he was re-elected to the same position. At the end of his second term, in 1898, he was elected judge at large for his judicial district, but he did not live to take his seat as such, dying before the end of the year in which he was elected to it. In politics he was a Democrat and in religious affiliation a member of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church.

He was married in 1864 to Miss Mary

Jane Lowman, of this county. They had six children, four of whom are living: William L., the subject of this review; Mettie, whose home is in Shelbyville; Charles B., a resident of Nashville, Tennessee; and Maud, the wife of Clement Tyre, of Lexington, Missouri. They are all esteemed citizens where they live, and in their daily lives exemplify the teachings and examples given them at the parental fireside by their excellent parents, being faithful in the performance of every duty in both private and public life. The mother now makes her home at Shelbyville with her daughter Mettie.

William L. Duncan began his scholastic training in a district school in this county and completed it in a graded public school in Shelbyville. From school he returned to his father's farm, the one on which he was born and on which he now lives, as has been noted, and began the career as a farmer and live stock man which he is still extending. He has enlarged the farm to 240 acres, cultivated it skillfully and energetically, improved it with judgment and good taste, and made it one of the attractive and valuable rural homes of the township. He has also taken a good citizen's full part in helping to advance the best interests of his township and county, and labored in all his efforts to promote the enduring welfare of the people, giving them the stimulus of his influence and the force of his example in good work for progress and development. On February 19, 1898, he was married to Miss Marietta Wood, a daughter of Wesley and Kittie (Robb) Wood, highly respected residents of this county. Politically he is a Democrat

and fraternally a Knight of Pythias. His wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and takes an earnest interest in church work. Both are among the most generally esteemed citizens of the county.

JOHN B. LOWMAN.

Now forty-four years of age, with good health, strength and a spirit of perseverance which is not daunted by difficulties; owning a fine farm, which he has improved with excellent judgment and good taste, and which he has brought to a high state of productivity through systematic cultivation according to the most approved modern methods in agriculture and provided with everything in the way of equipment required for its advanced and vigorous tillage and further development, John D. Lowman, of Black Creek township, this county, is on the highway to extensive prosperity and material consequence among men. And, having won the regard of his fellow men who live in the same township and county through his great public spirit and enterprise with reference to the progress and improvement of the county, and the readiness and intelligence with which he enters upon every worthy project designed to promote them, he has attained a position of influence that promises much for his future as one of the leading citizens of this portion of the state.

Mr. Lowman is a native of Shelby county and has passed the whole of his life to the present time within its borders. He was born on February 15, 1866, and is a son of Samson B. and