

care but who is not lacking in the maintenance of proper discipline.

In politics Mr. Wood gives his allegiance to the Democratic party and he is essentially loyal and public-spirited as a citizen. In a fraternal way he is identified with Shelby Lodge, No. 33, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in Shelbyville, and he holds membership in the Methodist Episcopal church, South, and his wife of the Christian church, in whose work they take a zealous interest.

On March 9, 1898, Mr. Wood was united in marriage to Miss Bessie Griffith, who was born, reared and educated in Shelby county, and who is his effective and popular coadjutor at the infirmary, of which she is matron. She is a daughter of John Griffith, a representative farmer of this county. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have an adopted son, John T., who is five years of age.

PRESTON B. DUNN.

One of the representative and honored citizens of Shelby county and a scion of one of its best known pioneer families, Hon. Preston B. Dunn, vice-president of the Shelbyville Bank, has so ordered his course in all the relations of life that he has made his influence felt in a potent way in connection with industrial, financial and civic affairs and matters of public import. He stands as a fine type of loyal and useful citizenship, has attained to large and generous success through worthy means, and well merits the high esteem in which he is held in his native county. He was formerly president of the bank of which he is now vice-president, being one of

the largest stockholders of this substantial institution and having, in his present office, acted principally in an advisory capacity since his retirement from the presidency. A review of the history of the Shelbyville Bank appears on other pages of this publication.

Preston B. Dunn was born on the homestead farm of his father, in Black Creek township, Shelby county, Missouri, on August 9, 1843, and is a grandson of James Dunn, who was one of the sterling pioneers of Kentucky, where he continued to reside until his death. In Jessamine county, that state, John Dunn, father of the subject of this review, was born in the year 1792, and there he was reared to maturity and continued to maintain his home until 1824, when he came to Missouri and numbered himself among the early settlers of Howard county, where he remained until 1832, when he removed to Marion county, from which section he came to Shelby county in 1836. Here he secured a tract of land six miles west of the present thriving little city of Shelbyville, the old homestead, which he developed into a productive farm, having been located in Black Creek township. He was a man of energy, ambition, strong mentality and mature judgment, and he played no insignificant part in the material and civic upbuilding of the county, where he ever commanded the fullest measure of popular confidence and esteem and where he continued to maintain his home until his death, which occurred in July, 1866, having retired from active labors in the same year and having been a resident of Shelbyville at the time of his demise. He was one of the extensive and success-

ful farmers and stock-growers of this section of the state and wielded marked and beneficent influence in connection with local affairs of a public order. He was a staunch Whig in politics and after the dissolution of that party gave his allegiance to the cause of the American and Union parties. He became the owner of a considerable number of slaves and his sympathies were with the cause of the Union when the Civil war was projected upon a divided nation. Both he and his wife were zealous members of the Presbyterian church, showing their lively and constant faith in all manner of good works and kindly deeds.

In the year 1818 was solemnized the marriage of John Dunn to Miss Elizabeth Doak, who was born and reared in Harrison county, Kentucky, and who was a woman of noble and gracious attributes of character, her fidelity and strength being such as to make her a true helpmeet in the strenuous life of the pioneer days. She was summoned to the life eternal in 1876. Of the thirteen children three died in infancy, and of the number only two are now living: Martha C., who is the wife of John F. McMurray, of Shelbina, this county, and Preston B., whose name initiates this article.

Preston B. Dunn was reared to the sturdy and invigorating discipline of the pioneer farm and to the common schools of Shelby county, including the Shelby high school, of Shelbyville, he is indebted for his early educational training, which was effectively supplemented by a course in Westminster College, at Fulton, Missouri, in which institution he was graduated as a member of the class of 1864.

Thereafter he remained on the old homestead and devoted a portion of the time to teaching in the country schools until 1866, when he entered the Louisville Law School, at Louisville, Kentucky, in which institution he was graduated in March, 1867, with the degree of Bachelor of Law. Shortly afterward, at Shelbyville, he was admitted to the bar of his native state, and there he began the practical work of his profession, in which he gained high prestige and unqualified success and in which he continued consecutively until 1892. He was identified during the long intervening years with much important litigation, retained a large and representative clientage, and was known as a counsellor well fortified in the science of jurisprudence and in the practical application of the same.

In 1893 Mr. Dunn was elected president of the Shelbyville Bank and he continued as the able chief executive of this solid and popular financial institution until 1899, when he resigned the active administrative duties to others, though he has since continued to serve as vice-president, as previously stated in this article.

In politics Mr. Dunn has been a zealous and effective advocate of the principles and policies of the Democratic party, but his partisanship is not of the narrow order that precludes the viewing of public matters from a broad-minded and clearly outlined vantage point. As a young man he served as deputy collector of Shelby county, and in 1890 he was elected as representative of Shelby county in the state legislature, in which he made an admirable record. He is affiliated with the Independent

Order of Odd Fellows, is a member of the Presbyterian church, and his wife is a communicant of the Protestant Episcopal church. As a citizen he has ever been liberal, loyal and progressive, and he has done much to further the material and civic advancement of his home county, of whose citizens he is one of the best known and most highly honored, and of whose bar he was long one of the leading members.

On January 9, 1873, Mr. Dunn was united in marriage to Miss Clara McMurtry, who was born and reared in Shelby county, where her father, Alexander McMurtry, was a sterling pioneer settler. Mrs. Dunn was summoned to eternal rest on March 8, 1885, and both of their children are living: Alexander M., who is now cashier of the Shelbyville Bank; and Preston B., Jr., who is engaged in business at San Antonio, Texas. On December 26, 1888, was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Dunn to Miss Lillie M. Rogers, daughter of Stephen Rogers, of Monroe City, this state, and they have one child, Clara R., who is a popular figure in connection with the social activities of her native city.

THE SHELBYVILLE BANK.

Among the oldest and most favorably known of the secure and ably managed banking houses of northern Missouri is that known as the Shelbyville Bank, which dates its inception back to the year 1874, when it was organized under the title of the Shelby County Savings Bank. It was originally a jointstock institution, of which John T. Cooper was president and Philip Dimmitt cashier. Under

these conditions the bank was continued successfully for several years, and then its president and cashier purchased the stock of the other interested principals and changed the title to Cooper & Dimmitt. As a private institution conducted by this firm, the bank gained wide repute as one of the substantial and solid financial institutions of the state, and its title to popular support and confidence was based not more clearly upon its sound financial basis than upon the high character of the men who controlled its affairs. Mr. Cooper sold his interest to Dr. Philip Dimmitt, and thereafter the business was successfully continued under the title of Philip Dimmitt, banker, with operations based on a capital of \$12,000. Dr. Dimmitt had in his employ, in an executive capacity, his son Frank and later Lindley G. Schofield also. In 1892, after the death of his wife, Dr. Dimmitt retired from active business, having sold the banking business, December 13th of that year, to Preston B. Dunn, Lindley G. Schofield, Frank, Prince, and Marvin, Pope and Lee Dimmitt. At this time the institution was reorganized under the title of the Shelbyville Bank, which has since been retained, the previously mentioned gentlemen being the stockholders of the bank, whose capital was increased to \$20,000. The officers elected under the new regime were as here noted: Preston B. Dunn, president; Lindley G. Schofield, cashier; and these executive officers were also members of the directorate, which likewise included the other three stockholders, Frank, Prince and Pope Dimmitt. On May 31, 1894, the capital stock was increased to \$20,000, and at the next