

farming and the stock industry conducted by Mr. Feely are managed with wisdom and pushed with highly commendable enterprise and both are profitable.

Mr. Feely was married on December 25, 1901, to Miss Addie Marie Turner, a daughter of William R. and Mary (Doyle) Turner, esteemed residents of Shelby county. Three daughters have resulted from the union, Gertrude Marie, Mildred Elaine and Dorthy Lois, all of whom are living. In politics the father is a pronounced Democrat, with an abiding and helpful interest in the affairs of his party and steady activity in its behalf. His fraternal connection is with the Modern Woodmen of America, and he and his wife are consistent members of the Southern Methodist church, devoted to its welfare and energetic in helping to promote it, and the good of the community in general.

Mr. Feely is a young man yet, and the success and standing in life which he has already won are greatly to his credit. But his enterprise, correct and extensive knowledge of the work in which he is engaged, his devotion to its vigorous prosecution to the highest and best results, and his intelligent attention to its every requirement, give assurance that his ascent to higher altitudes and greater prosperity in connection with it will be steady and increase in speed. His uprightness and progressiveness as a citizen, which have secured for him the esteem of all who know him, also indicate that he is destined to more extensive popularity and stronger influence in the community of which he is so valued a member.

CHARLES R. FEELY.

This enterprising and progressive farmer and live stock dealer of Black Creek township, in this county, who now lives on the family homestead and in the house in which he was born, is a brother of Theodore W. and Silas M. Feely, of the same township, sketches of whom will be found in this work. In that of the former the family history is told at some length, the leading events in the lives of the parents being set forth somewhat in detail. The story of their lives and those of the lives of their sons, as they appear herein, show that the fiber of the family is firm, that its members have grappled with adverse conditions and become masters of them and that attention to the duties of elevated citizenship has been one of their prominent characteristics, and continues in the sons as it was exemplified by the parents, with advantage to themselves and decided benefits to the community in which all have had their homes.

Charles R. Feely was born on August 7, 1874, in Shelby county, Missouri. He obtained his education in the district schools, and worked on the parental acres while attending and after leaving those valued institutions for mental training and the inculcation of sterling qualities of manhood and womanhood. He remained with his parents until 1900, then bought an eighty-acre farm, which he has increased to 255 acres. He has the whole tract under skillful and advanced cultivation and reaps an abundant harvest of profits from his outlay of enterprise and labor. His specialties in the live stock line of his business are

Shorthorn cattle and Duroc-Jersey hogs, of which he handles large numbers and with them keeps the markets in which he deals active and well supplied. Through his activity in this respect he has also helped considerably to improve the grades of stock he favors throughout Shelby county and the adjoining counties of the state, and has thereby been of great benefit to this whole region.

Mr. Feely was married on February 11, 1903, to Miss Lizzie Christian, of Warren, Missouri. They had one child, their son, Donovan Read, who is being indoctrinated in the tenets and principles of business so successfully pursued by his parents, and who, although very young yet, is showing himself to be an apt and responsive student. In political faith and allegiance the father is a firm and faithful member of the Democratic party, and gives its principles and candidates his earnest support in all campaigns. In fraternal relations he belongs to the Modern Woodmen of America, and his religious connection is with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His wife is a member of the Missionary Baptist church. Mrs. Feely died December 29, 1903. Mr. Feely again married, November 10, 1909, to Lu Verne Hallenbeck, of this county, a daughter of Silvesta Hallenbeck.

Like his younger brother, Silas M. Feely, Charles R. is yet a young man, and his success has been won within a few years. It also gives great promise for the future, both with reference to his own estate and the general improvement and advance of the township and county of his home, in which he takes a very active interest and in promoting their wel-

fare bears a zealous, helpful and important part of the work. He and his wife are among the most useful and esteemed residents of Black Creek township.

EDWARD M. COE.

The grandson of a Virginia planter who came to the United States from England and settled in the Old Dominion soon after our Revolutionary war, whose name also was Edward, and the son of David J. and Elizabeth (Skinner) Coe, who were born and reared in Loudon county of that state, Edward M. Coe, one of the prominent farmers and stock breeders of Black Creek township in this county, inherited from his ancestors, and acquired in association with the people of his native place, qualities of sturdy independence and sterling manhood which gave him self-reliance and have been among the leading elements of the business success he has achieved. He also inherited from his progenitors a spirit of valor and military prowess which made the battlefield seem to them and him a place of sanctity when duty called them to it. His grandfather and all the sons of his household took part in the war of 1812, and rendered their country valiant service in that short but sanguinary conflict. And when our Civil war began, the second Edward and representative of the third generation of patriots in this country, promptly took his place in the ranks of one of the contending armies as a private soldier, and offered his life bravely in defense of his convictions.

Mr. Coe was born in Loudon county, Virginia, on July 1, 1821, and grew to