

excellent returns for his efforts, and give him high rank as a farmer and stockman.

Mr. Hiles was married on July 18, 1871, to Miss Elizabeth S. Hill, a daughter of Z. B. Hill, of Shelbyville. They have had five children, four of whom are living: William R., Mary I., Lucy E. and Zerald A., all of them still members of the parental family circle. The father is a Republican in politics, a member of the Christian church, to which his wife also belongs, and an Odd Fellow and member of the Grand Army of the Republic fraternally. He is a very prominent and influential man.

THOMAS E. GARRISON.

This progressive and enterprising farmer and stock man of Bethel township, this county, has seen strenuous times in peace and war, but tried by the very extremity of fortune it did not subdue him, or even discourage his determined spirit, which has always felt itself equal to any emergency, and ready for any undertaking in the line of his desires and abilities. He is a native of Missouri, born in Knox county on April 9, 1841, and has been a resident of Shelby county since he reached the age of ten years. His father, Thomas E. Garrison, was born and reared in Virginia and came to Missouri in 1839. He took up his residence in Knox county, where for a number of years he was actively and progressively engaged in farming. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane C. Vandiver, was also a native of Virginia and a daughter of Samuel Vandiver. Six children were born of the union, all of

whom grew to maturity and four of them are living now. They are: James W., whose residence is in Shelbyville; Thomas E., the subject of this brief review; Francis N., who has his home in Adair county, this state; and Charles L., who is an esteemed citizen of the state of Arkansas. The mother died in 1877 and the father in 1883.

Thomas E. Garrison attended the district schools of Bethel township, Shelby county, and the high school in Shelbyville. After leaving school he enlisted in the Confederate army, Company E, Third Missouri Infantry, and served to the close of the war except for a period of ten months, during which he languished in a Federal war prison. He took part in the battles of Lexington, Missouri, Corinth, Mississippi, and numerous others of greater or less importance. Not long before the siege of Vicksburg he was taken prisoner, and during the next ten months, as has been stated, he was confined in a Federal prison.

At the close of the war Mr. Garrison returned to his Shelby county home, and since then he has been continuously, actively and very successfully engaged in farming and raising live stock on a large scale. His fine farm in Bethel township comprises 500 acres and he has it well improved and the most of it under advanced and skillful cultivation. He manages his operations with judgment and conducts them with vigor, making every effort to secure the best returns for his outlay of intelligence and labor, and usually succeeding through the superior quality of his work and management. His extensive stock industry is

conducted with the same care, skill and energy, and it also yields abundantly in response to his persuasive care and close attention to its every detail.

In addition to his farm and stock business Mr. Garrison has other interests of value. He is a stockholder in the Farmers' Bank of Bethel and a member of its board of directors, and he also holds a considerable block of the capital stock of the Bank of Newark, Missouri. All that he has he has acquired solely through his own efforts and good business capacity, and his high standing as a man and citizen is also due to the inherent elements of his character and his devoted attention to all things involving the welfare of his township and county, whose interests are all very dear to him. He was married in 1867 to Miss Sophia A. Ellyson, a native of Macon county, Missouri, and a daughter of Davis M. and Ruth (Spencer) Ellyson, who were born and reared in Virginia. Four children have been born in the Garrison household, and two of them are living: Lena, the wife of Christie Moore, of Bethel, and Jane D., the wife of J. M. Whitelock, of Kirksville, Missouri. The father is a consistent member of the Methodist church. In politics he is a Democrat and has served some years as school director.

CHARLES B. GARNER.

Born, reared and educated in Shelby county, and during all the years of his mature life but one taking part in its industries and mingling freely with its people, Charles B. Garner, of Black Creek township, is well known through-

out its extent, and the general confidence and esteem of the people, which is freely accorded to him, is based upon definite knowledge of his worth as a man and usefulness as a citizen. He is one of the leading farmers and stock men of the township in which he lives, and one of the most important factors at work for its development and improvement.

Mr. Garner's life began on October 6, 1871, and he is a son of Charles Julius and Mary (Glahn) Garner, natives of Germany, where Mr. Garner's grandparents and other ancestors were born and lived, contributing in their several ways and generations to the progress of that great empire. The father was born in 1831 and came to the United States in 1855. He passed the first three years of his life in this country traveling over it and making studious observations with a view to finding a location that pleased him for a permanent residence. He then located in Marion county, where he lived until 1864. In that year he moved to Shelby county and settled on a farm near Leonard, on which he passed the remainder of his days in energetic and successful farming and stock-raising, dying on May 10, 1903.

He was a man of considerable prominence locally, and through his industry and frugality acquired a competency. In 1866 he was united in marriage with Miss Mary Glahn, who came to this country from the Fatherland also and helped to make one of its comfortable and prosperous homes. They had seven children and five of them are living: Rozena, whose home is in Hannibal; Louise W., the wife of George E. Clote, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; George B., who lives in