

hold membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In the year 1870 was solemnized the marriage of Mr. Tolle to Miss Martha A. Wheelington, who was born in Maryland, and who was a child at the time of her parents' removal to Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Tolle have four children, Susan E., who is the wife of Gideon McDonald, of Shelby county; Daisy I., who is the wife of Henry Wear, of this county; John F., a mail clerk, resides in St. Louis; Charles Wainwright is married to Grace D. Triggler, of Clinton county, Missouri, and resides on his father's farm. Mr. Tolle has five grandchildren.

#### DAVID MORGAN.

Of the seventy-three years of life vouchsafed to the late David Morgan, one of the most successful manufacturers and business men of Shelbina, and one of its leading and most representative citizens, fifty-five were passed in the United States and forty-six in Shelby county, Missouri. He was born in Wales on August 9, 1830, and became a resident of this country in 1848. The portion of his native land in which he lived was filled with highly-tinted stories of America as a land of great promise and almost boundless opportunity for industry, and these stories filled his youthful mind with an ardent desire to come to and live in a country of such openings and possibilities, and when he reached the age of eighteen years he could no longer resist the tug on his heart strings Columbia was making.

He, therefore, at that age determined to brave the heaving ocean, on which

steam had not yet depoetized commerce and travel, and journey forth in an effort to work out for himself a better career than seemed possible to him in his own country. He left the scenes and associations of his boyhood, and without the companionship and encouragement of any other member of his family, embarked himself and his hopes in a sailing vessel bound for the city of New York. His voyage, although prolonged, was uneventful, and all the discomforts it brought him were cheerfully borne in the faith he cherished that he was making his way to prosperity and consequence among men. They were afterward amply atoned for by the success he achieved, the estate he accumulated and the influence and high esteem to which he attained.

On his arrival in this country Mr. Morgan took up his residence in Cortland county, New York. There he learned the trade of a wagon maker and worked at it until 1857. In that year the western fever that had been burning in his brain for some time reached a climax, and he came to Missouri, locating in Shelby county. When he arrived in Shelbina he at once started a wagon factory in the town, and this he conducted successfully and with a high and widespread reputation for the excellence of his output until his death on April 30, 1903. Some years later he also engaged in merchandising in implements and road vehicles, having his sons associated with him in the enterprise, which was carried on under the firm name of D. Morgan & Sons. This business was profitable, like the other, and Mr. Morgan was highly esteemed. His popularity

extended all over this and the adjoining counties, and he was extensively and favorably known in other parts of the state.

On January 12, 1860, Mr. Morgan was united in marriage with Miss Mary E. Williams, the marriage being solemnized in Monroe county, of which the bride was a resident at the time. They became the parents of four children, all of whom are living and reside in Shelbina. They are: William W., James H., David, Jr., and John R. Their mother is still living and also has her home in Shelbina. Many of her forty-three years of wedded life were years of toil and endurance. But like her husband, she was at all times sustained and buoyed up by the hope of better conditions, and was winning her way toward them by faithful attention to every daily duty, both with reference to her family and the community in which she lived. Her record is well known to the people around her, and there is not one who does not esteem her highly.

In political faith Mr. Morgan was an ardent Democrat of the old school. And while he was ever loyal to his party and faithful in its services, he never sought or desired a political office for himself either by election or appointment. His principal concern in public affairs centered in the welfare of his city, township and county, the progress and elevation of their people and the full and wholesome development of every industrial, mental and moral agency at work in their midst. And to the practical and useful realization of his desires in these respects he gave himself with ardor and an energy that accomplished good results

in themselves and more in the forces in other persons which they awakened and set in motion. In fraternal life he was connected with and devoted to the Masonic order, socially he moved in the first rank in the community, and in business circles he was regarded as a leader, a judicious guide and a strong source of inspiration.

The men of the present day in Shelby county are doing their part to keep up and quicken the progress and sane and safe development of the region, and are doing many things which their forefathers could not do. But the latter wrought well with the means and the knowledge they had, and nothing can take away from them the credit of having laid broad and deep the foundations of the county's prosperity and civil institutions, and made them altogether worthy of the stately superstructure which has been reared upon them. Among the settlers in the county in the primitive stage of its history none is entitled to higher credit or was more worthy of esteem than David Morgan, the interesting subject of this brief memoir.

#### WALTER C. BOWER.

In the sketch of the career of John C. Bower, appearing on other pages of this work, is given data concerning the family genealogy of which the subject of this review is an honored representative, and by reason of the fact that ready reference may be made to the article mentioned it is not deemed requisite to repeat the data in the present sketch. Mr. Bower is one of the representative business men and highly es-