

cultivation and highly productive. The farm is also well improved with good buildings and fully provided with all that is necessary for conducting the work on it according to the most approved modern methods in advanced agriculture. In addition he carries on an extensive and flourishing live stock industry, and in both lines of enterprise he has prospered.

Mr. Baker has been one of the leading men in his township in promoting public improvements and contributing to the general welfare of the locality. He served on the school board more than twenty years, and in numerous other ways has helped to build up and develop the township and county in all their moral, mental and material interests. He is a pronounced Democrat in his political allegiance and always zealous in the service of his party. For a continuous period of eight years he was town constable, and his services to the community in this office were very acceptable to the people and highly approved. In religious connection he is allied with the Baptist church.

In 1885 Mr. Baker was united in marriage with Miss Ellen I. Johnston, a daughter of George and Theresa Johnston, who came to Missouri from Virginia. Mrs. Baker is, however, a native of Shelby county. She and her husband are the parents of two children, their sons, George C. and Everett R. All the members of the family stand well where they live and enjoy in a marked degree the regard and good will of the people around them in all other places where they are known.

JAMES C. ORR.

This prosperous and progressive farmer of Jefferson township, in this county, has been tried by severe discipline in disaster and has never flinched or shown want of high manly spirit. The stern arbitrament of the sword in civil war ruled against him, and laid upon him unusual hardships, but he endured his fate courageously and showed, even in his darkest and most oppressive experiences, the qualities of persistency and determination of purpose which have made him successful in his subsequent operation and won him his high standing in the regard of his fellow men wherever he is known.

Mr. Orr was born in Randolph county, Missouri, in December, 1843. His parents, John B. and Eliza Anne (Hutton) Orr, were born and reared in Virginia, and there also they were married. Soon after their marriage they moved to Missouri, arriving in 1843, and took up their residence amid the wild natural luxuriance of Randolph county, which was largely unpeopled and still in a state of semi-wilderness at the time. Here they won a farm from the waste, which they developed and improved into a comfortable country home, and on which they reared to maturity four of their six children, all of whom are still living. They are: Elizabeth, the wife of Davis Mitchell; James C., the subject of this brief review; William M., who resides in Madison, Missouri; and John N., whose home is in Macon, Missouri. The mother died in 1854 and the father in 1884 at the age of sixty-nine years. They enjoyed in a marked degree the respect and good will

of all who knew them and were numbered among the most worthy and estimable citizens of the locality in which they lived and faithfully labored for themselves and the common weal.

Their son, James C. Orr, obtained a limited education in the country schools, which were primitive and of narrow range in his day, attending those of Monroe county. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army, but did not see much active service. In one of the earliest engagements in which he took part he was captured and thereafter he languished in a Federal prison for about eight months. At the end of that time he took the oath of allegiance to the United States government and was released.

After his release from prison he returned to his Missouri home and at once began farming, the occupation in which he has been actively and successfully engaged ever since. In the spring of 1874 he moved to Shelby county and located in Jefferson township, where he now resides. He has a fine farm of 100 acres, which is well improved, skillfully cultivated and has been brought to a high state of productiveness. Every detail of its operations passes under his strict personal supervision, and all departments of the work are made to pay tribute to his intelligence and care.

In the affairs of the township and county Mr. Orr has always taken a lively and helpful interest, aiding every good project for the development and improvement of the region, and doing his part toward building up and strengthening all its institutions. He is a Prohibitionist in politics, but has not, for many years, taken a very active interest in

public affairs. He served as a member of the school board upward of ten years and as a road overseer for two. In religious faith he is allied with the Holiness sect.

Mr. Orr was married in April, 1870, to Miss Frances H. Hutchinson, a native of Monroe county, Missouri. They have had seven children, six of whom are living: Emma, the wife of N. B. Kiergan, of St. Louis; George W., Owen, E. S., C. H. and H. W. In all the relations of life the father has shown himself worthy of esteem and he is held in high regard by all classes in the township and throughout the county.

WILLIAM H. BOSTWICK.

Successful in all his business undertakings, faithful to every duty of good citizenship, taking an earnest and helpful interest in everything that will promote the general welfare of his township and county and minister to the comfort, convenience and general well being of their people, William H. Bostwick, one of the leading farmers and stock men of Jefferson township in this county, is well worthy of the high rank he holds as a truly representative man in the county and the universal esteem bestowed upon him by all classes of the people here and elsewhere, wherever he is known.

Mr. Bostwick was born in Rushville, Indiana, in October, 1861. He is a son of Thomas and Martha (Jerrel) Bostwick, the former a native of Maryland and the latter of Delaware. They left the region of their birth in early life and found a new home in what were