

a Freemason and a member of the Order of Elks. In business he is very prominent and has been very successful.

On August 28 he was joined' in marriage with Miss Fay Hanly, a native of Missouri, who presides over their beautiful home in Shelbina with a grace and dignity which makes it one of the favorite social resorts of the town and gives it a wide renown and excellent reputation for refined and gracious hospitality. Mr. Jones is at this time (1911) but thirty-two years of age, and he has already risen to the first rank in the business life of the community. He is energetic, healthy, and wideawake. His alertness of vision and quickness of response leaves no opportunity unused for his advancement, and if a judgment can be predicated on his past with reference to his future, he is destined to become one of the leading and most substantial citizens of the county. All who know him look forward to a bright and useful career for him in the years to come, and all wish him success in every undertaking, for he is universally esteemed. He is at present engaged in wheat growing near Milford, Canada, having a section of land all under cultivation.

WILLIAM A. REID.

Coming to Shelbina when it was only a country railroad station on the prairie, and spending thirty-two years of his useful life in helping to develop its latent resources, which his penetrating eye enabled him to see and his business capacity enabled him to use for his own advantage and that of the people who followed his lead into this locality, the late William A. Reid was a potent factor

in pushing forward the progress and improvement of this portion of the state of Missouri, and through his worth, enterprise and public services became one of its leading and most respected citizens. He has left behind him a memory that everybody reveres and a record of fruitful work that all classes of the people are justly proud of.

The Old Dominion claims him as one of her native sons, he having been born in Rappahannock county, Virginia, on January 24, 1829, the son of Alfred and Patsy (Rector) Reid, prosperous planters of that county, and held in the highest esteem by its people. His father was a farmer and passed his life in Virginia. He was the only son in a family of twenty-five children and he and his wife died in Fauquier county, Virginia.

The educational facilities surrounding Mr. Reid in his boyhood and youth were neither extensive nor advanced. His education in books was therefore limited and confined to the rudiments of scholastic acquirements. At the age of fifteen years he began the battle of life for himself as a clerk in a general store at Rectortown, in his native county, and there he remained until 1858, when he came to this county and located at what is now the city of Shelbina. Everything in the neighborhood in the way of development was but begun, but to his prophetic vision the region possessed great possibilities, and to bringing them into notice and service he sedulously devoted all his energies. He opened a general store in a small frame building on the north side of the railroad track, on a capital of \$1,200. His beginning in business was on a small scale, and his progress for a time was slow and by short advances.

He had all the inconveniences and difficulties of a new country remote from business centers and sources of supply to contend with, and these were often magnified by climatic conditions and other elements of obstruction.

But the man with whom Fortune seemed to be toying, and at times trifling, was of a heroic mold and had great tenacity of purpose. He was also prudent and frugal, and knew how to manage his affairs so as to make every dollar of his capital and every day of his labor count to his advantage, until the time of his death, which occurred on April 29, 1890. Within three years after he opened his store and began his business career in this county, the Civil war broke out and placed the whole of this part of the country in a condition of great disturbance and uncertainty. Mr. Reid, however, continued his business operations, in spite of the difficulties and dangers of the situation, and kept on triumphing in the very face of a fate that seemed adverse to his welfare.

Many times he was obliged to remove his stock and other valuables from place to place, and on one occasion took all he had to Quincy, Illinois. When Anderson raided the town in one of his forays Mr. Reid's store was one of the first to be plundered by the raiders, and he suffered heavily by their depredations. The disaster did not daunt him. He at once restocked his store and went on with his business. At various times during his mercantile operations in Shelbina he had his brother, Oscar Reid, George T. Hill and P. H. List associated with him; but during the greater part of the time he was alone in business.

Throughout his residence in the city

he always manifested the deepest and most serviceable interest in its welfare and the comfort and benefit of its people. He secured for the community its first postoffice and acted as postmaster from the opening of the office until the inauguration of President Lincoln in 1861. In 1866 his store, along with the greater part of the town, was destroyed by fire. He immediately rebuilt his store, putting up a modern brick building, which was about the first erected in the place, and is still one of its most substantial brick business structures.

After sixteen years of great activity and zeal in merchandising he grew tired of that line of business and sold his store in 1874. He then turned his attention to banking in partnership with Daniel Taylor under the firm name of Reid & Taylor. They were very successful and a few years after opening their banking house merged the institution into a state bank. This also flourished and enjoyed the confidence of the whole county. This bank is now known as "The Old Bank of Shelbina", Mr. Reid being president of it at the time of his death. Mr. Reid was a careful and judicious investor as well as a wide-awake and progressive business man.

He was one of the few men who in making money never acquired a love for it for its mere possession. Nothing escaped him in the way of a business opportunity, but he was as free in opening his hand for benevolent and other worthy purposes as he was alert and firm in closing it on a profitable business deal. He was at all times throughout his life warmly, sincerely, and practically interested in church work, and never withheld his help from any commendable un-

dertaking in this line of endeavor. The first religious services ever held in Shelbina were conducted in his store, and he also originated the first Sunday school in the town and for many years served as its superintendent. The First Southern Methodist Episcopal church in the community was indebted almost wholly to him for its existence and the edifice in which the congregation worshiped. But he was far from being sectarian in his devotion to religious institutions. He aided generously all church organizations in the city and county, no matter what denomination they belonged to.

On April 22, 1862, he was united in marriage with Miss Elizabeth Minter, a daughter of Dr. Antony and Jane (Bybe) Minter. Eight children were born of the union, five of whom are living: Jessie, now Mrs. A. R. Wherritt, of Pleasant Hill, Missouri; Lena, now Mrs. George H. Mansfield, of New Jersey; Margaret, still at home; Victor M., a leading business man of Shelbina; Clifford L., engaged in business at Shelbina.

Mrs. Reid, the mother of these children, is still living in Shelbina, where she continues, as far as possible, the church and charitable work begun by her husband, and where she enjoys the confidence, esteem and admiring regard of all the people. Her husband had the happy faculty of making his business highly successful without exciting the envy or ill will of his fellow men. And she has the equally valuable gift of doing good without ostentation or having the loftiness of her motives called in question. Husband and wife are firmly enshrined in the regard and good will of the people as leading citizens of the

city and county, and promoters of every good work in the service of their residents.

ALBERT F. HUGGINS.

A valiant soldier during the Civil war, the marks of whose cruelty he still bears, an industrious potter for many years in Illinois and this state, and an active and successful politician, Albert F. Huggins, of Shelbina, has borne a faithful and serviceable part in many lines of endeavor and has won high and well deserved credit for himself in all. Yet, notwithstanding the adventures he has had, the sufferings he has undergone and the success he has won, he bears his excellent reputation modestly and claims no credit for himself beyond that of having performed with fidelity every duty that has been assigned to him.

Mr. Huggins was born in Parke county, Indiana, on February 3, 1843, and is a son of David F. and Nancy J. (Clendenning) Huggins, the former a native of Indiana and the latter of North Carolina. The father obtained a district school education and worked at his trade as a potter to the end of his life. In 1852 he moved from Indiana to Illinois, where he remained and kept his family until 1869. In that year he came to Missouri and located in Shelby county, taking up his residence at Lakenan. In that village he built a pottery which he conducted until he was killed in 1902. He was married to Miss Nancy J. Clendenning, who was born and reared in North Carolina. They had six children, three of whom are living: A. F. Huggins, of Shelbina, the immediate subject of this brief memoir; Elizabeth, the wife of C. H. Ayers, of Lakenan; and H. D. Huggins, a prominent resident of