

He was married in 1838 to Miss Margaret Tucker, of the same nativity as himself, and they became the parents of ten children, eight of whom are living: James W., the interesting subject of these paragraphs; Thomas, who has his home in the state of Oklahoma; John, who is a resident of this county; Mica-jah, who resides at Fort Scott, Kansas; Samuel, whose home is also in Oklahoma; Mary, the wife of George Powell, of Marion county; Holman, who dwells in distant California; and Nancy, the widow of the late George Nash, of Marion county, this state. In politics the father was a Democrat and always took an interest in the welfare of his party.

James W. Turner began his scholastic training in the district schools of his native county in Kentucky and completed it in those of Marion county, in this state, attending the latter until he reached the age of twenty-one. He then started his own career of conquest and advancement by buying eighty acres of land in Shelby county, on which he settled and which form a part of his present fine and well improved farm of 400 acres, nearly all of which is under advanced and skillful cultivation. On this land he was very actively, extensively and profitably engaged in farming and raising live stock until 1903, when he retired from all active pursuits, although he still gives supervisory attention to the farming and does chores and light jobs connected with its work, according to his taste and inclination.

Mr. Turner has long been prominent and influential in the public life of the township and county, and has always

shown a very warm and cordial interest in whatever has involved their enduring welfare. He served as clerk of the district school and on the board of school directors twenty-five years, and is now serving his third term as justice of the peace and notary public. He also carried the United States mails for two years during the Civil war. This was a public service full of peril and he frequently appeared to take his life in his hand when he started on his trip. But he met the requirements of the case bravely and faithfully, and he escaped unharmed, winning the commendation of all who knew of his service for his courage and fidelity in performing it.

On January 25, 1866, he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Meglasson, of Marion county, a daughter of Paschal and Caroline (Bayless) Meglasson, the former a native of Kentucky and the latter of Mississippi. Five children were born of the union, three of whom are living: Lee, Laura Belle and Hurley J. The daughter is still at home with her parents, and her brothers are both prosperous and rising men in this county. The father adheres to the Democratic party in political faith and action, and in the days of his greater vigor was a very energetic worker for its success in all campaigns. His religious allegiance, and that of his wife also, is given to the Christian church, in which both are zealous and devoted workers for all that pertains to the welfare of the congregation to which they belong.

#### MONROE TEACHENOR.

The life of a traveling salesman for a large and important mercantile estab-

ishment is by no means an easy one, however outsiders may view it. At the same time it has its compensations for its exactions and hardships and those who follow it are not slow to see and appreciate these. The traveling salesman of our time is looked upon as an authority on the latest phases of social, political and mercantile activity in many places, and is usually warmly welcomed as a sunbeam from the outside world in nooks and corners which are aside from the great, busy, struggling world; and in other aspects he is regarded as a shining link between the ambitious busy strivings of the smaller cities and the mighty commercial centers. In this capacity Monroe Teachenor, of Shelbina, has served the public for a number of years and has found his life agreeable in the main. He has been successful in his calling, and this, if nothing else, is an element of enjoyment and sufficient in itself to reconcile the man who experiences it to almost any ordinary privation. Mr. Teachenor was born in Lewis county, Missouri, on October 5, 1863, and is a grandson of Isaac Teachenor, a native of Ohio, and a son of Nathaniel Teachenor, who was born and reared in the same state. The father came to Missouri in 1857 and located in Lewis county, where he followed teaching school in connection with farming for a number of years. In 1869 he moved to Shelby county, and after remaining in this county two years removed to Knox county, where he died on May 1, 1909.

He was married in 1855 to Miss Sarah Glasscock, also a native of Ohio. They had eight children, four of whom are living: David W., a resident of Salt Lake

City, Utah; Isaac L., who lives at Clayton, Illinois; Monroe, the pleasing subject of this brief review; and Mrs. P. F. Gardiner, of Knox county, Missouri. The father was a successful farmer and a devoted and loyal member of the Independent Methodist church. He stood well in his community, wherever he lived, and was regarded as an upright, enterprising and useful citizen wherever he was known and by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, or the benefit of intimate association with him.

His son, Monroe Teachenor, obtained his education in the district schools of this state and at a high school in Newark, in Knox county. After leaving school he was employed as a clerk and salesman in a dry goods store for a number of years. He then went on the road as a traveling representative of Janis, Saunders & Co., a large wholesale dry goods establishment in St. Louis, whom he represented in the commercial world throughout a large territory until 1884. In that year he accepted a position in the same capacity with the Hargadine-McKiltruck Dry Goods Company, of St. Louis, and with that house he has been actively engaged ever since.

Although his home is in Shelbina, Mr. Teachenor has seen much of the world and learned its ways. He knows men and their secret springs of action, and has mastered all the details of the dry goods trade as a commercial tourist. And he has the wisdom to make an intelligent, practical application of what he has learned in the way of swelling his trade and thereby adds greatly to his own revenues and the business of the house he represents. He is regarded as

one of the most capable, agreeable and successful men in the employ of the house in his line of activity, and universal testimony proclaims that he is entitled to the high rank he holds in this respect.

On September 23, 1886, he was united in marriage with Miss Harriet Parsons, a native of Shelbyville, Missouri. They have had four children, three sons and one daughter. They are: Homer, Fred, Lotus and Brooks. The father is a pronounced Democrat in politics and active in the service of his party according to his opportunities to work for it. These are necessarily limited, as he is away from home a great deal of the time. Fraternally he is connected with the Masonic order, and in religious affiliation is allied with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Mr. Teachenor's heart is in his business, and in 1909, thinking thereby to win out a larger and more gratifying success in it, he moved to St. Louis. But he found that he was as well off in Shelbina and better satisfied, and in 1910 he moved back to that city, which is now his home. He takes an active interest in public affairs and does all in his power to promote the welfare of his city and county. And he is esteemed by their people as one of the best and most representative men among them.

#### EMMETT D. SWINNEY.

Starting in life with nothing but his native ability and his determined and persevering spirit, and winning a gratifying success as a farmer, a mechanic and a merchant, Emmett D. Swinney, of

Shelbina, furnishes in his career a fine example of the versatility of the American mind when awakened to and kept in action by correct principles and lofty ideals of duty; and an example also of the true allegiance to local and general requirements of government, which is the natural product of good citizenship.

Mr. Swinney was born in Macon county, Missouri, on March 13, 1863, and is descended from sturdy old Kentucky stock. His father, Rev. John G. Swinney, was born in Pulaski county, Kentucky, in 1818, the son of William H. Swinney, who was also a native of that state, and who there was reared and had his career. The family was a pioneer one in that state. Some of its earlier members helped to lay the foundations of the commonwealth and later ones aided in building the superstructure.

Rev. John G. Swinney came to Missouri in 1832, while the conditions here were much like those found by his ancestors when they invaded the wilderness of Kentucky, and he experienced in his day many of the hardships and privations which they experienced in theirs. He was a millwright and worked at his trade along the Missouri river for a great many years. But in the meantime, feeling a call to higher duties, he studied for the Christian ministry, and the greater part of his time during the subsequent years of his life were spent in pastoral duties and in proclaiming from the sacred desk the truths of the gospel.

This venerable "Father in Israel" was the last survivor of the old pioneer preachers who laid the foundations in Macon and Shelby counties of the religious organization to which he belonged.