

PAST AND PRESENT
OF THE
CITY OF ZANESVILLE

AND
MUSKINGUM COUNTY, OHIO

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TOGETHER WITH
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF MANY OF ITS LEADING AND PROMINENT CITIZENS AND ILLUSTRIOUS DEAD

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whose rise is the result of honest, conscientious labor. No man is smart enough to be a good lawyer without work, and Mr. Southard has never shown any inclination to slight the drudgery of the profession. He is faithful in the discharge of his duty to his clients and at the same time a fair antagonist to the litigants of a case."

Mr. Southard's study of the political issues and needs of the country has led him to give his support to the democracy but he has never taken an active part in political affairs or accepted a nomination for an elective office. He was, however, nominated for congress in his district in the summer of 1896, during a temporary absence from home, but on his return he declined the nomination. Fraternally he affiliates with the Masonic order.

Mr. Southard was married in 1872 to Laura L., a daughter of John Laughry, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and they have one son, Carlisle M. Southard, who is a practicing physician.

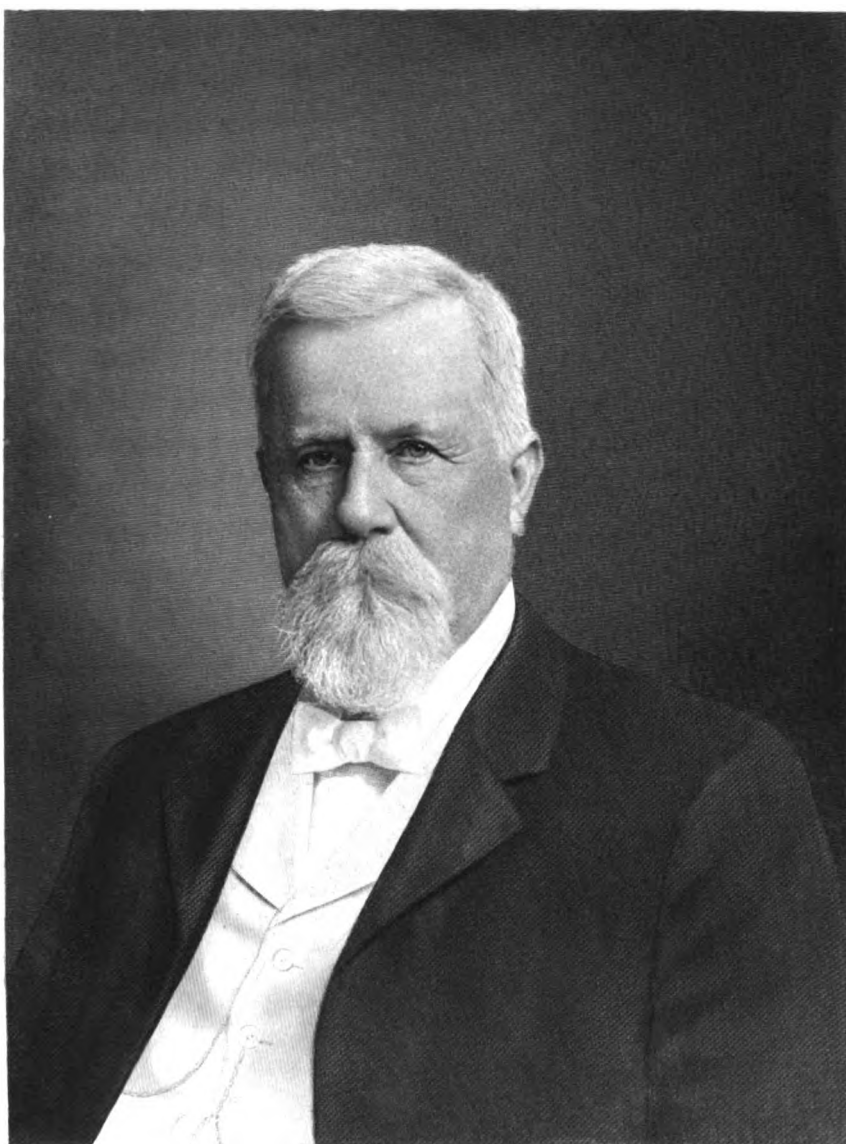
T. B. TOWNSEND.

For almost a half century Ohio has numbered T. B. Townsend among its most prominent and progressive citizens and in fact so varied and extensive has been his business operations that he may well be termed one of the "captains of industry" and likewise one of the founders of the city of Zanesville, where he makes his home, for he has been the promoter of many of its leading business enterprises, the growth and development of the city depending upon its commercial and industrial activity. His connection with any undertaking insures a prosperous outcome of the same for it is in his nature to carry forward to successful completion whatever he is associated with. He has earned for himself an enviable reputation as a careful man of business and in his dealings is known for his prompt and honorable methods which have won him the deserved and unbounded confidence of his fellowmen. He was one of the builders of the first street railway line in Zanesville, has been a builder of its bridges and sewers, was the pioneer in the marble business here and has been connected with general contracting in many other states. He is now practically living retired but is financially interested in many enterprises of magnitude and importance.

Mr. Townsend is a native of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, his birth having occurred on the 8th of September, 1837, on what was then called Boyd's Hill, near the entrance of the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel which passes underneath the ground at Seventh avenue. At that time, however, there was neither railroad nor telegraph line in Pitts-

burg and all transportation was done by wagon or boat. His parents, William and Harriet (Burgess) Townsend, were both natives of Gloucestershire, England, and came to America about 1834 or 1835, crossing the Atlantic on the same vessel. Soon after their arrival in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, their marriage was celebrated. They became the parents of thirteen children, of whom T. B. Townsend is the eldest. Six of these children are still living. The mother, however, died in Beverly, Ohio, in 1859, being long survived by William Townsend, who passed away in Columbus, in 1900. He became a resident of Ohio in 1846, settling on a farm near Beverly, where for a considerable period he made his home.

T. B. Townsend was at that time only nine years of age and being the eldest of his father's family he had to assist in the development, cultivation and improvement of the home farm. His educational privileges were thereby extremely limited. After he was nine years of age, his total attendance covered but six months. When twenty-one years of age, his father was incapacitated for further business cares and then his mother died, so that T. B. Townsend was left to care for and rear the children, he being the eldest. He did not have a dollar when he started out in life, so that what he has he has earned through his own labor and industry. He had also to care for the family of a married sister, whose husband died. Realizing in early life the advantage and benefit of an education, he tried to counteract his early lack in that direction and obtain an education that would qualify him for a successful business career. He largely devoted his evening hours to study by the light of a tallow candle or the light of an open wood fire. He applied himself with such diligence and assiduity to his books that at the age of seventeen years he had qualified himself for teaching in the district schools and during three or four months of the winter he taught school for a dollar per day and his board, "boarding round" among the scholars, after the manner of the times. For eight successive years he continued his educational work in the district schools, while in the summer months his labors were turned in another direction. He was fourteen years of age when he began learning the brick and stone-mason's trade and that of stone-cutting with his father, and when a youth of eighteen years had completed his apprenticeship. In his nineteenth year he started for the then distant west, his destination being Illinois and Iowa. He traveled by steamboat to Cairo, Illinois, thence up the Mississippi river to Burlington, Iowa, where he secured a situation at laying and cutting stone for Governor Grimes of that state. After spending a season in the west, however, Mr. Townsend



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returned to Beverly, where he entered into partnership with his father in the contracting business on a small scale. When the son was twenty-one years of age the father retired from business and T. B. Townsend then continued contracting on his own account, carrying on the business with constantly growing success until his retirement about ten years ago, his patronage constantly increasing in volume and importance. While Zanesville has largely been the field of his operation he has also figured prominently as a general contractor in other states. He took up his abode in Zanesville in the spring of 1867 and has here made his home continuously since, covering a period of thirty-eight consecutive years.

While residing in Beverly Mr. Townsend also extended the scope of his labors by the establishment of a marble business and soon was in the enjoyment of a good trade. Upon the return of his brother, William C. Townsend, from the army, a partnership was formed between them, T. B. Townsend selling a half interest in the business and when he removed from Beverly to Zanesville he sold the remaining half of the marble business there to his brother, but not long after he located in this city, his brother followed him here and again they formed a partnership in the marble business which continued for several years. Once more T. B. Townsend sold out to his brother, who developed a mammoth enterprise prior to his death. The subject of this review is the pioneer of the marble business which has won for Zanesville such a great name as the center for the operations of wholesale dealers in marble and granite.

During all the years in which he was connected with the marble trade Mr. Townsend also continued his building operations and many of the fine structures of Zanesville and vicinity stand as monuments to his skill and enterprise. The first building which he erected was the Garner block, in 1867, at the corner of Main and Sixth streets, now occupied by the street railway company. He also erected the Stevens, Black, Star, Wiles, Statzenlock and the Burgess blocks, the Clarendon and the Arlington hotels, the Schultz opera house, the courthouse, the jail, the sheriff's house, the workhouse, the county infirmary, the Children's Home and Memorial Hall. He likewise built the greater part of the Caldwell court house, was also the contractor and builder of the courthouses at Cambridge, New Philadelphia, Troy and Bowling Green. He also built most of the Belmont county infirmary and all of the Washington and Miami county infirmaries. To many other lines of construction his efforts have also been extended with gratifying success. Moreover he belongs to that class of enterprising American citizens, who, while promoting individual prosperity, likewise contribute in appreciable meas-

ure to the public good. Mr. Townsend built the first street railway of Zanesville and was half owner of the enterprise for sixteen years, when he sold out to the Electric Railway Company. He has paved the greater part of the streets of Zanesville and built most of the sewers up to 1895. He constructed all of the foundations for the following bridges across the Muskingum river: one at Marietta, one at Lowell, one at Beverly, one at Windsor, one at Gaysport, two at Tollersville, one at Brush Creek, one at Sixth street, Zanesville, two at Fifth street, Zanesville, one at Monroe street, Zanesville, one at New Comerstown, an arch bridge at Kent, Ohio, and also one at Mt. Vernon, beside other smaller bridges over this state and West Virginia. He furnished the stone for a lock at Marietta, Ohio, for the government and also for a lock at Burning Springs, West Virginia. He built most of the railroad from Zanesville to Dresden, Ohio, also the Toledo & Ohio Central Railroad from Granville Junction to Millersport and a section of the same line from Columbus to Thurston, Ohio, the narrow gauge from Woodsfield to Jacobsport, the Cleveland Belt Line and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad from Defiance to Holgate. For about thirty years he was extensively engaged in building houses, public buildings, sewers, street pavements, bridges and railroads, but retired from the general contracting business about ten years ago and at the present time is not actively engaged in any enterprise. He is, however, occupying the presidency of the T. B. Townsend Brick & Contracting Company, the other members of which are his son, O. N. Townsend, and his son-in-law, R. C. Burton. The three gentlemen own all of the stock and there is a paid-up capital of two hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Townsend of this review acts with them only in an advisory capacity. The company in addition to their contracting business are manufacturers of the Townsend street paving block and pressed common and sewer brick. They are contractors for heavy masonry in heavy buildings and make a specialty of sewer building. He is also president of the Northern Coal Company and president of the Peabody Gas & Oil Company, of Peabody, Kansas.

Among important investments Mr. Townsend has an extensive and valuable ranch of thirty-six hundred acres in Marion county, Kansas, which farm he manages through a foreman. There he raises cattle, hogs, horses, corn, alfalfa and sorghum hay. About one thousand acres is planted to corn and the balance is used for pasture land. This farm is located on the main line of the Santa Fe Railroad, near Peabody, Kansas, and there is a station upon the place called Horner. Mr. Townsend has his own stockyards at the station so that his cattle and hogs are shipped direct to

Kansas City, a distance of about a hundred and sixty miles. The entire farm is fenced, there being about five miles of hedge fence and fifty miles of barbed wire fence (four wires), with posts sixteen feet apart. The barn on the farm is built of cut stone, is fifty-six by one hundred feet and three stories in height, having been erected at a cost of over ten thousand dollars. The superintendent's house was built at a cost of three thousand dollars and there are ten other houses for the men, containing from four to seven rooms, each costing from five hundred to one thousand dollars each. The men are employed by the month or year, their pay averaging thirty dollars per month. In addition to this they are furnished a house, rent free, an acre of land for a garden, pasture for one or two cows, pasture for one horse and room for the raising of hogs and chickens which they wish to keep. It will thus be seen that Mr. Townsend is very liberal with his employes. On the ranch are about one thousand head of cattle, about the same number of hogs and thirty-two horses. The year 1905 will produce upon the ranch thirty thousand bushels of corn, five hundred tons of alfalfa hay, five hundred tons of sorghum hay, together with large quantities of grains. Mr. Townsend sells from the ranch every year cattle and hogs to the value of forty or fifty thousand dollars, of which he raises about one hundred cows, but buys and fattens most of his cattle. The other cattle, purchased in the west, are brought to his ranch and fattened on the grass and corn and then shipped to the city market. In a good crop year corn is raised and put in the cribs for ten cents per bushel. The corn is not cut, but is husked from the stock, after which the cattle are turned in the fields, eating up the fodder. Three or four crops of alfalfa hay are cut each year, yielding about a ton per acre at a cutting. Mr. Townsend's farming venture has been attended with a very gratifying measure of success and the splendid climate of Kansas makes it a pleasure for him to visit his ranch.

When Mr. Townsend was twenty-one years of age he was married to Miss Sybil A. Nulton, of Beverly, Ohio, and they became the parents of five children, of whom three are living, namely: Orville N. Townsend, the vice president and general manager of the T. B. Townsend Brick and Contracting Company; Mrs. Hattie R. Burton, whose husband is the secretary and treasurer of the Brick and Contracting Company; and Mrs. Mary T. Brown. About eighteen years ago Mr. Townsend's health failed and he was advised by his physician to go south for the winter. Since that time he has spent sixteen winter seasons in the south, in consequence of which his health to-day is better than it was thirty years ago. He has traveled extensively, spending seven

winters in old Mexico, one in New Mexico, two in California, one in Arizona, two in Florida, one in Louisiana, one in Texas and one in Egypt. He has thus gained a comprehensive knowledge of the southern section of the western hemisphere and greatly enjoyed his visit to the African kingdom, whose antiquity as seen in its ruins seems greater than that of any other section of the globe. The extent and importance of the business interests which have claimed his attention and the success which has attended his efforts makes his history a notable one and in his life he has exemplified the term "dignity of labor." He is a man of distinct and forceful individuality, broad mentality and mature judgment and in his ready recognition and utilization of opportunity is found the secret of his prosperity. He has left his impress upon the industrial world. For years he was an important factor in the development of the state and in the promotion of enterprises adding not alone to his individual prosperity but also advancing the general progress of his home city and of the commonwealth at large.

ALONZO NUTTER.

Alonzo Nutter, a well known citizen of Zanesville, now filling the position of general manager of the Zanesville Gear Wood Company, was born on the 12th of September, 1857, in Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio. His father, William Nutter, was a native of the same county, born in 1819, and was a son of William Nutter, Sr., who came to this state at a very early day in its development. In early manhood our subject's father married Miss Salome Tripp, who was also born in Fairfield county and was a daughter of Harry Tripp, a native of Ohio.

Alonzo Nutter spent his boyhood and youth upon a farm and on leaving home at the age of nineteen years went to Lancaster, where he learned the carriage-making and gear-wood trade, devoting seven years to their acquirement. Having thoroughly mastered the business in all its departments, he then accepted the position of superintendent of the Columbus Wheel & Bending Company, of Columbus, Ohio, although only twenty-seven years of age at the time, and he most creditably filled that position for four years. In 1888 he came to Zanesville and for eleven years was superintendent of the A. Kimble Bent Wood Works. During the following six years he was superintendent of a company at Newark, Ohio, and then returned to Zanesville to take charge of the construction of the plant of the Zanesville Gear Wood Company, which was established on the 19th of October, 1904, and of which he has