

where he continued for eight years. Honesty in dealing and close application to business brought its own reward, and he was enabled in a few years to build up a first-class trade in fine groceries.

In 1891, our subject removed to his present stand, on Franklin Avenue, where may be found one of the best and most carefully selected stocks in the city. The marriage of our subject took place in 1892 to Miss Maria E. Wilson, who was born in Clark County, Mo., a daughter of L. Wilson, and they reside in a comfortable brick residence upon one of the pleasant streets of the city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Christian Church, active in good works, and held in the highest esteem by the community. In his political opinions, our subject follows the example of his worthy father, supporting the principles of Democracy.



REV. NATHANIEL PEACHEE, ordained to the ministry of the Christian Church full forty-seven years ago, and universally esteemed by all who know him, is now engaged in agricultural pursuits, and successfully conducts a fine farm located upon section 4, township 50, range 27, Lexington Township, La Fayette County, Mo. Our subject was born in Davis County, Ind., June 1, 1822, and is the son of James and Mary (Rigdon) Peachee. The family is descended from English ancestry, and the paternal grandfather, Benjamin, fought ardently and bravely under the immediate command of Gen. Washington during the Revolutionary War. The father of our subject was born in Maryland, and the mother was a native of Tennessee.

In early boyhood our reverend subject received only the educational advantages offered by the little subscription schools of Davis County, Ind. He well improved every opportunity to increase his stock of knowledge and is mainly self-educated, as have been numerous of the eminent men

of our country. Devoting himself to the duties of general agriculture upon his farm, the time passed and he arrived at the thirtieth year of his life without making any change in the even tenor of his way. In the fall of 1851, he removed from his birthplace, and locating in La Fayette County, Mo., settled upon his present farm in 1880, where he remained continuously until the present time. After due preparation, Mr. Peachee was, in 1847, ordained to the ministry of the Christian Church, of which religious denomination he has been a faithful and honored member for over half a century. At present he is an Elder of the Lexington Christian Church, and is ever among the foremost in promoting the good work of that religious organization.

In 1871 Rev. Mr. Peachee was appointed Superintendent of the Poor Farm of La Fayette County, Mo., and ably conducting the affairs of the refuge for the unfortunate and indigent of the county, retained the position for seven years. Attending to the physical wants and spiritual needs of all who came under his kindly care, our subject was peculiarly well adapted to accomplish much of good during these years. In 1845 Mr. Peachee was united in marriage with Miss Martha J. Ward, a daughter of William Ward, an old resident and prominent citizen of North Carolina, his native State. Our subject and his excellent wife were the parents of the following children: Minerva is the eldest, Zilpha J. is the second daughter, and then according to their birth are Martha E., Emma J., Lucy W., William A., Alice, Fannie M., Ella and Ollie. In the family is also a grandson, Louis. The Rev. Mr. Peachee and family all occupy positions entitling them to respect, and are regarded as representative, earnest, true and loyal American citizens, ever ready to aid in all good work, and assist in the social or benevolent enterprises of their homes and localities. The wife and mother of the family passed from earth June 8, 1891. Our subject is a strong Democrat, staunch in his political convictions and belief, and has always voted the ticket, as did his father before him. Never taking a prominent or leading position in the political world, and never desiring promotion to official duty, Mr. Peachee has ever been extremely