

#### DAVID D. SAMSEL.

David D. Samsel, a native of Ashland county, Ohio, was born on the 12th of June, 1845, one of the five children of Peter and Elizabeth (Dick) Samsel. His father was a native of Bavaria, Germany, born in 1809, and in the land of his birth he was reared to manhood and learned the weaver's trade, following that pursuit in Germany until 1836, when, with his wife and two children he crossed the broad Atlantic to the new world, taking up his abode in Olivesburg, Richland county. There he resided for some time, working at the looms, and afterward removed to a farm a half-mile east of the village, in Ashland county, where he had purchased twenty acres of

land. He continued weaving until the middle of the century and has since followed agriculture. He moved to a farm of sixty acres west of Olivesburg, in Weller township, Richland county, and on disposing of that property became the owner of the quarter section of land upon which our subject now resides and where he lived until the time of his death, in 1883. He was a member of the Reformed church, a Democrat in politics and was one of the well known and influential men of the county. He married Miss Elizabeth Dick, and three of their children survive: Catherine, the wife of Reuben Zigler, of Williams county, Ohio; Jacob, a farmer of Butler township; and David D., of this review.

In taking up the personal history of David D. Samsel we present to our readers the life record of one who has a wide acquaintance in Richland county and whose many excellencies of character have gained him high regard. As a schoolboy he learned the lessons taught in the common schools of the neighborhood and under his father's direction was trained to the work of the home farm. After his marriage he began working the old homestead, which he supervised until his father's death. He then purchased the farm, comprising one hundred and fifteen acres, forty-five acres of the place having previously been given to his sister.

In 1867 occurred the marriage of Mr. Samsel and Miss Margaret Huston, a native of Richland county, Ohio, and a daughter of Jesse Huston. Five children graced their marriage, of whom four are yet living: Walter, who is now the proprietor of a meat market in Mansfield, Ohio; Etta, the wife of Henry Wolf, who is cultivating her father's farm; Mary, the wife of William Hirsch, a druggist of Mansfield; and Arthur, who is now a student in the State Normal, at Ada, Ohio.

In his political faith Mr. Samsel is a Democrat. He belongs to the Reformed church and is a progressive and public-spirited citizen, deeply interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of the community and withholding his support from no measure for the public good. He is a broad-minded man, and his sterling qualities are those which in every land and in every clime command respect.