

MCCORD, ROBERT G., one of the most prominent citizens of New Albany, is a native of Winchester, Virginia, where he was born in August, 1828. His father was a dry-goods merchant, and his son was educated with a view to the same business. At the age of ten years he emigrated to Indiana with his uncle, and settled in Harrison County. Ten years later he removed to New Albany, and made a contract with Mr. W. S. Culbertson for three years' service in his wholesale house, at one hundred dollars for the first year, one hundred and twenty-five for the second, and for the third one hundred and fifty. During the second year a situation was offered to Mr. McCord at six hundred dollars per annum, but he refused it on account of his contract with Mr. Culbertson. Some time afterward the latter asked him in regard to the matter, and upon a final settlement generously made his salary equal to what he had refused. At the expiration of the original agreement a new one was made, which existed for two years, when Mr. McCord entered into a copartnership with his employer, and for five years they carried on business together with gratifying success. Mr. McCord was one of the best salesmen in the city, and merchants eagerly sought to secure his services. In December, 1861, his copartnership with Mr. Culbertson was dissolved, and in the following January he entered into copartnership with Mr. Lawrence Bradley in the dry-goods business, under the firm name of McCord & Bradley. This partnership lasted ten years, and during that time a branch house was established in Louisville. During all Mr. McCord's successful mercantile career, the transactions of the firms with which he has been connected have amounted to from five hundred thousand to eight hundred thousand dollars per annum, and not a note has been protested, a compromise made, or a payment refused. When the New Albany Woolen Mill Company was reorganized, in 1866, he became a stockholder, and upon the erection of the buildings they were called the McCord & Bradley Woolen Mills. This enterprise, like all others with which Mr. McCord has been connected, has proved eminently prosperous, and is to-day a source of revenue to the stockholders. In 1873 Mr. McCord, in conjunction with other parties, opened a large wholesale hat establishment in Louisville, under the firm name of McCord, Boomer & Co., which has done a large trade, especially in the North. In all his business life Mr. McCord has been exceedingly fortunate, not a year having passed without adding to his wealth; and this success is deserved, since it has been reached by untiring devotion and energy. In November, 1856, he married Miss Stoy, sister of Mr. Peter Stoy, of New Albany. She is a lady of rare accomplishments, and has proved an admirable companion, promoting peace and harmony, and rendering their home an earthly paradise. Mr. McCord is held by his fellow-citizens and neighbors in the highest esteem, and by all classes is regarded as a gentleman of the strictest integrity.