

## MICHAEL HOGAN.

Ireland has furnished to America much that is best in its citizenship,—best in honesty, best in ability, best in patriotism,—and the Irish element of the population of Richland county, Ohio, has done its full share in the work of improvement and development. Among those of Irish blood who have been well known in the county none reached a higher standard of citizenship or left a better memory than Michael Hogan, who was born in county Clare, Ireland, November 7, 1792, and died at his home in Monroe township January 17, 1875.

Michael Hogan was educated at the University of Dublin, being graduated on the completion of the classical course at the age of twenty years. His outlook in a business way was not encouraging, for the lands of his forefathers had been confiscated by the government because of their devotion to the cause of Irish freedom, and he was practically without capital with which to begin life in his native land. He made as good a beginning as he could, however, and in due time was happily married to Miss Ann Oakley, and one child had been born to them when, in 1818, they sought freedom and fortune in America. He found some employment suited to his education and ability in New York city, remaining there for five years. In 1823 he came to Ohio, and after residing for some time at Newville, where he was proprietor of a store, he purchased his farm in Monroe township, Richland county, and took up his residence upon it in April, 1827.

Michael and Ann (Oakley) Hogan had the following children: Maria, who became the wife of James N. Applegate, of Chicago, and died January 29, 1900; Edmond T., who died in California July 12, 1895, at the age

of seventy-three years; Eleanora, who married Isaiah Bergen and died in 1888; Margaret, the wife of Simon McCarthy, a resident of Oklahoma; Ann and Teresa, who are well known in Monroe township; Cecelia, the wife of James Sheehy; and Clara, who completes the family. Edmond T. Hogan, the only son, studied under his father's instruction until he had acquired a good classical education and then entered the College of St. Xavier, at Cincinnati, where he was graduated. He afterward pursued the study of law under the direction of the Hon. T. W. Bartley, of Mansfield, and then went to California, where he was afterward admitted to the bar and served as prosecuting attorney for twelve years and common-pleas judge of Plumas county, that state. Mrs. Michael Hogan died July 24, 1864, at the age of sixty-seven years.

Mr. Hogan was a successful farmer and business man, and at his death left two good farms of one hundred and sixty acres each, which are now the property of his daughters. In early life he gained a good knowledge of medicine, and after he came to Ohio practiced successfully and gratuitously among his neighbors far and near. The laws regulating medical practice were not as strict then as now, and he did a good work, for which many a man and woman rose up and called him blessed. In politics he was a Democrat, and he is remembered as a particularly well informed man, who was strong in his beliefs and was never at a loss to give a reason for them. His public spirit led him to espouse every cause which in his good judgment promised to benefit his fellow men, and there are those who have reason to remember him as a staunch friend of public education. He was a Roman Catholic, but was liberal in his views on religious questions and in support of religious worship under whatever name it might be offered. His wife was an Episcopalian.