

and lends himself to all worthy movements toward that end. He is public spirited and interests himself in local affairs, both civic and educational. The school attached to his church, the Holy Name Academy, teaches all grades, with ten teachers, and 200 pupils, thirty of them boarding pupils.

Fraternally, Father Sheehy is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and in political matters he votes the Democratic ticket. He is a judge of good horses, and some of his animals have taken prizes.

JAMES W. WALKER

A much-loved and esteemed man, a prominent resident of Pomona Valley since 1890, James W. Walker, who passed away in 1912 at the ripe old age of eighty years, left the rich heritage of an exemplary life, filled with kindly deeds and accomplishments worthy of emulation. Born in Campbell County, Ky., in 1832, Mr. Walker came of an old Virginia family of Scotch descent. During his early manhood he established himself in the dry goods business at Covington, Ky., and there he married Miss Sue Holton in 1860. She was born in Falmouth, Ky., and her father, Thomas Holton, also born there, came of Old Dominion stock. He followed farming for a time and afterwards was in the lumber business. His wife, before her marriage, was Sabina McCarty, a native of Kentucky, whose father came from Scotland. Sue Holton received a thorough education in Miss Haynes' Seminary at Covington, where she majored in music and became an accomplished young lady. There she met Mr. Walker, the acquaintance resulting in their marriage, a union that proved very happy to both of them.

Mr. Walker continued in the mercantile business in Covington, Ky., until 1889, when he sold out and came to Southern California. He spent a little more than a year in Los Angeles, and then located in San Dimas. He purchased a residence and five acres of land in San Dimas and also bought ninety acres in the west part of town. He went in for citrus growing and improved the stubble field by leveling it and setting out oranges and lemons. He gave the grove the best of care and made a success as a citrus grower. He was a stockholder in the San Dimas Land and Water Company, and, a firm believer in cooperation, was a member of the San Dimas Orange Growers Association and the San Dimas Lemon Growers Association. He also set out and improved the five acres which he purchased at the corner of Bonita and San Dimas Avenues.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker were always familiarly known as "Uncle Jimmy" and "Aunt Sue" by their many friends and acquaintances, showing the wealth of affection in which they were held. Kind, generous and hospitable to all, they radiated unbounded good will, and frequently entertained lavishly, as many as a hundred at a time, at

their large, comfortable home. Mr. Walker was a strong Democrat and an ardent supporter of the principles of his party. He was an active and devout Baptist and a prominent member and trustee of the local organization, and was the prime mover in building the church here. While living in Kentucky he educated six young men, sending them through Georgetown College, and all of them became ministers, and they never forgot his kindness.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Walker, three of whom are living. Ella is Mrs. Potts and resides with her mother, assisting her in presiding over the home. She has one child, Rowena, reared in the Walker home, who is now the wife of Raymond I. Carruthers, district agent for the Edison Company. They reside in Visalia and are the parents of four children—Jane, Jack, Sue Virginia and James Wilson; Henry Yeaman of San Dimas and Robert of Los Angeles. Mrs. Walker a cultured and accomplished woman, still resides in the old home, and here, with the assistance of her devoted children, she dispenses a gracious hospitality. Like her husband, she is a devoted member of the Baptist Church. She organized the Emerson Club and was at one time its president, and later, when this club was abandoned, she became a charter member of the Wednesday Afternoon Club.

ELMER E. BOOTH

Among the residents from various parts of the United States who have come to the Pomona Valley to make their home is Elmer E. Booth, who was born in Glendale, W. Va., December 2, 1881. He was seventeen years of age when he accompanied his parents to California in 1898 and located in Pomona. Soon after arriving in his new home he returned to his native state, enlisted in the Spanish-American War in the First West Virginia Regiment, and after seven months' service came back to Pomona and took a course in the Pomona Business College, afterwards joining his father, J. M. Booth, in the hardware business at Pomona. After a year and a half they sold the store and he and his father and brother, W. E. Booth, and G. F. Vaughn, opened a gentlemen's clothing and furnishing store under the firm name of Booth, Vaughn and Sons, at 234 West Second Street. The firm is now known as the Booth and Dehnel Company, and a large and growing custom testifies to their success in catering to high-class trade. Their up-to-date establishment is the leader in its line of business in the city of Pomona. At the end of seven years E. E. Booth disposed of his interest in the business to W. A. Booth and opened a small garage on Second Street. His business increased to such proportions that in 1911 he bought the corner at South Park Avenue and First Street, where Pomona's pioneer livery barn stood. Tearing the old building down he erected his present commodious and modern garage, known as the