

Its influence spreads like odors sent
 From trees with fragrance redolent ;
 Frankincense trees and Lignaloës,
 O'er which the laden zephyr blows.

Such is his life who stands among
 His friends to-day at seventy—young,
 While from beyond a promise-ray
 Lights up his feet in wisdom's way.

For seventy years, thanks be to God,
 Our father that straight way has trod.
 Lord strengthen still his pilgrimage
 That e'en four score bring not old age.

He was married twice. First to Sarah Whitney Sparhawk, who was a teacher in the Female Academy at Bardstown, taught by Rev. Nathan L. Rice. She was a native of New Hampshire. She died in 1842, and was buried in the burying ground at the old Bardstown home.

The children of this marriage were three :

1. John James, died in childhood.
2. William O., born September 8, 1839.
3. Thomas, born November 26, 1841.

He was again married in 1846 to Margaret Hawkins, at Crawfordsville, Ind. She was a sister of the wife of his brother, Dr. J. J. Speed.

The children of this second marriage were five, viz. :

1. Spencer Hawkins, unmarried.
2. Austin Peay.
3. Horace, unmarried.
4. Richard Canby.
5. Louisa J., unmarried.

WILLIAM O. SPEED, eldest son of Thomas S. Speed, of Bardstown, was born September 8, 1839. He attended Centre and Hanover Colleges. In the Civil war he served as Sergeant-Major 8th Kentucky Cavalry, participating in a number of campaigns and engagements in Kentucky and Tennessee, and in the celebrated pursuit of Morgan through