

## John Marshall Duke, M.D.

**D**UKE, JOHN MARSHALL, M. D., son of Dr. Basil Duke, was born at Washington, Mason County, Kentucky, October 29, 1811. His father was a Marylander by birth; came to Kentucky in 1790, and located in Lexington; but soon after removed to Washington, Mason County, where he practiced medicine until his death, in 1828. His mother, Charlotte Marshall, was the daughter of Col. Thomas Marshall, of Fauquier County, Virginia; a man of superior talents, who was a colonel in the Revolutionary War, and father of a family of fifteen children, the oldest of whom was Chief-Justice John Marshall, not only the most illustrious American judge, but, in every particular, one of the greatest and best of men. Dr. Duke received a liberal education, chiefly at the celebrated school of Dr. Lewis Marshall, in Woodford County, subsequently pursuing a special course of study under his brother, James K. Duke. He chose the profession of medicine, and began his preparation in 1828, at Hopkinsville, under Dr. John F. Henry, afterwards Professor in the Medical College of Ohio; continued his medical studies with Dr. Henry for four years; in the mean time attending lectures at Transylvania University and the Medical College of Ohio, and graduating from the latter institution in 1832; and, in the same year located, for the practice of his profession, at Washington, his native town. In 1834, he was married to Hannah Morton, daughter of John M. Morton, of Maysville; and, in the same year, removed to that city, where he has since resided, actively engaged in the duties of his profession. Although Dr. Duke has devoted his energies, with great success, in the line of his profession mainly, he has always taken great interest in public affairs; and for the last twenty years has been a member of the Council of Maysville, and is one of the most valuable members of his community, professionally and as a citizen. In politics, he is conservative; in 1864, he was a delegate to the National Convention that nominated George B. McClellan; during the civil war, was a Union man, and was formerly a member of the old Whig party.