

**ELLISON ADGER SMYTH**, a member of the distinguished Smyth and Adger families of Charleston, has for many years been a prominent figure in the industrial affairs of upper South Carolina, with home at Greenville. He is one of South Carolina's foremost cotton manufacturers, and has enjoyed a place of authority in cotton manufacturing circles for many years.

He was born at Charleston October 26, 1847. His father was Rev. Thomas Smyth, D. D., a native of Belfast, Ireland, who for over forty years was the honored and beloved pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church at Charleston. His mother, Margaret M. Adger, was born in Charleston, where her father, James Adger, was long prominent as a banker and merchant.

Ellison Adger Smyth completed his education in the South Carolina Military Academy at Charleston with the class of 1865. In the meantime in November, 1864, a youth of seventeen, he was called to the colors with the 44th South Carolina Regiment, and this service as a Home Guard and as a cadet of the military academy completed his military record.

During the campaign of 1876, when South Carolina was redeemed from radical rule in the movement

headed by Governor Wade Hampton, he was captain of the Washington Artillery Rifle Club, at Charleston, South Carolina, with the only battery of artillery in South Carolina, and was continually on active duty during those exciting times.

After the war Mr. Smyth engaged in the wholesale hardware business at Charleston, but in 1881 organized and built the Pelzer Cotton Mills, at Pelzer, South Carolina. For forty years this has been one of the largest groups of cotton mills in the state. Mr. Smyth is president and treasurer of the Pelzer Manufacturing Company, is president of the Belton Mills, the Bank of Belton, the Belton Savings & Trust Company, the Chicora Bank, and is a director in some thirty other corporations. He is a former president of the Anderson Phosphate and Oil Company, the Toxaway Mills, the Riverside Manufacturing Company, the Ninety-Six Cotton Mills, the Grendel Mills, the Greenville News Company, and is a past president of the American Cotton Manufacturing Association and the Cotton Manufacturers' Association of South Carolina.

A distinctive honor was conferred upon him in 1898 when President McKinley appointed him as the only democrat on the United States Industrial Commission, and he had a part in compiling the voluminous records of that commission published by the United States Government. Mr. Smyth has always affiliated with the democratic party in South Carolina, but as a manufacturer believes in protection for American industries. He is a member of the Poinsett Club of Greenville, the Manufacturers' Club of Charlotte, North Carolina, the New York Club and India House in New York City. His church home is the Fourth Presbyterian Church at Greenville.

February 17, 1869, at Charleston, Mr. Smyth married Julia Gambrell, daughter of Launcelot Gambrell of Baltimore, where her family were long prominent in social and financial circles. Mr. and Mrs. Smyth have five children: Margaret Adger, wife of A. F. McKissick of Greenville; James Adger who married Mary C. Hutchinson of Summerville, South Carolina; Annie Pierce, wife of Lewis D. Blake of Belton; Sarah Annie who was married to John A. Hudgens of Pelzer; and Jane Adger, unmarried.