

**JOHN BAILEY ADGER**, a mechanical engineer by profession, has been prominently connected with industrial affairs, and more recently with the development of hydro-electric power in South Carolina, for many years.

Mr. Adger, whose home and business are now at Belton in Anderson County, was born in Charleston April 19, 1858, a son of Capt. Joseph Ellison and Susan Cox (Johnson) Adger. His parents were both born in Charleston. His grandfather, James Adger, a native of County Antrim, Ireland, came to this country with his widowed mother, spent several years in New York City, and then settled at Charleston, where he was a merchant. Capt. Joseph Ellison Adger was also a Charleston merchant, and died there in 1898, at the age of seventy-six. During the war he was quartermaster with the rank of captain in Hagood's Brigade in the Confederate Army. His wife was a daughter of Dr. Isaac Amory Johnson, who died when a young man, and her grandfather was Joseph Johnson.

John Bailey Adger was the sixth in a family of thirteen children. He spent his early life in Charleston, attended the local schools, was a student in Kenmore School in Virginia and received the Master of Arts degree in the University of Virginia in 1880. For one year he taught the Preparatory Department of the University of Louisiana, and in 1883 graduated with the degree Mechanical Engineer from Stevens Institute of Technology at Hoboken, New Jersey. For eighteen months following his graduation Mr. Adger was assistant treasurer of the Charleston Iron Works and in January, 1885, entered business with the firm of James Adger & Company, which then operated a line of steamships between New York and Charleston ports.

Mr. Adger remained in Charleston until 1904, when he moved to Belton and organized the Belton Hydro-Electric Power Company. He is president and treasurer of this corporation, which is one of the producers for electric power for industrial purposes in the upper part of the state. Mr. Adger served a period of twenty years, from 1885 to 1905, as president of the Charleston Y. M. C. A., and has always been deeply interested in that movement. He is a Presbyterian. In 1887 he married Miss Jane A. E. Warren, of Charleston.