

## Robert Howe

**H**OWE, ROBERT, Merchant, was born June 15, 1813, in County Tyrone, Ireland, and, while a child, was brought to Canada by his parents. In 1843, he came to Covington, Kentucky, where he has since resided, and has been one of the most successful and influential merchants of that city. In 1852, he made a trip to California, but, in 1854, again resumed business in Covington. He was one of the first Directors of the First National Bank of Covington; in 1858, was first elected member of the City Council, and served in that body for twelve years; and, in 1867, the new fire engine was named the Howe, in honor of his faithful services to the city. He was one of the first Stockholders and Directors of the Kenton Insurance Company, and is still a member of its Directory, and is one of the most enterprising, public-spirited, and valuable citizens of Covington. Mr. Howe was married, in 1854, to Miss Kate Merring, daughter of J. M. Merring, one of the old residents of Covington. They have had three children: two daughters, now living; and one son, Robert Howe, who died in 1876.

