

publican party. He studies closely the questions and issues of the day and has ever believed the republican party to be the one that has stood stanchly for progress and improvement in affairs relative to the national welfare. He is imbued with the spirit of western enterprise, and throughout his entire life his aid and influence have been given on the side of progress and improvement in connection with matters of public concern as well as in the conduct of his private business affairs, whereby he has won substantial success.

REV. BERNARD AUGUST ERDLAND.

Rev. Bernard August Erdland is the pastor of St. Michael's church of the Roman Catholic faith at Nashua. He was born in Oelde, Westphalia, Germany, on the 11th of October, 1874, his parents being Gerhard and Maria (Boeckenfoerde) Erdland. In the acquirement of an education Rev. Erdland attended school in his native town, also at Antwerp, Belgium, and at Chezal, Benoit, France, pursuing his studies in these various places from 1883 until 1897. He next attended the Mission Academy and the University of Muenster, Germany, from 1897 until 1900 and was ordained to the priesthood in the latter year. In the year 1901 he became superior of the mission in the Marshall islands, and in 1905 became administrator apostolic of the vicariate of the Marshall islands, where he continued until 1910. During the ten years which he passed there he studied the native language and folk-lore of the people on the islands and also the language of Nauru or Pleasant island. He became a traveling missionary of the Missionary Society of the Sacred Heart and his experiences among the various peoples whom he met were indeed varied and interesting.

Rev. Erdland's writings cover a broad scope and include "Woerterbuch und Grammatik der Marshall-Sprache," 1906 and "Leben und Religion eines Sudsee- volkes," 1914, two scientific works that have received favorable criticism from many of the noted scientists of the world. In subsequent years he has largely directed his studies to linguistic research work and is at present master of eight different languages.

Rev. Erdland was appointed pastor of St. Michael's church at Nashua in 1914 and here he presides over his parish and continues his study of languages. He is one of the learned and scholarly men of his church, genial in manner and most entertaining by reason of his wide travel; for he has visited nearly all of the countries of the world. His mind is stored with many reminiscences of his journeys, for he has ever been a keen and intelligent observer and possesses a most retentive memory.

JOHN ZIPSE.

John Zipse is the proprietor of the Forest Hill Stock & Dairy Farm, one of the fine farm properties of northern Iowa. It comprises three hundred acres of valuable land and upon this place he has made his home since 1902, continually promoting its development and improvement. The farm is situated on section 19, Stapleton township, Chickasaw county, and is the visible evidence of the life of well directed energy and thrift which Mr. Zipse has lived. Born in Stephenson county, Illinois, on the 12th of December, 1858, he is a son of Jacob and Katherine (Northacre) Zipse, who were natives of Germany, where they were reared and married. Coming to the United States, they established their home in Stephenson county, Illinois, where the father engaged in farming until his death on the 27th of January, 1874. His widow survived him for a decade, passing away on the old home place in Illinois, April 27, 1884.

At the usual age John Zipse entered the district school near his father's home and mastered the common branches of learning. When his textbooks were put aside he worked in the fields and continued to assist his father until the latter's death and