

postmaster at New Hampton, Clemens, who served in the European war, being on active duty in France; Clarence, a twin brother of Clemens, who joined the army but was not sent overseas; Marie, who is attending St. Mary Academy at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin; and Frank, Aloysius and Evelyn, who are yet under the parental roof.

In politics Mr. Schnurr is a republican and for some years he served as a member of the city council, cooperating heartily in plans and projects for the welfare and upbuilding of the community. He is now a member of the New Hampton fire department. Fraternally he is connected with the Modern Woodmen of America and with the Knights of Columbus, and both he and his wife are members of St. Mary's Catholic church. New Hampton accounts him one of her leading and representative business men and his career is illustrative of what can be accomplished through individual effort, for he has worked his way upward entirely unaided.

WILLIAM CONNOLLY, M. D.

Dr. William Connolly, a member of the medical profession, who in his practice specializes in the treatment of the eye, in which connection he has gained high efficiency, was born in County Waterford, Ireland, on the 4th of March, 1861, a son of Patrick and Catharine (Hannigan) Connolly. He was brought by his parents to the United States when but three years of age, the family settling at McGregor, Iowa, which was then the only market in the northern part of the state. Mr. Connolly, the father, there established a grocery store and conducted business successfully until 1873, when he removed to Cresco, where he was again identified with commercial interests. He remained there until his death, carrying on business in the store now occupied by the firm of Mott & Company. He passed away in Cresco at the age of sixty-seven years and is still survived by his wife, who now resides in Spokane, Washington, and has reached the age of eighty-seven years. He gave his political allegiance to the republican party and served as city treasurer of Cresco for a number of years, proving a most faithful custodian of the public funds. His religious faith was that of the Roman Catholic church.

Dr. Connolly spent his boyhood days in McGregor, where he resided to the age of eleven years. He then accompanied his parents on their removal to Cresco, where he continued to attend the public schools, having begun his education in McGregor. At a later period he became a pupil in Notre Dame University at Notre Dame, Indiana, and his professional training was received in Rush Medical College of Chicago, from which he was graduated in 1883, when a young man of twenty-one years, having pursued the full course in that institution. He then came to Cresco, where he opened an office and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he continued until 1887. He then sold his practice to Dr. George Kessel and became engaged in the drug business in connection with a Mr. Lowry, with whom he was thus associated until 1912, when he withdrew from activity as a druggist to devote his entire time and attention to the eye. He is well known as an optician and oculist and is doing excellent work in that connection. During his medical practice he bought a farm of one hundred and thirty-two acres in Cresco at a hundred dollars per acre, it being the first farm sold in Howard county for that price. It is today a very valuable tract of land, on which his son, W. F. Connolly, is now engaged in raising full blooded Holstein cattle. Dr. Connolly is also a director in the Cresco Union Savings Bank and is thus identified with various lines of business which contribute not only to his individual success but also to the progress and prosperity of the general public.

In 1884 Dr. Connolly was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Mullen, a daughter of Martin and Mary (O'Malley) Mullen. She was born at Bear Creek, Wisconsin, while her parents were natives of Ireland, whence they came to the United States in the early '50s, crossing the Atlantic in one of the old sailing vessels common at that period. They established their home in the state of New York, where Mr. Mullen followed the occupation of farming, but later he removed to the middle west, locating in Cresco. He retired from active business, spending his remaining days in the enjoyment