

dred and sixty acres in Highland township. He immediately set himself to work to clear and improve this property and in the course of seventeen years made it one of the most valuable in his section, all of his land being put to good use and the substantial buildings bespeaking the prosperity of the enterprise. He then sold out and came to Nordness, where he engaged in the mercantile business, acquiring a complete stock and convenient building, and he has since operated his store with ever increasing success. He enjoys a large patronage and as he has the only store in Nordness does a most profitable business. He carries in stock practically everything that might be demanded by his customers, and by his obliging ways and fair methods has made numerous friends for his business.

In January, 1886, Mr. Rustad was united in marriage to Miss Nettie Sherven, a daughter of Jens and Bertha Sherven, natives of Norway. To Mr. and Mrs. Rustad were born four children: Lizzie, the wife of Charles M. Nelson, an agriculturist of Pleasant township, this county; Mabel, who married Hans Halverson, who also farms in that township; Abraham, who follows the same occupation; and Mary, at home.

During the last two years Mr. Rustad has added to his multitudinous duties that of station agent for the Rock Island Railroad, being efficient in the discharge of his duties and pleasing the railroad officials as much by his work as the general public, who appreciate the careful and expeditious manner in which he handles the railroad work for them. His religious faith is that of the Methodist church, and politically he is a republican, always keeping well informed upon public questions, although he has never cared to actively participate in political affairs of his district. The life record of Mr. Rustad is highly commendable, for it demonstrates what can be accomplished if industry and energy lead the way, and it may well serve as an example to the younger generations. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him in a business as well as in a social way and enjoys the confidence and good-will of his many friends.

CHARLES C. MARLOW.

Comparatively few American people spend their entire lives in a single locality. We have been called a transitory people because the great majority go from place to place seeking more favorable opportunities than they believe can be secured in districts where they have already resided for a greater or less period. Charles C. Marlow, however, proves an exception to the rule, for he was born upon the farm which is still his home and has always resided here. His natal day was November 15, 1865, and his parents were Edward G. and Martha Anna (Clark) Marlow. His grandparents were John and Elizabeth (Heading-ton) Marlow, who were natives of Ohio and spent the greater part of their lives there, but their last days were spent in Canoe township. The father was born in Knox county, Ohio, June 1, 1826, and came to Winneshiek county, Iowa, in 1857. His wife was a native of Wyandotte, Ohio, and they were married in the Buckeye state. Following their removal to the west, they took up their abode in Canoe township and their remaining days were here passed. The mother