

bership in these organizations keeps in touch with the most advanced medical thought. He has made an excellent professional record and the work he has accomplished has gained him the respect and regard of his brethren of the medical fraternity and the confidence and esteem of the local public.

#### GULBRAND H. NESS.

Norway has furnished a considerable proportion of citizens to Winneshiek county and the diligence and energy characteristic of the people of that land have become important factors in the development and improvement of this section of the state. A representative of this class is Gulbrand IT. Ness, now a well known and worthy farmer of Glenwood township, living on section 23. He is also numbered among the veterans of the Civil war. His birth occurred in Norway, October 25, 1840, his parents being Hans Johanas and Anna Gilbranson, who spent their entire lives in Norway where the father followed farming. Their family numbered four children: Johan, who was born October 1, 1838, was for thirty years in the employ of the Ekebergh firm, the wealthiest people of Norway, well known all over Europe. He has been retired by them on a pension and makes his home in Christiania, Norway. He is a well educated man, Gulbrand H. Ness having given him part of the money necessary to secure his education. The subject of this review is the second member of the family. The daughter Carrie became the wife of E. Kelson and she died in this county while her husband passed away in Norman county Minnesota. She was brought to America by her brother Gulbrand, as was the youngest of the family, Hanson Ness, who came to the United States in 1868 and died in 1870.

Gulbrand H. Ness was reared upon the home farm in Norway and in 1861 crossed the Atlantic to the United States, arriving in Winneshiek county on the 17th of May. Here he was employed as a farm hand by the month at a salary of eleven dollars per month, and on leaving his first employer he entered the service of another farmer with whom he continued for five months. On the 15th of October, of the same year, he went to Decorah to purchase clothes. He did not carry out his intention, however, but instead enlisted in the Union army, offering his services through an interpreter. This was on the 15th of October, 1861, and he joined Company G, of the Twelfth Iowa Infantry, under Captain C. C. Tupper. He served for the full term of three years and then enlisted in 1864 in the same company and regiment, with which he remained until February 17, 1866, when he was honorably discharged at Memphis, Tennessee. The entire company was captured at Shiloh save Mr. Ness, who at that time was in the hospital with typhoid fever, which incapacitated him for duty for three months. His command was imprisoned for six months, during which time five regiments of those who had been released from the hospital were consolidated into the Union Brigade which name they bore until the others of the original command were released from prison. Mr. Ness participated in many hotly contested battles and made a splendid record as a brave and loyal soldier.

With the close of the war he returned home and began farming in Frankville township where he remained until 1900, in which year he removed to his present