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upon his father's farm, where he assisted with the work of cultivation, becoming a practical and able agriculturist. In 1855 he purchased one hundred and twenty acres in Military township, Winneshiek county, and to this he has since added forty acres, being today in possession of a fine property of one hundred and sixty acres. Upon this he has resided since 1862 and has engaged continuously in general farming and stock-raising, success steadily attending his well directed efforts. He has made substantial improvements upon his farm in the course of years and it is now splendidly equipped with buildings and machinery, nothing being neglected which will add to its attractive appearance or its value. Its excellent condition at the present time is a striking evidence of the many years of care and labor which have been bestowed upon it by the owner, who is not only a progressive and practical farmer but a resourceful, farsighted and discriminating business man as well.

Mr. Larson married Miss Barbara Nordhous, a daughter of Andrew and Anna (Anderson) Nordhous, natives of Norway, who came to America about the year 1875 and located in Fayette county, Iowa. To them were born nine children; Ole and Carrie, deceased; Ellen, who has also passed away; Barbara, twin to Ellen, and wife of the subject of this review; Andrew, who resides in Claremont, Iowa; Anna, the wife of H. Gottleman of North Dakota; Gundwar, who married Harry Dee of Denver, Colorado; Ivan of Steele, North Dakota; and Halvarina, the wife of Dars Polsen of Claremont, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Larson have become the parents of three children; Anna Douisa, the wife of Hans Teigen of Dake Mills, Iowa; Fricltjof Cornelius, who lives at home; and Cora Agnetta, who died November 29, 1910.

Mr. Larson is a member of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and politically gives his allegiance to the republican party. Although he neither seeks nor desires public office he is interested in the cause of education and has done much constructive and beneficial work in promoting it during his term of service on the school board. He is a progressive, able and upright citizen, and the high place which he now holds in the respect and esteem of his neighbors has been worthily won by many years of honorable and straightforward dealing.

#### CALVIN D. HORTON, M. D.

Dr. Calvin D. Horton, who since 1893 has been successfully engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery in Fort Atkinson, was born in Fillmore county, Minnesota, on the 5th of May, 1865. He is a son of Joshua and Daura (Piatt) Horton, natives of New York, both of whom have passed away, the father dying at the advanced age of ninety-three, after having spent his entire active life engaged in farming. To their union were born nine children: George, Samuel and Houston, who have passed away; Olivette, of North Dakota; Thomas, also of North Dakota; Hattie, the widow of Dr. Walter Murphy, of Quebec, Canada; Delmer, who resides in Dime Spring, Iowa; Elizabeth, who married Dr. I. H. Dasey, of Sioux City; and Calvin D., of this review.

The last named was reared in Fillmore county and there acquired his preliminary education. At the age of seventeen he left home and acquired his high-school