

parents were among the first settlers in Winneshiek county and the father took up land in Fremont township, where the town of Kendallville now stands, engaging in the nursery business there during the remainder of his life. He served as a member of the county board of supervisors during the Civil war and was otherwise prominent in public affairs. His death occurred in 1878, he having survived his wife since 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Fifield have become the parents of ten children: Viva, the wife of William W. Howard, a farmer in Orleans township; Laura, who married Ray Goldsworthy, engaged in farming in Minnesota; Olive, the wife of Harry Goldsworthy, of this township; Linda, now Mrs. Andrew Elliott, of Monticello, Minnesota; Ethel, Vesta, Edna and Clinton W., who reside at home; Harry, who died in 1872; and Julia, who passed away in 1876.

Mr. Fifield belongs to the Methodist church and is connected fraternally with the Grand Army of the Republic. He gives his political allegiance to the republican party and from early manhood has been interested in public affairs. For thirteen consecutive years he served as township trustee and five years ago was again elected to this office, in which he is now serving. He has also been township assessor and in this and other positions of public trust and responsibility has proved conscientious, capable and reliable in the discharge of his duties. In Winneshiek county, where he has so long resided, he holds the respect and confidence of all who come in contact with him, being regarded as an able agriculturist and a progressive and public-spirited citizen.

REV. S. A. SCARVIE.

Rev. S. A. Scarvie is a minister of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran synod of America, now in charge of the Glenwood congregation. Almost his entire life has been given to the holy calling, in which he now labors, and his efforts have been of marked influence as a factor in the development of its success. He was born at Telemarken, Norway, July 16, 1863, and came to the United States with his parents in 1872, settling in Faribault county, Minnesota. He is a son of Aslak and Sigrid (Vraali) Scarvie, who were also natives of Telemarken, the former born August 29, 1825, and the latter on the 7th of February, of the same year. They were married July 9, 1846, and in 1872 came to America. The mother died in 1875 and the father, who had made farming his life work, passed away September 7, 1902. In their family were eight children of whom two died in Norway, while six came to the United States and five are now living.

The Rev. S. A. Scarvie, who is the youngest, was reared upon the home farm in Minnesota, pursuing his education in the graded and high schools of Winnebago. He afterward took up the profession of teaching at the age of twenty-one years and was thus engaged both in his home county in Minnesota and in Winnebago county, Iowa. In 1884 he went to Norman county, Minnesota, where he engaged in teaching until appointed county superintendent of schools. Later he was elected to that position, serving for two and a half years. He then returned to Faribault county where he married Miss Magdalena Iverson, who was born in Nicollet county, Minnesota.