

In this family were two children: Rev. Knut, of this review; and Dr. O. M., who practiced in Highlandville, this county, from 1893 to 1902, building during that time a hospital in that city. In the latter year he removed to North Dakota and thence to Baronett, Wisconsin, where he is now in the active practice of his profession.

In the acquirement of an education Knut Seehuus attended Latin school in Norway, but after settling in Chicago was obliged to lay aside his books, the family being at that time very poor. With the intention of aiding them he learned the Morse system of telegraphy and worked for three years thereafter in a telegraph office. In the fall of 1875 he entered the Luther College at Decorah, Iowa, completing the prescribed course in 1881, after which he went to Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, completing a three years' course in theology in 1884. After he was graduated he was ordained to the ministry of the Norwegian Lutheran church at Chicago and entered upon his duties as immigrant missionary and assistant pastor in New York city.

After two years and a half he came to Iowa and here in the fall of 1886 married Miss Elizabeth C. H. Stub, a daughter of Rev. H. A. Stub, a pioneer Norwegian clergyman of America. Mr. Seehuus became assistant to his father-in-law and pastor of the German congregation at Locust and he did such vital and far-reaching work that in 1893, when Mr. Stub went to Norway, he was chosen his successor as pastor of Big Canoe and Highland congregations. He has served these churches ably and well since that time and has steadily extended the field of his activities, founding in 1904 the congregation at Mabel, Minnesota, and building a church there in the following year. He is now serving that church and has also under his jurisdiction three Norwegian congregations and one German, he being the only Norwegian clergyman in America to preach steadily in three languages, English, Norwegian and German. The cause of religion in this section of Iowa finds in him an earnest, sincere and able advocate, a man zealous and apostolic in his work of spreading the religious doctrines in which he believes and in promoting that general religion of good will and honorable dealings. His doctrines find worthy exemplification in his life which, being upright, honorable and straightforward in all its relations, has brought him widespread honor and esteem with the people among whom he has so long lived and labored. He was in 1912 chosen secretary of the board of directors of the Lutheran Publishing House at Decorah. He is a member of the Missionary Commission for the Iowa district of the Norwegian synod and assistant to the president of that district, and he stands high in the councils of the church he has served so ably for more than a quarter of a century.

Mr. Seehuus' first wife passed away in 1887, leaving one son, Olaf, who died two years later in Chicago. In 1893 Mr. Seehuus was again married, his second wife being in her maidenhood Miss Helga C. Vedeler, of one of the most prominent families in Bergen, Norway, and at that time preceptress at the Lutheran normal school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Their only son is George K, born in 1903.

A resident of Winneshiek county for twenty-seven years, Mr. Seehuus has seen the period of its greatest growth, and his work in the interests of religion has been a vital factor in directing the course of its development. He has indeed done a splendid work here among the people of his faith and he has