

a graduate of St. Joseph's College of Dubuque and who spent six years in Rome, Italy, being now a priest in New Richland, Minnesota.; Annie, the wife of Frank McKabe, of this township; Amy, who married William McKabe, of Prosper, Minnesota; John A., a resident of Burr Oak township; and William W., who is residing on the home farm.

Jacob E. Gossman was reared at home amid the almost primitive conditions which existed in Burr Oak township during his childhood. He attended district school and was later a student in the Breckenridge Institute at Decorah, after which he attended St. Joseph's College in Dubuque. After laying aside his books he turned his attention to teaching, spending eight years at this occupation in Winneshiek county and in Fillmore county, Minnesota. He married in 1889 and in that year engaged in farming, buying the property in Burr Oak township upon which he has since resided. The tract comprises two hundred and eighty acres of valuable land lying on sections 16 and 17 and is known as the Pine Tree Stock Farm. Mr. Gossman concentrates his attention largely upon his stock-raising interests, breeding and raising high-grade stock of all kinds. In the course of years he has made substantial improvements upon his property which is now a completely equipped and valuable farm, evidencing in its excellent condition his practical methods and constant labor.

In 1889 Mr. Gossman was united in marriage to Miss Mary Sutton, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, in March 1864, and who resided there until her marriage. She is a daughter of Joseph and Anastasia (Matingly) Sutton, both of whom passed away in Ohio. Mrs. Gossman died February 4, 1912, leaving four children: Anastasia and Elizabeth, graduates of Winona Seminary; Coletta, who is attending the same institution; and Leo, a graduate of St. Mary's College, at St. Mary's, Kansas. Mrs. Gossman was of English ancestry, all of the members of her family having come to America with Lord Baltimore. Her brother, Dr. H. G. Sutton, is now state health officer of Ohio and has also charge of a large hospital.

Mr. Gossman is a member of the Roman Catholic church and fraternally is connected with the Yeomen. A resident of Winneshiek county since his birth, he is well known here, and he and his family stand high in the esteem of the entire community.

#### FRANK H. BROCKAMP.

Frank H. Brockamp is carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon an excellent property lying on sections 20 and 21, Washington township. He was born in that township on the 26th of February, 1880. He is a son of George and Mary (Bachel) Brockamp, the former a native of Virginia and the latter of Winneshiek county. The father spent his active life engaged in farming in Washington township and is now retired, making his home in Ossian. He took a prominent part in public affairs for a number of years and was honored by his fellow citizens by election to various local offices, including that of trustee of Washington township. He and his wife became the parents of eight children: Frank H, of this review; Harry, who resides in Ossian; Joseph,