

of Independent school district No, 7. He is interested in the cause of education and in addition to his work as treasurer has served for several years on the school board. In the section where he was born and where his entire life has been spent he holds the esteem and high regard of all who are associated with him, and his management of the Old Homestead Farm has given him a place among the township's progressive and successful agriculturists.

EDWARD H. HOVER.

The progress of Winneshiek county—material, political, intellectual and moral —has found a champion in Edward H. Hover who, recognizing the fact that each has its place in the scheme of the world, has labored earnestly for the development of this section along all those lines, his efforts proving potent forces in the growth of the community in which his entire life has been spent. He was born on the old homestead adjoining his present place of residence on the 23d of April, 1876, a son of Edwin and Bertha Maria (Christian) Hover, natives of Norway who were brought to the United States in early life by their respective parents. They are mentioned at length on another page of this volume. The subject of this review was the third in order of birth and the eldest son in a family of nine children, of whom two passed away in infancy. The surviving members are: Matilda, the wife of Edwin Ouisel, a resident of Toronto, South Dakota; Clara Helena, who married Edwin Nordheim, of Pleasant township; Edward H., of this review; C. Elmer, residing at Newburg, Minnesota; Alice Sophia, the widow of Albert Lodahl, who makes her home with her father; Idella, also residing at home; and Alma, engaged in school teaching.

Upon the old homestead on which his grandfather located in pioneer days and which originally included his present home farm, Edward H. Hover was 'reared to manhood, devoting the period of his boyhood and youth to the acquirement of an education and the gaining of practical experience under the direction of his father. He early became acquainted with the best methods of farming, his training being thorough and comprehensive, and the lessons of energy, industry and thrift thus instilled into his mind have proven of vital importance in his subsequent success as an agriculturist. He remained at home with his father until his marriage, in 1900, when, wishing to take up farming independently, he purchased one hundred and twenty acres from his father, to the further improvement of which he has since given his attention. This tract, lying on sections 8 and 5, Pleasant township, is a part of the old home place and under his direction has been brought to a high state of cultivation. He engages in general farming and stock-raising and, being progressive in his ideas and employing modern methods in the cultivation of his fields and the care of his live-stock, he has attained marked success, his well directed efforts being rewarded by a substantial annual income.

In 1900 Mr. Hover was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Thorson, who was born in Highland township, this county, on the 4th of January, 1874, a daughter of Ole and Anna Thorson, natives of Norway who came to Iowa at an early day. The father is deceased but the mother survives and makes her