

farm now comprising one hundred and ninety-six acres. This he has improved with a modern two story residence, a substantial barn and the necessary outbuildings and he has installed labor-saving machinery to facilitate the work of the fields. Everything about the place is kept in excellent condition, the soil is well cultivated, the buildings adequate, and the entire property is entitled to rank with the model farms in this county.

On the 4th of February, 1890, Mr. Meyer was united in marriage to Miss Mary Meyer, and they have become the parents of seven children. Viola, Amy, Lucy, Carlos, Helma, Marie and Golda. Mr. Meyer is one of the leading members of the Lutheran church of Castalia and he is now serving as cashier of the Farmers Association. His political allegiance is given to the democratic party and he is eminently progressive and public-spirited in matters of citizenship, giving active and hearty cooperation to movements for the general good. For eight years he rendered the township excellent service as trustee and at the end of that time was reelected to office, refusing, however, to serve. He is an efficient member of the school board and a councilman, and in these capacities is doing capable, far-reaching and effective work, his influence being always on the side of progress and advancement. He is counted as a valuable addition to the ranks of earnest and loyal citizens in Bloomfield township and is widely and favorably known in his part of the county, commanding and holding the respect and esteem of all who are associated with him.

EUGENE A. HOWARD.

Eugene A. Howard, carrying on general farming and stock-raising upon a fine farm on section 27, Orleans township, was born upon this property, April 26, 1870. His parents were John and Maria (Fleming) Howard, the former a native of Ireland and the latter of Illinois. The father came to America when he was eight years of age and located in Elmira, New York, where he grew to manhood. He later moved to Illinois and from that state enlisted in the Ninety-fifth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, serving for four and one-half years in the Union army during the Civil war. Shortly after he received his discharge he purchased a farm in Orleans township, Winneshiek county, and upon this property he resided until his death, which occurred September 18, 1893. He took a very active interest in public affairs and held various township offices, the duties of which he discharged in a capable, farsighted and progressive way. His wife survives him and makes her home in Dubuque, Iowa. To their union were born four children: Eugene A., of this review; Nellie, who is now sister Eugenia Maria in a convent at St. Marys, Indiana; Edward, a priest in Dubuque, Iowa; and Emmett, deceased, a twin to Edward.

Eugene A. Howard acquired his education in the district schools and later attended Abingdon Commercial College at Abingdon, Illinois, where he remained one year. At the end of that time he turned his attention to teaching and after his father's death took charge of the homestead, managing its affairs for six years. He then moved to Cresco, where he engaged in the machine business but after about ten years abandoned this, returning to the home farm which he