

took a post-graduate course at the German Lutheran Theological Seminary, completing his studies there in 1866. In the winter of 1868 he was again sent into the missionary field, his work taking him to Minnesota, where he was compelled to make many trips over the snow-covered, trackless prairies on a pair of skis or Norwegian snow shoes. Later in that year he was called to Dane county, Wisconsin, as the permanent pastor of a church there, and he labored efficiently in that field until in 1878 he was forced to retire from the ministry, his previous strenuous and incessant work in behalf of his fellow-men causing the failure of his health. He returned to his parents' home in Winneshiek county, Iowa, where he bought the old homestead and cared for his father and mother until they departed this life. He at once began its further improvement and development, bringing it to a high state of cultivation, and continued in its operation throughout his remaining days. He had other interests as well, and for more than fifteen years served as president of the Norwegian Mutual Life Insurance Company of Winneshiek county.

It was on the 3d of January, 1863, that Mr. Jacobson was united in marriage to Miss Nicoline Hegg, a daughter of Ole and Carrie Hegg, both natives of Norway, more extended mention of whom is made on another page of this volume under the caption of John Hegg. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson were born eleven children, Clara, Mary, Jacob, Signe, Isaac, David, Helga, Otto, Carl, Christiane and Ragnvald. Mrs. Jacobson continues to make her home on the old farm of one hundred and seventy acres, located on section 2, Springfield township, and with her reside her daughter Clara and her son Carl, the latter taking charge of the operation of the property, which is known as the Cloverdale Farm. Mr. Jacobson was staunch in his support of the republican party and ever took a deep interest in the material and political as well as the moral welfare of the community. His public-spirited citizenship was acknowledged by his fellowmen, who chose him to represent his district in the thirtieth and thirty-first general assemblies. Mr. Jacobson passed away on the 15th of May, 1910, and his death was a matter of deep regret to all who knew him. At all times actuated by honorable purpose, he followed the dictates of a high ideal and great was the service he rendered his fellow citizens and especially his countrymen. If it is true that "Not the good that comes to us but the good that comes to others through us is the measure of our success," then, indeed, was success his in large measure.

#### HORACE S. SMITH.

Horace S. Smith is numbered among the native sons of Winneshiek county, for his birth occurred in Bluffton township on the 4th of January, 1865. His parents were George and Harriet M. (Shear) Smith. The father, who was born in England, August 11, 1823, was the first of his family to come to the United States, but later sent for his widowed mother, his five sisters and his one brother, who is William H. Smith, now a resident of Decorah. It was in 1855 that George Smith crossed the Atlantic to the United States, and making his way into the interior of the country became a pioneer settler of Winneshiek county. He was