

now assisting in operating the home farm. Harry R. died February 24, 1899. Hattie, a twin sister of Harry, died in infancy. Wilson H. is yet at home. Mary A. also lives at home. Edith Belle died in childhood. Fanny is a student in the home school.

Immediately after marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Bellows commenced their domestic life on his father's farm. In the winter following he purchased eighty acres, which he farmed in connection with his father's place. He has since added to his original purchase, and is now the owner of about three hundred acres. He has endeavored to keep up with the times in the way of improvement, putting out fruit and ornamental trees, tiling the place, and building a neat and substantial residence, two good barns and other outbuildings. In addition to the raising of grain, he has engaged to some extent in feeding and fattening cattle for the markets, usually shipping one or two car loads per year and about fifty to one hundred head of hogs. He has been fairly successful in life, and has no reason to complain.

The first presidential ballot cast by Mr. Bellows was in 1864, when he voted for Abraham Lincoln, since which time he has given his earnest support to the men and measures of the Republican party. He has taken quite an interest in local politics, and frequently represents the Republicans of his township in the various conventions of the party. He has served for some years as justice of the peace, and being a friend of education and the public schools, has served as a member of the school board. He is a member of the United Brethren church in Eagle Point township (the old brick church), of which he is one of the trustees. He is an active worker in the Sunday-school, and

served several years as superintendent. Mrs. Bellows is also a member of the same church, and is interested in its work. Both are well-known, especially in the western part of Ogle and the eastern part of Carroll counties. All who know them hold them in the highest respect.

REV. HOLMES DYSINGER, D.D., pastor of the Lutheran church, at Polo, is a well known and popular divine in the Lutheran church, with a national reputation as a minister and a teacher. He was born in Mifflintown, Juniata county, Pennsylvania, March 26, 1853, and is second in a family of seven children born to Joseph and Mary Amelia (Patterson) Dysinger, both of whom are natives of the same county and state, and where they yet reside. Joseph Dysinger, by trade, is a carpenter and builder, an occupation which he followed for some years, later following farming, a vocation in which he has been engaged for about thirty-five years. In politics he is a Democrat, and has served his fellow citizens in various official positions, including assessor, collector and school director. Religiously he is a Lutheran, as also his wife. She is a daughter of William and Catherine (Echo) Patterson, the former a native of England, a blacksmith by trade, who died at the age of sixty-eight years, and the latter a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, John Dysinger, when a young man moved from Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, to Juniata county, in the same state, and there followed the occupation of a farmer. He died at the residence of his son, Joseph, with whom he made his home for a time before his death. He

married Sarah Kauffmann, whose father was an Omish preacher in Pennsylvania, and who died at an advanced age. At one time John Dysinger was quite wealthy, but lost his fortune. He had three uncles in the Revolutionary war.

In the public schools of his native county our subject received his primary education, and at the age of seventeen commenced teaching. For three years he taught in the country schools and was then employed in the schools of Mifflintown, where he taught two years. He then entered Pennsylvania College, at Gettysburg, and after pursuing the regular course, graduated from that institution in 1878. After he received his diploma he taught Latin and Greek in the preparatory department of his Alma Mater for four years, in the meantime finishing the course and graduating from the Lutheran Theological Seminary, located at Gettysburg. In 1882 he was invited to accept a chair in the college at Mt. Pleasant, North Carolina, and was a teacher in Latin and Greek. Later he was with the college at Newberry, South Carolina, where he continued five years. He was then called to the presidency of Carthage College, Carthage, Illinois, and filled that position for seven years, during which time he greatly strengthened the institution. His resignation was accepted with reluctance, as he had the entire confidence not alone of his own church, under whose auspices the college was conducted, but by the entire community as well. Leaving the college, he accepted the call of the Lutheran church at Polo, to become its pastor. While teaching had been his regular profession, for years he had been a regular ordained minister of the church, preaching at such times as his other duties would admit. He

is a fluent and eloquent speaker, and is one of the most popular pastors that has ever served in Polo. The church to which he ministers, was organized in 1870, and the house of worship erected in 1872. The parsonage was built in 1898.

Mr. Dysinger was married at Blairsville, Pennsylvania, September 22, 1886, to Miss Ada Frances Ray, a native of that city, and daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Johnson) Ray, the former a native of county Armaugh, Ireland. By this union four children have been born—Mary Ray, Cornelia, Margaret Eloise and Helen Frances.

In politics, Mr. Dysinger is thoroughly independent, believing in giving his support to the best men regardless of their political belief, especially in local affairs. Fraternally he is a Mason, holding membership with the blue lodge at Polo. In every enterprise for the best good of his adopted city and county, he cheerfully lends his aid and influence, and in charitable and moral reform, he is always in the lead.

MAJOR CHARLES NEWCOMER, for many years engaged in the banking business at Mt. Morris, is personally as well known as any man in Ogle county. He was born in Washington county, Maryland, August 22, 1825, and is of Swiss origin, his paternal ancestor, Wolfgang Newcomer, emigrating from Switzerland in 1749, and locating in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He married an American-born woman, removed with her to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, and they became the parents of three sons, Henry, Christian and Peter, who located in Washington county, Maryland. Henry was the grandfather of the Major, who belongs to the fourth generation. His father,