

ing his farm to his son and taking up his abode in Cresco, where he now lives in the enjoyment of the fruits of his former toil. He had pursued his early education in the schools of Germany, but by diligent study after coming to America he has won a place among those who are well informed concerning the history and development of this country.

No event of special importance occurred to vary the routine of farm life for John F. Baethke of this review during the days of his boyhood, at which period he divided his time between the acquirement of a public school education and the work of the fields. Through vacation periods he assisted in the task of caring for the crops and was well trained in all branches of farm work when he took over the management of the old home property, to which he is now giving his entire attention. He carries on general farming and the results of his labors are most gratifying.

On the 22d day of January, 1913, Mr. Baethke was united in marriage to Miss Matilda Eberling, a daughter of Fred and Elizabeth Eberling, of Clayton county, Iowa, where the father is now engaged in farming. Mr. and Mrs. Baethke have two children, Violet and Reuben, the former four years of age, while the little son is but a year old. The family attend the Lutheran church at Davis Corners. Mr. Baethke votes with the republican party nor does he lightly hold the duties and obligations of citizenship, but he does not seek nor desire office, preferring to give his undivided attention to his farming interests, which he is now most carefully and creditably managing.

CHAPMAN ALEXANDER MARSHALL.

Chapman Alexander Marshall lived a life of great usefulness, dividing his time between agricultural pursuits and the work of the ministry. He was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1836, a son of Anthony and Jane (Alexander) Marshall. The father and mother were both natives of the South of England and were married there. The father was an officer of the English army and rose to the rank of lieutenant general. He served his government at Gibraltar, in South Africa, in Nova Scotia, in Canada and in Dublin, Ireland, and for many years remained with the colors, but his last days were spent in England, his demise occurring at Leamington. His wife also died at Leamington and was eighty-four years of age at the time of her death.

Chapman A. Marshall spent his boyhood in various localities, according to his father's places of assignment for military duty. He was at times in Dublin, Ireland, in South America and in Plymouth, England. He came to the United States in 1858, when a young man of nineteen years, and settled in Paris township, Howard county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm, devoting about two years to the development and improvement of the place. In 1860 he returned to Plymouth, England, where he was married, and then with his bride he sailed for the new world, again making Howard county his destination. In the vicinity of Cresco he purchased a farm, which he at once began to develop and improve, and his labors soon wrought a marked transformation in the appearance of the place. When Cresco was organized as a village he established a general store there and conducted the business for some time. As the years passed and his financial resources increased he kept adding to his farm land until he had a valuable place of six hundred acres, most carefully and successfully tilled. In addition he owned a store at Vernon Springs and he also devoted much time to the ministry, giving more and more of his time and energies to the work of the church as the years passed. He was also called upon to aid in public affairs and in 1886 was elected to the state senate, where he made so creditable a record that his fellow townsmen reelected him to the position. He continued a member of the upper house of the Iowa legislature through the second term and gave most thoughtful and earnest consideration to all the vital questions which came up for settlement. Through the period of his residence in Iowa he spent three years at New Hampton and during the following four and a half years resided at Nashua, Iowa. After leaving Nashua he took up his abode in Clinton, Iowa, where he continued for two years, and later