

spent thirteen years in McGregor. It was on the expiration of that period that he located in Cresco, where he and his wife spent their remaining days.

It was in 1860 that Mr. Marshall was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Greenway at Plymouth, England, and they became the parents of eight children, namely, Annie Jane, Edith Emma, Henry, Anthony, Chapman A., Florence R., Charles G. and Gertrude E. Both the father and mother have now passed away, the death of the Rev. Chapman A. Marshall having occurred in 1906, while his wife died in 1905. He was a republican in his political views and always stood loyally by the principles of the party, in which he firmly believed. As a minister of the Congregational church he did excellent work for the moral progress of the community, as a member of the state legislature he did effective service in placing important laws on the statute books and as a business man contributed to the material growth and development of Iowa. In a word, his worth was acknowledged along all the lines to which he directed his activities and his entire career was characterized by devotion to duty. He held to high ideals and was continually reaching out a helping hand to assist others on life's journey. A modern philosopher has said: "Not the good that comes to us, but the good that comes to the world through us is the measure of our success," and judged by this standard Mr. Marshall was a most successful man. To know him was to esteem and honor him and thus his death was the occasion of deep and widespread regret in the community in which he so long lived.

JAMES A. WOOD.

For years the most conspicuous figure in the business life of Ionia was James A. Wood, who controlled interests of a most important character, his labors at all times contributing to the progress and prosperity of the community in which he lived as well as to the advancement of his individual fortunes. He was born in Prescott, Canada, September 5, 1836, and in 1880 became a resident of Ionia, Iowa. At that time he was a man without capital, but he took advantage of opportunities which he found at his new location and won success as the years passed. He engaged in the creamery business and prosperity attended his efforts from the beginning. It was but a short time later that he founded Ionia's first bank and not only did he prove himself an efficient and successful banker but also served as postmaster of the city and in addition found time to conduct a livery stable. Whatever he undertook he carried forward to successful completion. In his vocabulary there was no such word as fail, and if one avenue of opportunity seemed closed, he sought out other paths whereby he might reach the desired goal.

Ionia honored him as a citizen by electing him its first mayor and he served as postmaster for four years during the last Cleveland administration. It may also be said of him that he was the advisor to the people of the town. They consulted him upon all vital matters, and if advice were needed, or assistance in financial matters, it was to Mr. Wood that they turned and received from him wise counsel. He was ever ready to lend a willing ear to the troubles of the people of his community and to render such assistance as was possible. It seemed to be one of the vocations of his life and one of his keenest pleasures to help others. It is said that many of the oldest settlers owe their advancement in life directly to his timely help and his efforts in their behalf. He was a man of action rather than of theory and his own activity inspired others to greater effort.

Through the advice of his physician Mr. Wood sold his bank in 1901, but he believed in the old adage that it was better to wear out than to rust out and he could not content himself to remain idle. He therefore turned his attention to the lumber business, which he conducted up to the time of his demise on the 28th of December, 1918, when he passed peacefully away without a pain to the other life which has no ending. He was one of the charter members and one of the principal figures in the organization of the Masonic lodge of Ionia, which later was consolidated with the lodge at Bassett,