

the adjoining eighty acres, so that his present holdings constitute an entire quarter section. His land is rich and productive and responds readily to the care and labor which he bestows upon it, so that each year Mr. Bartels harvests large crops. He is the only man who has ever lived upon this place, for the land was virgin prairie when he took possession thereof and much of it was covered with hazel brush. He cleared the place, erected all of the buildings thereon and has made it one of the attractive and well improved farms of Howard township. In the spring of 1919 he was offered and refused one hundred and eighty-seven dollars and a half per acre for this property. His labors have indeed made it valuable and productive and splendid results have rewarded his efforts as the years have passed.

In 1898 Mr. Bartels was united in marriage to Miss Louise Westendorf, of Alta Vista, Iowa, and to them have been born eight children, namely: Rose, the wife of Albert Brummond, a farmer of Afton township; and Esther, Ellen, Mabel, Helen, Victor, Herbert and Leonard.

The parents are members of the Lutheran church and for several years Mr. Bartels has served as one of the trustees of the church and is now one of its deacons. His political support is given to the republican party, for its platform contains, in his belief, the best elements of good government. He served for a number of years as a member of the school board and the cause of education has ever found in him a stalwart champion. He has always found time and opportunity to aid in measures of public progress and improvement, notwithstanding the fact that his business interests have constantly grown in volume and in importance. In addition to his careful and successful operation of his farm he is now a stockholder in the Howard County Cooperative Equity Association of Elma, is a stockholder in the Farmers Cooperative Creamery of Maple Leaf, a stockholder in the Alta Vista Savings Bank, and a stockholder in the Alta Vista Lumber Company. His interests are broad and varied, making him one of the foremost citizens and substantial business men of Howard county.

#### NICHOLAS SCHILLING, M. D.

Liberal educational training qualified Dr. Nicholas Schilling for the practice of medicine and he has kept in touch with the trend of modern professional thought and practice by post graduate study abroad and by wide reading and investigation at home. He was born in Sauk county, Wisconsin, April 4, 1868, a son of John and Elizabeth (Pickar) Schilling, both of whom were natives of Rhenish Prussia. The father, having served his time in the German army, emigrated to America when twenty-three years of age. The mother came to the new world with her parents when twelve years of age. In 1905 Dr. Schilling visited the old village of Bollendorfe, near Echternach, in Rhenish Prussia, just across the border from Luxemburg, and there met relatives of both his father and mother—people of simplicity, piety, industry, thrift and general intrinsic worth.

Dr. Schilling was only ten years of age at the time of his father's death, which left the mother with five little children and very little material support. The Doctor, being the oldest, learned many things in the cold and uncharitable school of reality that a more polished education would not have offered him. After attending the public schools of Honey Creek, Sauk county, Wisconsin, to the age of ten years he then accompanied his mother on her removal to North Washington, Iowa, where for two years he was a pupil in the parochial school. Between the ages of thirteen and twenty years he worked at farm labor during the summer and in the winter months attended school. For five years of that period he was practically a member of Mrs. Barbara Hof's family and acknowledges an everlasting obligation to this devoted, kind and ambitious woman, in whose household he received many good lessons and who later stimulated his ambition to gain an education. In 1888-89 he attended the Decorah Institute, conducted by Professor John Breckenridge, and later taught school in Deerfield, Iowa, and in Freeburg, Houston county, Minnesota. He next attended the Northern Indiana Normal