

During the World war he was an active worker in behalf of the Red Cross and also in support of the Liberty Loan drives. He early recognized the fact that industry wins in business and saw that honorable success is only to be attained by persistency of purpose and unfaltering diligence; that it slips away from the sluggard and tauntingly plays before the dreamer but yields its fruits to the man who works persistently and earnestly. This Mr. Marr has done and he is now numbered among the men of affluence in Afton township.

#### JAMES ADAMEE.

James Adamee, living on section 14, New Oregon township, Howard county, was born in Winneshiek county, Iowa, on the 28th of October, 1868. His parents were natives of Bohemia and on coming to the United States made their way across the country and took up their abode in Howard county. In early life the father turned his attention to the occupation of farming and continued to engage in that pursuit to the time of his death, which occurred in 1901.

His son James, who had been reared to farm life, then took over the work of the farm and has since been engaged in the further cultivation and improvement of the old home property, assisted by his son. All of the present excellent improvements upon the place were put there by James Adamee, who now has a thoroughly modern farm, supplied with all the equipment common in the twentieth century. His has been an active and useful life. He was educated in the public schools of Howard county and as the years have passed he has made good use of his time, his talents and his opportunities.

Mr. Adamee is the father of two children: Albert, twenty-two years of age; and Mary, eleven years of age, both upon the home farm. He and his family are members of the Holy Trinity church of Protivin. His entire life has been passed in this section of the state, and the spirit of enterprise which has actuated him in his business affairs has been the basic element of his growing success.

#### THOMAS H. KELLY.

Among Howard county's well known farmers is Thomas H. Kelly, who resides on section 5, Afton township. He was born upon this farm July 27, 1865, and has here spent his entire life. His parents were Thomas and Bridget Kelly, natives of Ireland, who on coming to Howard county cast in their lot with the pioneer settlers of Afton township. They contributed to the early development of the district and remained residents of the county until called to their final rest. The father passed away in Afton township in 1877, and the mother died upon the old homestead in 1892.

In his youthful days Thomas H. Kelly of this review attended the public schools near his father's home and when not occupied with the duties of the schoolroom largely gave his attention to work in the fields. When his textbooks were put aside he continued to assist in the further development and improvement of the old homestead. Having arrived at years of maturity, he was united in marriage to Miss Lizzie Martin, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Martin, who were natives of Ireland. On coming to the new world they made Iowa their destination and were identified with farming interests in Afton township from pioneer days. They shared in all of the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of the frontier and bore their part in the work of general improvement. Both passed away in Afton township. To Mr. and Mrs. Kelly have been born three children, Gladys, Bernard and Timothy, all yet at home.

The religious faith of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly is that of the Catholic church and they have membership in the St. Cecelia church in Afton township. Mr. Kelly is also connected with the Catholic Order of Foresters. He has filled several local offices, serving as township clerk for a number of years and also as township trustee of Afton town-