

with his books aided in the operation of the homestead, thus becoming a practical and able farmer before he had attained his majority. When he was twenty-six he purchased twenty acres from his father and later bought one hundred and twenty acres in Washington township. This he cleared and improved, buying more land from time to time until he had acquired extensive holdings. Portions of his land, however, he afterward sold, retaining two hundred and eighty-seven acres lying on sections 34 and 27, Washington township, upon which he carried on general agricultural pursuits for many years. Alert, energetic and enterprising, he won a gratifying measure of success in the conduct of his interests and is now able to spend the evening of his life in honorable retirement. He operated his farm until 1911 and then moved to Twin Springs, where he lived until April 16, 1913, when he purchased a comfortable home in Calmar, where he now resides.

On the 12th of May, 1874, Mr. Huber was united in marriage to Miss Helen Hess, a daughter of Charles and Margaret (Becker) Hess, natives of Germany, who came to America in early times settling first in the state of New York and then as pioneers in Wisconsin. In 1855 they came to Winneshiek county and here the father operated a farm until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Huber have become the parents of twelve children: Francis S., who passed away September 25, 1876; Charles T., who is engaged in farming in Springfield township; Philip Joseph, a bookkeeper in Lincoln, Nebraska; William H., who resides in Waterloo, Iowa; George A., who is cultivating his father's farm; Annie, a teacher in a Catholic school in Carroll county, Iowa; Hugo A., a resident of Calmar; Francis E., a banker in Fort Atkinson; Conrad F., who died on the 23d of August, 1889; Benjamin P., engaged in farming in Washington township; Anthony M., who is attending school; and Adlinda L., who lives at home.

Mr. Huber gives his political allegiance to the democratic party and has rendered his township excellent service as trustee, road supervisor and school director. He is a stockholder in the Festina Creamery Company and known as a man of excellent business ability. Long a resident of this part of Iowa, he has become widely and favorably known in the community and his life has been such as to win and hold the regard and esteem of his fellowmen.

#### **WILLIAM A. DASKAM.**

William A. Daskam owns twenty acres of land on section 28, Fremont township, adjoining the town of Kendallville, and upon this property is engaged in raising bees and chickens and is meeting with gratifying success. He is a representative of a well known pioneer family and a native son of this county, born in Fremont township, September 19, 1872. his parents being James S. and Henrietta M. (Eddy) Daskam, the former a native of New York and the latter of Vermont. The father came to Winneshiek county in the '50s and purchased and improved an eighty acre farm in Orleans township, operating this until the outbreak of the Civil war. He then enlisted in the Union army under Captain Weiser, of Decorah, serving until almost the close of hostilities. He participated in many important engagements and was twice wounded on the battlefield. After his