

Hans T. Sandagar was reared under the parental roof and educated in Calmar township, where he has always resided and is now operating the old home farm of five hundred acres in addition to conducting an automobile business in the town. In 1911 he and Theodore Skor, of whom more extended mention is made in another part of this work, engaged in the automobile business, erecting a modernly equipped garage in the main business section of Calmar. Their building is of brick, one story and forty by ninety feet. The firm is conducted under the name of Skor & Sandager and they handle exclusively Cadillac cars, also engaging in a general repair business. Mr. Sandager is also a stockholder of the Farmers Creamery Company of Calmar. A progressive man of the younger generation, he takes an active and helpful interest in all that affects the locality and is ever ready to promote worthy measures that will benefit the general public. A son of one of the pioneers of Calmar township, he worthily carries forward the family traditions, adding luster to the family name.

#### CHRISTIAN KEYSER PREUS.

Among the foremost educational institutions of the state of Iowa, perpetuating the clean spirit of the mighty and- righteous man whose name it bears, is the Luther College of Decorah, and Christian Keyser Preus as its president has done much to uphold the wide reputation which the institution enjoys. Moreover, President Preus is the vice president of the synod of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church and as such is a power for good in preserving the sturdy faith in which the ancestors of his people found salvation. He follows the footsteps of his-worthy father, who was one of the six founders of the synod and who for thirty-two years served as its president.

Christian Keyser Preus was born in the Spring Prairie parsonage, twenty miles north of Madison, Wisconsin, on October 13, 1852. His father, Herman Amberg Preus, in 1853, with five other ministers, took part in the founding of the synod of the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church, and becoming its president in 1862, served in that important office until 1894 or the time of his death, consecrating his life to the extension of church affairs and being a powerful factor for good among his countrymen. The father was born in Christiansand, Norway, on June 16, 1825, and at the age of twenty-three was graduated from the theological department of the University of Christiania. For several years he held a position as teacher at the Nissen School, Christiania, Norway, and also at the military school. When twenty-six years of age, in 1851, he received and accepted a call from Spring Prairie, Wisconsin, and other congregations in that state. In the same year he was married to Miss Caroline Dorothea Margarethe Keyser. From 1861 to 1868 he did valuable work in extending the influence of the synod by editing, in company with Rev. J. A. Ottesen, the official organ "Maanedstidende." In 1862 he was elected president of the synod for the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran church in America and as such served to his death, which occurred on July 2, 1894. He held, in addition to this, his first pastorate at Spring Prairie until his death.