

county and in 1871 was sent as a representative to the state legislature. He continued to reside in Fillmore county throughout the remainder of his life, passing away in 1903.

Charles H. Valder obtained his early education at Newburg, Minnesota, and subsequently entered the State Normal School at Winona, that state. Later he attended the Lakeside Business College of Chicago, Illinois. In 1875 he came to Decorah, Iowa, and for some time acted as an instructor in Slack's Business College, while afterward he taught in the public schools, Luther College and Decorah Institute, being engaged as a special teacher of penmanship and continuing so for a period of thirteen years. He organized the Valder Business College and Normal School, the former being founded in 1888 and the latter in 1889. In May, 1913, these institutions were incorporated as Valder College, Inc., the corporation comprising three schools, namely: Valder Business College; Valder Normal School; and Valder Shorthand School. More than nine thousand students have been enrolled in the institution and eleven hundred have been graduated. At present there are over three hundred students and ten teachers. Mr. Valder's work has been an important factor in educational progress here and the success which he now enjoys is indeed well merited, being entirely attributable to his enterprise, ability and sound judgment. One of the notable features of the school is that Valder College prepares its pupils in short terms by practical business training, so that within the least possible time a student is gaining earning power. The school is invariably successful in securing good positions for its pupils at the end of their course in training and among its graduates are many men who are filling high positions in all walks of life. Decorah and the state may well be proud of this institution and the work it has accomplished.

In politics Mr. Valder is a democrat but not active as a party worker or office seeker, although he keeps well informed on the questions and issues of the day and is never neglectful of the duties of citizenship. He lives at the Winneshiek Hotel in Decorah. He has won many friends in this county during the period of his residence here, which covers almost four decades.

ALBERT ROY CAMPBELL.

Among the progressive and enterprising young farmers of Bloomfield township is numbered Albert Roy Campbell, who was born on the farm which he is now operating in Bloomfield township on the 16th of April, 1883, a son of Hamilton and Abbie Eliza (Angier) Campbell, of whom extended mention is made on another page in this work. He is one of a family of three children; the others being: John Walter, of Postville, Iowa; and Lula Jane, who lives at home.

Albert Roy Campbell was reared under the parental roof and in his childhood aided his father with the work of the farm, becoming at an early age thoroughly familiar with the best agricultural methods and with all the details connected with farm operation. He has now assumed management of the homestead, which comprises one hundred and sixty acres, and upon it he carries