

He died in March, 1911, and his widow has since transferred her banking interests to Moorhead, where she now lives and where she owns a very comfortable home and a business building on Front street. She retains ownership of the extensive home farm in Goose Prairie township, renting the same to two tenants who operate it, her son, Paul Cornelius, acting as general overseer of the operations.

It was in February, 1883, at Moorhead, that Paul Van Vlissingen was united in marriage to Elizabeth Smith, who was born in March, 1857, in England, and who came to this country with kinsfolk in 1873. Mrs. Van Vlissingen's father was for years superintendent of police in his home city in England and lived to be eighty years of age, his death occurring about twenty-five years ago. His widow survived him for ten years and was eighty-three years of age at the time of her death. Both were born in England and spent all their lives there. Mrs. Van Vlissingen has two brothers and a sister still living in England, none of the other members of immediate family having come to this country. To Paul and Elizabeth (Smith) Van Vlissingen three children were born, namely: Paul Cornelius, the owner of a farm of one hundred and seventy acres in Oakport township and the overseer of his mother's large estate; George F., deceased, and Henry, deceased. Paul C. Van Vlissingen was united in marriage at Hitterdal in 1902 to Clara Anderson and has four children, Elizabeth, George, Ernest and Violet. He has a very pleasant home on his farm in Oakport township and he and his wife take an interested part in the general social activities of their home community.

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#### MARGARET E. G. RICHARDS.

Margaret E. G. Richards, of Moorhead, Minnesota, is a member of a well-known and respected family, who have been residents of Clay county since 1882. She was born in Calumet, Michigan, in 1879 and accompanied her parents to this part of the state of Minnesota at the age of three years. She is the daughter of Robert and Ellen (Giffin) Richards, the latter of whom was born in Belfast, Ireland, in 1844 and died in 1913.

Robert Richards was born in Cornwall, England, in 1844 and died in 1912. He came to America in 1864 and proceeded to Calumet, Michigan, in which place he worked in the copper mines. In 1882 he moved to Clay county, this state, and in Kragnes township embarked in general farming

and stock raising up to the time of his death. To Robert Richards and wife seven children were born, of whom Margaret is the fourth in order of birth. Further and extended reference is made in another part of this volume to Robert Richards and other members of his family and to these sketches the attention of the reader is invited.

Margaret E. G. Richards was educated in the schools of this county and remained at home for some years helping in the domestic routine of the family home. At the death of her father she inherited one hundred and sixty acres of land in section 9, Kragnes township, which land is rented from her by her brother, Tom. She inherited this land about four years ago. Three years ago she became the owner of a splendid corner lot and house in Moorhead and has given ample evidence of her capacity to conduct business with profit and advantage. She now and for some time past has been conducting a rooming house, to the management of which she has brought keen business judgment.

Miss Richards is an earnest member of the Congregational church and warmly interested in all its good works. She takes a proper part in the social and cultural activities of the neighborhood in which she resides, ever desirous to assist in matters calculated to elevate community conditions.

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### JULIUS T. LUNDER.

"Through struggle to triumph" seems to be the maxim which holds sway with the majority of the Scandinavians who come to Minnesota; that is, those who attain to a successful goal at all, find it after arduous effort. But this class of men enjoy their success after it does come much more than the man who has inherited a competency or gained it with but little or no effort.

One of the farmers of Highland Grove township, Clay county, who has won a definite degree of success after a strenuous effort is Julius T. Lunder. He was born in Norway, March 2, 1874. He is a son of Thorsten Nelson and Dorthea (Granavold) Lunder, both natives of Norway, where they grew to maturity, where they married and made their home until the spring of 1877, when they immigrated to America, coming directly to Minnesota, where the father took up a homestead of one hundred and sixty acres in Highland Grove township, Clay county, which is the place on which his son, Julius T. Lunder, now resides. He was one of the pioneers here