

and eighty acres, on which he erected substantial buildings, and gradually created there one of the best farm plants in that section. He also paid considerable attention to the raising of live stock and did very well. On that farm Mr. Kost made his home until his retirement in 1912 and removal to the village of Downer, where he built a fine house and where he and his wife are now making their home, comfortably situated and enjoying in quiet retirement the rewards of their labors during the pioneer period of the development of this region.

In 1873, shortly after his arrival in Clay county, Mr. Kost was united in marriage to Nina Heflicker, also a native of the republic of Switzerland, who had arrived here in that same year, and to this union four children have been born, Katie (deceased), Anton, Adolph and John. Mrs. Kost's parents, John and Katherina Heflicker, who also were born in Switzerland, spent all their lives in their native land. Mr. and Mrs. Kost are Catholics and aided in the organization of the first Catholic church in the community in which they settled in Norman county—St. Mary's church, which now is a strong and flourishing parish. As pioneers of this region they are thoroughly familiar with the details of the development of the country hereabout and both have many interesting tales to tell of the early days.

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#### FRANK AUGUSTINE WELD, M. A., LL. D.

Dr. Frank Augustine Weld, president of the Minnesota State Normal school at Moorhead, is a native son of the old Pine Tree State, but he has been a resident of Minnesota for the past thirty-five years or more. He is thus as much a Minnesotan in spirit, and in the ardor of his service to this state as one "native and to the manner born." Doctor Weld was born in the city of Skowhegan, Maine, December 10, 1858, son of George and Lucy Ann (Robbins) Weld. His father was a cabinet-maker and farmer, who came to this state in 1899 and spent his last days in Moorhead.

Upon completing the course in the Skowhegan high school and Bloomfield Academy in 1877, Frank A. Weld entered Colby College at Waterville, Maine, where he received his collegiate training, having made his way through college by teaching country schools, the grammar school at Machias, Maine, and by serving as principal of the high school at Cherryfield, in that same state. In 1882 he came to Minnesota, where for a short time he was engaged in newspaper work in Minneapolis and St. Paul, but not long

afterward accepted a call to take the superintendency of the schools at Farmington. From Farmington he went to Zumbrota, in Goodhue county, a position which he occupied for five years. While living at Zumbrota, he married, and in 1889 accepted a call to the superintendency of the schools at Fergus Falls, in which city he was thus engaged for more than five years, at the end of which time he accepted the position of Northwestern representative for the publishing house of D. C. Heath & Company, with offices at Minneapolis. A year later, however, he resumed school work, going to Stillwater as superintendent of the schools of that city, and there he remained until 1899, in which year he received the appointment as head of the State Normal school at Moorhead, which office he has since held, making his home at Moorhead. Doctor Weld has devoted practically his entire life since reaching maturity to the cause of education, and there are few better known educators in the Northwest than he. In 1899 he received his master degree, and in 1914 Fargo College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. He has written and delivered many lectures on travel, art and literature, and his services are in wide demand on the lecture platform. Doctor Weld has served as president of the Minnesota Educational Association; he has been president of the Council of State Normal School Presidents, an organization covering all the states west of the Mississippi; he is now a member of the state commission of education, and he has held other important positions of trust. The Moorhead Normal school was the fourth school of its kind provided for by the state Legislature, the act passing in 1885. The site of the school is a gift of the Hon S. G. Comstock. The buildings are modern and include a main building; two dormitories for young women; an addition to the main building, which contains a beautiful library, gymnasium and bath rooms; a model school building for the elementary school; and an auditorium, costing \$100,000, providing space for the science departments and a beautiful auditorium. The school was opened on August 29, 1888, with a membership of forty-two, and since that time the growth of the school has been steady and continuous. The present annual enrollment in all departments is one thousand four hundred and fifty.

As noted above, it was while living in Zumbrota that Doctor Weld was united in marriage to Hattie E. Elwell. To that union three children have been born, Moselle Edna, wife of Dr. O. J. Hogan, a well-known physician and surgeon of Moorhead; Lucy Ann, wife of Curtis Pomeroy, an attorney at Barnesville, and Frank E., now a senior in the Moorhead Normal school. Doctor and Mrs. Weld are members of the Congregational

church at Moorhead. Fraternally, Doctor Weld is affiliated with the Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and with the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. He, also, is a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity.

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### DAVID A. LAMB.

David A. Lamb, chairman of the board of supervisors of Elkton township, Clay county, and the proprietor of a fine farm in section 28 of that township, is a native of Scotland, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was five years of age, the Lamb family having come here in 1872, first settling in Becker county and later moving over into Clay county, becoming prominent and influential factors in the development of the pioneer interests of Elkton and Elmwood townships. In a memorial sketch relating to the late John Lamb, uncle of the subject of this sketch, and a biographical sketch relating to Charles Lamb, Sr., father of subject, presented elsewhere in this volume, there are set out in considerable detail particulars of the coming of the Lamb family from Scotland, their settlement in the Red river country and the part they took in the development of this region, and the attention of the reader is respectively directed to those narratives for further details of a genealogical and historical character in this connection.

David A. Lamb, eldest son of his father, Charles Lamb, Sr., was born in Forfarshire, Scotland, June 9, 1867, and was but five years of age when he came with his parents and grandparents to Minnesota, the family settling in Becker county and later moving over into Clay county, where he ever since has made his home. He received his schooling in the early schools of this latter county and grew up a practical farmer, thoroughly familiar with pioneer conditions hereabout. When he reached his majority, in 1888, he homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres in section 28 of Elkton township and entered upon the task of improving and developing the same, and after his marriage in 1893 established his home there and has ever since resided there, one of the best-known and most substantial farmers and stockmen of that neighborhood. As he prospered in his operations Mr. Lamb added to his land holdings and is now the owner of three hundred and forty acres of excellent land, three hundred and twenty acres of which is in the home place, one of the best-developed half-sections thereabout. Mr. Lamb has substantial buildings on his place and has a fine farm plant. In