faithful and generous supporter and has been actively interested in the extension of its activities, having been prominently associated with the erection of two churches, one in Wisconsin and in the First Lutheran church in Grand Forks. Mr. Thoreson was married at Grantsburg, Burnett county, Wisconsin, December 31, 1876, to Albertina Hilman, who like her husband is a native of Norway, born at Frederikshald, November 25, 1855. She came to the United States with her parents when ten years of age and after residing for several years in Lafayette and Green counties, the family settled in Burnett county, which remained the home of Mrs. Thoreson until shortly after her marriage. Seven children were born to Mr. Thoreson and his wife, of whom five are now living. The death of a daughter, Alma Thoreson, occurred November 11, 1911, in her thirtieth year and that of another daughter in her infancy. The surviving members of the family are, Ida H., Theresa E., Olaf A., Hannah M. and Elmer T.

CHARLES STREET.

This enterprising and successful farmer of Reis township, this county, is a younger brother of William Street, a sketch of whom will be found in this volume, and is living on the old homestead taken up by his brother William in Section 22, which was the first home of the latter in Polk county. Charles was born near the town of Ringwood, in Hampshire, England, December 18, 1858, and was reared, like his brother William, on his father's farm, obtaining his education at the country school in the vicinity of his home. In August, 1884, he emigrated to the United States, and during the next eight years he lived in different places in this country and was employed at various occupations, doing with interest and energy whatever he found to do.

In 1893 he became a resident of Polk county, and for six years thereafter he was in the employ of his brother William. He then bought his brother's old homestead of 160 acres in Section 22, Reis township, and on this he has expended his time and energies in a general farming enterprise ever since. He is a progressive and studious man, and has brought to bear on his farming operations whatever he has been able to learn by study and observation that has seemed likely to improve his methods and accelerate his progress. His farm is an example of the good results of forethought and intelligence as applied to modern agriculture, and he is, besides, an excellent citizen with a broad-minded and public-spirited interest in all the public affairs of his township and county. He has found good opportunities for his industry and enterprise in this country, and has profited by them. The country has also been the gainer by his having selected it as the seat of his operations, and he is highly respected as a thrifty and upright man by all who know him.

WILBUR G. LYTLE.

Having given up active pursuits of a laborious kind and taken up his residence in Crookston, where he is living retired, Wilbur G. Lytle, formerly one of the enterprising and progressive farmers of Polk county, is enjoying in the quiet way agreeable to him the fruits of his long and arduous labors during the years of his greater activity. He was born at Lisbon, St. Lawrence county, New York, August 10, 1845, the son of John A. and Lucinda (Scripture) Lawrence; the former a native of the state of New York and the latter of Vermont. They were farmers and both died in St. Lawrence county, New York, where they passed the greater part of their lives.

Wilbur G. Lytle remained at home assisting his father on the farm until he reached the age of eighteen. He then came West and located at Bronson,