brought his sister Maren with him to be his housekeeper. She afterward married Martin Johnson, and is still living near Alvarado. The live stock did well and the Sands boys found a ready market for all they had to sell among new settlers, and they kept bringing up new supplies from Kandiyohi county. But in the course of a few years the settlers were all supplied and the market grew slack, especially as the range for the cattle was settled up.

In this contingency Martin Sands moved to Crookston and had a meat market, where he remained three years, and also handled live stock on his own account. He then traded young stock for mares and bronchos in Montana, and hired a man to care for them. In 1889 he returned to his farm. He then had some thirty acres of his homestead under cultivation, and also had a tree claim some distance away, which he plowed up. He had helped several persons to come over from Norway, among them his three uncles, Amun Berg, Ole Holt and Ole Gulbrandson, bringing their families with them. The Sands brothers paid their passage over and helped them after they came. Each of the uncles took a homestead. They have all died here, but their children are still living in the locality.

Mr. Sands has bought and sold a great deal of land, but he now owns only one half-section. For many years he has devoted his attention to raising grain as his principal dependence, but in 1901, on account of floods had only partial crops and lost several of his horses from swamp fever. For eleven days that year he was forced to go about on his place in boats, and the crops on 600 acres of his land were wholly spoiled. Because of this disaster he moved to Warren and opened a meat market.

Merchandising was not to his taste, and Mr. Sands and his brothers organized a ditch district and succeeded in having a ditch dug direct to the Red river at a cost of $80,000, which was not finished, however, for four or five years. When the Soo railroad was building and Alvarado was started he moved to that town and built a hotel to aid in starting the town, but afterward sold the structure without making any money on the deal. When the new ditch was completed he decided to return to his farm, and he has had excellent crops ever since, the ditch being the making of this region as a farming country.

When the township was organized it extended 1 1/2 miles farther north than it does now, the extra strip of 1 1/2 miles being now in Marshall county. Mr. Sands has filled every office in the township from time to time, has served many times on juries in Crookston, has helped to build roads, and in every other way has aided in promoting the progress and development of the township. He and his brothers procured the building of the first road from the Red river back into the prairie, and this has been a great help to the region.

Mr. Sands was married in 1884 to Miss Annetta Larson, a daughter of Andrew Larson in Higden and the sister of Louis Larson, now of Sandsville township. They have ten children, Clara, Hilma, Effie, Alfred, Ella, Agnes, Stella, Frederick, Marvin and Margaret. Clara is the wife of Anton Frugard of Devon Mount. Hilma is the widow of Robert Fering, of Alvarado. Effie is the wife of Adolph Batalden, of Cottonwood county. Agnes is a teacher in Marshall county. Frederick is a student in the high school at Warren. The others are all at home. The members of the family all belong to the Novst Lutheran church, which Mr. Sands joined with thirty others in starting. The church edifice they built was moved to Alvarado when that town was begun. In the early days Mr. Sands shot many deer in his neighborhood, also one big bear and a wolf.

AMUND CHRISTIANSON.

Amund Christianson, who is one of the progressive and successful farmers of Polk county, and whose choice farm is located in section 18, Sullivan township, five miles northeast of East Grand Forks and half