improving activities, especially its Sunday school work. He was married at Garden City, Minnesota, in 1897, to Miss Berda M. McBride, a native of that place and a teacher of music. They have six children, Ruth, Beatrice, Keith, Glenn, Wilbur and Marion. Mr. Sanberg is a Freemason of the Past Master’s rank, having served as Worshipful Master of the Lodge at Bird Island, Minnesota. He usually passes his vacations in outing camps, and is highly favorable to athletic games when they are properly supervised.

WILLIAM T. NICHOLSON.

Coming in daily contact with the residents of Crookston as assistant postmaster of the city during the last fourteen years, and winning their high and lasting regard by his ability and devotion to duty, William T. Nicholson has shown traits of admirable manhood and citizenship which fully justify the good opinion the people have of him. He was born in County Simcoe, province of Ontario, Canada, January 2, 1862, and was reared in County Grey of that province. On January 22, 1888, he emigrated to this country and located in Crookston, where he had friends living. Mr. Nicholson’s first employment here was as a school teacher, and this lasted three years. He first taught the school in District No. 105, near Gentilly, and then had a berth in the Central building in Crookston. During the next six years he was a fireman and during the succeeding four an engineer on the Great Northern railroad, running between Crookston and Grand Forks. In 1902 he was appointed assistant postmaster by Postmaster Andrew Eiken, with whom he served two years. He next served under Postmaster Elias Steenerson nine years, and since then has been assistant to Postmaster C. L. Skoug.

He is a member of the state and national Assistant Postmasters’ associations, and is wholly occupied with the duties of his office. He belongs to the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee, and was superintendent of its Sunday school four years, succeeding in that position a man who had held it twenty-five years, and he has himself been in the school as teacher and superintendent twenty-six years. In all church and social work he takes an active and serviceable part.

On November 1, 1893, Mr. Nicholson was married to Miss Rachel Nicholson, who is a daughter of John Nicholson, a pioneer in Crookston, who settled here in 1879. The daughter was born in Ontario, Canada, but was reared in Crookston. She is president of the Ladies’ Aid society of the Methodist Episcopal church. She and Mr. Nicholson are the parents of four children: Marietta, who is a graduate of the high school and State Normal school in Moorhead and is now a teacher at Lake Park, Minnesota; Harry, who is a student at Hamline University, in St. Paul; Sadie, who is a graduate of the Crookston high school of the class of 1916, and Walter.

N. A. THORSON.

N. A. Thorson, the present county superintendent of schools, was born in Nicollet county of this state December 22, 1881. He claims the county poor farm as his birth-place, where his father was then superintendent. Many of the older inmates of the poor farm were persons of considerable leisure and they contributed a great deal to the early rearing of the subject of this sketch. With them he went fishing, boating and berry-picking, and played with the home-made toys which they so generously supplied.

With his parents and the family of five children he moved to Winthrop Minnesota, in 1887, where later he spent many years of his life working on his father’s farm. In 1898 he entered a secondary school at St.