parents. The children are Norman, Josie, Millie, Mabel, Ida, Nellie, and William. All the members of the family attend the church to which the head of the house belongs, and they all take a warm interest in it and its work for the betterment of the community.

HON. JOHN CLEMENTSON.

This very active, highly useful and thoroughly representative citizen of Polk county, whose fine home farm of 160 acres is in section 17, Knute township, three miles south of Erskine, was born at Pine Island, Goodhue county, Minnesota, December 6, 1866, and is the son of Knute and Gunhild Clementson, who were born in Norway and married in Iowa. In 1857 they moved to Goodhue county, this state, where the father took up a pre-emption claim, they being among the first residents at Pine Island. In their old age they changed their residence to Zumbrota, and there the mother died in the winter of 1913 at the age of eighty-nine. There also the father is still living very far advanced in years. Three of their children, Nels and Marie, who live near Fertile, and John are in Polk county. Marie is the wife of P. J. Bollie.

John Clementson remained with his parents until he reached the age of twenty-five. He completed his education at St. Olof College, Northfield, which he attended two years. In 1893 he came to this county and bought 600 acres of railroad land at $8 an acre, having about $1,500 to start with. He engaged in mixed farming and raising live stock, put 500 acres of his land under cultivation, made permanent improvements, and then, in 1903, sold his land at $21.50 an acre. He helped to organize Scandia township and was its first clerk and justice of the peace, holding these offices until he left the township, moving to his present home.

When he came to Knute township in 1903 Mr. Clem-

entson bought three separate tracts of 160 acres each, one in section 17, the home place, another in section 18 and the third in section 20, but he has farmed them all as one farm, and now has 275 acres under cultivation in the three. There was only one set of little log buildings on the three tracts and only 115 acres were partially cultivated when he bought the land. Mr. Clementson paid for the land at an average of $18 an acre, and he has since sold none of it except two acres for a school lot. He has put up a good house and barn and other necessary buildings, and has kept regularly about fifty head of cattle, with fifteen milch cows to furnish material for the Co-operative creamery, in which he is a stockholder.

Mr. Clementson has served as chairman of the township board one term and for a number of years on the school board. In the fall of 1912 he was elected a member of the State House of Representatives.

On March 2, 1893, Mr. Clementson was married in Goodhue county to Miss Clara Mithangen, of that county. They have had nine children. Gustav died at the age of twelve. Conrad, aged nineteen, was graduated from the Agricultural College at Crookston in 1915. Joseph, aged seventeen, is a student at Concordia College, Moorhead. Cora, aged fifteen, is in the high school at Erskine. Oscar (twelve), Philip (ten), George (seven), Ruth (five), and Clarence (one), are at home. The parents belong to the United Lutheran church at Erskine, of which the father is secretary and one of the deacons.

CHARLES M. LOHN.

It is a high tribute to the ability, correct deport-

ment and skill and conscientiousness of any man to say that he has occupied a trying and important public position in the service of the public for nearly eighteen years continuously without having any complaint made against him or his work or a word of