and locating at Grand Forks, North Dakota, and moving from there to Crookston in 1872.

Soon after his arrival in Crookston Mr. Walsh was elected auditor of Polk county, being the first incumbent of the office. In 1878 he organized the old Crookston Telephone company, and throughout his connection with it he served as its manager. He was a member of the first city council of Crookston, and for fifteen years he rendered valuable service as a member of the school board. In 1885 he was elected mayor of Crookston, and at the end of his term he was re-elected. But in the meantime, in 1886, he was also chosen clerk of the district court. He has long taken an earnest interest and an active part in the affairs of the Masonic Order, which he joined in 1880, and in which he was made a Knight Templar in Palestine Commandery No. 14, at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in 1886.

MRS. MARY BUCKLEY NELSON.

The career of this good woman in Polk county, which has covered a period of nearly forty years, has been one of great usefulness and her life has been one of continuous devotion to the comfort and general welfare of others. She was born in Ireland August 16, 1849, the daughter of Matthew and Anna (Murphy) Buckley, who came to the United States in the year of her birth and located in Adams county, Wisconsin, where they lived until she was six years old. At that time her father entered the United States army and was commissioned captain of Company D, Fourth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, during the Civil war. He died in the fall of 1865.

The daughter was married in Wisconsin May 14, 1878, to Christopher Nelson, a native of Norway. Soon after their marriage the young couple took up their residence in Polk county, making their first home in it in Crookston, where Mrs. Nelson, for five months taught the first school ever kept in the place. The next year she and her husband moved to Fanny township and took up a half-section of land on which they lived and which they improved and cultivated for sixteen years. At the end of that period they lived for a year on a farm in Euclid township, and then moved to the village of Euclid, where they followed keeping a hotel, and where Mr. Nelson died March 17, 1912, at the age of seventy-four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were the parents of five children: Anna, who is the wife of Mr. Joseph Hennemeth; William, who died when ten years old; Florence, who is the wife of J. Dunnoody; and Amber E. and Walter, who are still living with their mother. She owns 200 acres of land in Polk county and takes an earnest interest in everything that affects the welfare of the county.

NELS M. MALMBERG.

Owning 280 acres of superior land in Fisher township and eighty in Roome township, this county, and having the greater part of it under cultivation with good results, Nels M. Malmberg is one of the substantial citizens of Polk county and one of its progressive and successful farmers. His home farm is in Section 26, Fisher township, four miles southeast of Fisher and eight miles west of Crookston. He was born in Sweden April 7, 1838, and came to the United States in 1869. In the fall of that year he joined his brother Andrew in St. Paul, the latter having come over about two years and a half before. Nels had always worked on a farm in his native land, and his whole capital when he arrived in this country was $30 to $40.

During his first winter in the United States Mr. Malmberg worked in the pineries. He was next employed in laying track for the St. Paul & Duluth