t township, Mr. Thygeson took an active part in all its activities at the beginning of its history. He helped to organize the township and has served it well and wisely as a member of its board of supervisors. The interest in its welfare awakened in him on his arrival here has continued to the present time, and he is still zealously devoted to its good and that of its residents. In political allegiance he is a Woodrow Wilson Democrat, and in religious feeling he is liberal, favoring no one church sect above another. He is a man of sturdy habits and never neglects his business, but he occasionally takes a hunting trip, which he enjoys intensely, and which constitutes almost his only recreation.

Mr. Thygeson was married while living in St. Paul to Miss Thrine Cresterson, who is, like himself, a native of Denmark. They have had ten children. One died in infancy, and a son named William passed away at the age of twenty-five. He had been farther West and died in Montana on his way home. The eight who are living are: Christian, who is a mechanic in an auto shop in Crookston; Thomas, who is boss carpenter in a railroad repair shop; George, who is single and living at home; Alfred, who is living on a homestead of his own near Middle River; Henry, who married Miss Eva Capistran and whose three children died in infancy; Lena, who is the wife of Gust Lavine, of Polk Station, this county; Anna, who is the wife of Otto Schroeder, and lives with him in Seattle, and Laura, who is Mrs. Robert Nicholson, whose home is in Winnipeg, Canada.

OLE J. VOLLAND.

Having come to this country at the age of twenty-one without capital of any kind but a determined will and a good trade, and having suffered a serious setback through ill health, yet, in spite of all adverse circumstances, having made his way by industry and perseverance to independence and worldly comfort, Ole J. Volland, a prosperous farmer of Andover township in this county, is entitled to high commendation for his successful career, which is creditable to himself, his native land and the land of his adoption.

Mr. Volland was born in the historic city of Trondhjem, Norway, October 20, 1861, and came to the United States in 1882, joining at Crookston his brother Lewis, who had come over two years before. Lewis left Crookston eight years ago, changing his residence to North Yakima, in the state of Washington. Ole J. had only $22 when he reached Crookston, and went to work at once at his trade as a tailor. He was soon afterward taken ill, however, and forced to seek outdoor employment. He then went to work at farm labor for Peter Berg in Roome township at $25 a month. As soon as his health improved he became a full hand and received better wages. In the fall of 1883 he went to work for Andrew Anderson of Andover township, whose only daughter he afterward married, as told in a sketch of her brothers Andrew and Arnold W. in this work.

In the fall of 1889 Mr. Volland went to the state of Washington and during the next three years remained in that state. He worked at day labor on a steam shovel until August, 1890, when he changed his base of operations to South Tacoma and was employed in helping to build the shops for the Northern Pacific railroad at that point. In 1891 he came back to Crookston to collect some money he had loaned out here, and with the intention of returning to Washington. But, instead of going back to the coast he took employment of Ole Knudson for the summer, and in the winter he cut cord wood in the timber.

In the fall of 1892 he bought his farm of 160 acres, which is the southwest quarter of Section 14 in Andover township. He had saved $1,800 of his earnings, and agreed to pay $3,000 for the farm. It had been the homestead of Gust Olson and the only dwelling on it was a little old log cabin, but Mr. Volland lived