



JAMES P. FOX, M. D.

ously Miss Emma Heath. Her parents are the Rev. Willard and Eleanor (Spear) Heath, now residents of Northport. The Doctor and his estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city and take an active part in all good works.

In his political connections Dr. Kinne is affiliated with the Democratic party. In his social relations he is a Knight of Pythias and has the honor of being Chancellor Commander of his lodge. He is also a Knight of the Maccabees and belongs to the Independent Order of Foresters.



DR. JAMES P. FOX came to Gaylord in March, 1882, and from that time until 1889 devoted his entire attention to the practice of his profession. He then established a drug business, and at the same time opened a grocery store, which he has since conducted in addition to continuing his professional duties. He commands a large and constantly increasing field of practice in the city and surrounding country, and skillfully handles the cases entrusted to his care. A close student of his profession, his skill and ability have won for him a high reputation, not only among his patrons, but also among the members of the fraternity in this section of the state.

The family of which our subject is a member consisted of ten children, of whom the following attained to years of maturity: Harriet, who married William Moffatt and makes her home in North Dakota; Avesta, wife of Archibald Lyle and a resident of Van Buren County, Mich.; George, who enlisted during the Civil War as a member of Company G, Thirteenth Michigan Infantry, and died while in the service; Leander, who also joined Company G and served as a valiant soldier, participating in all the engagements and marches of the Thirteenth Regiment until his death; James P., who is the next in order of birth; Charles, a

resident of Gaylord; Ida and Ada (twins), the former the wife of James Stanley and a resident of Wexford County, Mich., and the latter the wife of H. J. Qua, of Gaylord.

The paternal ancestors of our subject were of English extraction, and his grandfather was a native of that country. His parents, James L. and Martha (Nixon) Fox, were born in New York State, but removed thence to Michigan in early life, and were married in Tecumseh, this state. After their marriage they resided for a short time in Kent County, but later went to Paw Paw, Van Buren County, where they continued to make their home upon a farm until their death. The father passed away at the age of sixty-eight, and the mother died in 1884, at the same age. They were a worthy, intelligent, kind-hearted couple, who worked energetically in order to provide their children with the comforts of life and with such educational facilities as would further enhance their success.

During the residence of the family in Hastings, Kent County, the subject of this sketch was born August 1, 1848. He was taken to Van Buren County by his parents in early childhood, and his boyhood days were passed in the usual routine of farm work, varied by attendance at the schools of Paw Paw. As soon as the time came for him to select a life occupation, he chose the medical profession, toward which his tastes inclined. After gaining a rudimentary knowledge of the science under the preceptorship of Dr. Mason, of Pine Grove, and Dr. Bulson, of Bloomingdale, he entered the Chicago Medical College, where he conducted his studies until his graduation with the Class of '74.

On the conclusion of his studies, the Doctor opened an office at Bangor, Van Buren County, where he commenced the practice of his profession. After a short time in that place he went to Paw Paw, and from there removed to Gaylord, where he has since engaged in general practice. Although mainly occupied with the demands of his practice and a general supervision of his business interests, he is intelligently interested in local and national affairs, and is politically a pronounced Democrat. For eight years he has filled the posi-

tion of United States Pension Examiner, in which responsible office he has rendered satisfactory service.

In the fall of 1874 Dr. Fox was united in marriage with Miss Helen C. Qua, who was born in New York State and is a daughter of Samuel Qua, now of Gaylord, Mich. Four children were born unto them: George Morrell, Harry E., Helena Mabel and Hazel Irene. A heavy bereavement darkened the household in 1892, when two of the children, George M. and Hazel I., fell victims to that dread disease, diphtheria. They died within a few days of each other, George M. being eleven years old, and Hazel I. two years and ten months. Mrs. Fox is a devoted member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the children attend the Sunday-school. Socially the Doctor is connected with the Knights of Pythias, and is an active worker in that organization.

The success which has come to Dr. Fox indicates the possession on his part of more than ordinary business ability and professional skill. In boyhood he was obliged to earn the money necessary to secure his education, and all that he now has is the result of his industrious efforts. In addition to his residence and his business interests in Gaylord, he is the owner of two farms, comprising four hundred acres, near this place, and is financially well-to-do.



REV. GEORGE CROOK is pastor of the Baptist Church of Bear Lake, Manistee County, which he has served for a little over a decade. When he began preaching for this congregation it was in a very disorganized condition, having only thirteen regular members, and there had been no pastor in charge for several years. The prosperity of the church dates from his appointment as pastor, and a suitable church edifice was soon erected. About six years ago he accepted an appointment at Tannerville, a village eight miles from Bear Lake. This was entirely pioneer

work, as there was no organization at that point, but owing to his efforts a house of worship has been constructed and a congregation formed with an increasing membership. Of late he has occupied the pulpit at Browntown, and his missionary work is growing in importance.

A native of Inskip, near Preston, England, born January 1, 1835, Rev. Mr. Crook is a son of James and Nanny Crook. He studied for some time in his native land with a view to entering the ministry, and began preaching at the early age of nineteen years. Though not regularly located as a pastor until many years later, yet he has continued to occupy the pulpit as occasions have presented since that time. In the days of Cromwell a plan was inaugurated for the evangelization of the Indians of North America, and by an act of the "Long Parliament" a large fund was raised by public collections in the parishes of England, Scotland and Wales, which fund was augmented from time to time by large bequests from benevolent persons. Through the agency of the "New England Company for the Evangelization of the Indians," large sums were raised and disbursed, and under the provisions of their laws Mr. Crook was appointed teacher on an island in Chemung Lake, County of Peterboro, Ontario. He was employed as a teacher and assistant pastor for eight years, and also gave the natives profitable instructions in agriculture, etc. The Government supplied provisions for the Indian children who attended the school, and also gave one suit of clothes to each person annually.

About 1882 Mr. Crook removed with his family to Livingston County, Mo., where he bought a farm, and while cultivating it he taught school and did pioneer work as a minister. About 1882 he removed to Manistee, Mich., but at the end of a few months came to Bear Lake. The Baptist cause has prospered under the stimulus of his efforts, and the local congregation now numbers about sixty members. The church edifice, a veneered building, has a seating capacity of about two hundred and seventy-five. The cost of the building was about \$3,000, and Mr. Crook, besides doing much manual labor in its erection, collected most of the funds and donated \$235 as profits on a book sold by him for that purpose. When the church was constructed