

REV. NATHANIEL H. LOOSE.

Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose, of Shelby, was born in Perry county, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1834, his parents being Peter and Anna Mary (Rauch) Loose, also natives of the Keystone state. In 1845 they removed to Monroe, Michigan, where the father followed the occupation of farming.

The subject of this review was reared amid the refining influences of a good Christian home and was well fitted for life's duties by excellent educational privileges. He was educated in Heidelberg College, at Tiffin, Ohio, at which he was graduated in 1858, and in 1859 was graduated at the theological seminary. He was ordained to the ministry in August of that year.

His first pastoral charge was at Sugar Grove, Ohio, where he remained from 1859 until 1863. In the latter year he accepted a call from the church in Shelby, Ohio, where he continued until 1877, and in that year he took up his work of attending to the spiritual needs of the church of his denomination in Bellevue, Ohio, his pastorate at that place covering an entire decade. From 1887 until 1890 he was located in Plymouth, Indiana, and from 1890 until 1894, in Baltimore, Ohio, after which he returned to Shelby and has since been the esteemed and honored pastor of the Reformed church at this place. During the period of his former residence here he had been a valued member of the school board, having served as its president for six years, during which time the high school building was erected, standing as a monument to the progressive spirit of the members of the board and to the intelligence of the citizens of the town.

In 1858 the Rev. Nathaniel H. Loose was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Miss Alma T. Kroh, of Tiffin, Ohio, a daughter of Jacob and Sarah (Tice) Kroh. Their marriage was blessed with four sons, one of whom died in infancy. Ursinus K. was born at Sugar Grove, in 1859, and at the age of sixteen years entered the First National Bank, in Shelby, and was well known in business circles. After severing his connection with the bank in Shelby he went to Tiffin, where for three years he occupied the responsible position of teller in the First National Bank of that city. Then he spent five years as receiving teller in the First National Bank of Toledo. He afterward spent five years in Hartington, Nebraska, as cashier, and now occupies the cashiership in the bank at Snohomish, Washington. He is also connected with the Pacific coast lumber trade. Alvin B., born in 1863, is now in Columbus, Ohio, where he is associated in business with his brother, Clarence E., who was born in 1867. They are partners in the jewelry and optical business. The former is a graduate of the Chicago College of Ophthalmology. Two of the sons are married, but the youngest is still single.

Rev. Mr. Loose is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and also of the Royal Arcanum. He is a member of the Board of Regents of Heidelberg University, of Tiffin, Ohio, and by that institution the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him in 1893. He has perhaps

married more couples and preached more funeral sermons in a given time than any other minister of the gospel in Shelby, for he is very popular not only among the people of his own denomination, but also among the representatives of other churches. His has been a noble and upright life, unselfishly devoted to his fellow men in the endeavor to bring to humanity the needs of the human soul and the ennobling power of the gospel. He is a logical, entertaining and convincing speaker, having an excellent command of the art of rhetoric and under all an earnestness of purpose which colors his every utterance and leaves no one in doubt of his sincerity. Such a life is a benediction to all who come in contact with it.