

CALVIN ROBINSON.

Of the great department of agriculture which forms so important an element in our national prosperity, Mr. Robinson is a representative, being successfully engaged in farming and stock-raising in Jefferson township. He was born in this township January 25, 1837, and, like so many residents of this section of the state, comes of a family that was founded in Ohio by emigrants from Pennsylvania. His grandfather, John Robinson, was born in Ireland and when five years of age became a resident of America. He was reared in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and became a farmer, following that business throughout an active business career. He took up his abode in Richland county, Ohio, in 1814, and from the government entered one hundred and sixty acres of timber land in Jefferson township. This tract he cleared and transformed into richly cultivated fields. He served in the war of 1812 and in return was given a land warrant. Of the United Presbyterian church he was an active member and died in that faith about 1864, at the age of eighty-three years.

William Robinson, the father of our subject, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, in 1807, and when five years of age was brought to this county, where he was reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier, experiencing all the hardships and trials of pioneer life. When a young man he entered a farm in Marion county, Ohio, but remained there only for a short time, and in 1840 purchased from a Mr. Durbin the farm upon which his son Calvin now resides. This he cleared and improved, making it his home until his death, which occurred when he had attained the age of seventy-five and a half years. His early political support was given the Democracy, but later he joined the ranks of the Republican party and was ever afterward one of its staunch advocates. He held various offices, discharging his duties in a prompt and faithful manner. Of the United Presbyterian church he, too, was a member. In December, 1835, he married Miss Maria Lafferty, who was born in Harrison county, Ohio, in 1817, and came to Richland county with her parents. Her father, John Lafferty, was one of the representative agriculturists of his community and died here, when about sixty-five years of age. Mr. Robinson's grandfather, Thomas Leadom, was one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war. Mrs. Robin-

son survived her husband about ten years and was called to her final rest at the age of seventy-five. She was a consistent Christian woman, her church relations being with the United Presbyterian.

Calvin Robinson, her only child, remained at home with his parents through the period of childhood and youth, and the public schools afforded him his educational privileges. During the Civil war he responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting on the 2d of May, 1864, as a member of Company D, One Hundred and Sixty-third Ohio Infantry, serving near Washington, D. C., for a time and afterward in the vicinity of Petersburg and at Fort Pocahontas on the James river. He was discharged at Camp Chase September 10, 1864, and then returned to his home.

The following year Mr. Robinson was married to Miss Elizabeth Leedy. The marriage occurred January 19, 1865, and their union has been blessed with six children: William G., now in South Dakota; Margaret, at home; Mary, wife of Levi Fry; John C., a farmer of Jefferson township; and Fred A. and George L., both at home.

At the time of his marriage Mr. Robinson purchased a farm in Jefferson township and continued to cultivate that land until his father's death, when he inherited the old homestead, upon which he has since resided. He here owns one hundred and sixty acres of land and also has a small farm of forty-eight acres. He carries on general farming and the breeding of sheep, and conducts both branches of his business in a profitable manner. He has never been an active politician in the sense of office-seeking, yet for three years served as township trustee in a most capable manner and then resigned. He voted with the Republican party until 1884, since which time he has been a Prohibitionist, and he holds membership in Moody Post, G. A. R., of Bellville. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian church, in which he is serving as an elder. He has a nice home, a family which does credit to his name, and his personal career has been an honorable one, commending him to the confidence of all.