

OTHOLIC NELSON TYNDALL.

O. N. Tyndall, one of the best-known farmers of Blue Creek township, was an educator before he adopted the life of a farmer. In this latter calling he gained distinction and was also one of the most popular teachers of his city. He was born in Blue Creek township of Adams county, April 21, 1863. He is a son of John C. and Rachael (Wagers) Tyndall. His father was a native of Crawford county, Ohio, and his mother was born in Van Wert county of the same state. His father and mother came to Adams county in 1852 and settled on a farm that was practically in the woods. They cleared their estate and farmed it for a number of years. Late in life John C. Tyndall practiced law and gained an enviable reputation as a member of this profession. His wife died in 1867 and he survived her until 1885. John and Rachael Tyndall became the parents of six children: Eliza J., William J., Mary C., J. W., of Decatur; O. N. and Nancy, who died in infancy. After the death of his first wife John Tyndall was married for the second time to Miss Athia A. Campbell. Ten children were born of this union. These were named: Alice J., Lizzie, Joseph, deceased; George M., James T., Margaret, Belle, Perry, Maude and Esther.

The youth of the subject of this sketch was spent on his father's farm in Blue Creek township. He received his preliminary education in the common schools of his neighborhood and progressed satisfactorily. He decided to adopt the profession of teaching and accordingly after he completed his common school education he entered the normal college at Valparaiso, Indiana. He spent four years in this education institution and graduated from it in 1885. After his graduation he returned to Decatur and began teaching. He taught through successive grades of the Decatur schools, and was the first principal of the west ward school of Decatur. In all he taught twenty-one years. He resided in Decatur for ten years and while he was city engineer put down the first crushed stone street in that city. Following the close of his work as a teacher, Mr. Tyndall removed to a farm in Blue Creek township, which he had previously purchased. He has been living on his farm for the last ten years, although he has been the owner of it for twenty-two years.

He was married in 1890 to Miss Anna M. Wechter, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Clancy) Wechter. Mr. and Mrs. Tyndall are the parents of one child, a daughter, Frances, who is living at home keeping house for her father.

The farm owned and operated by Mr. Tyndall is a fine place of eighty acres. It is well improved and all but ten acres are under cultivation. He carries on a general farming business and is a successful man. He raised a mixed breed of swine and disposes of them at a profit. When he purchased his farm only about half of it was improved and cleared. He has improved and cleared the remainder and has it now at a high stage of profitable cultivation. It is excellently drained and fenced and the farm buildings are adequate and commodious. Mr. Tyndall is a Democrat in politics and has served in public capacities with much credit to himself. He was deputy county surveyor for six years and has served his fellow residents of Blue Creek township on other valuable manners. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and attends the Methodist Episcopal church.

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