

Dr. James M. Miller.

Twenty years ago Dr. James M. Miller came to Decatur, and at that time was a well accredited general physician. During his practice at Decatur he has more and more concentrated his time and work upon special lines as a specialist in eye, ear, nose and throat diseases. His attainments in this field rank him among the leaders of Northeastern Indiana, and cases come to him from many outlying counties and districts. Doctor Miller has the equipment, the experience, and by constant study and association with clinics and hospitals has kept up with the profession in every advance.

Doctor Miller was born February 14, 1861, at Celina, Ohio, and he acquired his early education in that city. He began the study of medicine under a local doctor at Celina, and in 1883 attended the course at the medical department of Wooster University at Cleveland and in 1886 received another diploma from the Ohio Medical University at Cincinnati. He then entered private practice as a physician and surgeon at Mendon in Mercer County, Ohio, and enjoyed a large practice there for eleven years. In 1897 he removed to Decatur and was in the general lines of his profession here for six years before he developed his specialty. Doctor Miller has taken post-graduate work every few years, visiting the hospitals and clinics at Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New York City. His specialty requires a large amount of equipment, and he has everything needed for his work and has a specially equipped office in a substantial brick structure adjoining his beautiful home.

Doctor Miller belongs to a professional family. His father, Dr. Milton M. Miller, a native of Greene County, Ohio, began to practice of medicine there in 1847. Later he removed to Mercer County, Ohio. His wife was Susan E. Noble, a native of Auglaize County, Ohio, and she was reared and educated and for a time taught school. Two of her brothers became physicians, one of them, Joshua, practicing for many years in Buffalo, New York, while the other died in Pennsylvania soon after taking up practice. Dr. Milton Miller after his marriage removed to Mendon in Mercer County, but about 1855 went to Celina and finally retired from his active work and died there in 1889 at the age of seventy-two. His widow survived him many years and passed away in 1909 at the home of a sister in Chicago when she was eighty-six years old. Both were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. James M. Miller married for his first wife Dell White, who was born and reared in Mercer County, Ohio, and died eighteen months after her marriage. She was survived by a daughter, Zilla, whose death occurred at the age of sixteen. In 1892 at Decatur Doctor Miller married Miss Sadie M. Archbold, who was born in Adams County. Doctor and Mrs. Miller are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is a democrat and is now serving as a member of the city council. For twelve years he was county health officer, and he made that office an opportunity for real service to the people of the county, doing much to educate them to the importance of proper sanitation and the observance of the fundamental principles of health. Doctor Miller is a member of the Indiana State and County Medical societies and has filled all the offices in the latter organization. Fraternally he is affiliated with

Kekionga Lodge No. 65 of the Knights of Pythias, with St. Mary's Lodge No. 167, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and is also a member of the Local Tribe of Ben Hur. He has done much professional work with these orders and is a past chancellor of the Knights of Pythias and past noble grand of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, having represented both in the State Grand lodges in Ohio.