

leader and adviser in the political party with which he is identified and is recognized as one of the substantial and influential men of the county. He has served as village clerk and is and has for some time been mayor of the city. During a recent session of the Legislature he was the assistant engrossing clerk and in that position he gave most efficient service. He has devoted much of his time of late years to the handling of real estate and in this line also has been quite successful.

REV. T. A. HAGEN.

Among the mountains and valleys of southern Norway, along Langesund Fjord and back of Nordsjo, skien of Kragero, lies the ancient province of Telemarken. In Telemarken the oldest church is known as Hitterdal church and its history dates back to 1180—to the time of St. Olaf. It was from Telemarken that some of the earliest settlers of Minnesota came, and they have proved to be an enterprising, thrifty people. Among these Telemarkens is the Rev. T. A. Hagen, pastor of the United Lutheran church at Hendrum and in spiritual charge of three other congregations of that communion in that vicinity. He was born at Saude, Telemarken, March 12, 1863, son of Anders and Bergete (Naset) Hagen, also Telemarkens, who came to Minnesota in 1885 and located on a farm in the neighborhood of Ashby, in Grant county, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Anders Hagen and his wife were members of the United Lutheran church and their children were reared in that faith. There were thirteen of these children, of whom the subject of this sketch was the first-born, the others being as follow: Ingeborg, who married Ole Olson; Anna, who married Andrew Eken; Margaret, deceased; Bergete, deceased; Ingeborg, who married B. B. Schmidt, and Halvor, Torsten A., Ole, Andrew, Tillia, Louis and Hulda.

T. A. Hagen remained in his native land until he was twenty years of age, when, in 1883, he came to the United States and proceeded on out to Minnesota, locating at Ashby, in Grant county, where he remained until 1887, in which year he moved up into the valley of the Red river and for ten years thereafter was engaged in teaching school in Norman county, meanwhile sedulously pursuing his studies with the design, entertained from boyhood, of entering the gospel ministry. In 1898 he entered the seminary of the United Lutheran church at Minneapolis and upon

completing the course there was ordained to the ministry of that church, the ordination ceremony taking place at Minneapolis on June 17, 1900. Following his ordination the Rev. T. A. Hagen was stationed in charge of a congregation in Kittson county and remained there for thirteen years, during which time he organized three congregations and before he left had three ministers in charge of a large field originally covered by his ministrations. It was in 1913 that Mr. Hagen was transferred to the charge at Hendrum, a change which brought him back to Norman county, the scene of his earlier endeavors as a school teacher, and he since has been located there, doing an excellent work. There are four churches attached to Mr. Hagen's pastorate, those besides the church at Hendrum being the church at St. Pauli (north), the church at Concordia (east), and the church at Pontopidan (east), his earnest personal influence and power for doing good thus being directed over a wide territory. During this long period of ministry Mr. Hagen has held several offices in the United Lutheran church. By appointment he, for some time, held the office of visitator for the Crookston circuit and was then elected to that office, serving thus for four years. He also, for four years, was a member of the mission board of the church.

On January 2, 1884, the year after his arrival in America, the Rev. T. A. Hagen was united in marriage to Anna Lee, daughter of Ole Lee and wife, also Telemarkens, and to this union nine children have been born, namely: Clara, wife of the Rev. C. B. Runsvold; Bertha, wife of J. A. Emanuelson, a farmer, and Anna, Alfred, Olga, Esther, Olaf, Valborg and Alice. Mrs. Hagen's parents, both of whom are now deceased, spent all their lives in their native country, their home being on a farm.

OLE L. RINDAHL.

Ole L. Rindahl, a well-known retired farmer of Bear Park township, Norman county, owner of six hundred and eighty acres of land, is a native of the kingdom of Norway, but has been a resident of this county since 1880. He was born in the county of Faaberg, in Norway on August 23, 1845, a son of Lars O. and Olia (Rise) Rindahl, natives also of that country.

Lars O. Rindahl and his wife immigrated to the United States in 1858 and located first in Clayton county, Iowa, where they lived with relatives for two years. In 1860 they moved to Nicollet county, Minnesota, by ox-