

NORMAN W. KNEPPER, M. D.

There is no doubt that the talents of the parents are often inherited by their children. This fact has been illustrated in numberless instances and the success of Dr. Norman W. Knepper, of Collins, is additional evidence in its favor. The father of Dr. Knepper was a highly successful physician and the son has demonstrated during an experience of more than twenty years at Collins that he possesses rare ability in the practice of the healing art. He is a native of Berlin, Pennsylvania, born July 17, 1853, a son of Frederick and Elizabeth (Lint) Knepper, both of whom were natives of Berlin. The father was a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, of Philadelphia, and practiced at Berlin, gaining acknowledged prominence in his profession. He passed away in 1874 in the prime of his life, being only forty-four years of age. The mother is still living at Berlin and has now reached her seventy-ninth year.

Norman W. Knepper received his preliminary education in the public schools and at sixteen years of age took up the study of dentistry, attending the Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery. He practiced at Berlin until 1877, when he came to Clyde, Iowa, and began reading medicine under Dr. Ritchey. In the fall of 1878 he entered the medical department of the Iowa State University and in 1880 became connected with the Long Island College Hospital at New York city, continuing in his studies there for two years, during the last eight months of which time he was on the staff of hospital surgeons. He was graduated with the title of M. D. in 1882, and immediately afterward came to Collins, although there was at that time only four or five houses in the town. The zeal he has devoted to his profession and the interest he has taken in his patients have led to a marked degree of success and he ranks today as one of the most prominent physicians in this part of the state.