

JOHN WESLEY ANDREWS.

John Wesley Andrews is a physician, practicing his profession at Mankato. His father, John R. Andrews, was a Methodist minister, and one of the pioneer messengers of the gospel in Southwestern Minnesota. John R. Andrews and his wife, Delilah Armstrong (Andrews), came to Minnesota from Illinois, in the autumn of 1856, and located first near St. Peter, but the following spring Mr. Andrews pre-empted one hundred and sixty acres of what is known as the Big Woods. The business depression of 1857 came on and for the next two years the Andrews family, in common with their neighbors, endured great privations. Flour was \$9 a barrel, and had it not been for the high price of gingseng and the abundance of that root in their region, many would have suffered for food. The Andrews family is of English descent, the father of John R. being an English sea captain. The subject of this sketch was born at Russellville, Lawrence County, Illinois, April 6, 1849. The country district schools of that time were poorly equipped, and the educational advantages he enjoyed were of a very insufficient and limited character. After completing the course afforded by the public schools, he entered the State Normal School at Mankato, but at the end of his course and before graduation he was taken sick with typhoid fever and was not able to return. He became a teacher in the high school at St. Peter, where he was engaged for three years, when he took up the study of medicine and prosecuted it as diligently as his means would permit. He attended the medical department of Michigan University, and later Rush Medical College, where he graduated in February, 1877. After practicing in Minnesota for about two years he went to New York and entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he took the regular course in medicine and surgery and the allied branches of study, and was graduated in March, 1880. He again returned to the practice of his profession, which he continued until the summer of 1886, when he went to Europe for a year of study in Berlin and Vienna. Upon his return to Mankato he resumed his professional work, and has continued it up to the present time, with intervals of six weeks or two months spent every two or three



years in study and observation in some of the larger cities for the purpose of familiarizing himself with any new discoveries or methods which may have been adopted in his profession. Dr. Andrews is a member of the Minnesota Medical Society, of the Minnesota Valley Medical Society, and of other medical organizations. He has taken very little interest in politics, although he was nominated for mayor of Mankato in 1893 and came within seven votes of being elected. In the spring of 1895 he was induced to take a seat in the council as a representative of the Fourth ward of that city; and now occupies that position. He has always been a Republican and identified with that party. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and was for two years senior warden and then for four consecutive years master of the Blue Lodge, Mankato No. 12. He is a member of the Mankato Board of Trade, of the Commercial Club, of the Humane Society and of the Social Science Club of Mankato. He was reared in the Methodist church and became a member of that society when about twenty years of age. He was married April 4, 1877, to Miss Jennie French, formerly of Wellsville New York, but at the time of her marriage residing in Marshall, Minnesota. They have one child, Roy N. Andrews.