

## **Charles Benton Weedman, M. D.**

Dr. C. B. Weedman who since 1894 has continuously practiced medicine and surgery in New London, his ability winning him an extensive patronage throughout this part of the county, was born in Ashland County, Ohio, on the 28th of January 1858. His father, George W. Weedman, was also a native of Ashland County, while the grandfather was of German birth. Leaving the land of his nativity in early life he crossed the ocean to the new world and became a resident of Ashland county, Ohio, where amid pioneer surroundings he lived for some years. His son, George Weedman, was there educated and, determining upon a professional career, he took up the study of medicine, practicing continuously for forty years, maintaining his office at Nova, Ohio, where he died September 5, 1890. He was a republican in his political views and a very public-spirited citizen who sought ever the best interests of the community. He married Sophronia Richards, who was born at Orange, Ashland County, and to them were born two children, C. B. and Eliza.

The public school system of his native county afforded Dr. C. B. Weedman his early educational privileges and he afterward attended the Berea Baldwin University. Whether environment, inherited tendency or natural predilection had most to do with his choice of profession it is impossible to determine, but at all events he resolved to follow in the professional footsteps of his father and studied medicine in the Western Reserve University, from which he was graduated with the class of 1880. He then entered into partnership with his father at Nova and they were associated in business for ten years, Dr. C. B. Weedman continuing there after his father's death. In 1904, however, he removed to New London and was no stranger here as his practice had extended to this county. In the intervening year, his patronage has steadily increased and his success is the direct outcome of his skill and understanding of the principles of the medical science. He is a member of the Cleveland Medical Society and is examiner for the New York Mutual, the New York Life and the Bankers' Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, the Pittsburgh Life Insurance Company, the Massachusetts Life Insurance Company and the Pennsylvania Mutual Life Insurance Company. In twenty-nine years not a man examined by him has died -a remarkable record. In addition to all this he continues actively in general practice of medicine and makes a specialty of diseases of children.

Dr. Weedman served as a member of the county pension board for eight years under appointment of President McKinley and was the nominee of the republican party for the office of county treasurer of Ashland county, in 1904. His personal popularity and the confidence reposed in him were indicated in the fact that he reduced the normal democratic majority from seven hundred to two hundred. He has filled a number of local offices, but at all times has been stalwart in his championship of the republican party, believing most firmly in its principles. His position is never an equivocal one and neither fear nor favor can swerve him from a course which he believes to be right.

In 1880, Dr. Weedman was married to Miss Lucy Iona Dubois, a native of Plymouth, Ohio. Her grandfather, Hubbard Dubois was a pioneer preacher and revivalist of the Methodist church, identified with the Ohio Northern conference. Unto Dr. and Mrs. Weedman have been born two children. The son, Dr. Don V. Weedman is now a dentist of Toledo, Ohio, who was graduated from the Western Reserve Dental School in

1904. The daughter, Elizabeth, is a musician of note and a musical director of ability. Dr. and Mrs. Weedman have a wide favorable acquaintance in New London and enjoy the hospitality of the best homes here. They are members of the Methodist Episcopal church and his fraternal relations are with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He is in hearty sympathy with the principles of those orders and his belief in the brotherhood of the race is evidenced in the broad humanitarian spirit shown in his practice.

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