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WITH BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES OF PROMINENT CITIZENS
OF THE COUNTY

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WILLIAM ALVIN WHITE, M. D.

William Alvin White, a representative and successful physician and surgeon of Ashland county, is now prosecuting his profession in Rowsburg. He was born on the 16th of November, 1862, a son of William R. and Hannah Eva (Paul) White, who were natives of Lancaster county and Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, respectively. The birth of the father occurred January 30, 1823, while the mother first opened her eyes to the light of day on the 9th of March, 1840. Their marriage was celebrated January 6, 1859. In 1864, William R. White made his way to Ashland county, Ohio, and purchased a farm of two hundred acres in Milton township, on which he continued to reside until called to his final rest. In spite of many reverses in the way of fires, etc., he won a gratifying measure of prosperity in his business undertakings. He did not hoard his capital, however, but used it freely in providing his children with good educational advantages and opportunities and also in aiding the poor. His religious faith was indicated by his membership in the Presbyterian church, of which he was a constant attendant and in which he served as elder for more than forty years. Though the church was three miles from his home and the weather was often inclement, he never failed to be in his accustomed place at religious services. His life may well serve as an example for others to follow being characterized by integrity, purity and uprightness in all relations and when he passed away on the 26th of May, 1899, the community mourned the loss of

one of its most respected and honored citizens. His wife survived him for but a brief period, her demise occurring December 19, 1900.

Unto this worthy couple were born the following children: R. Parks, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, who is the eye and ear specialist for the Pennsylvania Railroad Company; William Alvin, of this review; Sydney G., a practicing physician, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Samuel Ernest, a Presbyterian minister residing in Minnesota; John R., a dentist of Warsaw, Indiana; Alfred McMillen, of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania; Walter M. L., a steel worker of Reading, Pennsylvania; and Mrs. Eva Ada Gillis, of Ashland county.

William Alvin White supplemented his preliminary education, acquired in Oxford, Pennsylvania, by a course in Ashland College. Determining upon the practice of medicine as a life work, he entered the Western Reserve Medical College of Cleveland, Ohio, from which institution he was graduated on the 4th of March, 1901. He first located for practice in Indiana, where he remained for six years and then went to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, but at the end of six months came to Ashland county, Ohio, opening an office at Rowsburg, where he has continued to the present time. Here he has a fine home and an extensive and growing practice that speaks in unmistakable terms of his skill and ability in his chosen calling. He has patients within a radius of from eight to ten miles and uses three horses for driving purposes. An able surgeon as well as general medical practitioner, he has won a wide and favorable reputation as a worthy representative of his profession and keeps in close touch with the progress that is being continually made by the fraternity through his membership in the Ashland County Medical Society.

On the 16th of September, 1891, Dr. White was united in marriage to Miss Ida J. Hunter, who was born April 6, 1868, a daughter of Joseph Paxton Hunter, of Richland county. Their union has been blessed with three children, namely: Eva Pauline, whose birth occurred August 25, 1895, and who passed away July 2, 1896; William Alvin Dale, born September 3, 1900; and Dorothy Angeline, whose natal day was July 21, 1902. Politically Dr. White is a republican, while in religious faith he is a Presbyterian. His sterling manhood as well as his professional attainments command for him the respect and honor of those with whom he has been associated.
