

LAWRENCE B. SANDERS

The men most influential in promoting the advancement of society and in giving character to the times in which they live are two classes, to-wit, the men of study and the men of action. Whether we are more indebted for the improvement of the age to the one class or the other is a question of honest difference in opinion; neither class can be spared and both should be encouraged to occupy their several spheres of labor and influence, zealously and without mutual distrust. In the following paragraphs are briefly outlined the leading facts and characteristics in the career of a gentleman who combines in his makeup the elements of the scholar and the energy of the public-spirited man of affairs. Devoted to the noble and humane work of teaching, he has made his influence felt in the school life of Lawrence county, and is not unknown to the wider educational circles of the state, occupying as he does a prominent place in his profession and standing high in the esteem of educators in other than his own particular field of endeavor.

Lawrence B. Sanders, the present popular and efficient county superintendent of schools of Lawrence county, was born in the county in which he now resides on November 19, 1877, and is the son of Warren A. and Sarah A. (Voriss) Sanders. The father, who was a native of Orange county, Indiana, was a minister of the Gospel, having followed farming earlier in life. He is still living and is a man of most excellent standing in his community. He is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Improved Order of Red Men. His father was a native of Kentucky who came to Indiana when young and here established his permanent home. The subject's mother, who was a native of Orange county, Indiana, died in March, 1913. She bore her husband two children, the subject of this sketch, and Mary Frances, who is deceased.

Lawrence B. Sanders received his education in the common schools of Lawrence county and then determined to prepare himself for pedagogical work and entered the Southern Indiana Normal College at Mitchell, from which he was graduated in 1898. He immediately entered upon the vocation for which he had prepared himself and as a teacher he immediately attained to a pronounced success. His services being sought wherever a high standard of education was required. In 1911 his abilities and high character were recognized in his election to the office of county superintendent of schools, of which he is the present incumbent and in which he has more than met the expectations of his friends. He pursues his chosen calling with all the interest of an enthusiast, thoroughly in harmony with the spirit of the work and has a proper conception of the dignity of the profession to which his life and energies have been unselfishly devoted. A finished scholar, a polished gentleman and possessing the traits of character necessary to insure success, the service thus far rendered and the laurels gained bespeak for him a wider and more distinguished career of usefulness in years to come should he see fit to continue the calling which he has heretofore followed with such signal success. Unlike so many of his calling who become narrow and pedantic, Professor Sanders is essentially a man of the times, broad and liberal in his views and has the courage of his convictions on all the leading public questions and issues on which men and parties divide. He also keeps in touch with the trend of modern thought along its various lines and, being a man of scholarly and refined tastes, is acquainted with the literature of the world in general, while his familiarity with the more practical affairs of the day makes him feel at ease with all classes and conditions of people with whom he meets.

On December 24, 1899 Professor Sanders was married to Effie S. Trowbridge, the daughter of John and Mary (Taylor) Trowbridge, natives of Kentucky, who came to Lawrence county, Indiana, in about 1866. To Professor and Mrs. Sanders have been born two children, Lois Gertrude and Princess Clarine. Politically, Professor Sanders is an ardent Democrat, while his religious faith is embodied in the creed of the Baptist church, of which he is a regular attendant and to which he gives faithful service. Personally, Professor Sanders is quite popular, possessing to a marked degree the characteristics that win and retain warm friendship. By his kindness and courtesy he has won an abiding place in the esteem of his fellow citizens and by his intelligence, energy and enterprising spirit has made his influence felt during his residence in Lawrence county, occupying no small place in the public favor.

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