

administered much to the relief of the suffering of her members and their families, and has well sustained the reputation she has long had in other parts of the country.

A lodge of Good Templars was organized in Darlington in 1878, but have discontinued their meetings and left the community without a temperance organization.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

Robert C. Craig, farmer and stock raiser, Mace, came to this county in 1825, from Kentucky, when six years old, having been born in Harrison county, that state, on June 11, 1819. His parents, Robert and Ann (Newell) Craig, on coming here, settled in Franklin township on the farm now owned by John Hutchings. His father was born in South Carolina, and was of Irish descent, while his mother, who was of Welsh parentage, was a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. Craig received the rudiments of his education at one of the early schools, his teachers being Ben. Ristine and Robert Gordon. In 1843 he made a trip to Lynn county, Iowa, after a wife, and there married Miss Mary E. Downing, a young lady with whom he had become acquainted in this county. They have had nine children, only four of whom are now alive: Robert S., Armenia, Franklin T. and Henry A. His farm of 200 acres, which he improved and worked for, he has divided among his children, leaving himself 70 acres. He is a prominent man in the township, and has filled the office of trustee for several terms, and at present is candidate on the independent ticket for sheriff, he being one of the leading members of that party in the county. He is also a member of the Independent Order of Odd-Fellows, and through life has been a consistent member of the Methodist church.

Robert A. Craig, farmer and stock raiser, Darlington. Among the early settlers of this part of the county the Craig family ranks among the first. The father of the subject of this biography having arrived here with his parents in 1823, from Kentucky, settled on the Noblesville road, and endured all the privations of pioneer life. Mr. R. A. Craig's parents, Hugh N. and Lucy (Brockman) Craig, were both born in Kentucky, and married in this county in 1826, their family consisting of three children: Marshall H. (now deceased), Elizabeth A., now living in Iowa, and Robert A. Mr. Craig received his education at the old log school-house, and during his life has been engaged principally in agricultural pursuits, and is now one of the most enterprising and extensive farmers in this township. During the war he was conscripted and went into camp for ten days, when he hired a substitute. On January 8, 1853, he married Miss Lydia Martz, whose parents were