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The art of healing is as old as man, but it has been given to moderns to penetrate into the mysteries of Divinity and comprehend that much that once was accounted criminal and depraved is but the outcome of ill health, and should be treated carefully as such. The modern physician must have a welltrained and well developed mind and nervous system, which can come only by conforming to the laws of health and by familiarity with the facts that are demonstrated by science and not through the influence of the metaphysical theories of the present time. Darke county, Ohio, has always given an earnest support to its regular practitioners, and one who has won a well merited distinction in his learned profession is Dr. Charles Wesley Rarick, of 11 Public Square, Greenville, Ohio. He was born in Darke county, Ohio, December 9, 1843, a son of Philip and Sarah (Chenoweth) Rarick, and grandson of Philip and Susanna (Mikesell) Rarick, and John and Betsy (Foster) Chenoweth.

The American founder of the Rarick family was Conrad Rarick, born in Germany in 1722, who came to America in

1749 and died at Gettysburg, Ohio, in 1790, being buried in the cemetery at that place. Among his children was Henry Rarick, who was the great-grandfather of Doctor Rarick. Philip Rarick, *ST.*, grandfather of Doctor Rarick, and son of Henry Rarick, was born in Pennsylvania and his wife was a native of the same State, where they married, later coming to Ohio, settling first in Montgomery county, but subsequently settled in Darke county at a time when it was still under pioneer conditions, with which they had to contend. He served the American cause during the War of 1812, and did his full duty as a soldier, and carried his sense of obligation to his country into his after life, never losing it, and transmitting his patriotism to his children. The farm he secured from the government was located six miles west of Greenville in Washington township, and this he cleared and developed, no easy task in those days when the major portion of the land was covered with a dense growth. This property is now owned by Boyce Eidson. On it he died, but his wife passed away at Deerfield, Ind., each being seventy-two years

old. They had thirteen children, as follows: Christina, Jacob, Daniel, Elizabeth, Philip, Catherine, John, Susanna, Andrew, Nancy, Levi, and two who died in childhood. The maternal side of Doctor Rarick's family is traced still further back than his paternal ancestors, for John Chenoweth, his great-great-greatgrandfather came to the colonies in the historic Mayflower. John Chenoweth had a son, Arthur, whose son Thomas was the greatgrandfather of Doctor Rarick, and his son, John, was the grandfather. The latter, born in Ohio, married an Ohioan and they located in Washington township, Darke county, on a farm in 1818, he having rendered efficient service during the War of 1812 by fighting against the enemy of his country. As he was born December 23, 1785, and died in 1871, and she was born July 16, 1789, and died in 1875, they were both about eighty-six years old at the time of death. Thirteen children were born to them, all of whom attained to maturity, they being as follows: Thomas F., Joseph F., Sarah, Casandra, Mary, Benjamin L., Richard P., John F., Rebecca, Isaac S. and Jacob L. (twins), James P., and Rachel A.

Philip Rarick, Jr., son of Philip Rarick, Sr., and father of Doctor Rarick, was born in Pennsylvania, while his wife was born in Ohio. He came to Darke county, the latter State, with his parents when ten years old, in 1818, and grew to manhood in Washington township, developing into a farmer and becoming very successful in his chosen calling. He cleared and developed a farm in that township, and later became the owner of 280 acres in Pike township, Jay county, Indiana, and cleared 120 acres of it, his first property being located in Darke county, Ohio, and his second in Jay county. His death occurred in the latter county in 1886, when he was seventy-eight years old. His first wife, mother of Dr. Rarick, died in 1863, aged fifty-one years, having borne him ten children, namely: Abraham C., who died at the age of seventy-four years; Isaac X., who lived in Jay county, Indiana, until October 6, 1913; Jacob J., who is deceased; Adam C., who is deceased; Dr. Charles W., whose name heads this review; Ira O., who is deceased; Susanna B., who is the wife of Charles Morehouse, resides six miles east of Portland, Ind.; Caroline, who is the wife of Samuel S. Roberts, of Mitchell, Neb.; Catherine, who died at the age of sixteen years; and David, who died at the age of six months. After the death of his first wife, Philip Rarick married (second) Mary Vail and they had no children. She died, and he married (third) Isabel Watson and they had five children, namely: Elsie, who is the wife of Harvey Green; Rosa, who married John Thorp; Clara, who married Burleigh Wall; Cora, who married a Mr. Carbaugh, and after his death she married (second) Philip Saxman; and John A., who was the youngest child. Dr. Charles W. Rarick was only seven years old when the family migrated to Jay county, Indiana, and he grew up in the latter locality upon his father's farm, he assisting in the operation of clearing 120 acres of land. He attended the old fashioned district schools of his day and locality. With the breaking out of the Civil war, he felt the call to arms, and responding enlisted in Company H. One Hundredth Indiana volunteer infantry, served for three years, principally in the Fifteenth army corps, as a private. He was in the battles of Vicksburg, Jackson, Missionary Ridge, the Atlanta campaign, March to the Sea, and that up through the Carolinas, and his regiment participated in

the Grand Review at Washington, being in the advance of Sherman's army. Returning home, ne resumed his studies, attending school for fourteen months at Liberty, and still later went to Marietta College, from which he was graduated in 1874 with the degrees of A. B. and A. M., in 1877. Taking up he study of medicine, he was graduated with the degree of M. D. at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1883, having paid his way through college by his own work. In 1883 he located at Greenville, Ohio, in an office over the Farmers' National Bank, where he can still be found, having occupied these same quarters for over thirty years. His home is on a farm just west of Greenville, and he finds recreation in directing its operation, the property comprising 160 acres of finely improved land.

On March 10, 1880, Doctor Rarick was married to Miss Ella J. Griffin, a daughter of David and Mary (Conover) Griffin, and they have one son, Harry G. The latter took a high school course at Greenville, supplementing it with one at a commercial college, and then for seven years he was a clerk in a bank, but he is now engaged in farming in Greenville township, just outside the corporate limits of Greenville. Harry G. Rarick married Bertha Baldwin, of Dayton, Ohio, and they have a son, Robert Griffin Rarick, born December 5, 1913. Doctor Rarick and wife are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, which finds in them generous supporters. Dr. Rarick is a genial comrade of Jobes Post, G. A. R., of Greenville. In political faith, Doctor Rarick is a Republican, but although repeatedly urged to accept of office, has refused the honor as his practice and his private affairs have fully occupied his time and attention.

Mrs. Rarick was born in Montgomery county, Ohio, but was brought to Darke county, Ohio, with her parents when only five years old. The family located in Greenville township, where she grew to womanhood, and there she still resides. Her father was born in Ohio, and his wife in New Jersey, but they died in Darke County, Ohio, he at the age of eighty-four years, and she when ninety-four years old. They had eight children, two of whom grew to womanhood: Mrs. Rarick, and Mrs. L. E. Jones.

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