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J. H. Bryner, M.D., Ickesburg, Perry County, Pa., was born February 18, 1861, at Andersonburg, Perry County, in the house now occupied by Dr. Mitchell. He is one of the two children of **John** and **Margaret A. (Rice) Bryner**. **John Bryner** was a native of Madison Township, Perry County, and was nearly all of his life engaged in mercantile business. He had a large establishment, with an extensive trade, at Blain. In business, in social relations, in the church, in fact in every relation of life, **Mr. Bryner** was exemplary, and was much esteemed by all who knew him. He was a Republican, and warmly attached to his party. As a member of the Lutheran Church, he took an active part in her affairs, promoting her work to the best of his ability. He was married first to **Margaret A. Rice**, who died in 1864. Three years later, he was married to **Emma Ernest**, by whom also he had two children. **Mr. Bryner** was nominated for the office of register and recorder, but died in 1869, before the election.

Dr. Bryner was a child of three years when his mother died. By the time of his second marriage, **Mr. John Bryner** removed to Blain, and the son was but eight years old when his father, too, was taken from him by death. His grandfather, **Mr. Rice**, of Madison Township, then took charge of him, and with this kind relative the boy remained until he was old enough to make his own way in the world. The foundation of his education was laid in the common schools of Madison Township, after which his grandfather sent him for three years to the academy at Bloomfield, Perry County. In 1879, having for some time read medicine under the direction of Dr. **M. B. Strickler**, of Bloomfield, he entered the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania, attending lectures there during that winter, 1879-80, and during the ensuing winter, 1881-82, at the medical college of Columbus, O., where he was graduated in 1882. **Dr. Bryner** began practice at New Germantown, Perry County, and in 1886, removed to Ickesburg, where he has a very fine practice, not only in the borough, but throughout a large extent of surrounding country. He is an ex-president of the Perry County Medical Society; a permanent member of the Pennsylvania State Medical Association, and a member-elect of the American Medical Association. **Dr. Bryner** is a Republican, of decided convictions, but so far from seeking the political loaves and fishes, he has refused to run for office, when solicited. He is a member of the Jr. O. U. A. M.

Dr. J. H. Bryner was married in 1888, to **Lila J. Wilson**, of Ickesburg. They have five children, four daughters and a son. **Mrs. Bryner** is a member of the Lutheran Church.

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