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**Rev. William Dorwart**, of the Church of Nativity, Newport, Perry County, Pa. The ancestors of **Mr. Dorwart** came originally from Germany, and were among the very earliest settlers at Lancaster, Pa., where **John Dorwart**, his grandfather, was born, lived, and died many years ago. **John Dorwart** married **Miss Stone**, and had nine children, among whom was **Martin Dorwart**, the father of **Rev. William Dorwart**. **Martin Dorwart** was born at Lancaster, Pa., in 1828, attended the common schools of that city during his childhood, and there in youth learned plastering, which was his occupation until 1881; in that year he retired from active business, but still has his home in his native city.

Although retired, and comparatively relieved from active pursuits, he is still interested in the building of houses. The mother of **Rev. William Dorwart** is **Wilhelmina**, daughter of **Adam** and **Susan (Hoover) Dellet**, who also still resides in Lancaster, Pa.; she is a cordial adherent of the Episcopal faith and order. Her father, **Adam Dellet**, was a contractor. He died at Pittsburg, Pa., having fallen a victim of the black small pox scourge which raged in that city some years ago. Her mother, **Susan Dellet**, lived to the advanced age of eighty-five years. The children of **Martin Dorwart** are: **Emma (Mrs. Wilson Shriver)**, of Lancaster, Pa.; **Adam**, a compositor, of Lancaster, Pa., married **Miss Mary C. Bare**; **Ida (Mrs. William F. Humble)**, of Lancaster, Pa.; **Rose (Mrs. Arthur B. Clark)**, of Reading, Pa.; **Rev. William**; and **Rev. George M.**, Rector of the Church of the Holy Communion, Peterson, N.J.

**Rev. William Dorwart** was born at Lancaster, Pa., July 20, 1864. His primary education was received in the public schools of his native city, which he attended until he was fifteen years of age, and then took his college preparatory course at the Yeates Institution of Lancaster. In September, 1883, he was admitted to St. Stephen's College at Annandale, New York, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1887. His theological training was received at the General Theological Seminary of New York City, where he completed the prescribed course of study in 1890. While pursuing his studies in New York, he was engaged as a lay reader at St. Mary's Church at Haledon, N. J. The diaconate was conferred upon him June 1, 1890, in the Church of the Nativity, at South Bethlehem, Pa., by the Rt. Rev. N. S. Rulison, D. D., bishop of the diocese of central Pennsylvania. On July 1, 1890, he took charge of Trinity Church at Steelton, Pa., and was advanced to the priesthood December 22, 1890, by Bishop Rulison. In August, 1891, he was called to the Church of the Nativity at Newport, Pa., accepted the call, and at once took charge of the church, but did not remove his residence to the place until the following October. At this time he also took charge of St. Stephen's, Thompsontown, where he revived a church organization which had been abandoned since 1839. The labors of **Mr. Dorwart** in this field have been abundantly successful, the proof of which is seen in many signs, both material and spiritual. The church property, seriously damaged by the floods of 1889, has been restored, and a substantial and beautiful rectory has been built, which is a credit to the parish and an ornament to the town. **Mr. Dorwart's** political views are decidedly Republican; he is a staunch upholder of the single gold standard in finance.

On June 7, 1891, **Mr. Dorwart** was married in St. James' Church, Lancaster, Pa., to **Miss Katharine E.**, daughter of **Jacob M. and Elizabeth C. (Herr) Marks**, both of Lancaster, Pa. Their children are: **Elizabeth; Frederick G.; Albert Leonard;** and **George Marx.**

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