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**James B. Eby**, M. D., Newport, Perry County, son of **Nimrod** and **Eliza (Drexler) Eby**, was born at New Bloomfield, Perry County, Pa., February 24, 1840. **Abraham Eby**, his grandfather, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and spent his entire life at Carlisle, where he was a well-known and highly respected citizen; his vocation was carpentry and cabinet-making. His son, **Nimrod Eby**, was born in Carlisle, Pa., in 1810, but in early boyhood removed to New Bloomfield, Pa., where he learned printing, which he made his occupation during his life. At the same place he married **Miss Eliza Drexler**, and their children in the order of their birth were: **Mary**, married **John H. Sheibley**, an editor at New Bloomfield; **Helen**, died young; **James B.**; **Minnie**, died young; **William**, died at New Bloomfield. The father died in 1847; his wife survived him and was united in a second marriage with **Mr. Samuel Wiggins**, of New Bloomfield.

**James B. Eby** enjoyed the educational advantages of the common schools and of an academy, in his native town. In 1863, he became a student of medicine with **Dr. Strickler**, and pursued with him the regular course of instruction until he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he received his medical diploma in 1866. Immediately upon his graduation he opened an office for practice at Newport, where he remained one year, after which he removed to New Buffalo, Perry County, but in a short time returned to Newport, where he has since remained, in the enjoyment of a large and lucrative practice. **Dr. Eby** is also considered a good business man, and has given important personal service to several branches of commercial enterprise. In 1893 he became the president of the First National Bank, and has held that position to the present time. The Citizens Passenger Railway Company, of Harrisburg, Pa., annually elects him as one of its honored directors, and in the Newport Home Water Company, he is both director and treasurer.

The military record of **Dr. Eby** shows laudable patriotic devotion. He responded to the first call for volunteers at the breaking out of the war, and served for three months in the Second Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, after which he re-enlisted for nine months in the One Hundred and Thirty-third Pennsylvania Volunteers, Company G, Captain Sheibley, in which he was promoted to second lieutenant. He served with his company in the battles of Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville, and was throughout his term of service with his company and regiment in all its active duties and campaigns. The Newport Post, G. A. R., now enrolls him as one of its honored comrades. In all political issues he stands firmly with the Republican Party, and has served as school director and in other local offices.

The marriage of **Dr. Eby** occurred in 1875, when he was united to **Miss Emma S. Toland**, daughter of **Mrs. Ellen K. Frederick**. **Mrs. Eby** died in 1881; she had been a worthy member of the Methodist Church and actively employed in all the benevolent and charitable works of the community. On account of her womanly and Christian virtue, she was esteemed and beloved by all who knew her.

Two children were born to **Dr.** and **Mrs. Eby**; **Charles McHenry**, who is a West Point cadet from this district under an appointment from the Hon. E. M. Woome; and **Bertie H.**, who died in January, 1896.