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Arthur D. Van Dyke, M. D., Marysville, Perry County, Pa., was born near McVeytown, Mifflin County, March 22, 1860. He is a son of **Nelson D.** and **Catharine (Klose) Van Dyke**, both residing in Philadelphia. The Doctor's ancestors on both sides were German. His grandfather settled at a very early date in Mifflin County, where he became a prominent farmer. His son, **Nelson**, father of **Arthur D.**, moved to Juniata County about 1861. During his four years' residence here, he taught school, both at Patterson and Port Royal. About 1865, he moved to Freeburg, Snyder County, where he became principal of the Freeburg Academy, and retained this position for three years. He afterwards removed to Centreville, Juniata County, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. In the same county, he was also postmaster of **Van Dyke**, the town that bears his name. Since the fall of 1889, **Nelson Van Dyke** has lived a retired life in Philadelphia. **Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Van Dyke** had nine children, **one** of whom died in infancy. The eight surviving are; **Dr. Arthur D.**; **James K.**; **William C.**; **Alfred N.**; **J. Burt**; **D. Elmer**, of Philadelphia; **Carl H.**, of Huntsville, Ala.; and **Clare**, of Philadelphia.

The Doctor's early life was spent in his parents' home, which was for most of the time in Juniata County. His education was begun in the public schools, and supplemented by a course in the Airy View Academy, of Port Royal. He then taught school in Juniata County for five years, and at the expiration of that time, commenced the study of medicine with Dr. I. N. Grubb, of Thompsontown, Pa. In 1888, **Dr. Van Dyke** entered the medical department of the University of the City of New York. After three years of earnest, careful work, he graduated from that institution in 1883. He at once entered into partnership with his former preceptor, **Dr. Grubb**, of Thompsontown, and commenced practice at that place. He moved to Marysville in October of the same year, and since that date has continued to be a resident of the borough.

That **Dr. Van Dyke** ranks high in his profession, is evident from the various offices which he holds. He is secretary of the board of health of Marysville; a member and secretary of the Perry County Medical Society; a member of the State Medical Society of Pennsylvania; a member of the Harrisburg Academy of Medicine, and the American Medical Association. The Northern Central and Pennsylvania Railroad Companies have both appointed him as their surgeon at Marysville. He is also a member and secretary of the Board of Pension Examiners. For the past six years, **Dr Van Dyke** has been secretary of the school board of the borough, which position he still holds. He belongs to Perry Lodge, No. 458, F. and A. M., of Marysville. His political views are those of the Democratic Party.

Dr. Van Dyke was married at Newport, Perry County, Pa., on March 22, 1888, to **Laura Jane Leiby**, a daughter of **Joshua** and **Susanna A. (Holman) Leiby**, who was born, November 18, 1862. Their children are: **Maurice Leiby**, born May 14, 1889, died August 11, 1889; **Nellie Holman**, born May 2, 1890; **Charles William**, born October 16, 1891; **Eugene Nelson**, born January 7, 1893; and **James Richard**, born April 5, 1895. **Dr. and Mrs. Van Dyke** are members of the Reformed Church.