

### JOHN CHRISTIAN ACKERMAN.

The subject of this review, one of the highly esteemed citizens of Mansfield, is a native of Germany, born in Wurtemberg, in 1846, and is a son of Jacob and Magdalene (Marpas) Ackerman. Reared in his native land, he acquired a good practical education in its public schools and there learned the cabinetmaker's trade. On coming to the new world in 1866 he first located in Canton, Ohio, where he was employed in a furniture establishment for five years, and then removed to New Cumberland, Tuscarawas county, where he was interested in the furniture and undertaking business for about nine years, and also served as a township clerk, taking an active and prominent part in Democratic politics. In 1879 he came to Mansfield and has resided in the same house ever since. On locating here he entered the employ of the Aultman-Taylor Company in their pattern department, and has remained with them, an honored and trusted employe, up to the present time. He was married, in 1871, to Miss Mary Lerch, by whom he

had three children: William, who married Miss Ada Nagle and lives in Mansfield; Lena, the wife of William Snyder, of the same place; and Charles, who married Miss Laura Copland and also resides in Mansfield. Mrs. Ackerman died in the spring of 1879, and in the fall of that year he was married to Mrs. Rose Adams. Mrs. Ackerman's first husband was John Adams, by whom she had two daughters, Villa and Zora, who were graduates of the Mansfield high school and live with Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman.

Mr. Ackerman is a popular and influential citizen of his community, and has served two terms in the city council of Mansfield, being elected to that office in 1886 and 1889. In 1893 he was elected a member of the school board, was re-elected in 1894, 1896, 1898 and 1900, and since April, 1900, has served as the president of the same, being re-elected in 1901. He has always taken an active and commendable interest in educational affairs, and for the last five years has been a member of the teachers' committee. Fraternaly he is a member of the Masonic order, and religiously a member of the Methodist church. He is highly respected and esteemed by all who know him, and his friends are many throughout the county.