

WILLIAM JESSON.

One of the energetic, progressive and wide-awake young business men of Mansfield is William Jesson, whose ambition has enabled him to gain a leading position in business circles. He is now the secretary of the Tracy & Avery Company, and his sound judgment and business ability have proven important factors in the successful control of their enterprise.

Mr. Jesson was born in Ashland county, Ohio, April 22, 1864. His father, Rosling Jesson, is now residing at No. 32 Perry street, Mansfield, and is a member of the Baptist church. For many years he was identified with agricultural pursuits, but is now enjoying an honorable retirement from labor. His wife passed away at her home in this city on the 5th of March, 1900. William Jesson spent the first ten years of his life on his father's farm. When a young man he learned the carpenter's trade and followed that pursuit for four years. He had acquired a good common-school education, but desiring to further promote his knowledge he entered Ada Uni-

versity, in Ohio, where he spent about three years. He was then offered and accepted the position of bookkeeper for the Tracy & Avery Company, of Mansfield. By diligence and close application to his work he was promoted from time to time and for three years he has been the secretary of the company. He has made a close study of the business, and has contributed in no small degree to its prosperity.

On the 23d of May, 1888, Mr. Jesson was united in marriage to Miss Alverda Handley, at Crown Point, Indiana. They now have one child, Evaline Alice, a bright little daughter of two years. They are members of the First Methodist church of Mansfield, and Mr. Jesson is a Republican in his political affiliations. Courteous, genial, well informed, alert and enterprising, he stands to-day one of the leading representative men of his county.