

### GEORGE W. HOFMAN.

George W. Hofman, the efficient postmaster of Plymouth, is a trustworthy officer who discharges his duties with promptness and fidelity, thus winning the commendation of all concerned. He was born in October, 1831, in Mansfield. His grandparents came from Maryland to Richland county, and died in Mansfield. The grandfather was a German Lutheran clergyman and his death occurred about the year 1832. He is the son of John H. Hofman, who worked at the jewelry trade in Mansfield at a very early date with John R. Robinson. In 1824 the parents of our subject were living in the Keystone state, but removed to Ohio, locating in Mansfield, where they resided until April, 1843, when they came to Plymouth. After a few years they removed to Bucyrus, Ohio, where the father died in 1852, the mother passing away in 1875, at the age of seventy-nine years.

George W. Hofman, whose name introduces this review, is indebted to the public-school system for the educational privileges he received. In 1858 he was united in marriage to Miss Susan E. Fry, the wedding ceremony being performed by the Rev. Mr. Peters, a Lutheran clergyman. Unto them were born two daughters. Clara Belle, the eldest, was married in 1879 to Robert McDonough, and they have two sons, George and Charles, and they now reside in Plymouth. Maud was married, in Plymouth, in 1893, to W. F. Reed, and they are living in that place, having three children,—Helen, Floyd and Donald.

During the Civil war Mr. Hofman of this review responded to his country's call for aid, enlisting in 1862 as a member of the First Ohio Inde-

pendent Battery. He took part in all of the hotly contested engagements in which that famous battery participated, and his service was arduous, but he met duty uncomplainingly, being ever found at his post in defense of the old flag. At the close of the war Mr. Hofman returned to Plymouth and his fellow citizens, recognizing his worth and ability, elected him to the office of mayor in 1866. He has served in many positions of public trust, including both school and municipal. He was appointed by General Benjamin Harrison to the position of postmaster and served for four years, after which he was succeeded by a Democrat, during President Cleveland's administration. By President McKinley Mr. Hofman was again appointed to the office, of which he took possession on the 1st of January, 1898. He is a popular postmaster, courteous and obliging, and his administration is one which has gained for him high commendation. Since the organization of the party he has always been a staunch Republican, keeping well informed on the issues of the day and doing all in his power to secure the growth and success of the party. For many years he has been a valued representative of the Grand Army of the Republic. In *ante-bellum* days he became identified with the Masonic order, whose beneficent principles he exemplifies in his daily conduct. His family are members of the Presbyterian church at Plymouth, and the members of the Hofman household are people of high social standing, occupying a leading position in the circles of society. Their true worth and intelligence are received as passports. Mr. Hofman has long been in service, both municipal and national, and has ever been found true to the trust reposed in him. He has a creditable record and he justly deserves the high regard of his many friends.