

### CHARLES HENRY HUBER.

In these days, when politics is dominated by business men and managed on business principles, men of business ability are called to places requiring good judgment and experience in affairs of moment, and the line which long practically separated business men from politicians is being rapidly erased and bids fair soon to be entirely obliterated. The office of county recorder is an important one, demanding much of its incumbent and having much to do with the most important affairs of property owners and heirs to estates. In Richland county, Ohio, this office is filled ably and satisfactorily by Mr. Charles Henry Huber, who, while his official duties require his presence in Mansfield, retains his residence in Shelby.

Mr. Huber was born in Shelby, April 21, 1857. His parents were brought from Germany, in 1852, by their parents, and both families settled at Shelby. At that time his father was sixteen years old, his mother twelve. They advanced to manhood and womanhood and were married and entered upon their life work together at Shelby. Their son, Charles Henry, attended the common and high schools at Shelby, and, having completed his education, engaged in business as a cigar manufacturer, and continued his enterprise with success until he disposed of it, advantageously, in 1899. While directing his energies to that industry he gained an enviable reputation as a relia-

ble and substantial business man and became so popular with the general public that in 1895 he was elected to the office of recorder of Richland county, a compliment that will be more fully appreciated when it is understood that for twenty-two years no other man not a resident of the city of Mansfield had been called to that responsible position, or, in fact, to a county office in the court house. He was re-elected in 1898, and is now filling his second term. The population of Richland county is fifty thousand, and its taxable property aggregates two million and five hundred thousand dollars; and these figures will afford some idea to the casual reader of the responsibility resting on Mr. Huber in the discharge of his onerous official duties.

From a period antedating his majority Mr. Huber has been actively identified with Democratic politics in Richland county, and he has been a member of the Democratic county and state central committees and has been a delegate to several state conventions. He was elected a member of the Shelby city council in 1893. He is a popular secret-society member, being identified with the Knights Templar, the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen and the Maccabees. He married Miss Rosamond Gates, a daughter of Martin Gates, who was brought to this county by his parents at the age of ten, from New Jersey, and is still living in the county, aged eighty-one years. Mr. and Mrs. Huber have three children, named in the order of their birth Mabel F., Mary L. and Charles F. A lover of home, Mr. Huber spends at his residence in Shelby the little leisure time his office permits.