

which he worked until the completion of the structure. Much of his time afterward was spent in this city, though he did not move here from his farm until 1872. Among the buildings constructed under his supervision are the Jones and Nungesser Blocks, Captain Smith's building, First Congregational Church, part of the union school building, and the Canfield, Wheeler and Buckley residences. His attention has been largely given to general mason work, and he has also improved several pieces of property for himself.

Politically Mr. Brain is somewhat independent in his views, though favoring Republican principles. In April, 1864, he was made a Mason at Lafayette Lodge No. 16, and has been an influential member of Manistee Lodge No. 228. He has served as Worshipful Master of Manistee Lodge, High Priest in Manistee Chapter No. 65, and is the present Thrice Illustrious Master of Manistee Council No. 46, R. & S. M. He is also identified with Manistee Commandery No. 32. In the Order of United Workmen he has been Master of his lodge. He was one of the incorporators of James McGinley Post No. 201, G. A. R., and has been active in its circles.

Mrs. Mary A. Brain died December 16, 1893, after having become the mother of the following children: Annie M., Mrs. Ira Mathias, of Chief Lake, Mich.; Flora R., who married Charles O'Connor, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles W., bookkeeper for the Seymour Transportation Company, of Manistee; William R., who is engaged in milling at Chief Lake; Lewis E., who works in a mill at Empire; Frankie, who died at the age of twenty months; and Alpheus Smith, fourteen years of age, and at present a student at Niles, this state.

MILTON W. NEWKIRK, attorney-at-law, County Clerk and Register of Deeds of Antrim County, and one of the influential citizens of Bellaire, was born in Calhoun County, Mich., August 3, 1859, being the only child of Bevier and Emily (Buffington) Newkirk, natives of New York State. His father and a

brother, Cornelius, were only sons, and were of Holland-Dutch descent.

In young manhood Bevier Newkirk removed from New York to Michigan, and in 1837 settled in Calhoun County, near Battle Creek, where he remained about a quarter of a century, engaged in farm pursuits. He at present makes his home in Mancelona, this state. His wife is descended from Puritan ancestry, and is a daughter of David Buffington, who was born in one of the Eastern States, and followed the trade of a blacksmith. At the time of his death he was about eighty years of age. He was a man of great energy, robust constitution and powerful frame, and in business was more than ordinarily successful. Possessing a deeply religious belief, he was active in the Christian Church, of which he was a member.

The boyhood years of our subject were passed principally in St. Joseph County, where he attended the common schools. He was reared upon a farm, remaining with his parents until nineteen years of age, when he left home and started out for himself. In a printing-office at Mancelona he learned "the art preservative," and in 1882-83 published the *Elmira Gazette* in Otsego County. Desiring to turn his attention to the legal profession, he then began the study of law, which he conducted in the office of W. S. Mesick, of Mancelona. Admitted to the Bar in 1886, he opened an office at Elk Rapids, where the two ensuing years were spent in the management of a general practice. In the fall of 1888 he was elected County Clerk and Register of Deeds, and has been re-elected three successive times, at present serving his fourth term.

August 3, 1889, Mr. Newkirk was united in marriage with Miss Lottie Duncan, of Midland, Mich. Of this union one child, Arthur, has been born. Mrs. Newkirk, who is a most estimable lady, is actively identified with the Presbyterian Church, and is prominent in social circles. Fraternally our subject affiliates with the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and the Order of the Maccabees. In his political views he is a staunch upholder of the Republican party, the principles of which he supports with his ballot and influence. In addition to the above-named offices, in which he has

served with credit to himself, he has also rendered efficient service as a member of the Board of Education, and as Village Attorney of Bellaire for one term. For a time he engaged in legal practice alone, but recently he formed a partnership with W. S. Mesick, of Mancelona, and the firm is one of the most prominent and successful in this section of the state. In addition to a valuable residence property in Bellaire, Mr. Newkirk is the owner of farm and timber lands in Antrim County, and, while not wealthy, is blessed with a comfortable amount of this world's goods.



FRANK W. CLARK, Secretary and Treasurer of the Copenish Roller-mill Company, has also for the past seven years been general manager of the Buckley & Douglas Lumber Company's store at Copenish. He is a young man of excellent financial ability and general information, and is a valuable assistant to his employers, as well as to the concern with which he is officially connected. He is a native of Canada, and was born in Ingersoll, Ontario, November 30, 1865.

Orange Clark, the paternal grandfather of Frank W., was likewise a native of Canada, and was a well-to-do farmer and successful railroad contractor. His death occurred in Canada when he had reached an advanced age. Orange, Jr., our subject's father, was born in Canada, and is still a resident of the province of Ontario. For a number of years he was engaged in the oil-refining business at Ingersoll and Guelph, but is now making his home in the city of Toronto. His wife, Diantha M., was a daughter of John Fick, both natives of Canada, the latter being a farmer, who died at the age of seventy-three years.

To Mr. and Mrs. Clark were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, two of whom have passed to the silent land. Louise is the wife of John A. Cameron; William A. is the second of the family; Minnie M. became the wife of Charles McClelland; Frank W. is the next in order of birth; and Kate Winnefred is the youngest. The mother of these children passed to her final rest in April, 1892, being then in the sixty-fifth year of her age.

The boyhood of Frank W. Clark was quietly

passed in Ingersoll, the place of his birth. There he received his elementary education, which he subsequently completed by a course of training in the Guelph Institute. When only thirteen years of age he began to learn telegraphy, and was the operator at Ingersoll for one year. He then went into the city office of the North-Western Railroad, and six months later took charge of the telegraph office, general store and postoffice at Mt. Elgin. Six months later he went to Manistee, Mich., and entered the employ of Messrs. Buckley & Douglas. From 1881 until 1888 he was bookkeeper and log-scaler in the various lumber camps owned by that company, and for the past thirteen years he has been a faithful employe of the concern.

On the 1st of March, 1889, Mr. Clark was united in marriage with Miss Edith Peterson, a daughter of William K. and Mary (Lovelace) Peterson. Two children have been born to our subject and his wife, namely: Douglas Warner and William Ward.

The honor of being appointed the first Postmaster at Copenish was bestowed upon Mr. Clark, and for four years he held the office to the satisfaction of all concerned. In his political views he is a thorough Republican, believing that the principles advocated by that party are best adapted to the welfare of the country. Socially he is identified with the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias. He owns a good residence property in this place, and also has considerable money invested in timber-land in Benzie County. Though his business career covers only a few years, he has already manifested his ability and the qualities which are sure to win success.



JOHAN GIBERSON has been engaged in legal practice at Clare since March, 1887. Prior to that date he was a resident of Chase, Lake County, and was elected on the Prohibition ticket to serve as County Prosecuting Attorney. Since coming here he has been the City Attorney for six years. In the local civic societies he is