

the schools of his native land and spent the days of his boyhood and youth at his parents' home. In 1868 he came to the United States, a young man of twenty years, and cast his lot with the citizens of Orange, among whom he has since resided, his sterling worth winning him a foremost place in their ranks. He was first employed by the firm of Compton & Root, and has since been engaged in business in the capacity of a mechanical engineer. He was appointed to his present position by the board of aldermen of Orange, in May, 1897, and has ably administered the affairs of his office. His practical understanding of the working of machinery well qualifies him for the position, and he is giving uniform satisfaction by the able manner in which he discharges the duties that devolve upon him. He purchased a tract of land at Watchung Heights, where he has erected a pleasant modern residence and makes his home.

Mr. Daisey was married at St. John's church, Roman Catholic, at Orange, to Miss Catherine Moore, a daughter of James Moore, and to them were born eight children, four of whom are now deceased: Mary Ann, who died at the age of three years; Catherine, who also died in early life, and two who died in infancy. Those who still survive are James Francis, who graduated at the St. John's parochial school at Orange, learned the hatter's trade and is now following that pursuit in Cleveland, Ohio; William J., who was graduated in the parochial school in Millburn, is now a salesman in the hat business; Dennis, who was also graduated in the parochial school in Millburn, is now foreman of the Berg Hat Manufacturing Company; and Catherine is a student in St. John's paro-

chial school in Orange. The parents are both communicants of St. John's church, Roman Catholic, and in politics Mr. Daisey is a stalwart Democrat, having cast his first presidential vote for Horace Greeley.

J. BANKS REFORD,

an inspector of customs for the port of New York city and an ex-county official of Essex county, New Jersey, resides in his handsome residence at No. 184 Midland avenue, Bloomfield, New Jersey. His long identification with Essex county and the close relation he has sustained to its affairs render his name well known and well worthy of consideration in the present work. Briefly, a resume of his life is as follows:

Mr. J. Banks Reford was born in Lee, Berkshire county, Massachusetts, July 6, 1836, son of James A. and Ann (Smith) Reford. In 1840 the family came to Bloomfield, New Jersey.

J. Banks Reford was reared in Bloomfield, receiving his education at the Bloomfield Institute under charge of Rev. E. Seymour. On leaving school he went to New York city and accepted a position as clerk in the New York Book Concern, where he served as such most efficiently for a period of ten years. Afterward he was employed by the American News Company of New York city. On severing his connection with the latter company, he returned to Bloomfield and became deputy clerk under George D. G. Moore, surrogate, with whom he remained during the years 1870, '71 and '72. In the fall of 1872 he was elected clerk of Essex county, New Jersey, which position he filled five years, performing the duties of the same in a faithful and

conscientious manner and thus reflecting credit both upon himself and his constituents. It was at the hands of the Republican party that he was given this office. In 1881 he was appointed inspector at the New York port, a position he has since filled.

Mr. Reford is a man of family. He was married in 1859 to Miss Frances E. Moore, a daughter of Achibald Moore. To them four children have been born, namely: J. Theron, George S., Charles A. and J. Banks, Jr. The family are identified with Westminster church, in Bloomfield.

Mr. Reford is one of the most public-spirited and generous men, interested in all that pertains to the welfare of his town and ever ready to contribute his support toward all movements or measures he believes to be for its good. He served three terms as a member of the town committee and three terms as clerk of Bloomfield township, also a member of the board of education. He helped to organize the Bloomfield fire department, was president of the first hose company in the town, and for some ten years was president of the Firemen's Relief Association.

THEODORE D. FAULKS

is an active and prominent business man, who is now occupying the responsible position of superintendent of the West Orange water works, and also carries on business as a civil engineer and dealer in real estate. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on the 12th of December, 1870, and has already attained in business circles a position which many an older man might well envy. His parents were Stephen H. and Annie (Cleveland) Faulks, the latter a descendant

of the Cleveland family from which the late president springs. The father of our subject is a son of Isaac and Hettie (Woodruff) Faulks. The former was the first of the family to settle in New Jersey, taking his residence in Madison, Morris county, where he was engaged in the wholesale butchering business. He was also something of a mechanical genius and invented and patented a hay press which came into general use in central New Jersey. He died in Elizabeth, at the age of seventy years, but his wife is still living, making her home with her daughter Mary Jane, now the wife of Samuel Stelle, of Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Stelle have two children, Hettie P. and Viola.

Stephen H. Faulks, the only son of Isaac and Hettie Faulks, obtained his elementary education in the public schools and afterward pursued his studies in the Newark Academy. In early life he became associated with his father in the hay-press and provender business, and upon his father's death formed a partnership with William Holmes, of New York city, dealing in hay and produce. This business relationship is still maintained, and they are enjoying a liberal patronage. By his marriage to Annie Cleveland, who has been to him a faithful companion and helpmeet, Stephen H. Faulks had four children: Isaac Woodruff, who married Nellie W. Fort and has two children,—Huber W. and Richard; Theodore D.; Grace C., wife of William D. Bird, by whom she has one son, Charles; and Eugene C., who died in early life. The parents are now residents of Newark, New Jersey, and both are consistent Christians, holding membership in the Presbyterian church.

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