

MORTIMER A. DITTENHOEFER.

A gentleman of scholarly attainments and strong mentality, Mortimer A. Dittenhoefer, although a young man, has exercised a strong influence upon the intelligence and culture of Mansfield, Richland county. He is very popular and has a host of warm friends throughout the community where his entire life has been passed. He was born in Mansfield June 19, 1873, and is a son of Adolph P. and Effie M. Dittenhoefer. He is also a cousin of Hon. A. J. Dittenhoefer, ex-judge of the marine court of New York and a grandson of M. L. Miller, one of Mansfield's enterprising and prominent business men.

Mr. Dittenhoefer, of this review, acquired his early education in the Mansfield public schools, after which he entered the Ohio Business College, being graduated in that institution with credit. Subsequently he went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he engaged in merchandising for two years. Later he entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, and after twenty-seven months of continuous application—the three-years course—he completed his law studies in that institution and went to Columbus, Ohio, where, with the class of three hundred, he took the examination for admission to the bar of the state. This he successfully passed and was admitted

to practice law in Ohio. He then returned to Ann Arbor, where he graduated the following summer with the degree of Bachelor of Law.

Returning to Mansfield, the Doctor became identified with the law firm of Douglass & Mengert, one of the best law firms of northern Ohio, and in his practice he has met with excellent success, securing a constantly growing clientage which connects him with some of the most important litigation tried in the courts of his district. He is a gentleman of genuine worth, of industrious habits and broad-minded views. He possesses many excellent qualities and some rare ones. He is a constant contributor to the press and has written many articles which reflect credit on his ability and indicate his strong and well disciplined mind. His leisure moments outside of his law practice are spent in literary work and he is especially successful as a writer of short stories, having won considerable fame in this direction. Among his productions are *Blue Envelopes*, *Dott*, *the Flower Girl*, *Her Father's Secret* and *Weedles*. He also published a novel in book form called *A Dowie Elder*, and has written a one-act play called *the Flower Girl*, which is a dramatization of his story of *Dott*.