

## MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF 1896.

**SPEAKER:**HON. SYDNEY E. MUDD, *of Charles County.*

Sydney E. Mudd, Republican, a son of the late Jeremiah T. Mudd, a prosperous farmer of Charles county, was born on his father's farm, near Bryantown, February 12th, 1858. He was educated at Georgetown University and St. John's College, Annapolis, and graduated from the latter institution in 1878. He then took a special law course at the University of Virginia, and was admitted to the bar in 1880. He had hardly attained his majority before he began to take prominent part in the local Republican politics of Charles county, and was elected on the Republican ticket to the House of Delegates in 1879, when only twenty-one years of age. He was re-elected to the same office two years later. He was also one of the Garfield electors in 1880. From 1882 to 1888 he was engaged in the practice of law, and was active as a political worker. He was nominated on the Republican ticket as Representative from the fifth Maryland district in Congress in 1888, running against Barnes Compton, the Democratic candidate. The election was very close, and although Mr. Compton was elected by a few votes, on the face of the returns, Mr. Mudd instituted a contest for the seat before the Fifty-first Congress, and was seated. Mr. Mudd was the nominee of his party for re-election to the House of Representatives in the campaign of 1890, and Mr. Compton was again the nominee of the Democrats. This was the year of the great Democratic tidal wave, and Mr. Compton was elected by a large vote.

In 1893, Mr. Mudd was the Republican nominee for State Senator from Charles county and prosecuted a vigorous canvass. At the local elections in Charles that year there was much disaffection in both parties, growing out of the county seat agitation, and nothing like a party vote was cast. Dr. L. C. Carrico, Mr. Mudd's Democratic opponent, was successful by eleven votes. In the campaign of last fall ex-Congressman Mudd succeeded in bringing order and harmony to his party, that had been badly shattered by the county seat fight of last June, and, with a united front, it gave the Democrats a bad defeat at the polls. Mr. Mudd was at the head of the ticket for the House of Delegates and received the largest vote of any candidate. Mr. Mudd is chairman of the Republican county committee.

He was married to Miss Ida Griffin, of Prince George's county, in 1882, and has four children. He resides in Bryantown. He was selected at the first ballot in the Republican