

been for the past two years a member of the County School Board, the only public office he has ever held. He has a family and resides in a handsome residence on the mainland near Solomon's Island.

*Carroll County*—J. W. HERING.

Dr. J. W. Hering was born near Johnsville, in Frederick county, Maryland, in 1833, and came to Westminster in 1851. At the age of eighteen, he procured a position as clerk in the store of Jacob Reese, and later on undertook the study of medicine and graduated from the Maryland University School of Medicine, and began practice in 1855. In 1867, he was made cashier of the Union National Bank, whereupon he gave up the practice of medicine, and has been cashier of that bank ever since. Dr. Hering has been such a prominent citizen, and so much trust and reliance has been placed in him, that he has had quite a number of large estates to settle up. He was one of the founders of the Western Maryland College and is chairman of the executive committee, and a member of the board of trustees, and lecturer on hygiene of that institution. Hering Hall is named in his honor. He is one of the charter members of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Carroll county, and has been president of the company since 1873. Dr. Hering has always been an active member of the Methodist Protestant Church. In May, 1892, he was chosen president of the General Conference, the highest position in the church, and was the first layman ever elected to fill the position. Dr. Hering is also one of the trustees of the Home for Aged People in Westminster, and to his earnest work the opening of that charity is due. He has always been a Democrat, and, although never holding political office, has been engaged more or less in every campaign for the past thirty years. His election gave the Democrats control of the famous Senate of 1896, which they had lost by the sudden death of Senator Bennett. Dr. Hering has shown in the Senate the same fidelity to the interests of the State that had marked his career in every other phase of his earnest and active life. He was chairman committee on contingent expenses of Senate, on committee on finance, on committee on corporations, on committee on elections, on committee on education, on committee on sanitary condition of State, and chairman of committee on revaluation and assessment of the last Senate.