



WILLIAM W. CORBETT.

WILLIAM W. CORBETT was born in Birmingham, England, in 1822, and came to America in 1840. In 1843, he went to Canada, where he remained five years. He was married, during his residence in Canada, to Miss Mary Davis. On his return, he worked in New York, until 1851, when he moved to Stapleton to take charge of the sash and blind factory of the late Elwood Taylor. He remained there three years, when he went to Port Richmond, and established a sash and blind factory of his own and carried on a successful business until 1866, when he removed his factory and residence to New Brighton, and continued the business until 1870.

In 1861, under President Lincoln's administration, he was appointed night inspector of customs, of the old Quarantine district at Tompkinsville, and held the position for five years, at the end of which term he was promoted to day inspector with two assistants, and his district included all Staten Island and Bayonne. He remained in this position until the second year of Cleveland's administration.

In 1868, he was elected justice of the peace, which office he held for six consecutive terms. He was justice of the sessions for ten years, and sat on the bench with Judges Metcalfe, Westervelt and Stephens.

In politics, he has always been an active Republican, and was one of the five who organized the Republican party on the North Shore, during the Fremont campaign, and helped to hang the first Republican banner in the county. He was secretary of the first Republican General Committee of the county, of which Geo. William Curtis was president; and has himself served two terms as president of the General Committee.

Mr. Corbett still carries on the real estate business in New Brighton, has been for ten years general manager for the Henderson estate, is agent for the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and has been since its organization, and is the head of the Local Detective Agency, recently established on Staten Island, with the approval and co-operation of the county courts and police department.