



POSTMASTER GRIFFIN.

OLIVER H. GRIFFIN, whose portrait is herewith presented, fittingly exemplifies the American idea of progression and enterprise, pressing forward with indomitable energy to the accomplishment of greater things, each elevation being the stepping-stone to something more advanced.

He was born in New York city, and came to Staten Island when about six years of age. At fourteen years of age he secured a position as clerk in M. S. Tynan's saw-mill, but soon, having an opportunity for a more lucrative position, he left the saw-mill and took charge of Hall's coal business, which position he held for ten years.

Mr. Griffin then was appointed ticket agent for the S. I. R. T. R. R. Co., at Whitehall street, New York, where his business aptitude quickly won him a high position.

On June 10th, 1890, he received his commission, under the Harrison administration, as postmaster at Stapleton, which office he still fills to the entire satisfaction of the people. It was through his instrumentality that the handsome new post-office building was secured.

Mr. Griffin is active in Masonic matters and the A. O. U. W., is a member of the Staten Island Quartette Club, and for many years has been prominently identified with the Edgewater Fire Department.