

### ED. MANNING.

The chairman of the board of trustees of Huntington Beach is a native of Illinois and was born in Carroll county, March 20, 1872. The parents, Albert and Huldah (Lindsley) Manning, were also natives of the middle west, born in Illinois and Ohio respectively. The father died in 1877, and the mother resides near Azusa, Cal.

Ed. Manning was brought up in a farming community, and he early in life became familiar with agricultural affairs. The experience which he thus acquired was not without its advantage, for when he started out in the world on his own account his first thought was to find work on farms wherever he happened to be. He was only eighteen years of age when he took upon himself the responsibilities of his own support. From Illinois he set out for the west, going first to Minnesota and Dakota, but after spending a short time in these places he continued across the continent to California. Azusa, Los Angeles county, was his destination, and in the vicinity of that place he worked on ranches in order to defray his expenses until he could decide upon or find more congenial employment. In the meantime he had made up his mind that the work was not altogether to his liking and at the same time he had decided to learn the plumber's trade. With this idea in view he went to Los Angeles and entered upon an apprenticeship with A. A. Bennett, at that time carrying on a large plumbing establishment in that city, but now the chief plumbing inspector of the same city.

After completing his apprenticeship Mr. Manning returned to Azusa, and followed his trade there altogether for ten years, a part of this time being associated with the Casey Company. It was with the desire and intention of establishing a business of his own that he came to Huntington Beach in 1904, this being a comparatively new town and offering better opportunities than the older and more settled towns. The venture proved a wise one from the first, and during the six years that he has been located here he has built up an excellent patronage, in fact has done the greater part of the plumbing installed in the town. In addition to filling contracts here, he has also done work in the outlying towns of East Newport, Wintersburg, Bolsa and Talbert. The fact that he is in such constant demand is conclusive evidence that his work is executed in a conscientious and satisfactory manner, and shows him to be an expert in his chosen business.

In Azusa, Cal., in 1898, Mr. Manning was married to Carrie V. Preston, the daughter of James Preston, who crossed the plains to the state about 1860. From El Monte, where he first settled, he later came to Azusa, and is now making his home in that locality, engaged in orange growing. Two children have blessed the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Manning, both daughters, Pauline and Mildred. In every sense of the word Mr. Manning is a self-made man. Left fatherless when five years old, he started out when little more than a boy, empty-handed and alone, to make his way in the world, and that he has succeeded is evidenced by the business reputation that he has made for himself in Huntington Beach during the six years that he has made his home here. In February, 1909, his fellow-citizens elected him to the chairmanship of the board of trustees of Huntington Beach, an office he is qualified to fill, and he is fulfilling his duties with entire satisfaction to all concerned.