

HON. J. P. MATHIAS.

A Popular Representative From Frederick County.

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Responsibility is always commensurate with power and influence, and since the influence of the legislator is so great his responsibility is equally so. No member of the Republican Legislature of 1902, which will go down to posterity as one of the most memorable in the history of the State, more fully appreciated this fact than the subject of this sketch, Hon. J. P. T. Mathias, of Frederick county. The guiding principles of his life, perseverance and self-reliance, he brought to the Legislature and his actions there were characterized by those same manly, patriotic and unswerving principles of right that has long made his name synonymous with integrity and devotion to duty. Mr. Mathias through an ardent Republican, has never before held office. In 1899, he was a candidate for the Legislature, but was defeated. He first saw dawn at Creakerstown, 52 years ago and obtained his education in the public schools. He is engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. Mathias is on the following committees: Education and Printing. He is the author of a number of bills, which have passed the House, affecting his county and State. His hold on the affections and judgment of his constituents is admirable and we predict a career of much usefulness for him.