

MAURICE F. MULCONERY. In a city as modern and rapidly growing as Wichita there is a wide field for operations in insurance, and one of the men who is achieving admirable results along this line is Maurice F. Mulconery, agency director of the New York Insurance Company, with headquarters at 513 First National Bank Building, Wichita, and one of the most experienced insurance men of Kansas. He was born in Lyon County, Kansas, December 21, 1883, a son of Michael J. and Anna E. (Hammond) Mulconery, the former of whom was born in Iowa, July 7, 1859, and the latter, in Wisconsin, July 25, 1859. Both were brought to Lyon County, Kansas, when young, and there they were married and engaged in farming. Later he became a hardware merchant at Hartford, Kansas, and there he remained until 1901. In that year he went to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, but in 1907 returned to Kansas, and, locating at Kansas City, established himself in a business of metal working, in which he continued until recently, when he retired, but he still continues a resident of Kansas City. Both he and his wife are devout members of the Roman Catholic Church. They have had the following children born to them: Maurice F., whose name heads this review; and Mayme, who died March 23, 1922, at the age of forty-two years, the wife of Dennis Gilligan, of Hartford, Kansas.

A product of the public schools, Maurice F. Mulconery was in the junior year of the Hartford High School when his parents moved to Oklahoma City, and from 1901 to 1903 he worked for the Lyons Department Store, and in the latter year began his long connection with the New York Life Insurance Company as office boy. In 1905 he was made cashier of the company at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and after one year was sent to Saint Joseph, Missouri, by the company, and remained there from 1906 to 1911. In the latter year he was

made agency organizer and was sent to Kansas City, and in 1912, to Wichita, as agency organizer. He opened the present office of the company in 1917 as agency director of the Wichita agency, which responsible position he now holds, and is making a splendid record, far exceeding the quota of business annually assigned him. He is one of the men in high standing at Wichita, and belongs to its Chamber of Commerce, the Wichita Club and the Wichita Country Club. In religious faith he is a Catholic.

In 1917 Mr. Mulconery married Miss Meta F. Stewart, of Wichita, and they have one little daughter, Meta F., who was born January 15, 1920. Mr. Mulconery comes of a fine old family of Ireland, in which country his grandfather, Maurice Mulconery, was born, and from whence he came to the United States in young manhood, and after his arrival in this country he worked at railroad contracting in Iowa and later in Kansas. He had the contract for the construction of that part of the Santa Fe Railroad that lies between Neosha Rapids and Emporia, and also a portion of the road to the east of Neosha Rapids. After he had completed this contract he purchased land near Neosha Rapids and continued to farm his property until his death, which occurred in 1888 at Neosha Rapids, and there his wife also died. The maternal grandfather, John Hammond, was also born in Ireland. Mr. Mulconery attributes many of his most admirable qualities to his Irish forebears, and strives to live up to the high principles of both grandfathers, of whom he feels that anyone might well be proud, for they were honorable and upright, and coming to a strange land, made good citizens of themselves and their children, and helped in the constructive work of an earlier period. Mr. Hammond's connection with Kansas was carried on as a ranchman and cattle breeder, and he was largely interested in Sunny Slope Farm, long noted for the breeding of high-class, pure-bred White-Faced cattle. His son, John T. Hammond, now owns 700 acres of land near Hartford, in which vicinity the elder Hammond operated, and he, too, is breeding high-class, pure-bred White-Faced cattle. A portion of his fine estate that is just four miles south of Hartford is the homestead of John Hammond, and on it the latter died in 1908. John Hammond married Sarah Anderson, also a native of Ireland, and she is living on the homestead, being now an aged lady of eighty-eight years. Her sister was the mother of John Redmond, well known to fame.

Mr. Mulconery is a firm believer in insurance, and in carrying on his vigorous campaigns for the education of the public with reference to the importance of insuring against all risks he is but giving expression to his private convictions, and urging others to follow the example he has set for so long, and in this way eradicate much of the useless worry about the future with reference to financial matters in case of death, disaster or old age.