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**J. Frank Raine**, M. D., not only holds prestige as one of the representative physicians and surgeons of Jefferson county but also as one of the most resourceful and progressive citizens of the prosperous borough of Sykesville, which is the center of his professional activities. He controls a large general practice and has the distinction of being president of the First National Bank of Sykesville, of which specific mention is made on other pages of this work.

**Dr. Raine** was born at West Fairview, Cumberland Co., Pa., on the 4th of September, 1870, and as both of his parents died before he had attained to the age of twelve years he early became dependent largely upon his own resources, his advancement being the direct result of his own well ordered endeavors and resolute purpose. In Bedford and Perry Counties he passed the period of his boyhood and youth, and after having made the best possible use of the educational advantages that were afforded him in the public schools it was his to gain that valuable discipline that is involved in serving an apprenticeship to the printer's trade. At the age of sixteen years he assumed the dignified prerogatives of "printer's devil" in the office of the Perry County Times, at New Bloomfield, where he gained "practical experience and became not only a skilled compositor but also adept in connection with other details of the printing and newspaper business. Later he was employed as a compositor in the offices of The Grit and other papers at Williamsport, Lycoming County, and his determination to obtain a broader education was marked by resolute action. Through his own resources he defrayed the expenses incidental to attending school at Lock Haven, Clinton County, and later at Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Ind., where he was graduated in artistic pen work and completed a partial scientific course. He put his attainments to practical test and utilization by teaching school, and in 1897-8 he was principal of the public schools at Saxton, Bedford County. His next manifestation of versatility and resourcefulness was given when he bought an old established weekly newspaper at Millheim, Center County, and was its editor and publisher until June, 1901. The enterprise proved profitable and at the time noted he sold his interest in the business to his partners and followed the course of an ambitious purpose by entering the College of Physicians and Surgeons in the city of Baltimore, Md., in which institution he applied himself with characteristic diligence and ability until he had completed the prescribed curriculum. He was graduated in May, 1905. It was entirely through his own energy that he met the expenses incidental to preparing himself for the exacting profession in which he has since achieved success.

On the first of August, 1905, only a few months after having received his degree of doctor of medicine, **Dr. Raine** established his residence at Sykesville, where he assumed the position of local physician and surgeon at the coal mines of the Jefferson & Clearfield Coal & Iron Co. and the Erie Coal Company. At the expiration of one year he resigned his position with the company last mentioned, but has continued his active association with the former company, besides having developed a substantial and lucrative general practice. The Doctor is a close student and keeps fully in touch with the advances made in his profession, besides which he maintains active affiliation with the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Pennsylvania State Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He has made judicious investments in local real estate and has been concerned in the erection of a number of good houses, for which ready demand has been made. His enterprise has further been shown in the buying of tracts of timber, which has

been turned into lumber and sold in carload lots. The Doctor became a stockholder and director of the First National Bank of Sykesville in 1913, and in October, 1915, he succeeded **J. B. Sykes** in the presidency of this vigorous and thriving institution. The vitality and progressiveness of **Dr. Raine** have been potent factors in furtherance of the civic and material advancement of Sykesville and he has gained high place in the confidence and good will of the community. He gives his allegiance to the Republican Party, is well fortified in his opinions concerning governmental and economic policies and while he has had no desire for public office he is giving characteristically effective service as a member of the Sykesville board of education. In a fraternal way he is affiliated with the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias.

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