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PREFACE.

IT is with pleasure that I present to the public this "Album of Negro Educators." No branch of educational work that has been done for the colored people has created more interest than the preparation of those who were to become teachers, and assist in the elevation of their own race, and especially those who were to take charge of schools as presidents and principals of both denominational and State schools, founded in the interest of the colored people. There has always been, and doubtless always will be, something of interest to the public in the lives of those who manage the affairs of our educational institutions. I know that many have thought it too soon after freedom to entrust the management of important schools in the hands of colored leaders. I can assure my readers that the characters who appear in this "Album" are doing a most excellent work for the advancement of the race, and many of the schools mentioned herein—the work done at them—will compare favorably with a large number of schools managed entirely by white teachers. Those who read this book will see by the hardships, and in some cases suffering, that have been endured by the subjects mentioned in order that they might prepare themselves for life's great work, will, I hope, feel a deeper interest in the education of the colored people. I have not been able to give a history of any one whose sketch appears in the "Album," but I trust there has been enough said to awaken an interest, and at the same time show to the public that they are worthy of consideration and respect, and should be classed among the leading educators of our country.

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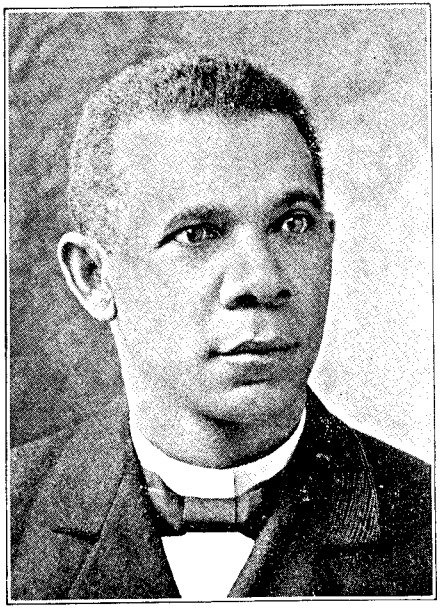


PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON, A. M.,
Principal of Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON was born of slave parents in Virginia. A part of his early life was spent as a coal miner near Charleston, West Virginia. He worked his way through Hampton Institute, and was for a while engaged there as a teacher. He began his work at Tuskegee in 1881 in a small building that would accommodate less than one hundred students. The school represents to-day over sixteen hundred acres of land, some forty buildings, over eighty teachers, and eleven hundred students. His school is known as the largest industrial institution in existence for colored people. Booker Washington is beyond doubt the best known colored man living. He has been well received in all parts of the country, and money has been given to him by people who have never before helped the educational work for colored people. Many young men are now supporting themselves at some useful trade learned at Mr. Washington's school. If General Armstrong, who was president of Hampton Institute at the time Booker Washington received his education, was now living, he would have much to be proud of in Mr. Washington's success. He could also see that he was right in recommending him as principal of the Tuskegee Institute.

PROF. W. H. COUNCILL,
President of Normal, at Normal, Ala.

PROF. W. H. COUNCILL was born in Fayetteville, N. C., in 1848, and brought to Alabama by traders in 1857, through the famous Richmond Slave Pen. He is a self-made man, having had only few school advantages. Prof. Councill attended one of the first schools opened by kind northern friends at Stevenson, Ala., in 1865. He remained there for three years, and formed the basis of his education, but has been a close and earnest student ever since, Prof. Councill has accumulated quite an excellent library, and the best books of the best masters are his constant companions. By private instruction and almost incessant study he has gained a fair knowledge of some of the languages, higher mathematics and the sciences. He read law, and was admitted to the Supreme Court of Alabama in 1883. Prof. Councill is now President of the A. & M. College, located at Normal, Ala. The school is a State school, and he has had charge of it since it was first opened. It is one of the largest industrial schools in the South—in fact the next largest to Tuskegee. They have 24 buildings, 40 teachers, over 300 students, and several hundred acres of land that is farmed by student labor. Several trades are also taught there.

RICHARD ROBERT WRIGHT, A. M., LL. D.,
President of Georgia State Industrial College.

RICHARD ROBERT WRIGHT, A. M., LL. D., was born at Dalton, Ga., in 1855. He received his college training at Atlanta University, and has been one of the most noted and useful men in the South. Mr. Wright called the first convention of colored teachers in Georgia. He was president of that body for several years. He founded the Ware High School at Augusta, Ga., which was the first high school in the State for colored youths and the only one supported by city funds. Mr. Wright has also held high political positions and has been a prominent member of the Republican party. In our late war with Spain he was one of the regular paymasters appointed by President McKinley. He is also a member of the Trustee Board of Atlanta University, and was selected to represent the educational work of the American Missionary Association in the South at an annual meeting held at Worcester, Mass. When the Georgia State Industrial College was founded, in October, 1891, Mr. Wright was unanimously elected its president. He still holds that position, and from a careful study of that work I am confident that a great work is being done for the colored youth through Mr. Wright's very able efforts.

PROF. J. H. JACKSON, A. B., A. M.,
President of Lincoln Institute.

PROF. J. H. JACKSON, A. B., A. M., was born in Kentucky. His early education was in the public schools of that State. Having the advantage that many others had not, he entered Berea College soon after he completed the public school course, and was graduated in June, 1874, with high honors, having the distinction of being the first negro to be graduated in Kentucky. After his graduation he taught for a number of years in the public schools of Lexington, Ky. In 1887 he was called to take charge of the State Normal, located at Frankfort. Prof. Jackson remained at the head of that institution until June, 1898, when he was elected as President of Lincoln Institute, located at Jefferson City, Missouri. Few men are better fitted to take charge of such a school than Prof. Jackson, and the people of Missouri have reason to be proud of the fact that he has been secured. Lincoln Institute is one of the best equipped State schools in the country for the education of the colored youth. The buildings are large and costly, and the grounds contain twenty acres. The school furnishes a large number of the State teachers for the colored schools, and it is a well known fact that Lincoln Institute has turned out some splendid teachers.

PROF. JAS. B. DUDLEY, A. M.,
President A. & M. College.

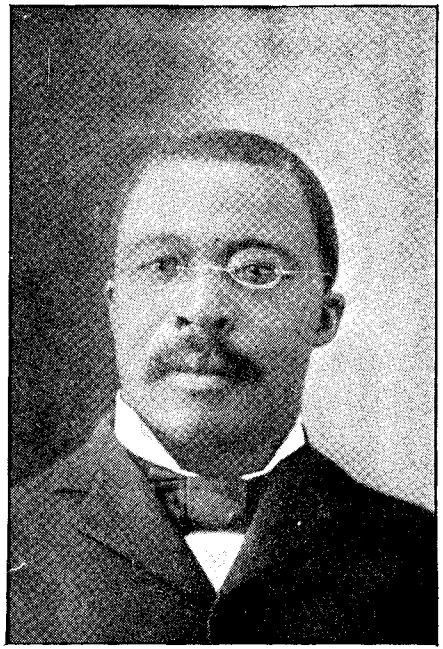
PROF. JAS. B. DUDLEY, A. M., was born in Wilmington, N. C., November 2, 1859. He attended the public schools, then the Institute for Colored Youths of Philadelphia, Pa., and Shaw University, of Raleigh, N. C. Mr. Dudley began teaching in the public schools of his native State in 1876, and has been engaged as a teacher ever since. He was principal of the Peabody Graded School of Wilmington, N. C., one of the largest schools in the State, for fourteen years. At the end of that time he was unanimously elected as president of the A. & M. College for Colored Youths at Greensboro, N. C., which is one of the best-equipped State schools in the country for either white or colored people. The buildings there are the best in the South, except Fisk University. Mr. Dudley has very much increased the attendance at the State School since he took charge. He has been prominent in the literary world as a writer, and has been connected with several newspapers; has also written for leading papers and magazines, and has been a prominent member and held important positions in the Grand Order of Masons, and in this way he has come in contact with the best people of the State.

PROF. S. G. ATKINS, A. M.,
Principal of Slater Industrial Academy.

PROF. S. G. ATKINS, A. M., was born of slave parents, and has been one of the most earnest men, as well as one of the most useful engaged in the educational advancement of the colored people. Prof. Atkins was for some time connected as a teacher at Livingstone College, and went from there to take charge of the "Slater Industrial Academy" at Winston-Salem, N. C. He first began this work in a small building 20 x 40, with one teacher and 25 pupils. The school now has 12 teachers and an attendance of over 200 pupils, and the property is valued at $25,000. The institution is founded on the idea that intellectual development and industrial training should go hand in hand. The literary department has in view chiefly the preparing of teachers for the public schools of the State. Prof. Atkins is regarded by all who know him as a distinguished educator, and a man of great morai worth and fine intellectual capacity. He is deeply interested in the moral, intellectual and material advancement of his race, and his untiring efforts in this direction should have the recognition and support of all who desire the improvement oi their fellow-beings. Prof. Atkins can count among his friends some of the leading white men of the State.

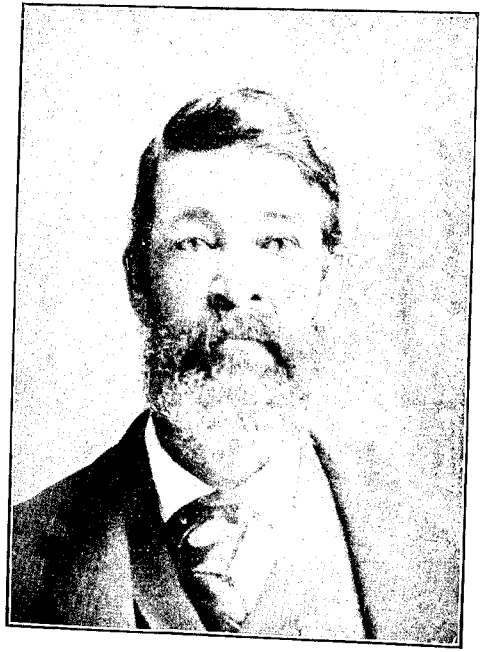
MRS. FANNY L. COPPIN,
Principal of Institute for Colored Youth, Philadelphia, Pa.

MRS. FANNIE L. JACKSON COPPIN was born in Washington, D. C., and was educated at Oberlin University, Oberlin, Ohio, from which institution she graduated. In 1865 she came by invitation to Philadelphia, Pa., and accepted a position as teacher in the "Institute for Colored Youth," where she has taught constantly ever since. For the past 28 years she has filled the position of principal. Under her management the industrial department was originated, and is now an important part of the work of this splendid school. She is also the originator of the "Woman's Exchange." I regard Mrs. Coppin as a credit to womankind, and while her work as a teacher has been among colored people, few women are better known as educators, and few if any schools have done a better work in the interest of the race than the one she is at the head of. I am told that the "Institution for Colored Youth" was in the first place started as an experiment, because it was generally believed that the negro could not master the higher branches of education. But in that the colored youth have proven quite as able as the whites, and the results have been most satisfactory. The school is supported by the Society of Friends.



REV. CHARLES H. PARRISH, A.B., A.M.,
President of Eckstein Norton University.

REV. CHARLES H. PARRISH, A. B., A. M., is one of the most remarkable men among the negro educators. He is a native of Kentucky, and worked his way up from errand boy in a dry goods store to the presidency of a flourishing school. He is also a prominent Baptist minister in Louisville, Ky. He entered the State University at Louisville, September, 1880, with Dr. William J. Simmons as President, and graduated May, 1886, at the head of his class with the degree of B. A. In the same year he became pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Louisville, where he still holds charge. Many honors have come to him as delegate to State, educational and national conventions, holding offices of trust in many. Rev. Parrish is now President of Eckstein Norton University, which is located at Cane Spring, Ky. The school has an industrial department, and carpentry, blacksmithing, farming, printing, plain sewing, dressmaking, tailoring, cooking, and in the business department shorthand, typewriting and bookkeeping are taught. The school also has a fine musical conservatory, manned by teachers from the best conservatories of the country. That department is under the management of Miss Hattie A. Gibbs. Rev. Parrish is married to Prof. Mary V. Cook, one of the most talented women of America.



PROF. J. C. CORBIN, A. M.,
President of Branch Normal College.

PROF. J. C. CORBIN, A. M., was born March 26, 1833, in Chillicothe, Ohio. His elementary education was gained in the pay-schools of that city, conducted by Oberlin students and supported by the colored citizens, as Ohio at that time maintained no schools for her colored youth. Prof. Corbin went to Louisville, Ky., after completing his education, to begin his work as a teacher. He was afterwards employed by the Mercantile Agency of B. Douglass & Co., at Cincinnati, also worked in the Bank of the Ohio Valley, during which time he assisted Rev. John P. Sampson in conducting the colored citizen newspaper. About 1870 he came to Arkansas, and was a reporter for the "Arkansas Republican," Governor Clayton's official organ. He afterwards taught in Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo., for some two years. Prof. Corbin was then employed by Governor Garland to establish and conduct the Branch Normal College, located at Pine Bluff, Ark. The school was opened in 1875, and has been successfully operated by Prof. Corbin ever since. The institution has an industrial department, with well equipped shops and a splendid set of tools and machinery. The school has sent out a large number of well trained teachers who are at work all over the State.

REV. T. J. AUSTIN, A. M.,
Principal of Normal School, Helena, Ark.

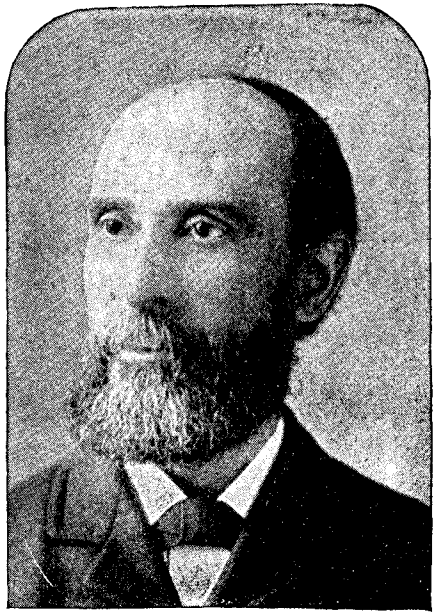
REV. T. J. AUSTIN was born in Haywood County, Tenn., March 25, 1859. His parents could afford him but scant opportunity for obtaining an education. From the age of eight to thirteen he worked on a farm with his stepfather, attending school on rainy days. After reaching the age of fourteen he was permitted to attend school from two to three months each year. In 1876 he took the county examination in his home county and secured a certificate. He began as teacher the same year, and afterwards seized every opportunity to prepare himself for his work. He entered Fisk University in 1878, and graduated from there in 1885, and took charge of Lane Institute, a school under the auspices of the C. M. E. Church, located at Jackson, Tenn. Rev. Austin remained there for three years as president. In 1888 he left there and took charge of a church and school at Florence, Ala., under the auspices of the American Missionary Association. After four years of labor there he resigned and went to Oklahoma, and at Guthrie, he built a Congregational Church, of which he was pastor. Rev. Austin, in 1899, took charge of the Normal School at Helena, Ark., which is one of the A. M. A. schools, and he is building up a splendid work at that place.

MRS. DINAH P. PACE,
In charge of the Orphan School and Home, Covington, Ga.

MRS. DINAH P. PACE is a very interesting character who is doing a great work for the elevation of her race. She received her education at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. In 1883 Mrs. Pace went to Covington, Ga., to teach for a few months only, but while there she saw the great work to be done in that section of the State. Her labors did not end with the routine of ordinary school duties, for she visited the homes and assisted in caring for the little ones of the families. Her interest in both mother and children soon caused her to have under her roof several children who were left orphans. Mrs. Pace soon began a school for the education of that class of children, and the work has grown very much in the last few years. The institution is quietly carried on without attracting any great amount of notice from other places. With the aid of northern benefactors and a few friends of the neighborhood, several buildings have been erected, but these are fast becoming insufficient, owing to the rapid growth of the school. Mrs. Pace is assisted by three other teachers. The children are given an industrial training as well as an intellectual one. The school is a great blessing to that community.

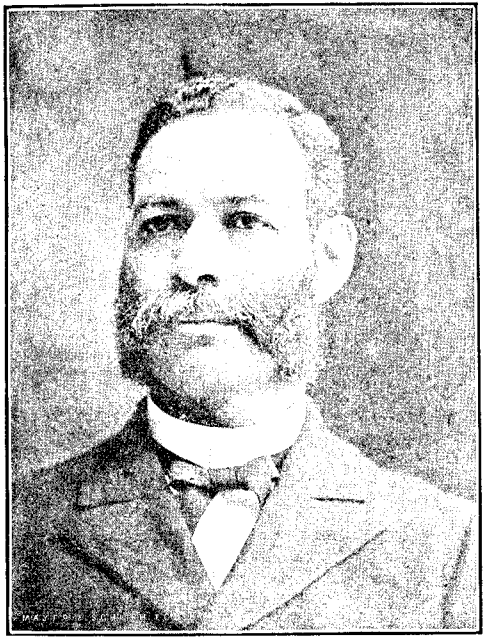
PROF. W. B. WEAVER,
Principal of Gloucester Agricultural and Industrial Institute.

PROF. W. B. WEAVER was born at Winton, N. C., April 7, 1852. The first school he attended was taught by his oldest brother, under a cart shelter. From there the school was moved to a log hut, which had been used as a barn, making seats out of boxes and plank boards. In 1869 he spent a few months in a public school, where he was advanced to the grade from which he could enter Hampton Normal and Industrial Institute at Hampton, Va. He worked his way through, and in 1873 began teaching his first school in his native State, having in his school 112 pupils. In 1875 and 76 he taught in the Valley of Virgina, and in 1878 at Williamsport, Pa. In 1879 he was sent by Gen. S. C. Armstrong to Gloucester County, Va., where he began a great and noble effort for the uplifting of his race. He opened school in December, 1879, in a little log cabin, which was used by slaves as a meeting-house before the war. In this dark room he taught over 75 pupils. His school is now an industrial institution on the plan of Hampton. They have 120 acres of land, good buildings for school purposes and shops. The school is well attended.



REV. S. T MITCHELL, A. M., LL D.,
President of Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

REV. SAMUEL T. MITCHELL, A. M., LL.D., is a native of Ohio and a graduate of Wilberforce University, where he finished his education in 1873. Rev. Mitchell is regarded as one of the best scholars in the country, and has as President of Wilberforce done much for the advancement of the institution. It was the first school started for the education of colored people by colored people. Located at Wilberforce, Ohio, makes it really a northern school, and yet its great power is felt all over this great country. Graduates from Wilberforce are engaged as preachers and teachers in very near every State in the Union. The school was founded by that great scholar and leader, Bishop D. A. Payne, in March, 1863, when he purchased the college property for $10,000, and at once associated with himself an able body of teachers. After thirteen years of hard and successful work as president, Bishop Payne resigned, and was succeeded by Rev. B. F. Lee, D. D., now one of the bishops of the A. M. E. Church. He was also a graduate of Wilberforce, and for want of funds worked his way through school. Bishop Lee was succeeded by Rev. S. T. Mitchell, who has done much to increase the attendance and raise the standard of the institution.



REV. I. M. BURGAN, D. D.,
President of Paul Quinn College.

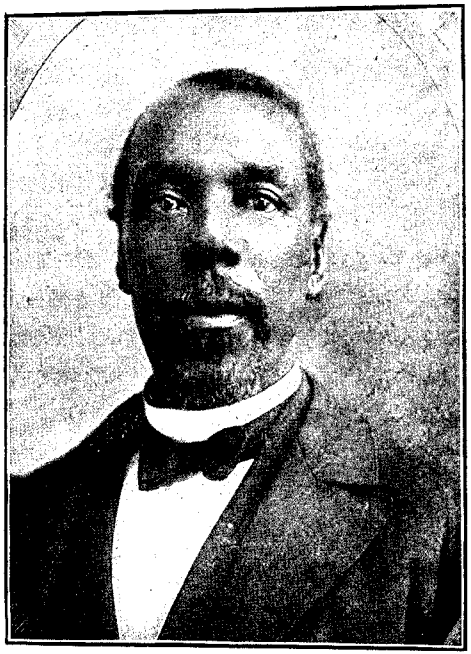
REV. I. M. BURGAN, D. D., President of Paul Quinn College, is a graduate from Wilberforce University, and is regarded as a very useful man in the educational work. He has been twice elected as president of Paul Quinn College. He served eight years of successful work during his first presidency, and resigned in 1891 and entered the ministry, holding charges in some of the largest churches in the A. M. E. connection. He was recalled as president of Paul Quinn College in 1896, and, finding the work very much run down, he saw at once that it would require a great effort upon his part to make it the same school he had only four years before left. In one year's time the whole school seemed to take on new life and entirely revived, and in the fourth year of his second administration the enrollment reached 250 students against 110 the year before his return. The progress of the educational work in Texas and the steady growth of the A. M. E. Church in the Southwest owe very much to the steadfast purpose and untiring efforts of the active President of Paul Quinn College. The school is under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, and is located at Waco, Texas.

REV. JAMES M. HEDERSON, D. D.,
President of Morris Brown College.

REV. JAMES M. HENDERSON, D. D., is a native of Indiana, and a graduate of Oberlin College, Ohio. He is also a graduate in law and theology. Mr. Henderson is regarded by all who know him to be an exceedingly able man. He is president of Morris Brown College, located at Atlanta, Ga. The school is under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, and has, under the management of Dr. Henderson, made rapid progress, and in spite of the fact that it is located in a city where there are five other large institutions for the education of colored people. Morris Brown is attended by some three hundred students each year. The site upon which Morris Brown College stands was purchased by Bishop W. J. Gaines, of Atlanta. He paid the first $1,000 out of his own pocket. The ground was bought at a cost of $3,500. It contains four acres of ground, fronts on three streets Boulevard, Houston and Howell—and is situated in the heart of Atlanta. The money to complete the buildings was raised by the Georgia, North Georgia and Macon, Ga., Conferences. Mr. Henderson was appointed as president of Morris Brown College by Bishop H. M. Turner, D. D., LL. D.

PROF. JOHN R. HAWKINS, A. M.,
Founder of Kittrell College.

PROF. JOHN R. HAWKINS, A. M., is a native of North Carolina and a graduate from Hampton. Mr. Hawkins has made much of his educational advantages, and is regarded as a very useful man in the educational work of the colored people. At the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church, held in Wilmington, N. C., in May, 1896, Mr. Hawkins was elected as Secretary of Education of the A. M. E. Church. This is the first time in the history of the church that a layman has held this position. But his election to this place is due entirely to his most excellent fitness for the position. Mr. Hawkins is now reaping the reward that always comes in the end to those who are worthy. He has been a hard student all his life, and many a night when other young men were asleep or seeking amusements, he could have been found hard at work over his books. Prof. Hawkins founded Kittrell College, which is located at Kittrell, N. C. The school is under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, and it has had remarkable growth. The school property is valued at $15,000. There are eight teachers including the president, and the attendance each year is large.



REV. ISAIAH H. WELCH, D. D.,
President of Wayman Institute.

REV. ISAIAH H. WELCH, D. D., was born on the eastern shore of Maryland, June 22, 1845. His early life was spent on a farm. In his boyhood he desired an education, and went to Wilberforce University to obtain it. He remained there only two years, when he ran away and enlisted as a Union soldier in the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers, but was transferred to Company C. of the 55th Regiment. Rev. Welch was injured in the charge on James Island and battle of Honey Hill, S. C., and was then placed on detailed duty and assigned to Freedmen's Bureau, under Gen. O. O. Howard, to make out contracts between ex-slaves and former masters. After the war he returned to Wilberforce and finished his education, graduating at the head of his class, and was ordained an elder the same year by Bishop D. A. Payne. Rev. Welch is regarded as one of the ablest men in the A. M. E. Church, and he has held charge of some of the largest charges in Alabama, Florida and Kentucky. He founded Wayman Institute, which is located at Harrodsburg, Ky., and is under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church. Rev. Welch is now president of the institute. The course of studies taught there are College Preparatory, English, Theological, Normal, Music, Domestic Economy.

REV. B. A. J. NIXON, D. D.,
Principal of Turner Normal and Theological Institute.

REV. B. A. J. NIXON, D. D., was born of slave parents at Warrensburg, Mo., April 24, 1848. He was sold away from his parents, and for years knew nothing of where they were. After freedom he at once began to seek an education. He worked for a man in Nashville who kept a hotel, where he was put on the night watch. This gave him a chance to get some five or six hours' sleep each day, and at the same time attend school. He first went to Fisk University. After leaving Fisk he became one of the teachers of the State, and took an active part in politics. In 1881 he entered Central Tennessee College at Nashville, and graduated from the college course May, 1886. In 1887 he graduated from the theological department of the same school with the degree of B. D. In 1887 Rev. Nixon joined the Annual Conference of the A. M. E. Church, and was sent to Shelbyville, Tenn. There he taught and preached for four years. He has been a delegate to the General Conference of the A. M. E. Church four times. Rev. Nixon is now President of the Turner Normal and Theological Institute at Shelbyville, Tenn. The school is under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church.

PROF. A. ST. GEORGE RICHARDSON, A. M.,
President of Edward Waters College.

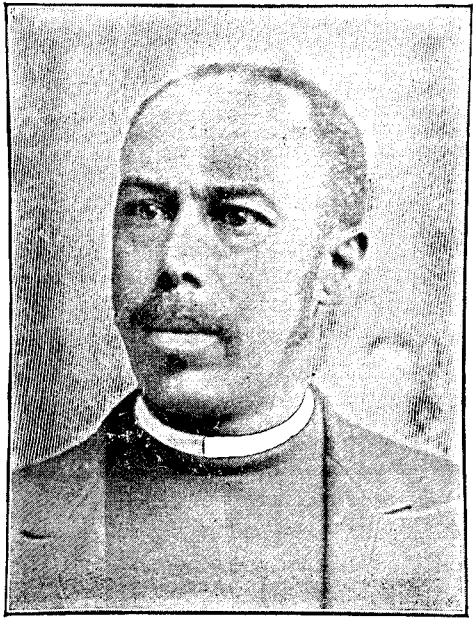
PROF. A. ST. GEO. RICHARDSON was born in Bermuda, West Indies, in 1863, where he received his early training. Removed to St. John, N. B., Canada, in 1878, where he completed his secondary education, and graduated from the High School with highest honors in mathematics. Was graduated from the University of New Brunswick, in 1886, with first class honors in classics. Elected to the Principalship of Wilberforce Institute at Chatham, Ont., in 1886, and was appointed to the Presidency of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga., in 1888. Served successfully for ten years, raising the standard each year. Resigned this position to accept the presidency of Edward Waters College, Jacksonville, Fla., where in one year's time the standard of the school has been raised to a remarkable degree. Edward Waters College is one of the schools established in the interest of the A. M. E. Church, and is located in a part of the South where the colored population is large. I consider the school fortunate in securing the services of Prof. Richardson as President, for under the management of a man so full of energy, and one so well fitted for the work, the school must become one of the leading institutions of the church.

PROF. J. A. McG. JOHNS,
President of Shorter University.

REV. J. A. McG. JOHNS was born on the Island of Antigua, one of the British West India Colonies. He received a fine education, and at one time attended Buxton Grove College, where hundreds of colored men were fitted for a useful life as ministers and teachers, also doctors and lawyers. He was appointed principal of one of the public schools under the auspices of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Moravian denomination, and taught there for eleven years, having among his pupils Master William B. Derrick, now Bishop in the A. M. E. Church. He had charge of other school work, and held charge as pastor of some prominent churches in the West Indies. Rev. Johns began his work in this country as pastor in the A. M. E. Church in the year 1878, and his first appointment was at Hampton, Va. He has done a great deal of newspaper work as a correspondent for some of our leading papers. He now has charge of Shorter University at North Little Rock, Ark. His appointment as President there was brought about by his old friend and pupil, Bishop W. B. Derrick. The school is under the auspices of the A. M. E. Church, and the courses there are Theological, Collegiate, Normal, Industrial.

REV. W. T. VERNON, B. S. D.,
President of Western University.

REV. WILLIAM TECUMSEH VERNON, B. S. D., was born of slave parents in the State of Missouri, near Lebanon, in July, 1871. He is a graduate of Lincoln Institute at Jefferson City, where he made an excellent record for himself and left with high honors. In course of two years after he graduated he was elected principal of the public schools of his native city. Four years' service there made him one of the recognized leaders and educators of the State. He gave up his work there to go as private secretary to Bishop J. H. Handy, D. D., at Baltimore, Md. While there he took a special course in theology at Morgan College, and after that at Wilberforce, Ohio. He is now President of Western University, located at Quindaro, Kansas. This school is one of the educational institutions under the management of the A. M. E. Church. Mr. Vernon succeeded through his acquaintance and influence with the Governor of the State in having a bill passed in the State Legislature which gave his school an industrial department, with a ten thousand dollar appropriation. Mr. Vernon is a member of the State Industrial Board and superintendent of the State Industrial Department. He is also editor of the "Western Christian Recorder," published in the interest of the A. M. E. Church.

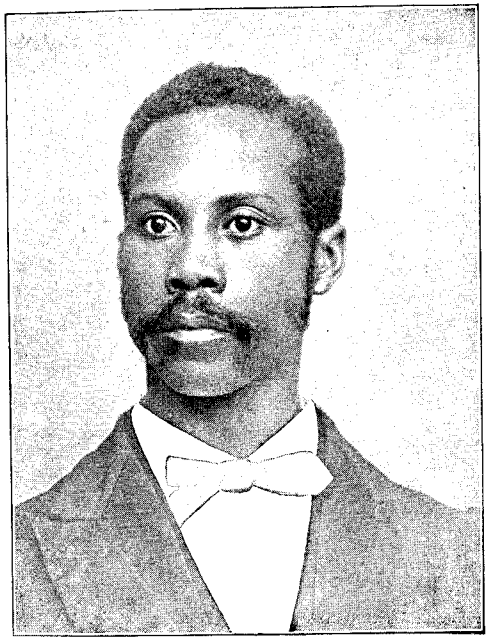


REV. W. H. GOLER, D. D.,
President of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C.

REV. W. H. GOLER, D. D., was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 1, 1846. He attended the public schools of that city until he went as an apprentice to learn the trade of bricklayer and plasterer. He became a very competent workman, and earned money enough at his trade to educate himself at Lincoln University, at Lincoln, Pa. He entered the ministry in the M. E. Church, but soon left it to join with the late J. C. Price in the work of building up the educational interest of the A. M. E. Zion Church. Mr. Goler has been connected with Livingstone College, the school he is now president of, since 1883. He was elected to fill the place made vacant by the death of Rev. J. C. Price, who was really the founder of the institution. The school is the largest educational enterprise carried on by the Zion connection, and has done a grand and good work for the church. Mr. Goler has often found his mechanical skill a great help to him; in fact, most of the buildings at Livingstone College have been built under his direction. He possesses what few men can boast of—in addition to having a fine education, Mr. Goler is a most excellent business man and large property owner.

REV. JAMES M. COX, D. D.,
President of Philander Smith College.

REV. JAMES M. COX, D. D., President of Philander Smith College, located at Little Rock, Ark., is a very interesting man. He is a classical graduate of Clark University, Atlanta, Ga., and also of Gammon Theological Seminary. He held the Chair of Ancient Languages in Philander Smith College for twelve years, and was elected president of the institution in 1898. Rev. Cox has twice represented the Little Rock Conference of the M. E. Church in the General Conference. Gammon Theological Seminary gave him the degree of D. D. Philander Smith College was founded through the benevolent spirit and liberality of Mrs. Adelaine M. Smith, late of Oak Park, Ill. The buildings were erected as a monument to her sainted husband, and in recognition of the gift the authorities of the Freedmen's Aid Society named the college Philander Smith. The courses of study are equivalent to those of any other educational institution of the church, North or South, being under the supervision of the University Senate of the great Church. In addition to the regular college courses leading to the usual baccalaureate degrees, the college maintains normal, commercial and industrial departments. The aim of the school is to prepare its students for useful citizenship in every department of civil and commercial life.



PROF. J. D. CHAVIS, A. M., B. D.,
President of Bennett College.

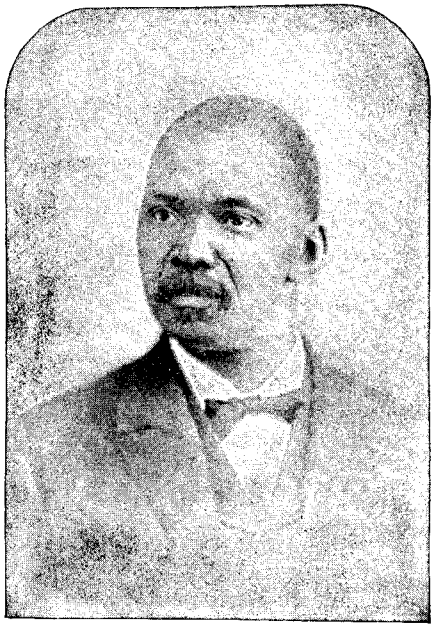
PROF. J. D. CHAVIS, A. M., B. D., who is president of Bennett College, is regarded as one of the leading educators of his race. He is a young man full of energy and determination, backed up by a splendid education. Prof. Chavis is assisted in his work by an able body of teachers. He has done much to improve the standard of Bennett College, and has very much increased the attendance. The attendance will average over two hundred each year. Bennett College is one of the schools under the auspices of the M. E. Church, and is located at Greensboro, North Carolina. Prof. Chavis is the second colored president the school has had. Rev. C. N. Grandison was the first. The managers of the Freedmen's Board of Education are placing colored men at the head of their schools as fast as they find them able to do the work. Bennett College is located in a part of the country where there are a large number of colored people who are members of the M. E. Church, thus giving them a larger number of people to draw from. In addition to the regular school work there, they have a home for the girls, known as Kent Home, where they are taught sewing and other useful things.

REV. M. W. DOGAN, A. M.,
President of Wiley University.

REV. M. W. DOGAN, A. M., who is President of Wiley University, is a young man of most excellent educational qualifications for the place he holds. He has prior to his appointment at Wiley taught in some of the best schools in the South, namely: Central Tennessee College, at Nashville, Tenn., and Rust University, at Holly Springs, Miss. Wiley University is located at Marshall, Texas, a city of ten thousand inhabitants. It is now enjoying a period of unparalleled prosperity along all lines. For the years 1898-1899, the enrollment reached 352. These pupils come from Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas, and represent some of the best homes in this section. It is the aim of the management to keep the courses of study fully abreast of the best in the South. To this end the departments are being constantly strengthened. In addition to a well-equipped college department, the following departments are successfully operated: Preparatory, Normal, English, Musical and Industrial. Wiley University is distinctively a Christian institution, and no apology is made for insisting on Christian instruction. The pupils are taught that the most enduring education has Christianity for its basis. The faculty at Wiley is composed of fifteen professors and instructors, all colored but two.

REV. P. O'CONNELL, PH. D.,
Principal Princess Anne Academy.

REV. P. O'CONNELL, Ph.D., was born in Natchez, Miss., March 2, 1861. He first attended private school, afterwards went to the public schools of Natchez; also attended the Natchez Baptist Seminary when Dr. Chas. Ayer was president. He graduated from the Normal course in that institution in 1882. From there he went to Wilberforce University, at Wilberforce, Ohio, where he remained two years. Rev. O'Connell took his theological training at Gammon Theological Seminary, at Atlanta, Ga. In 1893 he entered Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary at New York City, for the purpose of taking a post-graduate course. Two years later was appointed to take charge of an M. E. Church on Bainbridge street, in Philadelphia, Pa., where he was much loved as pastor. In 1895 he entered the University of Pennsylvania, from which institution he graduated in 1898 with the degree of Ph. D. The appointment of Rev. O'Connell as Principal of Princess Anne Academy, at Princess Anne, Md., I regard as a very fortunate one for the good of the school. For years I have known Rev. O'Connell and I have for him the highest regard. I look upon him as by far one of the ablest young men I have ever met. The school he has charge of is under the auspices of the M. E. Church.



REV. D. J. SANDERS, D. D.,
President of Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C.

REV. D. J. SANDERS, D.D., was born of slave parents in South Carolina. He learned the shoemaker's trade, and worked at it for some years, in fact, earned enough in that way to pay his way through school. Rev. Sanders received his first lessons in text-books at Chester, S. C., through the kindness of two young white men who were interested enough in him to give him the instruction which gave him his educational start. He took his course in theology at a Presbyterian school in Allegheny City, Pa. For quite a number of years he was pastor of a Presbyterian Church at Wilmington, North Carolina, where he published a paper in connection with his church work, known as "The Afro-American Presbyterian," which he still keeps up. Rev. Sanders has been for some ten years President of Biddle University at Charlotte, N. C. The school is under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church, and is for the education of male students only. Biddle University is the largest and best equipped school I know of under the management of a white board, where they have a colored president. The buildings are the best in the South, except Fisk University at Nashville, Tenn. Biddle has a large and very able faculty, and is doing a world of good for the race.

REV. LEWIS JOHNSTON,
Principal of Richard Allen Institute.

REV. LEWIS JOHNSTON was born at Alleghany, Pa., and has gained a place among his people which few are capable of achieving. His early life was spent around the town of Blairsville, Pa., as a coal digger. At the age of fifteen he entered the army of the James in Co. B., 41st U. S. C. T. He attended school at West Geneva, Ohio, for four years, then attended the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary four years, and for two years was employed by that board. He came to Arkansas, and was deputy clerk for the greater part of two terms, and then entered the service of the Pine Bluff Presbytery, aiding in the organization of the churches of Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Monticello and Hope, Arkansas; Clarkton, and Kennet, Missouri. In 1887 he organized Richard Allen Institute, of Pine Bluff, Ark. The school was started by Rev. Johnston without any means whatever, and has by a hard effort on his own and wife's part been made a success. The school is under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church. Rev. Johnston is the author of a book of poems, entitled, "Words of Consolation." He is considered by all who know him a very useful man in the educational work. He has also been active in temperance reform.

REV. C. S. MEBANE,
Principal of Monticello Seminary.

REV. C. S. MEBANE was born of slave parents in Alamance Co., N. C., in 1857. At the close of the late war he and six other children with penniless parents witnessed the hardships that confronted those who were thrown out upon the frozen charities of the world. A few years of earnest toil rewarded the once poverty-stricken family with a comfortable living. Having reached the years of manhood, he was not content with a common school education, but had a thirst for higher training, and as soon as necessary arrangements could be made he entered Lincoln University, Chester Co., Pa., for the purpose of fitting himself for the ministry. Rev. Mebane was assisted in school by Mr. W. R. Davenport, of Erie, Pa. After having completed his course in school he entered upon the church and school work at Monticello, Ark., in the fall of 1888. He revised the old organization, infused new life into it, gathered about him the handful of members, selected officers, and began an earnest work. His school is under the Presbyterian Board, and is regarded as a very successful work. The school session continues eight months, and is divided into four departments: The Primary, Preparatory, the Teachers' and Higher Courses.

PROF. G. C. SHAW,
Principal of Mary Potter Memorial School.

PROF. G. C. SHAW was born of slave parents at Louisburg North Carolina, June 19, 1863. He entered Lincoln University in 1881 and graduated in 1886. He afterwards devoted one year to the study of theology at Princeton Theological Seminary, and graduated from Auburn Theological Seminary, of Auburn, New York, in 1890. While he was at Auburn he made the acquaintance of Mrs. Potter, who offered him encouragement in the line of work he had mapped out for his life. Prof. Shaw is Principal of Mary Potter Memorial School, located at Oxford, North Carolina. The school is named in honor of Mrs. Mary Potter, of Schenectady, N. Y., who was very much interested in the Freedmen, and contributed liberally toward their educational improvement. She first donated the money to found this school, and after it had become too small for the accommodation of the many young people who crowded into it, friends of Mrs. Potter and friends of the colored people contributed to its enlargement. The school is in a splendid condition, and most excellent work is being accomplished. Prof. Shaw belongs to that class of young men who are doing so much to advance the educational interests of the race and the solution of the race problem.

REV. THOS. H. AMOS, A. M.,
Principal of Ferguson Academy.

REV. THOS. H. AMOS, A. M., was born at Monrovia, Liberia, August 8, 1866. His parents were missionaries of the N. S. Presbyterian Church. At the death of his father his mother returned to the United States, and settled in Pennsylvania, near Lincoln University, where Rev. Amos received his education. He also took his course in theology at Lincoln University, graduating from there in 1889. For several years Rev. Amos had charge of the First African Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia, Pa. While there he succeeded in leading the congregation of the old historic church from a small hall in which it had worshipped for ten years into the handsome and commodious edifice which, including parsonage, cost twenty thousand dollars. In 1892 Rev. Amos was called to the principalship of Ferguson Academy, located at Abbeville, S. C. When he took charge the school had a debt of some $2,000, which has been paid, and the buildings torn down and moved from a small lot in town to a new location embracing twenty acres, and placed upon a foundation which makes it possible for students to be boarded and instructed at a cost of $3.60 per month. Rev. Amos, since he took charge of the school work at Abbeville, has put the Second Presbyterian Church in a splendid condition, out of debt and well attended.

REV. JOHN A. SAVAGE, D. D.,
President of Albion Academy.

REV. JOHN A. SAVAGE, D. D., was born in this country, but his parents moved to the west coast of Africa when he was very young. He was sent with several Africans to be educated at Lincoln University. Rev. Savage took charge of "Albion Academy" as president in 1892, when the Rev. Samuel Sevier, a native African, also educated at Lincoln University, resigned. Since he has had charge of the work the academy has taken a fresh start in every way for success. Rev. Savage is an unassuming gentleman of much natural ability, and his work in North Carolina is most creditable. Many young men and women in the community have him to thank for the kind and earnest interest he took in their education. Albion Academy is located at Franklinton, N. C., and was founded in 1877 by the late Moses A. Hopkins, Minister to the Republic of Liberia. At the time this school was started there were no adequate facilities to obtain a liberal education in that community. Aided by friends at the North—the late William Shaw, of Pittsburg, Pa., and John Hall, and the First Presbyterian Church of Albion, N. Y.—the academy was organized and established amid the strenuous efforts of bitter opponents to resist it.

REV. W. R. COLES,
Principal of Immanuel Training School.

REV. W. R. COLES is superintendent of the Immanuel Training School and pastor of Immanuel Presbyterian Church at Aiken, S. C. Rev. Coles was one of the first graduates of Lincoln University. He labored as synodical missionary, by appointment of the Synod of Atlantic (and approved by the Presbyterian Committee on Missions for Freedmen). He went to Aiken in May, 1881, seeking a home for his family and to look after the general interest of the Presbyterian work. His first work in Aiken commenced by holding missionary meetings in his own house until a better building could be secured. The school property now consists of a large school building, girls' dormitory and boarding hall and a good church building. The school is well attended, and has students from several States. The educational work at Immanuel is regarded as first-class, and graduates from there have no trouble to secure first-grade certificates, and are employed throughout the State as teachers. Some industrial work is taught there, such as sewing and cooking. Rev. Coles has by hard work made the school a success, and has won the respect and friendship of the best white people in Aiken. He is assisted by an able body of teachers from leading schools.

MISS LUCY C. LANEY,
Principal of Haines Normal and Industrial Institute, Augusta, Ga.

LUCY C. LANEY is a native of Georgia and a daughter of the late Rev. David Laney. She received her education at Atlanta University, and she has an education of which no woman in this land, white or colored, need be ashamed. Equipped for the work, and fired with a dauntless zeal for the elevation of her race, of whom she always speaks as "My people," she entered Augusta, Ga., single-handed and alone, and began teaching the few children she could draw around her. As she taught her school increased. No one stood with her at first. The Freedmen's Board of the Presbyterian Church was back of her, but scarcely knew her value at the time, commissioning her for the work, but giving her only what she could collect for her services on the field. Her courage, patience, self-forgetfulness, and with all her good common sense, attracted the attention of the board. She began with a very few scholars, and at the end of the first year reported 75 under her care. At the end of the second year she reported 234. The board then made an appropriation of $10,000 to build her a suitable building. The school is known as the Haines Normal and Industrial Institute. It is attended by over 400 students.

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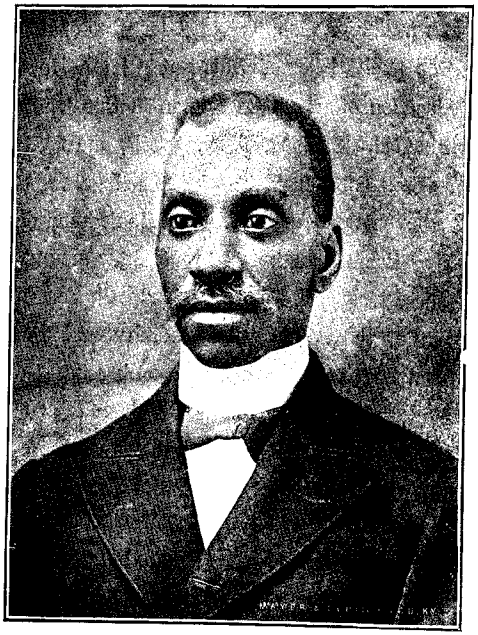
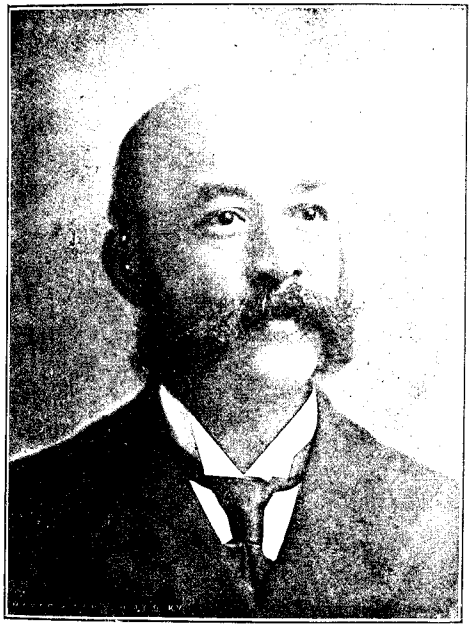


REV. W. H. FRANKLIN, A. M.,
President of Swift Memorial Institute.

REV. W. H. FRANKLIN, A. M., was born at Knoxville, Tenn., April 14, 1852. His parents were free, and enjoyed the respect and confidence of all who knew them. Rev. Franklin attended the schools of Knoxville, where he got far enough to enable him to teach for a while in the State of Mississippi. He saved enough money to help in building a better house for his mother, and to enter Maryville College, at Maryville, Tenn. In that institution he took high rank in his class, and in the college his talents received immediate recognition. He entered Lane Theological Seminary in September, 1880, and graduated from it in 1883. From Lane he came to Rogersville, Tenn., which was to be his future field of labor. He was ordained minister by Union Presbytery, Synod of Tennessee, in 1883. He at once began the work of founding a real church and school, the school for the higher education of the colored youth. The result of his effort there is a most excellent work. The school property is estimated as being worth $25,000, and has an attendance of students from four different States. The school is known as Swift Memorial Institute, and is under the auspices of the Freedmen's Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church.



REV. F. C. POTTER, A. M.,
Principal of Cotton Plant Academy.

REV. F. C. POTTER, A. M., was born in Philadelphia, Pa. He attended the famous "Bird's School" and the "Institute for Colored Youths," of Philadelphia. Afterwards graduated at Lincoln University, at Lincoln, Pa. Rev. Potter served as pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Salisbury, N. C., from 1880–86, and was then sent to take charge of Cotton Plant Academy, located at Cotton Plant, Ark. It is a school for co-education, and is doing very good work for the moral uplifting of the colored people in the section where it is located. Rev. Potter is looked upon by the board who employ him as a very useful man, both as pastor and teacher. Much can be said in praise of the work done by the Presbyterian Church for the colored people. In giving employment to colored teachers, the Presbyterians most certainly take the lead, out of some 264 teachers employed, only about 64 are white. This is a fact that other white churches doing work for the colored people's education might do well to make some note of. I have often felt that it was useless to educate the colored youth unless we could give him some place to use his education for the benefit of his fellow man.

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PROF. E. L. SCRUGGS,
President of Western College, Macon, Mo.

WESTERN COLLEGE, Macon, Mo., is a Baptist school, and has done a great and good work for the colored people of that State. Prof. E. L. Scruggs, B. D., is an example of a self-made man, having been left fatherless and motherless early in life. By a hard and earnest effort on his part he completed with credit the course of study at Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Mo. He then took a course of study at Union Baptist Theological Seminary, Morgan Park, Ill.,—now known as Divinity School of the University of Chicago. He served for a time as pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Ann Arbor, Mich., where he took advantage of the opportunities afforded him at the University of Michigan. In 1892 he accepted the Presidency of the Western College, where he has most creditably filled the position ever since. Located as this school is in the northern part of Missouri, it has a large territory from which to draw its students. The school has been attended by students from Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Mississippi and Alabama. With enlarged buildings and apparatus the power of this institution in the development of the negro race in Missouri and the West will be beyond calculation, and should have every encouragement.

PROF. JOS. A. BOOKER, A.M.,
President of Arkansas Baptist College.

PROF. JOS. A. BOOKER was born in 1859, of slave parents, at Portland, Ark. His parents died while he was very young, leaving him to the care of his grandmother, who thought a great deal of him, and did all in her power to assist in his education. He first attended the free school in his own county which lasted only three months each year. By a hard effort there, he became able to teach in the country, earning enough to purchase clothes and a ticket to Pine Bluff, Ark., where he spent three years in the State Normal School. There he supported himself by chopping wood, making fires, waiting on table and washing dishes for his board, in order that he might stay in school. At the end of three years he entered "Roger Williams University," Nashville, Tenn., and spent five years there, finishing the classical course in 1886, graduating with the degree of A. B. He was called to the presidency of Arkansas Baptist College. The school at that time had only about twenty-five students. The school now has a splendid building that is well equipped. They have in connection a fine printing office, where printing is taught. There are nine teachers employed. I regard it as one of the best schools in the South.

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REV. CHARLES L PURCE, A. M., D. D.,
President of State University, Louisville, Ky.

REV. CHARLES L. PURCE, A. M., D. D. Dr. Purce is one of the best-known educators in this country. He was for ten years president of the Selma University, located at Selma, Ala., at which institution he succeeded in paying off a debt of $8,000, and by his pluck and perseverance he made many additions to the school and very much improved the system of education in it. He is a man of good common sense as well as high mental attainments. Dr. Purce is now president of "The State University," located at Louisville, Ky. The school is the oldest, largest and most influential in the State owned and operated by colored people. It was largely through the efforts of William H. Stewart, of Louisville, Ky., who has made a great reputation as a religious and educational leader, that the school was founded. It was through Mr. Stewart's efforts that the services of the late Rev. William J. Simmons, D. D., were secured as president of the State University, and it was also through him that Rev. Chas. L. Purce was secured as president. Dr. Purce is regarded by the white people who are interested in the education of colored people as a very useful man, who is doing a grand work.

PROF. GREGORY W. HAYES, A. M.,
President of Virginia Baptist Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.

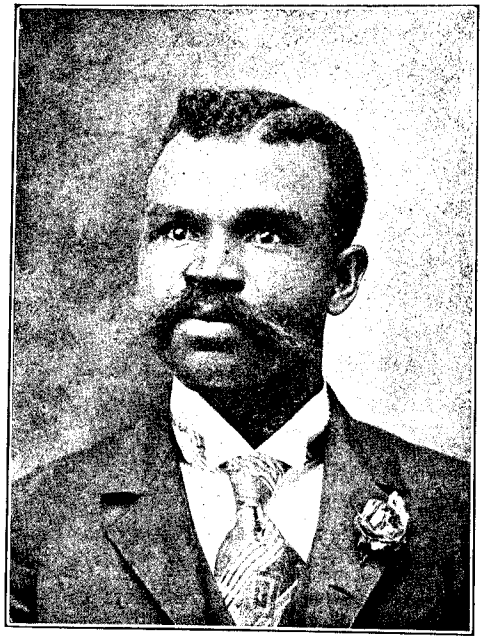
PROF. GREGORY W. HAYES was born of slave parents in Amelia County, Va., September 8, 1862. He graduated from Oberlin College, one of the first institutions of learning in the State of Ohio, in the class '88, and was elected to the chair of pure mathematics in the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute at Petersburg, Va., which position he held for three years. He was first President of the National Baptist Educational Convention for the United States, and was commissioner-in-chief from Virginia for the Southern Interstate Exposition. Prof. Hayes was elected President of Virginia Seminary in 1891. In young men like Prof. Hayes rests the future of the race. He is an able orator, and has something to say when he says it. The school he has charge of is under the auspices of the Baptist Church, and is located in a part of the State where very near all of the colored people are members of that denomination. Lynchburg, Va., where the school is situated, has a very large colored population; but the school gets its students from all over the State. At the time this sketch was written the valuation of the school property was $40,000. The enrollment of students, as a rule, is about 200.

REV. C. S. DINKINS, D. D.,
President of Selma University.

REV. CHARLES SPENCER DINKINS, D. D., President of Selma University, Selma, Ala., was born near Canton, Miss. He became a Christian early in life, and has been a great help and blessing to the church. His pastor, Rev. Jordan Williams, felt that the church should assist so worthy a young man to educate himself, and through the aid of the church he entered Roger Williams University, at Nashville, Tenn., in January, 1870. He made a warm and lasting friend of Dr. D. W. Phillips, the president of the institution. Mr. Dinkins graduated at Roger Williams with high honor, and was appointed as one of the faculty. In November, 1878, he entered Newton Theological Seminary, near Boston, Mass., where he took a full course, graduating in 1881. The president of that institution has taken a great interest in Mr. Dinkins' success. In 1883 Rev. Dinkins began his work as pastor, and has held large charges in both Kentucky and Alabama. While in charge of the Baptist Church at Marion, Ala., he was appointed president of Selma University, Selma, which position he now holds. He has proven a great help to this institution, as a large debt has been paid off under his management, and the attendance much increased.

PROF. N. W. COLLIER, A. B.,
President of Florida Baptist College.

N. W. COLLIER, A. B., President of Florida Baptist College, the subject of this sketch, was born in Augusta, Ga. He attended the public schools of that city, graduating from the Ware High School in 1887. Being desirous of obtaining a college education, he went to work at the printer's trade, and by practicing rigid economy he earned enough to subsequently enter Atlanta University, from which institution he graduated with honor in 1894. During the summer of 1894 he was elected to a position at the Georgia State Industrial College, Savannah, Ga. About the same time he was elected to the chair of Ancient Languages in the Florida Baptist College, Jacksonville, Fla. (then the Florida Baptist Academy). He accepted the latter. Since his connection with this institution he has been tendered professorships at some of the best schools in the country. Among them might be mentioned the Virginia Normal and Collegiate Institute, Ga., State Industrial College, Western Baptist College, and others; all of which he felt compelled to decline because of the claims of his present work upon him. In addition to his educational work, Mr. Collier is regarded as quite an orator. He was a prominent delegate to the International Sunday-school Convention, where he made a great impression as a rising young man.

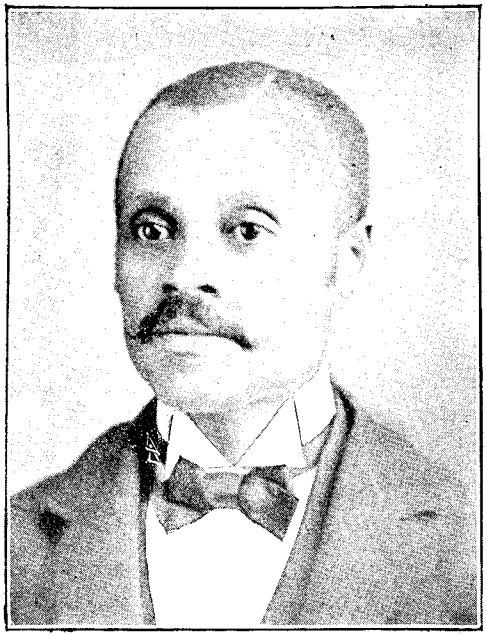


PROF. JOSHUA LEVISTER, A. B.,
Principal of Memphis Bible and Normal Institute.

PROF. JOSHUA LEVISTER, A. B., was born in Franklin Co., North Carolina, in 1868. He first attended the public school of the State, and entered Shaw University, at Raleigh, October, 1891, and finished in 1898. He graduated from the college department with the degree of A. B. He was appointed as Principal of the Memphis Bible and Normal Institute at Memphis, Tenn., October, 1899. The institution was founded in 1887 through the philanthropy of Mr. Peter Howe, of Winona, Ill. Located as it is near the lines of three States—Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas—the school has great possibilities among the host of Baptists in that section, under whose auspices it is conducted. The statistics for sessions of 1897 and 1898 show the following figures: Enrolment, males, 85; females, 90; 35 were preparing to teach, and 19 were preparing to preach, some 30 taking the missionary and nurse-training course. At this time the faculty consists of seven members, five colored and two white. It is hoped that in time they will be able to add more of the industrial work, which will be of great help to certain classes of students who do not care to take the higher courses, and will find industrial education very helpful to them in earning a living when out of school.

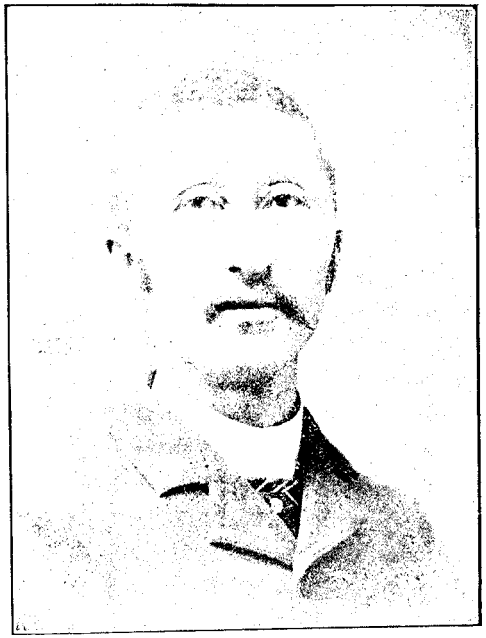
REV. CALVIN S. BROWN, A. B.,
Principal of Waters Normal Institute.

REV. CALVIN S. BROWN, A. B., is a very interesting character. He was born of slave parents. Prof. Brown became a teacher in one of the public schools of Salisbury, N. C., at the age of fifteen. In 1880 he entered Shaw University for the purpose of studying theology. Six years later he graduated, and was valedictorian of his class. He is now principal of Waters Normal Institute and pastor of a large Baptist church in Hertford Co., near Winton, N. C. Prof. Brown was at one time editor of "The Baptist Pilot." He was also secretary of the State Ministerial Association and of the State Baptist Association. Waters Normal Institute, where Prof. Brown is principal, is located at Winton, N. C. It was incorporated in 1887. The faculty consists of four colored teachers, and most excellent work is being done. Rev. Brown has, by energy and determination, built up this work, and, as evidence of the thoroughness of the institution, we are glad to say that a large number of the graduates hold first-grade certificates as teachers in the best public schools of the State. The Baptists in Eastern North Carolina appreciate the labor of Prof. Brown very much, and they render him all the help and co-operation in their power.



PROF. N. W. CURTWRIGHT,
Principal of Walker Baptist Institute.

PROF. N. W. CURTWRIGHT, Principal of Walker Baptist Institute, located at Augusta, Ga., is a native of Georgia. He had but very little time in his younger life that he could devote to his education, but, being by nature a close student, made the most of what time he did have to attend school. In 1888 he received his first certificate to teach in the public schools of his State. In 1889 he entered the junior preparatory class of Atlanta University, at Atlanta, Ga. During his seven years' course in this school he was regarded as a very hard and energetic student. When he graduated in 1896 he was chosen to represent his class at commencement. Immediately after graduation he was called to the chair of Latin and Greek at Haine's Normal and Industrial Institute at Augusta, Ga. He served in this position a part of two years, when he was called as Principal of Walker Baptist Institute. We feel that the trustees have made no mistake in placing Prof. Curtwright at the head of this institution. The school is located in a city where the Baptist denomination is very strong in numbers, and the attendance because of that fact should be, and doubtless is, large.



PROF. S. H. C. OWEN, A. M.,
President of Natchez College.

SAMUEL HENRY CLAY OWEN was born at Durhamville Tenn., March 6, 1856. He attended school three months only before entering the Nashville Institute, Nashville, Tenn., and graduated from the normal department of said institute in 1879. He graduated from the collegiate department of Roger William's University, Nashville, Tenn., in 1885. In the fall of 1885 he was elected to the principalship of the Public High School of Brownsville, Tenn., and resigned this position to accept a professorship in the Natchez College, Natchez, Miss., and held this position until 1888, when he was elected president of said college, and resigned in 1889 the presidency of this institution to accept a professorship in the Howe Normal and Bible Institute, Memphis, Tenn., which position he resigned in 1890 to accept again the presidency of the Natchez College, which position he has held consecutively until 1900. By his untiring energy and faithful service this college has grown in influence, interest and importance until it ranks among the leading educational institutions for colored youths of the South. He was elected president of the State Teachers' Association of Mississippi in 1894, which he held five years. February 10, 1897, Natchez College was destroyed by fire, but by almost ceaseless toil by him another building was erected, October 3, 1897, better adapted to school work than the former.

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REV. GEORGE EDWARD READ, B. D.,
Principal of Spiller Academy.

REV. GEORGE EDWARD READ, B.D., was born of slave parents in Charlotte County, Va., May 28, 1866. He attended both private and public schools in the county. When he had gone as far as the county schools could advance him, he was sent to Richmond, Va., where he had the advantage of good public schools. At an early age he decided to enter the ministry, and, in order that he might be prepared to do that part of his life-work well, he took a course of theology under Dr. Charles H. Corey, President of Richmond Theological Seminary. He graduated in 1891 with the degree of B. D. Rev. Read began his work as an educator with Rev. R. Spiller, D.D., who had founded what is known as Spiller Academy; under the auspices of the Virginia Baptist State Convention and one of the affiliating schools with the Virginia Union University, located at Hampton, Va. Rev. Read was appointed principal of this school. He served one year, and was called to the pastorate of Mount Olive Baptist Church, East Orange, N. J., where he did a splendid work. In 1896 he was again called to the principalship of Spiller Academy.

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