



Dr. Matthews

8th pastor of the Union
Baptist Church.

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REV. B. L. MATTHEWS—Pastor, Union.

Dr. Baxter Leget Matthews was born in Kernersville, N.C., the son of Deacon and Mrs. Ernest Matthews. He attended the schools of his native State and at A. and T. College. He next entered Union (Va.) University and finished College and Theology in 1922. He received pastoral experience at Phoebus, Va. In January, 1923, he became pastor of Union Baptist Church, Stamford, Conn., where he ministered until his call to Union Church, of Baltimore in March, 1940. While in Connecticut, he matriculated at Yale and for four years studied there, receiving a degree in religious education. Union (Va.) conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1936.

In Connecticut he was active in Boy Scout work, was a supervisor of the Colored Division of the Needy Children's Camp, on the Executive Board of the Community Chest and president of the Connecticut State Convention.

He is popular here a member of several boards and organizations. He is a vice president of the United Missionary Convention, a member of the Board of the Baptist Center, a member of the Visitors' Board of Johns Hopkins Hospital, is a Mason, Alpha Phi Alpha. (See sketch of Union Baptist Church.)

While in Connecticut, the first Mrs. Matthews died and in June, 1940, Rev. Matthews married Miss Anna Mae Wilder of Passaic, N.J.

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