

# Men of the Month

**A PREACHER OF THE WORD** The Rev J. B. Massiah who was born in Barbadoes, B. W. I., about fifty-five years ago. He studied at the General Theological Seminary in New York City, taught for a while at Raleigh, N. C., and began his ministerial career at Cairo, Ill. He served as priest at Annapolis, Md., and Newark, N. J., was thirteen years in Detroit and ten years in Chicago. He made St. Thomas's church in Chicago, Ill., in its management, methods and contributions a model church. The property is worth \$25,000, and the communicants number one thousand. His loss will be severely felt.

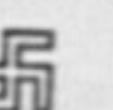
be reckoned with. His comparatively early death is a great loss.



**A SOLDIER** Major George W. Ford, Superintendent of the United States Military Cemetery at Springfield, Ill., was born in Virginia in 1847 and was educated in New York City. In 1867 he enlisted in the Tenth United States Cavalry, served all non-commissioned grades, and was honorably discharged in 1877 with the rank of Regimental Quartermaster Sergeant. He was commended in general orders for acts of good judgment and gallantry in the Indian wars. In 1898 he was made Major of the Twenty-third Kansas Volunteers, and served for a year in Cuba. He has served as Superintendent of Military Cemeteries of Beaufort, S. C., Fort Scott, Kan., Port Hudson, La., and Springfield, Ill. Major Ford was treasurer of the Lincoln Exposition in Chicago, and is President of the Springfield Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. He is a man of ability, and devoted to good causes, and the father of seven children.



**A PROMINENT CITIZEN** J. C. Duke was born in 1853 in Alabama. He became editor of the *Montgomery Herald*, but was driven from the State because of his fearless editorial policy. Settling at Pine Bluff, Ark., he became editor of the *Pine Bluff Herald*. He served as a lieutenant of the Seventh United States Volunteers in the Spanish-American war, and for a number of years was Grand Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the State making that Order notable among colored men. For twenty-five years he was prominent in the civic and political life of the State. He died in Chicago last January.



**AN EDITOR** Under the editorship of W. N. Page the Pittsburgh, Pa., *Courier* became a real force among colored people. Mr. Page was for a long time secretary to a prominent Pittsburgh Captain of Industry. His interest was aroused in Negro journalism, and he took hold of this paper. Practically all his life was spent in Pittsburgh and he became a civic force to



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