

in 1894. During the session of the Legislature of 1896 he introduced and secured the passage of the Free School Book Bill. In 1892 he was unanimously tendered the nomination for Congress, which he declined on account of his large business interests. In 1898 he accepted the Democratic nomination for Congress from the First Congressional District of Maryland, and was elected by a handsome majority. Before he had taken his seat as a member of Congress, he became the Democratic candidate for Governor by unanimous nomination, and was elected by a plurality of 12,123 votes over his Republican competitor, Governor Lowndes, in November, 1899. The day before he was inaugurated as Governor he resigned his seat in Congress. He was inaugurated Governor January 10th, 1900, for a term of four years, and is now filling out said term.

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*Secretary of State:* WILFRED BATEMAN, (Democrat,) of Talbot County.

Wilfred Bateman, youngest son of the late Col. H. E. Bateman, was born in Washington, D. C., January 17, 1859, was educated at the public schools of Talbot county and Bethel Academy, Virginia. He taught school for two years, read law with the late Ex-Gov. Philip Francis Thomas, and was admitted to the bar December, 1881. He was the Examiner in Chancery for the Circuit Court for Talbot County, and held that office until his appointment as Clerk of the Circuit Court to succeed the late Col. Thomas Hughlett.

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*Comptroller:* DR. J. W. HERING, (Democrat,) of Westminster, Carroll County.

Dr. J. W. Hering is a resident of Westminster, and has been prominent for some years in the politics and public life of Carroll county. As a member of the State Senate he made a favorable impression by his faithful performance of duty and his impartial rulings upon matters that came before him as the chairman of a number of important committees. He is a bank cashier and a keen and successful business man, and was until recently president of the Maryland Bankers' Association. He is the only layman who has been president of the General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church of the United States. He has for many years been connected with educational work; was one of the founders of Western Maryland College, and is at this time President of its Board of Trustees. He received the degree of Doctor of Laws from St. John's College, at Annapolis, in June last.