

## PRINCIPAL MASON A. HAWKINS.



The test of individual worth is measured not only by distinguished achievements of one particular period; indeed not only by evidences of sound scholarship and high technical or professional skill that secure recognition, but also by a progressive, constructive program that yields fruit consistently through a number of years.

Such has been the history of the administration of the present Principal of the High School. Since the time Prof. Hawkins assumed the office the school has shown a consistent development in those essentials that have put it into the ranks of the most progressive and efficient secondary schools in the country, and will keep it there. The course of study has been modified and greatly enriched so that it needs now only the physical adjunct of a new, commodious and adequate building in order to meet in a large degree the needs of the community which it serves. The responsibility for any failure of the present courses of study to meet in a large way the demands of the situation rests not with the Principal and his faculty, but with those powers that provide new school buildings. The organization of those auxiliary forces that do so much toward developing a healthy professional and academic atmosphere has been effected under his direction. Educational faculty meetings, in which the obligations of the teacher to the parents of the school, the need of broad vision and sympathy and the requirement of high professional skill are emphasized, are one of these important adjuncts.

It must be evident to any careful observer, too, that the interests of one with the deep insight and broad vision of Prof. Hawkins cannot be confined within school doors. So we find him president of the Colored Health Association of Maryland; a member of the Board of Provident Hospital; treasurer of the Association for Helping the Blind, and connected with a number of other institutions or activities of a charitable or philanthropic character.

And so one might go on indefinitely pointing out how the interest and influence of the present Principal of the High School touch almost every phase of the life of those people among whom and for whom he is working, and of whose race he is a distinguished member. However, enough has been said to show that Prof. Hawkins is a sound scholar, progressive educator and excellent administrator.