

REV. A. L. GAINES.



Rev. A. L. Gaines, D. D., pastor Waters A. M. E. Church; secretary of the Trustee Board of the Baltimore A. M. E. Conference, and business manager of the Baltimore Commonwealth.

Dr. Gaines was born in Georgia, received his grammar school training at Knox Institute, Athens, Ga.; his collegiate education at Atlanta (Ga.) University, and his theological training at Gammon School of Theology. He took post-graduate studies at Syracuse (N. Y.) University. He was ordained deacon in 1888 and elder in 1890. He has pastored churches in Atlanta, Ga.; Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va. He served as presiding elder in the Virginia Conference and before his assignment to his present charge pastored Bethel and Trinity, Baltimore. He was a member of the General Conferences of 1896-1900-1904-1908, and was elected to lead the Baltimore delegation at the Centennial General Conference, which convened in Philadelphia last May. He is at present a member of the General Board of Education of the A. M. E. Church.

Mr. H. M. Burkett, whose advertisement appears on page 20, is Baltimore's pioneer Real Estate Man of color. He is a Marylander by birth, a product of the Public Schools of Baltimore City, a graduate of Lincoln University, Pa., and of Howard University Law School, Washington, D. C. At the early age of 24, Mr. Burkett had finished both his college and law courses, and was a member of the Bar of the State of Indiana, where he practised for a year. About seventeen years ago he returned to Baltimore, where he saw the need of a colored man devoting his energies to real estate or the task of providing better homes for colored people. Up to this time the work of housing colored people had been largely in the hands of white brokers.

This new field of endeavor has been attended with much success, so much so, that it inspired a number of other colored men to enter this same field until now 25 or 30 colored men are engaged in the work. Mr. Burkett's chief endeavor has not only been to provide better housing conditions for colored people, but also to provide employment for some of the young men and women of the city, whose opportunities in the commercial world are limited. He is a Presbyterian in religion, an Independent in politics, a Mason by fraternity; untiring in effort, a financier by experience, fearless in speech, and honest by nature. He has organized two building and loan associations, and in March, 1916, headed a campaign for Provident Hospital which netted this institution nearly Five Thousand Dollars, of which institution he is now Treasurer.

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