



PROFESSOR GEORGE WILLIAM COOK
of Howard University.

Professor Cook was born January 7, 1885, at Winchester, Va., and remained there until "Banks and Shields' Retreat" from the Shenandoah Valley, at which time his father took the family to Pennsylvania. Professor Cook spent nine years in the City of Harrisburg; then went to New York, and after three years' residence came to Howard University, which he entered October 7, 1874. He has been connected with the university continuously since that time as a student, teacher and officer. This connection afforded him a rare opportunity of molding the characters of a large number of the aspiring and picked youth of this country at a most critical period in its history. And so well has he grasped this opportunity that he is universally loved and respected by several generations of Howardites scattered in all parts of the country.

He graduated from the preparatory department in 1877 and entered college, from which he graduated with the degree of A. B. in 1881, and was appointed instructor in the normal department and college department the same year. In 1886 he received the degree of A. M. from Howard. He graduated from the law department of the university with the degree of LL. B. in 1897 and LL.M. in 1898.

Professor Cook became principal of the normal department upon the death of Miss Martha Briggs in 1889, which position he held until 1900, when he was made Dean of the Commercial College. This position he holds at the present time.

In his present position as Secretary and Business Manager, to which he was elected in 1908, he has distinguished himself in a difficult and delicate situation. Much of the physical development and improvement which the grounds and buildings have undergone during the last decade are due to his energy, judgment and acquaintance with the needs of the university and the expenditure of its funds. On several occasions he has been designated as acting president by the president in his absence.