



MASON A. HAWKINS
Principal of Baltimore Colored High School.
Orator—Scholar—Inventor—Educator

Mason Albert Hawkins has been connected with the Baltimore High School since 1901, in the positions of teacher, head of the Foreign Language Department, vice-principal and principal. Under his administration as principal the curriculum of the school has been standardized and a faculty of high efficiency maintained. Public educational meetings have been held by his teachers and students as a testimonial of his ten years' service.

Mr. Hawkins was born in Charlottesville, Va., October 21, 1874, but he has lived since early childhood in Baltimore, Md., where he studied in the public schools, Morgan College, and pursued teachers' courses in Latin at the John Hopkins University; in 1901 he graduated from Harvard University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts; as a result of summer courses he received in 1910, the degree of Master of Arts from Columbia University. His Master's essay, "The Educational Facilities for Negroes in the South," was rated "unusually excellent."

Mr. Hawkins has edited syllabi on courses of study in the curriculum and contributed an article on "Vocational Education" in EDUCATION, November, 1910; he has received two United States patents on devices for player-piano-roll cabinets and player music-roll boxes, and has had claims allowed on other inventions.