



FRANCIS MARION WOOD

Director of Colored Schools of Baltimore

Mr. Wood came to Baltimore just three years ago, but during his short stay phenomenal changes have been wrought in the colored division of the public school system. The completion of the Douglass High School and the Samuel C. Taylor School, both of which were already under construction, constitute the building program which he has helped to engineer. The following schools, formerly occupied by white pupils have been turned over to the colored group: 119, 120, 121, 130, formerly the Western High School which now houses the Coppin Normal School and Junior High School 130. New principals have been appointed as follows: M. W. Connor, Coppin Normal School, Charles W. Jones, 120, R. G. Addison, 121, Wm. D. Johnson, 122, Samuel Owens, 126, Clarence J. Roberts, 123, James L. Thomas, 124, Wm. H. Proctor, 125, John N. Cotton, Booker T. Washington Junior High, Harry T. Pratt, Dunbar Junior High, Wm. A. Anderson, Junior High 130. The supervisory staff of which

charge now consists of five supervisors of elementary grades, four of Junior High School grades, one assistant in research, two special teachers in speech correction and one in lip reading.

One of the great accomplishments of Mr. Wood, looking to the professional growth of his teachers has been the organization of the Baltimore City Teachers Association, and the stimulation of the extension courses for principals and supervisors under the auspices of Columbia University and the courses for teachers given by Morgan College and the University of Maryland.

Director Wood enjoys the confidence of all groups of Baltimore's leading citizens. The two race papers are in hearty accord with his efforts and their editors frequently consult him on the status of the schools.

In the midst of his busy life in the educational field, Mr. Wood finds time for church and community activities. He is Superintendent of Union Baptist Sunday School, a member of the executive board of the Y. M. C. A., Association for the Handicapped and the Urban League. He is also a Mason, K. of P., Kappa Alpha Psi and an Elk.

Mr. Wood refuses to accept credit for the progress that has come under his administration. He feels that this progress would have come anyway, but he says that whatever he has been able to do has been made possible only through the co-operative efforts of the large enthusiastic group of teachers, principals and supervisors and the generous Board of Superintendents and School Commissioners.

What Reverend J. J. Baker has Accomplished

Among the achievements along educational lines in Maryland was the success of Rev. Jas. J. Baker, an A. M. E. Minister, in securing the approval of a recommendation presented by him to the Baltimore County School Board. The results are as follows.

Each child graduating from the graded schools of Baltimore County and creditably passing a prescribed examination by the school board has his or her tuition paid in

the High Schools of Baltimore. One hundred and fifty dollars Senior and ninety dollars Junior. Heretofore, no provision was made for higher training for the children of Baltimore County. Every colored person and race loving white should in some way show their appreciation to Rev. Baker for his advanced steps. There is no limit to the accomplishment. Other counties should fall in line.