



THORNTON A. JACKSON, 33°
He Built Better Than He Knew

Thornton A. Jackson, the Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite and James A. Handy 33° organized the United Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, over fifty years ago.

Thornton A. Jackson was closely associated with Albert Pike, one of the best authorities on Scottish Rite Masonry who ever lived. Notwithstanding, Brother Albert Pike is reported to have made the statement, "I took my obligation to white men and not to Negroes," he was a good friend to Thornton A. Jackson and aided him in carrying on the work of Scottish Rite Masonry with the col-

ored people of the Southern Jurisdiction. He turned over to Thornton A. Jackson the original rituals used by the white Masons together with other volumes. All this was done out of the respect he had for Thornton A. Jackson, who was his barber.

The Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, has had four Supreme Commanders: Thornton A. Jackson, the first; Joseph L. H. Smith, of Baltimore; Robert L. Pendleton, of Washington, D. C., and Willard W. Allen, of Baltimore. All these men were 33°.

There have been two Secretary Generals of the Southern Jurisdiction, James O. Bampfield and James T. Beason.