

Bishop Turner, he was recommended, examined and ordained deacon of the A. M. E. Church. In April, 1893, at the second visit of Bishop Turner, he was ordained an elder. In March, 1895, at the third visit of Bishop Turner, he was appointed pastor-in-charge of St. John's (Maroon) Methodist, and principal for the educational work in the Sierra Leone Conference. In 1896 he was appointed acting presiding elder of the Sierra Leone Conference, by the Rev. W. H. Heard, who was the general superintendent of Sierra Leone and Liberia Conferences. In February, 1897, he resigned his pastoral relation with St. John's, as they separated themselves from the A. M. E. Church. In March, 1897, he started open-air preaching, which was marvelously blessed by God, and after one year of devoted and successful labors with the help of Bishop Turner and Dr. Parks, the general secretary of missions, he built "New Zion" Church, at a cost of \$3600. In 1899, at the arrival of Bishop Grant, who held a session of the conference, he was elected delegate to the general conference, sitting in Columbus, Ohio, in May, 1900. In 1903 he was appointed by Bishop Shaffer presiding elder of the Sierra Leone Conference. On June 16, 1910, the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by the faculty of Wilberforce University.

For twelve years he was the presiding elder of the Sierra Leone Conference, a position which he holds with credit to himself and his church. He has faithfully served and still serving the church under Bishops Turner, Moore, Grant, Shaffer, Derrick, Smith and Heard. He has been a delegate to every general conference since 1900, and is a delegate to the Centennial Session in Philadelphia, 1916. His son, Mr. Isaac E. Steady, is a student at Wilberforce, O.

Sterrett, Rev. Norman B., was born on his father's farm at Annapolis, in Baltimore County, Maryland, September 28th, 1841, the youngest son of Jesse and Rachel Ann Sterrett.

He was converted at a revival during the pastorate of the Rev. J. M. Brown, at Bethel Church, Baltimore, in 1858, and was licensed to preach in 1862.

He entered the Army as Sergeant-Major and served during the war.

He served as pastor in the Baltimore, Florida and Georgia Conferences. During his pastorate in the Baltimore Conference he built the church in "Quaker Bottom," known as Stephen's Chapel. While pastor at Gainesville, Florida, he purchased the lot on which the fine church now stands.

He was elected principal of the Gainesville Academy at a salary of one hundred dollars a month, which position he served so acceptably that the board offered to increase his salary if he would return. He also served as magistrate of Duval County, Fla.

In the year 1877 he was transferred to the South Carolina Conference and appointed to Beaufort. During his two years' pastorate he remodeled the church and entertained the annual conference.

He was appointed to Emanuel Church, Charleston, by Bishop John M. Brown, where he paid off the indebtedness, remodeled the church and bought another church for \$15,000. He divided Emanuel's congregation and organized what is now known as Mount Zion Church.

After four years' pastorate at Emanuel he served

one year at Mt. Zion, and paid off all the purchase debt except \$8000. He served three years at Bethel Church, Georgetown, at which time he paid off a large debt under which the people had become greatly discouraged.

He served as presiding elder of the Georgetown



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District for four years, and raised the dollar money from five hundred dollars to fourteen hundred dollars. He served four years as presiding elder of the Charles-



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ton District and one year on the Beaufort District. He was then appointed the second time to Emanuel Church, which was overshadowed with an immense debt, that he managed with skilled ability. He put a steel ceiling in the church, installed two furnaces and fitted up temporarily the main audience room, moving the congregation from the basement to the same, and raised the dollar money from three hundred

dollars to seven hundred and fifty dollars. He again served five years as presiding elder of the Georgetown District and five years on the Edisto District.

He has just closed his third term at Emanuel Church, where he has again liquidated the debt and thoroughly renovated the church, purchased the lot next door and completed the steeple.

He has been a member of several general conferences and is now the oldest member of the South Carolina Conference.

Steward, Dr. S. Maria, wife of Rev. T. G. Steward, of Wilberforce, O., was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., the daughter of Sylvanus and Anna Smith. When Dr. Steward undertook the study of medicine it was a rare thing for a woman of any race. She studied in the New York Medical College and Hospital for Women, and was valedictorian of her class; took a



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post-graduate course in the Long Island College Hospital, the only woman student in her class. She maintained consulting offices in two different sections of New York City and catered to both white and colored. She was a member of the Kings County Homeopathic Society and of the New York State Medical Society. She is a proficient musician and served as organist of Bridge Street A. M. E. Church 28 years. Dr. Steward is now resident physician at Wilberforce University. She has traveled extensively both at home and abroad.

Stewart, Henry E., son of Henry and Louise Stewart, both members of A. M. E. Church, was born in 1867 at New Albany, Ind. Was one of ten children. Entered school at age of six and continued about nine years. Spent over two years at Seymour, Ind., Wilberforce University and Payne Seminary. Received degrees B.D. and D.D. from Wilberforce. Converted in 1881 and joined the A. M. E. Church the same year. Has held nearly every office in the church. Licensed to preach in 1889 at Seymour, Ind., by Rev. A. A. Mason. Ordained deacon in 1891, at Indianapolis, Ind., by Bishop J. M. Brown. Ordained elder,

1893, at South Bend, Ind., by Bishop Turner. Joined Annual Conference at Marion, Ind., in 1890, under Bishop J. M. Brown.

Has pastored the following churches: Indianapolis Mission, 1890; Dublin Circuit, 1890-92; Pontiac, Michigan, 1892; Adrian, Michigan, 1893; Greencastle,



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1894; Mineie, 1895-96; Washington Court House, O., 1897-8-9; Columbus, Ohio, 1900; Allen Chapel, Terre Haute, 1901-03; Allen Chapel, Indianapolis, 1904-05; Institutional Church, Chicago, 1906 to 1909; Wayman



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Chapel, Chicago, 1910 to 1913; Ebenezer, Evanston, 1914. Built churches at Pontiac, Mich., \$400, in 1892; Muncie, Ind., \$1200, in 1895; Allen Chapel, Terre Haute, \$2,500, in 1901 and 1903.

Lifted mortgage on Allen Chapel, Terre Haute, to the amount of \$500, in 1901. Has taken about 1,100 people into the church, baptized 400 and married 200. Delegate to General Conference in 1904. Member of