

and he was as a magnet to the ministers and people of this district. He was assigned to St. Philip Monumental A. M. E. Church, in December, 1908, by Bishop C. S. Smith.

While pastoring at Savannah he added 1128 members to the old Monumental Church, raised \$27,855, and paid every debt, and a mortgage of more than twenty years' standing. He has added to the church 4475 members. After serving five years the people asked for his return to Monumental Church, but he was appointed to Steward, Macon, Ga. After he had spent two successful years here he was made presiding elder of the South Atlanta District. He was the first chief secretary of the Atlanta (Georgia) Conference after it was set apart in 1900, and he held this position for nine years, when he was transferred to the Georgia Conference. He is thrifty, and owns a beautiful home, 421 West Mitchell street, Atlanta, Ga. He owns more than fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars worth of real estate in Savannah, Ga., and fine renting property in Edgewood, Atlanta. He received the degree of D.D. from Morris Brown University. He is treasurer of Central Park Normal and Industrial Institute, at Savannah, a permanent trustee of Morris Brown University, and a member of the General Conference Commission of 1916.

He has been elected four times as delegate to the general conference, and is now the chairman of the delegation from Georgia. He is a thirty-third degree Mason, Knight Templar, Royal Illustrious Imperial Potentate of the Mystic Shrine, R. W. Grand Chaplain of the M. W. Union Grand Lodge of Georgia, Past Chancellor Commander and U. R. K. of P.; member Grand Council G. U. O. of O. F., P. M. W. Governor H. H. of Ruth and Worthy Deputy Grand Master P. B. and S. of Light. Dr. Townsley is one of the leading ministers of the A. M. E. connection, and eminently qualified to fill any place in the Church.

**Traverse, Rev. Matthew William**, son of John W. and Anna M. **Traverse**, both members of the A. M. E. Church, was born in Baltimore, Md. His parents had seven children. His father became a member of the A. M. E. Church and was such for thirty-five years. He began attending school in 1860, and spent about ten years in all in school, principally in the public schools of Baltimore and Douglas Institute. He received his degree, D.D., from Livingston College, in 1900. He has specialized in mathematics and languages. He was converted in October, 1868, and joined the M. E. Church the same year. He was licensed to preach March 26, 1876, by Rev. John Brice. He was ordained deacon 1871, at Rome, Ga., by Bishop Isaac Wiley, of the M. E. Church, and ordained elder by Bishop Matthew Simpson, in 1881, at Brunswick, Ga. In 1883 he joined the annual conference of the A. M. E. Church, at Macon, Ga., under Bishop Dickerson. He has held the following appointments in the A. M. E. Church: Sandersville, Ga., 1883; Smithville, Ga., 1884; Leary Circuit, 1885; Long Green, Md., 1886-7; East Baltimore, Md., 1888; Allen's Chapel, Washington, D. C., 1889-90; Metropolitan, Cumberland, Md., 1891-3; Ebenezer, Hagerstown, Md., 1894-5; presiding elder Louisville District, Ky., 1896-8; pastor Avery, Memphis, Tenn., 1898; St. Paul's, Atlanta, Ga., 1899; St. Paul, Columbia, Tenn., 1899; Payne's Memorial, Baltimore, 1900-2; Mt. Moriah, Annapolis,

Md., 1903-5; St. Paul, Washington, D. C., 1906; Vine Street, Buffalo, N. Y., 1907; Cossackie, N. Y., 1908; St. Mark's, Kingston, N. Y., 1908-10; Catskills, N. Y., 1911; Lockport, N. Y., 1912; Thomaston, Md., 1913; Elkridge, Md., 1913. He built the Metropolitan Church at Cumberland, Md., in 1892, at a cost of \$10,000. He has taken about 2000 people into the Church, baptized about 500 and married about 100 couples. He was a delegate to general conference in 1888. He is a trustee of Wilberforce. January 10, 1878, he married Mrs. Mary Elizabeth **Traverse**, of Baltimore, Md. Their children are William, Florence, Lewis, Anna, Pearl, Elzenah, Maurice, Leonard, and Mary. The



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ones that have graduated are Florence, Lewis, Mary and Leonard. Miss Florence **Traverse** is a teacher; Miss Mary has the special gift of song. One of Rev. Traverse's sons married a granddaughter of Bishop Quinn. He has contributed to the A. M. E. Review and other church papers. He made an address on Decoration Day at Cossackie, N. Y., and at Annapolis, Md. He is a member of the F. and A. M., Knight Templar, G. U. O. of O. F., K. of P. He is a member of the Republican party and a delegate to the State Convention at Baltimore, Md., 1891. He owns property in Washington, Baltimore, New York and Catsville. He has been associated with the Civic League of New York and the Associated Charities, of Cumberland, Md.

**Turner, Henry McNeal**, was born at Newberry C. H., S. C., February 1, 1831, son of Hardy and Sarah Turner, learned to read and write by his own perseverance; was employed, when 15 years of age, in law office at Abbeville, where lawyers assisted him with his studies. He joined the M. E. Church South in 1848; was licensed to preach 1853 by Dr. Boyd, of the M. E. Church South; transferred his membership to the A. M. E. Church in 1858; studied Latin, Greek, Hebrew and theology at Trinity College; was ordained deacon in 1860, and ordained elder in 1862; received the degree of D.D. from Wilberforce in 1873; was

married four times: Eliza Ann Peacher, of Columbia, S. C., August 31, 1856; second, Mrs. Martha DeWitt, of Bristol, Pa., August, 1893; third, Harriet A., widow of late Bishop Wayman, of Baltimore, August 16, 1900; fourth, Laura Pearle Lemon, of Atlanta, Ga., December 3, 1907. Was pastor of Israel A. M. E. Church, Washington, D. C., in 1863; commissioned chaplain U. S. Colored Troops by President Lincoln, being the first colored chaplain ever commissioned in the U. S. Army; mustered out September, 1865; com-



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missioned by President Johnson as chaplain in the regular army; detailed as officer of Freedmen's Bureau in Georgia; after serving a while resigned to resume his ministry; organized churches in Georgia and schools for colored children; was elected member of Constitutional Convention of Georgia in 1867; member of Georgia Legislature in 1868 and 1870; appointed postmaster of Macon, Ga., later inspector of customs and U. S. secret detective, at the same time attending to his ministerial duties. Elected manager of the Book Concern of the A. M. E. Church in 1876; elected bishop, 1880; for years was one of principal agitators of the return of his race to Africa; visited West Africa and South Africa, and organized four annual conferences in Africa; served as bishop of Georgia 12 years, making Georgia the leading state for African Methodism; was fluent speaker, man of great personal force and much versatility; founded the Southern Christian Recorder, the Voice of Missions, Woman's Christian Recorder; author of the "Methodist Polity," compiler of Hymn Book of A. M. E. Church; also Turner's Catechism, various sermons and lectures. He died in Winsor, Canada, May 8, 1915, and was buried in Atlanta, Ga. His widow, Mrs. Laura P. L. Turner, died October, 1915.

**Rev. J. H. Turner**, of Chattanooga, Tenn., the son of Lucinda Turner (Allen), a member of the A. M. E. Church, was born in 1848, on the plantation of Strother S. Jones, near Newton, now Stephen City, in Frederick Co., Va. His mother, who had seven children, was sold as a slave when he was a year old.

Entered school in 1863 and attended about thirteen years in all. Spent over two years in the county public schools in New York and Maine, public schools

of Washington, D. C., Lincoln Night School, of Washington, D. C., Schofield's Commercial College, in 1868, Drew Seminary, Howard University, Central Tennessee College, National Medical School of Chattanooga, Tenn. Finished 1903 and received the degree of M.D.

Converted March, 1874, and joined the A. M. E. Church the same year.

Has held many offices in the church. Licensed to preach, 1877, at Springfield, Ill., by Rev. John Malone. Ordained deacon, April, 1880, at Salem, N.



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J., by Bishop Payne. Ordained elder, April, 1881, at Danville, Va., by Bishop Payne. Joined Annual Conference at Trenton, N. J., under Bishop Payne.

Held appointments at Madison and Washington, N. J.; Asbury Park, St. James, Richmond, Va.; Salem, Va.; Quinn Chapel, Frederick City, Md.; Bethel Chapel, Macon City, Mo.; Bethel, Leavenworth, Kans.; Ottawa, Kans.; St. Paul, Brown Chapel, Allen Chapel, Bethel, all of Texas. The following in Tennessee: Woodfolk, Shelbyville; St. Paul, Columbia; Bethel, Nashville; Knoxville Mission, Knoxville; Bethel, Chattanooga; Quinn, Chattanooga.

Built church at Washington, N. J., at a cost of \$1,000 in 1879; church and hall at Leavenworth, Kans., \$300, in 1886; church and hall at Bryant, Texas, \$200, in 1890; Brown Chapel, at Houston, Texas, \$350, in 1888. He has taken 1,825 people into the church and baptized 275 and married 90. Delegate to General Conference in 1904. Member of Historical and Literary Boards in 1908. Has served office of Statistician and Secretary of the several Conferences of which he was a member. Presiding Elder in Kansas Conference. Trustee of Turner College. He has established several schools. Joined Wilcox Post 16, G. A. R.

**Tyree, Bishop Evans**, twenty-sixth bishop of the A. M. E. Church, the son of Harry and Winifred Tyree, both African Methodists, was born a slave, in Tennessee, in 1853, one of his parents' twelve children. He began attending school in 1876, and received about ten years schooling in all, attending principally Central Tennessee College, Walden University, and graduated from the theological department without a degree. He received D.D. degree from Livingston; M.D. from Louisville Medical School; L.L.D. from Paul Quinn, and also from Wilberforce. Most of his