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REV. B. T. PERKINS.

B. T. PERKINS,
of Annapolis, Md.

Rev. B. T. Perkins, subject of this sketch, was born in Lewisburg, W. Va., June 22, 1858. He was educated by his former mistress, Sallie A. Patton, who was a pronounced Southerner and Yankee hater, but she loved her slaves and treated them like children. He taught in the free schools of West Virginia for sixteen years, entered the conference in 1886 at Charlestown, W. Va., and has found himself a successful minister, financially and spiritually. He is studious and painstaking, a man of energy and considerable will power; he commands the respect of all classes and the reverence of his people. He is now pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, the oldest colored church in Annapolis, Md. He is also treasurer of the Washington Annual Conference, which is a position of trust and honor in that church. He is doing a great work in Annapolis in raising the aspirations of our people in the higher walks of church and social life. The church is in full accord under his pastoralship. He stands high as a Christian gentleman among both races in the capital city of Maryland. He is certainly a master of language and a natural orator. His sermons always electrify his audiences. He is the leader among his race, and his counsel is sought for by all in matters concerning the welfare of the city in church and State. He is an earnest advocate of educating the masses and good schools and colleges. His Sunday School is the largest in the city, with a host of intelligent young men and women to lead the van. He is always found doing what he can for the elevation of his race. The church is a beautiful two-story brick, rebuilt in the modern style, with a fine pipe organ and well-trained choir that charm the audience always with good and rich music. The Y. P. C. E. is full of new life under his guardianship.