

MEMBERS OF THE SENATE OF 1896.

PRESIDENT:

HON. WILLIAM CABELL BRUCE, *Of Baltimore City.*

BALTIMORE CITY—Second District.

Senator William Cabell Bruce.

William Cabell Bruce, Democrat, a hold-over member of the State Senate from the second legislative district of Baltimore city, was born on March 12th, 1860, at Staunton Hill, the residence of his father, Charles Bruce, in Charlotte county, Virginia. Through his father and mother he is connected by ties of relationship with the Cabells, Seddons, Wellfords, Taliaferros and other families of Virginia. His mother was a sister of the late James A. Seddon, the Confederate Secretary of War.

Mr. Bruce is an attorney, and a member of the law firm of Fisher, Bruce & Fisher, of which Ex-Judge William A. Fisher is the senior partner. He received his academic education at Pampatike Academy and Norwood High School and College, in Virginia, and his professional at the University of Virginia and the University of Maryland, graduating at the latter institution in 1882, and commencing the practice of law in Baltimore in the fall of that year. During the year Mr. Bruce was a student at the University of Virginia, he was awarded by one committee of the faculty the medal annually given for the best paper appearing in the University Magazine, and by another the medal awarded annually to the best debater of the Jefferson Literary Society. At the time of his graduation from the Law School of the University of Maryland, Mr. William L. Marbury and himself were selected as the class orators. In 1887, Mr. Bruce was married to Louise Este, the only daughter of Ex-Judge William A. Fisher, and they have two children.

At the general election in 1893, he was elected by the Democratic Party to his present position of State Senator, the only political position he has ever held.

He is a firm and devoted adherent of President Cleveland and thoroughly in accord with the policies so earnestly advocated by the President. The bills that most strongly enlisted his interest in the General Assembly of 1894, were the re-assessment, merit system of appointment, child labor and ticket-of-leave bills.

He was elected by the Democrats President of the State Senate, at January Session, 1896, and introduced and made his