



**REV. DR. W. SAMPSON BROOKS.**

The above is a cut of the Rev. Dr. W. Sampson Brooks, the distinguished pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore. Dr. Brooks came to this struggling church in the spring of 1917 and immediately set to work to bring it out of the mire into which it had fallen, largely because of its great debt. By his kindly manner, dignified bearing and wonderful knowledge of human nature, coupled with pulpit eloquence seldom equalled, he has so endeared himself to the people of Baltimore that he has won the whole-hearted support of ministers and laymen of all denominations for the cause he is in this city to represent. During his first year at Bethel he has succeeded in raising upwards of \$30,000, and has had his Sunday services attended by the largest crowds in the history of the church.