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Mr. George H. Siddons, one of Baltimore's most respected citizens is probably the oldest colored florist not only in Baltimore but in the United States.

He is active in Church, Secret and Social Orders. To Mr. William Harrod who has been a confidential clerk to Mr. Siddons for 29 years, he owes some of his success in business, and certainly there is credit due to such a faithful employee.

Carrington L. Davis, Vice-Principal of the Colored High School, is a teacher of broad training and large experience. He has been a large factor in molding the character of many young men and women who have come under the influence of his personality in the course of their high school education.

Mr. Davis is also interested in a large way in all movements that have for their object the broader social development of the colored people of this community. He was Chairman of the Campaign Committee of the Victory Hospital drive that succeeded under the leadership of Dr. William H. Weaver in securing sufficient funds to purchase the Union Protestant Infirmary as a Hospital for Colored People.

No record of educational forces, nor of character building on a large scale and along right lines, in this city, can be complete without some mention of Miss Fannie L. Barbour, Head of the Department of Mathematics at the Colored High School.

Miss Barbour was among the first group of teachers appointed to the school, having been transferred from School 109 immediately upon the organization of the High School under a Colored Faculty.

An exceptional teacher, a sympathetic but firm disciplinarian, and a woman of broad vision, she has had the unusual privilege of starting on the right road a very large number of the boys and girls who are the substantial citizens of our community today. The fruits of her work are everywhere visible among us.

Ralph W. Reckling, Head of the Department of English and History, is another member of the faculty of the Colored High School, who is doing splendid work in the development of our youth. Though quiet and assuming, Mr. Reckling is a teacher of pronounced ability and a strong force through precept and example in the development in the pupils of the school of clean thinking and an intelligent appreciation of the problems of their every-day life. Many of our boys and girls owe to him their correct evolution of culture and accuracy in expressing themselves upon any matters in which they may be interested.

Prof. J. W. Allen, is really the Pioneer Tonsorial Artist as regards Modern Environments and continues to add. He is a native of Baltimore, Md. Established Since 1891.