

REV. FREDERICK DOUGLAS

Pastor of Bethel Church,

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Baltimore, Md.



Born in Edwardsville, Ill., February 19, 1972. Was educated in the public schools of Edwardsville, graduating from the high schools of Edwardsville in 1887; became a teacher in the public schools, and later moved to Southern Illinois and was made principal of the Schools of Hodges Park, where he served for eleven years. He was also Principal of the Public Schools of Carrier-Mills, Ill., and the first principal of the Colored High School of Marion, Ill. For twenty-five years he has been actively engaged in School work in his native State.

He has also been in the Ministry fourteen years, his first appointment being at Edith-Chapel, where he rebuilt the Church and paid it out of debt.

He was then appointed to the Pastorate at Harrisburg, Ill., where he remodeled the church and paid the entire debt.

While stationed at Harrisburg, Carrier-Mills, a thriving little mining town, was attached, and Rev. Douglas built here a beautiful stone church, purchased two beautiful lots and paid the entire cost of property and building.

After four successful years at Harrisburg, during which time the church was taken out of the missionary list and made one of the best charges in the District, he was appointed to the Pastorate of Marion, Ill., a circuit comprising Marion and Dew-Maine. Here during his four years' service he built two churches and a splendid parsonage; purchased two additional lots for the Marion people, and not only paid the entire debt but also paid the Marion church out of the building and loan—an obligation of \$800.

He was then assigned to the historic Ward's-Chapel at Cairo, Ill., the best charge in the Illinois annual Conference, and the head of the Cairo Presiding Elder District.

Here he remodeled the church and parsonage at a cost of \$2,500, and paid for the same. Was elected to the Secretaryship of Wilberforce University; but declined to accept the position, believing the Divine Call to the Ministry of greater importance than any other calling in the world.

In November 1917 the beautiful church at Cairo was destroyed by fire, and the following March work was begun on the present magnificent \$50,000 structure, which was completed just a few months prior to Rev. Douglas' appointment to Bethel this City.

It may be of interest to say that he laid the foundation for the new Ward Chapel at Cairo, March 25, 1918, and completed the building worth \$50,000 leaving only \$5,900 to be paid on the entire indebtedness by his successor.

Rev. Douglas has launched a great financial campaign to free Bethel of her \$12,000 burden, and plans to give the connection its most beautiful church free from debt by November 22.



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