



**SAMUEL R. MORSELL**

*Executive Secretary, Druid Hill Avenue  
Branch Y. M. C. A.*

To Mr. Morsell has fallen the lot of giving guidance, during the depression period, to the Young Men's Christian Association of the city of his birth, public school training, and five-year teaching career. His appointment four years ago as executive secretary of the Druid Hill Avenue Branch, which,

for several years prior to 1901, when he entered Oberlin College, Ohio, he had served as an active board member, was the culmination of twenty-four years of service as an Association secretary. He began in 1907 as general secretary of the Goffe Street Y. M. C. A., New Haven, Conn., and served nineteen years as executive secretary and "builder" of the new \$274,000 Centre Avenue Branch building in Pittsburgh, Pa., and a year in White Plains, N. Y., where he organized the work among our group. It was at this famous seat of Westchester County, New York, that Morsell's refusal to co-operate with his white board of directors in their efforts to appease local residential race segregationists led to the loss of his position there.

The local "Y" executive, after graduation at Oberlin College, spent three years at Yale University, receiving his B. D. degree in 1910 from the Divinity School, where in his first year he was winner of the second Mersick prize.

In 1927 Mr. Morsell was appointed by Governor John Fisher of Pennsylvania to represent Western Pennsylvania on the State Commission which recently erected the \$50,000 Colored Soldiers Statue in Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.



**DR. FRANCIS M. WOOD**

*Director of Colored Schools  
Baltimore, Maryland*

The growth of the colored schools of Baltimore City during the past nine years has been unusually rapid and gratifying. Increased enrollment and present social demands have made necessary additional school facilities and improved classroom instruction.

Much of this growth may be

traced to the able leadership of Dr. Francis M. Wood, who by his daily professional life has set for those who serve under him an example worthy of emulation.

His industry has inspired others to be industrious. His approachableness and keen sense of justice have encouraged many not only to confide in him, but also to seek his advice in personal as well as professional matters. His fearlessness has led him to do that which he thought right and proper despite opposition. His fairness has insured for every one a square deal.

On July 9, 1925, Dr. Wood was appointed Supervisor of Colored Public Schools of Baltimore City. Two years later he was advanced to the position of Director of Colored Public Schools of Baltimore City. At the end of his fifth year of service a public testimonial was given him, at which time the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, the Board of Superintendents, the Board of School Commissioners, teachers, and many other citizens of the two races were present. On June 2, 1931, because of his outstanding accomplishments in the educational world, Morgan College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Pedagogy.