

PROFESSOR MASON A. HAWKINS

Principal of Million-and-Half-Dollar High School.



Professor Mason A. Hawkins, principal of the Frederick-Douglass Senior-Junior High School, was born at Charlottesville, Virginia, but has spent the greater part of his life in Baltimore.

His elementary training was received in the public schools of Baltimore. His secondary work was done at Morgan College, 1893-1897. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University in 1901 after four years of study, and the Master of Arts degree from Columbia University, and Master's Diploma from Teachers' College, Columbia, in 1910. He took a Teachers' Course in Latin at Johns Hopkins University, and a course in Conversational German at the local Berlitz School in 1903. He is a member of the American Academy of Political and Social Science; Fellow of the American Geographical Society; member of

Union Baptist Church. He has several inventions for which United States patents have been granted. In 1901 he became a member of the first Colored faculty of the Douglass High School; head of the Department of Foreign Languages in 1906; acting vice-principal, February, 1909, and principal from 1909 to the present time.

For many years Professor Hawkins has taken an active interest in social activities, and is much interested in music.

In October, 1905, Professor Hawkins married Margaret B. Gregory, daughter of the late Professor James M. Gregory, who was instructor in Latin at Howard University for twenty years, and then principal for eighteen years of the Manual Training School at Bordentown, N. J. Professor and Mrs. Hawkins have two sons, Howard and Mason, Jr.

Among the educators of the country, Professor Hawkins holds a unique place. Under his guidance and untiring efforts, Baltimore today has one of the finest secondary school buildings to be found anywhere in the country, and her graduates are accepted by many of the leading colleges and universities without examination.

