



REV. C. HAROLD STEPTEAU, D. D.

Rev. C. Harold Stepteau, D. D., who was recently appointed the pastor of Baltimore's largest and most popular church, Bethel A. M. E. Church, Lanvale and Druid Hill avenue, was born in Lynchburg, Va. The son of William Harrison and Matilda J. Stepteau, both parents were members of the A. M. E. Church, and early in life saw to it that their son was given the advantages of an early Christian training; he is the oldest of seven children.

Dr. Stepteau comes to Bethel Church with a long line of successful pastorates, he has served from the smallest mission points to the largest congregations. His first appointment in the Baltimore Conference was Shorter Mission, D. C. Before coming to the Baltimore Conference he served in the Louisiana Conference, from there he was appointed as missionary to Cuba under the late Rt. Rev. C. Spencer Smith, D. D., returning to the States he was married to Miss Estell V. Lyons of Baton Rouge, La., to this union two children were born—C. Harold, Jr., and Zerita Mae, both of whom are graduates of the Douglass High School.

Dr. Stepteau has been among the first and foremost in this city in the advocacy of the right and privileges of his people and can always be counted on when great issues are at stake.

Baltimore counts on him as one of her most dependable men. He has served the following charges:

Bethel Church, Baton Rouge, La., the home of his wife. Ebenezer, Baltimore, from there he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Potomac District, serving five years. Then he was appointed pastor of Metropolitan, Washington, D. C., Allen, Baltimore, then Presiding Elder of the Baltimore District for three years, from which responsible position he was appointed to the important work of Bethel A. M. E. Church, this city.

We bespeak for Dr. Stepteau a most successful pastorate at this church and hope the General Church will see him in his true light as we Baltimoreans do, and call him to the highest place in the gift of his church where he deserves to be.

With his aimable wife and intelligent children he will reflect credit upon the church in any capacity.

Dr. Stepteau is a graduate of Wilberforce University.

