

FOREWORD



The task of compiling a directory of the colored professional, clerical, skilled and business interests of Baltimore which shall serve, at the same time, as a manual of useful information, in general, involves an endless amount of labor. This present issue of the Directory is more complete and is, therefore, much more useful than any of the former ones.

The work itself furnishes a striking example of what one can accomplish, in spite of serious handicap, if he will set out with industry and determination to do some definite, constructive thing.

Mr. Robert W. Coleman, the compiler, has labored under the serious disadvantage of having been well-nigh totally blind for some years—an affliction which has disheartened many otherwise strong men; however, he has gone to work at his task with cheerfulness and with an undaunted spirit which show him to possess a marvelous reserve of industry and courage.

He has, undoubtedly, come into possession of this constructive industry naturally. He is a Washington (D. C.) boy by birth. His father was one of the prominent business men of color of the city a few years back. He is related to some of the most prominent men who have taken a leading part in the constructive development of the city, among them being Judge Robert H. Terrell, of the Municipal Court of the city. He is a graduate of the Washington Business High School.

Mr. Coleman came to Baltimore some years ago, adopted this city as his home, married Miss Mary Mason of Baltimore, settled down to rear a family and contribute his share to the community welfare. He is the father of six lovely girls, the two older, Misses Daisy and Dorothy, assist their father each year in compiling this book.

The Directory, with very favorable comment, has been placed on the shelves of the Library of Congress, among the Moreland Collection in the Carnegie Library at Howard University and other libraries.

I am sure that this issue will commend itself upon its merits, not only to the people of Baltimore, but to people anywhere seeking the valuable information it possesses, particularly with reference to the professional, clerical, skilled and business interests of Baltimore City.

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