



REV. J. W. SHOAFF, D.D.

Thirkield began this work in 1883, with two students and an endowment of \$20,000. The institution now has an attendance of over ninety students, and an endowment of more than half a million dollars, with library and other buildings and equipments worth one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Thirkield was born in Franklin, Ohio, September 25th, 1854. He is a graduate of the Ohio University and the Boston University School of Theology. He has done much pulpit and platform work throughout the South, and has been an earnest worker in temperance, educational, Sunday School and League work.

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Rev. J. W. Shoaff, D.D., began to preach at the early age of nineteen years, and has filled important charges in Virginia, Baltimore and Alabama Conferences. During his pastorate at St. Paul's Church, Baltimore, he found it necessary to seek a more equable climate, and was transferred to the Alabama Conference and stationed at St. Francis Street Church in the city of Mobile, which is one of the most important charges in the State. He is now pastor of the First M. E. Church South in Selma. The degree of D.D. was conferred upon him by the Southern University located at Greensboro', Ala., some two years ago.

REV. JAMES C. MURRAY, D.D.

The Rev. James C. Murray, D.D., who is to speak on the "Missionary Impulse and Motive," is a native of the State of Indiana, and a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was engaged in educational work for many years as a teacher and Superintendent of Public Schools previous to his entrance on the work of the ministry. He studied theology in the Drew Theological Seminary, graduating from that institution in May, 1881. He then entered the pastorate in the North Indiana Annual Conference, of which he is still a member, and continued in that work about five years. He was next called to the chair of Exegetical Theology in Gammon Theological

Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia, which he has held for the past twelve years. In addition to the work of his chair, he has given attention to popularizing Bible study in various ways, such as conducting institutes and Bible classes, preparing outline studies and delivering lectures. He is especially interested in mission work among the colored people of the South and in the evangelization of Africa.

REV. J. P. MCFERRIN, D.D.

Rev. J. P. McFerrin, D.D., of Louisville, Ky., U.S.A., who will speak at the Missionary Meeting at Mutual Street Rink, on the evening of July 16th, was born in the State of Tennessee, U.S.A., February, 1843. In the Fall of 1865, he entered the Tennessee Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and for more than twenty years filled many of its important appointments. In 1887, in obedience to Episcopal authority, he was transferred to the Holston Conference and stationed at Centenary Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. After three years of successful ministry in Chattanooga, he was transferred to South Georgia Conference, and stationed at Mulberry Street Church, Macon, Ga., from which, after two years, he was returned to Centenary Church, Chattanooga. He is now pastor of Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church South, Louisville, Ky.

J. E. HARRISON.



J. E. Harrison was educated in Tennessee, graduating from Vanderbilt University in 1883. Before graduation he held the position of Assistant in the School of English in the University. He served ten years in the pastorate, and was a representative of his conference in the General Conference of 1894. In 1893 he published a book on the Epworth League,

entitled, "Our New Building." In 1894 he accepted the



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