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He has not been active in politics. Among the secret orders, he is affiliated with the Odd Fellows. He owns a small estate together with an attractive well furnished home at Kinston. He says: "I think the best interests of the race in the State and Nation may be promoted by giving the race the rights of personal security, personal liberty and private property, by giving the race justice and a fair deal in the courts of the State and Nation, in the school room, the business world, by encouraging the race along pure social and religious lines and by helping preserve the good moral character of our women." Many students have gone out from the Graded School of Kinston. Some have entered schools of higher learning and are now college professors, doctors, lawyers, teachers and successful business men and women. The lives of these men and women testify louder than words to the splendid foundation work done by Prof. Sampson as he has labored during the past eighteen years in the school room.

William Eugene Partee

Rev. William Eugene Partee, A. B., A. M., D. D., who for seven years has had the chair of systematic Theology at Biddle University, brings to bear on his work not only the learning of the schools but also years of experience as a successful pastor and practical educator. He is a native of the old town of Concord, where he was born just before the outbreak of the war on Dec. 19, 1860.

Dr. Partee bears the name of his step-father, Samuel A. Partee, who was by trade a tanner. His mother's name before her marriage was Trenton Foard. She was a daughter of Isaac and Mary Ann Harris.

Coming of school age just after the war when the public school system was in its infancy, young Partee attended the Parochial School at Concord and there laid the foundation of his education. He was under the necessity



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of working his way during his early school days. Later he was awarded a scholarship after which the way was easier. From Concord he passed to the preparatory department of Biddle University as student. At the age of sixteen he was converted, which changed the whole course of his life. Deciding to take up the work of the gospel ministry he determined to equip himself for his life work. On completion of his preparatory course at Biddle, he entered upon the college course and won his A. B. degree in 1881. Three years later, he was graduated from the Theological department with the B. D. degree. Later in recognition of his attainments his Alma Mater conferred on him the degree of A. M. and later still the degree of D. D.

Since his graduation the years have been filled with service as a teacher and preacher. His principal work has been in his native state, in Virginia and in Florida. His pastorates have included Concord, N. C., Gainesville, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Richmond, Va., and Lynchburg, Va. Along with his pastoral work he also taught while at Gainesville and Jacksonville, Fla. Such was the record he had made in both lines of work that when in 1912 a vacancy occurred in the chair of Systematic Theology at Biddle University, he was called to the position which he has since filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of his Board and patrons as well.

On July 15, 1886, Dr. Partee was married to Miss Edith I. Smith, a daughter of William D. and Martha E. Smith. Of the eight children born to them six are living. They are William E. Jr., Fannie H., Marion D., Harold S., LeRoy D., and Arthur A. Partee. In 1900 Mrs. Partee passed to her reward and the Doctor has not again married.

Dr. Partee has not recently been active in the secret orders nor has he been active in politics. Naturally his principal reading is along Theological lines, but he also finds inspirational and biographical books helpful. With reference to the progress of the race, he speaks out of a varied experience stretching over a period of years and believes that progress is to be promoted, "By Christian cul-

ture, vocational training as well as higher education and a proper regard for all that goes to make worthy citizens of a great Republic."

James Elmer Dellinger

Dr. James Elmer Dellinger of Greensboro will be remembered as a highly endowed man of imposing presence. He is unusually tall and of fine appearance. It was not his lot to attend any of the great universities of America and the world, but he can take care of himself before any audience or in company of the most cultured before whom he is frequently called to appear.

Dr. Dellinger is not only successful in the practice of his chosen profession but is public spirited and is active in many ways in his town and State. He was born at Lowesville, N. C., on Nov. 3, 1862. His father Jas. Monroe Dellinger was a farm cropper and ordinary laborer. His mother was, before her marriage, Miss Belzie Nance. His father's parents were Cato and Delia Moore and his mother's parents, Cephas Hargroves of pronounced French extraction and Anne Johnson. He came up a poor boy, and worked on the farm until crops were laid by and then he would get other work so as to enable himself to go to school as opportunity might offer him. He worked at the small wage of ten dollars a month, and after saving up thirty dollars, entered school. He attended the public schools, then the private school and finally finished his course of study at the State Normal School at Salisbury and received his diploma in 1886. He then matriculated at the Medical Department of Shaw University at Raleigh. The course of study at Shaw was of four years but by dint of hard study and splendid ability he graduated in three years and received his diploma with the degree of M. D. He was upon graduation appointed physician to the Leonard Medical Hospital which place he held with credit to himself and