

THE CHARLESTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY.

The Charleston Gas Light Company was chartered December 18th, 1846, with the following incorporators, all of whom were celebrities in the business community: Joshua Lazarus, M. C. Mordecai, Hugh R. Banks, Geo. S. Cameron, Geo. A. Trenholm, Henry W. Conner, Wm. H. Gilliland. The records of this company ante-dating the war were removed to Columbia during hostilities, and were destroyed by a fire,



THOMAS TURNER, President Gas Light Co.

lighted by Sherman's army, February 17, 1865, so that the early history of the corporation is somewhat obscure. The corporation, however, has been so much an agency of importance to the well-being and comfort of the people that it merits a description.

It has three large gas holders—located, one at its works on Washington and Charlotte Streets, one at Cannon Street and one at King Street, near Vanderhorst. Two of these have 290,000 cubic feet capacity and one 80,000 feet.

Mains have been laid throughout the city, and gas is supplied to householders and others at reasonable prices.

The company also handles gas stoves for cooking and heating, and does quite a considerable business in them during the summer season as well.

The original works of the company were abandoned in June,

1861, and the plant afterwards removed to Washington and Charlotte Streets has been much enlarged, and now will compare in efficiency with any in cities of like importance to this in the country. The company's offices, 141 Meeting Street, are in a building that has a front of corinthian pillars, particularly admired by those who appreciate chaste and beautiful architecture.

Under its charter the company has also the privilege of manufacturing and distributing electric light. The Gas Company are also agents for the Westbach Incandescent Lights, and can furnish these in every variety.

The directors of the company now, and principals in its management, are: President Thomas Turner and a number of Charleston's prominent business men. The secretary and treasurer is Mr. Montague Triest. President Turner is of English birth but has lived here for forty years, thirty-eight of which he has been connected with the management of this company's affairs; he began at the very bottom of the ladder, in the metre department, and rising through the successive stages between, by dint of native ability and energy, became president nineteen years ago.

GENERAL EDWARD ANDERSON.

The subject of this sketch was born in Greenville, S. C., February 12, 1867, his father being Dr. John Anderson, a highly respected and leading dentist of South Carolina. Gen. Robert Anderson, who when colonel of militia commanded a regiment at Cowpens, and for whom the county and city of Anderson was afterwards named, was his paternal great grandfather. The Anderson family removed to Charleston in 1871 and have made Charleston their home since that date. As a lad Gen. Anderson passed the local public schools and the High School, and entered the Citadel Academy upon its reorganization in 1886.

His connection with the militia dates from his graduation at the South Carolina Military Academy, as he at once joined the Carolina Rifles. He rapidly rose from the office of sergeant, which was at once tendered him, to that of captain, he being commissioned as such on March 8, 1890. This position he held until February, 1895, when he was appointed and commissioned brigadier-general of the Fourth Brigade, which position he held until the President made his first call for volunteers for the Spanish-American War, when upon the refusal of the Brigade to volunteer, he recruited and organized Anderson's Battery of Heavy Artillery, of which command he



GEN'L EDWARD ANDERSON.

was commissioned captain, an office which he still holds. This organization enjoys the distinction of being the only representation from the City of Charleston which has volunteered under the first call of the President for volunteers for the Spanish-American War.

He is a prominent officer in the Knights of Pythias, and stands high as an official in the Masonic fraternity; he has served as a member of the Board of Visitors of the South Carolina Military Academy for several years; has held many offices in the Y. M. C. A.

In the business world Gen. Anderson has the confidence of his patrons and the respect of his fellow citizens. The Anderson Lumber Company, of which he is secretary and treasurer, is an evidence of his clear business judgment and good financial management. He is a director of the Enterprise Bank, one of the most prosperous and progressive of Charleston's banking establishments.

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