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Success is not a matter of genius, as is held by some, but is the outcome of clear judgment, experience and indefatigable industry. No matter in how much fantastic theorizing one may indulge as to its cause; a careful analysis will show that persistent effort, intelligently directed is the basis of all advancement. This truth finds verification in the life record of Mr. James G. Gayles, born in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1854. At an early age, with his parents, moved to Freeport, La., where he received his education. At the age of twenty-two years was married to Miss Kate Howell. The union was blessed with one son, James, who died at the age of 18 months. Shortly after his marriage he was made a charter member and Junior Warden of Mt. Lebanon Lodge No. 5, F. & A. M. In 1892 he and wife migrated to the State of Washington and located in the city of Seattle. During his residence he has conducted and owned some of the finest tonsorial parlors in this city. For two years he was corresponding financial secretary of the Barbers Union, with a membership of 260. He was the only member of our group that was affiliated with the organization at that time. *He has been* a member of the First A. M. E. Church for twelve years, and has served as a member of the board of trustees and a class leader during that time. A member of Harmony Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M. Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Washington and Jurisdiction, and treasurer of the Citizens Council, the largest civic organization in the state.