



W. D. CARTER

REV. W. D. CARTER is the pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist church and if there be anything in "judge the tree according to the fruit it bears," and there is, then Rev. Carter is a most excellent man and a man more than worthy the title he bears. Rev. Carter was called to the church of which he is the pastor when it was almost in a chaotic condition and he announced to his congregation, when he preached his initial sermon: "I am here to look over this work and to weigh your call carefully and if I decide to harken to it, then I am here to stay for a long time." He harkened to the call and he has kept his word on the stay proposition. No church in the city, whether its congregation be white or black, is so free from debt and financial entanglements as this church and it is due largely to the liberal response to the appeal of the pastor. His congregation has implicit confidence in him and he in them, and they rally to his appeals. While he zealously looks after the membership of his church, yet he is not selfish in his work and visits the sick, poor and needy of the city without regard to church affiliations the same as of his own congregation. He is truly a man of God and he lives it every day of his life and his harvest of success demonstrates it beyond a question of doubt. He is just as ready to help in other walks of life as the church and any call for an uplift meeting and he is always among those present and contributes his share of the expenses thereof. Rev. Carter is married and has a wife who is more than a "better half" in his various undertakings, which has a great deal to do with the success he has had since he has been engaged in pastoral work in Seattle.

REV. H. M. COLLINS, pastor of the African Methodist Episcopal church of Tacoma, the second city of the state, is not only a divine, but he is a ripe scholar and a splendid orator. He has held this charge for practically two years and he is stronger today by odds than he was when he first took charge of the work, and it is said the congregation is just as keen to have him return for another year as it was for him to return from the last annual conference. If the great Northwest is ever represented in the official roster of the General Conference the Puget Sound conference would do itself proud to pull for the election of Rev. Collins. In the many heated battles for civil and political rights of the Negro in the state of Washington since he has resided within her confines, Rev. Collins has always taken an active and leading part and no man has spoken with more eloquence and logic for the rights of his people than he. He recently married a splendid young woman, who had spent the most of her life as a school teacher and she is proving an able assistant for him.



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ELLA RYAN

MRS. ELLA RYAN, who claims the title of publisher of The Forum of Tacoma, of which the Ryans publish each week, started late in life in the publication business, but with a husband who was thoroughly versed in the ins and outs of the business, she caught on very quickly, and being of a natural diplomatic turn of mind, she was able to do things that even Mr. Ryan himself failed at; for an example, he would often get in a political row with some one that could turn business from his paper, and on observing the situation she would step in the breach and smooth the troubled waters, when things would begin to work as of yore. When you stop and think it over, it is wonderful that those people could successfully operate a publication, depending wholly on a class of citizens with whom they did not mingle socially as long as they have and that too when almost hundreds of similar publications have flourished for a time and then, like the poor Arab, silently fold their tents and steal away. Mr. and Mrs. John H. Ryan are to be congratulated for the success they have made.