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REV. R. H. Singleton, D. D., who for five years has been Pastor of the large and influential congregation at St. Philips Monumental Church, Savannah, Georgia, was born shortly after the close of the Civil War, September 11, 1865, on the Island of Hilton Head, South Carolina.

His parents possessed but little of this world's goods, but were determined that their son should receive all the educational advantages in their power to bestow; and he completed the prescribed curriculum of study at Giles Academy, on Hilton Head, in 1879, later taking a special course in Greek and mathematics under the tuition of Professor George F. Curtis, also studying Hebrew with Rabbi J. Weiner. In 1901 he was a member of the class graduated from the Theological Department of Morris Brown College, from which Institution he received, in 1904, the honorable and merited degree of Doctor of Divinity.

His religious life began with his happy conversion to Christ, November 28, 1888, becoming a member of St. Pauls A. M. E. Church in Brunswick, Georgia, during the ministry of Rev. P. H. M. Brookens. In 1890, licenses to Exhort and Preach were granted him, followed in December of the ensuing year by his ordination as Local Deacon. His itineracy began at Thomasville, Georgia, in December, 1892; four years later he was ordained as Elder.

Dr. Singleton has held the following appointments. Five

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busy years were spent at Brunswick, Georgia, where he organized and built Payne's Chapel, leaving there a fine, prosperous Church. A pastorate of two years was given to Waycross Station, then he succeeded the lamented Dr. A. A. Whitman at St. Philips Monumental Church in Savannah, Georgia, the pioneer congregation of the State.

Honors from the Church at Large have flowed freely into Dr. Singleton's hands. For seven years the responsibilities of the office of Chief Secretary of his Conference have demanded his time; and the important duties attending a Trusteeship, and Membership of the Executive Board of Morris Brown College, call for much consideration from him.

He was elected by his Conference to the last session of the General Conference held in Chicago, in 1904, and was also Secretary of the State Delegation.

Dr. Singleton is a fluent and effective speaker and is in constant demand for addresses to Schools and Colleges. He was married to Mrs. Josephine Hymes, April 18, 1889, and their home life is ideal.
