

Biographical Sketch of Hon. Joshua Levering.

Joshua Levering was born in the same place where he now lives—Baltimore, Md. This event occurred September 12, 1845. In 1866 he became a partner with his father, Eugene Levering, in the coffee importing business, the firm name being E. Levering & Co., the same as it is now. The business is now conducted by the sons of Eugene Levering, Sr., who died in 1870. In 1892 Joshua married Martha W., daughter of Charles M. Keyser, and a sister of his first wife, who died in 1888. Three sons and four daughters have resulted from this union.

In 1871 Mr. Levering became a constituent

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member of Eutaw Place Baptist Church, and since 1881 he has been superintendent of its Sunday-school. In 1888 he helped organize the American Baptist Education Society, and has been its treasurer ever since. For a number of years he has also been vice-president of the American Baptist Publication Society. Once he was vice-president of the Southern Baptist convention.

At present he is acting chairman of the board of trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. Since 1887 he has been president of the Maryland House of Refuge and is a director of the Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore. In 1885 he was elected president of the Young Men's Christian Association and has been re-elected every year since without a dissenting vote.

He is also a member of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and of Canada. In 1887, and also in 1893, he was chairman of the State Prohibition Convention. In 1888 and 1892 he was a delegate to the National Prohibition Convention, and on each occasion declined to permit the use of his name for the Vice-Presidency. On the latter occasion friends insisted, and he received a majority of the votes, but before the vote was announced enough votes were changed to change the result to Dr. J. B. Cranfill. In 1891 Mr. Levering was nominated for State Controller,

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and at the last election he ran for Governor, polling a heavy vote.