

**DR. CHAS. F. BENSON.** While the shock of internecine warfare thrilled with awe and dread suspense the heart of the nation, and hurrying armies rushed to bloody conflict, the subject of this sketch entered upon the battlefield of life. On July 28, 1846, **Memiors of Georgia, Fulton County Sketches (1895)** he was born near Aiken, S. C. His father, Chas. F. Benson, was at the time a gallant officer of the southern Confederacy, whose fortunes he shared throughout the four years' war; while his mother, nee Elizabeth Fitzsimmons Trotti, with the Spartan courage characteristic of the southern women of that day, managed her husband's large estate for the maintenance of his family, and the benefit of the soldiers in the field. Dr. Benson's paternal grandparents were Lawrence S. Benson and his wife, Elizabeth Fastbender Shafner, of Charleston, S. C.; while he traces his lineage on his mother's side to Dr. Lawrence J. Trotti, an eminent M. D. of Barnwell, S. C., and his wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Collins, of Richmond county, Ga. When the embryo doctor was six years old, his parents moved from South Carolina to Atlanta, Ga., where the family lived until he was thirteen years of age, when they became residents of Lake Weir, Marion Co., Fla. During the family's residence in Atlanta, Charles F. Benson, Jr., passed meritoriously through the grammar schools and, after remaining in Florida three years, he returned to Atlanta and entered Prof. T. De Means' high school for young gentlemen, where after three years of studious application to his books, he completed his academic education. With characteristic energy he immediately began his medical instruction under Dr. W. S. Armstrong, professor of anatomy in the Atlanta Medical college, which institution he entered later, and where, after two years, he graduated with distinction in 1882. After this the young doctor returned to Florida, where he expected to locate permanently, and was at once appointed United States surgeon to examine applicants for pensions. His appointment as demonstrator of anatomy in his alma mater the same year (1882) caused a reversal of his decision, and he returned to Atlanta to accept the responsible position offered him. After filling

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this appointment for three years. Dr. Benson entered actively and aggressively upon the practice of his profession, with constantly increasing success. On Oct. 11, 1893, Dr. Chas. F. Benson was united in marriage to Miss Stella Clare Carr of Atlanta, daughter of Elias R. Carr, of Logan county, Ky., and Jane F. Carr, nee Redding, of Macon, Ga. Genius is irrepressible, and the implanted germ of greatness, patiently and persistently cultivated, ultimately attains to perfect growth. Dr. Benson, although a young man, is far on the road to deserved success in its highest sense, and his native trend, supplemented and assisted by indomitable will, untiring energy and earnest integrity of heart and mind, which, looking above and beyond mere selfish considerations, seek the good of mankind, prophesies for him deserved greatness in his chosen profession.