

GUSTAVUS RICHARD GLENN, state school commissioner, and resident of Macon, Ga., is a native of Jackson county, Ga., having been born away from the noise and bustling activity of a city, in a quiet country home, on Dec. 5, 1848. He removed with his parents to Terrell county, Ga., at the age of six years, and in a small schoolhouse located in the neighboring town of Chickasawhatchie, first marshaled his young and immature faculties in the training of the intellect and to the subsequent fullness of his education. He remained here during the four turbulent years of civil strife, and when this was concluded he was sent under the tutorship of Rev. William Park, in Meriwether county, who conducted the Mt. Carmel school. This was a preparatory institution for entrance into the state university, and young Glenn studied with this purpose in view. Having completed the course he became a student at Athens, graduating in 1871, with an A. B. degree, and after another year, devoting his time to post-graduate work, with an A. M. degree—including the entire curriculum of the college. In the fall of 1872, with his diploma in his possession, he went to Columbus, Ga., and for the next three years taught school, establishing two years afterward the Columbus female college, which he managed with exceptional success until the buildings were destroyed by fire in 1884. Then he accepted the professorship of natural science in the Wesleyan female college, located at Macon, Ga., and filled this chair with eminent ability until he resigned in 1892. In the fall of 1893, Mr. Glenn assumed the business managership of the "Macon Telegraph," remaining until Dec. 14, 1894. He was then appointed state school commissioner by Gov. W. Y. Atkinson. On July 22, 1875, he was united in marriage to Nellie, daughter of Henry W. Verstelle, formerly of Columbus, but now residing in Atlanta. She was a beautiful, talented lady with the admirable characteristics that bless the home life. Since 1893 the husband in his daily labors and comfort when anxieties and vexations fret the disposition. This union has been blessed with ten children, three boys and seven girls. Mr. Glenn affiliates with and is a steward in the Methodist church of Macon, having held this honorable position many years. Although the performance of his professional duties demands his presence in Atlanta, his home is in Macon, Bibb Co., Ga.