# A ROUSING MEETING AT JOHN WESLEY

### A Large Audience Turned Out To Hear Hon. J. C. Napier.

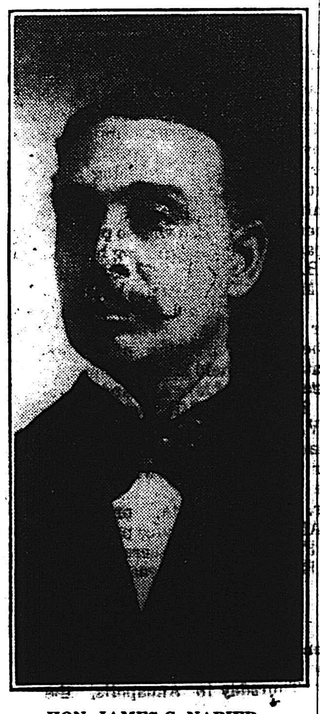
The colored people, as a class, is one of the country's greatest economic factors was asserted by Hon. James C. Napier, Registerof the United States Treasury, in an address at John Wesley M. E. Church Sunday afernoon.

Register Napier was introduced by Dr. Ernest Lyon, who described him as "one of Tennesse's foremost citizens."

In the course of his address Mr. Napier said that the 83 per cent. of the farm work in the South is done by colored men, and that the major portion of the cotton crop is raised by the race.

"Many of us do not stop to think," said Mr. Napier, "of the fact that the Negro is the South's greatest asset. The bulk of the cotton crop is raised by us, white men making great profits by selling this crop to the manufacturers, and the in turn making clothing for the world. In every branch of industry you can see the Negro's hand. He has been in every thing from the battle of Bunker Hill down to the discovery of the North Pole save one—the deplorable Titanic disaster.'

Speaking of President Taft he said: "president Taft has proven himself a friend of the race. What President has spoken out against lynching however great the provocation as he has? What President has let the world know that he opposed disfranchisement as he did when they were trying to disfranchise you in Maryland and what



HON. JAMES C. NAPIER.

President has on the advice of reputable colored men refused to appoint a man justice of the United States Supreme Court as he did in the case of Judge Hook who rendered a decision upholding jim-crow cars?

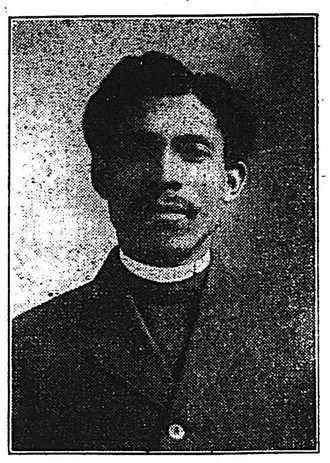
"President Taft may have done some things that you and I did not agree with but there is no chief executive who has been more sympathetic in his attitude for the race than has Mr. Taft and certainly none that could be approached so easily. He deserves a renomination at the hands of the Republican party and the colored people of this country should show their friendly interest by voting for his renomination and re-election." Mr. Napier was accompanied to the city by Mr. Cyrus Field Adams asisstant Register of the Treasury.

Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon delivered a flattering address introducing Register Napier.

## Methodist Protestants In Annual Session

Havre de Grace, Md., May 9.—The annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, opened here Wednesday with president P. E. Robinson, presiding. One hundred ministerial and lay delegates were present.

The president said in his opening remarks that the church must awake to the moral and religious issues now confronting the Negroes in this country. He praised the loyal colored men who voted for Colonel Roosevelt in the primaries on Monday. The conference passed resolutions indorsing Theodore Roosevelt as the nominee at the National Convention in Chicago.



Rev. J. A. Handy, of Norfolk, Va.

Parsonage of St. Luke M. P. Church, Norfolk, Va.

# A SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR ST. LUKE CHURCH

### Under The Pastorate Of Rev. Handy, Who Is Doing Work

Norfolk, Va., May 1. — The St. Luke M. P. Church has just closed a most successful anniversary of three years unparalelled success under the leadership of Dr. Handy.

He is a mere youth yet being in his 30th year and has accomplished as much as most men at forty. James Albert Handy descended from a line of great and powerful preachers being the grand nephew of the late Right Reverend Wilmore Elsey who was on of the first presiding elders of the Delaware Conference M. E. Church and life long associat of the Rev. Frost Pullet, two great pioneers of the church in antibellum days and a relative of the late Bishop James A. Handy. Dr. Handy received his early training at St. Paul Normal School, and Delaware State College. He is a graduate of Morgan College, Baltimore. and Bible College, Philadelphia.

He was born at Tyaskin, the Eastern shore of Maryland, the home state of Douglas, Bishop Wayman and many other great men. He was converted at an early age and like the Apostle Paul, his conversion and call to the ministry came as a twofold blessing, being called to preach the same month of his conversion which has been the means of adding hundreds of souls to the Masters' kingdom

As a Gospel preacher he is thoughtful too, logical, forceful, enthusiastic, and above all his soul is filled with love and humility. He is a great cosmopolitan pastor, couragous, resourceful, and a great success in his church. The broadness of his soul has endeared him in the hearts of his members.

The church is a three story gothic steeple building with lecture room for Sunday School purposes and convenient class rooms. auditorium will seat six hundred persons with bautiyful embellished windows and oak pews. Lecture room will seat two hundred and gallery three hundred; total seating capacity eleven hundred. Church heated by furnace and lighted by electricity The value of the building is twenty thousand dollars.

In addition to this, Dr. Handy and his officers have purchased a fine lot next door to the church and erected a most beautiful ten room parsonage built in colonial style at a cost of $5,000.00. The pastor praises his officers and members especially chairman George W. Gordon, for their hearty cooperation in completion of the work. The church was never in a better condition financially and spiritually. At each service persons are joining the church. Five hundred members have been added to the church and the total collection this year will reach the $5,000.00, mark.

## Winchester Happenings

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

Winchester, Va., May 9—The rally at John Mann M. E. Church last Sunday week was a success. It was also quarterly meeting day. Rev. W. W. Roberts preached in the afternoon.

A company of young people presented a play, "An old Plantation Night," at the residence of Miss Kate Woofe, last Friday evening a week before white people. They were very highly commended for the way they played their different parts.

The drama entitled "Six Years Return from London," was given at St. Paul A. M. E. Church Tuesday night by Mr. James Stephenson and a company of young people.

# REV. JUNIUS GRAY AS AN EVANGELIST

### Has Accomplished Much Good In His Chosen Field Of Labor.

Rev. Junius Gray D. D. hereby informs the public that he has tendered his resignation as member of the Maryland Publishing Company of this city.

Rev. Junius Gray, the great Organizer.

"Some men are born great, some men acquire greatness, and others have greatness thrust upon the."

Rev. Junius Gray certainly does not belong to the class that was born great unless we concede that he was born with a great soul, and that the Lord to better fit him for his life's work gave him being amidst lowly surronudings. He was born forty years ago in a rural district of Virginia of poor but honest parents. At seven years of age hew as forced to become one of the bread winners of the family. From that day to this he has been one of the worlds worker's. He has accepted whatever responsibility that has been offered him; he has done each day that day's task to arise on the morrow prepared for whatever may arise.

We find him a tobacco steamer, brick maker, moulder sand cart driver or what not but always engaged in some honest gainful occupation. After years of struggle, we find him one of the leaders of this great country.

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As a Christian minister and Evangelist he is best known; he is the most forceful of the younger set and is fast becoming the peer of any expounder of the Gospel in this country. But it is not as a minister that we wish to mention him but as an Organizer, a friend of the people.

He has always followed the Biblical injunction to take a low seat until invited up, but his sterling worth does not permit him long to sit among the low seats.

He possesses all the attributes of an organizer-keen foresight, great perseverance and unbounded love of humanity.

His keen foresight has been shown in his many churches and the homes that he has bought for his people. His "sticktoitiveness" is symbolical of his life-surrender and despair are words not to be found in his vocabulary. His watch word is "Onward."

His most distinguished characterstic is his love of humanity. He measures manhood by the heart; the brain, the soul; not by wealth position, or seeming power.

The most lowly has a present help in the time of trouble in Rev. Gray. His people look upon him as their shepherd and protector. He can drive as hard a bargain as any business man in Baltimore but never for himself; always for some member of his flock or friend who needs the advantage of his business acumen.

Rev. Gray has always been most patriotic to his church—with him first comes his church and all its laws. He is a firm believer in the Sisterhood of churches and always refuses to take any advantage of any church.

These few thoughts are but weak expressions of our regard for Rev. Gray. His people intend to do more than offer hollow phrases; they intend to give a pastoral reception such as has never been given before in Baltimore. He is no longer Rev. Gray of the Psalmist Church but he is Rev. Gray of Maryland, of the United States, of the World.—An Admirer. ***

## Program of the Baltimore Annual Conference

The 8th Session of the Baltimore Annual Conference, Union American Conference, Union American M.E. Church, will convene in St. Luke's U. A. M. E. Church, Spring street near Jefferson, Baltimore, Md. May 15, 1912. Rt.Rev. B.T. Ruley presiding bishop; Rev. J. T. Lisby, pastor.

At 10.30 a. m., the Bishop will call the house to order and the session will be opened in due form, organization will be as per discipline.

Roll call and appointing committees.

Election of secretaries.

Business session.

2 p. m., religious services conducted by Rev. Thomas Jones, assisted by Rev Elsie Polk.

Business session.

At 8 p. m., Missionary Sermon by Rev. Daniel Hammond.

Thursday morning the 16th, devotional exercises conducted by Rev. J. S. Scribner, assisted by Rev. George Singleton.

Business session.

2 p, m., religious exercises conducted by Rev. J. N. Brown, assisted by Rev. Joseph Statesman.

Welcome address by the pastor, response by Rev. S. N. Sounders.

At 8 p. m., sermon by Rt. Rev. B. T. Ruley, who will administer the Lord's Supper to the Conference members and the Christian public.

Friday the 17th, at 8.30 a. m., devotional exercises.

At 9.30, Educational Session. Ad hress by Rev. E. Smith, editor of the Messenger. Remarks.

At eleven o'clock, a paper on the polity of our church, by Rev. D.W. Smith, P. E. of the Philadelpdia district. Remarks,

1.30 p. m., after devotional exercises, Church Extension session. Remarks by Bro. Daniel Price and others.

1 p. m., Williams' Memorial Session; address by Rev. A. Smith, P. E. of the Wilmington district.

At 8 p. m., Sermon to Daughters of Conference and Missionary Sisters by Rev. R. S. Accoo, P. E. of the Baltimore District.

Saturday the 18th, Womens Session and Sabbath School labors.

(For Sunday, see program later.

Committee—R. S. Accoo
J. T. Lisby
Daniel Price
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John Jolly.

### To Brighten the Eyes.

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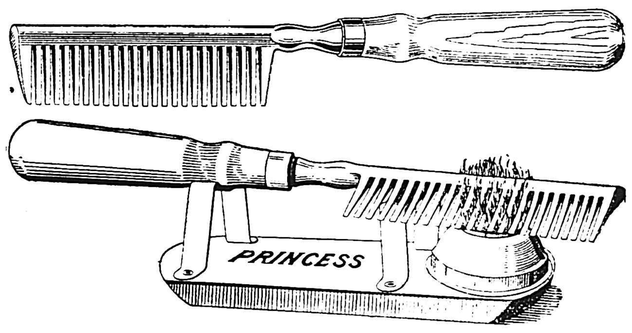


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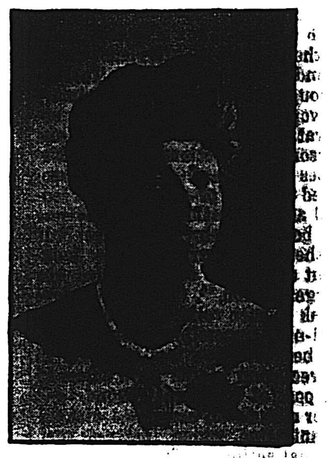

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