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Baltimore Dec. 10th, 1896
The Annual meeting of the Male Members of Sharp St. M. E. Church was held in the Church on the evening of the above date, with Rev. J. M. Carroll presiding. After prayer by the Pastor W. Ashbie Hawkins was elected Secretary. Mr. John H. Smith Secretary to the Board of Trustees read their Annual report, which was on motion approved.
The following resolutions offered by Mr. John C. Fortie were adopted:—
Resolved by the Male Members of Sharp St. M. E. Church in this Annual meeting that we will appoint a committee of seven to draw up suitable resolutions in token of our appreciation of the labors of our worthy Pastor, Rev. J. M. Carroll, who is nearing the close of the 5th year of his pastorate of this Church.
Resolved that the same shall be presented to him (our pastor) at such time as may be agreed upon by the various associations of the Church.
The Committee appointed is as follows: Jno. C. Fortie, Wm. J. Butler, Jr. John S. Hardy, John H. Smith, Alfred Price Moses James and W. Ashbie Hawkins.
On Motion the above minutes were read and approved.
Adjourned with the benediction by the Pastor

W. Ashbie Hawkins
Secretary