

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS.

The churches of the state are also doing good work and are in a thriving condition. There are only three distinctly Negro organizations represented by churches in this state, viz.: African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Missionary Baptist and the Church of God. All three have creditable church edifices in this city. The Methodist and Baptist organizations have churches in most of the important towns and settlements throughout the state. In Seattle the Negro is quite cosmopolitan and can be found in nearly every religious sect. The leading church is the Methodist with the Baptist a close second, both owning property valued in the thousands. The Puget Sound A. M. E. Conference was held in Tacoma last year, presided over by Bishop Abraham

and some of them own other property. The property owned by the convention, which is incorporated, is valued at \$30,000. There are Sunday school and other church societies connected with each one of the church establishments. The Church of God has one church, it being in this city. It has a good membership.

KENNEYDALE, KING COUNTY.

It is not all in Seattle that the black man is securing the most valuable property, by any means, for many of those families that have been around Newcastle and Franklin mines have secured valuable acreage in the immediate neighborhood of Lake Washington and are improving it with substantial houses and such necessities as go to make life in the



FIFTEENTH SESSION PUGET SOUND CONFERENCE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. T. L. Cate, Rev. W. J. Toliver, Rev. S. J. Collins, Bishop Abraham Grant, Rev. F. L. Donohoo, Rev. F. G. Barr, Rev. S. S. Freeman, Rev. J. B. Leach, Rev. Richard McGhee.

Grant. There were eight ministers present besides the lay delegates. The accompanying cuts show the pastors present at the conference. The property owned by this denomination in the state is estimated to be worth \$30,000. There were at that time about 300 members of the church, which number has almost doubled since then. The total collections as reported at the conference for the year were \$6383.17. In connection with the church are Sunday school, Allen Endeavor societies, Missionary societies and other auxiliary organizations. Much good is being done by this religious body, yet more workers are needed and more energy should be infused into its membership.

The Baptist denomination has a large and growing representation in this state. The Seventh Annual Session of the Missionary Baptist Convention met at Tacoma last year. The reports from the different churches were most gratifying and encouraging. There were ten churches and missions represented. Most of these churches have substantial buildings

rural districts so inviting as well as enjoyable. In Kenneydale the have built a beautiful church on a charming plot overlooking the lake, and their homes surrounded by fruit trees, berries, flowers and other improvements give evidence of their thrift and progressiveness. Their properties will in a very short time be worth multiplied thousand of dollars over their original cost price and among those who have succeeded here might be mentioned:

W. F. Walker and Henry Jones, who were the pioneers in this locality, who hailed from Franklin. When they purchased there the entire country was heavily timbered, but now the locality is generally known as "The Garden of Eden." Small fruits, berries and garden truck grow here in profusion. Rev. Samuel Franklin is making a success out of the poultry business. There is still some land to be had in this delightful locality and many more could make ideal homes there if they would put forth the effort.

Among those who own real estate in this beautiful section are: