

Hiram Moore, house, lot and surroundings, \$5,000.
 A. H. Harris, house, lot and furnishings, \$6,000.
 Mary Woods, house, lot and furnishings, \$5,000.
 David Cole's estate, house, lot and garage, \$4,000.
 Zella M. Ashby, house, lot and garage, \$4,000.
 L. P. Ray, stone contractor and builder, house, lot and surroundings, \$5,000.
 Etta J. Hawkins, house and surroundings, \$5,000.
 Sarah Grose and grand children, lots, houses and surroundings, \$15,000.

Andrew R. Black, city property and acreage, \$4,000.

John Robinson, house, lot and surroundings, \$4,000.

As said above, there are hundreds of others who own homes not quite so imposing, as pointed out in this connection, and yet just as comfortable and these particular ones are named that the world may understand how progressive the colored people of this city are.

S. H. Stone owns one of the most up to date homes in the city and in one of the most exclusive resident districts. After he had bought and paid for his lots he was forced to go into court and from the lower to the supreme court of the state to convince the former owners of the addition that he had the legal right to build on the property and live thereon, but he did, and finally built a home that no man, white or black, need feel ashamed of, which is valued at \$6,000. Mr. Stone is one of the leading caterers of the Northwest and has a plant worth fully ten thousand dollars. He is an excellent business man and both he and his wife are always willing and ready to lend a helping hand, financially or otherwise, to better the condition of the colored folks of the community.

WORKING FOR THE UPLIFT

There are many organizations in the city that have for their chief object and aim the general uplift of the colored citizens hereabouts, and, be it said to their everlasting credit, their efforts are being crowned with singular success. While the future of the colored man in the United States is more or less problematical, yet these agencies are preparing him physically, mentally and spiritually that he will be able to meet the mysterious future in the most advantageous way.

The churches naturally take the lead in this work and the various denominations among them are and have done much good toward making better citizens of them. Men and women can be reached through the church, when they can be reached through no other agency and this especially is true of the colored folk of this country, because they firmly believe that it was through the prayers of the churches all over this land that moved men and women to give up their lives that resulted in them being made free citizens.

There are five regularly organized church bodies in Seattle and while the memberships of them are not as large as it should be, yet they show signs of growth and the respective denominations seem to be gaining strength.

From two view points at least the First A. M. E. church appears to be ahead of all the others. It is the oldest organization and has the most elaborate church property. The building is magnificent and capable of comfortably seating 1,000 persons and has a full basement, in which Sunday School and all kinds of church entertainments are held. The building and lot as they now stand are worth in the neighborhood of \$20,000. The pastor of this church is the Rev. D. A. Graham. He has only held the charge one year, but he has had such great success since coming to it that he will doubtless be returned by the next annual conference, which will be held the latter part of September. It has a large membership and since the present pastor has had charge it has shown steady signs of growth.

It is the consensus of opinion that the Mt. Zion Baptist church, from at least two view points, is in the lead of the other church organizations. It probably has a larger membership and is completely out of debt. Its congregations have quite outgrown its place of worship and it is only being occupied until such time as it is convenient to sell the present property at an advantage that a new location and a more commodious structure may be erected.

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