

The Rev. W. D. Carter is the pastor and under his administration the organization has grown like a green bay tree. The church property is located in the automobile district and is growing in value every day and it could be disposed of at present for at least \$10,000, but if it is held a few months longer it will sell for enough over that amount to almost erect a handsome church edifice.

Grace Presbyterian church seems to possess at least two striking points in which it leads all the other churches of the city. It has the largest building, and is capable of holding more persons at once; it is backed by the Missionary Board of the Presbyterian Assembly, which assures its pastor of sufficient funds to enable him to push his work until it has a sufficient membership to become self-sustaining. No other church has had such assistance. This organization took life some four years ago with the Rev. E. A. Johnson as its pastor and in spite of the prediction that it would fail, yet it has lived on and the organization is still in a more or less flourishing condition. Rev. Johnson is a very talented man and his sermons have attracted quite a few persons to his meetings.

Rev. Charles W. Harris is the head of one of the churches of the Living God which has quite a membership. It is located in the southern section of the city and its members, for the most part, live thereabouts. A disagreement in the organization a few years ago caused a "break away" on the part of those dissatisfied and so another branch was organized.

Rev. J. N. Barbour is the head of the new branch of the Church of the Living God, and while its doctrines are practically the same as the mother branch, yet it is incorporated under the state laws and takes a slightly different name. If its membership is not as large, the members and pastor are just as enthusiastic in their determination to succeed. Be it said to the credit of both of the churches they seem to be struggling for the uplift of their fellow man.

The Mt. Zion Brotherhood, though closely allied to the Baptist church, yet its president, Dr. F. B. Cooper, during the past winter conducted its meetings along liberal lines and made of it an institution with a general instead of a specific purpose, as its name would indicate. From the time the Brotherhood began last fall until it closed in the summer at each of its monthly meetings there were questions discussed by persons of learning and experience that proved to be of great help to those who attended. The Brotherhood undertook to teach those who attended its meetings the practical and, may it be added, the business end of religion.

While the above are the only regularly organized religious bodies, yet a great many of the colored citizens are members of other religious bodies, a majority of the membership of which are white folks, chief among these are the Catholic church, which has quite a few members, the Episcopal church, which also has a small sprinkling of colored members and the Methodist Episcopal church which likewise has a few colored members. The church-going propensity, however, is not so keen in any city of the West as it is in the other sections of the country, owing to the fact that when they leave home for the West they get an idea that they are leaving churches behind them and out West every fellow has to have his own church. A little girl, who had heard about the "wild and wooly West," was told by her parents that they were going out West to live. The night before they started she got down to say her prayers and after she had finished them she added, "Now dood by Dod I's doing out West and it will be a long time 'fore I will see you again."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is neither a religious, political nor a social organization, but it works for the betterment of all of those as well as for the civil rights of the colored people in general. The parent body of this branch is in New York and through it the local has been able to accomplish a great deal since it was first organized. Samuel H. Stone is president of this organization and under his administration it is doing much good. Mr. Stone is one of the foremost business men of Seattle and it means much when men of his type will give as much of their valuable time as he does to help others. Alice S. Presto is the secretary and she too has devoted a great deal of her time and talent to the success of this local branch of the parent organization. The other officers are likewise very enthusiastic and determined to make it a success.

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