

ISRAEL'S NEW PASTOR.

The Eloquent Kentuckian Put New Life in Israel—A Most Successful Career as Minister and Presiding Elder—His Work in Other Fields.

Rev. Warren Alonzo Coleman, the efficient and popular pastor of Israel Metropolitan C. M. E. church, corner First and B streets, southwest, was transferred last November from the Kentucky Conference and appointed to Israel by Bishop R. S. Williams when he held the Virginia Conference in this city at Lane's Chapel C. M. E. church.

At this time Israel church was suffering from various causes; but by that power and force of character which has made his work a success wherever he has been placed, he has succeeded in restoring the scattered resources and confidence of the members and friends and has added about fifteen to the church. It is a pleasure to visit Israel



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and enjoy the spirit which characterizes its services. The instructive and eloquent sermons, the melodious music by the choir, with Mr. H. Wythe Lewis, director and Miss Georgia Sayoy, organist make this church most inviting. The Sabbath school, with Miss Lottie Piper, superintendent, Miss Mary V. Over, secretary, and seventeen teachers and one hundred and eighteen pupils and a new piano is the quickest way to tell what has happened since Rev. Jackson's appointment. When he came thirty-five pupils met him. It is said the church has now a more prosperous school than it has had for ten years.

Rev. Jackson has been in the itinerant ministry for fifteen years, and was a presiding elder for seven years in Kentucky, and was one of the most successful regardless of denomination. He succeeded on the Mt. Sterling, Kentucky District the Rev. Dr. C. H. Phillips who so ably pastored Israel in former years, now editor of the Christian Index.

Prior to entering the ministry Mr. Jackson studied the dental profession in Ohio and in May 1883 was elected a member of the Miami Valley Dental Association of Ohio. He being the first of the race elected to membership in that association. In the fall of 1886 he resigned the dental profession for the ministry and served his first appointment four years faithfully and with ability at Parkersburg, W. Va. April 13, 1890 he was invited by a white Methodist church in West Virginia near Pomeroy, Ohio to preach for them at which time he baptized two men and three women—the men had owned slaves and the women were daughters of ex-slave owners.

The Point Pleasant Register remarked: "Rev. Mr. Jackson is a fluent speaker and his sermons were all highly appreciated. His being a colored gentleman did not appear to hinder him in the least from gaining the respect and confidence of the people." The Pomeroy (O.) Telegraph commented: "As there is not a colored family in that community we presume they are trying their hand at a settlement of the race problem."

January 28 1889 a bill was introduced in the West Virginia Legislature to establish a Reform School with the proviso that "white and colored inmates shall be kept separate." He was the

only minister in the State to publicly protest against the wrongs about to be inflicted. The State Journal, Parkersburg, West Virginia, commenting favorably upon the lecture reported: "Here read extracts from eleven superintendents of Reform Schools in various parts of the United States as to how the white and colored youth progressed together the testimony was uniformly favorable to making no distinction."

He presented the following table as substantiating his claim that neither custom nor experience necessitated making the law read so as to absolutely separate the races

REFORM SCHOOLS.

State	Established	1855	Races	Mixed
Ohio	1884	"	"	"
Indiana	1865	"	"	"
New York	1848	"	"	"
Mass.	"	"	"	"
Mich.	1879	"	"	"
Minn.	"	"	"	"
New Jersey	1865	"	"	"
Iowa	1868	"	"	"
Penn.	1828	Races Separated.		
Penn.	1850	A colored dept'm't		

We first met Rev. Jackson at Cincinnati, O., attending the meeting of the Colored Press Association of the United States, March 1891 when he published The Wesleyan Indicator, a religious journal in connection with his pastoral work. As a minister he is a success, studious and zealous for the extension and promotion of the church of his choice. He is a Kentuckian by birth.

On Monday December 18, 1876 he was united in marriage to Miss Susie Banks, of Dayton, Ohio, a young lady of musical and literary attainments and withal, refinement of high Christian reputation. They have no children. Their niece, Miss Emma Davis, lives with them and is now attending school at Howard University.

Rev. Jackson is hopeful of getting thousands of persons to give one dollar each, and more if they can in his thousand dollar crusade, the fifth Sunday in June in order to pay off one tenth of this conference year. The public can



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not help a more worthy cause, a worthy pastor and a more deserving congregation. He has arranged to deliver a series of sermons at his church beginning the first Sunday in June viz:—

JUNE 2, 1901.
10:30 a. m.—(Children's Day). Subject: "Name this Child." St. Luke, 1:59.

7:30 p. m.—"Evil News Flies on Wings; Good News Walks on Crucifixes." Proverbs, 18:21.

JUNE 9.
10:30 a. m.—"The Queen of Days." Numbers 15:35.
7:30 p. m.—"Will You Stand?" I Thessalonians, 3:8.

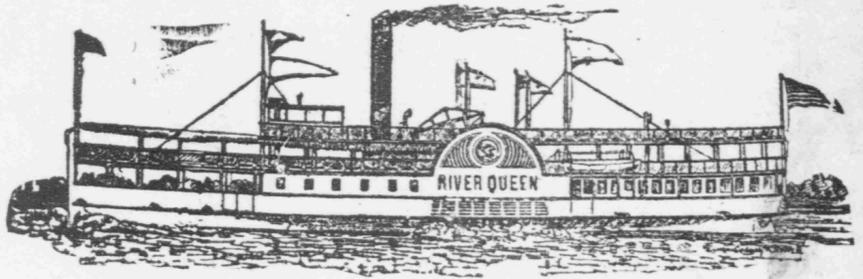
JUNE 16.
10:30 a. m.—"The King's Reflection, or Queen Vashti." (Wanted: Five hundred women to hear this sermon.)
9:30 p. m.—"Going to Heaven by Water." Matthew 14:28.

JUNE 23.
16:30 a. m.—"The Pulpit is Worth More Than It Costs." Matt 26:3
7:30 p. m.—"St. Paul's Farewell to the Ephesians." Acts 19:37.

You are invited to attend and pray for the blessings of God and his efforts. Bishop R. S. Williams, Bishop E. Cottrell and others have been invited. Services 10.30 a. m., 3 p. m. and 5 p. m.

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