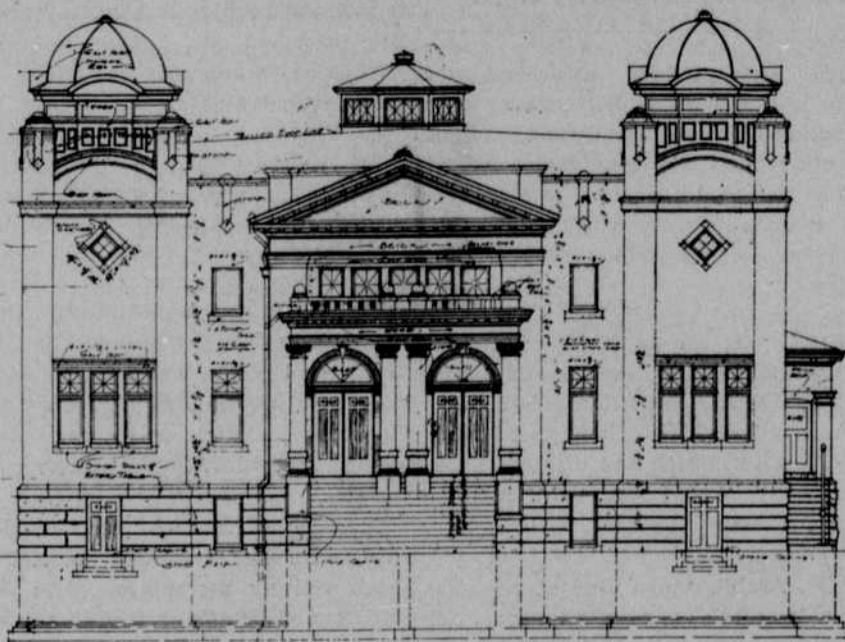


Types of Our Churches and Homes

SOMETHING ABOUT OUR RACE IN OMAHA

The colored people of Omaha partake of the general characteristics of the citizenry of this progressive city. They are animated by the spirit of the place and are contributing their share to the upbuilding of the community. They have their classes and gradations just like other groups, their ideals and aspirations, being those of the corresponding groups in our civic life. There are the industrious and ambitious ones; and there are the careless and indifferent ones. There are the law-abiding and the law-breaking classes and the ratio of each class is no greater—if so great, all things considered—among Omaha's colored citizens than among her white citizens.

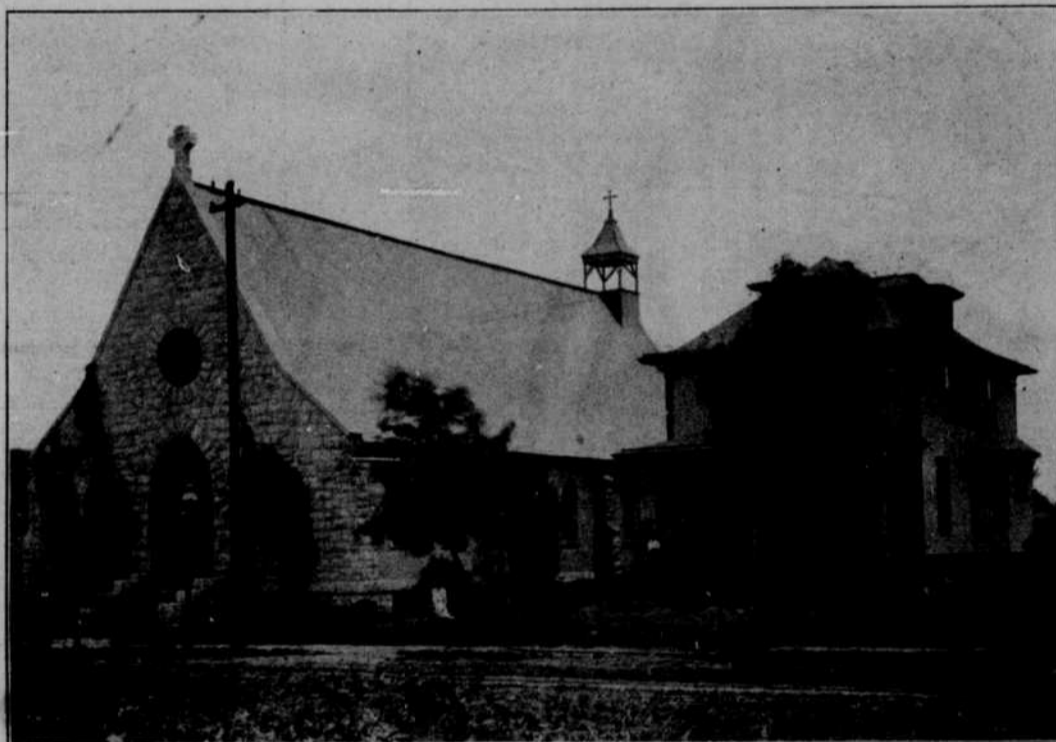
Later it is planned to publish a special edition of The Monitor devoted exclusively to the colored people of Omaha with illustrations of the many beautiful homes owned by them and special articles furnishing facts that should be given wide publicity. The purpose of this issue is to give general facts about Omaha. Much, there-



Proposed Zion Baptist Church, Twenty-second and Grant Streets.

yet verified this statement. It is a fact that a very large percentage of the colored people either own their homes or are buying them. This fact is significant and praiseworthy. Some of the prettiest homes in Omaha are owned by colored people. Omaha of-

and common labor, as helpers in the building trades, etc. Some are employed as porters in a few of the business establishments and mercantile houses; some few are janitors in office buildings and in charge of apartment houses. Some three or four es-



Church and Rectory of St. Philip the Deacon (Episcopal).

fore, that could be said and shown about our own race must be deferred. Enough, however, will be said to clearly show that we hold an important place in the population of our growing and progressive city.

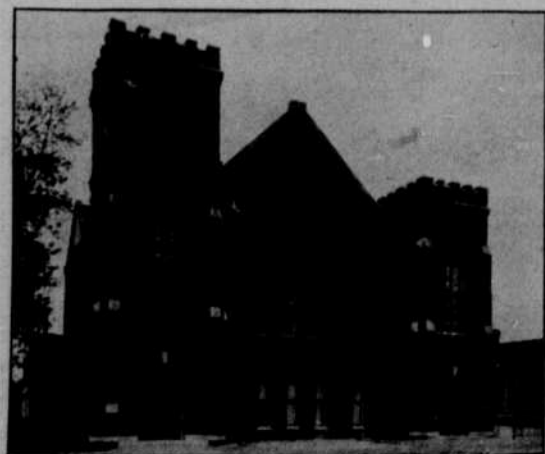
The colored population, conservatively estimated, is 8,000. It has been stated that in proportion to numbers, there are more home owners, home buyers perhaps would be more accurate, among the colored people of Omaha than in any city of its size in the country. The writer has not as-

fers advantages for home buying unexcelled anywhere and be it said to their credit that despite many restricted opportunities of remunerative wage earning our people are embracing these opportunities.

Wage earning naturally suggests occupation. What occupations and opportunities of employment do the colored people of Omaha find? Speaking generally, there are four chief fields of labor in which our men find employment: The railroads, hotels and restaurants, the packing houses

establishments employ colored men as shipping clerks and a leading drug firm employs one in its laboratory. All the leading hotels, except one, are large employers of colored help. This is also true of the leading restaurants. Omaha being a great railroad center it follows that our men find employment in this field. The women find employment as maids and waitresses in the department and other stores to a limited extent, and some are in domestic service, although not so generally as in some other cities; one or two business firm have had the temerity to employ young women as stenographers and in each case the young women so employed are making good.

It is not generally known that our people have a large number of business enterprises of their own. They are small, but growing. They show a most commendable spirit and are worthy of support and encouragement. They must be built up, if we expect to make places for our children. The Monitor has grouped under the heading, "The Business World," many of these enterprises, which advertise in our columns, in order that our readers might appreciate some-



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