

church debt.

A. M. E. Church Festival.

A large number of our citizens attended the New England festival given by the ladies of the above named church on Wednesday evening, at the armory. The hall was crowded at an early hour, the guests spending the first hour in social promenades and admiring the beauties to be seen upon the different tables and listening to the inspiring notes of the Knights Templars band, the boys having generously donated their services for the occasion.

There were four tables beautifully garnished and provided with edibles in profusion, a doll table which appeared to be the center of attraction, a bazar and a confectionery table. The tables were presided over by the following ladies: Mesdames Brown, Miller, Johnson, Smith, Thompson, Reeve, Turner, Alexander, Randall, King, and Wright, who, with their assistants, did the honors of the occasion in a manner highly creditable to themselves and the society.

The first feature of the programme was a mock marriage. The high contracting parties were Mr. and Mrs. George Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Primus Taylor acting as groomsmen and bridesmaid. The ceremony was performed with due solemnity by Elder Godfrey. The party were arrayed in the orthodox style for such a momentous occasion, and at its close the usual congratulations were in order.

The signal having been given, a simultaneous attack was made upon the viands, which extended all along the line, and was continued with evident satisfaction, during a large portion of the evening.

A little divertimento was created in the meantime by a species of pantomime enacted by three masks in dominoes. This was followed by a series of plantation songs by a chorus composed of Mesdames Miller, Johnson, Parker, Nichols, Martin, and Miss Davis, and Messrs. James Thompson, Noah King, Henry Gray, and Theopholis Thompson. Miss Trumbull also sang a solo, "Beautiful bird, sing on," which was rendered in a style truly artistic and pleasing. This was followed by a trio, by Mrs. Gaskin, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Howard, and a base solo by Mr. Howard, which closed the vocal entertainment.

A season of general hilarity and social intercourse followed, which was continued until a late hour, when the company dispersed, well pleased with the success of their entertainment. The total receipts were \$54.25.