Champaign now has by far the nicest African Methodist church building in this conference, and one of the nicest and most complete in Illinois. The project was begun about a year ago, and the pastor, Rev. H. Lackey, deserves much credit for carrying it to successful completion. He was ably assisted by both the officers and members of the church. The church is of brick, trimmed in Bedford stone. The auditorium, which is reached through an ample vestibule, is 44x60 feet. The ceiling is a pointed arch, finished in beaded Georgia pine, natural color. The windows are of cathedral glass, having been donated as memorial windows by families of the church and different societies. The arched ceiling forms a hood over each window and the rays of light on the light-colored wood, bring out a rich effect. Directly back of the main audience room is the Sunday school room, which is 28x38 feet. The rooms are connected by large sliding doors. A stair-case leads to the parlor, which is directly over the Sunday school room, and of the same dimensions. From this room there is a pointed arch opening, provided with sliding doors, also, which looks down onto the main audience room, when thrown open. The whole building is lighted by gas, and heated by furnace. Nothing is lacking to make it complete, and naturally enough the members are proud of their new home. There is a great contrast between the new and the old. The old frame building stands just east of the new, and is a relic of past days. The contrast furnishes evidence of the advancement Champaign's colored population is making.

The services of the day were completed with a sermon in the evening by Rev. J. S. Woods, the presiding elder. This service, as that of the afternoon, was well attended. Dr. Henderson remained in the city, and will deliver a lecture at the church this evening. An admission fee of 10 cents will be charged. Refreshments will also be served in the Sunday school room. Tomorrow evening the young people of the church will give a concert, to which a small admission fee will be charged. Both entertainments are given to raise funds for the church. The cost of the new church, all complete, will be $5,000, and so far $1,400 has been raised by various means. The brethren are anxious to remove the entire debt and are working to that end with great vigor.

The members of the church desire to return their thanks to Messrs. F. H. Lloyde and F. D. Rugg for their kindness in assisting to supply the music, to John R. Greenhalgh for the donation of a handsome bible for the pulpit, to Condit & Bidwell for a handsome ornamental painting, and to all who assisted in the erection and dedication of the new place of worship.