

# EMPTY STOCKINGS

## TREAT 800 KIDDIES

### Metropolitan M. E. Church

#### Crowded Christmas Eve At

#### Annual Treat To Children.

Following their usual custom of the past twenty years, the Empty Stockings Club, of which Mrs. Ida Cummings is president, played Santa to a host of children that crowded the Metropolitan M. E. Church to the doors, Wednesday morning, December 14th.

#### NUMBER LIMITED

Although in previous years the Club has supplied as many as sixteen hundred empty stockings, it was found necessary this year to limit the number to eight hundred because of lack of sufficient funds and also in order that the 1925 summer "Treat" at the Delight Fresh Air Farm might be larger.

#### REAL XMAS SPIRIT

Each child present seemed to feel that, as Mrs. Cummings expressed it, the gifts were given because they were loved by every member of the Club, and there was gratitude as well as joy in their voices as they solemnly sang, "Holy Night, Peaceful Night." "Crippled, orphans, children scantily clad, faces pinched from cold and hunger, gazed wistfully at the immense supply of candy, fruit, nuts, toys, shoes and clothing given them through loving effort, and more confidently rose the refrain—"Christ, the Savior, is Born."

Preliminary to the distribution of the gifts remarks were made by Rev. B. T. Perkins, pastor of Metropolitan Church, Eva A. Jessye, of the AFRO, and Rev. A. B. Callis, of St. Luke's orphanage. Miss Georgia Lawrence, a teacher in the city schools, rendered several Christmas songs, delighting all present with the beauty of her voice. Recitations were furnished by two kiddies.

#### CLUB CONSIDERED AN INSTITUTION

The Empty Stocking Club with its sister organization, The Fresh Air Circle, has grown to be no longer a mere club but an Institution and an indispensable part of our city, and the citizens of Baltimore realize that in the service of these ladies is the sacrifice of self for the good of our future race.