

NAT. ASSOCIATION FOR COLORED PEOPLE

A monster mass meeting was held last evening in Pemberton hall on Essex street by the Boston branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for the purpose of organizing a similar branch in this city. The meeting was highly enthusiastic and Pemberton hall was filled to capacity. The gathering assembled to interest the colored people of Lawrence in the new 100,000 membership drive which is being held all over the United States at this time by the National association.

Several speakers gave interesting addresses in which the main point was that, the negro and the white man should be on the same level and each speaker emphasized the fact that "all men are created equal" and in the near future all men, white, black and yellow will be on an even basis.

The Lawrence branch of the National association was then formally organized and the following officers were elected: President, J.S. Mitchell; secretary, James Ward, and treasurer Mrs. James F. Wallace. The following program was carried out: Address Mrs. Butler R. Wilson, of Boston; musical selection, Mrs. Hood, reading, Miss Hinton; address, Rev. Mr. Grandice of Lowell, a white man, who expressed himself as being heartily in favor of the movement. The membership fee of the organization is \$1, and last evening one 100 Lawrencians joined. The chairman of the evening told the people not to rest until every minister in Lawrence had become a member and induced white neighbors to join also. The two principal things that the members of the association are striving to do are to drive race and color discrimination from our laws, and "to prevent color and race segregation. After the meeting a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served.