



JOSEPH P. EVANS.

Ill. Evans is serving his seventh year as Grand Master of the M. W. United Grand Lodge F. & A. Masons of Maryland and jurisdiction. Mr. Evans filled other minor positions in the Grand Lodge prior to his election as Grand Master. He is also Treasurer-General H. E. of the United Supreme Council Scottish Rite Masons for the Southern jurisdiction and Deputy for the Valley of Maryland, Past High Priest of Mt. Zion Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, and is Generalissimo of Rising Sun Commandery No. 1. Brother Evans belongs to all departments of the craft, including all the lady departments, and is an all around worker. To show his popularity, all of the departments tendered him one of the grandest receptions on Monday night, May 27th, at Sharp Street Memorial M. E. Church that was ever presented to any man of color in the city's history. He was presented with a large engrossed set of resolutions, signed by the W. Masters of the forty-four subordinate lodges in the State, which was handsomely encased in a heavy mahogany frame that would excite the envy of a Theodore Roosevelt, and also with a large handsome wardrobe trunk. Over one thousand people turned out on this intensely hot night to do honor to this leader and builder of organizations. Mr. Evans is the Supreme Ruler of the Order of Galilean Fishermen, serving his fourth term. He is also connected with many other secret organizations. He was a National Delegate in 1912, and stood by Roosevelt from start to finish. He is interested in all the movements of his race and the nation's good.