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AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO OUR READERS.

It is proper to state for the information of our readers and others who may be concerned, that there will be no change in conducting the AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. It will be continued with such improvements as it is possible to make.

The only change likely to occur in the near future will be a removal of the publication office and plant to Charlotte, about Sept. 1.

Very Respectfully,
D. J. SANDERS.

BRIEFS.

We hope all delinquent subscribers will pay up by Sept. 1.

It is pleasing to note so much activity in our churches in this warm season.

The trustees of Biddle University will meet at the University Tuesday, 25th inst., at 3 o'clock p.m. and will fill the remaining vacancies in the Faculty of the University.

By the death James Russell Lowell, which occurred at his home near Boston last Wednesday, American letters and statesmanship are bereft of a representative of the first rank.

An article on the first page of this paper endorses Prof. C. H. Moore for the presidency of the Colored Agricultural and Mechanical College in strong terms. We believe Professor Moore fully competent for the position and would be pleased to learn of his appointment.

The new scheme of emigration under the management of Rev. R. C. O. Benjamin is only another of those ignis-fatuus which have periodically appeared only to lead multitudes of confiding colored people into an unknown land of plenty, which is never realized. We are glad to know that agent Benjamin will have to put up \$1000 for a license before he can begin deceiving the Negroes of North Carolina.

A "blind tiger" is what they call a place where liquor is sold on the sly. The latest Georgia sensation is that such a tiger has been found secreted within the legislative precincts of that State, the property of a number of thirsty members and in charge of a colored man. This doubtful account in part for recent bad legislation in that State and illustrates further the indispensability of the colored man.

COMPLIMENTARY.

Rev. D. J. Sanders, editor of the AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN, published in this city, announces that it will probably be removed to Charlotte about 1st September, and that there will be no change in the conduct of the paper. He is an intelligent man and so far as we have observed has conducted his paper upon a basis of fairness and loyalty to the Master. We do not mean to say that all he has said met our approval. We do not find that in any man's writings. We wish him success, happiness and usefulness.—Wilmington Messenger, Aug. 18.

We appreciate the above, especially when the source from which it comes is taken in consideration, and we cordially reciprocate the kindly feeling so generously expressed by the erudite, versatile and conscientious editor of the leading daily Democratic journal of North Carolina.

During our long residence here occupying a public position as minister and journalist, we have endeavored to make truth and duty our guide, to assume a position in relation to all questions demanding attention with the utmost circumspection, and particularly in times of local or general excitement to weigh carefully every word. We have tried to the best of our ability to be true to ourselves, true to our race, true to our people of another race, true to the Church of our choice, and true to our God.

Although the AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN is a denominational and religious paper, we have found it necessary to discuss all matters arising for consideration except politics strictly speaking. Our environments have demanded this, and it is not strange that we may have incurred the ill-grace of some of our colored and white friends. But our conscience is clear and we are gratified to know that our career in Wilmington has been such as to merit and receive the approval of our best colored and white people and that we are to carry with us to our new and more diversified field of labor the best wishes of the editor of the Wilmington Messenger.

Emancipation Celebration.

The Emancipation Proclamation which was proclaimed by President Lincoln Sept. 22d '62 and executed Jan. 1st, '63, was celebrated in a grand way in Plainfield, N. J., Aug. 6th. This season of the year was preferred on account of advantages in hotel accommodations and milder weather and other local considerations.

Most of the colored citizens of this city were in the procession, either afoot, in carriage or on horse back. Large numbers of visitors from Morristown, New Brunswick, Orange, Elizabeth, and other neighboring towns joined in the procession. All along the line were fife drum corps and brass bands. There was a manifest good feeling among the white citizens towards the affair, which was exhibited by the generous display of flags and bunting along the route of the parade. There were also prominent in the procession the two Mayors of Plainfield and North Plainfield, six of the city Councilmen, the city Clerk and Postmaster.

During the parade, salute from a brass cannon were fired. The various fire companies along the line of march threw open their doors, sounded the guns and fired a salute. Many white children were dressed in suits made of colors of the U. S. flag greeted the procession as it passed.

The procession ended at the Crescent rink where a large mass meeting

was held; the writer was Chaplain of the day; the Mayor delivered the address of welcome, Mr. C. M. Robinson of Camden read the Emancipation Proclamation; and Rev. W. C. Jason of Orange delivered a patriotic and eloquent oration. The address was full of inspiration and hopefulness.

In the evening a vast concourse of white and colored people assembled. Appropriate addresses were delivered by Hon. Jesse Lawson of this city, Rev. W. C. Jason and your correspondent; after which many enjoyed themselves with various amusements.

I am glad to say, that the appearance and general deportment of our people during the entire time was most praiseworthy, reflecting great credit upon our and the several communities represented by them. Upon this point one of the city daily (Democratic) papers can be heard. The following is quoted from the *Daily Press*. "Yesterday's Emancipation Day celebration was very creditable to the colored race. That the masses of the colored people do behave themselves better than the 'white folks', was proven again yesterday. This city was full of the colored people of all classes, and the bar-room did a thriving business, yet is was not necessary for the police to make an arrest." May I not say to many of our people on such occasions—"Go thou and do likewise?"

W. A. ALEXANDER,
113 Richmond St., Plainfield, N. J.
Aug. 10, '91

From Oxford, Pa.

MR. EDITOR:—The members of the Second Presbyterian church of this town were exceedingly pleased to have with them on last Sunday their former pastor, the Rev. E. F. Eggleston, who preached two very earnest and instructive sermons to a large crowd.

It was indeed a rare treat to all. The Rev., who is an eloquent, devoted and faithful worker for the Master, is most beloved by all classes in this community. The people here are truly devoted to the Rev. Gentleman and would have him return to them, but I am glad to say, that he is now pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Balt., Md., of which I am an humble elder. Since his advent among us as pastor the church has received new life. Our church is a large two-story brick building, situated on the S. W. corner of Dolphin and Etting Sts. It has a seating capacity of seven hundred. Its locality is just grand and affords a large field for usefulness. Hitherto our people have been very much discouraged on the account of a large debt, but they are beginning to realize that with the assistance of God and the financial ability of Rev. E. F. Eggleston, the faithful man of God. The debt must be removed very soon. Since the Rev. took the church several have been received and there are more to follow. The congregation has increased fifty per cent.

We therefore ask the prayers and co-operation of all those who love God and his cause. Our debt is about (\$6,000) six thousand dollars. Thus you can see that this is quite a burden upon a poor church. Any who may desire to assist us can send their subscription to Rev. E. F. Eggleston, 1102 Etting St. Balt., Md.

Aug. 14, '91. A. R. RIDEOUT.

Charlotte Mirror.

The statement in last week's "Mirror," that Mr. S. C. Thompson, who is sick over at Biddleville, has been removed to his home in South Carolina, should have read, he will be carried home as soon as he is able to be moved.

Mrs. John Henderson is visiting in Georgia. She will be gone until September.

It is seldom that we have a case of bold theft committed in "Log Town." One of our prominent doctors came near loosing his temper upon discovering that his house girl had borrowed six dollars and seventy-five cents from him for an unlimited time, the other day.

Professor J. F. K. Simpson, of the Fayetteville Normal school, who has been spending several weeks in Charlotte renewing his old acquaintances left for his post of duty Wednesday. The "Queen City" is always glad to welcome her sons of earlier days.

We were pleased to see Professor S. B. Price of the Goldsboro Normal School at the Presbyterian Sabbath school last Sunday morning. The

Professor has not been so well this summer.

Every one that we hear speak of a location for the North Carolina Teacher's Association seems to be living in hopes of seeing that august body snugly housed on the Beach near Wilmington. Now we don't know of a happier idea. It would inspire the tired teachers with new vigor to be able to bask in balmy breezes from o'er the briny deep while holding the annual meetings,

While the Sabbath School Missionary was in the city the Mission Sunday school was revived and put in working condition.

Miss M. A. Lynch, who for some time filled the chair as president of the Charlotte Woman's Christian Temperance Union tendered her resignation of office at the regular meeting last Monday evening. We know the Union will feel her absence deeply.

Mr. P. W. Russel came down from his school at Huntersville last week to visit his friend Mr. Thompson.

"CAROLINE."

The Bethany Sabbath School Convention.

The Presbyterian Sabbath school convention, of western North Carolina convened yesterday at 11:30 a.m. in Bethany Second Presbyterian Church, Iredell Co., N. C. The Convention was called to order by the President, R. H. Alexander.

Devotional Services: The Bethany Sabbath School choir sang, "Dear Shepherd of thy people hear." R. H. Alexander read Luke 15:1-24, prayer was offered by Wm. J. Rankin. Roll called, minutes of the previous meeting read and approved.

Business: Messrs. D. S. Alexander, Charles Alexander, and H. A. Pfifer were appointed committee on credentials. They retired and, having returned, reported three Sabbath schools, viz., Stateville, Bethany, Cameron—respectively represented by W. B. Wood and Miss N. D. Carson, Chas. Alexander and — Clarke, M. C. Steele.

Result of the Election of '91: President, R. H. Alexander; Vice-president, M. C. Steele; Recording Secretary, Miss M. E. Dean; Treasurer, Charles Alexander; Corresponding Secretary, Miss N. D. Carson, Stateville, N. C.

Reports from the Sabbath School: First, Stateville Sabbath School. They have a roll of 190, average attendance of 63, a spectacle class, in all 11 classes; they observe Children's Day according to the programme.

Cameron Sabbath School have a roll of 80, 4 classes, average attendance of about 60, a spectacle class, in all 11 classes; they observe Children's Day, though they did not this year. The Convention advised them to make more classes and to keep a weekly record of all their work.

Bethany Sabbath school. Since the last Convention this Sabbath school reports rapid progress. Raised \$23.41, of this \$8 was collected Children's Day and sent to the Board of Publication and Sunday school work. They have a roll of 61 and their average attendance is good. The Convention insisted on their organizing a spectacle class. At this point Mrs. S. F. Wentz made a terse speech as to the utility of the spectacle class and its probable success in Bethany if they would but begin it.

The reports from the Sabbath schools and their discussions were interesting and instructive. It is in mind to us that the representatives will ever look forward to this day, with much concern in their Sunday school work. All the Sunday schools keep up their collection and take interest in proper stimuli for their Sunday schools, such as picnics and Xmas trees.

Music, Stateville choir. Benediction by Rev. S. F. Wentz. Convention adjourned for 45 minutes recess.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called at two o'clock. Prayer was offered by M. C. Steele. Music, Cameron choir. The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting read and adopted.

Next in Order: Place for the Convention of '92: Mooresville, Cleveland and Cameron were offered—Cameron was accepted.

Literary Part: The following was the programme:

Words of Welcome, Rev. A. S. Billingsley; Benefits of the Sunday school, Rev. W. H. Bryant; Who should attend the Sunday school, Rev. J. G. Murray; How to secure a Regular attendance in Sunday school, Rev. S. F. Wentz; The model Sunday school

teacher, Rev. D. Brown; Select words to the Convention, Rev. J. H. Crawford.

The first speaker being absent, Mr. E. E. Sumers with warm words and inexpressible earnestness, made the Convention welcome to the community of Bethany. The next two speakers being absent, Wm. J. Rankin was asked to say something on their subjects. He responded. The Rev. S. F. Wentz discussed his subject in a docile and an emotional style. He received many cheers.

Music, Cameron Choir.

The last speakers being away, the Convention listened, with interest, to speeches by Messrs. M. C. Steele and D. S. Alexander. Music, Statesville Choir.

Representation of the Presbyterian Board of Publication and S. S. Work, by a S. S. Missionary. He gave out a number of catalogues of the Board's publications. Music, Bethany choir. Collection of \$1.20 taken. Music, Statesville choir. On motion of Mr. D. S. Alexander the Convention returned a standing vote of thanks to the good people of Bethany for their friendly reception and hospitality on this occasion.

The minutes having been read and approved, the Convention closed with prayer by Wm. J. Rankin.

The Convention adjourned at 5 o'clock to meet in Cameron church, Elmwood, N. C., at 9 o'clock A. M., of 2nd Thursday in Aug. 1892.

Beautiful day—everything went off lovely. First class singing; well selected music both as to sentiment and air. All the choirs did well—calling forth the applause of the Convention every time. They deserve high commendation for their efforts.

Four ministers last year one this! It is hoped that more of them may be able to get out next year. We think that their presence will give greater importance to S. S. Work and so encourage the officers and teachers and draw out the parents.

The writer surely did enjoy meeting with the Pres. S. S. C. of Western North Carolina. He thinks that there remains for them a crown.

W. M. J. RANKINS,

Aug. 14, '91. Statesville, N. C.

Proceedings of Fairfield S. S. Convention.

MR. EDITOR:—Allow me a few lines in your columns to relate briefly the proceedings of our Sabbath school Convention in Fairfield Presbytery.

At 10:30 a.m. August 1st the members of the Convention assembled in the neat little church, (New Haven). After the welcome address by Rev. Seabrook, pastor, and the response by Rev. Miller the roll was called. The topics of the day were discussed, and at an intervening point the Sabbath school Institute was conducted by Rev. Watkins.

Sunday at 11 a.m. a soul stirring sermon was preached by Rev. I. D. Davis and the Lord's Supper was administered. At 2 p.m. Mr. Johnson, M.D., conducted the exercises which consisted of essays and addresses as follows:

Essay, Miss Lizzie Ross, Winnsboro, S. C., "Should non-professors of religion be employed as teachers in the Sabbath school?" This she gave a full discussion and we agree with her in the negative. Miss Ross possesses good elocutionary qualities. Essay, Miss M. S. Wilson, Mayesville, S. C., "Training a child." In this she displayed all the qualities of an elocutionist, and produced unquestionable facts in her discussion. Essay, Miss R. A. Wilson, Mayesville, S. C., "Secret of success." In this she displayed her heroic qualities, her selection tells that she is a heroine. Essay, Miss S. J. Hemphill, Blackstocks, S. C., "Where duty calls." She spared no pains in making this subject interesting. Essay, Miss Matilda Nelson, Sumter, S. C., "The beginning and the end." Nothing was left unsaid that should have been said.

After the interesting addresses of several distinguished gentlemen, the Convention adjourned with a true Presbyterian sermon by Rev. J. C. Watkins.

Fraternally yours,
A. J. JEFFERSON,
Mayesville, S. C.

Presbyterian Meeting.

The McClelland Presbytery will meet in Lebanon Presbyterian Church, Ridgeway, S. C., the 2nd, Wednesday in September '91, at 8 o'clock p.m.

J. C. WATKINS, S. C.