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OUR SABBATH SCHOOL.

The Star of Zion can make our Sunday school here second to that in Salisbury is more than our people can understand. They want credit for what they do, and it is unfair for the Star to hold back a part of the facts to make our school appear second to Salisbury when we exceeded it and all others this year, as we always do. The facts are: The Sabbath school in Salisbury raised on children's day \$70. Of this sum \$21 was collected in the school. The other \$49 was raised by punch cards, envelopes, &c., which had been out several weeks through the city and country, added to the church collections of that day.

Clinton Chapel Sabbath school in this city raised in school \$35 and the church gave \$15, which made up the \$50, and there were no efforts outside of the house or that day. In holding up the school in Salisbury, the Star should not go so far as to discourage us here. Clinton Chapel has the best, the biggest and the most liberal Sabbath school in the connection.

JONES AND ROWLAND.

The campaign has opened and the candidates for Congress are making speeches, each endeavoring to persuade the people to vote for him. In our district both the candidates belong to the same political party and it may be that a Republican will yet come out and give us Republicans a chance to vote. If no Republican should come out we would have to vote for either Jones or Rowland or not vote for a Congressman. It is well, sometimes, when we cannot get our choice, to take the next best. Then the question comes up: What is the difference between Jones and Rowland? What are we to gain by voting for either of them? Then it becomes necessary for us to know the men. What is the record of each, and what influence will control them if elected?

LAURENCE.

Here we were hospitably entertained by Rev. W. H. Smith and his good lady. They are relatives and playfellows of our mother and father. We found here many good friends to the MESSENGER as well as relatives and old friends of our youth. The ministers all seemed to having a good time in their churches, Revs. Smith, Woodward, Sowers and Waddell are protracting meetings with success. We met here several pleasant and intelligent young ladies and found a number of musical instruments in different comfortable dwellings and skilled performers at each. The colored people here, as in Wadesboro, own a large part of the town, have several business houses, a number of mechanics and a large number of colored men in the railroad shops. The population of the above towns is about 2,000 each. Saturday morning's sun rose on us in

SUNRISE.

Here we found revivals going on as elsewhere. Our stay here was only a few hours. This is a very small town, but we found as in the other cases, the leading men were old acquaintances of ours. Colored men lead here in carpentering, painting, blacksmithing, wheelwrights &c. Several colored men have purchased and improved property here. At ten o'clock we left for

FAYETTEVILLE.

This old town shows many signs of decline. Scores of handsome buildings have been erected in the last year or so, and two railroad outlets have been added since our last visit there. The Wilson short-cut has the iron laid twenty odd miles on the lower end and is nearly finished. This will be a great advantage to the town and when they get the south end built the competition in railroads will be lively in this old town.

The colored people are not left out of the march of progress here. Three or four new grocery stores which will do both to the town and proprietors. F. P. Williston is doing a fine business as is W. H. McNeal and N. Owens. T. M. McNeal is the leading undertaker in the town. Colored men seem to hold their own in the trades also in the purchase and improvement of property. Much more might be said for this old town. It has and is still sending out more educated and useful young men and women than any town in the state.

Revivals are going on here also. Rev. Hill has had over one hundred converts since the earthquake, and his meeting is still going on. A busy meeting is going on just across the river, conducted by the A. M. E. church. Rev. McDufie has a nice church and a fine congregation. He has the finest church organ of any colored congregation in the State. He is a good preacher and is succeeding finely. The Normal and the Graded schools open next Monday with the same principals as last year.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION.
The Republican county convention assembled in the court house on Wednesday, in pursuance to previous call. W. H. Hager, county chairman, called W. R. Hinton to the chair. After the committee on credentials reported, J. W. Gordon was elected permanent chairman and J. Will Brown secretary.

While there was some irregularity, it must be said that it was the most respectable convention held here by the party in several years. That venomous reporter of "colored conventions" has not a word of ridicule to offer this time, for the signs of the times point too clearly to our improvement. The State call was endorsed and a call issued for another county convention, to meet on the 30th inst., to reorganize the party and take into consideration a county ticket.

The following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The Republican party of North Carolina is being affected by the controversy between Mott and Keogh; WHEREAS, The State executive committee, with Dr. J. J. Mott as chairman, have decided not to call a convention

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

The Farmers, the Mechanics, the Artizans, the Educators, the Business Men and the Laborers in Every Department of Material and Intellectual Enterprise.

Resolved,

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