

OUR CHURCHES.

St. Michael's (P. E.) Church, Mint St. Services at 10 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 4 p. m. Rev. P. P. ALSTON, pastor.

M. E. Church, South, Graham St. Services at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Rev. E. M. COLLETT, pastor.

First Baptist Church, South Church St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1 p. m. Rev. A. A. POWELL, pastor.

Ebenezer Baptist Church, East Second St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1 p. m. Rev. Z. HAUGHTON, pastor.

Presbyterian Church, corner Seventh and College Sts. Services at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Rev. R. P. WYCHE, pastor.

Clinton Chapel, (A. M. E. Z.) Mint St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1 p. m. Rev. M. STADE, pastor.

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LOCAL.

A happy New Year.
Give the carrier and the editor a present.
In the new year resolve and do better than you did in the past.
Don't fail to attend the emancipation celebration to-day at Big Zion church.
Miss Sarah J. Johnson returned home last Thursday from Scotia Seminary.
Mrs. J. E. King returned home on Thursday from a visit of several weeks in the eastern part of the State.
Wine is a mocker—strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is his own wiser.
Leave off all manner of strong drink, young man. Remain sober and enjoy yourself.
There is strong talk of a new church here. We heartily endorse it. It is for the good of Zion.

The Federal court has closed and the work of the blue bottles result in making a sad heart in the breast of many poor Democratic distillers.

We regret to learn of the prostration and illness of Mr. A. N. Richie, a recent graduate of Biddle. His aunt writes us from Reddick, Fla., informing us of his ill health.

The W. C. T. U. had a full and pleasant meeting at Mrs. Della Evans last Monday afternoon. They meet at Mrs. Rufus Johnson's next Monday afternoon.

We have the pleasure of giving our readers a poem written for the occasion by Miss L. B. Bragg, and hope to publish many of the excellent poems she has in manuscript, very soon.

The entertainment at Miss Lomax on Thursday night was a very enjoyable affair. Many special guests were present. The young lady "Independents" are to be congratulated. Have not time to speak at length of it.

Our headquarters are now at the Palmetto House on 4th street. Friends visiting the city will be welcomed at any time. Friends in the city will call whenever they please and settle accounts.

We regret very much to announce the suspension of the *Ballet*. It was strictly a first-class paper and was destined to do much good. The office will remain open and do job printing.

The following officers were elected at the Masonic Grand Lodge in Durham, week before last: Stewart Ellison, W. G. M.; Elijah Lane, G. Senior W.; John Wright, G. Junior W.; J. H. Young, G. Treas.; B. S. Stevens, G. Sec'y. The Grand Lodge adjourned to meet at Wilmington on the third Tuesday in October 1887.

The emigration to California seems somewhat crippled in this section. We are informed that persons going are required to pay their own way and the fare has been raised from \$35 to \$58. We dislike to see our people leave, but the condition of affairs around here with farmers and others seem to justify action on the part of laborers.

A very pleasant entertainment was given Miss S. D. Walker and Prof. Simpson, of Fayetteville, on last Tuesday night by Mrs. Mary Owens. Quite a number of friends were out and all enjoyed themselves. After social enjoyment speeches were made by Prof. Simpson and Prof. G. E. Davis. The table was spread with all that the most insatiate appetite could wish for.

The MESSENGER heartily endorses the idea of a new church in Charlotte. With a population of 10,000 colored people in a church-going radius, we can well afford to have a third Zion church. It will benefit the connection in every particular. We want at least one church in which one of the greatest virtues in its religion will be temperance.

The legislature of North Carolina meets next Monday. It is supposed that some liberal will be made Speaker of the House by the Republicans. It is gratifying to know that the Republicans lack only five of having a clear majority over all in the House. If four of the nine Democrats act with Republicans, the latter will organize the House.

J. W. Gordon, took charge of Clinton Chapel Sabbath school last Sunday week and said he would hold till the authorities elected some one else. We expect to see no change in the Superintendent till another pastor takes the church. The resignation is pretty well understood. This paper meant all it said week before last about the new officers, and a few weeks will verify our sayings.

Bishop Hood must have hit and hurt some one by his remarks in the church meeting here week before last. Some poor creature (and we are glad to be told by the Bishop that he didn't consider him enough man to insult him) wrote the Bishop, calling him a liar, &c., and for this, that man is honored by being placed in responsible positions by a preacher in Zion connection. Rewarding a man for writing insulting letters to Bishop Hood; calling him a liar and abusing him. O, consistency, hast thou lost thy charm? "Nobody hit, nobody hurt."

Gen. John A. Logan Dead.

That great and good man, Senator Logan, died in Washington City last Sunday of rheumatism of the brain. Senator Logan was one of the ablest and best men of the country, and the soldiers and the colored people of the country lose one of their best friends in his death.

Prof. N. W. Harlee.

We have received a sermon preached by Bishop Wayman in Corsicana, Texas, and reported in short-hand by Prof. Harlee. Mr. Harlee is now a regular stenographer and typewriter. It affords us much pleasure to learn of the display of the talent from the Old North State in the far South as well as the North. We are justly proud of all such men as Mr. Harlee.

Those Resolutions.

The most distasteful and disgraceful thing we have seen in a newspaper lately was a number of resolutions published in last week's *Star of Zion*. They are said to have passed Clinton Chapel Sabbath School and are signed by one J. W. Gordon. If Elder Slade's predecessor and the officers of the Sabbath School can stand such false publications go to the world uncontradicted, they are not the men we take them to be. We did expect better things from Mr. Daney than to publish such damaging trash, knowing it could do no possible good and is calculated to do much harm. No one here could expect better of Gordon, but before the matter is ended we think some one who were most active in the publication of these resolutions, will be sick of the matter, in the thorough publication of the work of Rev. Slade and other matters concerning the Sabbath School. The battle is now open, and parties sought to be injured in those resolutions will show that those most active are most guilty. Sometimes it is best to let an animal have all the rope he wants and he will break his own neck soon enough, and again, the time comes when all decent people should rise in their might and put their foot on the serpent that would sting them and thus persuade it to be still.

THE NEW YEAR.

BY MISS L. B. BRAGG.

Away! dull care, 'tis another New Year,
And in the book of life a new page we turn o'er,
It is unspotted, unsoiled and not even a smear,
And Oh! it is a page that we've never seen before.

It is not for to write down the woes of the past,
The turmoils, the struggles, or the burdensome sigh,
For to wish down these, 'twould fill its pages fast,
So we say to such troubles a hearty loud good bye.

And with the bright and happy year,
We begin our lives anew
Then when its yearly close draws near,
We'll have nothing to undo.

Then a happy New Year, we wish you once more
The same as in years gone by,
But we hope that such blessings as never before,
This coming year, will supply.

Christmas Week

Christmas week is always a week of merriment with the young people and many old ones. Many who are away from their homes and relatives try to spend a part of Christmas day with "the old folks at home." The day is not observed with that religious solemnity it should be, and many even try to behave worse on that day than any other.

Many entertainments have been given during the holidays in the city. On Thursday before Christmas a cantata was given in Clinton Chapel, which we hear was well rendered, especially the parts by the small children, but it was not a financial success. On Friday in the same church, was the Christmas tree for the benefit of the Sabbath school children. While it did not come up to the past, it made a creditable show. They had a Christmas tree at the Graham street M. E. Church on Monday night. The tree at Ebenezer Baptist church seems to have surpassed everything of the kind in the city. The appearance of Santa Claus was the common talk of all who witnessed it. The "Pole Plat" the night before Christmas is said to have been excellent.

The Christmas exercises at the First Baptist church last Sabbath night were much enjoyed by all who were so fortunate as to hear them. The music at this church is always good, but on this occasion it was superb. This church is now having the attention of the city. On Tuesday night a concert was given by the scholars of St. Michael's parish school, under the management of Miss Lucinda Bragg. The exercises were very good and interesting. Everything showed that the teacher has done her full duty and has superior tact in training the young. We never saw a school of small children better disciplined and these were the best trained children in singing we have ever heard. It is a great pity we cannot keep in our city such a person as Miss Bragg.

There were many other entertainments we cannot mention, but one we will not soon forget was on Christmas day, between the hours of 3 and 4, at the residence of Mrs. Annie Williams, Miss Mary McLean, Prof. J. F. K. Simpson, Bishop Lomax, Dr. J. T. Williams and the Editor being special guests. Turkey and 'possum were among the features that attracted our attention. This is one of the things for which we delight to see Christmas.

Hypocrites in Church.

The Scriptures tell us that the man who says he loves God and hates his brother is a liar. We will not write the names, but we know men who refuse to take this paper because the editor does not think as they do, and these are big men in the church. They say to one company, they don't read this paper, but they can get up before a crowd on any Sunday afternoon and quote from this paper just as correctly as the editor. They will say hard, lying things about the editor and act respectfully toward him because they hate him. How can such churchmen lead sinners to heaven in a Sunday school or church? While a hypocrite is a common thing in church, he should be exposed when found out. Give us pure men at the head of a church.

Personals.

Miss Mary McLean, of Fayetteville, is visiting Mrs. Annie Williams.

Mr. B. J. Edwards was among the visitors in the city this week.

Prof. J. F. K. Simpson, of Fayetteville, spent the holidays with us.

Mr. Ed Hagler is at home spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Mr. Ed Houser is down from Zion Wesley to spend Xmas with relatives.

Bishop T. H. Lomax preached in Clinton Chapel last Sunday night.

Miss Jane Middleton left last Monday week to spend a few days in Monroe.

Miss L. B. Bragg left us yesterday afternoon to take a position in the Asheville Normal.

Misses Belle Butler and Mary Foster are spending the holidays with their parents at home.

Mrs. Samuel Hall, of Wadesboro, is spending the holidays with old friends and relatives.

Prof. Ed. Loftin Thornton, of Tarboro, is expected here to speak for us at the emancipation celebration to-day.

Mr. Nelson Carter, of Salisbury, is spending the holidays with his brother-in-law, Bishop Lomax.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Partee, of Concord, spent a part of the holidays with us.

Messrs. Will and Cephas Houser were down from Concord to spend Christmas with parents and friends.

Rev. Fred. M. Jacobs was in the city this week and preached in Clinton Chapel last Sabbath.

Miss Sarah D. Walker, daughter of Rev. Eli Walker, of Fayetteville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Mary Owens.

Mr. J. C. Roberts, of Shelby, left about two weeks ago for California. If he likes it he will remain; if not he will return.

Miss Julia Lipsy, of Chester, S. C., spent the holidays in our city, the guest of Miss Josie Eady and Miss Lydia Robinson.

Mr. S. N. Hill, of the Cape Fear Advocate, was in the city last week looking after the interests of his paper.

We were glad to meet in Wilmington, friend G. C. Seurlock, of Fayetteville, looking after the temperance cause.

Mr. John Holloway is busy consulting his constituency preparatory to his going to the legislature which meets on 3rd inst.

Rev. H. Lilly, who was appointed to the Taylorsville circuit by the Zion conference three weeks ago, died at his post last week.

Mrs. A. A. Powell is in our city to remain some time. We regret to know that she is not very well.

W. H. Nicholson, A. P. Hunter and Martin L. Lineberger are home from Charleston to spend the holidays.

Mr. Marcus W. Alston is spending the holidays in this city with his best friend.

Messrs. Funderburk and Williamson, of Greenville, S. C., passed through this city last Monday on their return from a visit to their old home, Lincolnton.

Mr. Charlie Ward, a former resident of this city, but recently of Newburgh, N. Y., spent a few days with friends here last week.

Miss Victoria Richardson sends greetings to us, one of the most pleasant features of which was a postal note for \$1.50 for the MESSENGER.

Mr. Jesse McDonald has our thanks for assistance given us while in Wilmington. He is alive with an eye to business. Will be glad to have him visit us soon.

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