

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.

A New Church.

On last Sabbath a number of Christians assembled in the little church on Hill street formerly occupied by white Presbyterians, and held services under the name of the A. M. E. Zion church.

The following were elected teachers; Misses Lydia Schenck, Mary Lynch, E. J. Houser, Minnie Sumner, Mrs. G. W. Johnson, Mrs. K. E. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Smith, J. W. Smith, and G. W. Johnson.

The society is now in regular working order and expects to receive their pastor to-morrow. The most of these have taken their letters from Clinton Chapel. The body promises to be one of Zion's best churches and by its energies and activity cause all of Zion's churches in this vicinity to do better than in the past.

Bad News.

It has been given out that a certain man is to make everybody stop taking this paper. If true, this is alarming and we would feel called upon to appeal to the sympathy of the kind people of the city for protection.

Resolutions

Unanimously passed at Emancipation meeting held in Clinton Chapel, on the 1st, inst.

WHEREAS, We the colored citizens of Charlotte, N. C., have for the past few years been sadly in need of a suitable graded school building and furniture for the same, and

Resolved, That hearty thanks due are hereby given our honorable and progressive Mayor, Col. Wm. Johnson, for his special interest and efforts; also our Board of Aldermen, City School Commissioners and Superintendent for their patriotic co-operation to bring about the end so successfully accomplished.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the Mayor and authorities above named, and copies to our city papers for publication.

J. M. GOODE, Presid't. C. R. MOORE, Clk.

The following are significant figures. They show what the laboring people of the United States could do if they would organize under one leadership. Why can't they do it? Certainly the necessity and the incentive are strong enough to induce them to do so.

Knights of Labor number. 1,300,000 Grangers..... 700,000 Farmers Alliance..... 800,000 The Wheel..... 100,000 Green backers..... 350,000 Anti-monopolists..... 250,000 Independent votes..... 2,600,000 Total..... 6,100,000

Why should such voting power be overborne and controlled—legislated against and absolutely robbed—by a small minority of piratical monopolists?

But a revolution has been set in motion. Let all laboring people proceed to organize thoroughly, and press forward in the good work that has begun. If courageous, energetic, watchful and persistent, labor can obtain all its demands.—Working World.

Personals.

Miss Georgia Simmons left us Tuesday after a stay of several weeks.

Mr. Walter L. Henderson passed through the city last Sunday for Union county.

Mrs. Eggleston, of Winnsboro, mother of our estimable friend, Mrs. Kizzie Smith, is spending some time with her daughter.

Mr. J. Henry Toole of Rock Hill, S. C., was in the city yesterday

Mr. H. M. Cuthbertson, of Union county, spent a few days in the city this week.

Miss Jane Morrow, of Fort Mill, S. C., is visiting our city, the guest of Mrs. Alice Morehead.

Mr. Newland R. Harris, our fine harness maker, left us again on Thursday night for El Paso, Texas to seek his fortune on the Rio Grand.

Prof. J. C. Price delivered the emancipation oration in Columbia, S. C. As it was his first effort in that city, we are confident he won new laurels.

Mrs. T. H. Lomax left us last Friday to visit friends and relatives at her old home, Fayetteville. The Bishop left on official business about the same time.

TAKE NOTICE.

This paper must be paid for in advance. When the time is out for which it is paid, it will be discontinued. Not that we fear we will not be paid, but that we must come down to business principles. We have to pay cash for everything, and cannot afford to send out at our expense several hundred papers. It is better for both if you pay in advance.

Louie.

Louie belongs to that numerous class of four-year-olds who are always saying things. Her auntie recently came from the West for a brief visit, and at the first meal which happened to be supper, stewed oysters were served. The bivalves were large and fine, and auntie expressing her appreciation said warmly: "These oysters are certainly very nice."

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Cash vs. Credit

presents us two roads for the year '87. Which will you take? Well, times are flush at the Racket, and business away up at the top. And all this complaining of hard times seems to us to belong to some other country. Well, we have spent five and a half months in Charlotte striving might and main to demonstrate the real advantages to be gained by ready dollars. Trying with the best possible values to show the enormity of the credit system.

Our wonderful success has demonstrated beyond all question of doubt that the people are with us, that our system of the best values for the least money has met their approval and that they are fully awake to the fact that a dollar's worth of goods for a dollar can only come through the system of dollars. It is smooth sailing going in debt, but it's stormy weather at paying up time and there are of necessity a great many who do go down before the grade. If all the unpaid accounts for debts contracted in the city of Charlotte during the past twenty years were spread out upon ledgers, we doubt if there is a dry in town large enough to hold the load. Who bore the burden of this loss? Did the merchant lose it or did he charge those who paid enough to make it up? How much do you suppose the credit system cost you last year?

All the losses sustained by credit concerns have to be paid by those who pay. If you buy out of it and pay, it is your cash which pays for those who never pay, or the merchant fails.

Just so long as men go in debt they will get hard pressed for dollars and fail, and whatever they have whether horses and mules, as seen here, or stacks of merchandise in the great commercial centres must measure arms with dollars. It is from the disasters of the credit system that our New York house, with its

Army of Buyers

gathers up for cash the values we give out to you on the basis of what they cost, regardless of their credit valuation. You may have seen an \$150 horse or mule of last spring sold recently under the auctioneer's hammer for less than one half that sum bought, of course by the man with ready dollars, who makes his cash do what credit failed to do.

Well, it's the way with the world, and while it leaves disaster and defeat to some it enables us to bring values to you unknown before. We have been astonished ourselves at the immense volume of our trade. And now to begin the new year, for the Racket is not only going to begin it, but is going to stay.

We wish to return our thanks to the many hundreds who have given us every aid and encouragement; who have talked our values to their neighbors, and on and on until within less than half a year we are the best known house in the State.

To merchants in particular we send out the Macedonian cry of "Come over and help us"—help us to free the masses of the people from the power and dominion of mortgages and of debt, and place them on that higher better plane, laid down in sacred writ—that of

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