

**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, Graham Street. 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. MAUGHTON, 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. SLADE, pastor.

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**LOCAL.**

The colored people of Wilmington are trying to establish a home for the aged and infirm.

Rev. W. A. Alexander, of Wilmington, lectured on evolution last Thursday night.

Another colored member has been admitted to the Legislature. Now there are twenty colored men in both houses.

Married, in Lumberton, at the bride's residence, Miss Nancy Jacobs to Mr. Thomas Manuel, Rev. C. W. Blalock officiating.

The Young Ladies' Independent Club has been turned into a literary society. It meets weekly and has exercises as well as socials.

Let the Legislature abolish the present system of county government, and let the people elect their own magistrates and commissioners.

The editor is still out of the city and begs the indulgence of his patrons a little while longer. We will try to give the locals when he returns.

Dr. J. T. Williams left the city on Thursday night of last week for a little recreation. It was thought when he left that the objective point was Norfolk, Va.

The United States Senate has refused to confirm Jas. C. Matthews as Register of Wills for the District of Columbia. The Republicans voted against him and the Democrats voted for him, a few exceptions on both sides.

We want a college in this State, run by the State, for the accommodation of our boys. We want more than the normals; we need more. Give us room, gentleman; let us pass. A college, a college!

If you have but one quarter when you go to church tomorrow, give that to Christ and he will prosper you through this hard winter. God loves a cheerful giver.

Our stay in Fayetteville has been prolonged; hence we will not return home as early as we expected. Subscribers along the Carolina Central road need not give us out. We may visit Raleigh first, but will call on them soon.

Scarcity of money and hardness of times seem general. It is earnestly hoped that money will be turned loose somewhere and that people may take it for the purpose it is made.

The time of our Legislature is half gone. Some pretty good bills have been introduced, but what good has been done we hope to be able to tell our readers after the body adjourns.

Mr. Arthur L. Butt is traveling with his paintings, giving exhibitions in halls and churches. His exhibition is the finest of the kind we have ever seen and is worth double the admission fee.

Farmers are busily engaged preparing for planting. It will soon be seed time and it is hoped less cotton and more corn, peas and potatoes will be planted.

Rev. J. A. Grosfield, several years in charge of the Presbyterian work in

Raleigh, has been assigned to the church in Monroe and has taken charge of the work there.

Mr. John H. Williamson has explained away the charge that he voted against petitioning Congress to pass the Blair bill. All the talk in our Legislature about it amounts to nothing, and Mr. Williamson heartily endorses the bill. He is on the people's side.

**Local News Items.**

BY A. W. CALVIN.

Miss Annie E. Donaldson, of Hillsboro, N. C., is on a visit to her niece, Mrs. G. W. Johnson, of this city.

Mr. Lam Hill, the headlight of the Cape Fear Advocate, is in the town, and is painting it a bright carmine.

There will be services at the Grace A. M. E. Zion Church next Sunday morning, Rev. Mr. Bloice officiating.

Rev. Henry Mosely died at his residence in this city Thursday night, Feb. 3, at 12 o'clock, of consumption.

Mr. James Foster can be found at grocery store of A. W. Calvin, where he will be glad to see his old friends and customers.

Mr. W. C. Smith, editor of the MESSENGER, is at his old home, Fayetteville, where he has gone to have a good time with his old friends for a few days.

They may not suit some people in their way of trying to save souls, but they are dead in earnest and mean business every time. "Collections at the door."

A special called meeting of the Young Men's Social Club will be held at the residence of Mr. Claiborne Bratton, Monday evening, Feb. 7. All members must attend.

Mr. J. C. Roberts, of Shelby, N. C. went to California six weeks ago and is engaged now as shipping clerk in San Francisco, at \$50 per month with more promised.

Messrs. Caldwell & Osborne have gone to Liberia. Mr. Harrison Hunter has gone to California, and Mr. J. C. Maxwell is going soon. These men are all substantial farmers.

Mr. J. F. Moody, a popular merchant of Logtown, died at his residence Thursday, of pneumonia. He was well beloved by the colored people as a kind and obliging gentleman.

Mr. R. P. Bearden is in New Orleans, with a tendency to move further South. If "Diek" keeps on South, the next we hear of him he will soon be pacing the halls of the Montezumas, in the city of Mexico.

There has been a union formed of all the white churches in this city to carry on an extensive revival, and a good time is expected. The meetings will commence this week. The Rev. Mr. Pearson, of Meridan, Miss., has been called to help in the work.

There is a restlessness and discontent among a great many colored farmers of this and adjoining counties, and the emigration fever is high. Many have gone and others are only waiting to hear favorable news from their friends in order to go. California is now the objective point. It is to be regretted that in this desire to go there are some of the best men in the county.

A telegram was received Monday announcing the death of Mrs. Lula Petty, wife of Rev. C. C. Petty, in the city of San Francisco, Cal. The many friends of this estimable lady will regret to hear of this sad event, as she was loved by all who knew her, and to know her was to find a friend. She was the daughter of Mr. Richard Pieherpack, of this city, and a graduate of Sartia Seminary. Efforts will be made to bring the remains home for burial.

If the colored people of Charlotte, or any other town, wish to build each other up, they should encourage colored men in business, or at least give them a share of their patronage. There are plenty of loud-mouthed hypocrites who pretend that they want to see colored men of business succeed, and who never spend a cent with such men. A lack of race pride and unity will always cause the colored race to be bottle-holders and cup-bearers to others.

The Salvation Army struck this town last week, and are holding meetings day and night in the Academy of Music. They have caused a big sen-

sation, and the meetings are crowded. They have a brass band and an orchestra, consisting of two tambourines, two fiddles, one cornet, and a triangle. One of the leaders picks the guitar and blows a mouth organ at the same time. They have made quite a number of converts. Dr. Poynce's former partner is one of them, and his little rod is quite a conspicuous figure among the soldiers.

**That Dam Roaring.**

A young buck went to see the daughter of a Presbyterian, lately, whose house was near a mill dam. It being spring of the year, the waters made a considerable of a roar as they tumbled over the dam. The modest young gentleman tapped lightly at the door at first and received no answer. Again and again he repeated his knock, but still he was unheard. Mustering up courage, he proceeded to inflict some severe thumps on the door, which brought the staid old gentleman out.

"I suppose," said the youngster, who had by this time become slightly savage, from being compelled to wait so long; "I suppose you could not hear me for the dam roaring."

"The dam roaring! What do you mean, sir? How dare you speak in that way?" said the divine, somewhat angered at hearing the young man swear in his presence.

"I mean to say, sir, that I suppose you could not hear my knocking on account of the dam roaring."

"Dam roaring again! you young scoundrel! Have you the impudence to insult me with a repetition of those words? Begone, sir!"

"My dear sir," quote the now bewildered youth, "I intended to say that I presumed I could not be heard on account of the dam roaring," laying particular emphasis on the last two words.

"Insults on insults!" shouted the infuriated man, and he rushed at the poor fellow with the evident intention of ejecting him, but was restrained by the voice of his daughter, who exclaimed:

"Papa, I suppose the young man intended to say that he could not be heard on account of the roaring of the dam."

"Oh—I beg your pardon, sir—I beg your pardon—walk in, really—ah, well! I declare! The dam roaring! Capital! Come in, come in. That is really too rich!"

It is needless to add that the youngster went in, and in the excellent society of the young lady soon forgot the "dam roaring."

**Proper Persuasion.**

Boston's newest labor publication, *The Persuader*, says: "What we do propose to accomplish is, to place before our readers each week practical lessons on the Labor question from reliable teachers, that they may digest and consider them and by so doing educate themselves to a thorough conception of the movement they are engaged in, for the abolition of the present infernal system of industrial slavery, and prepare the way for the introduction of the new system of intelligent and equitable co-operation."

An exchange says: "The postal law makes it larceny to take a newspaper and refuse to pay for it." A newspaper in Illinois recently brought suit against forty three men who would not pay their subscriptions, and obtained judgment in each for the full amount of the claim. Of these, twenty-eight men made affidavit that they owned no more property than the law allowed them, thus preventing attachments. Then they under the decision of the Supreme Court were arrested for petty larceny and all bound over in the sum of \$300. All but six gave bonds, while six went to jail.

**Making Magistrates.**

A Methodist minister while going out to one of his appointments, met an old acquaintance, who was a magistrate of the county. He asked the minister why he didn't do as the Savior did—ride on an ass. "Because," said the divine, "the people have taken them all to make magistrates of."

The New York Senate has passed the bill making the first Monday in November a legal holiday, to be known as Labor Day.

The federation of book-keepers and office clerks of New York City intend to raise a fund for their deserving members who may be out of work.

The Standard Oil Company is about to be dragged into the courts of Ohio. The result will be an indecent exposure of a monstrosity.

The United Labor party of Philadelphia held a conference Tuesday, Jan. 24, and nominated candidates for mayor, city solicitor, receiver of taxes, and police magistrate.

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