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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. MAUGHON, 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.

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LOCAL.

We are glad to announce that Miss Emma F. Hooper, one of Wilmington's favorite teachers, has consented to contribute to the columns of the MESSENGER.

We learn the Cabarrus court gave judgment against Scotia Seminary last week, for \$1,400. The suit was entered by one Mr. Young against Mr. Dorland.

The interests of the MESSENGER were well cared for last week by Mr. A. W. Calvin who reported the city for us. Mr. Calvin is a splendid writer and will continue to write for us in our absence.

We will have three agents in Fayetteville. Miss Mary M. Lean and Mr. A. W. Whitfield are authorized agents and the third will be named next week. The doings of the town will be published frequently.

The editor is still in the central part of the State and will pay his respects to subscribers along the Carolina Central about next week. He took a peep in at the Legislature this week and goes to Wilmington next Tuesday.

Miss Maggie L. Whiteman is one of the best experienced lady writers in the State and it is hoped her services can be secured to write for this paper regularly. Wilmington is becoming much interested in the MESSENGER and Miss Maggie will help us with her pen.

The editor regrets his inability to attend and witness the marriage of Mr. W. E. Henderson to Miss Sallie B. Lord in Salisbury, last Thursday evening. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Rev. W. H. Bryant. They have our best wishes for a prosperous and happy life. Miss Sallie Bettie was a graduate of Scotia and several years a teacher there. Mr. Henderson is one of the most prosperous colored merchants and promising young men in the State.

Local News Items.

BY A. W. CALVIN.

Editor Smith, of the MESSENGER, is still away from home, and will not be back before the 20th.

Mr. J. C. Maxwell, of Huntersville, of whom we spoke last week, left, with his entire family, last Thursday for San Francisco, where he proposes to make his future home.

The Zion Church here is on a big boom. Preparations are being made to build a large brick church where the old one now stands. When finished it will be one of the finest buildings in the State. Several hundred dollars have been subscribed, and work will be commenced at once.

Two immense revivals are now in progress among the white churches, and the "hoot-toot" of "Happy Jack's" horn of the Salvation Army, is answered by the "ding dong" of the big bells of the city churches, and while the eloquence of Rev. Mr. Pearson is drawing great crowds, the ranks of the Salvation Army are getting bigger every day, and the music of the fiddle is ably seconded by the player on the big drum.

The Rev. H. Williams, of Lincoln-

ton, ably filled the pulpit for Elder Slade last Sunday at the Zion Church, and those who heard him were profoundly impressed with his eloquence and wisdom.

Mrs. Ellen Fox, an old citizen, died last Sunday and was buried Monday. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Her funeral was preached by Rev. A. A. Powell, and was a beautiful eulogy of a good old Mother in Israel who has been gathered to her Father.

Farmers may expect hard times so long as they go in debt to raise 8c. cotton and keep their smokehouses in Chicago and their wheat fields in Minnesota. It certainly must be pretty poor policy for a man to farm and yet come to town and buy flour made in St. Paul, bacon from Chicago, corn from Cincinnati, cabbage from Boston and meal from Lynchburg. Lord have mercy on such farming.

Pickled pig feet must be a great temptation to some folks. One boy is on the chain gang now for eating one without the owner seeing him, and one is in jail and will soon be on the same gang. Fellow citizens, let pig feet alone, as they are unhealthy on an empty pocket.

We see that the Senate has rejected the nomination of J. C. Matthews for recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia. This is right; a Democratic negro is a stink in the nostrils of good, colored Republicans, and not one of them should even clean the spittoons in the capitol, much less hold an office of profit and honor.

The board of aldermen have refused to grant a license to Ben David to sell liquor on College street. It is said to have been a terribly bad house; men, women and children would congregate there at night, pandemonium reigned supreme, and that it was a big gateway to all that was bad.

The coming spring elections will be warmly contested here and prohibition will be the issue; for, like Banquo's ghost, it will not "down" at any man's bidding.

Our fellow citizen, J. W. Gordon, is like a character in the play of the "Mikado," in the number of offices he holds. Here they are: Worthy State foreman, master workman, chairman county Republican executive committee, superintendent of Zion Sunday school, and leading politician, &c.

There is a scarcity of money here and in the surrounding country, and hard times are here to many families.

Charlotte needs some of Atlanta's push and energy. Being the center of an extensive railroad system she ought to have three times the amount of manufacturing enterprises she has.

Mis Gaston has returned to Concord; and James looks awfully lonesome.

When will the cake be cut, Dallas, and which one was it said that sweet little "Yes?"

What will "they" do now, Tom is gone! Poor Charlotte—lucky Birmingham!

Miss A. C. Davidson left us Tuesday night for Boston. Frank, won't you feel lonesome Sunday night?

Logtown is awfully lonesome these evenings and nights. Where, oh where is the E—? Echo answers, "Where?"

There was no "dividing line" in meeting Tuesday evening; all could have front seats. Salvation, oh the joyful sound!

Miss L. E. Tyler has joined the training class which meets at the Graded schools building. Why do not more of the young ladies join?

The "masher" was mashing in Logtown Tuesday evening. The "big brother" had better go down and look after the "little brother's" interests.

One of our young ladies had a ride in the street car Monday evening, for the first time. Some one asked her how she felt when sitting in the car. "Oh she said, 'I felt like I was churning.'" How was that?

Dr. Williams visited the public school one evening this week. Just as he left one of the rooms a little 9-year-old boy drew a long breath and said: "I am so glad he has gone; I thought he had come to vaccinate us."

Anthony, one of our graded school boys, wrote his girl a letter and said: "I love you better than I do sweet potatoes." She replied: "I love you

like I do cold Irish potatoes." Anthony is puzzling his brains to find out what she meant.

Still Hold Their Own.

The Fearless Baseball Club was organized last Friday night. The following are the players:

L. W. Hayes, captain; J. T. Hand, secretary; Chas. Robinson, treasurer; Hagler, North, French, Harris, Brown and Clark.

It is said that the Fearless boys are the champions of the Old North State.

In Massachusetts are 32 co-operative banks.

There are 15,000 Knights of Labor in Georgia. A year ago there were 1,000.

The factory girls of Lowell, Mass., contributed \$1,000 to the Charleston fund.

B. McKenna, Esq., a stove-molder by trade, is the Democratic candidate for mayor of Pittsburg.

The Labor Organizer, Kansas City, Mo., announces that it will hereafter be published under co-operative control.

A man who has been seven years in Congress without finding out something in the way of needed legislation on the labor question ought to conclude that he don't fit the place.

A co-operative biscuit and confectionery factory is talked among the Knights of Labor of Chatham, Ont. The capital stock will be exempted from taxation for nine years.

Who shall dare to affirm, in the name of justice, that productive labor—this principal and necessary part of human life—should be condemned forever to the anarchy of arbitrary rule?

Another clergyman has gone wrong. The pastor of St. Paul's (Lutheran) Church of Indianapolis has called upon its members who belong to the Knights of Labor to withdraw from the order or leave the Church. A majority of the Knights will adopt the latter course.

The short-hour movement does not, as many people seem to think, mean a restriction on individual industry. It means that men and women shall not be compelled to give all their energy and time to mechanical drudgery which bring them but a bare living.—Labor Leader.

A call has been issued from Labor Headquarters in New York city for delegates to a conference to be held at Cooper Union, New York city, on Wednesday, February 16 next, to consider the state of the movement in the country at large, and to take council together on the future of the work of organization.

According to Prof. Alder, 24,000 children between 10 and 15 years of age are employed at labor in the State of New York. Of these 9,000 are in New York city. They are strippers of tobacco, paper collar folders, insect powder packers, hair workers, cash carriers, and workers in almost every factory occupation.

A party of United Labor, honestly advocating labor principles, is not a menace to the country at large, but the party of united capital whose two divisions, republican and democratic, have been for years keeping up a sham warfare whose sole end and aim has been the distribution of offices and perquisites, is and has been a serious menace to our institutions. Under the name of republic we are actually a series of monarchies, whose kings are the Goulds, the Vanderbilts, the Arnoures, the Rockafellers. The absolute monarchy of such capitalists, which is anarchy, must be superseded by a reign of law.—Dayton Workman.

For some time past the employes of the various steam railways having their termini in this city have been vigorously agitating the question of forming a trade district of the Knights of Labor. The idea found such favor among the railroad men here that it has now been determined to form another and larger district, which shall take in the employes who wish of all the New England steam railroads. The new district will probably have a membership of over 50,000 men, all of whom obtain their living from the railroads. The object of the district will be to see that the men are fairly compensated and have reasonable hours, and it will keep a general oversight over the welfare of members. Meetings will be called in all larger towns throughout New England where railroads centre, and the district organized as soon as possible.—N. H. Star.

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