

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.

Evangelical 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. MATHISON, 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.

Zion Wesley is hereafter to be known as Livingstone College.

Mr. C. W. Boger, of Concord, passed through last Monday for Florida.

The Star says the new music teacher for Livingstone College is a Miss Smith, of Boston.

Lumberton has been visited by a very destructive fire, which destroyed the business part of the town.

Clinton Chapel S. S. is preparing for a big time Easter. They will go to the Mineral Springs on Easter Monday.

Presiding Elder Rives held quarterly meeting at Clinton Chapel last Sunday and Love Feast on Monday night.

Rev. W. H. Woodward informs us of the death of Mr. Geo. H. McDonald, a promising young man of Laurinburg.

In another column will be found an article concerning the Hospital opened here for the benefit of the colored people.

Wittkowsky & Baruch are still selling clothing cheaper than anyone else in town. Don't fail to give them a call for a suit.

The Weekly News, Atlanta, Ga., and the Southern Freeman, Birmingham, Ala., are among the new exchanges on our table.

Our colleges report large increases for the spring term. Biddle has about 200, Scotia about 200, and Livingstone about 140.

Quarterly meeting will be had at Grace Church next week, and sacrament will be administered on the 27th instant.

A peep in on Clinton Chapel S. S. last Sunday convinces us that they are increasing in numbers and improving in music and collections.

The Oriole Literary is requested to meet at Mr. W. H. Houser's next Tuesday night, instead of Mr. Johnson's as announced last week.

The MESSENGER acknowledges an invitation to attend the joint exercises of the Mattoon and Clariontophic Literary Associations, at Biddle, next Friday night.

Her many friends will be glad to learn that Miss Annie Walker is still improving. Her doctor says she is about well enough to go out of the house.

We publish in this issue a short poem by Miss Whiteman, of Wilmington. We are always glad to give place for any production of merit from our people.

The Williamson family of blind singers are to leave us today for Concord. They have been in our town several weeks singing in the different churches. Every one fortunate enough to hear them is astonished and well pleased with their singing. There are seven of the family blind, four singing in this troupe. They were educated at Raleigh and natives of Wilcox, N. C.

We send out a good many marked papers this week to persons whose time has expired. If they wish the paper continued they will please let us hear from them, whether they have any money or not.

We propose to leave home again about the 25th inst., and subscribers will please be ready for us at the following points: Mooresville, Statesville, Salisbury and Concord. After which we will turn our course south.

Rev. Bloice failed to come down last Sunday, but his pulpit was ably filled by Rev. E. M. Collett in the morning, Rev. Mr. Drayton in the afternoon, and Rev. John Davidson at night. The attendance was good morning and afternoon.

The Ebenezer Baptist church has a fine pipe organ made to order. It makes a beautiful show and very fine music. This church stands a step ahead of the other churches in the city in other improvements. They are greatly indebted to Z. Houghton, Jr., who has proven to be one of the most successful managers of church and Sunday school affairs in the city.

The death rate among the colored people has greatly decreased since we have a colored doctor. In most Southern cities it is generally reported nearly double that of the whites. The report from Dr. Scarr for December and January show the death rate for the two races nearly equal. We do not claim that Dr. Williams is better than the other doctors, but we are satisfied with these results, let the causes be what they may.

Mr. Henry B. Kennedy, the "old reliable" mail agent between this city and Augusta, has been removed. He was among the first colored mail agents in the South and has about as good a record as any agent in the country. He was removed to make room for a Democrat. He is also among the few colored men to come out of office with some of his earnings to fall back upon. He is fairly fixed for living. He will have two years to rest up and prepare for the next Republican administration.

Fayetteville and Lawyers.
We are reminded that more colored lawyers have gone out from Fayetteville than from any town in the country. J. S. Leary, Maurice Bowman, D. W. Evans, C. W. Chesnut, are natives, while Lisbon P. Berry read law in Fayetteville and Jno. P. Green and A. S. Richardson are descendants of Fayetteville people.

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FAINT NOT.
BY MISS MAOGIE L. WHITEMAN.

Tired of life and its sorrows?
Tired of turmoil and care?
Fretting because of failure?
Allowing yourself to despair?
What if the road's long and dreary?
What if the end's out of sight?
Are we not taught by our Father
To trust Him and all will be right?
Is not the end worth the trying?
Is not Heaven the grandest prize?
Where is the sense of your crying
If you know of your home in the skies?
Have you forgotten this one thing—
Every life has its downpour of rain?
And are we more than our Savior
Who bore so much censure and pain?
To the breeze throw your sorrows and
heartache,
Be a man, be a woman, that's all;
Do the right. Then accept what God
gives you—
Answer "here" when the great roll is
called.
Wilmington, N. C., March 15, 1887.

Envied by Her Sex,
Is the fate of every lady with a bright, glowing countenance, which invariably follows the use of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.

Raleigh Typographical Union, No. 54, has elected Mr. John R. Ray a delegate to the International Union, which meets at Buffalo, N. Y., in June next. Mr. E. S. Check is the alternate.

A working girls' bureau has lately been formed at Loxbury, Mass. A room is furnished with all toilet requirements and tea and coffee are supplied if wished. Teachers are in attendance in the evening.

Civil Rights at the Opera House.

INCREASE IN HOWARD SCHOOL LIBRARY
—LITERARY EXERCISES AT BENEDICT
—OTHER MATTERS.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 16.

THE MESSENGER—The famous actress, Fanny Davenport, was here on the 14th inst. She appeared in "Fedora." To portray this character calls forth great histrionic talent. The very first act closes with a scene that reaches a culmination as great as the last scene in the last act of many of the most noted dramas. This gives one an idea what a steep this great actress must climb to reach the culmination of this heavy tragedy. Fanny Davenport took her audience by storm from the outset, and carried them spell-bound with her up the steep. She portrayed the difficult and exciting parts with the greatest ease and naturalness, impressing the audience that they were looking upon scenes in natural life rather than upon a play. She was appreciated and heartily applauded, being frequently brought before the curtain. She was also made the recipient of several beautiful bouquets.

It gives the MESSENGER correspondent special pleasure to speak of this play, aside from the notice it commands as a great play, because the appreciative colored people of Columbia are permitted to enjoy such treats by being allowed to take reserved seats in the opera house without molestation. This is evidenced by P. F. Oliver, Esq., and wife, enjoying this play from the parquette of a house crowded with the *élite* white people of Columbia. Of course this is not the first instance of the kind, for it is a privilege that dates back to some years ago. But we speak of it now to show that, notwithstanding the fact that the chief executive is a Democrat, our State government Democratic, the civil rights bill has been declared unconstitutional, and the negro vote of South Carolina is not wanted—yet the negro in South Carolina is allowed some civil rights denied him in other States. This is progress, and shows too that the South Carolinians readily distinguish the difference between civil rights and social equality. Let us commend our neighbors for this, and for not interfering with the civil rights law of South Carolina.

Howard School Library has been increased by the receipt of 65 volumes from Messrs. Alden & Co., of New York city. These books were purchased through Mr. Oliver from funds raised by concerts given by the school. The teachers were very careful in selecting the books, and every one purchased is a gem.

Rev. Middleton has returned from Greenville and brings encouraging news for the Wise Men.

The Benedict Literary Debating Society celebrated Mrs. B. A. Benedict's 77th birthday by giving a literary entertainment to-night. Mrs. Benedict made Benedict Institute possible, and it is gratifying to see the teachers and students of that association show their gratitude by observing this day, and doing what they can to better the condition of the negro.

The following is the programme: Prayer, Mr. John R. Wilson; Essay, (Woman), Mr. E. G. Neal; Debate, (Should Representatives carry out the wishes of their constituents, even though these wishes be directly opposed to their matured opinion?)—Affirm., Mr. Thomas B. Williams; Neg., Mr. Ezekiel Mobry; Declamation, (Absalom) Mr. C. B. Parker; Critic's Report, Mr. John R. Wilson. The programme was well carried out. The young men showed that they had given time and thought to their assignments; which gives encouragement for much brighter days for the race.

Dr. J. J. Durham, Peter Flynn Oliver, Esq., and Rev. J. B. Middleton, were appointed judges of the debate. They all voted in favor of the negative.

The latest society surprise is the announcement of the marriage of Mr. "Benie" Toland, son of Mr. P. F. Toland, to Miss Jennie Cook, the daughter of Mrs. Esther Cook. Miss Cook was a student at Scotia at one time.

The paper makers of Lawrence, Mass., are making a move in favor of sixty-five hours a week.

There was a heavy snow fall between Statesville and Asheville on Thursday morning. It threatened us but didn't reach here.

Prof. Joseph C. Price will occupy the pulpit in Grace church to-morrow. The public is invited to come out and hear our own—the greatest orator of to-day. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 7:30 p. m.

The Independent Club gave a very pleasant and interesting entertainment last Thursday night at Miss Ella Jones'. We are pleased to note the improvements made by this club. It is now one of our leading literaries.

A fire in Rock Hill, S. C. yesterday morning destroyed the postoffice, bank, hotel and about a dozen of the principal business houses. Loss estimated at \$500,000.

Did you ever think that it is high time for the legitimate producers to come together irrespective of occupation, nationality, color, religion, prejudice or party condition of servitude and consider the situation and their relations to their common country and the duties growing out of those relations—not to form a political party to capture offices—but for a higher and nobler purpose—to abolish the monopolies and the widespread venality and corruption they have produced—stem the ever increasing tide of vice and crime inseparable from industrial slavery and make our government what it was intended to be, by the people, for the people and of the people. If you never thought of these things read this paper and you will think and act. It can do you no harm. There is nothing like light to dispel darkness? —Charlotte Craftsman.

Labor is the application of active force to inert matter.

The Nashville typos are soliciting stock to start a co-operative evening paper.

The Leavenworth merchants are boycotting the Times, the notorious "rat" sheet of that city.

In a cloak factory in Chicago the girls receive eight cents for sewing on 275 buttons.

The carpenters of Chicago, 6000 organized, say they will and must have the eight-hour system the coming season.

In California the Knights of Labor have succeeded in introducing a bill into the Legislature for the appointment of a board of arbitration.

The Knights of Labor of Chicago have bought the Telegram and are now running it as a daily afternoon paper, devoted to the interests of working-men.

In Arkansas there are five local assemblies of planters and plantation employes, and two locals of women plantation employes have been organized.

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For many years I suffered from Liver Complaint, and a disordered stomach. I tried the best physicians in the state, but received no help from them. I was compelled to give up business, had neither strength nor ambition, and suffered constantly. I finally began taking Ayer's Pills, and before I had finished the first box, my health was greatly improved. After taking four boxes I was completely cured, and have been perfectly well ever since.—J. L. Nighswander, Ashley, Pa.

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Ayer's Cathartic Pills are the only medicine used in my

Family They keep the liver, stomach, and bowels in perfect condition, and are the best medicine I know of.—J. B. Kirkpatrick, Piedmont, S. C.

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