

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.

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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.

Methodist 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. MATTHEWS, 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. WENIG, 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.

Miss Ella Marks left us last Wednesday and will spend some time in Columbia, S. C.

Mrs. Cora Ramsey of Statesville is visiting her mother in this city, who has been quite sick several weeks.

Rev. R. H. Stitt of Livingstone College spent last Sabbath helping Rev. Wm. Johnson in his revival. They are having success.

We feel much relieved from writing this week as we have several good letters from abroad, and gladly give place to them.

Some changes have taken place in our city graded school, one of the results of which will be to divide Miss Sallie Hall's 250 children

"Unus" offers a bold and able defense for the G. O. P. Read his letter from Columbia. They are always interesting.

Our correspondents are discussing live subjects this week. Harnett, Union, Rowan and New Hanover counties are heard from as well as Columbia, S. C.

It is said that a blue cassimere suit of men's clothes can be bought for \$5 at Wittkowsky & Baruch's. They are selling off at hard-time prices. Now is the time to call, young men.

The handsomest china palace in the state is in the Johnston Block. China ware, glass ware, cutlery and such things are now below racket or any other prices.

Mr. S. N. Hill of the *Cape Fear Advocate* was in our city last Wednesday on paper business. Wilmington always gives us a hearty welcome and support. Friends, try Bro. Hill's paper.

Do stop borrowing from your neighbor and pay for the paper awhile yourself. He don't like to tell you so, but he is very tired lending. Then you don't know whether he has paid for it or not.

Rev. Mr. Slade is said to be one of the hardest working men in the country. He has taken off his coat and gone to work building himself a house in the south western part of the city.

Presiding Elder Rives will hold quarterly meeting in Grace church to-day and administer sacrament to-morrow. Rev. Mr. Bloice will be present and the public is cordially invited to attend the services.

A party of three women and one man from Tarboro, N. C., passed through this city last week going to California. There seems to be quite a demand out there for servants.

Rev. M. Slade has the sympathy of our citizens generally, in the loss of his child, which died last Sunday night and was buried on Tuesday afternoon.

It has been published in this city that Miss Mary J. Hayes, a native of this city and former teacher in our graded school, was on the 10th inst. married to Mr. William Green, a teacher of Huntsville, Texas. Miss Hayes has been teaching in Texas two or three years.

The Neptune Fire company turned out in full uniform last Sunday afternoon and marched down to Clinton Chapel, where Rev. Slade preached a special sermon for them. There were fifty-seven out and we learn they gave about \$30 towards the building fund of the church.

Subscribers in Mooresville, Statesville and Salisbury will please be ready to pay us something any day next week. Now if you haven't any money, borrow enough to square up with us, for you know we have indulged you a long time, and times are hard on us as on other folks. We need all we can get.

Talking about aldermanic slates how would this do for the two black wards: No. 2—J. T. Shenck, W. R. Hinton, J. M. Hagler. No. 3—A. W. Calvin, H. B. Kennedy, J. M. Goode. That is the kind of ticket that the MESSENGER would like to see elected. Will the colored voters of this city do their duty *once* in life? First, let the leaders agree between themselves before consulting strikers.

Remember tomorrow is communion day at Grace church and while the public and neighboring churches are cordially invited to join in with them, the members of this church are requested to have their breakfast a little earlier than usual and try to get to church before half past eleven o'clock. It looks bad to see a preacher in church waiting with strangers for his own congregation to come in.

Concerning the campaign of '88, ex-Senator Eaton says: "If the Republican convention were to meet to-morrow, I think Mr. Blaine would certainly be the choice," but "the strongest man they could nominate is John Sherman; he would make the best run." He said further, "if Blaine is not himself nominated, he will name the man and do all he can to secure his election." When asked what of the outlook for the Democracy, he replied: "I don't like to talk about it. I am a Democrat and I don't like to think about it."

Last Sunday was the "grand rally" day at Clinton Chapel and the lists were brought in and collections taken in the church during the day to erect a brick wall over the old church. Committees have been canvassing the city several weeks and the result of the efforts amounted to \$248.94, we are told. Considering the hard times, that is a remarkable effort. The MESSENGER has special reasons to rejoice in this church building work. Great good will come out of the split after all, in which we heartily rejoice.

On last Sunday, Prof. Jos. C. Price president of Livingstone College filled the pulpit in Grace church, morning and afternoon. At each service the little church was filled almost to its utmost capacity. We would not do justice to the speaker if we said more than that he appeared in most excellent health and spirits and preached as only a Price can preach. Every one was delighted with his eloquence. At night the Professor went to Clinton Chapel and there made the crowning effort of the day. Everybody knows Prof. Price and imagines just what was heard. We could not tell if we tried. Grace church will be glad to have the Professor visit them again very soon, as they feel that he did them much good this visit.

Wilmington Twinklings.

Whispering tell-tale breezes say that the dear little MESSENGER will soon receive quite a list of subscribers from the metropolis of the "Old North State," for Wilmington is interested in and endeared to the little paper of the State by strong ties. In fact, Wilmington is cognizant of the truthfulness of there being strength in union. We know that we must all pull at once, together, hard and long.

To stop to "wonder" if we can do a thing is absurd, for the Negro, like any other man, can do what he wishes; so we are going to work and make the MESSENGER second to none. It already has the right editor; but it must now have financial support. We can if we will, but we must depend on ourselves. We hope soon to hear of its circulation from Maine to Texas,

and from the stormy Atlantic to the placid Pacific. We can if we will, but we must depend on ourselves.

Very grand preparations are being made for the Easter festivities.

Mr. Johnnie Thomas, of Brooklyn, N. Y., and formerly of our little city, (being the son of the late loved Dr. Wash. Thomas,) has returned home after ten or twelve years absence, and Wilmington receives him with open arms. He contemplates merchandizing here.

"Does the Negro improve?" You who asks that question are behind the times.

The splendid congregation of St. Stephen's Church is now receiving, in its very excellent auditorium, a rare intellectual Biblical treat in the form of illustrated sermons, Sabbath evenings, from that very brilliant meteor that flashed across our intellectual skies some months ago—Rev. A. J. Chambers. The present series treats on the "Prodigal Son." The congregation, on last Sabbath eve, was estimated at 1,500. Every available seat was occupied, while the vestibule and stair-ways were impassable. The music, too, transported one for a few minutes to a land of pure delight. Prof. Shepard, of Conn., presided at the organ, while Miss E. F. Hooper established an enviable reputation in the solo, "Gethsemane."

The simple mention of Miss Maggie Mitchell's name suffices to describe her rendition of the solo, "Where is my boy to-night," without comment. MAGGIE L. WHITEMAN.

Salisbury Items.

Miss Mary Thompson, having closed her school at Lentz's, was in town on Saturday. She was looking well and the practice, of "teaching the young idea how to shoot," seems to add wonderfully to her appearance.

Another one of our talented young ladies—Miss Anna Sloan, has returned from her scholastic labors.

The process of laying pipes for the water works, is rapidly going on. A large number of hands being employed. While our town is putting on a lively appearance and business seems to be looking up, yet there is a clear indication that prospects for the laboring classes are gloomy, as there are 50 or 72 applicants for work daily, who are denied.

It is rumored that Salisbury will soon have electric light. The idea of having our town so brilliantly lighted affords joy to many.

We are informed that W. E. Henderson, of our town has been appointed State organizer of the K. of L. A wise selection. We understand he organized a female Assembly on Monday evening. Since the organization has done and is doing more to remove race prejudice than any other organization in existence and as its object is elevation of labor and the giving to the laboring classes a just remuneration for their work, we can't see why every Negro don't become a Knight.

A Minister's Wife.

BY MRS. JULIA BROWN.

Dear Readers of the *Southern Recorder*: I have for some time felt impressed to write upon the subject, "What Kind of Woman a Minister's Wife Should Be."

1. She should be, by all means, a woman of good moral character. When I say character, I do not mean what she is said to be, but what is in reality.

2. She should be mild and persuasive; ready to stand arm in arm with her husband; full of truth and sound logic; ever ready to fall in line and do the duties enjoined upon her for the cause of Christianity, otherwise she would prove a stumbling block, or for a time retard the progress that the husband would make, were she not a helpmeet in spirit and in truth. Too often the mistake is made by the man, when his mind is made up to take unto himself a partner for life, or, in other words, a wife. In making their choice they should have an eye single to their work in the ministry. If so, many who are now laboring arduously with but little success, would be the sure means of winning many souls to Christ. But enough in that line. The wife of a minister should be an example of piety; slow to anger; the entertainer of a high sense of honor, and as such she will ever prove an efficient companion. And when the call is made for more recruits for the army that is now engaged in war against sin and folly along the coast and in the interior of the

dark continent, she would willingly join the husband and assist him in buckling on the helmet and shield of faith, and make rapid strides to reach the land where God's word needs to be used as a safeguard from sin and the father of it. Continually the cry is heard, "Come over into Macedonia and help us!" And in conclusion I hope that every minister of the gospel of Christ will read and think over this very important matter (I mean those who have not as yet made their choice), and when they do take unto themselves a wife, see that she is the woman suited for the position, or one who is capable of doing the every duty that will necessarily be enjoined upon her as a minister's wife in spirit and in truth.

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