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Special Offer.

Any student of Biddle, Scotia, Livingstone or the Fayetteville Normal wanting the MESSENGER during the summer may have it four-months—from June 1st to October 1st—for thirty-five cents. All will want it, now let all take it. These columns will be open to all and we especially solicit communications from the students.

Mr. J. L. Montgomery of the Concord Star honored our sanctum with a call last week.

Rev. G. S. Leeper of Gaston county was in the city this week.

Rev. W. E. Partee of Concord was in the city two or three days this week.

Within a few days scores of our young men and women will be in search of schools in the adjoining counties.

The pulpit at Grace chapel was filled last Sunday by Mr. B. L. Glenn of Biddle University.

There were about one thousand people at the depot last Sunday to see the south bound train leave.

Two extra coaches with two extra sleepers left here last Sunday evening for Washington City. Among the colored passengers were: H. B. Kennedy, E. W. Davidson, Robt. Harris.

Prof M. W. Alston arrived in the city last Sunday morning and spent the week with us.

We acknowledge receipt of an invitation to attend the closing exercises of Huntsville Ala., Normal and Industrial school next week. Rev. W. H. Council is principal of this school.

Our graded school closed yesterday. It is hoped that the accommodation will be better next year and that the attendance will be even better than the year just closed.

The editor regrets very much that he will be out of the city next week and cannot witness the graduating exercises at Biddle, but will depend upon a good friend to write it up for us.

Bishop Lomax is pretty severely criticised for statements said to have been made in an interview to a Baltimore newspaper reporter, in reply an address previously made by Mr. E. H. Sutton. We cannot agree with the Bishop.

We have it from reliable sources that on last Saturday a certain colored "wet" man went in a bar and called for a "short" glass of beer. He was charged 15 cents for it because he was a "nigger." That man has come to his senses and will give the pros one vote more.

We are glad to see in the programme of exercises at Fisk University last week, that Miss Eliza Grier represented the Young Ladies Lyceum. Her subject was, "A Permanent Occupation."

The MESSENGER acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend the commencement exercises of Livingstone College June 1st. They are the handsomest invitations we have seen.

When you come to commencement, remember J. M. Goode's boarding house is at the same place on 4th street. There you will find the office of the MESSENGER. J. M. Goode and A. W. Calvin will take subscriptions for us while we are gone.

We are in receipt of a catalogue of Fiske University, Nashville Tenn., for which we must thank Miss Eliza Grier of this county. It shows that the attendance is 137, that 22 states are represented, also Africa.

The President has issued an order that abolishes the 6th N. C. Internal Revenue district. This amounts to changing the headquarters from Newton to Raleigh and the disposing of Maj. Dowd. It gives no more liberty to moonshiners.

Charlotte has a female doctor. Miss Anna Alexander, M. D., has taken a regular course in medicine, been examined and admitted to the State association and opened an office in this city to practice her profession. It is a proper thing and we think female doctors are much needed.

A number of friends were in town last week from our neighboring towns, among whom we met Mr Watt Elliott of Shelby, Mr. Hilly Fundurburk of onroe, MMr Ed Johnson of Concord. The latter, as usual was on special business. Wonder why he forgot that umbrella. Eddie you must keep a cool head. Don't stay so long you'll have to run for the train.

The Inferiority of Ham's Descendants—Cable Not Tolerated in Columbia—Other Notes.

COLUMBIA, S. C., May 26.

Editor Messenger—The color question brought out in the late P. E. Diocesan Convention at Charleston has formed a basis for argument to some who believe the inferiority of the Negro is taught by the Bible. Originating himself "Caucasian," in the News and Courier, holds that the Negro is a descendant of Ham's son, Canaan, who was accursed, and had, according to "Caucasian's" belief, the stamp of inferiority (?) placed upon him for all time. Rev. Chas. E. Stokely (white) of Charleston, one of the leading young ministers of the State, refuted the argument by simple references to the Bible, from a historical standpoint; and furthermore, from the Christian principle standpoint, showing that no race is at present under a curse from God. Right he is.

If "Caucasian" and his like would simply open their eyes to the things done by the Negro, right under their noses, they would not be so far behind the times and unchristian in their ideas. The positions taken by these "Caucasian" act as a stimulus, only, to the Negro, to rise to the fullest measure of his possibilities, which are as great as the possibilities of any set of men. These things teach us that no Negro can afford to be ashamed of his race; for that of itself is an admission of inferiority. Cultivate race-pride up to the highest point, and always do such things as will reflect credit upon any race.

Mr. Geo. W. Cable was secured by Prof. D. B. Johnson to give a reading before the public of Columbia shortly for the benefit of the graded school library; but the people created such a howl he had to invite him not to appear. Such intolerance is a clog in the way of the progress of the "New(?) South." Oh, may the coming generation see the folly of their fathers in time to help the Southern people to reach a place of intelligence and respectability among the civilized people of the earth!

Mr. Drayton, who is so highly esteemed in Columbia, arrived here last Saturday, and has charge, temporarily, of the Presbyterian Church.

Rev. C. C. Brown, of Sumter, delivers the annual address to the Beneficent Literary Society, on Friday evening, the 27th inst.

The commencement exercises of Allen take place on the 8th and 9th prox. Rev. J. G. Sampson, of Sumter, delivers the Baccalaureate on Sunday, the 30th inst. Mr. Tally R. Homes, L. L. B., delivers the annual address before the law graduates. Rev. W. H. Heard, of Charleston, addresses the normals.

The colored excursion club for Washington, failed to organize; but those who chose to go, went with the white club. Some of the teachers from both the white and colored schools desired to go, but could not get leave of absence.

Mr. Moody is reported as saying that "intemperance is ten times worse in Chicago than when he was there ten years ago." Chicago is also understood to be enjoying the benefit of "high license."

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Salisbury Scintillations.

Your correspondent had the pleasure last evening of listening to the parting address of Rev. J. A. Bloice to the citizens of Salisbury. entitled, "His impressions of America. Mr. Bloice came to this country from the West Indies four years ago, against his father's will, and entered Livingstone College, where he has been ever since, studying and preaching. He arrived quite early, accompanied by our talented and esteemed friend, Prof. S. G. Atkins. In a few moments a large and appreciative audience was waiting a rich and rare literary treat, such as Mr. Bloice is accustomed to give.

But this lecture, giving his impressions of the people and our government by a foreigner, promised to be a grand affair, and was looked forward to with pleasure.

He was introduced by Prof. Atkins, who described the man in his true light, dwelling on the fact that he was a young man of integrity and ability, and we ought to be proud of having such an one in our midst, and declared whatever Mr. Bloice might say would be accurate from his observation.

He started off by saying that he found the Negro to be a Negro, whether under the protection of Great Britain or the stars and stripes of the Union.

Personally he had been treated well, with only one exception, and that was he had not been blessed with a "better half." In answer to the supposed question, what do you think of our people? he said, first, I like my white brethren in a Bible sense, and believe that God has made of one blood all nations of men.

As to his own race, he gave with emphasis, a most gratifying opinion, and predicted a glorious future. But owing to their unlettered condition, nothing of importance could be much expected until he became enlightened. For the Negro to remain in this unlettered condition was contrary to his make up, and that he was fully capable of all the higher literary attainments, and the time would soon come when the Negro's ability would be admitted by all.

What do you think of our country? He said when he embarked in the steamship, and after several days of tempestuous voyaging, he came in sight of the United States—that boasted land—the land of the free and the home of the brave. How delighted was he when he got a glimpse of the great metropolis of America, New York City, and as he rose higher and higher, and beheld her beautiful mountains, magnificent rivers, her buildings and spires towering, as it were to the sky. The great Brooklyn bridge, with all its beauty and grandeur and magnitude, struck him with great wonder and admiration. In fact, he did not have language to describe just how he felt and what he thought of all the magnificent surroundings. His impression of America was simply grand and noble.

But patriotic thoughts of his dear home, his native land, welled in his bosom, and he exclaimed, "England, dear England, with all thy faults I love thee still." And in a sympathetic, prayerful tone, he continued, God save the Queen!

What do you think of our Government? He viewed our Government with prejudiced eye, contemplated it with a biased mind, and weighed it in an uneven balance, and notwithstanding his partiality for his native government, he must give America her just desert, as having the best form of government on the globe. The American eagle can only soar aloft as she bears the Negro on her pinions, and he claimed the time would come when the West India negro would not be looked upon as a heathen or idolator, but a man capable of self-government.

What do you think of us educationally? He thinks we are far in advance of the West India Negro, and fully capable of attaining the highest educational qualifications. The African is coming to the front. No period in history has needed more sound men than this.

We are not the people for separate studies. Sound scholars are wanted every day. He tried to indelibly impress on our minds that if any of our

young men were paying any attention to the mechanical arts. He grew very eloquent, impressing us with the fact that we want laborers, skilled laborers, and the different trades fully represented by our race. We have too much inclination for a would-be easy life—sought by our young men in aspiring to be lawyers, doctors, teachers and preachers. He closed by making a strong appeal in favor of sound men and skilled mechanics.

What do you think of our social condition? He thinks the American Negro the most social being in the world. As a preacher could travel all over a State without paying a cent for board and lodgings, and the sisters would make him truly happy. He talked at length on this subject, as he claimed it all important. The girls in his country cannot receive company later than nine o'clock, and when ever they go out their parents are with them—the closest attention is always given to the girls: While here the parents allow the girls to go when they please, come when they please, and retire when they please, and the boys of what they call a "good time," too much liberty.

He closed by a strong appeal to parents to keep their girls at home at night, and be more careful as to their training, as the prosperity of the race rests on the virtue of our women.

What do you think of our moral condition? He thinks our moral condition as good as any people. He referred to the immorality of the whites of our country, the licentiousness of England, and of the births in France over 30 per cent. were illegitimate; and said in conclusion that the American Negro is morally as high as any civilized people, and the Negro is not characteristically an immoral people, but made so, if so at all, by circumstances, and all that was needed was a pure and refined education.

As to our religion, his impression is that we truly must be the most religious people on earth. If there is such a thing as having too much religion, we have it. We not only believe the devil has a tail, but four horns; and if our prayers don't frighten him, and our mourning melt his rocky heart as nothing else will. We have too many ministers, and some of them God never called. What we want is good men to help, and wise men to lead. The people are calling for educated men to preach, and men that can give their whole time to the great and good work.

He closed his lecture by thanking all for their many favors.

He will soon leave for his home across the briny deep. May God and his rich blessings go with him. May he soon, like other good men, on account of the noble work he has to perform, have his name written on the walls of the temple of fame.

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CAROLINA CENTRAL R. R.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

Wilmington, N. C., May 15, 1887.

Table with 4 columns: Date, Train No., No. 1, No. 3. Includes Westbound and Eastbound trains with departure and arrival times for stations like Raleigh, Maxton, Hamlet, Wadesboro, Charlotte, Lincolnton, and Shelby.

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