

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. MAURITON, pastor.

Presbyterian Church, corner Seventh and College Sts. Services at 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Rev. H. 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.

Little Rock, (A. M. E. Z.) E St. Services at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. Rev. Wm. JOHNSON, pastor.

It is rumored that Rev. H. S. McDuffie of St Josephs Church will soon give up his charge in Fayetteville. This is to be regretted.

Persons wanting school teachers to go to the country and persons wanting to go to the country to teach will do well to inform the MESSENGER.

Subscribers along the Carolina Central road will please prepare and be on the look out for us next week. We must have some money.

As usual, the boys at Biddle were encouraged by the attendance of a number of the Scotia girls at commencement.

Mrs. Mollie E. Lowery and Mr. Richard Grier were among the visitors at commencement.

Miss Eliza Grier returned home on Friday of last week from Fisk University, Nashville Tenn. She will receive a hearty welcome, by her many friends.

Mr. J. C. Asbury, has been elected attorney for the city of Norfolk, Va. Mr. Asbury is a native of Kentucky and a graduate from the law department of Howard University.

Miss Nannie Carson of Statesville was one of the attractions at Biddle commencement. Miss Carson is one of Scotia's recent graduates and is handsome and accomplished.

Communications intended for publication in these columns must be addressed to the Charlotte MESSENGER and should reach this office not later than Wednesday morning.

Mr. J. E. Smith has consented to work for the MESSENGER in the eastern part of the State and we expect a big list of subscriptions from him very soon. He is an authorized agent.

Revs. D. J. Sanders, J. A. Chresfield, W. A. Alexander D. Brown, W. E. Partee, A. D. Waugh, J. A. Payne, G. S. Leeper, Luke Dorland and Prof. Satterfield attended the commencement at Biddle.

We have not seen a catalogue of Shaw or St. Augustine or either of the other four State normals. We have at least a half dozen graduates from the college department of Lincoln University, Pa., this year. Seventy-five Negro graduates from the Old North State does very well this hard year.

The graduates from Biddle this year were: Theological department W. H. Shepperson, Smithville Va.; S. F. Young, Sumter, S. C.; F. B. Perry, Lancaster, S. C. College—A. D. Butler, Laurens, S. C.; L. T. Hundley, Mocksville N. C.; P. H. Brown Charlotte, N. C.

Mr. W. H. Shepperson requests us to say that the reports charging him with making uncomplimentary remarks concerning the good people of this city, are wholly untrue and without foundation. He has the highest respects for and the kindest feelings toward the good people of this city, all of whom have been very kind to him during his stay here.

With all the success and pleasantness in our schools there are some things that may be improved upon by a little airing and criticisms. We have the personal observation and information desired and will take up the cudgel in a week or so and if nobody is hit, why nobody will be hurt.

The State Colored Normal School.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., June 4.
A large crowd gathered at the school-room to witness the exhibition of the students of the preparatory department, Tuesday evening. The programme was excellently rendered, and the audience gave frequent evidences of its approval by continued applause. We wish we had the time to give the readers the entire programme, but as opportunity will not permit us, we only give a sketch of the proceedings of the afternoon. The declamation of Mr. G. A. P. Wilkerson was particularly noticeable. The literary exercises, Wednesday evening, June 1st, was an interesting affair, and those of us who were fortunate enough to be present will not soon forget it. The programme was not very lengthy, consequently we will give full description of the evening's entertainment: The declamation, "A Common School Education," by Master English Gee was excellent. The recitation, "Liking and Disliking," by Miss Martha Bryant also was good. Declamation, "Influence of Devotion," by Mr. J. A. McLeod, was simply grand; the gentleman spoke vividly and to the point. The literary address by Prof. G. H. Williams was excellent. We need not add very much to this address, for the very name of the Professor tells us that out of his mouth came forth rich words to the society and visitors. He dwelt at length upon the "Historical and Literary" features of our race in an oratorical manner. The singing, which is always good, was particularly fine throughout the evening. The closing piece was a dialogue by Miss Winnie Smith and others. The "Tramps" was well executed, while Bridget, (Miss Lizzie McNeill) acted her part well—by showing the tramps the way into the street.

Among the visitors to the Commencement exercises we mention the following: Mr. A. A. Smith, of Goldsboro, N. C., graduate of the class of '86; Miss R. J. Capps, of Dudley, N. C.; Mr. Sam Hill, editor Cape Fear Advocate; Mrs. E. J. Sawyer, of Bennettsville, S. C.; and Miss Hattie E. Marshall, of Charleston. Miss Marshall is a teacher in the graded school at Bennettsville.

Miss Maggie Hood and Master Augustus Hill have returned from Livingstone College, to spend their summer vacation at home with parents and friends. Quite a pleasant little social was given at the residence of Bishop J. W. Hood, D.D., on Thursday evening of the 2d, which was enjoyed by all present. The social was given complimentary to Miss G. C. Hood. On Friday Miss Hood parted with relatives and friends to join the gay society of Boston, Mass. We will miss her in our Sunday-school, from our social circles, and other places of amusement, but we gave her the friendly shake, hoping that she will gain friends wherever she goes, and other blessings be bestowed upon her.

The little juvenile class of Evan's Chapel Sunday-school meets every Thursday evening at 4 o'clock. We have enrolled 174, or more, and the exercises are interesting at all times. Mary E. Webb is the organist, a little Miss of 12 or 13 summers. The exercises are conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Hill.

MARY McLEAN.

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.

We congratulate the good people of this city on the bold and manly fight for prohibition. Especially do we congratulate the colored citizens for their part in the fight. The prohibitionists reduced the majority of 429 of one year ago to 40—a gain of 389 of which 245 was in the two colored wards while the white wards gained 144. We all know where the fault is and hope in the next two years to get rid of the devil and his chief engineers.

Marriage in the East.

TARBORO, May 27th.
Our lovely little city was all agog Wednesday evening. Miss Mattie Roberts and Mr. A. L. Blueford were united in matrimony at the A. M. E. Z. Church in the presence of a crowded house of friends and spectators. Rev. J. S. Henderson, pastor, performed the interesting ceremony assisted by Rev. J. H. Manley. Miss Lola Howard, a very beautiful young lady served as first bridesmaid with E. L. Thornton who acted as best man to the groom. The remaining couples served in the following order: Miss Eliza Andrews and Mr. L. W. Exum, Miss Florence Cain and Mr. M. G. Pittman, Miss Penny Newton and Mr. W. H. Hines, Miss Bettie Chapman and Mr. J. L. Faithful. Beauty, grace, taste and culture were manifest all along the line of the wedding party.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Roberts, two very reputable citizens of this aristocratic and historic old town. She has many amiable qualities of mind and heart and is loved by the entire unanimous community. The groom, Mr. Albert L. Blueford, is an A. B. from Lincoln and Principal of the Union High School in this place. He is a young man of very decided parts, able, scholarly, aspiring but religious and grave. May God sanction this union between them and lighten their pathway through life with the flowers of Nature, the music of brooks, the carol of birds and the thrilling and delicious applause of approving friends.

After the marriage ceremony the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents and there passed several hours very delightfully away. Last night came the reception. It was indeed "a feast of reason and a flow of soul."

STILUS.

Tribute of Respect.

The Goldsmith Literary Society met in its regular session on June 7th, and after the usual devotional exercises, the following resolutions were adopted upon the recommendation of the committee on resolutions:

WHEREAS, It has pleased Almighty God in his wise providence to call from our midst to his reward from labor, one of our dear brothers, Wm. M. Phifer, who departed this life on the 29th of May, 1887, and as our brother was in the 18th year of his age, leaving relatives to mourn his loss, therefore,

RESOLVED, That this society freely bow to the will of him, who cannot mistake, and does not err, being in deep sympathy with his relatives, Sunday school and church.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That this society ever hold the name of our brother, sacred in its memory, and that these resolutions be published in the "Charlotte MESSENGER" and a copy of the same be transmitted to his father and mother.

F. E. MOSELY,
Z. HOUGHTON, Jr.
M. MOSELY,
J. COWANS,
W. CARPENTER,
E. MOSELY,
Committee.

Last Week's Paper.

We feel called upon to apologize to our readers for the non-appearance of last weeks paper. The delay was caused by our absence. If our subscribers were more prompt in making payments we would have fewer such delays, as bad pay is at the bottom of all of them. The paper will not be issued next week, as we are away from home attending school closings and trying to collect and widen our circulation.

Miss Laura A Hall one of the graduates of the Normal school at Fayetteville was absent only one day in four years and that on occasion of death. She was tardy twice in the same time.

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.
Wilmington, N. C., May 15, 1887.
WESTBOUND TRAINS.

May 16, 1887.	No. 1. Daily ex. Sunday.	No. 3. Daily ex. Sunday.
Leave Raleigh (R. & A.)	7 25 A.M.	8 00 P.M.
Wilmington,	11 30	7 00 P.M.
Hamlet,	12 50 P.M.	2 33 A.M.
Wadesboro,	2 15	
Charlotte,	4 32	6 55 arrive
Lincolnton,	6 17	
Shelby,	7 40	
Arrive Rutherfordton,	9 10	

May 16, 1887.	No. 2. Daily ex. Sunday.	No. 4. Daily ex. Sunday.
Leave Rutherfordton,	7 15 A.M.	8 45 P.M.
Shelby,	8 48	
Lincolnton,	10 07	
Charlotte,	12 02 P.M.	8 45 P.M.
Wadesboro,	2 30	
Hamlet,	3 38	1 55 A.M.
Maxton,	5 20	
Arrive Wilmington,	9 05	8 00
Raleigh, (R. & A.)		8 35

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