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OUR TRIP EAST.

Greensboro, Cameron, Carthage, Etc.

We have just returned from a trip to several cities and towns in the Eastern part of the State, but as we have spoken of most of them heretofore, we will give them but a passing word, and speak particularly of those above named.

After several days pleasantly spent in Fayetteville, where we witnessed the closing exercises of the State Normal School, we visited

GREENSBORO.

This town is growing more rapidly, we think, than any in the State, just now. It already has more railroad outlets than this city. Within the last year they claim to have built more houses than any town in the State. The C. F. & Y. V. railroad has done more to build up the town than anything. The U. S. Court House is now completed and the postoffice moved into it. The C. F. & Y. V. road have built a fine depot and waiting room. A new market house has been built, and a number of new stores are among the improvements.

A number of the colored people of this town are making rapid progress. Mr. W. E. Holly is one of the most energetic and progressive among them. Mr. D. B. Yancy is also proving that there is intellect and worth in the negro. He is running a successful grocery, a stand in the market, and has a fine horse and turnout to show his friends the city when they visit him. There are a number of colored men owning good property in the city.

We went from Greensboro to

CAMERON.

This little town is growing very rapidly and promises to be the metropolis of the county. It has suffered once very severely from fire and is erecting brick buildings on the principal street. It has two colored churches—Zion Methodist and Presbyterian. Each have very neat buildings near the centre of the town.

The colored people seem to be prospering in this country. Mr. D. C. Evans, a young man of intelligence, has a comfortable residence, and a good tract of land with a good crop on it. Rev. E. W. Dix owns a handsome two-story residence, in which the traveling friend is made comfortable and happy by his pleasant wife, assisted by Miss Sarah Young.

Rev. Mr. Hargraves, of the Presbyterian Church, lives here also, and has a very cozy little cottage.

The town has telephone communication with Carthage, and other points West. A railroad is being graded from Cameron to Carthage. The grading is within about four miles of Carthage. From Cameron, guided by the telephone wire, we started for

CARTHAGE.

This town seems to be at a standstill, though it is the county-seat. The court house is being remodeled, and there is very little other signs of improvement. It is on a very high hill, looking over the country around in every direction for more than twenty miles. We were cared for by that pleasant and hospitable Mrs. D. J. McRae. Mr. McRae is one of the leading contractors in his section. It was our pleasure to meet Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Wood. The Methodist and Presbyterian churches have nice churches here. As we went to this place on horseback, our stay was short. Good crops all along the line tell of the good time coming.

The exercises at Bennett Seminary were fully up to the times. We formed a very favorable impression of the institution.

At Sanford we spent a few hours

with Mr. John Womack and his pleasant wife. Mr. Womack is a successful brick maker and has two kilns nearly ready to burn. Our visits were extended to Fayetteville, Wilmington, Lumberton, Maxton, Laurinburg, Rockingham, Wadesboro and Monroe.

In Wilmington we attended a concert in the City Hall, given by the Acme Club. The audience was not large, but we are satisfied that Wilmington has fine musical talent. The recitation by Mr. Thomas Knight deserves special mention.

At Wadesboro, on last Friday, the public school, taught by Mr. G. J. Melton, gave a picnic. A large number of friends were out and enjoyed the baseball and pleasant breezes on the hill. At night the exhibition and closing exercises were had in the Methodist Church. The dialogues, recitations and music were all good, and the patrons and pupils were all happy.

NOT DEAD YET.

The unkindest cut of all coming from our exchanges, yet seen by us, comes from Star of Zion edited by Hon. J. C. Dancy. We do not take his words as a joke, for he knew too much about the paper when he was writing. The MESSENGER is not dead yet. The MESSENGER lives on its subscription and advertising patronage. Mr. Dancy is a beneficiary of Zion connection, and if the Star had to live on its legitimate earnings as the MESSENGER does, it would have been dead or changed hands long ago. The Star receives from \$800 to \$1,000 a year from the general tax in addition to the the subscriptions; yet he is not able to pay the indebtedness of the paper; if he did so, it might be of some pecuniary advantage to the MESSENGER. Do you take on?

The MESSENGER has not "gone the way of all the earth." The editor went off on a collecting trip, leaving the paper in the hands of friends, but as we had no professors, &c., to give their time, our paper failed to appear two or three times. The MESSENGER is a permanent institution, and we appear again to-day, and intend to keep the reputation of being the best colored newspaper in the State, and by our own hard work, without the special care of any church or society, we mean to pay our bills before they are overdue a year. When our delinquent subscribers and our debtors pay up more promptly Bro. Dancy will be able to read the MESSENGER every Saturday morning.

BENNETT SEMINARY.

Our first visit to this institution was during the commencement exercises two weeks ago. We received a cordial welcome from the faculty, and were well pleased with all we saw. They have an excellent tract of land, finely situated, with two splendid buildings, with several other smaller buildings. The Kent home is the dormitory for the girls. This is a frame building, but one of the handsomest in the city. The main building is a large, four-story brick structure, with chapel, recitation rooms and dormitory.

The attendance this year was about 130, and the health of the students excellent. The closing exercises took place on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 6th, 7th and 8th inst. They equalled any exercises we have heard. The music was excellent, the essays and orations were fine, and the prize speeches and debates would do credit to the best institutions of the country. There were about ten to finish the normal course—two received diplomas, while the others will enter the college department next year.

By special invitation we took tea with Prof. Steel and family. He is an earnest, hardworking Christian gentleman, and has a very pleasant, zealous christian wife. Through them a great christian work is being done for the freedmen in this State.

LAURINBURG, N. C., June 14.

MR. W. C. SMITH—Dear Sir:—Please let me speak to the public through your paper of our grand Sabbath School Exhibition, held here June 10th.

It was the best we ever had here. The children spoke well, and acted well, and sang well. I don't think that the cities can beat them much, and if our girls and boys here had the opportunity the children in cities have,

would compete with them in climbing the ladder of fame.

On Sunday, the 12th, the Childrens' Exercises came off at 3 o'clock, at the church, known as the Childrens' Day Exercise. They went through the programme as well as any children I ever saw any where. The girls led the boys, and we had several speeches by different ones on Scripture. Every thing was carried out very nicely. All the young people around here at Laurinburg are ashamed, but they will come to the front and stand as high as any people.

Please let me give you the names of the ones that stood in the front of our grand exercises and led us through.

- 1. E. W. Morten, Superintendent.
2. Miss Kate Hayes.
3. Miss Martha Morten.
4. Miss Herriet Louis.

Miss Cynthia Smith, daughter of Rev. W. H. Smith and Marsella Smith, has returned home from Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C. She was in school six months and twenty-one days. She made good use of her time. She never had a day's sickness, thank the good Lord.

Yours truly,

W. H. SMITH.

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EASTBOUND TRAINS.

Table with columns: Date, No. 2, No. 4. Includes Leave Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton, Charlotte, Wadesboro, Hamlet, Maxton, Arrive Wilmington, Raleigh (R&A).

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