

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.

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. STADE, pastor.

LOCAT. ANNOUNCEMENT. After the 9th of July we will receipt for only 3, 6, and 12 months subscriptions at the following rates: 3 months, 50 cents; 6 months, 75 cents; one year, \$1.50.

Mr. ED. HAGLER is authorized to solicit and collect subscriptions for the MESSENGER, and takes charge of our city list. Subscribers will please settle with him.

Rev. R. P. Wyche has gone to visit relatives in the east and rest up a month. We publish this week a long and interesting letter from Mr. Harlee. Read it.

The Oak City brass band of Raleigh accompanied the excursionist last Wednesday. The excursion advertised to run to Atlanta on the 13th has been postponed till the 20th.

We were mistaken as to the death of Mr. James Jones last week. It was George Jones.

Miss Addie McKnight was in the city on the 4th, taking vacation and seeing the sights.

Miss Ella Green spent one day and night in the city this week. She is rusticated at McAdenville.

There were great crowds in the city on Thursday and as we predicted, good order was had throughout the day.

Everybody is now expecting a full harvest and all want to have the best paper in the State. Take the MESSENGER.

This city boasts some very fine very fine country melons this week. 45 and 50 pounds are common on the streets and sell very cheap.

Mrs. Johnson, wife of Rev. Wm. Johnson, is just now recovering from severe attack of fever. We are glad to know she is able to be out again.

Grace Sunday school has something rich in store for the people of Charlotte. A musical and literary entertainment will be given in a few weeks.

The rally at Grace church is tomorrow week, the 14th, instead of tomorrow. It is hoped that the whole town will turn out once and give them a good collection.

We counted seven balls open to festivals last Thursday evening—six on College street. It is hoped all

did well, as the object was to make money and have fun.

The grand rally at Grace Church is tomorrow week. Let all friends to Zion and christianity help them.

Bishop Lomax preached at Ebenezer Baptist Church last Sunday afternoon, a collection was taken to finish paying for the recent improvements in the Church.

The rains of the early part of this week did much damage, causing freshets in the streams and it is feared, much damage to growing cotton.

Rev. D. J. Sanders of the Presbyterian, R. E. Grier of Matthews, Rev. G. S. Leeper of Gastonia, Mr. Ed. Hunter of Raleigh were among the passengers on the excursion train last Wednesday.

Rev. R. H. Stitt will be away from the city tomorrow. The pulpit of his Church will be filled during the day. Rev. J. B. Colbert, one of Livingstone's rising sons of Zion is expected at night.

The Central Hotel of this city goes back into the hands of the old proprietor, Mr. H. C. Eccles. He took charge Thursday morning. Seville and Brockenbrough retires.

The excursion from Raleigh came in last Wednesday evening on the Carolina Central road and brought a military company, fire company, base ball club and a number of citizens.

The first game of ball between the Nationals of Raleigh and the Fearless of this city, was played last Wednesday evening, resulting in 7 to 1 in favor of the Fearless. Six innings were played.

The Charlotte Daily Observer has suspended and made an assignment for the benefit of its creditors. Col. Chas. R. broke loose from his party last year and it has run over him and ground him down. He was too independent and ambitious to be a democrat and too timid to be a republican. The Col. is one of our best newspaper men and we are sorry to see him fail.

The news from Kentucky startles the democrats. They supposed the blue grass State would give the usual 40,000 majority, but she came very near going republican. That looks like a slap at the administration. Mr. Carlisle is doomed—aye, the democratic party is doomed. The handwriting on the wall is seen and read, and the King is made—so is his party. "Whom the gods would destroy, &c."

Travel Hindered. Travel was hindered this week on Air Line, three C.'s, and the Carolina Central. Passengers were shut off from Rutherfordton, there being three washouts west of Lincolnton. Trains on the C. C. road ran to Lincolnton only. There was a washout on the three C's road near Mooresboro, and one on the Air-Line near Atlanta, at which mails were transferred and the excursion prevented from coming.

Excursion to Statesville. Clinton Chapel and the First Baptist Sabbath schools have decided to run an excursion to Statesville on the 23rd inst. The two Sabbath Schools will go together and share the expenses and profits. Rev. Blackwell will endeavor to make it pleasant for that go.

Free at Last. Blind Tom's mother has won the suit in the U.S. District at Baltimore, against Bethune, who held Tom as a slave. Judge Bond decided that Tom's mother should have him in preference to his white master who has become rich from the concerts which Tom made so interesting throughout the world by his wonderful performances on the piano.

The Bethune family held Tom's parents as a slave before emancipation, and despite the efforts of his mother who has tried to get him from them, they have held him and made thousands of dollars on him. The court ordered this man Bethune to pay over to Tom's mother seven thousand dollars and give him his freedom.

It is a Pleasure. writes Mrs. Eliza Ann Smith, of Vermillion, Erie Co. Ohio, to tell the ladies everywhere that nothing surpasses Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic for all irregularities. "It cured me when the physicians and all other remedies failed."

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Grand Rally. Rev. R. H. Stitt requests us to announce that Grace Church will make special efforts on the second Sunday in August to raise money to make a payment on their lot. They have bought on B street between 3d and 4th, and ask the public to turn out to-morrow week and give their assistance. Credit will be given to all persons for what they give, and it is hoped the contributions will be many and liberal. Remember the day, August 14th.

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