

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. LAUGHTON, 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. 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. STADE, 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.

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LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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Rev. P. J. Holmes, P. O. box 73, Rockingham, N. C., is the Supreme Governor of the Universal Brotherhood of North Carolina.

NEW AGENTS.—Miss S. F. Young, Cameron; J. E. Smith, Fayetteville; B. B. Hill, Wilmington; R. E. Grier, Matthews; I. I. Walker, Salisbury; G. H. Henderson, Washington, D. C.

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. E. M. Collett will have special service at the M. E. church to-morrow night. Rev. Wm. Johnson's congregation will go over and help them.

The meetings have closed on Rev. Wm. Johnson's work. At Rockwell he had twenty-five converts and nine at Little Rock. He reports 53 conversions and 117 accessions to the church on his work.

Charlotte is now a full fledged city. It has street cars, electric lights, telephones, water-works, paid fire department, electric fire alarm and uniformed letter carriers.

Our graded school opened last Monday with a good attendance. We have the same teachers as last year, except that Miss Victoria Richardson takes Mrs. M. W. Alston's place.

We regret to learn through private letter that McBuie, manager of Tokay vineyard, near Fayetteville, took it upon himself to shoot a nigger one day last week. We failed to learn the particulars.

It is announced that a representative of the Industrial Association will be here on the 26th. Hon. J. H. Harris or Hon. E. W. Turner will speak here. We hope our people will turn out and hear them.

Livingstone College will open next Wednesday, and a full attendance is expected in the beginning. The Industrial building is about completed. This gives them three large brick buildings besides the frame buildings. A year or two more and this college will be a step ahead of any institute of learning in the South, in buildings, faculty and attendance.

On last Sabbath Rev. R. H. Stitt took in the punch cards that were out and took a collection for the new church, fifty-five dollars and seventy-nine cents (\$55.79) were raised during the day. All the cards did not come in and the remainder will be taken to-morrow and added to last Sunday's collection. Rev. Stitt is much encour-

aged with the progress of his work, for it is indeed prospering finely. They will soon have a new house of worship.

Personal.

Rev S. F. Wentz preached for Rev. R. H. Stitt at Grace church last Sunday night.

Rev. J. S. Caldwell was in the city last Saturday. As the other ministers, he reports his work in good order.

Prof. J. O. Crosby and J. C. Dancy, of Salisbury, were in the city last Saturday.

Prof. A. B. Vincent, of Shaw University, was in the city this week and lectured at the first Baptist Church Monday night.

Rev. R. S. Reeves left last Monday night to visit his mother in Moore county.

Misses Annie Alston and Belle Butler are in the city. Their stopping places are the same as last year.

Miss Zilphia Lewis is in the city, stopping with Mrs. Alice Morehead. She will teach here this fall.

Mrs. G. Friday has returned home after a visit of several weeks to relatives in Warrenton.

Miss Sallie Hall returned home last week, and is now busily at work in the graded school.

Miss Nora Tyler returned home from Matthews last week, after spending a couple of months with the children.

Rev. R. C. Collins was in the city last Tuesday. He has closed his protracted meeting with fourteen converts. He is now preparing to seat his new church.

Mrs. Lucy Shepard spent two or three days in Gaston county this week recuperating. She visited the "old plantation" and "old massa and old missus." She says, while "the old home ain't what it use to be," things look natural. She is delighted with her visit to McAdenville.

Will They Lynch Him.

On the 21st of August, Miss Julia A. Ross, a white woman cloped with Chas Burton a colored man, both of Anson county. It seems that Miss Ross was of good family, and Ross was a married man. And now away up in Connecticut a young white lady of good family blacks herself and runs off and marries her fathers black coachman. Something is wrong with the laws of our land or our people

Picking Cotton.

The fields are now white with the lint and scores of our people are going out every day to pick cotton. Women and children can by this employment make pocket change, but the prices paid for picking is very poor. If pickers were more discreet and less eager they might get 50 cents per hundred, for it cannot stay in the field. They have done without the cotton to pick all summer. Off from towns 50 cents is paid.

Fayetteville News.

From a private we learn diptheria is still raging in Fayetteville and many deaths have occurred from it.

Bishop Hood's daughter Maude who has had a very serious time of it, is improving and thought to be entirely out of danger.

Messrs. J. W. Byrd and J. F. K. Simson are visiting Tokay, and some of the girls are having a pleasant time.

The excursion so Goldsboro run by Evans Chapel, will leave on the morning of the 21st—next Wednesday.

Andrew, Charles and Peter Hogans and the McSwain brothers who have been in New York several years, arrived home last week. Peter's wife is said to be a beautiful Irish lady.

One Brigman, with whisky in his head and pistol in his hand thought he would take charge of the C. F. & Y. V., freight train here Saturday evening, but Conductor Goddard being of a different opinion throttled him. About that time Marshal Smith appeared upon the scene and marched Brigman off to the lockup.—There is talk of a \$25,000 hotel at Red Springs. With such men as Captain O. H. Blocker, of Maxton, and Mr. Archd. McQueen, of Plain View, at the helm we don't see why the enterprise should not prove a success.—Saturday was horse-swapping day, and swap they did. We heard one man say he counted 360 portables come in, from an ox cart to a fine two-horse phaeton.—Carolina Union.

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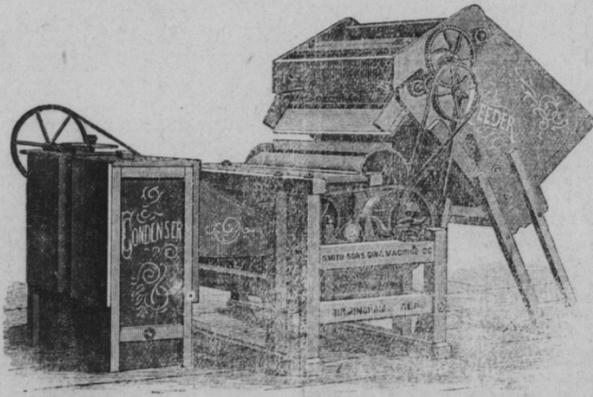
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