

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. COLLIER, 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.

Episcopal 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. WYNE, 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. W. J. JOHNSON, pastor.

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LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

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

If your paper has a blue mark on it this week, it will simply mean we are compelled to discontinue sending it to you until you settle up. We regret to stop it, but cannot send it after the blue mark appears.

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.

Mt. Zion Bulletin is the name of a small monthly paper published in Wilmington by Rev. S. J. Aldridge, in the interest of his church.

The *Commonwealth* is the latest to reach us. It is published every Thursday in Mansfield, Penn. Thos. Ayers is business manager.

There are at least a dozen newspapers published in the State by colored men. Why not endorse Bro Hill's suggestion and all meet one day during fair week and have an understanding in all things that concern our business. Fix a time and place, Bro. Outlook.

The concert for the benefit of Grace church will be given next Friday night, and it is hoped that it will be well patronized by the friends. Every reader of this paper in the city is earnestly begged to help make this concert a success, and help push forward the work of this new church.

The fall session of the Catawba Presbytery was held at Lloyd church this week. Several ministers and delegates passed through the city.

The Concord District conference was held at Mooresville this week, Rev. J. A. Tyler presiding. The churches make good reports and intend to hold the banner still.

The Social Club enjoyed a very pleasant entertainment at Mrs. Gray Toole's last Monday night. Refreshments were served in abundance, and all were happy.

The Oriole Literary had a very pleasant meeting at Mrs. Houser's last Monday night. Hon. E. W. Turner, Mr. J. L. Montgomery, of Concord, Mr. W. E. Henderson, of Salisbury, and Mr. Ed. Hagler, were present and made speeches. Mrs. W. E. Henderson and Mrs. Annie McBee were also present.

News comes to us that a colored man named Burt Williams was struck by a pistol ball intended for another in Laurinburg last Saturday night. Williams was a fireman on the C. C.

Railroad, and only a spectator at the festival. There was a row between two others.

With this issue we start the MESSENGER to city subscribers by the letter carriers. If you fail to get your paper Saturday morning please inform us at once, and don't wait a week and more to tell us. We want you to have the paper and hope you will aid us in finding out the reason you do not get it.

Livingstone College has a new professor and a new matron. The new matron is Mrs. Grace Waddy of Greensboro who used to sing with the Hampton Jubilee singers. The new professor takes the place of Prof. Noble. He is a recent graduate of Yale, the leading institution of learning in America. That is a sufficient guarantee that he is "well up in his books." Mrs. Morris the former matron takes charge of the sewing department.

An old white woman named Anna Hagood, died last Sunday in the eastern part of the city. She had lived alone in an unsavory part of the city for a number of years and had saved up enough to leave \$500 in cash in the bank besides other property. It is said she has relatives in South Carolina, but if they cannot be found, it would be a good idea to turn this money over to the house of refuge for women, in which this woman had much to do with causing the need of.

A literary entertainment will be given at the Graham street M. E. church next Wednesday night, by Messrs. J. P. Morris and J. D. Chavis of Clark University, Atlanta, and Misses C. E. Dorsette and Mary Waugh, of Bennett Seminary. Admission, 15 cents, or 25 cents for lady and gentlemen.

Turn out and give them a good audience, and have a literary treat yourself.

Personals.

Miss Mary Walker of Chester S. C. passed through the city for Salisbury last Monday, where she entered Livingstone College.

Miss Ella Cantey returned home from her school in Anson county. She will enter Scotia next month.

Miss Annie Colbert passed through the city last Saturday on her way to Lancaster to visit her parents. She will return to Scotia soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Henderson of Salisbury spent last Monday and Tuesday with Mrs. Bishop Lomax.

Miss Lula Connor, Miss Houston and Mrs. Houston of Davidson College, stopped at Goode's hotel last Monday.

Rev. J. B. Colbert and J. W. Colbert were in the city last week. They return to Livingstone and will graduate next May.

W. C. Coleman of Concord, J. D. Bibb of Ala, E. W. Turner of Kittrells were among the guests at Goode's last Monday.

Senator John Sherman of Ohio and Senator Wm. Mahone of Virginia will be at the colored fair.

Mr. Pegues, the new professor at Shaw University will be one of the speakers at the approaching fair.

Mr. Rivere of Wilmington has spent the better part of this week here with an eye to business.

Rev. I. D. Davis and Mr. Virgil Ramsour of Lincolnton were in the city this week attending the Presbytery near here.

Mr. T. J. Weddington returned from Atlanta last Wednesday morning after an absence of five months, much improved in health.

Mr. Johnston F. White left us last Thursday for Rock Hill, S. C., where he will remain till time to enter the medical school at Raleigh.

Miss A. A. Wood returned to the city this week from Mt. Holly. She has just closed a very pleasant session of school. She enjoyed her work much, and is now prepared to enter Bennett Seminary.

Mrs. Robert Hayes has been quite sick the last two weeks. We are glad to learn that she is improving. Miss Maggie Davis, who was reported dead last Sunday, is very much improved.

Where Do You Trade?

There is a good number of business houses of all classes in this city, and nearly all of them have the reputation of having polite clerks and selling goods cheap; but there are a few of which we can speak and direct our readers to do their trading. These gentlemen have had their attention called to the special needs of the poor people, and selected and bought goods at such prices that they can suit every class of buyer, in goods and prices.—They have not only an eye to the poor man in buying, but they have an eye to finding and accommodating the colored people as well. Look over the columns of this paper, and see who advertise herein. It is in these houses we would direct your trade.

HARGRAVES & ALEXANDER

have the second largest dry goods store in the city, and is one of the oldest and most reliable houses. They keep no job lot goods from Northern houses compelled to sell the goods from their shelves on account of age, dust, &c., but they keep fresh goods in the latest styles. They have a set of accommodating and polite clerks. They show their appreciation of the colored trade by advertising in the colored people's paper, and for this, and the genuine bargains to be had there, the colored people should continue to trade with them. Every Tuesday they sell certain articles for less than cost. Go next Tuesday and see if it isn't true.

H. BARUCH

is selling ladies' wear, gentlemen's wear, and dry goods generally, from a broadcloth suit to cotton towels, but they are making a specialty of corsets. This is the banner house of the State, and when you go there you will see anything you want.

E. M. ANDREWS

is now receiving and has on hand the largest lot of furniture and musical instruments ever in this city. New styles of new goods are coming from the factory every day. If you would get a bargain in furniture, you should go to E. M. Andrews.

H. B. KENNEDY

has one of the fullest and freshest stocks of groceries in the city. If there was no other reason, the convenience of this store should induce all on ward 3 to trade there. It is on south Graham street, in the midst of the colored people. Standard and fancy groceries and all kinds of country produce always on hand. Then he sells cheap. Give him a call, and if you don't ask for credit he will give you as good a bargain as any one in the city.

A. W. CALVIN

is not always in his store, but when he is out the polite fat man is there. Being on the main street he is convenient to all. Groceries and country produce are always found here cheap and fresh. We ask the readers of this paper to trade with him. By building up one of our own we build up ourselves.

If you forget the places look over this paper and refresh the memory. Hargraves & Alexander, H. Baruch, H. B. Kennedy, A. W. Calvin, A. E. Rankin & Bro.

Read the new advertisement of T. L. Seigle & Co., and give them a call.

Wedding Bells.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Dr. J. T. Williams, of this city, to Miss Mary Eleanor Killian, of Raleigh, on the afternoon of the 6th inst., at the residence of the bride's parents.

Invitations are out also for a reception at Dixonville Baptist church in Salisbury to Rev. J. O. Crosby and bride, Miss Elmira Richards, of Herbert, S. C. They will be married on the 12th, and the reception will be on the 18th inst.

The Vagrant Law.

Some of our city papers have been calling attention to the number of idlers on our streets and suggested the enforcement of the vagrant law. Idlers are dangerous, and we know of no class more dangerous than the professional tramp. Our citizens are continually disturbed by this class of vagrants, and as the fall comes on us they grow more plentiful. Every day or so some of our neighbors are telling us of robust healthy looking white

men calling at their doors asking for something to eat. There is work a plenty in the country just now for all to get something to do.

The Colored Fair.

Hon. E. W. Turner came in the city last Monday to address the people on the fair. No meeting was gotten up for him, hence he did not speak. The fact of the people holding no meeting is no evidence that our people do not appreciate the Industrial Fair. It is true we are a long ways off, but we can go ourselves and send up exhibits of our field crops and our handy work.

The association has not been represented in this part of the State, and Mr. Turner's coming was not advertised among us except a local notice in this paper a week previous. The editor gladly aids in all such enterprises, but could get no information concerning the fair. Then he has been from home four-fifths of the time during the last two months.

It is hoped that Mecklenburg county will have a larger representation at the fair this year than ever before, and we urge upon our people the importance of going themselves and of sending up for exhibition praiseworthy articles from their gardens, fields, shops, and the work of the hand, such as painting, needle work, &c. The premium list is now ready, and may be had by addressing the secretary. Railroad rates will be very low, and one will not only see and learn much, but will have a pleasant time socially. Go and have a good time.

McNeill-Mendenhall Wedding.

As we failed to reach Greensboro to attend the wedding of our friend, W. H. McNeill, of Fayetteville, to Miss Isabella Mendenhall, of Greensboro, we copy the following from the North Carolina Gazette. A handsome reception was given the bridal party by Mr. Jas. R. McNeill, the groom's father. It is one of the handsomest couples in the State. The Gazette says:

"Wednesday morning the city was in commotion, for something unusual was about to take place. Carriages and buggies were in demand. Well dressed gentlemen strangers to the inhabitants of Greensboro were seen on the streets. Beautiful and fine dressed ladies, married and single, were seen wending their way to the Methodist Episcopal church where the marriage ceremony would be performed. Precisely at 8:30 o'clock the bridal party arrived in the following order:

Mr. Thos. H. McNeil and Miss C. E. Jones, Mr. J. B. Henderson and Miss L. B. McNeil, Mr. A. W. Smith and Miss Alice Unthank, Mr. Willis Jones and Miss Mary Dunn, Mr. Thos. Wright, and Miss Emma McAdoo, Mr. J. W. Freeman, and Miss Rosa Geron, the groom and bride.

As the merry party entered the beautiful church the organ pealed forth the wedding march in beautiful strains. Miss Emmerson performing. The bride's attendants filled the right and left aisle of the church and the happy pair approached to the centre, where the marriage ceremony was admirably gone through with by Elder Gibson, the most handsome minister we ever saw. After which the merry couple received the congratulations of their host of friends and in the midst of these took leave of friends and parents, returned to their carriages followed by the attendants to the depot and boarded the cars for their future home where we hope they will live long in peace and happiness."

Monster Rattlesnakes.

Danville (Va.) Register.

Mr. Coleman Goin, of Ararat, in this county, last week, killed a monster rattlesnake near his home. The skin when taken off, measured five feet in length, and held a peck of bran. The snake had eighteen rattles, and had swallowed a full grown squirrel a short time before killed.

Captain James Boyd beats this. His boys last week while pulling fodder on his place near Stuart, saw a large rattlesnake run under a ledge of rock in the field. The boys moved a large rock, when their astonished gaze, they beheld a full nest of rattlesnakes; they went for them and soon dispatched seventeen—two very large ones, with fifteen rattles each, the others running in size from twelve to eighteen inches in length.

Mr. Green Ingram, of the Meadows of Dan, also reports a large snake killed by one of his neighbors. This one seems to be the champion snake, as it is claimed by good authority that it was ten feet long. This is a good year for snakes as well as all kinds of cereals.

If you would keep up with times, you should take this paper, read it, write for it, and help make a good history for your race.

SPECIAL BARGAINS.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE THEM.

One case of calicoes at 4 1/2 cents per yard.
One case calicoes, good print, at 5 cents per yard.

Big lot Boucle Jerseys at 75 cents, former price, \$2.00.

See our new line of DRESS GOODS; they are beauties; 12 1/2c. per yard up.

Handsome line of Boy's, Youth's and Gent's Clothing, from \$2 to \$25 a suit.

Carpets and Rugs at Bottom Prices.

T. L. SEIGLE & CO.

DRESS GOODS.

Our 48-inch all wool Henriettas in the new shades are selling right along. Our Chandron cloths are another new goods out this season and selling.

OUR FLANNEL TRICOTS AND FANCY PLAID FLANNELS

ARE THE CHEAPEST WE EVER HAVE HAD.

Handsome black and colored Surahs at 68 cents and 1.00 per yard. Our 97 cent black silk is the best value to be found in the city. Remember it is just as we say. Handsome beaded Passimentries to match. Gros Grain Silks, Armure Silks, Faille Francais Silks, Silk Rhadames, &c. You must ask to see our stock and then you can appreciate our values. Black and colored Gros Grain Silks at 75 cents per yard. All colors in Moire Velvets. Big stock MOURNING goods with trimmings to match.

Silk Warp Henriettas

At \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.38, and \$1.50 per yard.

Handsome Silk Warp Melrose Cloth at \$1.50 per yard.

WRAPS, WRAPS,

For everybody. Handsome London made Jackets and Visites in all the new street shades, and the loveliest Children's Garments from 4 to 8 years old ever shown here. They are Imported Goods, and every one different. Don't fail to see them.

MOURNING JACKETS AND VISITES.

Silk and Jute Upholstery Goods Boucle Jerseys, 75 cents. Large stock of Table Linens, Napkins, &c.

BLANKETS, BLANKETS;

FROM 75 CENTS TO \$15 PER PAIR.

DON'T FORGET

To see our new Kid Gloves in new shades—Apple, Green, Garnet, Mahogany, Pace, Heliotrope, &c., in plain and embroidered. Swade Kids from 75 cents up. A line of Black Kids at 48 cents per pair.

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