

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. LAUGHON, 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. 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.

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LOCAL 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.

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.

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.

Bishop Hood was in the city last Sunday en-route to Moore's Sanctuary, where he preached an eloquent sermon.

Livingstone College reports, through the *Star of Zion*, 110 students this week. Why not run the roll up to 250?

A great many young ladies passed through the city this week for Scotia Seminary. Three hundred are expected this year.

The colored fair opens next Monday week. If you are not prepared, get ready. Mr. Sherman and Mr. Mahone will be there and thousands of others.

Prof. Sinclair, a graduate of Harvard University and Andover College, is likely to become a member of Livingstone College faculty.—*Star of Zion*.

The minutes of the District S. S. convention, held at Monroe, are now ready for sale and may be had by applying to Rev. R. H. Stitt, Charlotte.

We were mistaken as to Prof. Skinner of Livingstone College, being a graduate of Yale. We are informed that he is from a high school in Connecticut.

The Yorkville S. C. District Conference will convene at Rock Hill on the 26th inst. We would like much to be there and if we are not this paper will be represented.

The pillars for the frame of Grace church are now ready and waiting. Work will begin on it in earnest in a few days, when it will be pushed to a rapid completion.

The delegates elected to the annual Conference from the District Conference are: Mr. A. S. Hubbard of Monroe, Dr. J. T. Williams of Charlotte, and Mr. S. H. Hunter of Dallas.

Absence from the city causes the scarcity of locals this week.

Rev. R. H. Stitt will leave for Livingstone college Monday morning.

The case against J. I. Green for burglary was called yesterday morning. The whole of the forenoon was spent in securing a jury.

The principal part of this week in the criminal court is occupied with cases against white men. The charges embrace nearly the entire list.

Among the visitors in the city this week were Messrs. J. E. Hamlin of Raleigh, A. S. Hubbard of Monroe, S. H. Hunter of Dallas, Miss Emma Davis of Monroe, Revs. J. S. Caldwell, J. B. Colbert, H. L. Simmons.

Robeson county's sheriff is reported to be behind and the commissioners have appointed a tax collector. Something is wrong with several other counties. Cumberland is in ticklish state.

We see from exchanges that Mr. T. T. Fortune will no longer publish the *New York Freeman*. Mr. Fortune was the best colored editor in the country and he will be badly missed from our racks. We sincerely trust that he will return to his work after he has rested up.

We have spent the greater part of this week out of the city, looking after the interest of the MESSENGER. We are glad to say the paper is rapidly growing in favor with the people. We secured 25 new subscribers in one day.

Bonds or no bonds, that's the question. Whether the city will pay a debt of \$30,000 by a direct tax from our pockets and stop the street work, the graded schools, put out the electric lights, &c or issue bonds to run thirty years at 5 per cent. Which will you have?

We were glad to meet Mr. W. H. Houser last Sunday. He spent several days at home with his family, and reports his work progressing finely. He is building a large cotton factory near Ellenboro, and has calls to build two others. Mr. H. is one of our most successful brick contractors, and has a family of brick masons—four sons—all good workmen.

An election is to be held in this city on the 7th of November to get the sense of the people as to whether or not they will issue bonds to the amount of \$50,000. As in all elections the understrickers are at work to make a dollar and they care not whether their neighbors are hurt or not so they get the dollar. Men should understand the question and think and vote for themselves.

The criminal court is in session this week, with Judge Meares presiding. There are three capital cases to be tried, two for murder and one for burglary. J. I. Green will be tried for burglary of Mr. Yates' house. Sam Deberry for the murder of Jules Robinson. Baxter Grier and McKee Jordan were tried for the murder of Robert Grier. This is the most interesting session of this court for some time.

A Good Man.

Our attention was one day this week called to a commendable act of a good hearted white gentleman in South Carolina. His name is Mr. G. W. Goodwin of Brightsville, S. C. Mr. Goodwin gave to a congregation of colored people under Rev. S. J. Adams, four acres of land, afterwards loaned them \$127 eight months without interest, to build, and when the note was paid he made them a present of \$50. The church is now called Goodwins chapel. Such acts of kindness from friends are appreciated by the heads of the church and leaders of our race and we are always ready to acknowledge and express our gratitude for such acts as the above, and this good man has the prayers of our people.

Rest and change are good for people, the physicians aver," said the wife as she rose at night to rifle her husband's pockets. "I had a rest, and now I'm going through these pockets for a little change."—*Boston Courier*.

"Do look at that beautiful woman standing on the shore!" exclaimed Mrs. Popinjay, who was spending a fortnight at one of the popular resorts on the Jersey coast. "She fairly has a halo around her head, like a pictured saint." "Nonsense, my dear!" exclaimed Mr. Popinjay. "That's mosquitoes."—*Burlington Free Press*.

Wadesboro District Conference.

The Wadesboro District Conference and Sunday School Convention were held in Rockingham this week. It was the pleasure of the writer to see one of the largest Sunday school conventions yet witnessed by him. There were about fifty delegates present, who reported a membership of 2,099 Sunday school scholars in the district. The Sunday school convention will be held separate from the District Conference after this, and the time and place of meeting of the Sunday-school convention was fixed—Wadesboro, N. C., the second Wednesday in August, 1888.

The convention met on Tuesday, and adjourned Wednesday evening. Among the delegates we noticed a large number of females, and do congratulate the district upon the fine appearance and intellectual bearing of the ladies generally, who gave their presence each session.

Mr. Thomas Mask was President of the Sunday school convention, and displayed much ability and fairness in his rulings.

Presiding Elder Simmons presided over the District Conference. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. R. S. Rives of the Charlotte District. It was a fine, scholarly sermon, and was highly spoken of by all who heard it. Both conventions were largely attended by delegates and visitors, and all were well provided for by the good and hospitable people. Rev. P. J. Holmes and Mr. Mask deserve the praise for the successful management and care for the people.

A successful concert and festival was given on Wednesday night, at which Mr. J. C. Dancy delivered one of his best speeches. Mr. D. is growing in favor as an orator, and speaks with more eloquence and effect than a few years past. In his efforts, he endeavors to set forth the possibilities of the Negro, and his efforts in themselves are among the best evidences. About \$50 were realized at the entertainment.

Many beautiful solos, duets, quartettes and choruses were rendered with splendid effect. Here again the writer was forcibly struck by the beauty, grace, and songs of the young ladies, among whom we might mention: Miss Julia Wall, of Laurinburg, who sang two solos that won the applause of all; Misses N. S. and A. G. Freeman, N. R. Ellerbe, Jennett Holmes, Ida Mask, C. H. and S. M. Leak, who took part in the songs and choruses.

Rev. D. J. Sanders was here at the time, looking after the interests of the A. A. Presbyterian. The MESSENGER was very liberally patronized. May the good people of this district ever remain in peace and harmony.

Guilty or Not Guilty.

In the criminal court this week, Grier and Jordan, two white men, were tried for murdering Robert Grier, colored, a few weeks ago. The indictment against them was manslaughter; the verdict of the jury, not guilty. The prosecution was ably conducted by Mr. G. E. Wilson, the solicitor, and the defense was conducted by Jones & Tillett.

The evidence in the case is—Grier and Jordan were deputized by a J. P. to arrest Robt Grier, which they did and took him to the jail door where he escaped from them. They returned to the neighborhood of his father and being armed with guns, secreted themselves to wait for him. He approached near them in the dark; they hailed him and fired and he fell dead. The jury gave a verdict of not guilty and the prisoners were discharged.

This was a very aggravated case; one in which a man charged with a crime, is, without judge or jury outlawed and shot down on the highway and the slayers go free. The victim was surprised by the slayers in the dark, and the evidence shows that no rearrest was attempted and he never knew who shot him; but the jury said the shooting was justifiable, so we must submit to the decision of the court. Colored men, you must learn to love and obey the law and always keep on the side of law. We must suffer persecution a few years longer, for we believe that our God is purging us and fitting us to once more become the greatest race on the face of the earth. Trust in God and do the right.

Town Talk.

Everybody is well pleased with Mrs. J. T. Williams. She is also pleased with Charlotte.

The town girls are awful glad the Biddle boys have returned; if they never marry, they make good company.

The girl that goes so constantly with a married student is informed that she is the subject of many remarks. Does she know he is married?

The actors in the Grace Church concert were from nearly all the colored churches in the city. It ought to be repeated.

Rev. C. C. Petty preached a Clinton Chapel last Sunday night. Wonder if he is afraid to go to Grace church? If he is treated as Mr. Young was he had better not go there.

It is thought that neither Rives nor Tyler should be sent to preside over this district next year, because each has made it hard for the other.

The Clinton Chapel concert failed on account of treachery and bulldozing by the superintendent. In killing Young's concert he killed his own.

Two young men of this city refused to assist bury a young lady of one of the best families because their bosses objected and the lady had joined another church. May the good Lord deliver them when they come to die.

The gayest belles of the city are those that have been ringed and charming longest—10, 12, or 15 years has no effect upon some young ladies. For style, beaux and talking, they can't be beat.

A certain gentleman was about to ask a young lady for her company home, but when he learned she had to go about two miles he changed the subject. That fellow ought to be spotted. Girls, he wears a derby.

Clinton Chapel will stand near the head in membership in church and Sunday School in its reports at the Conference, but Grace will head the list in work done during the Conference year. No church in the Conference will have as brilliant report to make as Grace Church.

The editor of the MESSENGER ought to get married and get out of the way. He would have a better paper, more readers and would be happier. Then the realities of an unknown life would no longer be an uncertainty with him and —

The reception to Dr. Williams and bride at Mrs. Bratton's was one of the biggest things in town lately. The one by the Winona at Mr. Rattley's was no less pleasant. NANCY.

To Business Men.

We call the attention of the business men of this city to the value of the MESSENGER as an advertising medium. There are about 5,000 colored people in this city, and nearly all of them are to some extent influenced by this paper. Will it not pay you to ask for a share of their patronage through their own organ? The colored people spend not less than \$3,000 a week here for clothing, groceries, &c., and their trade is principally cash. The MESSENGER advises and urges its readers to patronize the stores that advertise with us. Several of our best houses have found it expedient to keep their advertisement in our columns.

The MESSENGER reaches a large class of people who spend much money that cannot be reached by any other paper in the city. Is not this worth your consideration? Our rates are very low, and it will certainly pay you to advertise in the MESSENGER. We have a good circulation in the city and county, as well as all the neighboring towns.

Our policy and politics are not directed to suit the business men, but our readers. If our politics were anything than what they are we would have no readers. Business men want to reach the public, they care not by what source. Advertise in the MESSENGER.

"What are the people of Germany called?" asked the new teacher. "When?" asked the smart bad boy. "Any time," said the teacher, "all the time." "Depends," replied the s. b. b. "They're called Germans before the election and Dutch after it, in this country." And as that boy's father is a member of the Legislature, his words has much greater weight with the pupils than the teacher's.—*New York Star*.

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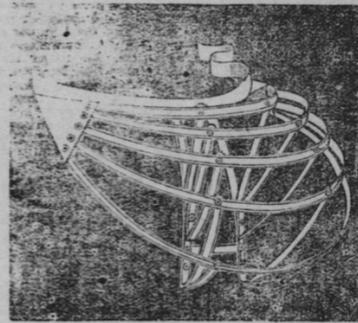
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