

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. ALEXON, pastor.

which reaches the Bishops, this brother is promoted. Can a church succeed when it allows favoritism to take place of merit.

Rev. J. T. Gaskill took charge of Grace church last Sunday. He was kindly received, the church being pleased with him.

Evil men should not be kept behind a screen in a church. Wickedness in high places should be brought down and exposed.

North Carolina and the country at large sustains a great loss in the death of Judge Thomas Settle which occurred in Greensboro last Saturday noon.

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LOCAL.

One Thousand More.

We want one thousand new subscribers by the first of January. Let every lady and every gentleman reader send us one new subscriber or send us a list of the reading colored people around you, with their postoffice address, so we may send them a copy of our paper.

Persons receiving a cross mark on their paper will be dropped from our list.

Rev. J. M. Hill arrived last Tuesday morning.

Mrs. A. C. Monroe left last week after a pleasant stay, for her home in Duluth, Minn.

The next session of the A. M. E. Conference will be held in Wilmington Nov. 20, 1889.

Remember you can get this paper at one dollar a year by paying up all back dues. Start in for the new year.

Mr. Henry Holmes' boy broke his neck while playing in Fayetteville one day last week. The boy was six or seven years old.

The good people of Wadesboro have gone to work to raise a subscription for our female seminary. They say it must come.

The Central N. C. Conference of Zion church adjourned to meet in Clinton Chapel Charlotte, 3d, Wednesday in November 1889.

Please pay what you owe this paper and don't expect us to send it unless you pay in advance. Send the money when you ask for the paper.

It is a nice thing to have special friends any where. Those brethren in the Central N. C. Conference at Fayetteville who failed to have all their general fund can testify to this fact.

The Zion Methodist churches of this city all have new pastors. Rev. J. M. Hill, at Clinton Chapel, Rev. R. C. Collins, Little Rock and Rev. J. T. Gaskill at Grace. All good and able ministers.

How can a church be purged? By smothering up the evil men do in, or by exposing and expelling bad men when their evil deeds are found out. "Let the wicked forsake his way," before he attempts to represent a church.

We publish in this issue the appointments made by the Central N. C. Conference at Fayetteville. A new Presiding Elder's district was formed, making six in the Conference. Rev. Mayfield Slade was made Presiding Elder by Bishop Moore.

All interests of a church should be looked after equally if possible. When brethren of a late Conference failed to bring in the general fund which included Bishop's pay, they were expelled, but when it was shown that another had collected and failed to send in another fund, no part of

several others who will try to be reinstated in positions they once held. There will be many other worthy younger colored men who have done good service for the party and never tasted from its crib, who will expect and justly deserve consideration. All old ex-office holders should not expect to get back, for the young men must not be neglected. Young men, the way is open. Come forward.

California Migration.

The emigration fever struck this section a few years ago and many have since gone from this city to California and other western States. About a hundred from this county have gone to California and are in continued correspondence with their friends here. Several have returned on visits and gone back to California. Mr. Ed Johnson is now in Concord and will return as soon as he straightens up his affairs. Such letters as appeared in the Chronicle last Saturday from Los Angeles only tends to weaken the influence of that paper. H. H. Martin, one of best known men of this county is in Los Angeles and we take his word and advice.

Thousands of our people had made up their minds to go west, but the result of the election has revived hope in them and the emigration business will be considerably checked for the present as our people are willing to take chances in the South under a republican administration.

Does Merit Win.

Our readers will indulge a reference to the Conference at Fayetteville. This body did some things for which it will be commended and others for which the wisdom of its actions will be questioned. If there is one place higher and more honorable than another that place should be filled by the man who deserves it by his fitness in morals, a strict performance of duties as well as other qualifications. Merit should win and when it fails to win, or when favorites are placed ahead of those more deserving, the work is retarded and good men discouraged.

If it is right to expel or suspend one minister for failing to bring up certain general funds of the church it is not right to promote another minister to Presiding Eldership who is guilty of the same thing and is held up to ridicule before his Conference for two or three days. The Conference may not be guilty of such a thing, but somebody is. Promotion should be awarded merit. Ministers should be promoted who have done well with the work in hand, but men whose work has continued to go back the last five or six years don't seem just the ones to go up; if so, when one wants promotion they had as well do what they can to tear down the church.

The Charlotte Post Office.

The biggest and best leaf to be given out by President Harrison to Charlotte will possibly be the postmaster. The place now pays about \$3,000 besides a patronage of several appointments; viz: deputy postmaster or register clerk, money order clerk, mailing clerk, delivery clerk, four letter carriers and a janitor. We understand this place will not go begging for applicants. If a Negro is not to have the first place why can he not have the second place and why not have colored letter carriers. The most of our southern cities had all colored carriers under former republican administrations.

We are not advocating nor opposing any one for the place, but simply say anyone who is not in favor of doing the square thing by the Negro shall not have a good word from us and we would advise all colored men and friends to understand the position of all applicants before they are endorsed for the place.

If republicans are to draw the color line what better are they than democrats? For our postmaster give us the Negro's friend.

Emancipation Celebration.

The time for us to celebrate the emancipation of the Southern slaves is approaching and our citizens are making due preparations. Capt. C. S. L. A. Taylor is chairman of the committee of arrangements and Mr. J. E. King has been selected as orator

for the occasion. We look upon this as an indication that our next celebration will even surpass the last. Capt. Taylor is a good director of anything, and so far as the arrangements is concerned we have nothing to fear; yet all good citizens should lend Capt. Taylor their aid. We should assist him in all that he asks. The selection of Mr. King for orator is a happy one. Because first: it is to him we owe these celebrations here in Charlotte. A few years ago when our people here paid no attention to celebrating the day, he suggested and put in motion the efforts that now give us annual celebrations here as in other places. To him is due that credit and honor. Then this selection is outside of the pulpit and shows that we think we have talent in a class of men not heretofore recognized. It is a recognition of the working men. We bespeak for Mr. King acres of people, believing he will do credit to the occasion.

A place and programme have not been settled upon but will be soon and all the freedmen in the county are invited, urged and expected to take part in the celebration on the first of January next. The military, firemen, schools and societies are all expected to turn out in full and give the grandest celebration ever seen in this city. Let everybody get ready.

Fifteen Years in Hell.

We have seen a book with the above title, written by one Mr. Benton. We never read the book, but suppose Brother J. C. Dancy has and that paragraphs from its burning pages must have been in his mind when he made the suggestion during the discussion of the committees report on education in the Conference, to have the matter lay on the table fifteen years. Brother Dancy thinks fifteen years from now will be time enough to make special provisions for our girls. Somebody seconded the suggestion of course. There is always some coarse fellow who never wants to see ladies educated and refined. This cannot be said of Mr. Dancy or the gentlemen named elsewhere in this paper. Yet it is true that some who have no care for the morals and intellect of the race sometimes get in the councils of the church which gives them advantage of doing great hurt to any good cause.

"Fifteen years in hell" would be a light punishment to some persons in proportion to what they will get on account of the ill use they make of their opportunities. We have nothing to say against the workings of Livingstone college. It has a great work to do, but it cannot do all the work of the church. There are many reasons why our church should have a female seminary and before next November all the good ministers of this Conference will agree with us if they don't vote for it. It must not lay on the table fifteen months.



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- Fayetteville District—R. H. Simmons, P. E. 1. Fayetteville Sta., J. W. Thomas. 2. Husk Grove, R. M. Thompson. 3. Manchester, J. H. Love. 4. Jonesboro, D. A. McKay. 5. Lillington, S. M. Best. 6. Oak Grove, G. B. Kelly. 7. Chestnut, R. H. Bright. 8. Haywood, M. N. Leavy. 9. Mitchel Chapel, J. D. McKay. 10. Egypt, E. B. Bennett. 11. Carthage, M. R. Franklin. 12. Mount Olive, G. W. Grange. 13. Johnsonville, W. B. Gordon.

- Wadesboro District—A. M. Barrett, P. E. 1. Wadesboro Station, M. S. Kell. 2. Tillman, W. O. Waddell. 3. Flat Rock, W. J. Gains. 4. Pee Dee, Circuit, D. A. Williams. 5. Ansonville, D. W. Smith. 6. Mount Erie, W. R. Hunter. 7. Mount Zion, M. G. Gains. 8. Rockingham, G. G. Musgraves. 9. Green Lake, L. H. N. B. Wyche. 10. Laurinburg, T. B. McCain. 12. Manly, J. M. Fullenwider. 13. Polkton Mission, D. C. Covington. 14. Hamlet Mission, Hammond. 15. McCall's Mission, T. Pemberton.

- Charlotte District—J. A. Tyler, P. E. 1. Clinton Chapel, J. M. Hill. 2. Little Rock, R. C. Collins. 3. Grace, J. T. Gaskill. 4. Moore's Sanctuary, P. J. Holmes. 5. Mowing Glade, S. Herndon. 6. Matthews, H. W. Richardson. 7. Monroe, G. H. Miles. 8. Redding Springs, J. W. Harris. 9. Pineville, J. E. McNeill. 10. China Grove, A. A. Williams. 11. Henryville, W. J. Benjamin. 12. Dallas, R. Hasty. 13. King's Mountain, B. F. Martin. 14. Mack's Chapel, J. S. Smith. 15. Adams' Mission, P. C. Helton.

- Concord District—R. S. Rives, P. E. 1. Concord, H. L. Simmons. 2. Bethel, S. F. Hamilton. 3. Mt. Pleasant, H. C. Chambers. 4. Ebenezer, A. J. McDonald. 5. Columbus Chapel. 6. Allen's Chapel, R. A. Morrissey. 7. Torrence Chapel, J. W. Stitt. 8. Jonahville, F. Archie. 9. Rockwell, J. W. Torrence. 10. Rockhill, J. M. Smith. 11. Harrisville, James McRea. 12. Troy, W. D. Dickerson. 13. Mount Gilead, G. Snead. 14. Houlsworth, H. Bennett.

- Statesville Dist.—G. H. Hains, P. E. 1. Statesville Station, M. V. Marable. 2. Zion Wesley, S. D. Wadkins. 3. Siloam, W. D. Smith. 4. Taylorsville Cir., W. M. Mitchell. 5. Wilksboro, J. B. Baily. 6. ——— S. S. Murdock. 7. Mooresville, W. M. Johnson. 8. Liberty, G. S. Adams. 9. Hickory, M. M. Smith. 10. Morganton Station, J. S. Settles. 11. Marion, W. F. Fenderson. 12. St. John's Cir., J. L. Hendricks. 13. Logan's Chapel Cir., S. M. Pharr. 14. Dogwood Grove, S. L. Hyatt. 15. Shelby Circuit, W. H. Waddell. 16. Lincolnton, A. F. Goslin.

- Salisbury District.—M. Slade, P. E. 1. Salisbury Station, P. A. McCorkle. 2. 3d Creek, W. B. Fenderson. 3. Providence, J. R. Harris. 4. Gold Hill Circuit, C. H. Artis. 5. New Hope Circuit, J. H. Miller. 6. Piny Grove. 7. Mocksville, E. L. Cambell. 8. New Zion, D. C. Hilton. 9. Winston, H. H. Bingham. 10. Hickory Grove, Lewis Barber. 11. Bethunia, S. Carter. 12. ——— Spring, Hoosier. 13. Louisvill, S. A. Chambers. 14. Greensboro. Union Chapel, D. A. Kelly. Gee's Grove, S. W. Jackson. Glover's, Stanley's, J. S. Austin.

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