CHARLOTTE MESSENGER.

CHARLOTTE, N. C. SAT., JAN. 5, 1889.

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. aud 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. aud 8 p. m. Sunday-school at 1 p. m. Rev. Z. Haughton, pastor.

Presbyterian Church, corner Seventh and College Sts. Services at 3 p. m. aud 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. J. T. Thomas, pastor.

Grace Church, (A. M. E. Z.) South B, between 3d and 4th. Services at 11 A. M. and 8 o'clock P. M. Sunday-school at 3 P. M. Rev. E. C. Davidson, Pastor.

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We want a canvassing agent in every county in the State, to solicit subscribers for the MESSENGER. Liberal commission will be paid active agents. Let us hear from every town and county at once.

Address W. C. SMITH,
Charlotte, N. C.

LOCAL.

Bishop Lomax spent Christmas with his family at home.

New railroads mean work for the laborer and mechanic.

Prof Ratley spent the holidays with relatives in Mocksville.

Miss Mary Lynch spent a week in Spartanburg with friends

Miss Addie McAuley, of Wadesboro, was in the city this week.

The Charlotte Light Infantry looked splendid in their new overcoats.

A vote for the railroads is a vote for higher and cash payments for labor.

The emancipation celebration was a complete success in every particular.

Miss Sallie Hall spent a part of the holidays with friends in Mooresville.

Miss Lydia Robinson and Mrs Phœbe Torrence spent Christmas in Salisbury.

Miss Minnie Sumner has gone to Shelby to teach. Her departure was unexpected.

Prof. Atkins, of Livingston, spent a part of the holidays with friends in our city.

The rich man wants new roads, the poor man needs them and they will benefit all.

Mrs Ella Adams of Spartanburg, S. C., is spending the holidays with Mrs E W Butler.

Miss Belle Butler spent Christmas with her parents in Winston. The teachers are all back at work.

Miss Annie Alston visited her sick mother and friends at home during the holidays.

Rev R C Collins has moved his family to his new home in the eastern suburbs of the city.

Mr E H Bass, of Atlanta postoffice department, paid our city a visit recently. Come again.

Mrs Laura Powell, of Laurinburg, is spending the holidays with her parents and friends here.

The military festival was a crowded success Tuesday night, and repeated on Wednesday night.

Friends are writing us from the eastern North Carolina conference concerning the female seminary.

We have all turned our new leaf and will see how long we can go without getting a bad mark on it.

Rev J B Gaskill preached at Grace church two weeks ago. He is the father of the pastor in charge.

The railroad election will be held on the 10th of January. Four new railroads built out from this city will add much to the valuation of property, the business and general prosperity of the county and city,

Rev J M Hill arrived with h[illegible] last Thursday morning.

Mayor McDowell gave the str[illegible] all a dinner at Goode's hotel [illegible] Year's day.

Mr. Archie Brad[illegible] and Mr C W Eddins seem to be leading applicants for the postoffice now.

Don't forget to pay your subscription to this paper. We are needing money very badly. Send us a little.

Mr Pickett Davie and his father, Mr Wiley Davie, of Rock Hill, S. C., left on last Tuesday for Los Angeles, Cal.

The South Carolina legislature has adjourned. It failed to pass the law making educational qualification for voters.

Mrs Lynch and other good ladies visited the county poor house on Christmas day to add something to the pleasures of the inmates there.

Presiding Elder T[illegible]er held forth at Grace church Sunday before last. He preached an able and interesting sermon in the morning.

The insulting slander from one of the evening papers, concerning our celebration, deserves the contempt of every decent colored person.

The two Baptist churches had their Christmas trees on Monday night and the children were all mad happy. The Methodist churches had theirs on Tuesday night.

This Christmas is said to have been the quietest, soberest and most humanely spent in this city. There was very little drunkenness seen on the streets. No arrests or disorder.

It turns out that those colored men at Wahalak were murdered by white men for their land. Each of the colored men owned land valued from $500 to $1,800. Murder and highway robbery most foul.

Gadsden Earl, a young man of this town, was killed in Lancaster, S. C. on last Saturday night a week by a white man. They were at a colored woman's house, and Earl was shot in a quarrel. The man escaped, and it is said he was seen in this city last week. Earl's companion was put in jail.

The Washington Bee is out in its demand of District men for district offices. Yet, as the District of Columbia in its local affairs is subject to the general government, it is a custom to take men from other States to fill offices here. The Bee will please name them from North Carolina wanting office under the district government, and if they are worthy, we will try to have them provided for otherwise. We want District men to fill our local places, and don't think our men should fill local places there.

A friend said to us: "The factories are not helping the mechanics, because workmen from abroad are employed." But when we looked around, just enough of our own mechanics have been employed on the factories to make work plentiful for the others; but these have had work all the time. Now every man that wants more wages and better wages, should vote for railroads in order that work may be plenty and wages good. Let all laborers employed and wages will be good. Vote for the subscription to the railroads.

Congress Cannot Interfere in Elections.

A state or a part of the people of a state may do injustice to its citizens but this does not authorize Congress to enter the military force. If justice does not you must not resort to mob violence or crime. You must appeal only to the law and public opinion and a patient waiting for justice. In an resort to force the advantage is fearfully against you. Every contest in the South results in a massacre of your race. Your hope in the moral conviction growing stronger day by day, that injustice to you reacts on your oppressors. You can not win sympathy and support from the most deserving of the white race by appealing to their intuitive love of justice, rather than by lawless force. If this is you are free men, and can migrate to regions where justice is not blinded labor is respected and protected. The most interesting trait of your race was exhibited during the war, when you knew your liberty was involved in the struggle, yet you tilled the soil and guarded the hearthstone, the wives and the children of the men who fought to make your slavery perpetual. Let the same spirit be observed now and you will gain your political rights as you now have your freedom.

"And fellow citizens, you must always remember that your rights as freemen impose upon you grave duties and responsibilities. It is said in the states where your race is numerous that you are not

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that you would establish negro rule and endanger our civilization. This pretense is set up to justify a minority in the denial of your rights. It is for you to show that you have caught the spirit and will observe the obligation of liberty. It is the first duty of your people to avail themselves of all opportunities for education and improvement, to seek to acquire property by industry and economy, and to enjoin respect for the property of others. You must govern yourselves in your own way by a strict observance of moral and legal obligations. You must value your rights above money or price, and the highest insult all attempts to deprive you of them. Like all other classes your standing and influence will depend upon your virtue, morality and industry. Your labor is valuable commodity in the hands of your now owners. It is your hand and in your hand for your comfort, prosperity and civilization. Be patient, be as sure and just and constitutional be respected.

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