a Marks is expected to return

E. J. Wright went to Hunters onday afternoon to spend a few

Mr. E. Caswell Byers, of Biddle, left his home in Davidson Monday after-

Mr. Wm. M. Flowers went to States ville Monday to accept the foremanship of the Piedmont Sun.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Richardson, and thter, Miss Edna, of St. Johns N. B., e in the city the guests of Mrs. R. R.

Mrs. Alice Morehead-Weddington ho has been making Boston her hom or some time, is in the city visiting

Mr. Hazel Mosley is in the city this week. He has been located at Hot Springs for quite awhile and will return thither upon leaving Charlotte.

Mr. J. Henry Warren is all smiles now. Cause-J. Henry Warren, Jr., ound his way to the old man's home day morning. Our congratulations.

Rev. H. B. Bennett, of Mowingglade circuit, was called to Statesville this week by telegram to the bedside of a very sick sister-in-law. He writes that he is seriously ill.

Mrs. A. W. Blackwell, wife of the e will no doubt be a great help in the ittle Rock parish of which her husband

The three Zion Sunday-schools of the y-Clinton Chapel, Little Rock and are considering plans by which o run a joint Sunday-school excurn at an early date to some point not ret agreed upon.

Mesdames R. R. Morris, J. T. Williams and several other ladies of the city will give a Barbers' and Waiters' Centennial Convention at Varick Hall July 6th, 7th and 8th. No pains will be spared to make this one of the grandest events of

The Christian Endeavor Societies of the city and vicinity will please note the fact that the Seaboard Air Line Railroad s making special inducements for trans-portation to the Christian Endeavor Conention at Washington on July 7-13. see their statement on fourth page.

Mr. John T. Jackson, instructor in oring in that department at Biddle University, has recently moved his shop into the city and is now located at 231 W Trade St. He respectfully solicits a hare of the patronage of the public. See his ad elsewhere in these columns.

Attention, Comrades !

As we find a great many veterans of Mecklenburg Camp who will-attend the Reunion at Richmond desire to go via the Southern Railway (which is the only line running through trains between Charlotte and Richmond without change iaily) and have a day-light trip, we have arranged for special coaches to leave rlotte at 8:50 a. m., June 29th, arriv ing at Richmond at 6:40 p. m. without other points en route.

ot allow stop off at Petersburg the

lound-trip rate from Charlotte \$5.65, tickets good to return until July 15th. ample accommodations may be provided. J. Rosseler, D. G. Maxwell, J. R. Sossaman.

convene in Simpkin's Chapel, Aug. 18th, 1896, and will continue until the 24th. All the ministers are requested to be present, also the local preachers and exhorters. Brethren, take large collections on general fund for we want good reports this year. Rev. L. G. HEMPHILL, P. E.

Norfolk Notes.

BY REV. R. H. DICK.

The times are hard, but we are holding our own. The church is in a good condition spiritually and financially. The Arizona Quintette club. headed by Mrs. Susie E. Deans, B. Wheeler, C. Billup, G. Gilliam, and Episcop I Church has done a grand, a ert May 11, and raised \$35.50. This an unmining its work in its s old in music as any in the city. church is small, but it is composed of ome of the best people in the city. We are laboring hard to keep Zion's banner floating high. Her staff bearr is a valiant hearted man.

Norfolk, Va.

Bishop Ho Th ly called to order, and the minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and of the day-the observance of the Centennial of the denomination-was taker

After an organ voluntary, the singing of hymns and religious exercises, Bishop Hood delive ed the Centenary sermon. BISH OF HOOD'S SERMON.

Bishop sail in part: "We can trace the origin of every important branch of the Afro-Acierican Church back to the atter part of the eighteenth or beginning of the ninet senth century. The move nent was widespread and nearly simul-

"In 1796 the African Methodist Episcopal Zion cl urch was organized in New York; in 1804 the Abyssinian Baptist church was organized in New York; the Joy Street Baptist church was organized in Boston in 1805; in 1806 the Colored Methodist Courch was organized in Wilmington, Del., which resulted seven years later in the organization of the African Un on (Methodist) Church in the same cit . the First African Presbyterian Chur:h was organized in Phila delphia in 807; about 1809 the First General Manager, Rev. G. L. Blackwell, Colored Me hodist Church was also or prived in Charlotte last Thursday night. ganized in I hiladelphia, which resulted ganized in I hiladelphia, which resulted seven years ater in the formation of the Bethel) A rican Methodist Episcopal Church. This was a most remarkable movement, and, I repeat, unparalleled in the history of the Christian Church.

"It was a general exodus of the colo ed member out of the white churches for reasons before known Secessions from church es are generally the result of differences of opinion on doctrine or church movement, but it was neither of these which caused this movement. The seceders in every case formed churches of the same faith and order, and the same form of church government as that from which they separated.

"In forming these organizations there were many difficulties to be overcome The ministers of the several denominations were opposed to the movement, especially the Methodist ministers, including a majority of the bishops; and the Episco al form of government was favorable to the purpose of the Methodist minister; to hinder the success of the colored brothren in their efforts to be free. The Presbyterians and Baptists had only to find three friendly presbyters in order to secure ordination; but in the Me hodist Church the authority to ordain was vested in the bishops and conference. The conference elects and the bishop conducts the ordination.

This beir g the case, it was much more easy to hedge up the way of the colored Methodists By magnifying the importance of particular forms it was an easy matter to sow discord in the ranks of the blacks, and this was freely done.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLACK MAN.

"It is a remarkable fact that the devel opment of the black man has come alost wholly through his church, I be lieve that God has some great purpos change, joining comrades at Concord, respecting the Negro race; whatever Salisbury, Greensboro and Danville and that purpose may be, I feel assured that the Negro church is, and will continue As tickets sold for this occasion will to be, the most important factor. "If ther; had been no Negro church

uthern Railway has arranged for a he would have had no opportunity for rate of 25 cents, Richmond to Petersburg the development of his faculties, nor and return for all who desire to visit would he have had any platform on Tickets via this rate will also be good The Negro church was one of the powreturn via Norfolk by paying \$1.00 erful instrumentalities by which the accursed sy tem of American slavery was overthrov n; it was an agency of the underground railway by which communica-All who will use this route please advise tion was tept open between the North the undersigned at once in order that and the South; it was a magazine from which anti-slavery missiles were drawn to be hur ed against the ramparts of the doomed institution; it afforded a platform upon which anti-slavery agitators The Athens district conference will cried alord and spared not. No mortal can tell how much the Negro church contributed to the emancipation of the

"It must be evident to all who think on the subject that without the African church at the period at which 4,000,000 of bondn en were freed they would have been absolutely without trained leaders of any considerable intelligence. And what mu t have been the state of things? The white ministers of the South as a rule, for the first five years after the emancipation took no interest at all in the relig ous instruction of the freedmen; thousands of them have not yet conquered their indifference.

"What must have been the condition of thing if the African Church had not been prepared to take hold of the mass of sin ard ignorance which was turned loose upon the nation? The Methodist Miss Emma Thompson, is a great fac-tor in our church. They gave a con-its work to this line it would have been its work to this line it would have been an unmixed blessing to our people. But in its sttempt to establish churches among the colored people it has in many We bid the club God's speed. Our places hindered us from doing what it could de; hence, in such instances nothh naming has been done where nuch might have been accomplish

dersthat the Afro-America

deprived of the privilege of exercis-his spiritual gifts; coming out got his pulpit, in which he has eveloped into a workman of whom one need be ashamed. To reach the op, the black man must go up on his ne, must climb his own ladder. white man will never step aside to make room for him. I need hardly state the feeling of superiority is inherent in the white race in this country.

"With such feelings and such a claim o degree of merit on the black man's part could entitle him to the first posiion in the white man's estimation.

"But while white men may not feel i their duty to assist in the exaltation of one whom they look upon as belonging to an inferior race, yet when a black man on his merit, and upon his own adder, has reached the first position, there are many white men who will grasp his hand in recognition, and even n congratulation, because they do not have to stoop to take his hand. Hence, it came to pass at the Centennial con-ference of Methodists in Baltimore, Md. in 1885, black bishops presided in common with others.

A PIONEER IN THE SOUTH. "A single black preacher is said to have kindled the fire of Methodism at Favetteville, N. C., about a hundred years ago, which burned throughout that State and into the adjoining State of South Carolina. He first began to preach among his own race and formed church

"Finally, out of curiosity the white eople began to attend his meetings and nany of them were converted, which altimately resulted in the formation of many churches in that section. His Mr. Bennie E. Edwar is and Miss M. pirit still lives in Fayetteville, and that vicinity has produced more preachers han any other seven towns of its size within our knowledge. Not less than fifty preachers have started out from that section in the last twenty-five years: among that number are three Bishops Lomax and Harris, of Zion Church, and Beebe, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. There is at least one white preacher who takes pleasure in telling that his father, who was also a preacher was converted through the labors of er. The annual conference of the Meth odist Episcopal Church South, whenever

Father Evans, the pioneer black preachit meets in Favetteville, occupies some time in eulogies of Father Evans, and the speakers refer to him as the father of Methodism in North Carolina. "The church having opened the way

for the development of the black man other means have followed and still others will follow, until his opportunities are equal to those of any other race, and his rights and excellencies are acknowl edged by all. Possibly there may then be a union of all who are of the same faith and order without race distinctions The African Church will then have ac complished its special work-and not till then. Till then there must be no faltering, no looking back to the fleshpots of Egypt; every branch of the African Church must use all the mean within its reach, to the end that the race may stand in the front ranks of civil and religious liberty."

Reduced Rates on Southern Railway.

National League Meet American Wheelnen, Louisville, Ky., August 10-15, 1896 On account of the above occasion, South ern Railway will sell round-trip tickets limit of August 17th, continous passage in both directions.

Summer Normal School for Teachers Chapel Hill, N. C., June 28 to July 17th 1896 :- On account of the above occasion the Southern Railway has authorized rates of one farel going, and one-third fare returning, on the certificate plan from points within the State of North Carolina to Chapel Hill and return, tickets to be sold June 18th to July 17th inclusive with final limit of July 26th; certificates to be filled out and signed on one side by ticket agent at starting point and on the other side by Dr. Geo. T. Winston, and properly visced by Mr. B. E. Teague, special agent, Chapel Hill, upon surrender of which to the ticket agent, Chapel Hill, ticket will be sold to the holder thereof from Chapel Hill to the starting point of passenger at rate of one-third of the first-class limited fare. The one-way rate to Chapel Hill from Charlotte is \$4.85; from other points in proportion.

United Confederate Veterans' Association Richmond, Va., June 30-July 2, 1896 .-Rates one cent per mile-Tickets from stations in Virginia, except Danville, will be sold June 29, 30 and July 1 and 2 for trains scheduled to reach Richmond not later than noon of same date. Tickets from Danville, Va., and from station in North Carolina East and North of and including Charlotte, Salisbury, Wilkes-boro and Greensboro, will be sold June 29 and 30; and from stations West and South thereof June 28 and 29. Fina limit of tickets from all points extended to July 10, 1896.

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Howard University furnishes superio-cilities for higher education. Nine dif-rent departments, with sixty profes

nediate family and was celebrated the ma B. F. Wheeler, D. D., er of the New Jersey Miss A. Gertrude Crai Edmondson, officiating Dr. W. H. Goler was to associate him, but was delayed by missing the in New York. Hon. J. C. Dancy, the close and trusted friend of Dr. Wheeler, was present and contributed life and cheer on that occasion. Dr. Wheeler was Mr. Dancy's best ter has recently closed a revival man when he was ma ried, and Dr. meeting with good results. The Wheeler would not think of not having him present.

It is indeed a well matched couple, Dr. Wheeler is well-known as one of the brightest scholars and leaders in Zion connection. M ss Craige was organist of the church for several years and is alike bright and interesting. She has enjoyed splendid advantages and is loved and respected by all who know her. Dr. Wheeler certainly exercised rare good judgment in the selection of his better-

Refreshments were served after the happy couple were made one and bon oyage was wished them across the matrimonial sea. May their lives be of much usefulness and great joy.

EDWARDS-TEOMAS.

At 8.30 p. m., June 11th, there was an exceedingly pretty wedding at the residence of Presiding Elder J. W. Thomas, the contracting parties being and Mrs. J. W. Thomas. For thi happy occasion both the parlors were beautifully decorated with choice flowers. The wedding march was played by Miss Emma Hall, while Rev. J. S. Settle officiated. Miss Jane Thomas was maid of honor, and Mr. James A. McCoy was best man About 100 relatives and friends of the couple were present to witness this happy union, and when the cerenony was concluded, Mr. Edwards and his bride were overwhelmed with congratulations. They also were the recipients of numerous and useful presents given by their many friends. Soon after the marriage an elegant repast was served in the dining room. The tables were exquisitely decorated with beautiful flowers, and were tempting with the feast spread upon them. We wish them a fair sail on the matrimonial sea.

GIBSON-CARR AND MILLER-CARR.

Misses Julia and Holerta Carr, the laughters of Mr. and Mrs. Greene Carr, of China Grove, N. C., were married to Messrs. H. C. Gibson and N. C. Henry Miller, respectively, on the evening of June 16th, Rev. H. S. Mc-Mullen, officiating. The happy couples were ushered to the altar in Miller's Chapel by the brides'-maids and brides'-grooms at 7 p. m., where a cheerful number of people were assembled to witness the ceremonies. to Louisvill, Ky., and return at rate of one first-class limited fare for the round. The brides and grooms were dressed trip, tickets on sale Aug, 8-9, with final in grand style, also the attendants After many congratulations by their 25, After many congraduate. home of the brides, where a grand reception awaited then. This was the climax of the whole affair.

BISHOP HOOD'S APPOINTMENT?.

Gee's Grove, N. C. Friday, 3rd Saturday, 4th Evans Chapel, Sunday, 5th M tchell's " Tuesday, Holland 7th Wednesday, 8th Ebenezer, Thursday, 9th Eaywood, 10th Blackwell's Chapel " Saturday, 11th Chestnut, Sunday, 12th 11 a m, at Sandford and at n ght Jonesboro.

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district five local elders and deacons twenty-four local preachers, seven exhorters, 1,592 members, 15 circuits and stations with two mission points The pastors are Revs. C. L. W. Hamilton at Auburn station, and A. S. Watkin at Opelika station. The lat-Easter services arranged by the energetic superintendent, Brother Eddie Williams and teachers, were grand indeed.

Rev. D. W. Wright is said to be the man for Little Zion circuit. He leaves no stones unturned in the line of his duty.

Rev. W. M. Meadows on the St James' circuit is keeping pace with the times. Brother Meadows was recently married to Miss Pearl Miliner, of Camp Hill, Ala. He is doing well in his church work. Rev. M. Mahorn has built a new

church and had it dedicated by the Presiding Elder a short while since. Rev. O. P. O'Neal on the Shiloh circuit is making a fine mark as pastor and church builder. A new house of worship will soon be completed by him which would be a credit to any community. Rev. S. M'Clain on the Filton Chapel circuit is carrying things well for Zion. Revs. Wm. Butler, at Camp Hill and G. W. Ber-Roberta Thomas, daughter of Rev. ry, at Jackson's Gap, have the highest confidence of their people and are hopeful as to the future. Revs. J. W Booker, of Talladega station, and Mc-D. Sharp, of Anniston station, have been instrumental in breathing spiritual, financial and social life into the Northern section of the Opelika district. Rev. Booker, amid these hard

> him for the church there. Revs. C. F. Brown at Cove and J. W. Scott at Birmingham have mission work and the hope is that succes will crown their labors.

times in one rally raised \$76.50 to

pay on the new organ purchased by

Rev. C. T. Green, at the Uches circuit is keeping abreast with the times. Opelika, Ala.

Mr. Aaron B. Bennett, father-inlaw of Rev. J. W. Jenkins, died Wednesday, June 17, at his home at Lilesville, N. C., at the ripe age of 80

An appropriate Children's Day program has been prepared by Prof. B. A. Johnson. Send all orders for them to him at Livingstone College, Salisbury,

It is hoped our pastors and member will put forth a special effort to raise money on Children's Day. The money is sorely needed. The suggestive pro gram found in another column will likely prove helpful for that day. Rememb he date-Sunday, June 28th

BISHOP HARRIS' APPOINTMENTS.

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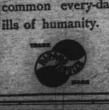
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