J. M. Sanders of Biddleville has very sick but is better now.

The concert gotten up by the ladies of inton Chapel was quite a success. If you want to know of politics call on Mr. J. M. Goode, for he is a goldbug. Editor R. B. Russell of the Maxton

Blade paid our office a pleasant visit last week Misses Neppie Smith and M. E. Dye,

the latter of Salisbury, have been quite ill but are now much better.

Mrs. J. Henry Warren and son, who have been visiting her mother-in-law in session. Concord, returned home this week.

Dr. J. O. Crosby was in the city and preached a very interesting sermon at Ebenezer Baptist church Sunday night.

The Snow Ball concert and entertainment at the First Baptist church Friday night, August 14th, was quite a grand affair.

Mr. Andrew Bratton, one of the officers of Ebenezer Baptist church, is a good songster and takes an active part in the services.

Bishop G. W. Clinton, after an extend ed episcopal tour in the West, arrived in the city Monday night to remain until the 25th inst.

Mrs. R. B. McNeely, Misses Carrie Ellis, Josie V. Kelsey, Daisy Chambers, Mrs. P. Henderson and Mrs. M. Reed of Salisbury, were among those who came in on the excursion last Saturday.

Mr. F. C. Cantey returned home Saturday from Washington to be at the bedside of his sick daughter. Mr. L. J. Melton came down from Wilson a day earlier.

Rev. M. Caldwell, pastor of Rockwell church, has just closed his revival with

istance of Rev. P. J. Holmes. It s the greatest revival known in the story of the church. Mrs. B. A. Fony spared no pains to make it pleasant the ministers.

After an illness of several weeks, Chincabelle, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cantey, quietly passed into the realm of the bliss on Tuesday and was interred rom the Seventh-street Presbyterian church the following day, Dr. Wyche performing the last sad rites.

Quite a pleasure is it to us to welcome ours, the Queen City of the Old North ate, Mrs. J. W. Smith, wife of our esed editor, and Miss A. E. Chapman,

Carlisle, Pa., who arrived Saturday orning. To these most estimable la lies we extend a right hearty welcome

Notwithstanding the colored pastor Charles decided not to take part in Zion Centennial and denounced this ear as last year both Latta park and the

camp meeting held there by Dr. Blackwell, Presiding Elder Musgrave and others, and urged the people to stay away, there were present last Sabbath, accord ing to the report of the daily papers, fully 6,000 people, white and black ; and the mber is increasing daily. Last Satbath Bishop Lomax preached at 11 a.m. Rev. W. A. Blackwell, of Lancaster, S. C., at 8 p. m.; and Editor J. W. Smith at 8:80 p. m. Big preaching and big sing. ng all day. A crowd equally as large is present Monday night to hear Rev. McLees, of Fort Lawn, S. C., who it sensational, witty and imaginative , Rufus . Collins preached a fine

non Tuesday night. The camp will tinue all this month, and Bishop G. Clinton, Rev. H. C. Phillips and other noted divines will preach Sunday People will be there from far and near.

Important Notices.

ber 1st 1896. All the I local preachers in the dis-endents of Sunday-schools tes, are required to be presavailing ict. sup and lay dele ent at 11 s. n with full* orts. Pastors liect and bring \$1.50 from will please o y delegates expenses to the brence. Delegates to Suncharges to p annual con onvention will bring one day-school olar to meet the expenses penny per se of the cont intion. It is to be hoped that each pa tor will have raised a good collection for the Centennial Funds and shall be able to report supplementary to

the Centeni ial receipts at the district. H. L. SIMMONS, P. E.

Colo ed Voters' League. The most important convention of

colored mes that has been called to-gether in muy a league year, was that of the Colored Voter's League of Penusylvan a, New York, Ohio and West Virgit is, which met in Pittsburg on August 18. More than one hundred and wenty thousand colored voters resid in the States which com-

prise this league, and in this presi-dential year it is very important that that this im nense army of voters act as a unit in the expression of their choice for presider t. Both old parties have made their platform, and nominated their Stand rd Bearers. The battle will be wag d on altogether different lines. Silv r versus Gold, be a factor inces. Silv ir versus Gold, be a factor in the success or failure of one or the other. In his convention it is highly necessary that the Negro legislates to his own dvantage. Discrination must be fought against, lynching must be cried down, and more and better representation must be sought. Let best representative, and willage sends its best representative, and let him come with the ac vancement and betterment

of the race it heart .-- The Broad Axe Mrs. Nao ni Anderson, who now re-

Mrs. Nac mi Anderson, who now re-sides at Sac ramento, Cal., has been en-gaged by t is State Suffrage Associa-tion of Cal fornia to lecture through-out the St ite and work among the colored per ple in the interest of wo-man suffrage. Mrs. Anderson is the most noted suffrage advocate of our race, and h is done valuable service in Ohio, Illincis and Kansas.

Bishop B W. Arnett had the misfortune to lose his beauttful home at Wilberforce recently by fire. It caught from a defestive flue and was soon beyond control. The bishop's library, one of the lnest race libraries in the country, and his valuable pictures were saved.

The Free Iman's Aid Society has been receiving \$ 0,000 per annum from the Slater fund This amount has recently been cut down to \$4,500. Many of the good people are of the opinion that the money is ne aded for the Baptist schools -S. W. C. Advocate.

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Colored people are a race of laborers, and, as such, want that dollar which is worth the most, and which will purchese the greatest amount of the necessaries and some of the luxur-ies of life. -Herald.

Mrs. Me issa Cone, a member of the Methodist Episcopal 'oburch of Clyde, O., died at Saginaw recently and willed \$500 to the Freedman's Aid and Southern I ducation Society. Miss Ev. Clark, the only colored lady that contested for the medal for oratory at New York, won the prize. Hersubjec was, "Why Women Should Not Vote." She spoke forty minutes.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON FUE AUGUST 28. eston Texts "Absalom's Rehall. ion," II Samuel xv., 1-12-Golden Text: Mxodus xx., 12-Commentary.

1. "And it came to pass after this that Absaiom propared him charicots and harsed and fifty men to run before him." Absaiod was the third son of David, born in Hebron, and his mother was Manach, daughter of the king of Geshur (If Sam. 11. 2, 5). Absaiom signifies "father of pesse," but his life would rather suggest one who was of his father the devil (John vill., 44). Because of the murder of his brother Amnon, David's firstborn, he field to the king of Geshur and was there three years, but through the pleading of the wise woman of Tekos, em-ployed by Jost, he came back to Jerussiem and dweit two years without roconclination to his father, after which, through Joab's intercession, the king became reconciliation to his father, after which, through Joab's intercession, the king became reconciliation in ... saw him and kissed him (chapter xiv.; 28, 83).

to his father, sites which, through Joak's intercession, the king became reconciled to him, saw him and kissed him (chapter ziv.; 2, 83).
2. "And Abailom rose up early and stood beside the way of the gate." The expression "rose up early" signifies grat earnestness in "rose up early" signifies grat earnestness in urging His people to repeat and time to Him. In Isa. v., 11, if is used, as here, concerning the earnestness of the wicked, for here we see Abasilom in the place of public gatherings, kindly greeting the people who came to the kind to have their wrongs righted and seeking to turn their hearts from his father to himself. The self-seeking of the natural heart is often seen in those who seek to advance themselves, no matter who is over throw, but when this is seen in a son against his own father then the devil is surely doing special work.
8. "A "Abasiom said, moreover, Oh, that J was now doing would anot be likely to do justly by any one unless it might happen to serve his own father the ind." He speaks of the justlee that he would abow like were made judge in the land. "He speaks of the serve was now doing would and the likely to do justly by any one unless it might happen to onsidering how it might affect his own political prospects. It is the world's way to five unco enself; it is only by the Spift of God that we can deny self and live nuto God. "For Abasiom stols the hearts of the menof Israel." There was to a father heart, "Far or is doesified and bearty is vith, "but "a meek and quiet spift is in the slow of a sent poly." Note the indick is seen in a the so is the set of the indick is seen in a sol, thread appearance, that God looks upon (Frov. xit, 30; FPC Lill., 'I, Sam. xit, '). When the king kissed Abasiom (zit. There are along and rais group was as at a fits father's heart, for early one was as at a his father's heart. The second group is when he bortayed his baket, for or erg one was a stab at his father's heart. The second pole is a searche the second is the second. The secon

There are those, wen in this lay, both in the church and out of it, who "by good words and fair speeches docoive the hearts of the simple."
There are not been and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord in Hebron." The margin of the R. Y. says probably after four years, not forty years. But what a lisr he was and how desperately wicked; there was much the second the lord in Hebron. "The margin of the R. Y. says probably after four years, not forty years. But what a lisr he was and how desperately wicked; there was much the lord. It have 'years have been to the lord' in the second the lord', while all his vows must have been to the dovil rather than to the Lord. Hebron was the bodies of Abrahem, Isaac and Tacob lays and a that his wicked heart could speak of Hebron, which signifies felowship and carries us back to faithful Caleb, who followed the Lord fally, shows how hardened in sin he had become.
8. "If the Lord shall bring me again indeed to Jerusalem, then I will serve the had made to the Lord while in his banishment at Geshur. If David believed his son, as he seems to have done, how comforted he must have been by this evidance of his son's repenture. How thits heat how are their son's has the father of lies was in his hard.
9. "And the king said unto him, Go in peace." Belleving him to be sincere he fives him a father's blessing, but there was no peace in that foul heart covered by so fair an exterior, for "There is no peace, santh the Jord to the wicked" (Lea. Ivil., 21). Peace was within his reach, as it is within the profice of Peace, but it can only become the possession of those who are truly ponitent and and sincerely submit to Him as the posses what in from his throm." With profession of devotion to God on his lips and his father's blessing sounding in his earsh and stater's blessing what a string a shall be posse, and the affect of rightousness understower my lord the king soon of his search and has device in the heard." The words of rightousness thall be dev

tam's Horn Sounds a Wavning Note to the Unredeemed. The more we give, when we give as we should. God never makes any small appointments. appointments. An empty head and a ratiling

tongue go well to-gether. The man wh steps on his brother's rights has God against hlm.

The devil will never be chained while the saloon-keeper is loose It is folly to expect God to forgive us while we are hating others.

TRUMPET OALLS,

A little girl, not more han eight years old, was injured in such a way that it We can always count upon God's help when we are doing his work.

was necessary to amplitute one of her legs. She proved to be of wonderful pluck; and instead of binding her, as In pursuing our own happiness, we was customary in such cases, she was given her most cherished doll to hold, Pressing it in her arms, she submitted should not forget that of others.

The hypocrite in politics can double discount the hypocrite in the church. You cannot persuade others to be

to the amputation with out a single cry. When it was done the physician in lieve in Christ, unless he is your Christ charge, seeking to brighten matters up God's way of making a man rich has always been to first make him rightwith a pleasantry, said : "And now, my dear, we will amputate your doll's leg." Then the little, girl burst into tears.

Every day we remain in sin makes the "Nol no!" she gasped, between her sobs, "you shall not-it would hurt devil's hold on us that much harder to break.

Money that has the blood of the poor upon it cannot be of any real benefit to the rich.

Prayers are sometimes made in church that the devil would like to see answered

What is the origin of tattooing? Re Bread cast on the water may sink out ligion, which has so much power over cople and which proved so obstinate of sight, but sooner or later it will com n preserving ancient castoms, has cerback to the top.

tainly contributed to muintain it amon the more barbarous part of our popula There are too many people in the church who have religion only on one tion. We see a quasi official proof of it at Loreto. Those who cultivate a devotion for a saint believe that by side-the outside.

A preacher does not help the Lord any by preaching more truth than he is engraving his image on their flesh they will give him a proof, a clear testimony willing to live up to.

The road to heaven is steep and rough, only to those who are not walk-ing it with Christ.

Perhaps more people in your neigh-borhood would want zeligion, if you would show them what it is.

of the gods to tattoo themselves, and the priests alone in New Zealand per Christ was the friend of publican form the office of tattooing (Scherzer) Lubbock adds to this that a woman and sinners because they needed his friendship, and were' willing to receive

who does not wear a tittoo mark can-not enjoy eternal felicity. The women of Britain tattooed themselves in obe

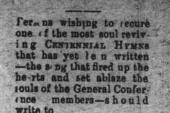
The second cause is the spirit of imitation. A Lombard soldier answer Paying ed me laughingly one lay when I rallied him on his having spent a small Dectors "See, monsieur, we are like sheep, and when one of us does anything we all imitate him at once, even if we risk Bills B.B. BLOOD BALM B Love of distinction a so has its influence. A thief of the most incorrigible sort who had six brothers tattooed like THE GREAT REMEDY himself, implored me, tilthough he was Has been thoroughly tested by em-inent physicians and the people for 40 years, and curve onichty, and half covered with the oddest tattoo marks to find him a professional tattooer to complete what might be styled the embroidery of his skin. "When the CROFULA, ULCERS, ECZENA, RHEUMATISM, CATARRH, ERUPTIO tattooing is very curicus and spreads all over the body," he fold me, "it is to and all manner of EATING, SPEEADING and EUNNIKG SOBRS. It is by far the best tonic and block purifier ever offered to the worff. Frice S1 per battle, 6 bottles for S2. For sale by dragence. other thieves like the black coat of SENT FREE WONDERFUL CURES. BLOOD BALM CO., Alkana, Ga. society with decorations-the more we are lattoood the more we esteem one another; the rzore a person is tattooed the more influence he has over his com 34 inches high. Top panions. On the contrary, one who is can be adjusted to any angle or height not tattooed has no influence. He is regarded simply as a good fellow and is not esteemed by the company."-Pop-Revolving Case, 15 a 15 x 12 Inside. Holds



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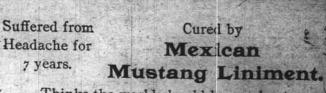
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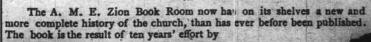
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ngton district confer-M. E. Zion church will Temple Zion church, C., Wednesday, Sept. here will be fine Centen-

ubilee exercises.

Rev. D. T. MITCHELL, P. E.

The Athens district conference will onvene in Simpkin's Chapel, Aug. 8th, 1896, and will continue until e 24th. All the ministers are reested to be present, also the local eachers and exhorters: Brethren, te large collections on general fund we want good reports this year. Rev. L. G. HEMPHILL, P. E.

e district conference and Sundayol convention will convene at Mt. ish church, six miles west of Montry, Ala., Tuesday, August 25th, and will continue in session four Tuesday and Wednesday will be up with reports, etc., from the cirand stations. Several important s will be read by some of our bes

ursday district Sunday-school con n. The several schools will reand important papers will be read erent subjects during the day. , Centennial celebration; Centen ermon, papers, etc. Each station and \$1.00 and each church in a Each school must send 1 nber to help defray the exsaid meeting. Each pastor best on the Centennial rally the same at the district con J. W. ALSTORK, P. E., WM. FINLEY, Sec.

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olis district Sunday-school of the North Alabama annual onvene at Mt. Tarbor of Marion

For the first time in the history of New Jerse; , an Afro-American justice of the pesce recently performed the marriage c remony for a white couple.

W. D. Collins, an enterprising young colored man of Indianapolis, Ind., has opened a r al estate and rental office, also an employment bureau.

The spieches of Bishops Arnett, Walters and Booker T. Washington at the Christian Endeavor Convention were by fa: the best ones delivered.

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The National Federation of Afro-American Women and the National League have consolidated.

H. A. Anderson, of Jackson, Tenn., is the proprietor of a grocery and dry goods sto

I. F. Bridley is a clerk in the office of the county attorney, Wyanoke, Kan.

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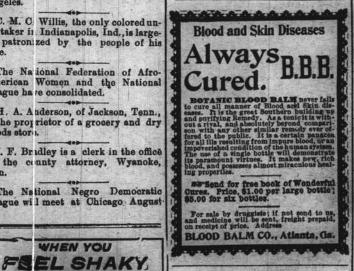
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IN MERIT

The National Negro Democratic League wil meet at Chicago August

bervalle said, Delowie in y lord the king shall appoint" (verses 14, 15). Contrast the conduct of the king's son with that of his servants and of Ittal the Gittite in verses 19 to 21.
11. "They went in their simplicity, and they knew not anything." This is written of the S00 men out of Jerusalem who went with Absalom. If we would follow Jesus in this spirit, simply truising, not knowing nor desiring anything but His will, what blessed people we would be and what glory He would get through us, but to follow a leader like Absalom thus blindly is the way to rain. There are many nowadays who rebel against the word of God and yet have many follow-sees who know nothing of God, but what they hear from others. They are too simple.
12. "The people increased continually with Absalom." How thoughtiessly the crowd will follow a popular leader. How multitudes turn away from the God of Truth and His dear Son to listen to an Ingersoli. In all directions and on all sides an increasing multitude is following the one whom Absalom followed and who would love to deartory Jesus Chirk, the King of kings, and His followers. But the Lamb shall overcome and they who are with Him are ealled and chosen and faithful. David returned in due time, and so will the Lord Jesus. Let us be patient and faithful. —Lesson Heiper.

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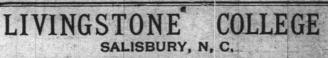
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