

OUR CHURCHES.

Clinton Chapel, (Zion), services at 11 p. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 1 p. m. Rev. J. S. ...

SOCIETIES.

Maseno—Paul Dayton Lodge, No. 7, meets first and third Monday nights in each month. G. T. TOOLE, ...

LOCALS.

Water was turned into the stand-pipe last Tuesday. Our country friends will do well to bring in their butter and chickens, as these articles are very scarce just now and bring good prices.

The next issue of the MESSENGER will appear Saturday, July 1st, after which it will be issued every Saturday.

The District Grand Lodge of North Carolina, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, meets in Charlotte August the 1st.

Colored men still banker after Congressional honors. Besides colored aspirants in Eastern North Carolina, we hear of them looming up in Virginia and Kansas.

This issue of the MESSENGER is sent to a number of our friends, and it is hoped that each of them will subscribe and induce their friends to do so.

The colored graded schools of the city closed yesterday. The schools have proven a success under the efficient Principal, Mr. J. E. Ratley. The other teachers were Mr. J. T. Williams, Misses Mary Lynch, Sallie Hall, Sarah Johnson and Mary Hayes.

The following is a list of the representatives to the Grand Lodge from the Charlotte Lodge. The Grand Lodge meets here next Tuesday.

Excolator Lodge, No. 26.—Greene H. Henderson, Rufus T. Weddington, P. C. Hall, Virgil Johnston and James Smith.

Queen Grand Lodge, No. 27.—Mary Maho, Hannah Walker, Violet Jones, Amanda Mosely, Harriet Pemberton.

Bell View Lodge, No. 30.—Sarah Bethel, Julia White, Phoebe Torrence, Lucinda Sparrow, Jennie Sumner.

Prince of Peace Lodge, No. 47.—Kelly Low, Jesse Walker, Caroline Thompson, Eliza Bland.

We suggest to Dr. Mattoon and Mr. Dorland, the propriety of making special arrangements with the railroad company to have the young ladies baggage checked from Concord, and if possible, have passed over the roads at reduced rates. It is very inconvenient for fifty or more ladies to rush out of the cars to have their baggage checked and transferred from one car to another with only five or ten minutes to find, check and transfer it. We think it would save much worry to both passenger and company to inform the agent at Concord with the number going to each point, and let him have the checks on hand. We witnessed the confusion at the depot last Thursday when the train was about three hours late, hurrying to make up time.

We were unable to attend the commencement exercises at Scotia last Wednesday, but learn from friends who were present that there was a large number of visitors in attendance, and all enjoyed the exercises far beyond their anticipations. There were two graduates from the higher course and seventeen from the teachers course; nineteen in all.

The number of graduates made the programme necessarily long, but the excellency of rendition stole away all desire for the end of it. We are glad to know that the influence of this institution is still growing. The exercises are earlier this year than usual on account of the work to be done upon the building. Large additions are to be made, and it is hoped to complete them before time for school to take up in fall.

The recitations were well delivered, the essays well written and well read, and the music excellent. The programme is far longer for our little Messengers to deliver this time.

PARAGRAPHS.

Bishop J. W. Hood, is away up in Massachusetts holding conference in his new field.

Bishop T. H. Lomax, has taken change of his new field and is now traveling in South Carolina.

Dr. Mott is again chairman of the Republican State Executive Committee.

Judge Dan. Russell was temporary chairman, and Judge W. A. Moore permanent chairman of the late Republican Convention.

Mr. William Hall represented the colored firemen of this city in the State Convention of firemen which met in Raleigh last Wednesday.

Henry McDuffie has sold the Laurinburg Enterprise, to a company that will publish a Liberal paper, to be edited by J. C. Troy. Both these young men are from Fayetteville.

Lisbon P. Berry, Esq., of Fayetteville, is in our city, the guest of Mr. J. E. Ratley. Mr. B. is a former student of Bidde, but during his stay in Fayetteville, has read law, and at the sitting of the Supreme Court in January, he was licensed to practice law. He has been urged upon to "hang out his shingle" in Charlotte, but has greener pastures in view. He went to the commencement at Scotia, of course. He was a delegate to the General Assembly in Springfield, Ill. Success to him.

Mr. Samuel N. Hill, one of the quill-drivers of the Wilson News, is in our city in the interest of his paper, also as a delegate to the Good Samaritan Grand Lodge. He reports the News in a flourishing condition. We are proud to see the colored press of the State represented by such able young men. Among other representatives of the press expected, is Col. Wassom, of the Goldsboro Star, G. A. Mabana, of the Enterprise, and A. S. Richardson, of Star of Baa.

COMMENCEMENT AT BIDDE UNIVERSITY.

Commencement exercises came off at Bidde University on Wednesday the 7th. A large number of our citizens were out and all were well pleased with the exercises of the day which consisted of speeches from the graduates of the collegiate department, and an address from Rev. Dr. Nelson, of Geneva, N. Y. There were four graduates from the college department and two from the theological department, but in consequence of their absence from school for a week or so they were excused from speaking. The theological graduates were, D. R. Stokes, North Carolina, and Adam Frayer, South Carolina. The college graduates are, David Brown, Salisbury, N. C., E. Milton Alexander, Concord, N. C., Jno. F. K. Simpson, Oapany, E. B. Craig, Pickens, S. C.

The valedictory was by Mr. Craig. All the speakers acquitted themselves creditably. Mr. David Brown, a typical African, seems to be one of those born orators, and is calculated to distinguish himself anywhere. Dr. Nelson delivered an able address at an hour and ten minutes, which was listened to with marked interest. He dwelt at some length upon "True eloquence, and how to obtain it."

The diplomas were then delivered by Dr. Mattoon, after which, benediction was announced by Dr. Wanda, of the city.

Upon the platform we noticed Mrs. Wanda, Price and Wyche, of the city; Mrs. Dorland, Rainey, Saunders, Superintendent Waller, Messrs. Wittenbury, Burwanger and others. All had well pleased with the exercises of the day. By special invitation, upon one young friend, J. A. Williams, of Spartanburg, we dined at Mrs. E. E. Wanda's with him, where we met several young ladies who were out to see

the last of the boys for a season. It is a custom with our Presbyterian friends to give an entertainment on the night after commencement for the students. Upon this occasion a dime reading was given in the Presbyterian Church and a fair in the yard. We are pleased to say this proved to be much more interesting and successful than the ordinary festival. Much is due Mr. W. H. Coleman for the success of this entertainment. Success to Bidde.

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USEFUL INDUSTRY CONSIDERED AS A MORAL DUTY.

BY REV. J. W. SMITH. The fourth commandment in the sacred decalogue lays upon us two distinct obligations: it imposes labor no less expressly than it enjoins a holy rest. "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work." Hence, it is a just and fair inference, that a life of voluntary idleness is a life of disobedience to the law and will of Heaven. If of your own choice, you spend the six working days idly you are as verily a transgressor of the moral law as you would be in disregarding the day that is consecrated. And besides, we are the better fitted for the duties of the sabbath by means of our industry in "providing things honest" during the rest of the week; while on the other hand, he that idles away the six days of labor, is very ill prepared for the sacred day of rest. The idle body, who, nevertheless, appears occasionally devout, separates what God hath joined together for he that said, "Remember the day to keep it holy," hath also said, "Six days shalt thou labor." Well directed industry is a moral and christian duty, a scriptural duty, which none that are capable of it can dispense with and be guiltless. Neither wealth, nor rank, nor sex, can excuse a person in good health, and of competent faculties, from all and every kind of useful labor, either of body, or mind, or both. More amusement is for little children. Employment, useful employment, is for men and women. And, indeed, as little is there granted us the liberty of doing no good with our faculties, as of employing them in doing evil and mischief. Labor is either mental, or bodily, or mixed. There are none whose labor is a greater "weariness of the flesh," as well as of the nobler part of humanity, than men of sloth and restless study; and there are none whose industry is more useful to mankind. The man of talent, who in solitude, and perhaps in neglected poverty, employs discreetly the faculties of his mind, to enlighten and instruct his fellow beings in their immortal, or even their mortal interests, is a benefactor to a community rather than a burden. Nevertheless, even A errs woefully, if he neglects to exercise his body. It is lamentable to see how many cases of study, how many promising youths waste away their strength, impair their constitutions, and bring upon themselves incurable diseases and premature death, solely for WANT of a proper mixture of bodily exercise with the strenuous labors of their minds. In the proud and haughty times in which we live, manual labor of the useful kind is accounted a thing too vulgar for those of the better sort. Many a young gentleman would feel himself dishonored by doing anything called work; and many a young lady would blush to be found employed in an occupation really useful; even though in circumstances imperatively demanding their industry. In this respect, the manners of society have suffered a deplorable change. The time has been when labor was held in honor among even the rich and the noble; when even ladies of the highest fortune and rank thought it not beneath them to work occasionally with their hands. Queen Mary, of England, "used frequently" as the story informs us, "the spiny comb

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Few things are impossible to industry skillfully directed. By it men of but middling talents rise sometimes to deserved eminence; by it the man of "small things" expands himself by little and little, till he comes at last to occupy a respectable space in society; and by it the face of the living world is illumined and gladdened. What difficulties have been overcome, what wonders have been wrought, and what immense benefits have been procured by the industrious application of the mental and corporeal powers of man! On the other hand no gifts of nature, or of fortune, can appreciate the necessity for industry. Such is a rust, that eats up the finest ingredients of genius and man and consumes the greatest of fortunes. He that is slothful of mind, loathes his mind; instead of enlarging, it contracts and diminishes as he increases in years. He that is slothful in business, will at last have neither business to do, nor anything to sustain his declining age. In short, a downright slugg, whether in high life or low, vegetates rather than lives. Habitual idleness is one of the worst of symptoms in youth; a fever is less hopeless than a lethargy.

County Line, N. C.

A Story with a Moral.

Sometimes a short story will contain more meaning than a long sermon. It all depends on what the story is about. Here, for instance, is a brief story, but the moral is healthy:

A goat, which was noted for its combative nature, was watching on a pond bank when he came to a neighboring town, where he came to a hole in the ice made by some fishermen, and copied his face into the water. Thinking that he saw one of his fellows, he concluded that this was an opportunity, not to be lost, and at once prepared for his usual attack. Drawing back a few feet, he lowered his head, shook his caudal appendage spasmodically, and at a tremendous pace rushed upon his shadow. But the old fellow went into the hole out of sight under the ice in a twinkling, nor has he since been seen.

Moral.—Never rush into anything without giving the subject due consideration.

It is said that the evilious of Irish tenants average one thousand per year.

EX-GOV. DANIEL DEND.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, June 15.—Ex-Gov. Wm. Denney, first Governor of Ohio, died this morning. Aged 67 years.

Failure of New Orleans Cotton Factors. NEW YORK, June 14.—The morning papers report that Ketchum & Gardner, cotton factors at New Orleans, have made an assignment. The liabilities are reported at \$125,000; assets \$100,000.

COMMENCEMENTS.

The Senate yesterday adjourned and the G. Journal published at Raleigh, N. C., and A. J. Drayton, publisher of the Journal, Tex.

Republican Convention Held in Genoa. MARIETTA, Ohio, June 14.—Gen. R. A. Davis was re-nominated in the 14th district by the Republican convention.

GERALD RAYNE, Iowa, June 14.—The Republicans of the 15th district re-nominated James Wilson for Congress yesterday.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children had five remarkable dramatic women, with numerous charming, well-dressed children before a full house at Broadway, N. Y., on Wednesday. The children were all dressed in the latest fashion and the women were all in the prettiest for six months.

In the Middle Chamber number five of New Haven, Conn., yesterday, Dr. Frank J. French, of the distance, and John J. Conner, of the city, presented any symptoms of unusual behavior.