

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.

A colored military company was organized here last Tuesday night, Gray J. Toole, captain.

The revival at Rev. Johnson's church continues with much interest. Fourteen have been added to the church and seventeen conversions.

Miss Mary Foster and Miss Eliza Houser will open a school next Monday morning for young ladies and girls, at the residence of Mr. W. H. Houser.

On last Sunday night Elder M. Slade submitted the question to his congregation, whether or not they should raise a collection once a month to aid in the support of the colored hospital.

Escape of Convicts.

On last Saturday night the county convicts in the stockade near Biddle, had a big prayer meeting, and during its progress fourteen of them succeeded in breaking their shackles and making good their escape.

Brotherly Aid Association.

The Brotherly Aid Association met last Tuesday night and elected the following officers: J. M. Goode, president; Martin Weddington, vice-president; J. C. North, financial secretary; Ed Richey, recording secretary; Joseph Freeman, treasurer; Joseph Grier, chaplain.

The annual report read; for the year ending March 8, receipts, \$117.05; disbursements, \$152.85; cash in bank, \$145.32; cash in hands of treasurer, \$11.50; total cash \$156.82.

The expenses were for relief of widows, \$59.10; burial of one member, \$20; doctor bills and sick dues \$71.75; Clinton chapel building fund, \$2.

Our Course Endorsed.

W. C. Smith, Esq., Editor 'The Charlotte Messenger.'

DEAR SIR: It was my intention to vindicate the necessity, justice, desirability, and feasibility of the proposed Normal and Collegiate Institute through the columns of some of our State papers; but I have been so gratified and satisfied at the able and full vindication made by the people's editors that I have thought it unnecessary to add a word.

Hence, my letter, to congratulate you, Mr. Editor, on your able and logical championship of this great measure, involving the races highest interest in North Carolina.

Yours for the cause of right, S. G. ATKINS.

Salisbury Items.

Zion Wesley College is no more, but instead it shall henceforth be known as Livingston College, the name having been changed at the last Legislature.

Sunday evening Huntington Hall will be dedicated a chapel for sacred services only. Prof. Price will preach the dedicatory sermon.

C. H. Mead, the great temperance lecturer, spoke at Livingston College last evening at 7 o'clock, and at the opera house at 8, to a large audience.

and was himself invited to a gallery seat, or outdoors, whichever he preferred. He chose the latter. How the temperance reformers of the South can look for success in this all-important work when the color line is constantly drawn is what we can't just now see.

Mr. Isaiah Neely, an elder of the Presbyterian church, departed this mortal life February 25. He was truly a Christian, a father in Israel. He was loved and respected by all who knew him.

Mr. Charles Barber is having the foundation of his \$1,000 store and residence dug out, near the depot.

Henderson & Bro. still have fine trout and shad twice a week—Tuesdays and Saturdays. They will be prepared to furnish first-class soda and mineral waters next week.

Wilmington Notes.

The concert given by the Central Baptists and conducted by Mrs. L. F. Christmas, was a grand success. Miss Ida Lewis Evans furnished some very excellent music.

A very fashionable entertainment was given at the residence of Mr. Frank McKeays, on Monday evening.

Mr. John H. Whiteman reports a good business on the wharf, notwithstanding the low price of wood.

Miss Julia A. Amey, of this city, is teaching at Rocky Mount.

Our good friend, Johnson Bowen, will spend a few days at Warsaw, in the interest of the Advocate; also, to make a special visit to a fair damsel. Somebody's name will be changed before the close of '87.

The Acap Singing Club of this city will visit Fayetteville soon. This is the best club in the State—all clever young gentlemen; and with Mr. D.B. Fulton as president and Master Alfred Hill as organist, they will spare no pains to please the citizens of Fayetteville.

Mr. James D. Hall has just returned from Fayetteville, where he reports having spent the time very pleasantly. J. E. Sampson has purchased two houses and lots on Campbell street.

Miss Mildred Mears has completed a very nice house on Seventh street.

R. L. Hutchins is taking the lead with his late styles of paintings.

Hons. Holloway and Howe arrived in the city on Tuesday.

The parlor concert given at the residence of Dr. Shobers, was a grand success. The lads and lassies reported promptly.

Columbia, S. C., Notes.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 9. THE MESSENGER—The farmers are all bustling about their work in this vicinity. Much of the soil is in readiness for the seed.

At length, finding so much opposition from so very absurd standpoints I had almost again resolved to write, thinking that possibly our leaders did not understand whereof they spoke. But the issue of the MESSENGER received this morning has fully convinced me that the people's cause may be left severely to the people's editors.

The work of education is moving on apace with the times. The teachers of Howard Graded School have a reading circle that meets weekly. Mr. Wallace, the principal of the school, is its president.

The Richland County Teachers' Association has resolved itself into a reading circle and meet twice a month. This circle is a branch of the Chautauqua Teachers' Reading Union. Mr. Jas. Wells is its president.

The cause of education is to be aided much by organizations like those mentioned above. Let the moulders of human souls and shapers of our future citizens look well to the interest of the nation and humanity by keeping to the front in their work.

Rev. J. B. Middleton has been ap-

pointed State Deputy Archon for the Wise men, and left for Greenville yesterday in the interest of that order. Rev. J. J. Durham is the present Grand Archon.

Mr. Wm. T. Smith, of this place, graduates with honors from the medical department of Howard University, Washington, D. C., tonight. Long life and success to him in the field of alleviating suffering humanity.

News from Liberia.

The following postal has just been received from Mr. R. A. Massey, the young man who was in charge of the company that went over to Africa last fall. It explains itself:

CAPE PALMAS, LIBERIA, W. C. A., January 10th, 1887.

DEAR SIR—I received your paper the 9th inst. Was glad to receive a paper from so near my home. Sir, I am glad to inform you that I have landed safe from Cape Palmas on Dec. 24th, with all my 91 persons—not one lost. We had a little sea-sickness while at sea, but no serious sickness.

He Thanks his Paper. Mr. Editor: I was induced by reading your good paper to try Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic for debility, liver and scrofula, and three bottles have cured me.

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