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## THAT NEW CHURCH.

We have been asked by a number of our white friends concerning the causes of the split in the colored Methodist church here. Some tell us that they have been informed that the "whisky faction" withdrew, &c. Now, speaking for myself, unadvised, we say this: The new church (Grace) is not a "whisky faction." They change no one else with being such; but becoming dissatisfied with many things in the management of the old church, believing especially that the preacher (though he be a temperance man), was not exerting a proper influence with regard to temperance and Christian piety generally, and for their disagreeing with him, and their labors in certain Christian temperance efforts, they were persecuted, insulted in class meetings, preaching etc., they went out, forty-odd in number, determined to worship God in peace and in the way they understand His directions. They were without a place of worship, and of course one of their first steps was to buy and build. They left the mother church in a large and commodious house, recently remodeled, &c. But it seems that the old church, in order to embarrass the new church, sets about making plans to build a brick house of worship—a thing not talked of until after this little church had split off. The difference is plain enough for any one to see. The old church has the largest and best furnished colored church in the city, while this little new congregation is renting and trying to buy in order to build a church. We do not call this new church a prohibition church, though we are glad to be able to say that, while all the prohibitionists did not leave the old church, as far as we have been able to learn, every person that did leave and come into this new church is a prohibitionist, as we think all Christians and church people ought to be. We are not attempting to criticize nor defend any particular party, but make this plain explanation, and we are personally responsible for it.

## LYNCH LAW.

This dreaded practice is becoming so common that some of our people and papers speak of it as mere pastime. On Tuesday last five colored men were taken out of the jail at Yorkville, S. C., and four of them hanged to one tree and the fifth to a second tree. They were charged with killing a white boy several months ago in York county. They were brought here to our jail and afterwards taken to the penitentiary at Columbia for safe keeping, where they have been kept till Monday, when they were taken back to York for trial, which was set for last Wednesday.

The usual "mob of two hundred overpowered the jailor" and took them out and hanged them. The men may have been guilty, and we have no reason to doubt that some of them were guilty, and if guilty they should have suffered the penalty of the law, "after being duly tried and convicted."

This lynching business ought to be stopped. We know in a few rare and aggravated cases a white man is lynched, but ninety-nine times in a hundred the victim is a Negro. We believe the sober-thinking white people of this country can and should put a stop to this thing. Let men be tried, sentenced and legally executed. Lynching is a disgrace to any country and then it might cause very serious trouble some day. God will not suffer it always, and some sections of our country may be caused to suffer seriously on account of this cowardly crime of murdering men in this way.

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## THE MILITARY MUDDLE.

There is to be a national competitive drill in Washington City the latter part of May, and military companies throughout the country were invited to take part. Companies from Southern as well as Northern States have entered. Some of the Georgia companies, learning that colored companies from Virginia and Washington had been admitted withdrew, and their action is now causing much newspaper talk. We are sorry to see such a spirit manifested by one of the leading Southern States. Why, the Governor of Virginia, the nephew of the gallant Lee, has assigned these same colored troops to a place in the ceremonies at the laying of the cornerstone of the late Confederacy. And suppose our country should get into a little spat with some foreign power that should appear to be too much for our magnificent navy and our extensive army, would these same Georgians refuse to take up arms in defense of their country because we have black troops? Strange that these Georgians have been sending representatives to Congress, unless they were careful always to send men who were color-blind. Some one said there are Negroes in the Georgia Legislature, but that must have been only newspaper talk. Georgia is solid on one thing, though—they allow no Negroes to ride in first-class cars.

### A "Tar-Heel" in the "Lone Star."

DALLAS, TEX., April 1.

Mr. Editor—The Messenger reaches my number weekly, and it is needless to add that its contents are newsy to the recipient. Allow me to congratulate you upon the survival of the MESSENGER.

Farmers are busily engaged in this section of the State with their young crops. Some have not finished planting, owing to the want of rain. In the western portion of the State the farmers have suffered terribly for want of good seasons for the past two years; so much so that the raising of a crop of any kind was next to impossible. The destitution in that section can only be described by the action and promptness of the Legislature. That body, which met last fall, appropriated \$100,000 for the drought-stricken section, to be used in buying food and clothing. The citizens in other portions of the State, in the meantime, set about to secure seeds for those in the unfortunate region, in order that they might be furnished with the means of planting a crop this spring.

Prohibition is creating some excitement. An election will be held this year here to decide by the ballot whether there shall be a constitutional amendment prohibiting the liquor traffic in this State. Prohibition has many able advocates, both in person and the press, but the antis are as usually well armed, and if the proposed constitutional amendment is carried, it will be by what old-time people call "the skin of the teeth."

Dallas, the most enterprising city in the State, is on a regular boom. Jay Gould, the great financier, who was here some time ago, disclosed his opinion in reference to this city by saying that Dallas was the leading city in the South. There are about 4,000 colored citizens in the city, who own about \$150,000 worth of real estate. There are about a dozen colored churches of which the A. M. E. Church, the Missionary Baptists, the C. M. E. Church, and the Christian Church, are in the ascendancy. The minister of the latter spent last fall in the North, in the interest of a connectional college, and he said to his credit that he was very successful in collecting funds and arousing the interest and sympathy of the friends of this noble enterprise. He has the endorsement and the encouragement, backed by the liberal subscription of the wealthiest whites of the city.

The Colored Brothers' State Educational Association convenes in this city in July, and of course a grand treat, social and literary, is anticipated. The writer has been selected to deliver the address of welcome.

Heretofore the State Legislature has made an appropriation of \$6,000 annually for the support of summer normals, to be held in each Congressional district or one month during the summer, but failed to do so for the ensuing year. This, however, does not affect the State normals.

The city graded schools are doing a good work. You may remember that they were spoken of in a former communication. The city board of education has established, in connection with the graded schools, a high school, where the sciences and Latin are taught to the more advanced pupils free of charge.

The California fever has smitten many, and some of the poorest and the richest are selling out and casting their lots near the "golden gate," among whom is one Mr. George Hawkins, a good citizen who has just purchased a splendid residence in Los Angeles, Cal., for \$2,000. He is worth \$25,000, and one of his quaint sayings is that he came to Dallas with 25 cents, or "two bits," as it is called here; but now, by economy and industry, it is \$25,000.

Not long since a colored gentleman by the name of Hill, of Austin, Texas, who had accumulated considerable wealth, bequeathed in his last will and testament \$5,000 to the Waco College (col.), Waco, Texas; \$5,000 to the M. E. Church (col.), of Austin, Texas; \$5,000 to the A. M. E. Church; \$5,000 to the Baptist Church (col.), also of that city. Mr. Hill leaves some \$15,000 to his widow. He was an industrious and economical man and a good financier.

There are three colored colleges in the State, two or three academies and one State normal for colored teachers. The Legislature has taken in consideration the advisability of establishing a State University for colored youths, and it is probable that ere long Texas will have a university for colored citizens, and in fact an appropriation has been made for such a school, and it is attached to the colored denominational college at Austin for the present. My school will close on the 18th of June.

N. W. HARTLEE.

### Notes from Wadesboro.

We have not much news this week. Everybody seems to be preparing for Easter, and our Sunday-schools are preparing too and are expecting to have a great time.

Swiftfoot nine No. 2 challenges Lindsay's nine No. 3 for nine innings. Baseball prize, \$2.25.

We had two marriages in the past week, both colored.

Mr. Frank J. Ried has returned from Washington and will be with his many friends for a short while.

Our young men are about to organize a debating society.

Messrs. M. G. Watkins and D. A. Alexander left Monday for Fayetteville. Yours, respectfully,

W. S. INGRAM.

The Quarterly Conference of the M. E. Church will be held today by Presiding Elder S. M. Haines. Sacrament tomorrow.

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Condensed Schedule.

TRAINS GOING SOUTH.

| Aug. 1, 1886.        | No. 50, Daily. | No. 53, Daily. |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Lv. New York.....    | 12:00 night    | 3:40 p. m.     |
| Philadelphia.....    | 7:20 a. m.     | 6:03           |
| Baltimore.....       | 9:50           | 9:00           |
| Washington.....      | 11:15          | 11:00          |
| Charlottesville..... | 3:50 p. m.     | 3:00 a. m.     |
| Lynchburg.....       | 6:15           | 5:15           |
| Richmond.....        | 3:25           | 2:00           |
| Burkville.....       | 5:26           | 4:05           |
| Keyville.....        | 6:05           | 4:35           |
| Drake's Br'ch.....   | 6:20           | 4:50           |
| Danville.....        | 9:25           | 8:04           |

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| Lv. Goldsboro..... | 11:50 a. m. |
| Raleigh.....       | 5:00 p. m.  |
| Durham.....        | 6:07        |
| Chapel Hill.....   | 4:55*       |
| Hillsboro.....     | 6:47        |

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| Lv. Greensboro..... | 11:21 p. m. | 9:50 a. m.  |
| Lv. Salem.....      | 6:55* p. m. | 5:55 a. m.  |
| Lv. High Point..... | 11:55 p. m. | 10:19 a. m. |
| Salisbury.....      | 1:10 a. m.  | 11:23       |
| Concord.....        | 1:57        | 11:59       |
| Charlotte.....      | 3:00        | 1:00 p. m.  |
| Spartanburg.....    | 5:56        | 3:34        |
| Greenville.....     | 7:14        | 4:49        |
| Ar. Atlanta.....    | 1:40 p. m.  | 10:40       |

TRAINS GOING NORTH.

| Aug. 1, 1886.       | No. 51, Daily. | No. 53, Daily. |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Lv. Atlanta.....    | 5:45 p. m.     | 8:40 a. m.     |
| Ar. Greenville..... | 11:32          | 2:30 p. m.     |
| Spartanburg.....    | 12:45 a. m.    | 3:43           |
| Charlotte.....      | 4:05           | 6:25           |
| Concord.....        | 5:01           | 7:25           |
| Salisbury.....      | 5:48           | 8:01           |
| High Point.....     | 7:04           | 9:08           |
| Greensboro.....     | 7:35           | 9:43           |
| Ar. Salem.....      | 11:40 a. m.    | 1:17 a. m.     |
| Ar. Hillsboro.....  | 11:45 a. m.    |                |
| Durham.....         | 12:28 p. m.    |                |
| Chapel Hill.....    | 1:00*          |                |
| Raleigh.....        | 1:35           |                |
| Goldsboro.....      | 4:40           |                |
| Danville.....       | 9:45 a. m.     | 11:28 p. m.    |
| Drake's Br'ch.....  | 12:30 p. m.    | 2:42 a. m.     |
| Keyville.....       | 12:38          | 3:05           |
| Burkville.....      | 1:20           | 3:57           |
| Richmond.....       | 3:37           | 7:00           |

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| Lv. Lynchburg.....   | 12:45 p. m. | 2:10 a. m.  |
| Charlottesville..... | 3:15        | 4:35        |
| Washington.....      | 8:45        | 9:45        |
| Baltimore.....       | 11:25       | 10:02       |
| Philadelphia.....    | 3:00 a. m.  | 12:35 p. m. |
| New York.....        | 6:20        | 3:20        |

\*Daily, except Sunday.

T. & O. DIVISION.

|                        | Mail and Express. |
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| Leave Statesville..... | 8:30 a. m.        |
| Troutman's.....        | 8:52              |
| Shepherd's.....        | 9:15              |
| Mooresville.....       | 9:30              |
| Mount Mourne.....      | 9:48              |
| Davidson College.....  | 10 00             |
| Caldwell's.....        | 10 30*            |
| Huntersville.....      | 10 30             |
| Stonewall.....         | 10:55*            |
| Section House.....     | 11:12             |
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