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## JOHNSTON LETTER.

Death of Mr. Broadus Mobley,  
Mrs. Walker Entertained  
New Century Club. Pi  
Tau Club Met.

On Friday morning at 4 o'clock, Broadus Mobley, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Allen Mobley, died at their home here after an illness of about a week, his death resulting from an abscess which formed in his head. Broadus was about 10 years of age and was an unusually bright and manly boy, full of vigor and promise, and it is sad that the young life is ended, which had centered in it fond hopes of his loved ones. He was a bright spirited child, and his cheery voice will be missed by his band of playmates. The funeral services were conducted on Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock by Dr. A. T. King, after which the white casket was tenderly laid to rest beneath a mound of flowers sent by sympathetic friends. This song was softly sung as an ending to the service:

"Around the throne of God in heaven,  
A thousand children stand,  
Children whose sins are all forgiven  
A holy, happy band.  
"What brought them to that world above,  
That heaven so bright and fair,  
Where all is peace and joy and love,  
How came those children there?  
"Because the Saviour shed his blood,  
To wash away their sin,  
Bathed in that pure and precious blood,  
Behold them white and clean.  
Singing glory, glory, glory be to God on high."

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cogburn and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Lott and family spent Sunday in the home of Mr. Albert Lott, who now lives near town.

Mrs. W. J. Hatcher has returned from Atlanta, where she has been with her father, Mr. Duncan, who has been critically ill.

Mrs. J. Broadus Knight and children of Trenton, spent the week end with Mrs. O. D. Black.

Mrs. James Turner and B. T. Adams visited Mrs. James Quinby at Graniteville during last week.

Miss Maud Nickerson spent a portion of last week in Augusta.

Mrs. H. Crouch and Miss Elise Crouch are visiting in the family of their brother, Mr. Getzen Wertz, of Columbia.

Mr. and Mrs. Pickens Salter of Trenton were visitors here during the week.

Mrs. J. A. Lott spent a part of last week in Augusta.

Mrs. David Howard and children and Mrs. Cliff Mitchell, of Batesburg, spent the past week with their mother, Mrs. Anna Strother.

Misses Maud and Gladys Sawyer have gone to Georgetown to spend two months with relatives.

The Knights of Pythias will give a banquet to their friends on Friday evening and the occasion promises to be a very pleasant one.

The members of the Pi Tau club enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon with Miss Frances Strother on Wednesday, and also present were a number of invited friends. The afternoon was such a spring-like one, that the tables for progressive games were arranged out on the broad veranda, and at the conclusion of the games the highest score was made by Misses Mallie Waters and Zena Payne, and the prize being cut for, fell to the former. The gift was a set of shirt waist buttons, handpainted, the work of the hostess, who is an adept at china painting. Refreshments were served, and each guest was given a lovely japonica for a boutonniere.

Mrs. J. Neil Lott visited in Augusta last week.

The New Century Club held the second meeting of January, with Mrs. J. L. Walker, and on this occasion the hostess entertained the 20 members and about the same number of guests in a very royal manner. After routine business, King Richard II was discussed, Mrs. W. F. Scott acting as leader. Following this, time was spent socially, a very enjoyable feature being a vocal solo by Prof. W. F. Scott, whose tenor is of surpassing

sweetness. Later all were invited into the dining room, where the club colors, white and green, were well carried out, the decorations being of white hyacinths and ferns, and the table cover of lace was over green satin. An elaborate salad and sweet course was served, the hostess being assisted by Miss Lillian Mobley and Mesdames J. Neil Lott and O. D. Black. Before leaving the room all together pulled the ribbons bearing each name, from the fortune ball suspended over the table, and each drew a dainty jabot, the handiwork of the hostess. The favors were cards bearing the book of Shakespeare, and from this sprang a tree, the trunk bearing the presidents name and the branches, the names of the members. Out in the hall upon a table beautifully decorated in the club colors, violets, coffee was served by Miss Zena Payne, and with this was offered sunshine wafers and later, hints. During the time spent socially, Mrs. Mims Walker played many beautiful selections, which lent charm to the air.

Mr. Oscar D. Black traveling salesman for R. M. Hughes & Co., of Louisville, Ky., has the distinction of winning the medal given by this firm for the greatest amount of sales made during the past year, by any of their representatives. This is the third time Mr. Black has made this record.

Mr. P. N. Lott will spend this week in Horry in interest of farm demonstrations.

Miss Maud Johnson who is suffering with pellagra is now in a very critical state. About a year ago her father, Mr. Jim Johnson, died of this malady.

## Save the Manure.

Long before anything was known of plant foods, as we now know them, stable manure was known as a valuable means of increasing crop yields. In some respects it is unfortunate that our knowledge of plant foods and their general commercial sale have resulted in the habit of judging the value of stable manure by the plant foods it contains. It has by far greater value than the plant foods it contains indicate and if this other value were fully understood and truly appreciated more attention would be given to it. Unless a soil is made a suitable place for bacteria to live, it will not be a fertile soil, and nothing else seems to suit the friendly and helpful bacteria to live and thrive and work for the farmer quite so well as a well-drained soil well supplied with stable manure. Men like Carnegie and Rockefeller did not accumulate their large fortunes from their own efforts alone. They got others to work for them. It is the same way throughout all human endeavor; the man who can bring most of the resources of nature to work for him succeeds best. Why should we not do more to encourage friendly soil bacteria to work for us by giving them the kind of food and home they like best? They are our greatest aid in soil building and it seems we might at least give them some encouragement in their efforts in our behalf. Nothing also will give them the encouragement they need like a good application of stable manure.

If those who use cottonseed meal for feeding could once be made to fully and truly realize that the manure—solid and liquid—contains around 90 per cent of the plant foods originally in the meal and that this amounts to a value of between \$25 and \$30 a ton at the usual prices for fertilizers, they would surely take more trouble to save this manure. Why is it that many cattlemen will scheme and dicker—and some of them even indulge in misrepresentations—to make a dollar or two in the sale or purchase of a cow and then treat so carelessly the stable manure of much greater value that is made by this same cow?

This is the season when the stable manure is being made and it should be the season when it is saved, even though it is not the season when it is used. If we grew more cover crops there would always be a good place for the stable manure as made.—Progressive Farmer.

## Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock about thirty ladies gathered at the home of Mrs. J. W. Stewart to hold, in conjunction with their regular monthly meeting, a memorial service to Frances Willard.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. T. H. Rainsford and a poem "To-day," read by Mrs. J. L. Mims. The business session was completed first, including mainly the reports of committees. Mrs. W. B. Cogburn read, among the mention of promoted comrades, in The Union Signal, the name of Mrs. Mary Thurmond of whom it was stated that she was the eldest member of the Edgefield union, and had been a life-long friend of the temperance cause. Mrs. Peak read the resolutions in regard to Mrs. Thurmond's death as published in The Advertiser. The treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Hart, made a report of the year's finances, there being a small balance in the treasury.

The essay contest work was reported as being actively prosecuted, and plans were made for Temperance Sunday, the 8th of March. In answer to four questions on the use of the "Willard Memorial Fund," Mrs. J. W. Peak told in a minute explanation, "What the W. C. T. U. is doing among the Indians," Mrs. W. L. Danovant was not present but her data on "work among the colored people" was read by the president, Mrs. W. A. Hart told of the "Importance of influencing the foreign voter," and Mrs. W. E. Lott spoke of the "Immigrant and the W. C. T. U."

A very pleasant feature of the program and one greatly prized because of its special appropriateness was a "A personal reminiscence of Frances Willard" from Mrs. D. B. Hollingsworth, who as a student at the Columbia college belonged to the Willard literary society, and this society had on a very delightful occasion entertained Miss Willard and Miss Gordon as their guests in one of the hotels of Columbia. What Mrs. Hollingsworth said was much appreciated and enjoyed.

A vocal duet, "We're coming dear leader" was sung by Mrs. R. G. Shannonhouse and Mrs. J. P. Tompkins. This was a very pleasant introduction to another profitable feature of the program when Mrs. Tillman gave a resume of Miss Anna Gordon's "Life of Frances Willard," recently published. Mrs. Tillman said that she believed there was no other biography written so calculated to inspire to noble endeavor as this life of Frances Willard who is believed to be the greatest human friend of women that the world has known.

At the close of the program, Mrs. Stewart was presented with a souvenir of the occasion, an illustrated booklet containing views of Rest Cottage, the home of Frances Willard.

Occasions like this are not complete now-a-days without souvenirs and the ones distributed at this meeting were cards on which were seen the face of Frances Willard given to each guest upon their arrival by the sweet little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart, little Katherine. These were tied with the white ribbon and bore beneath the face the following beautiful lines:

"Our laurels we bring thee  
Brave spirit,  
And may thine own courage sublime  
Inspire us to faint not nor falter  
While yet exists  
Legalized crime."

At the close of the meeting, a collection of \$3.55 was taken for the memorial fund. In the dining room a very elaborate and delightful salad course with coffee was served by the gracious hostess.

F. A. M.

Young Mr. Borem was sitting in the front parlor waiting for Miss Slick to come down stairs when John wandered into the room.

"Johnny, said Mr. Borem, I'd give a dollar to know just what your sister thinks of me."

"Huh, replied Johnny, if you knew what I know you'd give \$10 not to know what she thinks of you."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

If you want the best Flour in Edgefield, call for Omega.  
Danovant & Co.

## Fourth Class Postmaster Examination at Trenton, February 7, 1914.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that on the date named above an examination will be held at Trenton, South Carolina, as result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Trenton, S. C. and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill the vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$653 for the last fiscal year.

Age limit, 21 years and over on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be of full age for all purposes at 18 years, women 18 years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside within the territory supplied by the post office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply the requirements.

Application forms and full information concerning the requirements of the examination can be secured from the postmaster at Trenton, South Carolina, or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applications should be properly executed and filed with the commission at Washington at least 7 days before the date of the examination, otherwise it may be impracticable to examine the applicants.

U. S. Civil Service Commission.

## Executive Meeting Entertained.

A very pleasant as well as profitable occasion was that of last Thursday when Mrs. Mamie N. Tillman, vice-president of the western division W. M. U. entertained the executive board of the Edgefield association at a dining.

The morning session was spent in discussing the various phases of the work and how best to prosecute the departments. It was decided that an effort would be made to divide the association into three districts asking a lady in each district to take charge of the group of societies in her section, and hold quarterly meetings in the respective divisions, all joining in the annual meeting in August.

The superintendent, Mrs. J. L. Mims, made a report of her work since the associational meeting at Antioch. The report of Mrs. Tillman as vice-president of this division, as printed in state minutes, was read, and also suggestions for the standing committees on literature, obituaries and personal service.

Some time was taken in the discussion of mission study, and Miss Hortense Padgett as chairman, will begin at once to communicate with all the societies in reference to this important subject. The books to be used are "In Royal Service" for the women's societies, "Ann of Ava" for the Y. W. A.'s and "Coming Americans" for the Sunbeam societies.

The apportionment for the societies this year is fifteen hundred and twenty-four dollars to be raised by the thirty societies in Edgefield association.

Nine ladies were seated at the dining table where the congenial company spent an hour of delightful intercourse in this hospitable home whose very atmosphere encourages high ideals and lofty purposes.

Two faithful members of the board were greatly missed, being provisionally detained. Mrs. Mary Wates who was unable on account of illness to be present, and Mrs. Prescott Lyon for the same reason. Expressions of regret were also made at the absence of Mrs. Mabelle Talbert, superintendent Y. W. A. for Edgefield.

A Guest.

## Sunday School Hosts to Gather at Anderson Feb 11-13.

The program for the state Sunday school convention at Anderson, February 11-13, is unusually attractive. The music will be one of the most interesting features. Mr. Har-

old C. Lowden, of Philadelphia, will conduct a choir of more than one hundred voices. Mr. Lowden is a fine conductor, and a composer of note. This is the first time he has been to a convention in this state, and his coming is a great event. Mr. Alvin W. Roper, of Winona Lake, Ind., will be the pianist. So marvelous is Mr. Roper's skill that he has been called the "wizard of the piano." He has played at several inter national conventions and at the world's convention held in Washington. His playing at these conventions was so remarkable that he has won great reputation the world around. Music lovers are looking forward with great eagerness to hearing Mr. Roper.

The most spectacular feature of the convention will be the men's bible class parade, at 7:30 o'clock, Friday evening, when 1,500 men carrying transparencies, will march through the streets of the city of Anderson. At the head of this magnificent parade will march ex-governor Ansel, of Greenville, several mayors of the towns near Anderson, and Rev. J. W. Speake, the chairman of the parade committee. This splendid line of men will march to the convention church, where they will be addressed by Dr. L. N. Caley, of Philadelphia, Dr. William J. Williamson, of St. Louis, and Mr. J. Shreve Durham, of Chicago.

The Sunday school superintendents at the convention will be tendered a banquet in the dining room of the St. John's Methodist church, on Friday afternoon, February 11. Preceding this banquet, there will be a conference for the superintendents led by Mr. D. W. Sims, general secretary of the Georgia Sunday school association, Atlanta.

Anderson is making splendid preparations for the great number of Sunday school people who are planning to go there next week.

## Plum Branch News.

On January 16th Miss Nellie Bodie celebrated her sixteenth birthday at home, Plum Branch, S. C. The crowd gathered at eight o'clock and we were invited in the parlor. Miss Minnie Greene made some very beautiful music for us. After enjoying the music we played games, and had some contests. Then we were carried into the hall where delicious punch was served, Miss Emmie Reynolds presided over the punch bowl. We amused ourselves again in playing games until ten o'clock when we were called in the dining room for supper, which was enjoyed very much. The table was just lovely. It was decorated with beautiful red, white and blue crepe paper. Those present were Misses Elvira and Minnie Greene, Emmie Reynolds, Jaunita Miller, Irene Holloway, Frankie Dozier, Georgia and Dora Crawford, Gracie Wells, Bertha Quarles, Mozelle Kitchings, Huldah, Eva Brown, Sadie Self, Lena Wells, Thelma Strother, Little Mabel Strother, Connie Cochran, Alma Graves. Messrs. Jerry Swides, Thomas McAllister, Robert Wideman, J. K. Faulkner, Ellis Graves, John Graves, Jim Jennings, Roy Strother, Calvin Sanders, Jasper Wells, Milledge Sturkey, J. C. Macon, Ralph Sturkey, Thomas Miner, Wideman Dozier, Bryan White, Eugene Crawford, Master James Strother, Bryan Quarles, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cochran, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Wideman, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford and family.

On Sunday January 25th Miss Nellie Bodie and Mr. John Graves entertained a few friends at their home. Those present were Misses Irene and Lucile Humphries, Messrs. Ellis Graves and Calvin Sanders.

Those visiting Plum Branch this week are Mrs. Reynolds and daughter Miss Emmie from Eastman, S. C.

We are very glad to say that we have another family moved in our little town, Mr. Malcolm Sturkey and family from Birmingham, Ala. Mr. Sturkey is welcomed back to Plum Branch by all his friends here.

We are very sorry to say that B. D. and Mabel Kitchings and Rebecca Wells are sick, but hope they will soon be up and back in school.

Mrs. James Collier is improving very fast and will soon be able to take her school back. Also, Allen Mallett and little Carrie Banks are improving.

Mr. J. R. Bodie makes some fly-

## TOUR OF WEST-SIDE.

"Prudential," "The Friend of Widows and Orphans," Writes Interestingly of Recent Tour.

Mr. Editor: You should swing around the old county occasionally and see the changes. Leaving Edgefield yesterday morning I crossed Turkey Creek at the Key bridge where the gang was building a new steel bridge. Forging the deep creek I got a buggy full of water which I could not get rid of till I bored an outlet in bottom of the buggy. Just on this side of the creek I saw the splendidly appointed stock farm of Mr. P. B. Stone and Mr. Geo. W. Adams. They have numerous new metal roof buildings and pastures of vast area.

Parksville is growing. There has recently been some changes. Nixon Dorn has sold out to the Robertson members of the firm. Mr. T. Garrett Talbert, J. P. and Dr. W. G. Blackwell are opening up a big business in Col. W. J. Talbert's two stores on west-side of the railroad. Mr. W. R. Parks is president of the bank. Col. Talbert and the old settlers seem to be "holding their own."

At Modoc Mr. J. C. Harvelly has rebuilt his store and dwelling and is as happy as ever. Mr. Winchester McDaniel will rebuild his ginney this summer. May the good Lord prosper this unselfish citizen. I missed seeing Maj. Americus Vespuccius Bussey.

Arriving at Clark's Hill late in the day, I was mercifully taken in by Mr. Jno. P. Nixon. The night and morning with these good people was most enjoyable. Mrs. Nixon was our own gentle Minnie Latham. They have two bright and handsome children. Capt. D. W. Sharpton runs a large two-story store here. These good people have a handsome two-story modern dwelling with gas lights. Joe Marshall, the ear-while knight of the road, is opening up a new stock in the King store. Mrs. King has moved to Augusta. Her pretty daughter teaches at Modoc.

I called at the old Halls of Middleton and Meriwether. These are two handsome and commodious old homes. Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Middleton live at the former and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Adams, the latter. The railroad runs in a deep cut between Mr. Adams' house and his horse lot. They cross over on a bridge under which the trains run.

"Clark's Hill" should be in plural. There are many. A Washington visitor to uncle George Tillman once asked him where he was moving to? He, the Colonel, said: "What in hell you mean?" The Congressman said, "I see you have your land all bundled up."

These hills are blossoming like the rose with large and very remunerative peach orchards. Mr. W. S. Middleton made loads of money on peaches last season. May lucky "14 be better! Mr. Middleton's store is backed up on a steep hill at Meriwether, so steep that the store is built in terraces. He has a beautiful mansion on the high hills with a magnificent view of his acres of peaches. The drives around the hill side are very picturesque looking down upon the passing cars in the valley.

Henry Adams is still the old faithful at Meriwether depot. He lays no claim to being good looking but he has the same manly face and magnetic personality.

Judge Luther Bell is a diamond in the rough. He says he wants some girl to send him a hint. He wants to get married again. I forgot to tell him of two old-maid sisters up the country, one of whom asked the other if one pair of long stockings would hold all the Christmas presents she wanted. The other replied, "No, but a short pair of socks would."

Oscar Timmerman and Dr. Crafton are beginning a big dairy farm on Key road.

Charlie Jones has purchased the interest of Frank West and will go it alone at Antioch.

Prudential.

ing trips now the warm weather has come. Guess you saw him in your town Tuesday. Did you not?