

## BACHMAN CHAPEL LETTER.

Death of Mrs. P. L. Wise—An Enjoyable Dinner at Perry Halfacre's—Communion at Colony.

Slighs, S. C., January 4, 1904.—Christmas passed off very quietly throughout this section. No accidents happened, except that a negro, Jeff Ruff, who lives on Dr. Hunter's place, got his hand badly torn up by the explosion of a gun.

Mrs. Nancy C. Wise, wife of Mr. P. L. Wise, died at her home on Saturday night, the 26th, aged 34 years, 2 months and 16 days. Her infant babe had preceded her to the spirit land just a few weeks previous to her death. Her remains were laid to rest in Colony graveyard on Monday following her death, her pastor, the Rev. P. H. E. Derrick, conducting the funeral services. Mrs. Wise was a member of Bachman Chapel church, and her whole life was a life of peace and quietude. She leaves a husband, one sister, two half brothers, two half sisters and a step-mother to mourn her departure. They have our deepest sympathy.

Among my Christmas enjoyments was to accept an invitation to a turkey dinner at the home of my neighbor and friend, Mr. Perry Halfacre, on Tuesday, the 29th of December. Just before dinner Mr. Halfacre showed us a dish which was bought by his grandfather, Henry Halfacre, in the spring of 1803, when he first went to house-keeping. It was then bought and served as a turkey dish by this good old father one hundred and one years ago. It served the same purpose on the day in question, which made the dinner quite memorable. Mr. Editor, I am sorry your invitation did not reach you in time for you—to be with us on this occasion, for you certainly missed one of the best dinners of your life. Any one who eats a dinner prepared by Mrs. Halfacre will not wonder why her husband is so large and fleshy.

But, to go back to the relic, this old dish, which is serving its third generation, notwithstanding it has been in continual use for more than a hundred years, has not lost its beauty. The flowers on its face look as fresh and natural as if placed there only a short while ago. The day was spent very pleasantly with this kind family and I trust that it may be my privilege to meet with again in like manner. To say that Col. D. A. Ruff and Maj. Ben Halfacre were there is only saying that it added more to the fun and pleasure of the day. Perry Halfacre is one among our best neighbors and citizens, and to meet each one of his children is a plain evidence of what I say, for they show that they have been brought up under good discipline.

There was communion service at Colony church last Sunday. The day was very cold, which made the congregation comparatively small. Our new pastor, Rev. R. E. Livingstone, preached a good sermon from 1 Corinthians 1:9. The subject was a good one, showing the faithfulness of God. Rev. Livingstone does not come among us as a stranger; he is one of our own boys. Raised and educated in our midst he needs no words of commendation at my hands. T. J. W.

## A Prisoner in Her Own House.

Mrs. W. H. Layha, of 1001 Agnes Ave., Kansas City, Mo., has for several years been troubled with severe hoarseness and at times a hard cough, which she says, "Would keep me in doors for days. I was prescribed for by physicians with no noticeable results. A friend gave me part of a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with instructions to closely follow the directions and I wish to state that after the first day I could notice a decided change for the better, and at this time after using it for two weeks, have no hesitation in saying I realize that I am entirely cured." This remedy is for sale by Smith Drug Co., Newberry, Prosperity Drug Co., Prosperity.

## SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed in the State.

Three negroes have been killed in one week in Fairfield County. All the parties concerned were negroes.

Oscar Catoe, a young white man of Lancaster county, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother last week while bird hunting.

A negro woman was killed by a passenger train in Chester last week while attempting to cross the track at the Southern railway station.

The constables of the State have presented Governor Heyward a solid silver tea set as a New Year present.

Under a decision by Comptroller General Jones the poll tax may be paid on or before the 15th day of March without penalty.

Safe crackers in Society Hill blew open the safe of W. C. Coker & Son, conducting a general merchandise business, on Thursday night, securing about \$400 in cash.

A fire in Orangeburg early Thursday morning damaged the handsome Scoville building and neighboring buildings, entailing a total loss of over \$5,000.

Mr. Benjamin W. Lindsey, a Confederate veteran, while crossing the mill race at Cherokee Falls factory, near Blacksburg, made a misstep and fell into the race and was drowned.

The constables of Greenville county have captured several more large stills in the drak corner. During a recent raid several shots were fired at them from ambush but there were no serious results.

Sam Wilkie, colored, shot and probably fatally wounded a negro in Anderson county last week on account of the negro's relations with Wilkie's wife, begun while Wilkie was serving on the gang for stealing chickens.

The 1-year-old child of a negro was burned to death in Spartanburg last week. It was left in the house in bed by its mother, and the bed clothes caught on fire, literally roasting the child to death.

Hilton Quick, a young white man who lived in the northern part of Marlboro county, was shot and killed in a bar room across the North Carolina line on Christmas day by the bar keeper, Jule Combs, who claims the shooting was accidental.

The 3-year-old daughter of Mr. A. J. Moore, section master for the Blue Ridge Railway at Denver, in Anderson county, while playing around a fire which had been made at the railroad for her father's hands, caught fire on Tuesday and was so severely burned that she died Tuesday night.

While hauling lumber in a wagon drawn by an ox, John Smalls, a colored boy, was drowned at Jacksonboro ferry, in the lower part of Colleton county, on Thursday. The ox was hot and thirsty and when he approached the river, instead of going on the ferry he plunged headlong into the river, some 20 or 30 feet deep.

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