

Mr. Thomas B. Bell

At State Park yesterday, after a brave, but unavailing fight for restoration to health, Mr. Thomas B. Bell, of Chester, passed into the presence of his Master and into the com-

pany of the redeemed. The funeral service will be held at the A. R. P. Church this afternoon at four o'clock by the pastor, Dr. Paul Pressly, assisted by Dr. D. G. Phillips, of Charlotte, a former pastor, and interment will be at Evergreen cemetery.

Mr. Bell was born April 20th, 1870, in the Blackstock community, and lived in that section for a number of years, also residing for a time in Tennessee. Mr. Bell was possessed of mechanical talent of very high order, and when stricken down by his last illness was only two or three months removed, he believed, from the realization of plans that represented the dream of years and years to him, and which when carried out would have spelled success in a very substantial way. But as great as was Mr. Bell's mechanical ability, and as dear to him as was the fulfillment of his dream as a mechanic and an inventor, his faith in God and his firm and unswerving belief that Jesus "doeth all things well" were even greater; and so during the long days that lapsed from March 23rd last year, when he took to his bed for the last time, no murmur escaped his lips, but his face from day to day shone with a new and more radiant light, for Thomas B. Bell was a Christian, and loved ones and friends, while they will miss his cheery smile as the days come and go, know beyond all peradventure that he is with God.

Mr. Bell is survived by two brothers, Mr. John M. Bell, of Chester, and Mr. Killough H. Bell, who lived in Tennessee after leaving Chester, but about six weeks ago, left Tennessee to make his home in California.—

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