

4. **DEATH OF MRS. S.B. CLOWNEY**

A private letter from Texas brings the sad tidings of the death last week, from consumption, of Mrs. Margaret J.W. Clowney. Mrs. Clowney was the daughter of the late David Milling, of this county. Hers was a lovable character, gentle and kind and true; and she won the esteem and affection of all who knew her. Though her death was not unexpected, it nevertheless causes much sorrow in her former home. To her bereaved husband and family heartfelt sympathy is extended.

We are pained to learn of the death of little Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Douglass, which took place, at three o'clock on Friday morning of diphtheria. The little boy had been in usual health up to the Sunday previous, when he was attacked with something like a bad cold-which soon developed into the fearful disease. He was about one year old, and had always been a very robust child. The sympathy of many friends is with the parents in their sad affliction. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon. 1881

**SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. ELI F. HARRISON.**

The friend's and acquaintances of Mrs. Eli F. Harrison...will be surprised and shocked to hear of her sudden death, which took place at her home in Longtown early on Wednesday morning from heart disease after a short illness...Mrs Harrison was the daughter of the late Dr. John Douglass, of Chester county, one of the most prominent physicians, surgeons and citizens of his day who represented his county in the State Legislature. While quite young she married Capt. Eli F. Harrison and moved to Longtown, where she has since resided. She was the mother of our ex-representative Jno. D. Harrison...Mrs. Harrison was much beloved in the community where she lived, and her death is a sad blow to her family and friends. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. T.W. Mellichamp... 1881

**DEATH OF MRS. LAKIN.**

Mrs. Grace Lakin, the widow of the late C.J. Lakin, and a daughter of Gen. John Pearson, of Revolutionary fame, died at her home in this county on Saturday last. Mrs. Lakin had reached a ripe old age being in her ninety-ninth year. She was a woman of true Christian worth...The funeral services were conducted at Little River Baptist Church on Sunday morning. Rev. T.W. Smith, and the remains were interred in the adjoining burying-ground. Peace to her ashes. 1881

Little Mamie Rosborough, a daughter of Mrs. N.E. Pressly, died on Tuesday of consumption. Her health had been failing for some months and her death was not unexpected. She was a bright, attractive girl, and was beloved alike by relatives and friends. Her loss is deeply mourned. 1881

**MASON.**—Mrs. Rebecca Mason was born in Fairfield, S. C. Nov. 15th, 1803, and died at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. J. T. Kilgo, in Darlington, July 8th, 1882. The exact date of her conversion and when she joined the church we do not know; but we know that she was a member of the church more than sixty years. Through all of those years she was faithful, consistent, and singularly exemplary in all the relationships of life, demonstrating the genuineness of her piety in the midst of the most difficult duties and the sorest afflictions. She was happily married to Rev. Washington Mason, June 22d, 1826. Her strong, good sense and sterling piety made her a "help-meet" indeed to the "man of God." Alas! how short the duration of their marital union. "God's finger touched the husband and father, and he slept," leaving a young widow with three little children to raise and educate. Nature had endowed her liberally; and having embraced religion, grace came in to furnish the needed "help-meet," while she addressed herself bravely to the task of self-culture, the maintenance and proper training of her children, and the discharge of her obligations to the church. While she was not a student of the importance of system, which she had, and which she, in her quiet way, she said, "Essential to a Christian example in every department of her life-work." And she

"Allured to higher worlds, and led the way."

The Holy Bible was her guide-book, both as to faith and practice, through life. An incident during the war, while both her noble boys were in the army, will illustrate its pre-eminence to her under the most trying circumstances. On one occasion a deep sense of distress came upon her while engaged in business. She dropped everything and went to her Bible, and she opened upon a passage to which she seemed to have been directed by the Holy Spirit: "As thy days, so shall thy strength be." She was instantly comforted, and felt that she could trust her Heavenly Father for all that concerned her. By a wise and economical management of her affairs, she prospered, and had means to educate and prepare her children for the battle of life. She left them consistent members of the church—one of them the noble self-sacrificing wife of one of our preachers. Sister Mason was noted for her benevolence to the poor and afflicted. She was "given to hospitality," which she dispensed with the most cordiality. Her home was a sweet resting-place for the weary pilgrim. She loved the church most ardently, and she contributed most cheerfully and liberally to the support of religious institutions. Her daughter, with whom she has lived for years, writes: "I never knew my mother neglect her religious duties—family and private prayer and public worship. She sang a great deal along through the year. She would lie in bed and sing when not able to sit up. The morning of her last attack, she rose early as she was always accustomed to do. She sang a portion of the hymn, 'Lord, in the morning thou shalt hear, My voice ascending high.'"

While she was yet conscious, her daughter asked her if she was "going home to rest." She could not speak, but gave signs that all was well. She was buried at Gully Camp-ground, in Darlington County, S. C. She was the oldest member of Bethel Church, Fairfield Circuit, and the ninth called home from that church since last October.

We regret to learn of the death at his residence in this county of Mr. Robert P. Sloan, at the advanced age of seventy-nine years. He had been afflicted for some time with dropsy. Mr. Sloan was for many years a consistent member of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and was highly esteemed by all who knew him. 1881

—Mr. Samuel Stirling, died near Blackstock, Chester county, July the 20th, in his eighty-four year. He was born in County Antrim, Ireland, November 16, 1797. 1881

A gloom has been cast over our community by the death of that highly esteemed and noble Christian woman, Mrs. Fant. She died on last Sunday, in the ninety-ninth year of her age. Her remains were interred at Rock Creek church on Monday. For a long series of years she had been a consistent and devoted member of the Baptist church. She bore her sufferings with patience and resignation. She had no fear of death—was ready and willing to go at her Saviour's call. Beautiful did the last years of her life illustrate the idea of Milton—*They, also, serve who only stand and wait.* Mildred Fant R. R. V.

**DEATH.**

Mrs. Mary Boyd died at her residence on Cedar Creek on the 7th inst. at 2 o'clock a.m. She was in the seventy fifth year of her age.. She was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The funeral services were held on Monday. Peace to her ashes. 1890

**DEATH OF WILLIAM BRICE.**

William Brice died on Thursday night from the effects of a stroke of paralysis Mr. Brice was first stricken about a year ago and received a second stroke a month ago, since which time he has been quite a sufferer. He leaves a wife and several children besides many friends to mourn his death. 1890

**DEATHS.**

It was not often that two funeral processions slowly and sadly conveying somebody's loved ones to rest, are seen, on the same day, passing through our streets, and much less frequent has it happened that two families, so close neighbors, on the same street...are called upon to watch anxiously by the bedside in their respective homes on the same night, but this sad coincident occurred last Monday night when God called, and the two souls of Mrs. Mary Rebecca Williams and Miss Mary Elizabeth Caldwell answered.

Mrs. Williams had been in very feeble health for a number of years, but since last October she had been helpless. The deceased was married in 1867 to the late W.H. Williams, who at one time was one of the proprietors of this paper. To them were born three children, two daughters and one son, all three of whom survive their parents. The mother with her little children in 1881, were called to mourn the loss of a faithful husband and a loving father...Her maiden name was Miss Nelson. She spent most of her life in Winnsboro, being forty-three years of age at the time of her death, and for a long time was a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church...Pall bearers: Jas. A. Brice, J.M. Smith, J.W. Seigler, W.H. Williford, Jno. J. Neil, W.B. Gilbert.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Caldwell, was cut off, in the bloom of young womanhood, about two hours before Mrs. Williams. She was twenty-four years of age last February...She was a young woman of most estimable traits, and won the friendship of both old and young. She had been a teacher in the Presbyterian Sunday School, of which Church she was a member...Pall bearers: J.W. Hannahan, S.D. Dunn, S.B. Crawford, J.L. Beaty, Charlie Stevenson, W.D. Douglass.