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In Memoriam.
Mrs. Amanda Maria Seibels, daughter of the late Hon. John and Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Fox, of Lexington, S. C., was born August 14, 1833 and died July 23, 1911. Between these dates a long and beautiful life was well spent. Reared in a home of comfort and refinement, blessed with the early training of devoted parents, she was fitted to appreciate the opportunities she enjoyed for obtaining a good education, at the institutions of highest standard at that time in South Carolina. Both at Limestone college, Spartanburg county, and the high school of Columbia, presided over by Mr. Washington Mueller, her instructors soon recognized her fine mental ability. She won and retained the esteem and admiration of both teachers and pupils.

September 6, 1853, she married Jacob G. Wolf, of Sandy Run, S. C., who early enlisted in the Confederate army as a private, was promoted to the rank of major for gallant service and died at home, September 27, 1863, of disease contracted from exposure while in camp. February 20, 1868, she married Henry S. Seibels who "in age and feebleness extreme" survives her. "She looked well to the ways of her household" with characteristic energy, but for several years rheumatic affection rendered her less active, and a fall last spring resulted in dislocation of her right arm. Other internal injuries developed later. Gaining strength to walk about the house and flower yard, she was persuaded to visit her grand daughter, Mrs. Herbert L. Geiger, a few miles distant. She consented to go and spend several days, hoping the change would benefit her husband, who for two years has been rendered almost helpless by a stroke of paralysis. (Never even once, in that lapse of time, though often urged would she take only half hour's recreation fearing her absence would cause him anxiety). Fatigued by the ride, she laid down to rest, but daily grew weaker. At intervals she suffered excruciating pains which she bore without a murmur. Languishing for several weeks, conscious to the last, she quietly "passed to the other side."

Prepossessing in appearance, attractive in manner, her rare qualities of mind and heart drew around her a large circle of friends, who appreciated her worth. Her presence in any company enhanced the pleasure of all with whom she came in contact. She was eminently practical in all the details of everyday life. Her sound judgment and penetrating insight rendered her capable of advising and directing in business affairs. Cheerfully she rendered such service to numerous calls. Duty was her watchword. Strung in her convictions, she was firm in what she believed to be right. Home was her kingdom. There the beautiful traits which adorned her character shone conspicuously. In each relation of life she was devotedly conscientious and faithful. Often, while suffering intensely herself, she was considerate of the comfort of others, present and absent. With true pleasure, she lost no opportunity of ministering to the needs of any lacking sympathy or service. "Many will rise up to call her blessed," among that number many colored retained in her service, several of whom waited upon her to the last.

She leaves an only son, J. Archie Wolfe, clerk of court, Calhoun county, St. Matthews, S. C., and four grandchildren, James J. Wolfe, professor of biology, Trinity college, Durham, N. C., whom she adopted in his early childhood; Mrs. Leola B. Geiger, Sandy Run, S. C., Mrs. S. W. Henry, Bowman, S. C., and Miss Annie C. Wolfe, St. Matthews, S. C.

She was an acceptable member of the Methodist Episcopal church, south which she joined with her first husband shortly after their marriage at Mt. Zion, now of Ft. Motte circuit. Never loud in profession, she felt that her Redeemer lived, and walked quietly with God, assured that His promises are "yea and amen," trusting implicitly He would be with her in life and in death. The large attendance at her funeral attested the love and respect due to her worth. She filled her sphere completely and will be sorely missed by all within reach of her influence.

May her loved ones realize that "earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal" and so live as to form an unbroken family in the home where partings never come. E. L. P.

The sessions court of Edge field met on Monday last week with two cases on docket—both for housebreaking. One was convicted, the other pleaded guilty, and the court adjourned for lack of something to do.
A negro giving his name as Henry Davis was arrested on last Monday night between Laurens and Clinton by the deputy sheriff and a rural policeman. He had in a bag eight pairs of shoes, four suits of clothes and other articles which he acknowledged that he had stolen.

In Memoriam.
J. M. Thompson was born January 16, 1872, and died July 31, 1911. He was buried at his home near New Brookland in the family burying ground on August 1. His father, mother, two brothers, wife and four children preceded him to the grave. He leaves one sister, three brothers and four children, one daughter and three sons, besides a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

He was a member of Mt. Hebron church, and died a beautiful christian death. He wanted everybody to meet him in heaven. Oh, how sad and lonely without him!

Dearest father, you have left us, Lonely are our hearts today; Death hath of you bereft us, Taken you so far away.

Dearest father, you have left us, But in our hearts we deeply feel That 'tis God that hath bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal. Thou hast left us oh so sad and lonely Oh, how we miss you, miss each kind and gentle word!

No more in the lonely household Shall your tender voice be heard. But up yonder in the portal That is shining bright and fair, Father now is sheltered By the Savior's loving care.

For, alas, the Savior called you— Called you from this world of woe And your soul hath ascended From its earthly home below.

So, fare thee well, our dear father! You have only gone before, If we are but as faithful, We shall reach the golden shore.

—Written by his lonely and broken-hearted daughter, Frances.

Big Revival at Convent.
To the Editors of The Dispatch.
Our meeting at Convent church, Lexington Association, closed on the 10th. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. Holley, did all of the preaching to the delight of the very large congregations at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Our honored and much loved senior deacon, Father Carson Able, was heard to say that "it has been a long time since I have heard as strong Baptist doctrine as I have heard during this meeting."

The whole church was greatly revived, and a number of bright conversions, with seven accessions, two by letter and five by baptism. Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, a large congregation gathered at Sanddam bridge on the North Edisto river, where the ordinance of baptism was beautifully and impressively performed by the pastor. At 11:30 the congregation gathered at the church, where the pastor, from the 6th chapter of Romans, made an impressive talk on baptism, urging the young converts to wear the badge of christianity with credit to themselves and honor to their Master.

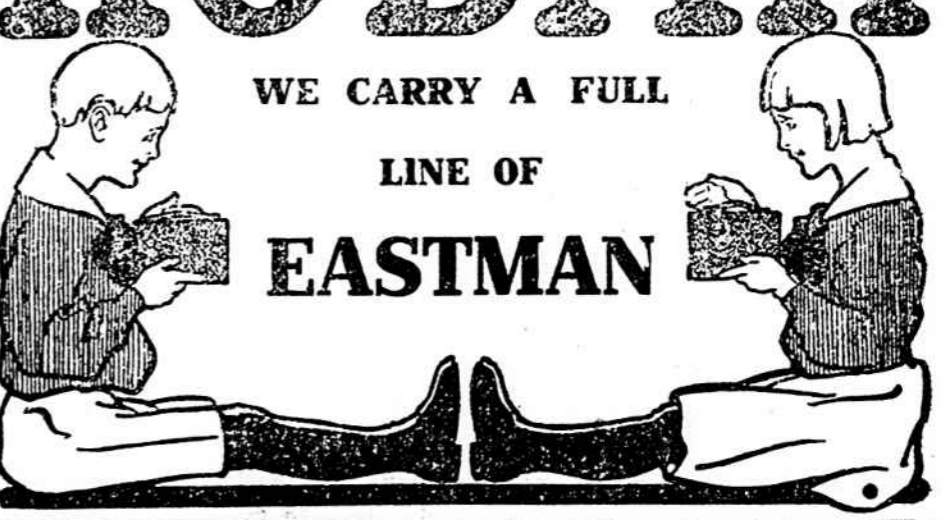
Before adjourning the pastor organized a Woman's Missionary Society with 11 members.
Mrs. Annie I. Gunter.

Sandy Run News Notes:
To the Editors of The Dispatch:
The drought is doing a lot of injury to crops in this section.

The corn crop of D. W. Wise is believed to be the best in Lexington county. He is gathering a good supply of fodder.

J. H. Campbell's shingle mill was burned a few days ago, causing a heavy loss.

A large rattlesnake was discovered by J. G. Wise on Friday. H. D. Ott killed it with his shotgun. It was 5 feet long and carried 13 rattles.
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