

PERSONAL MENTION.

People Visiting in This City and at Other Points.

—Mr. J. D. Jenny, of Jennys, was in the city Monday.  
 —Mrs. J. B. Brickle spent Sunday in Branchville with relatives.  
 —Mr. D. P. Smith, of the Ehrhardt section, was in the city Tuesday.  
 —Mr. G. F. Hiers and son, of the Ehrhardt section, were in the city Monday.  
 —Miss Annie Halford, of Blackville, was the guest Sunday of Mrs. J. W. Price.  
 —Rev. S. P. Chisolm, of the Colston section, was in the city last Saturday.  
 —Mrs. Kirkwood Otey, Jr., of Lynchburg, Va., was the guest this week of Mrs. J. W. Price.  
 —Messrs. G. J. Herndon and J. A. Peters, Jr., of the Ehrhardt section, were in the city Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bruce and little son spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in Branchville.  
 —Mr. Randall Gillam, of Denmark, has accepted a position with C. R. Brabham's Sons as book-keeper.  
 —Mr. J. L. Quattlebaum left last Saturday morning for Young's Island, where he has accepted a position.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Johns, his sister, Mrs. Wilson, and Misses Eunice and Gladys Johns, spent Monday night in the city.

—Mrs. Will Bryan and children, of Allendale, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Easterling, and other relatives in the city, during the holidays.  
 —Mrs. B. H. Graves and little daughter, Doris Lorine, are spending the holidays in Bamberg, as the guests of Mrs. R. A. Delk.—Walterboro Press and Standard.  
 —Mr. E. Bart Price, who has been at St. Matthews for the past year, has returned to the city and accepted a position at Hunter's hardware store for this year. His many friends are glad to have him back home again.

—Mr. C. A. Walker, of Myers's Mill, Barnwell county, who has been in the county visiting relatives, passed through town Saturday on his way back home. He renewed for The Herald another year, as he can't do without it.

—Mr. M. Herbert Varn, who is attending a dental college in Atlanta, spent the holidays at home. He left last week for an extended trip, given him by the wholesale establishment for whom he travels, he having won the trip on account of his high standing at the college. He also won a fountain pen offered by the college for crown and bridge work.

Lever Plans New Cotton Statistics.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Representative Lever will in a few days introduce a resolution in the house requiring the director of the census to make periodical reports as to the amount of cotton held by spinners and dealers, and in warehouses, etc., together with the number of spindles in operation. The resolution contemplates that these reports shall be made on the same days as the reports as to ginning, condition of the crop, acreage, etc., and the object is to provide the cotton growers with information as to the supply on hand and the probable consumption, so that they may govern their operations accordingly. These statistics, it is believed, will be of as much value to the farmers as the statistics now given as to ginning, acreage and condition, are valuable to the manufacturers.

Mr. Lever has talked the matter over with the director of the census and with a number of the house leaders and has secured their endorsement of his plan, and it will quite likely be put into effect.

Robberies in Lexington.

Lexington, Dec. 31.—A thief on Friday night stole the large bay mare of Warren A. Weed, who resides on Depot street, and so far as has succeeded in eluding his would-be captors. The animal was locked in a stable and the robber broke the lock. The only trace that has been found is the fact that someone passed the Casparis Stone Company's plant, about a mile below Lexington, at an early hour Saturday morning. The night watchman saw the person go by on the horse, and he says the man had a large bundle before him. On the same night the depot was entered also, the robber securing a pair of pants, a package or two of whiskey and a small amount of money. The door was broken open with an axe, it is said. The supposition is that both crimes were committed by the same person and that the robber was well acquainted with the circumstances surrounding both places.

HENRY JASPER BRABHAM  
 PASSES TO GREAT BEYOND

As Soldier, Patriot and Public Spirited Citizen,  
 He Leaves a Magnificent Record of  
 Duty Well Performed.

Facts About  
 Henry Jasper Brabham.

Born September 3, 1843  
 Died January 2, 1912.  
 Sergeant Co. C. War of Secession; 1st South Carolina Volunteers.  
 Mercantile Business Bamberg, S. C., 1865-1887.  
 Cashier and President Bamberg Banking Co. 1887-1911.  
 Married Adelle J. Jennings December 18, 1868.  
 Headed movement for Carlisle Fitting School, 1892.  
 Secretary and Treasurer Board of that school.  
 Chairman of local board of control of that school.  
 Director in banking, cotton mill and cotton oil mill companies.  
 Chairman of committee for creation of Bamberg County.  
 Mayor and Alderman of Bamberg several terms.  
 County Commissioner Bamberg County Charleston Exposition.  
 Chairman of Board of Stewards and Trustees of Trinity Methodist Church.  
 Member A. F. M. Lodge No. 38.  
 Member Bamberg Lodge, K. of P.  
 Oldest citizen point of residence.  
 Devoted to cultivation of flowers, especially roses.  
 A lover of children and a tender-hearted friend.  
 A successful man in business and a loyal Christian.  
 The man who has done most for the town of Bamberg.

There was a simple little flower—a sprig of winter honeysuckle—in the lapel of his coat as he lay there Tuesday morning after his eyes had been quietly and peacefully closed. And it is thus I love to think of him, a noble man with a heart of love, great enough to see the beautiful in such a simple little every day flower. A lover of the beautiful in nature, Henry Jasper Brabham lies to-day beneath a mound, every part of which supports a beautiful flower placed there by friends, loved ones, and business associates, and watered by the tears of the entire community.

Bamberg's First Citizen. This in point of residence as well as in many other ways. And he has closed a career that was well filled with hard work, devotion to principle, and honorable living. No community has ever had a citizen who worked more untiringly for its best interest and welfare than this man as he lived his life in Bamberg. He sought no honors; he found that greatest of earthly rewards, an esteemed place in the hearts of his fellowmen. He was content with well doing, and sought truth in everything. As Pastor Charles Wagener says in his little book, "It would be quite impossible to express the emotion the sight of this simple man gives one, and certainly he has no suspicion of it. I know of nothing more reassuring and at the same time more searching for the vanity which ferments in our hearts, than the coming face to face with an humble worker who does his task as the oak grows and as the good God makes His sun shine, without asking who is looking on." There has never lived in the town of Bamberg a man who has done so much for it and at the same time took so little praise to himself for the doing thereof as this man.

His Career.

Henry Jasper Brabham was born at Buford's Bridge, September 3, 1843; he was the son of Josiah J. Brabham, a prominent figure in old Barnwell county for many years. When fifteen years of age, the lad had attained enough common school education to enter a military school at Aiken. Here he went for two years, then afterwards he attended Cokesbury School for one year. This constituted his education as far as the school room was concerned, but being a constant reader and student of books, as well as of current events and affairs, he was one of the best informed men in the community. He was especially fond of and well acquainted with historical matters. His range of reading was quite comprehensive, and his quiet talking on almost any subject of ordinary interest was always interesting.

War Record.

He had a keen sense of humor and enjoyed a joke on himself as much

as on the other fellow. He frequently said of himself that he "was very fine on a retreat." But his record shows that he was often one of the leaders when an enemy was to be faced and he had many narrow escapes from death while on the battlefield. He was wounded twice. His record shows that he entered the army at the outbreak of the war and remained on the firing line until Lee surrendered at Appomattox. His name appears on the rolls of the Southern Historical Society at Richmond as having surrendered with his company; he was a member of Company C, being second sergeant; Col. Johnson Hagood was the head of his regiment, which was the First South Carolina Volunteers; this regiment was in Britton's Brigade. His intense loyalty and devotion to the South and his comrades has been evidenced time and again. In times of business, when it might seem that he would have no time for conversation on matters other than business, he would greet an old Confederate and go over the hard times together. And yet he never forced the subject on any one. He was a good listener as well as talker. And it is regarded by many as more of a virtue to possess that attainment than to be a good talker. In connection with his Confederate service, he bought a handsome Confederate memorial souvenir during the past year, to be given to all of the old veterans especially. This he termed his first expenditure of any of the bank's money for sentiment. The truth of this statement was known to those associated with him, for out of the numerous calls for help, for contributions, and donations, he was the one who gave and it was from his own personal funds, he taking the position that the bank's money was not for such purposes. The Confederate memorial was in reality an advertisement of the bank and not a mere sentimental expenditure as he said.

Business Career.

In October, 1865, following soon after the close of the war, he came to Bamberg and began what proved to be a life-long citizenship here. Entering the mercantile business, he passed through the stormy times of 1873 and the carpet-bagger times of 1876 successfully, and when he sold out his business in 1887 to enter another line of business, he had accumulated a comfortable living. The successes of his mercantile career are well known to the older citizens of the town, as well as of the neighboring country for miles around. Bamberg was a mere village when he began and he was a pioneer in the community. At the time of his death he had been living here longer than any other citizen and while some few are older in years as to age, they came here later. And in all that time, this man was a worker, a builder, a helper and no man has ever lived here or died here who will be missed quite so much as he. His business career has been one of continued success, but it was a success which came to a man who worked for it.

In 1886 when Captain Isaac Bamberg was elected State Treasurer and the private banking business which he had conducted was discontinued, H. J. Brabham took steps to organize a State bank, and in January, 1887, the doors of the Bamberg Banking Company were opened with Mr. Brabham as cashier and General Francis Marion Bamberg, that other splendid man, as president. Mr. Brabham gave up his mercantile business at a great sacrifice to himself financially, for he has received a mere pittance as a salary for years. He refused to let the directors increase his salary time and time again, and even during the time of his greatest activity, he would not consent for the expenses of the institution to be increased by adding to his salary. He held the position of cashier until Gen. Bamberg retired from the presidency in 1898, at which time he was elected to that position. He labored faithfully in that capacity until his death, his resignation having taken effect only one day before his death. The very tenacity with which he held on to his work is the best illustration of the indomitable will power and untiring energy and never failing zeal which seemed to possess his every faculty. Many times has he been seen to exert himself in some manner surprising to those most intimate with him. Even during the year just closed, when his health had begun to fail so rapidly and when night after night he would be sick with intense pain, he would make his way to his office

and there with that wonderful power which he had for analyzing a set of figures, whether a statement of a corporation or of an individual, he could grasp a situation in such a manner as to bewilder many men in sound health and strength.

And it was in this office that he revealed his many sterling traits of character as friend, adviser, business man and withal Christian virtues. A man who can realize his duty to others who are trusting him with their all, perhaps, and who can so use and protect it that when twenty-five years have passed, they have no complaint to make, but on the other hand all confidence and faith strengthened, that man has labored well and deserves to be known as a true man and worthy of emulation. Many heart aches came to this man in his office, many times when he appeared to be hard hearted and too exacting, and yet what he asked of one he asked of all, he made no differences between the well-to-do and poor. And not only did he require these things of others, but he was even more particular to see that he applied the same rule to himself. What he preached to others, he practiced himself, in business as well as other things. He did not lend a dollar as if he were dealing with a dishonest man, he required his friends to recognize the fact that he was acting for others and that his office was somewhat of a public trust and therefore to be treated as such.

Perhaps it is as a business man that he will be remembered by most people, but if he applied his keen business judgment to affairs of business, he also applied it to building up his town, county and State. For several terms he served as alderman and mayor of the town, these being the only kind of public offices to which he ever aspired. In fact he had a great aversion to anything which smacked of political honors for himself. He did not hesitate to take a stand on any matter involving principle.

His Service in Other Ways.

In 1892 a movement was begun to establish a high school for the lower part of South Carolina, to be under the jurisdiction of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to be a preparatory school for Wofford College. Quite a fight was made for the school by several other towns in the State, some much larger than Bamberg. Through the hard work of several citizens of this town, chief of whom was Henry Jasper Brabham, the school was established here. His relation to this school is a splendid illustration of his spirit of fidelity and loyalty to home enterprises and undertakings. Year after year he looked after the property, keeping it in good condition and beautifying the grounds with trees, evergreens and shrubbery. Word after word he spoke, and letter after letter he wrote in the interest of this school and his love in the doing of it was his greatest reward. He served for years as trustee of the school, being secretary and treasurer of the board, and chairman of the local board of control during almost its entire history. Perhaps it was the untiring service which he rendered Wofford College through this school that prompted the trustees of that college to invite him to take a place on their board, but he declined this out of his very love for home and not desiring anything that would call him away even for a few days at a time. He loved Wofford, however, and was always ready to do anything possible to help her. And he was not forgotten by that great man, the late Dr. Carlisle or his successor, Dr. Snyder, for each time when they would meet the writer and inquire of Bamberg and the Carlisle Fitting School, the next question would be about H. J. Brabham, the friend of the school and of Wofford.

The figure of a medium-sized man, working and digging about the campus of the Fitting School was a familiar sight for many years, and now that he is gone from among us, he will be missed there as elsewhere, for there are very few yards in this community that are pretty with flowers or evergreen that he did not touch in one way or another. He was a student of flowers, and a devoted friend of roses. This was but another evidence of his strong character. He was a true lover of those two beautiful objects, children and flowers, and so often he was associated with them together. A child—a flower—and H. J. Brabham! It seems to me that it would please him to be thus associated in the minds of the little folks who are growing up. Many times have you seen him thus, and perhaps it was hard for you to reconcile this man of business with this picture. But child after child knew the way to his garden of roses. It was here that he spent many hours and he knew flowers as no other person in Bamberg knows them. He knew them by name, both flowers and children, and he was in the secrets of both, as a sympathizer, instructor, and as a friend. He regarded the rose as his friend of friends, but the child with the finger

bleeding from the prick of the rose thorn was his dearest friend. He loved all nature, and his large and beautiful home yard and the years he spent with the nursery, attest this fact. The yard in which he loved to work, especially on holidays, with the adjoining park with the artificial pond, beautiful with lillies and alive with fish, the entire place, all speak of his untiring love for these things. And he had the great joy of a helpful helpmeet through all the forty-three years of married life, and she entered into all the beautiful plans with him and his home life was a great help and inspiration to any who ever entered therein.

His Church Work.

This man was with all his work in outside enterprises, and extremely busy life, a faithful and loyal member of Trinity Methodist church. He was never so busy as to neglect his Master's cause, and his was an illustration of a Christian carrying his religion into his weekday life and using it for the glory of God. He was a steward of this church for many years, being chairman of board as well as chairman of the board of trustees of the church. He was chairman of the building committee which erected the handsome house of worship now in use. He was a liberal supporter of every form of church work and no one ever called on him in a worthy cause who went away empty. He was without a doubt the most liberal man who has ever lived in Bamberg. Charity was love with him and it took expression in many varied ways whether the tramp from the road, the child in distress, or aiding in building a church, a school, a railroad, or what not, as far as his means permitted, he gave freely and gladly. His religion was a great comfort to him. Only a short while before his death, he remarked to a friend that he knew his time was not much longer and said that he was entirely ready to go.

It was always a pleasure to him to have the visiting ministers in the town stop at his house. He enjoyed the social intercourse of these men of God, and he was ever ready to make them feel that his house was their home.

His Work for the County.

Mr. Brabham was one of the prime movers in the formation of Bamberg county and in having the county seat located here. He was chairman of the committee for the creation of the county and also of the building committee for the court house and jail. This was in 1896. In 1902 he was the county commissioner for this county for the Charleston and West Indian Exposition.

He was the originator of the movement to erect the handsome Confederate monument in Bamberg. He labored faithfully in this cause and later the matter was taken up by the United Daughters of Confederacy and carried to completion.

He took active interest in the movement for a new railroad from Bamberg to the lower edge of the county and was always interested to the time of his death in the progress being made in that work. In fact he was always ready to encourage what he believed meant the development of the town, county and State. He worked before hand when a meeting was to be held, so that the preliminaries would be settled, and so that the project would go forward. He was not a castle builder or a dreamer of day dreams. He looked at things from a business point of view when they came before him.

The Funeral.

And now the last sad rites have been said, and he is dead. He sleeps in the cemetery in which he worked many days, helping to make the place beautiful. Trees and evergreen here abound, and his was the hand which planted most of them and so often cared for them. He was one of the prime movers in locating this burying ground, and it was his wish that the place might be a beautiful park and cemetery where loved ones might come and think of their loved ones who have passed on. And now he rests there. The funeral was held Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock, and he rests in lot number one, thus in his last resting place still being the first citizen of Bamberg.

The funeral services were held at the residence, being conducted by Rev. W. H. Hodges of Trinity Methodist church. After the service, the casket was borne through his beautiful yard and from thence conveyed to the last resting place of the body, the following being pall bearers: Honorary, Aaron Rice, J. A. Byrd, J. B. Black, W. A. Riley, J. D. Copeland, A. McE. Speaks, D. F. Hooton; active, E. C. Hays, H. F. Bamberg, G. A. Jennings, A. W. Knight, John H. Cope, G. Moye Dickinson, W. D. Rhoad, H. H. Stokes.

The floral tributes were many and exceedingly pretty, many handsome pieces being placed there by friends, loved ones and organizations. His body rests amid flowers, as he lived so long among them, and it is his

will that it is so. Mr. Brabham was married September 3, 1868, to Adelle J. Jennings. They had four children, all of whom with their mother survive him, these being Otis Brabham, of Allendale, Henry J. Jr., of Bamberg, Vernon, of Cope, and Mrs. LeRoy Wilson, Jr., of Allendale. In addition to the immediate family of Mr. Brabham, he leaves three brothers, C. R., and W. M. Brabham, of Bamberg, Charles H. Brabham, of Olar, and two sisters, Mrs. Julie A. Brabham, of Bamberg, and Mrs. H. M. Wiggins, of Savannah. In addition to these there are many other relatives, nephews, nieces and cousins.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Advertisements Under This Head 25c. For 25 Words or Less.

For Sale.—Pine and cypress timber on the stump. A good proposition for a saw mill man. G. W. FOLK, Bamberg, S. C., R. F. D. No. 1.

Lost.—Savings bank book No. 269 of Bamberg Banking Company, issued in name of A. W. Murdaugh. Finder will please leave at The Herald office. A. W. MURDAUGH.

For Rent.—A two or three-horse farm, known as the Dr. E. Kirkland place, for rent. It is located in the Buford's Bridge community. Apply to J. HAM KIRKLAND, Esq., Olar, S. C.

For Rent.—A five-horse farm, in half mile of postoffice; land will make a bale of cotton per acre. Also two farms on the river. For further information apply to H. J. FAUST, Denmark, S. C.

Farm Wanted.—I desire a good farm of large acreage with good improvements, well located as to town and railroad; must be good value for price asked. Give full particulars in first letter. R. COSBY NEWTON, Lock Box 121, Bennettsville, S. C.

CITATION NOTICE.

The State of South Carolina—County of Bamberg—By Geo. P. Harmon, Esq., Judge of Probate. Whereas A. W. Knight, hath made suit to me to grant him letters of administration of the estate of and effects of Hennie I. Knight, deceased:

These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Hennie I. Knight, deceased, that they be and appear before me in the Court of Probate, to be held at Bamberg, on Saturday, January 6th, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said administration should not be granted. Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of December, A. D., 1911. GEO. P. HARMON, Judge of Probate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons having claims against the estate of W. L. Mitchum, deceased, are hereby notified to file the same, properly proven, with the undersigned, or his attorneys, Graham & Askins, Bamberg, S. C., and all persons owing said estate will make payment to the undersigned. WADE HAMPTON MITCHUM, Administrator of the estate of W. L. Mitchum, deceased, Ehrhardt, S. C. Dec. 27th, 1911.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

All persons having claims against the estate of John J. Copeland, deceased, will file the same, duly sworn to, with the undersigned, at Ehrhardt, S. C., on or before the 23rd day of January, 1912, and failing so to do will be barred, and all persons indebted to said estate will make payment at once to the undersigned. JOHN L. COPELAND, Administrator. December 15, 1911.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

District Court of the United States—District of South Carolina. In the matter of H. C. Copeland, Bankrupt. To the Creditors of the above named Bankrupt: Take notice that on the 21st day of October, 1911, the above named bankrupt filed his petition in said Court praying the confirmation of the composition heretofore offered and accepted, and that a hearing was thereupon ordered and will be had upon said petition on the 10th day of January, 1912, before said Court, at Charleston, in said District, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time and place all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. RICHARD W. HUTSON, Clerk.

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

The Auditor or his deputy will be at the following places on the days and dates named below for the purpose of receiving tax returns of personal property: Farrell's Store, Tuesday, January 2nd, 1- a. m. to 2:30 p. m. Lees, Wednesday, January 3rd. Midway, Thursday, January 4th. Ehrhardt, Monday and Tuesday, January 8th and 9th. St. John's, Wednesday, January 10th. Camphill, Thursday, January 11th, 8:30 a. m. to 10:30 a. m. Kearsse's Store, Thursday, January 11th, 12 m. to 2 p. m. Olar, Monday and Tuesday, January 15th and 16th. Govan, Wednesday, January 17th. Denmark, Thursday and Friday, January 18th and 19th. All other days to February 20th at Bamberg. Fifty per cent. will be added after 20th of February. R. W. D. ROWELL, Auditor.