

The attached copies are from one of three scrap-books compiled by Mrs. W. H. Moss of Grenada, Mississippi. Some of the articles date back to around the turn of the century.

The reader should be aware that some of the pages used were printed pages from a book, with the articles pasted on top of those pages. The books are very old and are beginning to disintegrate. Many pages and articles are loose, thus it is difficult to determine if they are placed as originally compiled. However, the copies have been made as found.

The scrapbooks now belong to Mrs. Moss' granddaughter, Mildred Hogan, who graciously loaned them to Henry Heggie for copying.

Joy Herron
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Meridian Bank Directors Upon the Life of J. W. Griffis—A Splendid Tribute.

Whereas, God, the beneficent Father, who is head over all things in heaven and on earth, hath to man committed dominion over things temporal to be exercised in accordance with His will, and

Whereas, the dispensation of an all-wise Providence did remove on the 16th day of April, 1906, by the sudden death, from this institution, its honored president and head, Mr. John W. Griffis, who, since its organization has with becoming dignity and wisdom presided over its officers and guided its affairs to that high degree of success to which it has attained, therefore, be it resolved,

First, that in Mr. Griffis' service to this institution the highest degree of usefulness was exemplified, in that all personal interests were made to yield to that sense of duty and obligation which his position enjoined, and which he filled without regard to aught save that he represented.

Second, that added to his unselfish devotion to the interests of this bank, he combined a truer, purer and nobler quality, the principal of innate integrity which constrained him to deal with like care and devotion the interests of those upon whose confidence this institution was founded, by which it is sustained.

Third, that no higher ambition can be indulged than to attain those qualities of mind and heart that made him the man, the husband, the citizen, the friend that all knew in him, and that among men rendered him honored and beloved, a master of circumstances, a creator of conditions, a man of unwavering fidelity to righteousness here and to the hope of immortality.

That we emulate his virginal example be led on institution shall have attained that degree of success that was his ambition, until it may stand as a monument to him, testimony to his integrity and his hope, the hearts of those beloved by him be enshrined a memory to be thought, but done, of his life.

Resolved, that to Mrs. Griffis, whose bereavement be ministered to but never forgotten, the sympathies of the officers and directors of this bank, and of the stockholders, be extended.

...the hope that
...of those of earth
...done thou good and faithful?
...and that no less has been accorded
...him by that One who has power
...say, "Enter thou into the joys of
...Lord."
W. B. HOFFA
E. W. DINKINS
B. C. DUNCAN
G. W. ARMSTRONG
MAX GINSBURGER
Committee

Reuben A. Dement Dead.

The subject of this sketch, who was so well known to the citizens of this county, was called to his final reward at his home in Meridian on Friday morning, August 10, after a protracted illness of Bright's disease.

The deceased, was about seventy years old. He was born near Florence, Ala., and came to this state about the time of reaching his majority. He was one of the county's oldest citizens and was a man of many commendable traits of character. He bore no malice and had no enemies. He is survived by five children, to whom he was very devoted and for whom he said he would have no regrets at meeting the grim reaper.

We clip the following from a beautiful tribute paid to the deceased by the Meridian Star:

"Mr. Dement enlisted as a private soon after the opening of hostilities between the States in the 15th Mississippi regiment, and as a true soldier, no member of that faithful band of warriors could boast of a more faithful record. Both before and after the war there was manifested in the life of Reuben A. Dement that same loyalty to country, devotion to duty and love of friends that will predominate in the character of the soldier life. * * * Though until a few months ago he had never united with the church, still, his daily moral life was that of a true christian. The duty, however, which he appreciated that he owed to his family, his fellow-man and his God, that of a public profession of faith, he performed a short time ago, connecting himself with the Cumberland Presbyterian church of this city, and crowning the beautiful life which he had lived in a manner becoming to the genuine character of the man."

His remains were brought here and interred in the old Jennings burying ground beside his wife who preceded him to the grave about four years ago last Saturday morning.

...the bereft ones
...of earth

Mr. Chas. P. Dement, the able and brilliant editor of the Meridian Evening Star, came over to Grenada last Saturday with the remains of his uncle, Mr. R. A. Dement and while here he gave this office an appreciated call. He is a most pleasant and entertaining gentleman and gets out one of the most ably edited newspapers in Mississippi. He was accompanied by his son, Mr. C. R. Dement, who is also a very elegant gentleman.

Wedding Bells.

On Tuesday eve, Feb. 28th, at the Methodist Church, in Lauderdale Miss., occurred the marriage ceremony of Mr. Linus T. Moore to Miss Leila McConnell, followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents. The church was handsomely decorated in red white and blue, a very tasty tribute to the valor and patriotism of the bridegroom, who was one of the first to volunteer his services to his country in our late unpleasantness with Spain. Miss Lottie Nelson, a lovely young lady of Meridian served as bride's maid, assisted by Miss Luda Moore sister of the groom. Messrs. Will Nelson of Meridian and Nathan Torite of Lauderdale officiated as ushers.

The happy couple are now stopping with Mr. W. M. Moore in Grenada. The Grenadian extends its best wishes for their future happiness.