

**Rev. J. W. Hampton and Dickinson
Chapel, Methodist E. Church,
South, of Charleston,
W. Va.**

Editor Gazette:

The people of our city irrespective of persons are gratified, more than gratified, at the return of the Rev. J. W. Hampton to the pastorate of Dickinson Chapel, Methodist E. Church South, for another Conference year by the recent Annual Conference which convened at Ashland, Kentucky. Rev. Mr. Hampton came among us two years and four months ago without any ministerial experience, and fresh from the fields of the law; he preached his first Gospel sermon in Dickinson Chapel, and in the short time above named he has, assisted by his good and estimable wife, paid the heavy debt of \$3,200 under which the church has labored and groaned since the dedication of the edifice; in addition to this, \$250 has been expended in improving and beautifying the church, and now it is one of the most beautiful edifices in the city; property has been purchased to be used as a parsonage, on which \$175 has been spent. All this is due, and is put down to the credit of the Rev. Mr. Hampton and his good wife.

In many respects, the Rev. gentleman above named is a remarkable man, and we ask our readers indulgence for a short time to give a brief sketch of his strange career and conversion to the Gospel ministry, and this is done without the consent or knowledge of Mr. Hampton, and only as a matter of history, and should he live his three score and ten years, we predict a bright future for him in the latter years of his life.

John W. Hampton was born at Catlettsburg, Ky., May 16, 1842, the third son of William and Sarah Hampton. His father, the Rev. William Hampton, was then, as he is now, an honored local preacher of the Methodist E. Church, and his name conspicuously adorns the pioneer history, not only of Eastern Kentucky, but of Kentucky Methodism as well. He (the Rev. William Hampton) was at an early day associated with a number of business men in the purchase of the lands about the mouth of Big Sandy, Ky., who subsequently laid out and established the town of Catlettsburg, the eastern suburban division of which took, and yet bears the name of Hampton City in his honor.

To minutely chronicle the boyhood history of Mr. Hampton would be but to repeat those experiences which are common to youth. His educational facilities and advantages were such only as were afforded by the public and private schools of Catlettsburg. Beyond traditional reminiscences of his predisposition to mirthful enjoyments—especially tending to impromptu and sometimes burlesque oratory—his school history there was commonplace. At the age of eighteen, his father sent him to Emory and Henry College, in Virginia, for a complete educational course. There he remained one year and returned home to enjoy his summer vacation, bearing favorable reports and external evidence of having made substantial progress.

400 over an able and popular to the office of Prosecuting the duties of which position he charged with singular fidelity and ability until 1874, when he retired therefrom voluntarily and against the wishes of the people. Mr. Hampton was not at this time, as will hereafter appear, so proficient in divine as in human law. He will not, we hope, object to have recalled a colloquy illustrative of his then lack of knowledge concerning the Bible. The summer of 1874 is yet remembered as perhaps the season of great scarcity in all cereal crops, and indeed of all necessary food elements ever known. During this season it became the official duty of Mr. Hampton to prosecute a poor man who had stolen some corn from his more prosperous neighbors. The accused was defended by James D. Jones Esq., then of the Catlettsburg bar, and the trial was an examination conducted before two country magistrates. The proof against the accused was direct and clear to the effect that he had feloniously taken and carried away the corn. The offense was but petty larceny, and the defendant's attorney, conceding the case as established by the proof, begged that a low bail be fixed for his client. In the course of his speech and plea he reminded the court that his client had taken the corn that he might have bread with which to feed his starving family which while not excusing certainly mitigated the offense and entitled him to a merciful consideration on the question of bail. Mr. Hampton, responding, said:

"I desire to remind the gentleman and the court of the Biblical precedent in these cases, that when there was scarcity of corn in Canaan instead of the Canaanites stealing corn they had Abraham go down into Egypt and buy it."

Mr. Jones arose, interrupting, and said:

"If it please the court I desire to correct the gentleman—it was not Abraham who went into Egypt after the corn; it was Isaac."

"All right," said Mr. Hampton, "I stand corrected and concede that the gentleman knows more about the Bible than he does about the law."

About the year 1869, he became a partner with Judge W. C. Ireland in the law practice under the firm name of Ireland & Hampton, with offices at Ashland and Catlettsburg, and this firm continued until the election of Mr. Ireland to the circuit court bench in 1874. The practice was very extensive in all the counties of Eastern Kentucky and in the Supreme Court of that State.

In July, 1870, Mr. Hampton and Miss Lutie V., eldest daughter of Judge Ireland were married, and soon thereafter took up their residence in Catlettsburg. Three children have been born unto them, viz: Ireland, Alice and Parnelia. The recent most sorrowful death of Miss Alice, in our city, is known to our readers; she possessed a sweetness of disposition and a loveliness of character but rarely met with; but we should all remember, that—

Now the final stroke is over,
And the heart has ceased to beat;
And that form so palely beautiful
Clad in a ghastly winding sheet—
She has passed the gloomy portal
She has reached the realm of light,
And there should be no gloomy silence
When we sit and muse at night.

"Alice, dearest, thou hast left us—
We thy loss most deeply feel,
But 'tis God that hath bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal—"
There no frost, no chilling time
Ere shall fall or fiercely blow,
But mild zephyrs waked on roses
Round thee softly come and go.

Alice now is pure and lovely
As she was with us below—
And our hearts should cease to mourn
When our God hath bid us know—
That within that peaceful heaven
She is happier than before.
And that we should strive to meet her
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Returning then to Kentucky, after a continuous absence of four years and eight months from home, he lost no time in adopting as a vocation in life that which appeared most congenial to him, and which promised most for his ambition for a career honorable to himself and useful to his State and country. His choice was the profession of law, and having thus resolved, he at once entered upon a course of reading and study in the office of Judge Milton J. Ferguson, whom he had known as a Colonel of a Virginia regiment in the Confederate service, and who had taken up his residence and located in Louisa, Kentucky. His selection of a tutor was most fortunate, as Judge Ferguson was not only a profound and erudite lawyer, but a man thoroughly informed in every department and range of human knowledge. We learn that Judge Ferguson took great interest and pride in his young fellow-soldier, and his instruction lasting one year, made Mr. Hampton one of the most thoroughly trained law-students ever applying for admission to the State Law School, at Louisville, Ky., whither he went and was admitted in June, 1866. There for one year he prosecuted his law studies with great zeal and diligence, and graduated in a class in which were young men who have since filled Kentucky with the renown of their names. One of his class General Eli H. Murray, is now, and for years past has been Governor of Utah.

Thus trained and equipped, Mr. Hampton entered on his chosen profession in the county of his nativity—stepping at once into a responsible and lucrative practice—commanding and receiving the confidence and good-will of a large clientage, the courts and his professional brethren. At the August election of 1870, he was elected by a majority of more than

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In the spring of 1880 he was called to defend a client in the county of Pike, Ky., and found after arriving there that the heavy rains and freshets had made it impossible for jurors and witnesses to attend, and the Court was thereupon adjourned. The river was at such a stage as to render it impossible for boats to ascend the river, and the Court and visiting attorneys were thus shut in for nearly a week.

At this time George O. Barnes, the man renowned the world over as the "Mountain Evangelist," was holding a series of meetings in the town of Pike, and thither, partly from curiosity, and more, perhaps, from sheer desperation of his surroundings, Mr. Hampton went. His was the experience of thousands who have listened to the simple teachings of this wonderful and all-powerful servant of God; he became attracted, deeply interested, and finally persuaded of the truth as revealed by his teachings. The utmost of his awakened convictions he expressed to Mr. Barnes to be: "*I believe that I believe that Christ Jesus is the Son of God.*"

Thus he had crossed over the line. He made no pretension of conversion or final conviction upon these matters—simply addressed himself to a better understanding of these things—earnestly striving to attain the truth. This came slowly, but advanced surely, until thoroughly convinced and firmly established in the doctrine of the truth he became perfect in faith. The writer of this assumes not to know how these things are and were brought about, but gives the facts and outward evidences of the change of belief wrought in Mr. Hampton's mind, as passing within our observation. This change so marked at first, became still more apparent in his determination subsequently formed of abandoning the profession of the law and becoming a minister of Christ's Gospel.

In the year 1883, when he actively entered the ministry, he was in the enjoyment of a good law practice, with flattering prospects of great pecuniary success and professional distinction, he rejected a flattering offer from a party of Kentucky capitalists who had recently before organized the growing town of Abilene, Texas, to take charge of their real estate interests and legal business, with the assurance of all their influence in his behalf in building up and sustaining him in his business. All that to a practical and worldly point of advantage seemed promising and attractive, he put behind him, esteeming them highly and dearly won at a sacrifice of his conviction of duty to preach the gospel of Christ.

His last and most noted engagement in the law practice was in the prosecution of Neal, Craft and Ellis, the Ashland murderers, for which he was retained by the Citizen's Committee, and won, as he deserved, high reputation for the zeal and ability with which he managed the case for the State.

It would be invidious not to mention and credit his lovely, accomplished and devoted wife, with much of all that is excellent and admirable in his developed character and usefulness. A lady who has added to the natural graces of perfect womanhood all the adornments of liberal culture and refinements; zealous and helpful in the cause of the good, the true and the beautiful; devoted, noble, consecrated and steadfast, her's is the supplemental character which, combining,

JANUARY 19, 1912.

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Now that the cold weather spell has been broken, all cold weather stories are in order, and there are not a few of them that might interest the people of a much warmer latitude than that in which Catlettsburg is located. Some of these stories are really startling, and there may be some incredulous persons who might not be just willing to accept them as bona fide.

Of course it is not necessary to narrate the fact that about every house in the city had trouble with their plumbing during the hard freeze, for there were very few houses that failed to be flooded with water because of bursted pipes.

One story that may not be given credit for truth is to the effect that the boys over a the C. and O. baggage room permitted the fire to go out on that cold Friday night and next morning when they went to load a big lot of trunks on the trucks they were astounded to discover that during the night the handles had all frozen off the trunks. It is a fact, said one of the boys, and we must admit that if it was ever cold enough to do such thing that the cold Friday night was the time.

The freezing off of door knobs was a common occurrence, according to a well known man in town who never held membership in the Ananias Club, who tells of many other freaks performed by the cold.

One of the saddest results of it all is said to have occurred in the South Side of the city, when a man who owned a few months' subscription to a Cincinnati newspaper was caught out doors for a short while at a late hour of the night and had his "memorality" frozen until it is said that it may never be of any material service to him again.

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Rev. J. W. Hampton Called to His Reward

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* The Deadly Cigarette. *
* Dr. J. J. Kellogg had all *
* the nicotine taken from a *
* cigarette, and made a solu- *
* tion of it. Half the quantity *
* he injected into a healthy *
* frog. The frog died almost *
* instantly. The rest was given *
* to another frog. This frog *
* died equally quick. "A boy *
* who smokes twenty cigarettes *
* a day has inhaled enough *
* poison to kill forty frogs," *
* says Dr. Kellogg. "Why does *
* the poison not kill the body? *
* It does kill him. If not im- *
* mediately, he will die sooner *
* or later of weak heart, *
* Bright's disease, or some *
* other malady which scientific *
* doctors now recognize as a *
* natural result of chronic nicot- *
* tine poisoning."—Exchange. *
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TY OFFICIAL — A FARM
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THE WELL KNOWN MINISTER
AND ATTORNEY AT LAW
PASSES AWAY AT HOME OF
HIS DAUGHTER AT THOMAS
W. VA.

It will be a great shock to the hundreds, yea, thousands of people in Kentucky and West Virginia to learn of the death of the Reverend John W. Hampton, which occurred at the home of his daughter, at Thomas, W. Va., last night.

The news of Rev. Hampton's death was conveyed to this section by a telegram to his nephew, Judge W. J. Hampton, of Ashland, early this morning and it soon became known among the numerous friends of the man that he had passed away.

Rev. Hampton was nearly 70 years old and his life had been devoted to the professions of the law and the ministry. He first studied law and was developing into one of the able attorneys at the Boyd county Bar. Sometime during the "Seventies" he was converted, joined the M. E. Church, South, and was soon licensed to preach. He entered the ranks of the itinerants and about his first charge was Charleston, where he succeeded in erecting a new church and firmly planting his denomination in the capital city of West Virginia. After having served other charges he was made presiding elder and served in that capacity for several years. He was then appointed to the church in Huntington and was the pastor there when the Johnson Memorial church was dedicated. Soon afterward he took a superannuation, relation and later, we believe, that he was placed on the superannuated list.

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Many other stories of like character are amply sufficient to impress people of a milder climate that it was sure cold in Catlettsburg.

We can be a special service to you in the filling of prescriptions, because in keeping with our methods throughout, our prices for prescription work are always low, and are alike to all. Better service cannot be had, while the saving is always a notable one. Patton Bros., Division St., Catlettsburg, Ky.

Repairs for all kinds of sewing machines.
3t SINGER CO., Louisa St.

Judge William J. Hampton, of Ashland, was a professional visitor in the city yesterday afternoon.

The liver loses its activity at times and needs help. HERBINE is an effective liver stimulant. It also prifies the bowels, strengthens digestion and restores strength, vigor and cheerful spirits. Price 50c. Sold by Patton Bros.

New Singer Sewing Machine Store, Tribune building. Bring us your machine troubles. We fix them.
3t SINGER CO., Louisa St.

MARKET.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the M. E. Church, will hold a market, Saturday in C. E. Silcott's store. Phone special orders to Mrs. Frank Tyree.
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Test Vote on County Unit

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION DEFEATED BY DECISIVE MAJORITY.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 19.—What was looked upon as a test of strength in the fight to be waged in the House tomorrow against Representative Ben Niles' county unit extension bill was the vote on a resolution offered by Representative Harry J. Myers today to adjourn over until Monday at noon.

The moment the resolution was offered Representative Harry Schoberth, of Woodford county opposed it on the ground that the average cost per day to the State of a legislative session was \$1,000, and that all who stood for economy should vote against the measure. The real purpose of the resolution, it is said, was to delay action on the county unit extension bill. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 61 to 22. The Senate had previously adjourned until Monday at noon.

Among the first matters to be taken up at the House session tomorrow is Mr. Niles' bill, and it is rumored here tonight that a motion to recommit it will be made. Friends of the measure say that nothing can be gained by that, however, as "wet" members of the House are hopelessly in the minority.

Singer Sewing Machines on easy monthly payments, call and let us explain.
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His remains will be brought to Ashland and the funeral will be conducted from the First M. E. Church, South, on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Besides his daughter, he has a son, Ireland Hampton, of Fort Worth, Texas, but who was visiting his sister and father at the time of his father's death and he, with his sister and brother-in-law, will accompany the remains to Ashland.

Mrs. Hampton, who was a daughter of the late Judge W. C. Ireland, died in Ashland two years ago, which was a severe shock to the husband, and may have contributed in a measure to the shortening of his days.

A dry hacking cough is hard on the lungs, often causing them to bleed. BALLARD'S HOREHOUND SYRUP is a healing balm that quickly repairs damage in the lungs and air passages. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle. Sold by Patton Bros.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Montague will entertain for six o'clock dinner this evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chatfield and children and their guest, Miss Fannie Williams.

SCHOLARSHIP FOR SALE.

I will sell at a discount a \$50.00 Scholarship in one of THE BEST Business Colleges in the country. Scholarship is good at college or for a Home-study Course. Address, C. B. are this office.

Mrs. Sam Rosenthal entertained a number of her friends very pleasantly yesterday evening, with a six o'clock four course dinner, complimentary to her guest, Mrs. John Joseph Connolly, of Cincinnati. Mr. Connolly will arrive this evening to join his wife here for a couple of days, when they will return to their home.

Jan. 20—The different committees were received and that of the committee on entertainment showed net receipts of \$60 from the bazaar recently given. After this the buying of a piano was taken up and discussed pro and con, after which a vote was taken, and it was decided to buy a handsome \$300 piano, and place it in the school building at once.

The Mothers' Club of the Means' Building believe in doing things, and this is only one of the numerous improvements they have brought about for the benefit of the children in that end of town. Refreshments were served, and a splendid social time enjoyed.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

A delightful birthday party was given last evening in honor of Elizabeth Grounds at her home on W. Winchester avenue and 8th St. The evening was spent with games. She was twelve years old Jan. 18. About nine o'clock refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream and cake, bananas and apples. She received many beautiful gifts. Those present were: Magdeline Krog, Francis Krog, Hattie Johnson, Blanche Wentle, Lillian Rowe, Leone Tolen, Louise Groene, Bertha Groene, Margaret Nibbar, Edna Crawford, Freda Kramer, Lila Kleth, Minnie Keth, Maude Myers, Fannie Gallner, Wilhelmina Petry, Eva Marie Bulger, Andrew Crawford, Herman Menhouse, LeRoy Bulger, Earl Deaver, Herschel Bulger, James Rowe, Dennis Rice, Carl Geising, Leonard Layne, Willard Layne, Everett Rice, Ross Kleth, and Albert Wise.

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The first R. and Hattie Johnson, Blanche Wentle, Lillian Rowe, Leone Tolen, Louise Groene, Bertha Groene, Margaret Nibbar, Edna Crawford, Freda Kramer, Lila Kleth, Minnie Keth, Maude Myers, Fannie Gallner, Wilhelmina Petry, Eva Marie Bulger, Andrew Crawford, Herman Menhouse, LeRoy Bulger, Earl Deaver, Herschel Bulger, James Rowe, Dennis Rice, Carl Geising, Leonard Layne, Willard Layne, Everett Rice, Ross Kleth, and Albert Wise.

GOV. GLASSCOCK AND JUDGE ROBINSON SPEAK AT 1:30 P. M. AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The funeral of Rev. J. W. Hampton will be held at the First M. E. Church, South, tomorrow at 3 p. m.

The great mass meeting at the Presbyterian Church for men and boys only, will be addressed by Gov. Glasscock, of West Virginia, and Judge Ira E. Robinson, of Charleston, at 1:30 p. m. Sunday. No doubt there will be several hundred who will be anxious to attend both the men's meeting and Rev. Hampton's funeral. Therefore, the above statement is made authoritatively through these columns that all may be at ease about the matter and that it may be made plain to all that you can attend both services.

Rev. Hampton was one of the best known ministers in this section of country and has ministered to hundreds, rich and poor, small and great, and a large attendance is expected.

The men's meeting at 1:30 is a continuation of the Men and Religion Forward Movement, which is sweeping the country.

PERSONAL WORKERS TRAINING CLASS

The Personal Workers' Training Class, which has been running for the past two months at the local Y. M. C. A., will wind up their first course of study tonight, and re-organize for the new course.

The class is made up of members of all denominations, and they are studying to twin men to Christ. They have been following a course in fundamentals of Christianity, and will now take up "The Helping Hand," containing lessons on meeting objections offered by non-Christians.

The importance of personal work in winning souls is recognized by all preachers and Christian workers, and this class is conducted for the training of personal workers in the various churches. An invitation is given all men to join and take part in the study. The class meets at seven o'clock every Saturday evening.

WILL MEET TONIGHT.

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Ashland Loan & Building Association will be Saturday evening from 6 to 8 o'clock at J. H. McCleary's store. Dividend money ready.

B. F. FORGEY, Sec.

Mrs. Ross Hardy has returned to this city after a pleasant visit in Princeton with Mrs. Kithman.

As acetylene produces about five times more heat per cubic foot than hydrogen, and nearly doubles it in intensity, a marvelously powerful flame is condensed into a very small volume. Compared to the oxy-hydrogen flame, it is like a finely pointed tool to a blunt instrument.

With such a tool having heating power from two to three times that required to melt the commercial metals, almost incredible results are obtained.

USE OF PROCESS.

By this process, iron, steel, cast iron, aluminum, brass, copper, platinum and other metals can be so perfectly united, that when smoothed the joint cannot be discerned.

This process has to be seen in order to be appreciated, for it is a new thing, and is accomplishing wonders in the world of mechanics. There is not a manufacturing plant or newspaper office in this entire section of the country, but what almost daily, or at least weekly, has parts of their machinery broken. It is usually in cast iron parts and these have to be replaced by sending to the factory for new pieces. This takes two or three days, and the delay is always costly, but by the new process now employed in the A. C. & I. shops in this city, anything can be welded, if it is a shaft of a steamboat, a broken casting of a linotype, a cast iron fly-wheel, or a cylinder of a locomotive engine. Any of these things can be easily and quickly repaired by this process. Supt. Rogers and Master Mechanic Mehan are both to be congratulated for installing this process here in Ashland, as it is not only means a great saving of time, but of money as well.

A sample of this saving is shown in a piece of work that was accomplished there today, that of welding a broken part of a locomotive at an expense of about \$15 or \$20, while if a new piece had

ASHLAND MAY PROVE TO BE FERTILE FIELD

Interest in the gas wells in this section continues unabated. Mr. O'Kelly, who has just brought in the well on the Effort farm, has ordered his casing and the same will be placed in position the first of the week. Experts who have examined this well, pronounce it to be a splendid one. The sand is typical gas sand, and after the casing is put in and the water pumped out, it is claimed that this well will go beyond what it is expected to do.

The outlook for gas and oil development in this immediate section is very bright. Four wells have been put down recently at about two miles apart and every one are producers. This would indicate that Ashland is located over a very fertile field. If we do not miss our guess, the next three months will produce some wonderful results here, in the development of this field.

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE.

A few days ago the Bates & Rogers Construction Co. put a little three line want ad in The Independent, for twenty-five men to work at the Look and Dam. The next morning when the hour for work arrived, 100 men were on the grounds ready to be employed. In order not to disappoint too many, Superintendent Armstrong, instead of taking twenty-five, employed fifty. This is only one of the many instances of what a little want ad can do.

Money talks: and its favorite word is "Goodbye."

ATTENTION, MACCABE

Col. M. F. Elkin, State Commander, will attend the special meeting of the Maccabees at Fellows Hall tonight, January 27, 7:30 p. m., and assist in initiating all candidates who have been nominated. At this meeting arrangements will be completed for the banquet to be given on Sunday night, January 27, 1912. Members are requested to attend the meeting tonight as well as the meeting and banquet next Sunday night.

Fraternally,
G. H. OGDEN, Command.
W. A. GINN, Record Keeper

GOVERNOR GLASSCOCK.

Gov. Glasscock and Judge Robinson will speak on the Religion Forward Movement at the Presbyterian Church, to row at 1:30 P. M. The Quartette will sing. A large attendance is expected. Eat a light dinner and come.

MALE QUARTETTE.

The Male Quartette, Messrs. Salmon, Hager and Moore singing at the Men's Meeting addressed by Gov. Glasscock at the Presbyterian Church at 1:30 P. M. Let man come and judge for him.

Chas. Beam, of this city, was

CHURCH NEWS AND PERSONALS

FULL OF YEARS

Mrs. Ann E. Geiger, widow of Late D. D. Geiger is Called to her Final Rest.

Mrs. Anna E. Geiger, widow of the late David Geiger, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John McDyer, at 17th street and Bath Avenue, Ashland, last night, at eight-thirty o'clock, at the advanced age of 83 years, her death having been the result of a slight attack of pneumonia and infirmity incident to old age.

The decedent was born in Guyan-dotte, Va., now West Virginia, in the year 1829, her maiden name having been Ann E. Henderson. She had sisters, Mrs. C. S. Uffed, Mrs. W. H. H. Eba, and Mrs. Daniel Eba, all well known and highly respected residents of this city for many years. She was the mother of Mrs. Thomas S. Garland and Mr. D. D. Geiger, assistant secretary of state, of Frankfort, and Mrs. John McYer of Ashland, at whose home she died.

Mrs. Geiger was married when quite young and she and her husband settled in a small and unpretentious log cabin that stood at the rear of the old Joseph Patton homestead, on Center street, this city, near where now stands the milling plant of the Pattons. This was before the city included the territory north of Catletts Creek. After having lived here many years, sold his interests in the lands north of Catletts Creek and moved to Ashland where he continued to reside until his death occurred some six years ago.

The Henderson family, of which Mrs. Geiger was a member, was

obeyed the summons, and the Church never had a more devoted, consistent, sincere and faithful servant. He carried to his new calling the powers of a mind schooled in logic and analysis. He knew just how to meet and successfully combat the skeptic's pleas.

His genial, cordial manner was a great aid to Mr. Hampton in his work as a minister, and this, coupled with his well known sincerity, made him a powerful in the ministry. He did most effective work in this State, in West Va. and in Texas, always aiding his denomination and the cause of Christ generally wherever he went. He was made Presiding Elder of this district and served, if we mistake not, from 1898 to the fall of 1902.

Here in Louisa Mr. Hampton was greatly loved. The people of Louisa had known him as "John" Hampton, they had known of his trials, his struggles and his victories. They admired him for his ability and attainments and they loved him for himself. He was honored in life and now that he has obtained the Great Reward, his memory is revered.

REV. HAMPTON'S LABORS ENDED

Pastor of M. E. Church, South, Called to His Reward — Was Confidante Soldier.

Rev. John W. Hampton, after an illness of two weeks, first seemingly from bronchial trouble but later developing into heart trouble, passed away in his room at the M. E. church, South, parsonage, Friday morning at 2 o'clock. He suffered continued and

ner just marked out when he was called hence, but he had already attached himself to all uplifting institutions or movement for the betterment of the condition of his neighbors and fellowmen. In his temperance cause we will sadly miss him.

During his sickness and suffering he was very fortunate in having the sympathy and best of attention from Mrs. Bettie Craig, who resides at the parsonage. No near kin could have done more than she did for him.

The body was prepared for shipment by Undertaker Bob Blake and at 2 o'clock p. m. Buffalo assembled at the M. E. Church, South, where Rev. Ramsey read the Methodist funeral service or scripture, and gave a short talk from the words, "He did what he could." L. J. Timms, Ed. Bronaugh, Reece and William Bryan, Sam Sterrett and H. H. Eastham acted as pallbearers and conveyed the body to the K. & M. depot for train No. 2 over which it was shipped to Ashland, Ky., where it was buried with great honors on Sunday afternoon.—Buffalo Correspondence of Winfield Irrepressible.

DEATH ENDS LABORS.

John W. Hampton, soldier, lawyer and preacher died Friday morning at 2 o'clock at his temporary residence in Buffalo, after an illness of ten days. The illness began with bronchitis and death resulted from fatty degeneration of the heart. The news of the death of this beloved man was received here with profound grief.

In Mr. Hampton's death removed a truly striking character — one who was distinguished for the qualities of ability and uprightness. His career was one as is rarely matched and the pastor received fourteen into the

vigorous and healthy for a man of his years.

Bro. Hampton had completed his revival services at Wade Ch-

ziers Bottom and Arbuckle. On his return from his last visit to Wade Chapel he spent a couple of days at the home of the editor of this paper, leaving for Ashland Christmas morning. His last service here was the morning of the 4th Sunday in December. Rev. Guy Coffman consented to preach for him in the evening. Truly Rev. J. W. Hampton was a minister whom we believe wanted to work for the church as Christ would have done were He upon earth. He frankly said there were too many churches, and the last article he ever wrote for the press advocated a union of forces, which letter was first published three weeks ago in the Methodist Laymen's Herald, Parkersburg.

Among the distinguished ministers of the Western Virginia Conference there was not one but would feel honored by the privilege of pronouncing the words of eulogy which were spoken over his bier. "He was a faithful servant of the church, a true minister of Christ who labored earnestly for the salvation of souls, and sought to live and did live in such a manner that he reflected the glory of God.—Putnam Democrat.

REVIVAL CONDUCTED BY EVANGELIST HARBIN STILL IN PROGRESS AT M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

The revival services conducted by Walter G. Harbin at the M. E. Church, South are still going on with unabated interest. The congregations fill the auditorium and many are to be

years, sold his interests in the lands north of Catletts Creek and moved to Ashland where he continued to reside until his death occurred some six years ago.

The Henderson family, of which Mrs. Geiger was a member, was nearly related to the Churches, one of the most prominent New York families of the early days, her ancestry having been of Scotch descent.

She was a life long member of the M. E. Church, South, in which she was distinguished as a leader in all church and charitable work, as long as she remained active, and never until the day of her death did that interest which she had so long manifested decline, though she was unable to work as she had done during her younger days.—Catlettsburg Independent.

The Louisa News, in giving an account of the death of Rev. Jno. W. Hampton, whom the editor knew quite well, concludes as follows:

"Born in Catlettsburg nearly seventy years ago Mr. Hampton early in life began an active career. Almost at the beginning of the Civil War he joined his fortunes with those of the Southern Confederacy, and in all the gray-clad hosts who followed the Bonnie Blue Flag to honored defeat none served the cause more bravely, more devotedly than he. He was ever in the thickest of the fray, and to his dying day his cheek carried a scar made by the thrust of a Federal sabre. He chose the law for a profession and in its ranks he was the peer of the ablest and the best. What his future as a jurist might have been no one can say, for sometime during the noted evangelistic campaign made by the Rev. George O. Barnes through this region John Hampton "heard, believed and confessed" and converted to the faith of his fathers. Not long afterwards we do not know how long, Mr. Hampton yielded to the call of Him who said, "Go preach my Gospel." He

ness of two weeks, first seemingly from bronchial trouble but later developing into heart trouble, passed away in his room at the M. E. church, South, parsonage, Friday morning at 2 o'clock. He suffered continued and excruciating pain for some time before his demise. His daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Joe Muer, of Thomas, W. Va., and his son, Mr. Ireland Hampton, of Fort Worth, Texas, were at his bedside when the spirit took its flight from the body.

Rev. Hampton was a native of Catlettsburg, Ky., and it was our pleasure to know his brothers—Oliver, Charles and Wade and his sister, Mrs. Fannie Barnett, all of whom we understood Rev. Hampton to say in a conversation lately, had preceded him to the glory land. His father was a fine old Kentucky gentleman, affectionately known as "Uncle Billy," who was the founder of Hampton City, an addition to Catlettsburg.

John Hampton, during the dark days of the late civil struggle, saw fit to cast his lot with the Confederacy and was a soldier under Gen. A. G. Jenkins. He was fond of relating an experience he had during the spring of 1863. He, with many others, came through the valley at this place and being hungry, ragged, and barefoot, went to the home of the late Miss "Puss" Latham where he was pitied and fed, and clothed in the very best she could furnish. The kindness was never forgotten and Mr. Hampton so much regretted that she had passed away before he came here to live.

Possibly all who have been associated with the deceased since he came among us have heard him tell that he was once a lawyer, which profession he gave up for a humble position as a minister representing the cause of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and as such he came among us. He was surely a scholarly, polished and cultured gentleman. His work at this place was in a man-

In Mr. Hampton's death removed a truly striking character—one who was distinguished for the qualities of ability and uprightness. His career was one as is rarely matched and the glory of it was enhanced by the fact that he died like a true soldier of the cross, still fighting the good fight. He was born in Hampton City, a suburb of Catlettsburg, where he spent his boyhood days. He left home to become a soldier, enlisting as a private in the 8th Virginia cavalry, of Army of the Confederacy. His company was under the command of General Albert Gallatin Jenkins. Mr. Hampton was a brave soldier and served throughout the war. In the course of the struggle he received a wound from such as which few men recover, a bullet passing entirely through his head. He lingered for months and rejoined his regiment.

After the war he studied law and was admitted to the bar. He developed into one of the ablest attorneys in Eastern Kentucky but hearing a voice that called him into another field, into the ministry he went. He was soon admitted to the traveling connection of the church. His first pastorate was at Charleston where he did a great work for the church. He was afterwards made presiding elder. Next he filled with dignity, grace and honor Johnson Memorial church at Huntington.

About a year ago his wife, who was a Miss Ireland, died, and he decided he would return again to the ministry. The conference of the Southern Methodist church of 1911 appointed him to the Buffalo circuit, one of, if not the most difficult circuits in the Western Virginia conference in point of access to the various charges, which he was serving when death relieved him of his suffering. His friends tried to persuade him not to accept the work, but he was too loyal to say no.

When he entered the work although nearing his 70th milestone, he was sure of seeing gathered around them

after G. Harbin at the M. E. Church South are still going on with unabated interest. The congregations, all the auditorium and many more to be seen. The morning service, the pastor received fourteen into the church, and many more will be received at the morning service next Sunday. The meeting has increased the attendance in the School and Epworth League decidedly, while sixty-three of the members of St. John's Church have pledged themselves to better service. The church is greatly revived. Four cottage prayer meetings are being held daily in the town by the ladies of all the churches. These are bringing very gratifying results in that a number are rendering service in these meetings that have never taken any public part before. Rev. Harbin has endeared himself to our people by his able service which he is rendering in the meetings.

The evangelist will speak to men only next Sunday at 3:00 p. m. in the Court house. It is to be hoped that that spacious room will be filled with men of all ages to hear the lecture of this able divine. That will probably be his last day in New Martinsville. Those who fail to hear him will have missed a rare opportunity of hearing a great discourse.—New Martinsville Democrat.

HALF CENTURY

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell of Poca
Fittingly Celebrated Their Golden Wedding.

The 12th of December of this year, was the anniversary of an event in the lives of Mr. Henry Campbell and wife, of Poca, that not many married couples have the good fortune to celebrate. On that date fifty years ago they were married and began a life of wedded happiness that continued to the present. They had the pleasure of seeing gathered around them