

Nov. 1. From their meeting on the subject "Strenuity" I am very sorry, they in attendance. Interesting Sab. School conference the morning. Sab. school was great much. Several interesting cases. One killed for the murder of Boyer more not found guilty. Astor & Broadway for the murder of Miss Cooper were found guilty of manslaughter. There seems to be a wave of violence & crime passing over the land. For in the history of our country I do not know that there has been so many murders & robberies as the last year. Many news papers bring the news of some robberies.

" 21. Went yesterday 25 miles to my people in Anderson Co. I returned to day. It is a long journey to supply a people with preaching once a month. They have no other opportunity to secure a Lutheran preacher. They are a glorious land of Christians. I hope I may be useful to them. I have seen one from them of 22 years. He is a long time Afflicted. Nothing has transpired since my last visit worthy of note. My school continues about the same as before. It drops of Sunday schools, since the year great work will be in Tennessee after 1880. Great distress will be experienced by the human race.

" 24. This morning Mrs. Witzjard left this world for the spiritland. She seemed prepared for the change. To day I preached in the Lutheran Ch. Nothing unusual during the past week. This would be worthy of record. My school still increasing. Recd. this morning a Pass on the R. Road, as per a Chappell's report, heard in unpleasant report about Dr. B. & of a great trouble in Stanton between two of our members there. Have not heard the details in either case.

April 4. This morning received a letter asking when I could commence preaching at Kenety. I will commence the 24th. Many persons said last week I had a May wedding, a little girl of 4 years of age. Last night there was a severe thunder storm, vivid lightning & much rain. Nothing else particular to record.

" 25. This day I preached near "G". I then accepted the call there to preach once a month on the 4 Sabbath. The la. here a good schoolhouse & church combined. Many persons present, more than I expected. I think the idea is to establish a church. I hope I may succeed. This & Anderson Co. & the English Ch. at Waltham will ultimately make a good charge. I was pleased with the prospect, & hope much good will be done.

May 2. Preached in Waltham. Not many out.

" 9. To day had Communion in Lutheran Ch. at Waltham, more Germans consumed than usual. Largest communion for some time. The Germans here no minister yet.

May 9. The 1st graduating class had their final examination the last week. The 6 girls acquitted themselves nobly. The examinations on papers were pretty severe, but they behaved hard & passed the mark 80 of 100. I hope they will acquit themselves nobly at Denmark next.

" 15. Last Saturday feeling to Marshall to make the trip to Anderson Co. to fill my appointment, I requested Mrs. Big Riley to go for me & I would fill her appointment here in Pres. Ch. She kindly consented. I preached to a large Cong. morning & night. Vide Record. In the afternoon at 5 o'clock I married John Kline to Lucinda J. J. Berry. This is the best thing he could do, & I hope he will have something to live for. Recd. this morning of the awful conflagration in the burning of Milton Pa. Over one mile square in the heart of the city was entirely destroyed. It is indeed sad. I hope others will come from those who can help. Nothing yet determined in reference to the Blue Ridge Road. I am now fearful it will never be built. It will be a sad thing for Waltham nothing but the school will keep up the place.

" 23. This day after Sab. school I baptized 2 children in the German language. These people desire some one to perform ministerial services in the German tongue. I can baptize, confirm, & administer the sacrament for them but cannot preach to them in the Ger. Lang. The Cong. was unusually large. I hope a better state of feeling is existing in reference to her preaching. Young Princes son of Dr. L. Mueller has declared, who they will now get is not known. Only a few will give to the support of a minister & they cannot offer an endorsement to any one. Nothing new has occurred since the last record. Schomberg is anxious for me to take the Form, Sem. in Stanton. I am as yet not prepared to give it a favorable thought. I will first hear what he has to say in regard to its advantages over the one I now have. There is now another idea, a reorganization of the S. E. P. R. which may result in the completion of the Blue Ridge R.R. This is what I earnestly wish.

" 30. Preached to day to a very small Cong. A rainy morning, to day at 3 o'clock I baptized the infant of John & Julia Kase. It was a German baptism. I as usual, feasting &c. Large dinner & many great invited. This is a custom among the Ger. I hope it may soon break up. I have no more feasting at baptisms.

- June 15 Since my last record, I have been urged to take the Staunton Female Seminary. I am now considering the offer. I have not refused, but have not made up my mind one way or the other. I am now in the midst of examination of pupils. The majority are doing well. My school here is prospering. My Prayer is that the Lord may still prosper it, make it an instrument of great good & the means of promoting his church & his glory. Daughters Ellen & her little Annie has come to spend the summer months with us.
- " 20 Sabbath a high day with us here. The Baccalaureate discourse was delivered by Bro. Dr. Briggs of Atlanta. His discourse from the text, "Hear all things &c." & "Be always ready to give an answer." It was a eloquent discourse, full of sparkling ideas. He had the attention of the congregation for 1 hour & twenty minutes. My girls were in their places. A great scene was presented, the church packed. These exercises are becoming more & more interesting.
- " 22 This is the first graduation of girls not only in my college but in Ga. The influence was for good. The girls acted nobly. The essays were creditable, Mr. Springer disappointed us & I offered a few remarks. The singing was well spoken of. Especially the psalm song of the graduating class.
- " 26 Went to Gb. & preached on the sabbath day to a very attentive Cong. I think I will do good in that part of God's Kingdom. The prospects for next session seem fair I hope I will have a good school one that will pay & with which I will do good. I love my parishes.
- July 15 I attended a Mt. Convention at St. Pauls, An immense number of persons present during Thursday & Friday. We passed of well. The discussions were interesting. I succeeded in securing a few students for my college.
- Aug 5 Preached on the sin, unto death. Attentive Cong. Large crowds. Hope good was accomplished. Nothing particular worth recording has transpired there for in the vacation. The prospects for a full school is encouraging. The crops, & the political aspect indicate more prosperous times.
- " 17 Last Wednesday the 11. I went to Anderson co. to hold a full day service for my people there. I preached day & night until Sunday the 15. I preached 10 sermons. It was to many for so short a time in such hot weather. My people were built up on their holy faith, & many were impressed with the truth. Although there was no addition to church memberships, the truth will no doubt exert its influence. I pray that that little flock will be faithful, & their desire & prayer be heard that it may increase. I spent a few days with them & found them a pleasant people. Always glad to see me.

- Aug 16 To day Monday about 9 o'clock A.M. My daughter Ellen Mueller was delivered of a son. Dr Johnson & Mrs. Adams in attendance. She came from Charleston to Walthalla in June last. & has remained with us until this her enouchment. May the Lord protect her & give health through her enouchment. This is my first male Grand child.
- Little Babe, When thou earnest into this world thou didst weep while others rejoiced; so live that when we must rejoice, while others weep, when you leave this world.
- Aug 24 Thursday Morn. All the family well. Brod "gone home to Charlot." Last Sabbath was a very warm day. I preached two sermons to the people near "Gb." Stayed at Mr. W. Hattenwagner's. Many of good trace, but none in Walthalla. I think a Cong. ought to be organized there. It would with Society support a young man. I one could be obtained. There are some good people there. One man, who seemed to be in earnest, said I was helping other denominations, tho I was trying to build up the South. Ch. came home on Monday 11 P.M. & found all well. To day, I for a few days hence. I will be busy in preparing for the coming session. I hope I may have a good opening.
- I have been to much engaged in secular affairs this last vacation. I have not been as spiritual minded as I ought to have been. May the Lord forgive my past delinquency & bring me more faithful in the future.
- Sep 5 To day at 10 o'clock I dedicated Mt. Taber Church in Newberry County. Bro. J. A. High pastor. Large crowd present. Used the form in the Book of worship. A pleasant service.
- " 6 Preached 2 sermons for Bro. J. D. Bowles, at Colony.
- " 8 4 waited with the church. Pleasant meeting but warm. & to day met 4 girls at depot for my school. On my way home, & received 10 in all, & safely arrived at home with them.
- " 12 Heard the new German preacher could not understand him. Was his first sermon. He was elected to day, & my supply classes. I was requested to preach once a mo. 2. Sabbath. Some other regulations may be made.
- " 21 My school has increased beyond my expectations. I now number 85. Have 16 boarders. I rejoice much in my prospects. I hope I will exceed the former years. I am soon requested to preach every second Sabbath, for the benefit of the English members here. Thus I will do until the first of January 1881.

Oct. 21 For one month I better I have not written in my journal. Nothing particular has happened worthy recording. Everything has moved on in the usual way. I have now 15 Boarders, 93 in the school. My school has increased 50 per cent in last year. I was compelled to spend my means again to make room for boarders. I additional rooms, fixed above the school room. I will have a full college in a few years if each session increases, this one has. The death of Bro L. Keller has impressed me much, he was about my age. The apple tree from which he fell I am told never bore fruit before.

"Had Moses in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform"

I know not how long I may live, but now wish to live long enough to establish fully this college. May the Lord grant me health & strength to accomplish my desire. I would sooner teach girls than boys. The anxiety about their welfare is not so great. They are easier to govern. I have to watch especially when the class desires to learn. I hope I am doing something for the elevation of the human soul & the well being of the parsony.

Next Tuesday is election day. I wish it were passed. I fear the result. There may be blood shed in some parts of the State. May the Lord bless this nation & overrule all our national proceedings.

Dec 27 I started to day for Columbia to marry Paul H. Holtman to Miss Kate N. Boutwell. It grew colder & colder until I arrived at Col. That night the thermometer stood at 8 degrees below zero. The coldest time I ever experienced to my recollection. The coldest weather felt at Col for many years. I have never known such cold weather in this State. Thursday morning I went to G. D. B. B. to go to the residence of the Bride. Got out of the cars at Col. Station, was met by Dr. Boutwell & the Bride's Father. I accompanied with the Groom we crossed Broad river & walked two miles to his house. It was so icy that a horse could not draw a buggy, & went severely north. At 7 P.M. I performed the ceremony, & they were man & wife. No one present but the family. After talking to the family until 11 o'clock I went to bed in a cold room. The next morning started home. This was Friday morning. Walked to the river & found it frozen over & the ice floating down. Broke the ice for about 30 feet from the shore & then found we could not cross with the cattle. To the Lord I ascended until 3 o'clock & then went to the river again. Crossed over & stopped at a Negro's hut. I found it was doubtful whether the train would come & if so whether it would stop. I walked two miles to the depot.

There I met Carol Beckman & Mrs. Smith & Mrs. Craig, who invited me to remain in their store that night. I did so. At nine o'clock the down train stopped & two ladies & a gentleman stopped & could not cross the river. The gentleman remained with me & the two ladies stood with Mrs. Heidera a spinster who lives near the depot. Next morning I breakfasted with Mr. H. Baptized his daughter, & at 12 o'clock took the train Saturday for home when at Bernolts our engine was swapped for a larger one which carries us to Kelton. The snow was drifting & the train came to remain there all night, went into another cold coal. Next morning Sabbath at 11 o'clock I started for home & reached there about 3 in the afternoon. I was the worst. Severely & most tiresome trip I ever took. I hope it is the last of the kind. The thermometer was on Thursday morn 8° below zero.

1881
Feb 20

I returned this evening from Anderson Co. preached last night & this morning. Frew out last night. Good congregation this morning. It was a cold day. Came the 25 miles a good journey to preach.

Mar 20

Nothing particular worthy of note during the time since the last record. Everything moves in smoothness. May the Lord prosper me in all my lawful undertakings. I desire & feel that I should have more confidence & a firmer faith in the goodness of God, & the willingness of my Savior to bless all labors in accordance with his will. O Lord increase my faith as my proper. This Sabbath morn I administered the sacrament to the English speaking Lutherans Long Run. See this place. Others ministered with us. Lute an abatement in speaking.

May 8

Oct 18

Called this evening to Mr. Jacob Schroeder's to marry. Dr. Wm. Lake to Miss Julia Schroeder. I met with an extraordinary circumstance. When I arrived I heard that the Bride had refused to marry. The Groom was there & had come over 100 miles. I was assured that she would not dress for the occasion. She was spoken to by her friends & at last was persuaded. When she appeared on the floor dressed in spotless white, heavily veiled, I commenced the nuptial ceremony. All went on right until I asked her whether she took her intended to be her husband. She was silent & said nothing, looked wildly at me & then the Groom & at her feet. I asked again, & of air she was silent. I ask the third time & said I could go no further until the question was answered & she replied "Yes". I repeated the question, & at that moment her father spoke to her & she turning to me said Yes & the ceremony was soon completed. I was completely thrown off my guard.

b. I buried this day Ellen Smith in the graveyard near wall-halla, on a Hill, not elevated. No tomb stone to mark the resting place of any one. Every thing looks desapidated. The houses are not cared for. Common stones at the head & foot. It was a cold day. Snow under foot. I preached in the Snow yard, in the open air. Could not take off my hat. A certain circumstance took place, which struck me forcibly. When the coffin was lowered in the grave, it would not go in the vault. & had to be lifted back. & the vault made larger. There is a superstition that some one of the family would follow. I am thus particular to see if the second death would take place. (See next page)

Nothing particular except the above has taken place since my last record, worthy of recording. I still preach & teach. I enjoy good health. May the Lord spare my life a few years yet. until I establish this school or leave it for the pulpit.

11 Another year almost gone. This day I preached in the Luth. Ch. Wallhalla. Nothing peculiar in the sermons. Cold, & not many out. I sometimes think my work is done here. I will wait the will of my Master. I have never bought a literature as yet. I do not know that I shall. There always waited the will of Him whom I serve. If his will is for me to remain here I will consent. If he desires me to fire a better field He will send me. My humble prayer has always been, Not my will but thine be done. If I remain here I desire to make this college a pride to the State, & leading to the Ch. & a means of elevating Society in Education & morals.

1882 Jan 8 Another year gone to eternity. The past year has been one of disasters, murders, accidents, drought, & other troubles. I hope & pray the coming year ^{may} be more favorable. I am growing older although I cannot feel as if I were growing in age, but the years are passing away.

30 The winter has been unusually warm, Rain & mud nearly every day. More rain this winter than I can am, the roads are almost impassable. Reached less this winter, than any other winter in my ministry. owing to rain. Less people have attended church than any winter that I recollect. Congregation small. & little progress in church matters in this part of the world. Unpleasant winter for schools, still my college has maintained it ours. I will not murmur as man of last year, unless the coming Spring will be more favorable. The health of the school & family has been somewhat good. So far

May 14 This day I preached & held Communion in Wallhalla & Confirmed Miss Patten Wessel. It was the largest communion I ever had in this place. Nearly all the young people were out, that are members of the Church. Last week my daughter Katie stood her formal examination I preached, as reported by the Committee. Prof. Moore & Berger & Shuler Esq. G. B. G. behind the highest street & read the second lesson. Miss Ella Swales read the first lesson. She is daughter of Rev. G. D. Swales. My school seems to prosper. more so than I possibly expected.

This has been a good Spring. today was cold enough for fire & I feel a great relief.

In April 1882 about 3 mos after the death of Ellen Smith as recorded on the opposite page, I attended the funeral of her sister. Whether the lifting of the coffin was a signal of another death, I cannot tell, but of a superstition, it accorded with the facts in this case.

Nothing worthy of record transpired since my last record. Every thing is passing on in the usual way.

Aug 9. I started Wednesday 2^d of June for Va. & Md on a visit to our friends. In 26 hours was in Staunton, saw my son, Saml, & his wife & children, & found them well. I took with me, Johnie B. to commence the mercantile business. First as a Clerk to learn, & expecting to engage permanently in it hereafter. I hope he may do well. It is hard to see my children thus separated from me. Such is life. Two now in Va & one in Charleston. I preached for Luther Smith the following Sabbath. This evening once invited me to preach a trial sermon. They did not call me. I then went down the valley to Sister Lou's. found the friends well. I then went to Sneytown Md. to visit my first father in law now 80 years of age. Before starting I went to Shepherdstown. & saw many old friends, & preached for them three sermons. How changed every thing was, the bed in their graves & the young grown to manhood. All seemed pleased to see me, & I to see them. I was met kindly by my friends in Sneytown. & preach two sermons there. I met my friends, & was glad to see them. Visited the tomb of my first wife. I found a new Church, & a large cong. I returned to Croagerstown, & brought Annie with me back to Va. to a reunion of the families.

I went on my return through Frederick to Harper's Ferry. There I met but few friends, all gone. The old dead, & the young grown to manhood. When I returned to Staunton after a day or two with friends, I remained with my children until Aug. 7, having preached in Staunton.

What changes a few years make. The improvement in almost every thing was great. Poor Land made rich. Splendid buildings erected. The people seemed to be prospering in this world's goods.

Improvement in Rail Roads was astonishing. To travel from Staunton to Walkhalla, starting at 2. A.M. & reaching Walkhalla at 3. P.M. the same day. would have seemed incredible to our fathers.

The Cereals & grasses more abundant. The finest harvest for many years. The poor are glad.

The trip was not only pleasant but a great benefit to me & Annie. We saw our friends & enjoyed their company. It may be many years before we see them again, some perhaps never.

Aug 31. I reached Walkhalla, Aug. 7, tired, of Rail R. riding but ready to begin ^{the} work in reference to our College. I started on a trip to Georgia to assist Rev. H. in a meeting & hunt up pupils for my College. I Preached at Mt. Pilgrim Church, 5 times & Breckin-
Staten once. I hope good was the result. Succeeded in securing several pupils. Met Bro G. at Jonesboro. He is a good preacher. Heard him once. On my road home the cars ran over a child, I think the Cow Catcher struck the child & threw it down among the weeds & briars. I saw the child in the father's arms carrying it home, I thought I heard it cry. In this I may be mistaken. I can not say whether the Engineer saw it in time to stop. Some of the passengers ran back with me. Saw the child lifted from the weeds, at the distance of about 30 ft. The father carried it past me. saw no blood, nor any breeze.

Oct 29

Nothing unusual has transpired since my last record. My school commenced in the middle of September & now numbers about 80 pupils. I feel that I am doing a good work here, perhaps more for the elevation of the human race than in any period of my life. I have taught for many years. I still have to teach. I believe it is the best employment except the ministry that could engage a human being.

Of my children in Va. Hermann & his wife & two children. & John. In Charleston Ella & her husband & two children, ^{Patie} & I of home Jennie & Willie. All seem to be doing well. I have had no serious charge to make against any of them. Hope they may be a blessing to the world. I still preach every Sabbath except the first & fifth. I have reason to believe that I have done some good in elevating the human race. & teaching them revealed doctrines.

of Marie, at the residence of their parents, namely, Anna and Wm. the only children of Mrs. and George. Wm. died Dec. 18, 1853, aged 1 year, 11 months & 11 days. Anna died 1854, aged 1 year, 11 months & 11 days. She was a very kind and lovely mother to her two children. She was not long from all sorrow, for while they were in the world, it is difficult to know that they are dead. The mother's heart is not so susceptible. The merry sound of their feet will be transferred to the walls of the grave-church of the Redeemed in Heaven. The happy throng now treating the golden rule of the New Testament.

Jan 21. 1853. Since the record above, a sad gloom has been felt by the family in the death of two grand children as stated in the account passed at the head of these remarks. I am glad I went north this last summer & saw the latter ones. I would have never seen them in this world. It was a sad affliction in the family of Selma. My prayer is, that it may be sometimes to the good of both father & mother, & all the family. Thus one after another is gone to the land of spirits. It will not be long before all will be there. The latter ones are gone before they can realize the trials of life & are gone softly, tho it is hard to part from them our love. The meeting hereafter will be joyful beyond conception. 5 of my own children are there. 2 grand children, & others whom I believe are saved, & it will not be many years before I shall see them there. I pray God that all may be saved & so live that while they live they may do good while they live so as to meet their Mother in peace.

Nothing unusual has taken place since my last record.

1853
July 10

On June 21. closed the commencement exercises of College. The most successful I have ever had. 5 graduates. Dr. Brownson of Devonport addressed the girls. & Dr. Stebbins the Boas. address. There was a fine account of it in the News & Courier.

From July 6 to 8. I performed the memorial services of Dr. Reid in Columbia & installed Rev. Haskell in the Pastoral office.

1853

Aug. 5 Vacation is passing away. The Prospects for my school is very good. Many expect to send. Nothing certain until they arrive here. I hope to have a good school. The duties of my school & ministry have been attended to as usual. Nothing particular except the regular routine has happened. The Account of the Memorial services which took place in Columbia S.C. was taken from the Freeman published in Columbia

1854

April 6 Nothing worthy of note since the last Record. My school was as usual. Cyclones have passed over the State but did not reach here. Much destruction many lives lost. To day I am a happy man. My youngest child consecrated himself to the service. It was confirmed by Bro. M. P. S. in Wash. Hall. All my children are now members of the Church & 5 of them gave to the Church triumphant. I have endeavored to bring them up in the fear of the Lord, & hope to meet them in the Kingdom above.

June 20 Session over. 10 graduates. The school seems prosperous.

Sept 13 The school did not open as bright as usual. Why I cannot tell, unless owing to two short crops. My Catalogues will tell the reason. My daughter Katie commences teaching for me. I hope she will prove successful.

Dec 7. This session has not proved so far to be as profitable as the last. Thus far I have only 61 pupils. What will the number at the close of session 2 cannot tell. I feel assured it will be more numerous as many as the last. Most of the day pupils have gone as far as the girls in this part of the world generally & I have stopped going to school, & owing to short crops I have not as many boarders. At present I have only 9 boarders. My expenses are not so heavy & I may realize as much as any previous session.

About 3 weeks ago I lifted the last note on my property & satisfied the mortgage. The property is now clear, & by borrowing 500 dollars, during the time, settled the claims.

1854

Dec 7. At present Schenck is in Stanton, I cannot say how he is getting along, he has a disposition not to answer the questions I ask, & leaves me to imagine his welfare. I hope he is doing well. I cannot tell why he does not write, & this leaves me to suppose he is not doing well, at a further ^{no} desire. I have written 3 letters & as yet he has answered none. John is in Charleston. Looking for Elias & Goodman. He writes often & speaks of his prospects. I think he will do well. He seems more religiously inclined than any of my boys. I have no fears of him. What Hilda will be, what he will do time alone will tell. Now he is going to hope college. He does not like school, so near he is a store. Ella & Fred are in Charleston & seem at least to be doing well. They have 3 children, the youngest will be just beginning to walk. Kate is my artist, & teaching in college. Jennie is in Charleston with her sister, & is at present as we heard quite homesick.

This last summer has been remarkable for its drought. No rain since the 15 of August until about 3 weeks ago. The farmers could not sow their small grain, & it is feared that the small grain crop next year will be small.

The Diet has met & there was Union among the delegates. A Basis was agreed upon. & when presented to the different Synods, if all will agree. There will be a united Lutheran Church in the South. I cannot think there will be any objection to the Basis, though there may be to the Constitution by which all the Synods will adhere as a general body. It seems to me that the General Synod was ignored, & the wish of the delegates was to form an entirely new general body. Certainly the resolutions he passed at the Diet was opposed to the principles of the General Synod. I have not now the least idea as the way it will be received by the various Synods.

There seems to be some difficulty in electing a Past. of the Seminary now located in Newberg. Bro. Litcher & Fox have refused. So has Bro. Horn. Some new tools of Bro. S. L. Hentley, who will be the Prof. of Theology, time alone will tell? There is a disposition on the part of some to give the Seminary to the General Body, that may be organized, on accident to the action of the Diet. As part of the Board of Directors I do not know the wishes of the Church, nor when that Board will again meet. What has been done or said at the last meeting of the Synod, & when it will meet again I cannot tell.

1885

April 9 This has been the saddest winter I have ever experienced. My school has not been as full as heretofore. Collections for Supt. & Board has not been as prompt as before. Boarders the usual. These things have depressed my spirits. I sometimes fear that my school will go down. But the great trouble is the sickness of my wife. From Dec. 1st to the present time she has been confined to her bed & room. She has not been able to lie down & sleep. Part of the time in the large chair, on her feet in the family. Her principal trouble was shortness of breath. At one time I thought the end near & sent telegrams to the children, & all came. & for once in a number of years, those living were all present. But a change took place & they left but few seen. My May again, he called no one known. Her words I did not remove my clothes except for change. Dr. Johnson was her principal physician. Dr. Kennedy & Thompson from Atlanta were called in consultation. Dr. H. S. said she could not live. Sometimes she appears as if she would not die, & then she gets worse & I fear the result. Such has been the pressure upon me that I cannot attend to my duties with any comfort. I still hope my prayer for her recovery will be answered. I have preached but 3 sermons since Dec. 1st, 1884. There not been from home a single night during that time except one Easter in Newberry. To day she appears worse again & again I fear the result.

May 3. Almost another month has passed & Mrs. S. does not seem any better. Sometimes she seems to be improving, & then the swelling of her person, & dependant throbbing are as serious as before. I am extremely anxious & fear that there is no remedy that will reach her case. Dr. Johnson has been with her every day since her confinement to her bed & room. This day & especially to night she seems worse. Whether it is so or not we cannot tell.

MATTERS IN THE STATE.

WALHALLA AND HER NEIGHBORS, WEST VIRGINIA.
The Parallel Progress of Ocassee's Thriving Town—Best Schools—A Factory—New Buildings.
(Correspondence of The News and Courier.)
WALHALLA, September 30.—The Walhalla Female College, under the auspices of the Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, of the Lutheran Church, opened its eighth session to-day. This institution is most admirably located. Walhalla being a favorite place of health resort for the Rev. J. P. Smeltzer, of the Lutheran Church, and upon the most improved style. Parents of their children and wards to his care. Dr. Smeltzer has also a boarding establishment is always under the most careful supervision. Music, fancy work and all the latest here. Tuition and board charges are moderate. The most perfect order.

It becomes our painful duty to record the death of Mrs. Smeltzer, wife of Dr. J. P. Smeltzer, of the Walhalla Female College, which occurred at her residence on Saturday night, the 10th instant. Mrs. Smeltzer had been declining for more than a year, and during that period had been confined chiefly to her room and bed. Her death was not unexpected, it being long known as only a question of time. She was matron of the college, and when in health, labored assiduously with her excellent husband to build up and prosper the institution. Her Christian character and motherly virtues drew students from abroad and added greatly to the patronage of the college. Her death is not only a sad affliction to her husband and family, but a loss to the college and community, for no one knew her but esteemed her. At the time of her death Mrs. Smeltzer was in the fifty-sixth year of her age. Her remains were followed by a large train of friends to the Lutheran Church, where, after funeral services by Rev. J. C. Brodfrater they were consigned to their last earthly resting place, on Tuesday, the 12th instant. Mrs. Smeltzer had been a consistent member of the Lutheran Church for upwards of forty years, and her death, though a cause of grief to family and friends left behind, must have been to her a transition from earthly pain and suffering to heavenly joy and rest. Her venerable husband and her children live, in their sad bereavement, the sympathy of the entire community, but this, freely given and readily felt, is as nothing compared with the consolation that she lives still in a brighter and better world, where, in a short time, they will again meet in an eternal union.

1 We learn that the commencement exercises of the Walhalla Female College are suspended on account of the serious illness of Mrs. J. P. Smeltzer. This institution we believe to be on a firm foundation, and will ere long be among the first rank of Female Colleges in the State, if indeed it is not there already. 2 Notwithstanding the demoralized condition of our educational interests and the hitherto short crops, there are five fair graduates from this college the present year, while all the lower classes have had but little less than an average attendance.

My Dear Father,

I went to church to-day to hear our new pastor, Wm. Wile, and while there received every Business dispatch, giving us the sad

Walhalla L. Co
Oct 13. 1885

My dear Children

The long days & nights of watching & suffering are over. Mother was laid to rest in her grave this morning about 10 o'clock. It seems a strange fatality or perhaps a Providence, that I should watch over her for one long year, & then leave the morning she died. I went to preach to my people in the Park about 25 miles away, & was sent for I did not get back until she left the world. The morning I left when I bid her farewell, & gave her my last kiss while she was living she said she felt quite well, much better than the day before. But that evening, she got out of her of her large chair, for the one she used, she was quiet & with the help of Johnie walk back to her chair & while Aunt Lou was warming her feet her head reclined to one side, & Aunt Lou went to hold her head she gave her of three breathes & was gone. She died without a struggle. Just before she died she joined in singing with the children, "I would not live alway". It was Saturday night 9:30 o'clock Oct 10 1885 when she left us. I did not return until Sunday 4 o'clock & then she was in the casket. That distressing appearance was gone. She looked as she did years ago, with a lovely smile on her countenance. I was extremely sorry that I left that day, but perhaps a Providence. At least I could not have bid her the farewell I did, for the death struggle was but a moment. My fears were, that she would leave us in one of those fearful periods of shortness of breath.

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