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CONCORD, N. C. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1900.

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MRS. FRANCES J. HARTSELL DEAD.

Passes Away Monday at 4 p. m.—First Husband Killed in War—Leaves Four Children and Three Affectionate Step-Children.

Mrs. Francis Josephine Hartsell died at her home on South Spring street at 4 o'clock Monday evening. She had been in delicate health for some years and had kept her bed for several months.

She was 61 years of age last June.

Mrs. Hartsell was the daughter of the well-known Mr. Daniel A G Palmer, deceased. She was married to Mr. John Kendall and leaves a son of the same name. She was made a widow in the dark days of the great war, her husband being slain in the battle of Seven Pines.

In 1878 she married the Rev. John C Harisell, of the Methodist church, who was left with three small children by the death of his first companion. He died 8 years ago.

In the new relations she reared the motherless three, Mrs. Fannie Cash, of Winston, and Messrs A M and M B Hartsell.

She leaves by her second marriage Misses Daisy and Pearl and Mr. Earl Hartsell. It is pleasing to note that the relations between the deceased and those of the household not of her own blood were the most harmonious and affectionate.

Mrs. Hartsell was connected with the church at an early age and always adorned her Christian professions.

The burial ceremonies took place this (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock at Central M. E. church and the remains were placed in the city cemetery.

MRS. MARY N. RITCH DEAD.

Concord's Oldest Citizens Passes Away—Nearly 90 Years Old.

At 5 o'clock Sunday morning the lamp of life went out and the spirit of Mrs. Mary N Ritch passed into the realm of the unknown to scenes viewed by faith through the light of Divine revelation.

She had attained to the very great age of 89 years, 11 months and 25 days.

The funeral rites were conducted at Forest Hill M. E. church, of which she was a consistent member, at 9 o'clock a. m. Monday.

By special request of the deceased her grand-sons bore the remains and gently laid them in the city cemetery. They, the pall bearers, are George, Kiah, Will and Sam Murr and James Young. The sixth, Lewis Ritch, failed to arrive at the funeral.

By request, too, her grand-daughter, Miss Myrtle Young, made and directed all the ar-

rangements of the body for the burial.

Mrs. Ritch left three children, Mr. M L Ritch, Mrs. D A Murr and Mrs. R L Young, and a goodly number of grandchildren, some of whom are in other States.

She was the oldest citizen of Concord and as remarked in the funeral discourse by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Higgins, was the oldest Methodist in the town.

Mrs. Ritch had a full measure of life's experience and lays them down with honored, revered and beloved memory.

Some Notes Taken by Snap Shot.

It was a glorious Christmas celebration that we have had at least the Children's part.

At the German Reformed church almost a full congregation assembled at 6:30 o'clock in the morning. "While it was yet Dark" and there was a soulful, devout spirit of worship manifest. It was good to be there.

At Rev. Mr. Preston's churches there was great interest taken in the exercises. At McKinnon church there was one tree and at Cannonville two. A very pleasing treat was given to the Sunday Schools and a good surplus was provided and sent to cheer the homes of the less fortunate. A substantial sum was collected for the Assembly Home at Fredericksburg which is an institution for the care and education of ministers' orphans and the Children of missionaries.

The exercises at the Baptist church were very pleasing. The two trees gave symmetry and the built up tree between with its magic flowers bursting forth right before all eyes during the cantata rendering gave great pleasure to the little folks and even more when the tree was taken down and found to be composed of boxes of goodies for them.

At St. James the recess was decorated and contained a pyramidal design reading "Herald Angels" crowned with a golden star. The children rendered their various parts with marks of training and all went off lovely especially when they marched by quick step music to the lecture room where a pretty tree was lighted up and from behind which Santa Claus came out and had for each a substantial treat.

At All Saint's Episcopal church there was a service in which the learned Rector adduced the most irrefutable proofs that Christmas day is properly the 25th day of December and declared that he did not doubt its authenticity despite some learned disputations.

The Forest Hill M. E. Church Sunday School had a most splendid exercise and general good time, all receiving their treats and going on their way rejoicing.

PUTTING THE SCREWS ON CHINA.

Conditions on Which the Powers Will Withdraw From China.

The Powers have come to an agreement in the matter of demands on China as conditions on which they will withdraw their forces from Peking and other points now occupied.

In brief they are: A delegation headed by an imperial prince must go to Berlin to make suitable apologies for the murder of Baron Von Ketteler; China must erect a monument on the spot where he was murdered, on which the regrets of the Chinese Emperor are to be inscribed in the Latin, German and Chinese languages; The severest punishment of the officials responsible for the massacres and the abuses and certain restrictions on the city government for five years where these outrages have been committed; Honorable reparation to Japan for the murder of Mr. Suyjania; The erection of a monument in every international foreign cemetery which has been desecrated by the Chinese; Certain restrictions against making or importing arms into China; China to adopt financial measures guaranteeing indemnity to the governments, societies, companies and individuals that were the sufferers by the Chinese, also native Chinese who suffered on account of aiding the foreigners must be indemnified; Each power must have the right to maintain a permanent guard at its legation and fortify it and to exclude Chinese from it; The destruction of forts between Peking and the sea that might be used to interfere with communication; Chinese to publish decree forbidding on pain of death, any citizen to belong to an anti-foreign society; Chinese governors to be held responsible for order in their provinces and to be removed and disqualified from holding office if they can't control any future uprising; The Chinese to reform the department of foreign affairs.

Ritchie-Blume.

Mr. Jno. L Ritchie and Miss Dora Blume were married by the Rev. S D Steffey at the St. John's parsonage Tuesday evening. They returned to Concord today (Wednesday). Mr. Ritchie's parents gave a feast dinner in honor of the event and also in a family reunion, his son Mr. G T Ritchie having recently returned from the west. Miss Blume is a daughter of our townsman, Mr. W H Blume.

Our congratulations and very best wishes are for marital bliss for the couple.

Rev. L. E. Busby, of Salisbury, received a pounding from his congregation last Friday night, says the Sun.

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