

LARGER THAN "BIG MARY."

Several years ago, when the Sparks Circus was exhibiting through this section of the country, their elephant herd included an enormous brute known as "Big Mary," and advertised as being the "largest living animal on earth," claiming to be three inches taller than the famous "Jumbo" and a half-ton heavier.

While the Circus was exhibiting at Kingsport, Tenn., "Big Mary" suddenly went insane, killed her keeper, and two days later at Erwin, Tenn., was herself found guilty of murder and executed by hanging into use an immense railroad wrecking machine, by which she was hanged by the neck until dead, thus ending her career, and exemplifying the fate meted out to most murderers. Mr. Chas. Sparks, manager of the Sparks Circus, has made strenuous efforts since that time to fill "Big Mary's" place with an elephant equally as large, but until recently had failed to find her match. Word came from one of his scouts last

winter in India that the duplicate had been found, and was being shipped to the show.

Many difficulties were encountered before the immense animal arrived safely in this country, but when he arrived to take his place in the Sparks herd it was seen very quickly that he not only equalled "Big Mary's" record, but even surpassed it in some respects. His name is "Zulu," and being but fourteen years of age, he has several years growth coming to him and should, without question, greatly pass the record of "Big Mary." Elephants, like human beings do not attain their full growth until about 21 years of age, and also like human beings are supposed to live in their natural state the three score and ten years allotted by the Bible.

"Zulu" considering his great size is of a very friendly disposition, and seems to have the nature of the average school boy of fourteen. He is full of fun, and also of mischief, and takes great delight in teasing and tantalizing the other nine mem-

bers of the Sparks Circus herd. "Zulu" also shows a very remarkable intelligence and has very rapidly to take his place in the big elephants acts during the circus performance. He is a member of the elephant Football team, playing "fullback," and his mighty kicks of the ball not only affords himself great pleasure, but pleases the audience immensely.

Sparks Circus is coming to Rockingham on Wednesday, April 6th, and "Zulu" will come along with it, besides many other wonderful trained animals and sensational acts from all over the world. Sparks Circus has been an occasional visitor to this section of the country for the past thirty years and bears a reputation second to none for merit and clean, honorable business methods.

OBITUARY—MARIE MOSS

On Friday night, Feb. 25, 1921, death came to the home of Mr. J. Moss and took from them a very sweet little girl Marie. Her clothes caught on fire from the grate in the afternoon, and before it was known, she was burned so badly that she only lived a few hours. She would have been 8 years of age Friday had she lived. She was the joy of the home, bright, sweet, and affectionate. Lat—

"God needed one more angel child, Amidst His shining band, And so He bent His loving smile And clasped our darling's hand."

While little Marie has gone and left us and her vacant place in our Sunday school almost breaks our hearts, and we feel that her place in the home can never be filled, let us remember that she has a happy place in Heaven where she is happy and where we can go and be with her some day. May the Holy spirit ever attend the bereaved loved ones.
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