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HON. WM. L. WILSON.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity is once more the shrine before which a nation bows with grief. When the news came that Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, President of Washington and Lee University, statesman, soldier and educator, had died suddenly at his home in Lexington, Va., it fell like a pall, not only on the members of the fraternity, in which he was so enthusiastic, but upon the country at large, in whose government he had held so many important positions.

Among the many prominent characters that have come before the public gaze in the last twenty-five years he cannot be assigned to any secondary place.

As a youth he had opportunities and took advantage of them all. He was born in Jefferson county, West Virginia, May 3d, 1843; son of Benjamin and Mary (Lyne) Wilson. After receiving his elementary education at Charlestown Academy, he went to Columbian College, where he became a member of the *Σ Α Ε* fraternity, and was graduated with honor just as the civil war was bursting with fury upon the country. He at once entered the Confederate army, and here his character was first shown in its true light. All that he appeared to be he was. His nature could not tolerate meretricious aids if proffered. In the many trials and temptations presented to the young man at the beginning of the war, he proved his character pure and clean. If he had been caught in the eddies and cyclones of the French revolu-

NEWS AND NOTES.

The engagement is announced of Malcolm Henry Ten Eyck Gall, Massachusetts Beta-Upsilon, '97, to Miss Helen Tenney of Methuen, Mass.



The following despatches from the Atlanta *Constitution* relate to the death and burial of Brother G. T. Goetchius.

Brother Goetchius was a member of Georgia Pi of the class of '63, at the "Old Georgia Military Institute," which he attended until he entered the army of the Confederacy. After the close of the war he entered the University of Georgia and was one of the leading spirits in the founding of Georgia Beta :

DEATH OF DR. G. T. GOETCHIUS.

Pastor of First Presbyterian Church at Rome Dies.

Dr. George T. Goetchius, the beloved pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Rome, died this morning at 4 o'clock at his home on East Fourth street.

Dr. Goetchius had not been well for several months past, though he had never for one day neglected his pastoral duties, and besides his work in his own church he had lent able assistance to several churches near the city. He held services yesterday afternoon at a church near Rome, and last night before retiring went to the railroad office and purchased a ticket to Tallulah Falls, where he intended spending his vacation.

About 2 o'clock this morning Dr. Goetchius got up to make a light, and as he picked up the match-box he fell to the floor and when reached was found in an unconscious condition. He did not regain consciousness, but died two hours later. The cause of his death is thought to have been apoplexy.

Dr. Goetchius had been pastor of the First Presbyterian Church for about fourteen years, and no man in Rome was more beloved. At the time of his death he was moderator of the Southern Gen-

eral Assembly and clerk of the Georgia Synod. He leaves a wife and three children.

FUNERAL OF DR. GOETCHIUS.

Funeral at Rome Yesterday was Very Impressive.

The funeral of the late Dr. George T. Goetchius was held Sunday morning at 10:30 in the First Presbyterian Church. The building was crowded to its capacity, and a large number were unable to gain admittance. Services in all the other churches were abandoned for the occasion. The floral offerings were very numerous and extremely handsome. The service was conducted by the local pastors. The funeral oration was a tender and exquisite tribute to the life and character of the dead minister. The remains were interred in Myrtle Hill Cemetery.

Rev. George T. Goetchius was born in Columbus, Ga., December 18, 1845. He was the third son of R. K. and Mary Bennett Goetchius of that city. At the age of sixteen he was placed at school in the Georgia Military Academy at Marietta, and joined the Confederate army a year or two later, when the students of the academy enlisted. He served without intermission until the fall of the Confederacy.

At the close of the civil war, or as soon thereafter as the schools were opened, he entered the University of Georgia and graduated in the class of 1868. He then took a full course at the Theological Seminary at Columbia and began his work of the ministry in 1870. He first preached in the churches in and around Clarkesville, Ga., and in 1871 was called to the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church at Albany, Ga. He subsequently was pastor at Milledgeville and in Augusta, Ga., having charge of the Second Presbyterian Church in the last named city. In 1884 the First Presbyterian Church at Rome, Ga., called him to its pastorate, and till the date of his death he was the able and faithful pastor of that church, which was greatly devoted to him. He stood high in church circles. He was a commissioner for the General Assembly of 1878 at Knoxville, Tenn.; was moderator of the Synod of Georgia for 1883 and was for years clerk of the Synod of Georgia. He was moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1897, when the church celebrated the two hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Westminster Assembly. The meeting was held at Charlotte, and the session of this assembly is the most historic in the life of the Southern Presbyterian church.

Dr. Goetchius was descended from a long line of ministers, his ancestors being famous in the history of the Dutch Reform Church in America. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nellie

Wingfield Goetchius, and a son, Mr. Julian Scudder Goetchius, and two daughters—Marie and Lucy.



On Wednesday, September 5, Brother C. E. Buchanan of Georgia Phi, was married to Miss Swift at her home in Atlanta. The following account of the marriage appeared in the *Atlanta Constitution* of September 6 :

The wedding last night of Mr. Claud Eugene Buchanan and Miss Corinne Marguerite Swift was an occasion beautiful in ceremony, surrounding and hospitality, and brilliant in attendance and elaborate entertainment.

The bride since her *début* has been the belle of a large society of young men and women who were her warm friends, and they surrounded her last night in admiration and affection to witness her marriage with Mr. Buchanan, also a favorite among them, and to extend their congratulations when the ceremony was concluded.

The bride never looked handsomer than in her beautiful bridal toilet of white crepe de chine and rosepoint, the gown exquisitely fashioned and the becoming veil adjusted gracefully with a cluster of diamonds, the gift of the groom. Her bouquet was of roses and lilies of the valley. She entered the front drawing-room at 9 o'clock, with her father, Dr. Huntley, and met the groom and his best man, Mr. George Bunting, of Kansas City, when the ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Wilmer. Miss Lena Swift, the bride's sister, was pretty and charming in her bridesmaid's dress of white mousseline and renaissance lace over pink taffeta, her bouquet of La France roses.

Mrs. Huntley was attractive and handsome in an elegant gown of black lace over white taffeta, with Duchesse lace finish, and the touch of color in green.

The drawing-room in which the marriage took place was decorated in bamboo, the walls and ceiling having an etching of the vine and the long mirror in the background being veiled with it and reflecting a mass of foliage plants. In the hallway and reception rooms there was a profusion of palms and ferns, with the bamboo continued, and an artistic disposal of pink roses. The music and dining-rooms were arranged for dancing, and the broad porch was inclosed and punch was served there. Wurm's orchestra played the wedding music, and after the ceremony the evening was delightfully concluded with a dance and an elegant supper.

The festivity ended at midnight in the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan for an extended tour north. Their popularity was most