

Sarah H. Charlton

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The Evening Star, August 14, 1875

Worship in the Woods

Washington Grove Camp Meeting

Camp Near Gaithersburg, August 14th

Rain--rain--rain every day. During Thursday night we were again visited by a heavy storm, and although the rain did not pour down yesterday morning, yet there was a disagreeable mist which continued nearly all the forenoon, but not sufficient to affect the services at the stand. In the afternoon the sun came out very feebly, it is true, but drying up to a considerable extent, the ground.

Arrivals

Very few visited camp yesterday, the threatening weather no doubt preventing them from coming, but among them were the Rev. Mr. Dice and the Rev. Mr. Haddaway, of the Southern M.E. Church; Rev. Dr. Edwards and Davis, Mr. A.G. Yount, Miss Grace Ladan and Miss C.V. Braddock, accompanied by several persons from Rockville, Md.

Sudden Death in Camp

Yesterday about 1 p.m., Mrs. B. Charlton, wife of Mr. B. Charlton, and daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Havenner (the famous baker of Washington) died of congestion of the brain, complicated with paralysis of the right side. She died in about three quarters of an hour after the attack of congestion, and in about ten minutes after she was taken with paralysis. She has been in poor health for the past year, but has not complained since she came on the camp until the day before yesterday. When Dr. Tuck, of Annapolis, who is on the ground, was called in to see her today, she was past human help. She attended the meeting at 6 o'clock this morning for "Entire Consecration," and sat in front of her tent and listened to the sermon, little thinking that in less than an hour she would be wearing the crown she has so nobly won, for her life is a model one. She was a lady of deep piety, beloved by all who knew her. Her death cast a gloom all over the camp, the smallest child seemed to realize that the angel of death had been in our midst.

Immediately after her death, Mr. Anthony Buchly, undertaker at Washington, was telegraphed to, and came out on the 3.40 train bringing with him a neat black walnut coffin.

As the hour drew nigh, for the departure of the corpse, a large concourse of people assembled around the tent, and a procession of nearly the entire camp, headed by M.G. Emory, Rev. W.A. Speake, the Presiding Elder, and the Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of Wesley Chapel, followed the remains, which were placed in Mr. W. Williams' wagon and taken to the depot, where the coffin was opened and an opportunity to all was given to look upon her face for the last time.

Dr. Tuck, of Annapolis, has come to the camp, with a well stocked medicine chest which is, with his services, at the command of the camp, without money and without price--and such has been the case for the past three years.

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The funeral of the late Mrs. Sarah H. Charlton, wife of Benjamin Charlton, of this city, whose sudden death at the Washington Grove camp ground yesterday is noticed in our correspondence elsewhere, will

take place from the residence of her husband, No. 221 E street northwest, at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon next.