

GIFFEN, MARION G.
1881-1922

This community was shocked Thursday evening last to learn that Marion Giffen had ended his life by taking poison. Mr. Giffen was a brother of Mrs. Fred W. Phifer of this city and a son of the late Dr. John Giffen who recently died in Egypt. Since early childhood he had been deaf and partially dumb as a result of an attack of scarlet fever. . Despite this handicap, he acquired a high education and at one time was a publisher of a newspaper in South Carolina. For several years past he has made his home most of the time with Dr. and Mrs. Phifer. He was of an unusually kind and happy disposition , meeting everyone with a smile and the utmost courtesy, and was held in high esteem by hundreds who had met him frequently at the hospital and about town.

Some months ago, when on a trip to the coast, Mr. Giffen suffered a slight paralysis which was followed by constant suffering, and at no moment of the day or night since that time has he been free of physical distress. The best medical authorities gave him no hope of relief and during recent weeks, he had suffered periods of mental depression. The burden and pain of living became more than he could bear, he decided to end the suffering in the sleep that knows no earthly waking, leaving a letter of farewell to all.

Five years ago he was united in marriage to Miss Marian Ethel Richie who is left a widow, and to whom, other relatives far and near, the sympathy of all is extended. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon conducted by Rev. Chas. A. Nash.