

## **Cornelius Debo Obituary**

DEBO, Rev. C. - 20 Oct 1898

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20 Oct 1898. Death of a Christian Gentleman.

With much sorrow this paper records the passing away, on last Sunday, after many weeks of suffering, of Rev. C. Debo, in the 53rd or 54th year of his age, from inflammation of the stomach and bowels. Seven or eight years ago, he received something like a sunstroke, and has never been well since. He met his death patiently and calmly, having lived a humble, consistent Christian life that left no room for fear of the future.

Mr. Debo was a preacher of the gospel as taught by the Methodist brethren; an eccentric man who did not court popularity, but a just, good man, husband, father and citizen.

When a mere boy, he enlisted as a Confederate soldier in the 26th Virginia Infantry, and was in nearly all of the terrible battles of the incomparable army from the First Manassas to the engagement a short while before the surrender--we think at Richmond--in which his foot was partially crushed by a shell. He had one or two brothers killed from his regiment. If written out, his experience of four years would read like a table and be a rich inheritance to his descendants. As he hobbled out of battle with his gun for a crutch, he met General Lee, who dropped some words of inquiry and sympathy, and that was the last he ever saw of the great commander. He has at times furnished this paper several interesting sketches of his army life, and often would tell the writer, he was afraid to give all his experience lest it might not be believed.

Rest, brave veteran! Your last roll-call will be in Heaven. God will care for thy widow and orphans.