

a professor, he often accompanied her to the house of worship, and always furnished her with the means, besides his own contributions, for the support of the Gospel. And often when in places of worship, or in company with the religious, the sympathies of his nature would yield to the moral influences with which he was surrounded. But this same sympathy of nature led him to assimilate with other and different influences when surrounded by them. Owing to this, as he associated with men of the world, he fell into their habits, so far as they were deemed consistent with the character of a gentleman; and, it is to be regretted, that some things are not deemed inconsistent with that character, that are very much so with Christianity, and which no gentleman would like to meet unpardoned at the bar of God. Over these, we throw the veil of charity and forgetfulness.

After Mr. Burnett's return from the State Convention to his sick family, and a relapse of his own complaint had lain him upon his sick and dying bed, the associations around him were calculated to awaken the most serious reflections as to his future state, and the necessary preparation to meet it. There lay his dying mother, and dying wife, from both of whom he had received religious instruction. My own relation to him, as well as my profession, both required and justified, now that I saw the hand of death upon him, to present more fully to his consideration than I had done before, the importance of obtaining forgiveness from God, before he appeared at his bar to answer for the deeds done in the body. He saw and felt the impropriety of deferring such important concerns to so late an hour, but devoted his few remaining hours to prayer, and to seeking mercy and forgiveness from the hand of that God against whom he had sinned, before he should be ushered into his presence, and receive his final doom. And it was, and still is, a source of comfort to his friends, to know, that he expressed confidence in the hope of forgiveness here, and a blessed immortality hereafter.*

*In commemoration of his, Mr. Burnett's memory and services, the Legislature at its session of 1856, named a new county after him, situated in the north-western part of the State.