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NEWS ITEM OF MRS. ALEX. POSEY

Mrs. Minnie Posey, wife of the late Alex Posey, Creek bard and philosopher, and J. W. Sherman, of Muskogee, were in Fort Gibson, Sunday, and paid the editor a pleasant visit, being Mrs. Posey's first visit to Fort Gibson, with which she was delighted on account of its beautiful surrounding scenery and rich historic associations. Mrs. Posey informs us that but little has been done in the way of arranging for publication in book form, the writings and memoirs of her late husband, who was considered the greatest literary character among the Indians, some of his verse, sonnets and humorous writings having attracted National attention.

Posey's mother is a fullblood Creek Indian, and his father an Irishman of much latent literary talent and ability, which was developed in his son Alex. who was a great student and admirer of Thoreau, the "Sage of Concord," from whom he largely derived

his religious sentiments and philosophy, founded on Nature's Laws, as demonstrated by Copunicus, Descartes, Kepler, Newton, Spencer and others -- the indestructability of Matter; the continuity of Motion; the persistency of Force, united in an unchanging Power, of which no limit in time or space can be conceived, as the fundamental principle in all religions, which survives all changes of forms, dogmas, creeds, kingdoms, empires and ravages of time -- the Unchangeable -- "the Great First Cause, least understood," -- the Great unknowable -- only thro' His great works, which, when studied and understood elevates mankind to higher planes of thoughts and action.

These were the principles we had in mind when we wrote "Alex Posey's Creed," which attracted a good deal of attention and had a wide circulation, the opening of which is as follows:

"I believe in one God, and no more, and hope for happiness beyond this life. I believe in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, and that religious duties consists in Acts of Charity, Love and Mercy, and endeavoring to make our fellow creatures happy."

Then followed eleven verses, of which the

following is the first:

"What's good and pure in any creed,
I take and make it mine;
Whatever serves a human need,
I hold it to be Divine."

We intend shortly to publish a portrait of
Alex Posey, with some extracts from his writings.