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EXTRACT FROM MINUTES.

EDISTO ISLAND, FEBRUARY 20TH, 1887.

A Meeting of Session being requested by Elder Townsend Mikell, Session met and was opened with prayer by the Pastor, R. A. Mickle.

Elder Mikell began to read a paper setting forth that the Pastor had brought certain charges of a personal nature about him in a conversation that he, Elder Mikell and Deacon Bailey had had with him at the Pastor's residence about the public school on the Island. As this matter appeared to involve a personal discussion of the Pastor and his family, Elder Townsend interrupted Elder Mikell and raised the point of order, that Session was not competent to deal with it; and, after some discussion, Session sustained the point of order, and the matter was dismissed.

Elder Pope read a letter from Deacon Bailey setting forth that in consequence of the personal difference between the Pastor, Elder Mikell and himself, he felt constrained to withdraw his family from worship in the Church until such differences were settled. Session decided also that it was not competent to deal with his letter. The meeting closed with prayer.

J. F. TOWNSEND,
Clerk.

EDISTO ISLAND, MARCH 5TH, 1877.

The Regular Quarterly Meeting was held this day and opened with prayer by the Pastor. Some discussion took place as to the matter before Session at its last meeting, and the Clerk was requested to inform Deacon Bailey as to the action of same.

Elder D. T. Pope read a letter from the Pastor, resigning his pastoral charge of our Church, and requesting Session to appoint a meeting of the congregation in which they might unite with him in requesting Presbytery to dissolve his connection with this Church. Elder Mikell thought it to the good of the Church to accede to his wish. Elders Pope, Beckett and Townsend expressed strenuous objections to accepting the

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resignation, and their entire satisfaction in the pastoral and pulpit ministrations of the Pastor, the Rev. R. A. Mickle. They also expressed their desire that he should continue to minister unto them and their families, but at his desire would submit it to the vote of the congregation. Closed with prayer.

J. F. TOWNSEND,
Clerk.

EDISTO ISLAND, APRIL 3RD, 1887.

Session met this day; meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator, the Rev. R. A. Mickle.

The Minutes of the last meetings of Session that had not been approved were taken up and adopted. The narrative was read and approved. Deacon W. S. Edings' letter of resignation was read and received as information. There being no further business, Session was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

DAN'L T. POPE,
Clerk Pro tem.

The following is the narrative of the Session of the Edisto Island Church for the year ending April 6th, 1887:

To Charleston Presbytery:

DEAR BRETHREN:—We beg leave respectfully to report that the Minister has been faithful and regular in the discharge of his pulpit and pastoral duties, and the attendance upon the services of the sanctuary have been uniformly good. The ruling Elders and Deacons have been faithful in their official duties. There has been six (6) additions upon profession of faith, all of them young persons, children of the Church. Serious attention has been given to the preached word. The prayer meetings on Sunday nights and Wednesday afternoons have been kept up, and the attendance has been remarkably encouraging. The Sunday School has been suspended during the winter, but the Session papers and *Children's Friend* have been distributed among the families for home instruction. Family worship has been observed generally, if not universally. The Sabbath day is respected. Worldly amusements, we are sorry to say, such as dancing and card playing have been gradually making inroads upon the Church for the past six months; while the foregoing is true for the year as a whole, we have to state that for the past several weeks our condition has been a most disturbed one. Our Pastor felt constrained to present his resignation, and requested us to unite with him in

petitioning Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relations. To this many of us were bitterly opposed, feeling that his ministrations have been of great spiritual benefit and comfort to us and our families. The whole circumstances of the case, from first to last, were such that the entire bench of Elders, (with one exception) viz.: D. T. Pope, John F. Townsend and Wm. Beckett, gave notice at the meeting when his resignation was acted upon, of their intention of resigning the Eldership, and likewise Wm. Edings of his intention to resign as Deacon, from the same date, (15th of May next,) when at his request, with your concurrence, our Pastor's resignation is to take effect. The same officers mentioned above, together with several private members, have also signified their intention to transfer their membership to some other church from the date aforesaid. This will take away nearly one-half of the communicants and several influential persons connected with the congregation. We thus lay this matter before your body, and respectfully ask that a commission, consisting of brethren eminent for spirituality and for such qualifications as make for peace, be appointed to visit the Church at an early day.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. TOWNSEND,
Clerk.

EDISTO ISLAND, APRIL 4TH, 1887.

Session met this evening. The Moderator, Rev. R. A. Mickle, opened the meeting with prayer. Elders John F. Townsend, D. T. Pope, Wm. L. Beckett and Townsend Mikell were present.

The following paper was read and adopted:

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the difficulty between Elder Townsend Mikell, Deacon Alonzo Bailey and the Pastor, the Rev. R. A. Mickle, about putting the latter out of the public school, and the criminations and recriminations resulting therefrom, was, on the twenty-first day of February, 1887, fully discussed in the presence of Messrs. J. F. Townsend and Wm. L. Beckett, (chosen by Mr. Mikell himself for the purpose,) and was then and there pronounced "fully and finally and entirely satisfactory to all parties," and that Mr. Mikell said, "that the relations between himself and the Pastor were henceforth to be precisely what they had been before the difficulty occurred." Mr. Bailey also said, "there was nothing left for him to do but to bring his family back to the Church." We further testify, that this Conference having been opened with prayer by the Pastor, was closed and therefore solemnly sealed by Mr. Mikell with prayer. This solemn compact, we are sorry to say, was broken by Mr. Mikell and Mr. Bailey only a day or two afterwards, who pronounced the adjustment unsatisfactory, and thus reopened the difficulty.

Signed,

J. F. TOWNSEND,
W. L. BECKETT.

There being no further business, the Session was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

J. F. TOWNSED,
Clerk.

SUMMERVILLE, S. C., APRIL 8TH, 1887.

This Book was approved up to this point in Presbytery.

NEANDER M. WOODS,
Moderator.

EDISTO ISLAND, MAY 1ST, 1887.

The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island met this day. Present, Rev. R. A. Mickle, the Moderator, with Elders D. T. Pope, W. L. Beckett, John F. Townsend and Townsend Mikell. The meeting was opened with prayer by the Moderator. The Clerk not being present at the beginning, Dr. Pope was appointed temporary Clerk.

Rev. R. A. Mickle asked for letters of dismissal for Mrs. R. A. Mickle to join the Church at Highlands, N. C., and letters of dismissal for Mr. R. A. Mickle, Jr., Miss Katie Mickle and Master Johnny Mickle to join the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston; also, letter of dismissal for Elder Wm. Beckett to join John's Island Presbyterian Church; also, letter of dismissal for Elder John F. Townsend to join Wesminster Church of Charleston.

Letters of dismissal were also granted Elder D. T. Pope, Mrs. Sallie E. Pope, Mr. Dan'l T. Pope, Jr., Miss Emmie Pope, Col. E. Mikell Whaley, Mr. E. Mikell Whaley, Jr., Mrs. A. B. Whaley, Miss Gertrude Whaley, Mr. J. Swinton Whaley, Mrs. Annie Whaley, Deacon W. S. Edings, Mrs. H. S. Edings, to join Wesminster Church of Charleston.

The late difficulty between one of our Elders and our Pastor, which has forced upon us his resignation, and the willful and malicious maligning of some of our members by Elder Townsend Mikell, prevents us from taking the communion any longer from his hands, and has forced us to remove our membership from this Church. Session granted Rev. R. A. Mickle the balance of his time to remove to another field of labor. Session was closed with prayer by the Pastor, Rev. R. A. Mickle.

DAN'L T. POPE,
Clerk Pro tem.

REMARKS OF REV. R. A. MICKLE BEFORE THE
PRESBYTERIAN COMMISSION.

Immediately upon the announcement in the "*News and Courier*" that a new Board of Trustees had been appointed for the Edisto Public Schools, I addressed a respectful application to them, asking to be continued as a teacher in the White School, stating that I had occupied this position for the past two years, and had already entered upon the third fiscal year, and had taught the first month in it. I stated that I had a First Grade Certificate.

Before handing in this application, I showed it to two of my patrons, Dr. Pope and Mr. Townsend, and they advised me to present it; one of them remarking that he would continue his children if I was retained. I heard nothing from this application for nearly three weeks, though I was with Mr. Mikell, the Chairman, a number of times in the interval.

On Wednesday night, February 9th, Mr. Mikell came to the parsonage and told me they had engaged a teacher to take charge at once. He proceeded to say that nearly all my patrons had expressed dissatisfaction with me as a teacher. He refused to give any names, but left me to suspect whomsoever I pleased. He said that no one questioned my competency to teach the school, and that every one had expressed themselves in high terms of me as a Christian, a gentleman and a preacher. I insisted on his telling me who the parties were that objected to me, and I mentioned several who had expressed to me their entire satisfaction: but his only reply was, that I had better not be too certain, for that some who *professed* friendship for me were *not* my friends. He assured me that *he* knew I was *competent*, and that no one doubted my *competency*. He declared, that so far as he was personally concerned, he would rather have me in that position than any other in all South Carolina, outside of his immediate family. I may mention here, that one Sunday night, at prayer meeting at his house, during the last Christmas holidays, he asked me if I expected to continue the school, and upon my answering him decidedly in the affirmative, he told me he would send his two little children to me, round by the road, but not across the creek, as he did not wish them to pass through Dr. Pope's yard.

On that Wednesday night, when he came to my house, I treated him with perfect politeness, and he remained a couple of hours, parting pleasantly.

The next morning, in passing by the school house, observing his horse and buggy there, I stopped in to speak with him something about our conversation of the previous night, and I was perfectly surprised to find the exercises of the school going on, and the new teacher at his post, where he had already

taught the day before; thus showing that I had already been displaced without any notice, or without any reply to my application.

On the following Sunday morning, just as service began, he, with several others were on the Church-steps and in the porch. Col. E. Mikell Whaley, it seems, said to him, "and so you have turned out the rascals" (As Mr. Mikell had had Dr. Pope, Mr. Arthur Whaley and John Thorn put off the Board of Trustees.) "You have turned out our Minister too." Mr. Mikell became excited and said *publicly* on the Church steps that Mr. Mickle was incompetent, and that several had said so. Mr. Whaley asked, "*Who?*" and Mr. Mikell replied, that John F. Townsend said so, and Jenks Mikell and *himself*. Of all this I knew nothing until I came out of the Church, although the voices on the porch were so loud that both doors had to be closed by parties inside the Church.

Now, this certainly was a most *serious* charge for an *Elder* to make against his *Pastor*. It was a gross attack upon me, not only as a teacher but as a *Minister*. It was calculated to destroy my influence and all my prospects of usefulness with all those young men and others who heard it. For, if I was not competent to teach a little primary school, (where, *just at that time*, none of the pupils were over ten or eleven years of age,) I certainly was not competent to preach the Gospel, to show the way of life, and they might, therefore, conclude that all my preaching up to this time, here, may not have been gospel truth, but merely the fancies of an illiterate man. This is the point which touched me and my family to the heart's core, and it was while such thoughts were rankling in our hearts, with no explanation or denial of these charges, that, on the next Wednesday evening, after prayer meeting, Mr. Mikell and Mr. Alonzo Bailey met Mrs. Mickle and myself in the road, and said they wanted to see me. We had started from home, but proposed to return. I made an audible prayer with my wife in the buggy, that the Holy Spirit would guide me in everything that I might say or do during the interview. They followed us on foot. As we arrived at the parsonage some minutes before they did, we went into a room, closed the door, and again besought Divine guidance and grace. As soon as we three men were seated in the parlor, Mr. Bailey drew his chair near to me and said they had come to see if this matter could not be settled. He proceeded to state, that *several* persons had told him that they did not like me as a teacher; that their children did not make any progress with me. I asked him "*Who?*" He said, with a threatening nod of his head, he would give names at the proper time. He said, "*I swear they did say so! I swear it! I swear it!*" (Mr. Bailey is *very* deaf. He occupies the front pew in the Church, and yet has told me that he never had heard one word of my sermon.) I placed my hand on his arm and my mouth close to his ear and said, "Now, Mr. Bailey,

if you, as my Deacon, and Mr. Mikell, as my Elder, had only come to me right away and said, 'we have received your application, but deem it due to you and ourselves, to state frankly there is some opposition to you as a teacher, and we thought, if you knew it, you might not press your application,' I would at once have withdrawn it, and there the whole thing would have ended." Here Mr. Mikell spoke up, and in loud, dictatorial tones, actually shaking his fist in my face, said, "And why did not *you* sir, as a Minister of the Gospel, in order to preserve the peace of the Church, resign your place as teacher?" Mrs. Mickle was in the sitting room across the passage, and both doors being open, could not but hear these words uttered so defiantly and imperiously, and she looked and saw him shaking his fist in my face as he spoke. Seeing me alone, a Minister with hands tied by the Almighty, thus insulted, and with two to one. feeling keenly how I had been ousted so unceremoniously from the school, been pronounced publicly by him to be incompetent, and now seeing me tracked into the very privacy of my home by these two men, rushed into the parlor, and in her righteous indignation, told Mr. Mikell what she thought of his conduct. I reproved her, and begged her to desist and retire from the room. Thereupon, Mr. Mikell, Mr. Bailey and all of us became very much excited. My wife told Mr. Mikell he had acted towards our family as an enemy, and I told him he had for three years past done what he could to injure me as a Minister; and upon his demanding *how*, Mrs. Mickle told him, that first of all, he had told several persons that there was a *stigma* upon my *character* as a *Minister*, in having taken my daughter back when she left her husband. He denied it, and I said, "*It is so! It is so! It is so!*" (Here I told the "Commission" that my witnesses for this were Ruling Elder, Wm. L. Beckett, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Seabrook.) This attack upon my character I had borne in absolute silence for three years, and my wife would not have told him of it then had not her indignation at his cruel treatment now forced it out of her. I was sorry I gave way to my feelings in the excitement of the moment, but would not Moses or Job have acted in the same manner under the same provocation? Mrs. Mickle and myself assure Mr. Bailey we had nothing against him, and had always regarded himself and his family as our friends, as he well knew. Just as soon as I could soothe Mrs. Mickle, she permitted me to go after Mr. Mikell, (they had left the house,) and tell him she was sorry she had gone into the room and had spoken as she did. I begged him to come back and hear it from her own lips, which he refused to do.

On the following Sunday, hearing of Mr. Mikell's wishes for it, I voluntarily called the Session together, to allow him to state what he had to say about the matter. He said he wanted the Session to know what charges I had brought against him. I was willing for him to have his way. The Session decided

they had no right to hear charges against their Pastor. I told them I was willing to waive this, and begged that Mr. Mikell be allowed to proceed. They decided that it was not within their province to hear charges against their Pastor. A letter was then read from Mr. Bailey to the Session, stating that, until the difficulty was settled between the Pastor and Elder Mikell, he and his family would absent themselves from the Church. After some discussion, the Session adjourned.

Outside the Session house, immediately after this adjournment, Mr. Mikell agreed, that, inasmuch as he had neglected the first step in trying to settle the difficulty, two men be appointed as referees, and he himself selected Mr. John F. Townsend and Mr. Wm. L. Beckett, (both with us at the moment) to have the matter discussed in their hearing. To this I consented. We appointed an hour of the next day for this purpose. We met at the appointed time. Present, Messrs. Townsend, Beckett, Mikell, Bailey, Mrs. Mickle and myself. At the very outset, Mr. Townsend insisted upon having it understood in what capacity he and Mr. Beckett were present. He said, if it was merely to listen to the discussion, it could do no possible good, and they might as well retire at once. It was agreed by both parties, that it was in the capacity of referees or arbitrators, that they were now sitting. With this understanding, we proceeded. After some time the whole affair was fully discussed, and the conclusion reached seemed a most happy one. At this meeting, Mr. Mikell denied positively and repeatedly that he had said on the Church steps that I was incompetent. Mr. Bailey also said that *he* had never said I was incompetent, but that, on the contrary, he had said, if he had a son ready to study the classics, *I* was the man he would select as his teacher. And, thereupon, I said, that if Mr. Mikell could deny having made the charge of incompetency, I was very sorry I had said or done anything to offend him.

I will here read the statement signed by Messrs. Townsend and Beckett, which was presented to the Session and ordered to be recorded in the Minutes:

EDISTO ISLAND, APRIL 4TH, 1887.

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Signed,

J. F. TOWNSEND,
W. L. BECKETT.

There being no further business, the Session was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

J. F. TOWNSEND.

Clerk.

The following Sunday was Communion day. There was the regular quarterly meeting of Session before public worship. My resignation as Pastor, which I had handed to two of my Elders some days previous, was read by Dr. Pope. Mr. Mikell immediately moved that it be accepted. He then proposed to stop the Communion, though twenty-six (26) *communicants* were then present in the Church awaiting it. Dr. Pope said that this could not be; that the Communion could be thus estopped for no one man, nor one set of men, but let those who felt that their hearts were right towards God commune, and those who felt that they were not, stay away. Mr. John F. Townsend spoke to Mr. Mikell in a most solemn and impressive manner about the great sin of his allowing his own private and personal differences and feelings to rend the whole Church asunder, instead of crucifying self for the sake of the Master. He urged this *with the solemnity of the last great day*.

After this meeting of Session was over, Mr. Beckett said to Mr. Mikell, "Mr. Mickle has given up the school and given up the Church; is there anything more you would have him do? Would you have him make a public apology from the pulpit?" To this Mr. Mikell replied, "Yes, that's the next best thing he can do."

At the meeting of the congregation after preaching on the following Sabbath, to act upon the Pastor's resignation, Mr. Mikell introduced resolutions to accept it, with a most complimentary preamble about the faithfulness and efficiency of the Pastor! Notice the inconsistency in this. The question of acceptance was discussed, and most earnest speeches, protesting against the acceptance of the resignation, were made by Dr. Pope, Col. E. Mikell Whaley, Mr. Swinton Whaley and Mr. John F. Townsend, setting forth in thrilling words the proofs of the

usefulness and influence for good in the congregation and community, which had come under their own personal knowledge and experience. The vote resulted in nineteen for, and eleven against accepting; but it is a noteworthy fact that Mr. Alonzo Bailey sent to the City for his two little boys there at school, and whom the Pastor had received into the communion upon profession of faith within the past few months, and who had always expressed a great love for him, that they might now vote against him.

I wish it to be distinctly understood that I had no hand in the resignation of the three Elders and one Deacon on this occasion. On the contrary, I advised them not to do it, and called to their attention what the "Form of Government" of our Church said upon the subject.

I had no hand, either, in the getting up of the protest, signed by fifteen (15) of the largest taxpayers on the Island. On the contrary, those who prepared it will testify that I asked them not to print it, but to drop it. I will here read the protest referred to.

To Messrs. Townsend Mikell, Alonzo S. Bailey and Rev. J. S. Moultrie, School Trustees of Edisto Island:

GENTLEMEN:—We, the undersigned taxpayers of Edisto Island, and many of us patrons of the public school, under a deep sense of the great injustice done the Rev. R. A. Mickle by the recent action of your Board removing him from his position as teacher of the White school of this Island—a position which, for over two years, he has filled to our entire satisfaction—in the middle of a term, without notice and without a hearing, upon the mere say so of one, or at most two individuals, that he was not competent to teach, thereby justly bringing upon this community a heavy reproach, do respectfully make this, our most earnest and solemn protest thereto. Whilst we, at the same time, beg to bear our most willing testimony to his high character as a Christian gentleman, scholar and teacher.

And we do further beg, that your Board may repair the injury done Mr. Mickle and take away this reproach from our community by reinstating him in the position from which he has been so unjustly removed.

Respectfully submitted, this ——— day of February, 1887.

E. MIKELL WHALEY,
E. CLARENCE WHALEY,
J. M. SEABROOK,
R. BAILEY,
F. M. BAILEY, I endorse Mr. Mickle in every respect,
W. W. KIMERY,
WM. S. EDINGS,
DAN'L T. POPE,

OWEN T. BAYNARD,
J. SWINTON WHALEY,
J. DWIGHT WESCOTT,
EDWARD M. BAYNARD,
J. F. TOWNSEND,
EDINGS WHALEY,
D. S. EDINGS.

It was at this meeting of the congregation, called to act upon the Pastor's resignation, that Col. E. Mikell Whaley felt constrained to read publicly his carefully prepared paper, proving that Mr. Mikell did pronounce Mr. Mickle incompetent, and also did assert that Mr. Townsend had said Mr. Mickle was incompetent. Col. Whaley did this because Mr. Mikell, in the settlement of the difficulty before the Referees had denied this. Upon Mr. Mikell now saying that Col. Whaley had misunderstood him, the latter, with solemn emphasis, striking his fist upon the pew, "Townsend Mikell, I would not believe you on your oath." And he reiterated, "Townsend Mikell, I would not believe you on your oath."

After all parties had been allowed to express themselves freely at this congregational meeting, Mr. Townsend arose from the chair, where he was presiding, and, in a thrilling speech, told the congregation that he no longer represented the sentiments of this Church, as now expressed by this vote, and announced the startling fact, that three Elders, Dr. Pope, Mr. Beckett and himself, do now resign the Eldership in this Church, to take effect on the same day in which the Pastor's resignation goes into effect, viz.: the 15th of May, next. Mr. W. S. Edings signified his intention to do the same as Deacon of this Church. The meeting then adjourned.

On the following Wednesday was the annual meeting of the Corporation. Col. Whaley, at this meeting, resigned the Presidency of this body, a position he had most worthily and ably filled for seventeen (17) years, stating that, for the first time in his life, he had been accused of telling a falsehood, and that truth and untruth could not dwell together. He was re-elected again and again, but firmly declined. They then elected Mr. J. F. Townsend, entreating him to accept the position held years ago by his venerable father, and begging him to consider it an honorable legacy or heritage. He declined with dignity. Utterly at a loss what to do in their dilemma and perplexity, the party declared one of their own number, Mr. John Mikell, about twenty-seven years of age, elected, though out of the fourteen members present, he only received five (5) votes.

At this meeting of the Corporation, Dr. Pope and Mr. Townsend proposed, that, as the Pastor's resignation had been accepted, that this Corporation do allow him whatever of money was left in the Treasury, and as this was now found to be a very small amount, that they make it at least four hundred or five hundred dollars for the support of his family until he could get another Church. To this proposition Mr. Mikell and his party objected, saying that not one cent out of the Treasury should be given for this purpose.

I will add here, as another proof of the charge that Mr. Mikell had for years worked against his Pastor, that the second year of my pastorate he refused to give his fifty dollars to the Pastor's salary, saying that he would bestow it upon another CHARITY. The third year he reduced his subscription to twenty-

five dollars, but expressly stipulated that it should go, not towards the Pastor's salary, but to the expenses of the Church. My authority, the President of the Corporation.

Another proof of his working against me, his Pastor, whom he had solemnly vowed to sustain and support, is, that three years ago he told persons that he *had seen* a letter I had written to some Minister to get me another Church. This report that I was going to leave this field was circulated all over this Island and John's Island and the City of Charleston, and inquiries were made every where, and especially my best friends here, if I was indeed going away; and this thing, it took a whole year at least to prove that it was not so. My friends came to me and said, "Mr. Mickle, we love you, and do all we can to show it. We cannot bear the idea of your being dissatisfied," &c. When Mr. Swinton Whaley said to Mr. Mikell something about the rumor, Mr. Mikell's reply was, "Let him go; we can get another Minister just as easy as snap the finger."

The day before the Corporation met, Mr. Mikell visited Col. E. Mikell Whaley, and as he was about to start home, Col. W. said, "Mr. Mikell, why did you put Mr. Mickle out of the school in such a rough way? Why did you not at once answer his application kindly and let him know what to depend upon?" Mr. Mikell replied, "Why, I said to Mr. Bailey, Alonzo, we must take care not to let Mr. Mickle know anything of our intentions, for if we should fail to get another teacher, we may have to fall back upon him after all."

There is one thing I omitted in the proper place. It occurred in that exciting interview on Wednesday at the Parsonage. In answer to his charge against me as a teacher, of being incompetent, Mrs. Mickle said, "Does it never occur to you, Mr. Mikell, that sometimes it is the fault of the pupils that they do not learn? Why did you not pronounce Col. Coward incompetent, and turn him out of the King's Mountain Military Academy? Do you think I do not know why Col. Coward advised you to take Jenks home?" Now, Mrs. Mickle had never mentioned this before to any one, and now mentioned it to Mr. Mikell himself, nor would she have ever thought of doing this but as an offset to what he had said about her husband's incompetency to teach. Her authority for this is, that Col. Coward, at Asheville, N. C., replied to Mr. Robert Seabrook, who inquired of him why young Jenks Mikell did not return to Yorkville, that "the truth was, the boy was so very dull that I advised his father to take him away, because I could not teach him anything."

In conclusion, let me crave your indulgence while I read the following letters from my friends. (Letters were read from Col. E. Mikell Whaley, Mr. Townsend, Dr. Pope, Mr. William Edings, Mr. Kimmy, Mr. Swinton Whaley, Mrs. Edings, and others, showing not only in the kindest words, but in the most substantial way, their love for their Pastor and grief at his removal.)

To all of this there was no reply.



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