

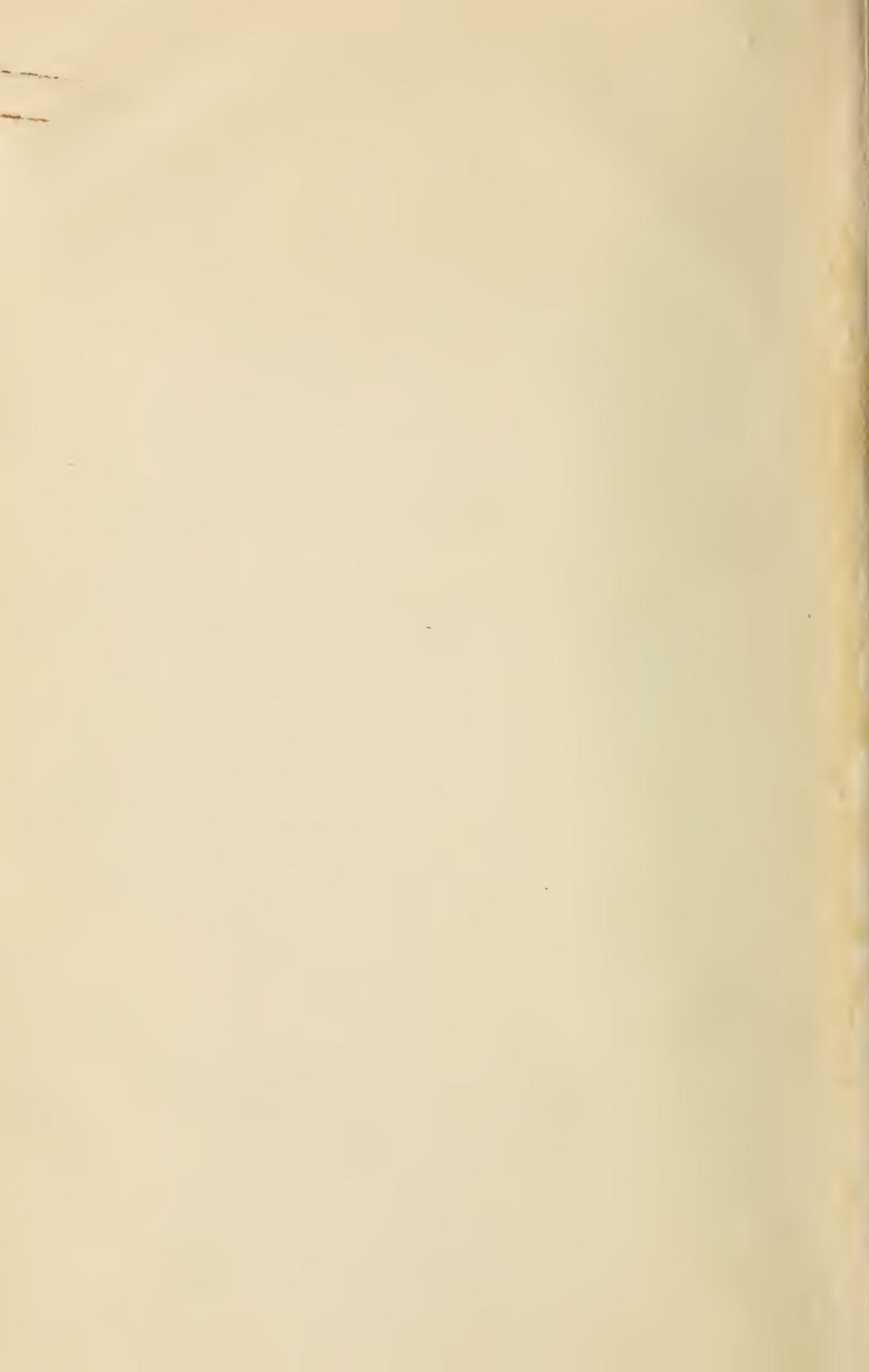
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Dedication:

To the Preachers' Devoted Wives, Whose Unheralded Labors Have Largely Made Possible the Records Contained in These Pages, and the Story of Whose Heroic and Loving Service Will Never be Revealed Until the Books of Heaven Are Opened to An Admiring Universe, This Book is Most Affectionately Dedicated.

W. Board Horton
Greenville News

Editor's Note.

After much labor and many trials, I am able to offer our Book of Sketches to the public. No one is more conscious of its defects than I. The ideal has not been realized, but I believe that the reader will admit that, all things considered, the book is a success. I am sorry that a few of the brethren did not furnish data for sketches. I made a sincere and persistent effort to secure every one, but the reader will observe that a few are missing.

I regret the lack of uniformity in size and appearance of the engravings. Several of the brethren had engravings which were of various sizes. Some of the photos were inferior and the engravers had to use the material furnished. In giving the Conference Classes I followed the chronological roll in the minutes, which, I believe, gives only the names of those living.

The reader will notice that the sketches of some of the brethren are very brief. This is due to the fact that the data furnished were exceedingly meagre.

I did not attach the initials of the writers to any of the sketches. Either the sketches were prepared by friends or the data furnished the editor who prepared them for publication.

Thanking the brethren who so kindly aided in the enterprise and praying God's richest blessing upon all whose faithful records are herein briefly narrated, I am,

Very sincerely,

WATSON B. DUNCAN.

Laurens, S. C., July, 1901.

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Introduction.

"*Who's Who In America*" is the title of a book which has been useful to many readers. It aims to give information about persons of more or less prominence now living in our country. It is very rarely that an epithet or an adjective of praise is found in its pages.



JAS. H. CARLISLE.

It is not a book of eulogies, or superlatives. There was no impropriety, if we suppose the short sketches were written by the persons themselves. They are colorless, with their few dates and historical statements. A similar book, it is said, will appear soon, confined to living South Carolinians. These volumes raise embarrassing questions, about the lines of inclusion and exclusion. When the editors have used all possible diligence and impartiality, some readers will be surprised, even offended, because certain names are put in, and others because certain names are left out. The book now before us is free from this invidious feature. Every living member of the South Carolina Conference is entitled to his place here and no one else. No attempt is made to arrange the names or the men in ranks or gradations.

Photographs and cuts are now cheap and common. For several years it has been usual to have some in the Annual Minutes, and in the Directory giving information about a coming Conference. This is all right. These publications, with their historical facts and likenesses, are a framework, around which intelligent interest and Church loyalty may gather. We have pictures of John and Charles Wesley at various stages of life. Our early magazines had pictures, more or less artistic, of living ministers. As early as 1830 a likeness of Rev. W. Capers, D. D., was given in the Methodist Magazine in New York. The cost at that time necessarily confined these pictures to a few subjects. A few days ago I found a sermon by Rev. Samuel Dunwoody, in Savannah, 1827. I was interested, as the venerable man married my parents, and in early life I was often amused by his innocent oddities and instructed by his solemn, impressive force in the pulpit. It was disappointing to remember that no likeness exists to show the present generation what manner of man he was in the body. Now pictures meet us everywhere. Our editors, with energy and promptness, give us the features of persons about

whom we feel any curiosity. Not only men, but women now may have their faces spread out to public gaze, very cheaply, by certifying to the merits of a patent medicine.

A Methodist itinerant, in a few years, may have work assigned him in different parts of the State. Many persons feel an interest more or less positive, in his work and welfare. In many sections of our State, once a year hundreds ask with anxiety, "Who is our new preacher?" Any information about him, his age, his previous work, even his personal appearance, is gladly received. This book will be consulted by many under these circumstances. It may become a household book in many Methodist homes. The ties between pastors and people may be increased and strengthened by it, as it tells "*Who's Who In The South Carolina Conference.*"

The editor has taken time and pains, and has incurred risks, while preparing this contribution to the body of which he is a member. Surely no one will be "puffed up" by the work. Rather, let every one be humbled and strengthened by the thought that he publicly takes his place in the old historic Conference.

Sometimes a picture is quietly and sadly removed from the family collection. It represents a name, a life, which must be passed over in silence and charity. Here is a large Family Album. May no one be found, in coming years, unworthy of his place in this goodly company.

JAS. H. CARLISLE.

Wofford College.

Twentieth Century Sketches.

REV. J. S. ABERCROMBIE.

Rev. Jefferson Stoball Abercrombie, son of Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Emily E. Abercrombie, was born in Laurens County, S. C., January 15, 1862. His parents resided near Dial's Church, a historic place in Piedmont Methodism. His paternal ancestors were of the noted Scotch clan of Abercrombies. His maternal ancestors, the Hydes, were English, coming over with the early settlers of Virginia.

His early educational advantages were somewhat limited, being such as the common schools of the country afforded. He endeavored, however, to make good use of these, so when he entered the ministry he had obtained sufficient intellectual training to enable him to successfully pass all the required examinations and to advance regularly to Elder's Orders.

Brother Abercrombie was impressed in early life with a call to preach, and it was a subject of much prayer and earnest thought. But, feeling that his education was so limited, and opportunities for improvement so few, he tried to evade the call on the ground that he was not qualified for such a high and holy work. God had called, and the effort to evade the duty had its hurtful effect on the young man's spiritual condition. In his neglect of this known duty, he almost fell away, but under the ministry of Rev. T. C. Ligon he was fully aroused to the nature of such a call of God, and decided to enter the work and do his best.

At the session of the Conference held in Camden, November, 1889, he was received on trial, with Albert H. Best, Rufus A. Child, J. R. Copeland, Geo. W. Davis, Wm. H. Hodges, Melvin B. Kelly, John Manning, J. Marion Rogers, John W. Shell, Whitefoord S. Stokes, Artemas B. Watson, and J. A. White.

He has served as follows: Oconee Circuit, 1890; Scranton Circuit, 1891-2; East Effingham Circuit, 1893; Salter's Circuit, 1894-6; Enoree Circuit, 1897; Clyde Circuit, 1898-9; Lexington Fork Circuit, 1900-1901. In some of these charges Brother Abercrombie's labors were very greatly blessed of the Lord. Besides being instrumental in leading many to Christ, he greatly advanced the material interests of the charges. He has led in the building of several churches and parsonages. He is making a fine record in his present charge, reporting over twelve hundred dollars for the Twentieth Century Fund alone.

On April 26, 1885, our good friend was married to Miss Fannie Virginia Salmonds, of Bellevue, S. C. Sister Abercrombie is of French descent, being closely connected with the noted Pool family. She was educated at Marietta and Chick Springs Academies, and is a helpmeet indeed to her husband. Following are the names of their children: Willie French, Nellie Maude, Jefferson Hyde, Fannie Virginia, and Dorothy Drew.

Brother Abercrombie is a man of sound judgment and good, hard, common sense. His sermons are plain, practical and sensible, being carefully thought out and earnestly delivered. In his own quiet way he is doing much good in the Master's cause.

REV. O. M. ABNEY, B. D.

Rev. Olympia McKelvey Abney, son of Dr. Ezra S. Abney and Mrs. Mary Jane Abney (*née* Holeman), was born in Lexington County, S. C., March 8, 1872. His paternal grandparents were of English and French descent, his great-grandparents having come to



this country from England and settled on a grant of land in what is now Edgefield County. His maternal grandparents were of German blood and natives of Lexington County. The father of the subject served in the Civil War, after which he graduated at a medical college

in Philadelphia. Soon after graduating he married Miss Holeman, near Durant, Miss., where her father was then living. Returning with his happy bride, the Doctor settled in Lexington County, where the subject of this paper was born. The good Doctor and his devoted wife still live and now reside in Richland County. To their toils and sacrifices, under God, our young friend owes the thorough educational preparation he has received, and no doubt he fully appreciates their kindness. May he ever prove worthy of such parents.

Brother Abney's education began in the home, and was continued in various schools in Lexington and Richland Counties, until the year 1890. In October of that year, he matriculated at Wofford College. Owing to the fact that his preparatory education had not been thorough, his first years at college were loaded with extra work. This, however, he was able to do and graduated in June, 1894. While in college he was secretary of his class. He did mission work in Sunday schools and prayer meetings. For several months after his graduation he taught school at Boiling Spring, Lexington County. In the fall of 1895 he entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University. He made a fine record here also, graduating with honor in 1898 and receiving the class medal.

From his earliest years Brother Abney felt inclined to the work of the ministry. His parents being pious, devoted Methodists, the boy's life was surrounded with the best Christian influences. He joined the Church at old Harris Chapel, in Richland County when twelve years old. He was converted under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Neeley. At the age of sixteen years his call to preach became distinct and unmistakable. He fought against it, however, for two years, but finding that resistance was vain he yielded. He was licensed to preach August 5, 1893, under Rev. E. T. Hodges, Presiding Elder.

Soon after leaving Vanderbilt University, in 1898, Brother Abney was appointed to Cartaret Street Church, Beaufort, S. C., to fill out the term of Rev. P. A. Murray, who had been appointed to a chaplaincy in the Second Regiment, S. C. Volunteers for Cuba. In December of that year he was received on trial into the Conference, and was appointed to the Starr and Iva Circuit, where he served for 1899-1900. At the recent session he was appointed to West End, Anderson.

Our young friend has the outlook of a most successful career. He is diligent as a pastor and forceful as a preacher. He has always been pious. He is modest, but positive. Honesty, sincerity, truthfulness, dutifulness and firmness have ever marked his way. His friends are watching his career with the most sanguine anticipations. They will not be disappointed.

REV. J. F. ANDERSON.

The Rev. John Fletcher Anderson, the son of Tarplay and Louisa (Manning) Anderson, was born in Anderson County, S. C., Sept. 23rd, 1851. He had the inestimable benefit of an upright, faithful, consecrated father and a tender, self-sacrificing, saintly mother. His



father died in October, 1882, his mother many years later. To this day the memory of this holy man and woman is as ointment poured forth.

Reared in a home of piety and prayer, Fletcher Anderson was early converted and joined the Church of his parents, the Methodist Church, and walked worthy of his vocation. His educational advantages were confined to the schools of his native county, but of these he made good use and he still continues a student. A lover of music and gifted with a fine voice, he learned the principles of harmony and taught vocal music for some years. He entered railroad service and was operator and agent at Greenwood for about four years. In that town he married, Dec. 21st, 1876, Miss Kate S. Richter, a gentlewoman of sincere piety and solid sense. There are five children of this union now living: Bertha L., J. Courtenay, Kathleen and Corinne (twins) and Ruby Lucile. In the summer of 1882 his health failed and he went on a furlough to his father's home. His strength returned but he resigned and took charge of the farm.

He felt a call to preach in early youth, but did not yield to it. Under a sermon by the Rev. T. G. Herbert on "A Call to the Ministry," preached October, 1884, at Providence Camp Meeting (Anderson County) he was brought to a decision and was licensed the following month. In December, 1885, he entered the South Carolina Conference, in which his appointments have been as follows: 1886, West Anderson Circuit; 1887, Walhalla; 1888-1891, Pickens; 1892-94, Fountain Inn; 1895-1897, Easley and Bethesda; 1898, Oswego; 1899-1900, Leesville.

Brother Anderson is a deeply pious man. His experience is clear and satisfying. He meekly professes full salvation and shows it in his life and words. His closet of prayer and meditation is a precious place, where he goes often and lingers long. His Bible is the Book of Books and he accepts every syllable of it. He commits his way to the Lord and is led of the Spirit. His love of God and of his fellows is profound.

As a preacher, he trusts implicitly to divine help and is sometimes powerful in the pulpit. The writer heard him preach a sermon at Sandy Springs Camp Meeting on "The Effectual Fervent Prayer of a Righteous Man Availeth Much," which was most remarkable in its effects. The entire audience—preachers and people—was spell-bound, and yet the preacher was talking so simply that a child could understand him. He was not allowed to close. The pastor of Pendleton, swept out of control, sprang up and said "I can stand no more. Brother Anderson, let us do some of that praying." And he and the preacher embraced each other, while scores upon scores wept for joy. It was not eloquence. It was far more: it was a message of spiritual power! Would to God that instead of striving for lesser things all of us would seek the capacity to preach with such power.

REV. A. M. ATTAWAY.

Adney McSwain Attaway, eldest son of the Rev. John Attaway, was born in Edgefield District, S. C., on the 1st of October, 1860, and died very suddenly in Pickens County, in January, 1900. Reared by a mother whose whole life gleamed with intelligent and devoted piety, and whose vigorous mind and stalwart character served her well in the necessary absence of her faithful itinerant husband, it is not surprising that he was a child of unexceptionable moral conduct, and that quite early in life he was soundly converted, and joined the Church of his parents. At the very beginning of his Christian course he felt the call to the Gospel ministry; but his youth and his innate modesty induced him to put off this duty

for several years. In the meantime his education was going on, and he entered Wofford College, where he passed creditably through the Junior class. He was admitted into the Conference in December, 1885, and filled acceptably the several appointments to which he was assigned. To his logical mind and his constant study of the Divine Word were added an attractive voice and a very graceful delivery that rendered his preaching unusually acceptable and efficient. Especially were his public prayers appropriate and impressive.

But his pious mother was a chronic invalid; and McSwain inherited some of her physical feebleness. More than once his ardent zeal broke him completely down, and forced him to retire from what became his loved employ; and the heart failure which snatched him away when he ought to have been in the prime of manhood was only the culmination of his lifetime weakness. His delicate widow and their eight small children linger behind to mourn their loss, consoled in their great sorrow by the satisfaction that he is at rest in his Heavenly Home.

REV. A. W. ATTAWAY.

The life and influence of John Attaway, the heroic and consecrated servant of God, will be perpetuated in the lives and characters of his noble boys. One of the best of these good boys is the subject of this sketch, Alpheus W. Attaway. He was born in Edgefield County, S. C., August 23, 1863. His mother's name is Margaret Griffith Attaway.

His primary education was received from his devoted mother, who was an invalid but never too sick to give the necessary attention to her boy to start in life aright. After his preparatory training, he entered Wofford College, graduating therefrom in June, 1885. His record in college, both as a student and as a man, was worthy of the honored name he bears.

Like many another, Brother Attaway fought the call to preach. After leaving college, he began to teach and had a flourishing school in Orangeburg County, but the divine call to preach became irresistible, so he gave up his school and joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1886, John A. Rice, C. W. Creighton, Mark L. Carlisle, M. W. Hook and P. L. Kirton joining at the same time. His labors since have been as follows: Junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, with M. M. Brabham, 1887-8; Rowesville Circuit, 1889; Lancaster Circuit, 1890-1; Leslie Circuit, 1892. In December, 1892, he found it necessary to take the supernumerary relation. While sustaining this relation, he taught school for five years and was

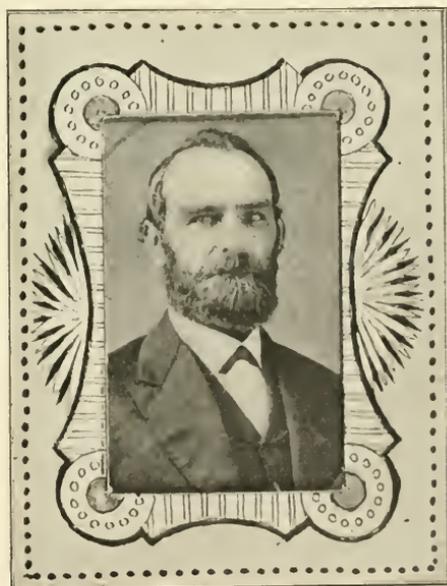
County Superintendent of Education for Anderson County for two years. He served Williamston Circuit for 1900.

On November 27, 1889, Brother Attaway married Miss Bessie Cannon, of Newberry County, S. C. Their first child was born September 16, 1890, and died December 8, 1890. Its precious dust rests in the village cemetery at Lancaster, S. C. They have two children living—Mary Herbert, born October 10, 1893; and Chesley Cannon, born October 13, 1895.

Brother Attaway is quiet, timid, and retiring in manner, but a man of fine character. His work has been broken by feeble health, but has not been unsuccessful. The Lord has used him for the accomplishment of much good. His friends hope for his restoration to health and trust that he will have many years of effective service.

REV. JOHN ATTAWAY.

No truer man ever lived than John Attaway. Every one who comes in touch with him feels the impress of a noble life and realizes his nobility of soul. He was born in Edgefield County (District), October 14, 1835. He is the son of James Attaway and Martha



Attaway. His educational advantages were such as the common schools of the day afforded, and a while at Cokesbury Conference

School. He went to this school after his second marriage, when he felt called to preach, in order, even then, to better prepare himself for his life work.

After the death of his first wife, Brother Attaway was converted, and from that time on illustrated in his life the reality of the religion of Christ. About two years after his conversion he felt called to preach the Gospel, and to tell others of the precious Savior who had done so much for him.

In 1871, while on the Greenville Circuit, he sought and found the blessing of "perfect love," or "entire sanctification." This was a most wonderful year in the life and labors of our dear brother. During one quarter he witnessed two hundred and ninety-five conversions and had one hundred and ninety-five accessions to the Church.

Brother Attaway joined the South Carolina Conference at Newberry, S. C., in December, 1864, having S. Lander as his Conference classmate. His labors have been as follows: Junior preacher on Abbeville Circuit, 1865; supernumerary, 1866; Mission to Colored People of Ninety-Six and Greenwood, 1867; Clinton Circuit, 1868-9; Greenville Circuit, 1870-1; Buenavista, 1872; Greenville Circuit, 1873-4; Fork Shoals Circuit, 1875; Sandy Springs Circuit, 1876-8; Pendleton Circuit, 1879; Anderson Circuit, 1880-3; Brushy Creek Circuit, 1884-5; Little Pee Dee Circuit, 1886; Lexington Fork, 1887; Clifton Circuit, 1888; Belmont Circuit, 1889; Santuc Circuit, 1890-1; Pacolet Circuit, 1892; Anderson Circuit, 1893; Blue Ridge Circuit, 1894-5; Anderson Circuit, 1896-7. At the close of 1897 Brother Attaway was placed on the superannuate list, and still holds that relation. Though unable to take a charge, our dear friend still serves the Lord by singing, praying and preaching when an opportunity is afforded. In fact, he will never cease. His death will only be a transfer to a better and larger sphere of usefulness.

Brother Attaway has been married three times. His first marriage was to Lizzie Clarke, his second to Margaret Griffith, and his third to S. E. Bagwell. Of the first union three children were born, all dying in infancy. Of the second, four were born—Lizzie, A. McSwain, Alpheus W. and J. Pierce. Of the third, six were born—M. A., J. C., D. H., Black, Ida and W. H. L. Attaway.

Though deprived of a college training himself, our honored brother has always taken great interest in education, and has done much for the cause.

REV. J. P. ATTAWAY.

Rev. James Pierce Attaway, son of Rev. John Attaway, one of the most faithful and deeply consecrated members of the South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Margaret Griffith Attaway, was born in Abbeville County, S. C., January 16, 1867. Having received his primary training in education, he entered the Williamston Male Academy, Williamston, S. C., where he was educated. Having made good use of the advantages there offered, he learned to study and to think for himself, which he has proceeded to do ever since.

Brother Attaway was married December 29, 1885, at Williamston, S. C., to Miss Olivia Harris, daughter of Mr. Andrew Harris and Mrs. E. Jane Harris, Rev. Samuel Lander performing the ceremony. Of this union six children have been born—Bertha, Maude, Pierce Ligon, Robert Yoder, John Burgess and Andrew Rollins.

Some time after his marriage, Brother Attaway felt moved by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel of Christ. Having been convinced of the reality of the Divine call, he immediately yielded and began to make preparation for the work.

He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference at the session held at Spartanburg, December, 1887, the following, with himself, composing the class: Robt. L. Holroyd, A. B. Earle, W. E. Barre, James W. Kilgo, Watson B. Duncan, John L. Harley, Robt. A. Yongue, S. T. Blackman, W. L. Wait and James E. Mahaffey.

He has served as follows: Campobello Circuit, 1888-9; Cherokee Circuit, 1890-1; Richland Circuit, 1892-3; Bethany Circuit, 1894-6; Chesterfield Circuit, 1897-8; Traveler's Rest Circuit, 1899-1900.

The ministry of our faithful brother has been attended with much success. His preaching is plain and fearless and is fruitful in results. He has had gracious revivals and has been instrumental in adding many to the Church. He is true to his convictions of right and duty, caring not for place or position, but only desiring a field in which to serve God. No doubt he will be among the number who will hear the Master's "Well done" when life's labors are over.

REV. J. W. ARIAIL.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. James Warren Ariail, is a Georgian by birth, but a South Carolinian by adoption and choice. He was born in Guinett County, Georgia, but was reared in Pickens County, South Carolina.



His educational advantages were such as the common and high schools of the day afforded. Of these he made good use, and was thus enabled to begin a process of intellectual development which has ever since been carried on.

He was converted while quite young, joining the Church at the age of sixteen years.

Brother Ariail joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1875, W. Smith Martin, T. P. Phillips and A. C. Walker joining at the same time. He has served the following charges: Laurens Circuit, Newberry Circuit, Santee Circuit, Kershaw Circuit, Spring Hill Circuit, Zoar Circuit, Pacolet Circuit, York Circuit, Edisto Circuit, Blackville Circuit, Cokesbury Circuit, Blenheim Circuit, Mullins Circuit, Upper St. Matthews and Bennettsville Circuit. In these the labors of our brother have been blessed of God to the salvation of scores of souls and the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Brother Ariail is an excellent preacher. His aim is not so much to please the people, but to help them. His sermons are practical

and effective, carrying conviction to the sinner and strength to the feeble and comfort to the sorrowing.

On February 12, 1880, in the City of Sumter, S. C., Brother Ariail was married to Miss Carrie E. Hodges, who has ever stood bravely by his side in all the struggles of his itinerancy. They have six children living—Emma, J. Milton, S. Lallah, Cauthen Clyde, Warren G. and Rowena Agnes.

REV. W. H. ARIAIL.

Rev. William Hamilton Ariail, fifth child of Luke Ives and Nancy P. Ariail, was born November 1, 1851, in Hall County, Georgia. His mother's maiden name was Lesley. Excellent blood flows in the veins of our brother. He is of French descent on his father's side



and Scotch-Irish on the mother's. His early educational advantages were limited to the usual schools of the country, but he made good use of these and has been studying ever since. He regrets not having had a collegiate education, and has so expressed himself frequently. He is, however, a great advocate of higher education and has sent many students to our colleges.

Brother Ariail joined the Church at Twelve Mile Camp Ground when about twelve years old, under the ministry of Rev. William Bowman, and was converted some time later under the ministry of

Rev. Fletcher Smith, at Perritt's Chapel, Pickens Circuit. Soon after his conversion, young Ariail felt called to preach, but, feeling his unworthiness and inability, hesitated and strove to throw off the conviction. He did not realize then as he does now that a call to preach means a call to prepare to preach. He entered the mercantile business, hoping to throw off the impression that he ought to preach. But the hand of affliction was laid upon him and he yielded. He, with his brother, Rev. J. W. Ariail, was licensed to preach at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Pickens Circuit for 1874. In December of that year he was admitted on trial into the Conference at Greenville, S. C., Bishop E. M. Marvin presiding. He has served the following charges: Junior preacher on Laurens Circuit, 1875; Greenville City and Marietta Mission, 1876 (but changed and placed as junior preacher on Pickens Circuit); South Chesterfield Circuit, 1877; Richland Fork Circuit, 1878; Lancaster, 1879; Lynchburg and St. Luke's, 1880; Hanging Rock, 1881-3; Kinard's Circuit, 1884; Tumbling Shoals, 1885-6; Reidville Circuit, 1887; Blythewood Circuit, 1888; Colleton Circuit, 1889-92; Edgewood, Columbia, 1893; Abbeville Circuit, 1894-6; McCormick Circuit, 1897-8; Prosperity Circuit, 1899-1900. For 1901 he was appointed to North Rock Hill Circuit and has entered upon his new year's work with foretokens of success.

In all these charges Brother Ariail has had success, in some of them great success. In several of them he has built beautiful churches and in others handsome parsonages. Scores of people have been converted under his ministry, among whom were W. B. Wharton and E. H. Beckham, both of whom are now valuable and popular members of the South Carolina Conference.

Brother Ariail has been twice married. On December 19, 1877, he was married to Miss Hattie Elizabeth Yeargin, of Laurens, S. C., Rev. J. B. Traywick officiating. Of this union there were four children: Bessie (now the wife of Rev. R. S. Truesdale of the South Carolina Conference), Claudius Herbert, William Coke and Davis Marvin. The mother of these died in great peace August 1, 1886. On September 28, 1887, he was married to Miss N. E. Ozella Daniel, daughter of Mr. L. I. H. Daniel, of Laurens County, and niece of Drs. J. W. and W. W. and Rev. J. L. Daniel. Of this union six children have been born: Reginald Stanley, Wilhelmina, Moida Lucile, Frances Kathleen, Ruth E. and a little son who died in infancy.

Brother Ariail is a good, earnest preacher. He loves books and knows how to use them. His sermons are spiritual, and he feels the message he delivers to others. The South Carolina Conference has no truer man than W. H. Ariail.

REV. FREDERICK AULD.

Rev. Frederick Auld was born in Laurens, S. C., September 7, 1834. A part of his childhood was spent in Mobile, Ala., Augusta, Ga., and Lincolnton, Ga. When the boy was only six years old, his father died. This left the boy in such a pecuniary condition that his opportunities were very limited, but he had perseverance and determination so he used every privilege granted to better his intellectual being. He learned the mechanics' trade and many a day did he spend in laboring for the support of himself and others. In the early part of 1851, young Auld was soundly converted and joined the church. This was under the ministry and influence of the late Rev. Samuel Leard, one of the truest and best men ever produced in South Carolina.

In the fall of 1858, Mr. Auld was licensed to preach and was recommended for admission on trial into the Conference. In the following December he was admitted. On the 18th of that month, the young Methodist preacher mounted his horse as a "Circuit Rider." No truer man ever mounted on itinerant steed. With fear and trembling he left his mother's home in Laurens and rode away to his first appointment—the old Savannah River Mission, lying in the rice fields along the river opposite the City of Savannah. Going to live and labor in such a sickly region, he felt that, as he bade the loved ones good-bye, he was bidding them a final adieu. He not only survived that year, but all the intervening ones and still lives to bless the church with his Christian influence.

He has served the following charges: Savannah River Mission, 1859; Black Swamp Circuit, 1860-1; Greenville Station, 1862-3; Charleston, 1864. (He was appointed to Charleston with Rev. E. J. Meynardie as senior preacher, but soon after his appointment he entered the Confederate army as chaplain of the Twenty-Fourth South Carolina regiment, Bishop Ellison Capers of the Episcopal Church was colonel of the regiment). Marion Street, Columbia, 1865; Reedy River Circuit, 1866-9; Orangeburg Circuit, 1870; Orangeburg Station, 1871-3; Lynchburg Circuit, 1874; Sumter Station, 1875; Little Rock Circuit, 1876-8; St. Matthews Circuit, 1879-82; Bamberg Circuit, 1883-4; Allendale Circuit, 1885; Lowndesville Station, 1886; Greenwood Circuit, 1887-8; Clio Circuit, 1889-90. In February of his second year on the Clio Circuit, Brother Auld experienced a fall from his buggy which proved so serious that it ended his active ministry. In the following April he moved to Williamston, thence, in 1894, to Greenwood where he still lives.

In October, 1865, Brother Auld was married at Newberry, S. C., to Miss Emma F. Zimmerman, oldest daughter of Rev. J. H. Zimmerman, of precious memory. The sainted Sidi H. Browne performed the ceremony. Of this marriage ten children were born.

Four of the children died in infancy; one daughter, Fannie Dibble, died at the age of twenty-one. The eldest boy, William Zimmerman, is on the Pacific coast. Two boys, Olin and Fred, are in the mercantile business at Greenwood, S. C. The youngest son, Marvin, is at Wofford College and will graduate in June, 1901. The daughter, Miss Mary L., lives with her parents at Greenwood and is a loving and thoughtful child.

Our dear brother is nearing the end of the journey, but the way grows brighter and brighter as the days go by. He who so faithfully labored during his active years, now patiently and submissively suffers the will of God. May he who so earnestly preached the Gospel of comfort to others now have the Everlasting Arms to sustain him as he slowly journeys onward.

REV. J. W. BAILEY.

Rev. John Wesley Bailey was born in Spartanburg County, May 28, 1869. He was the youngest of a family of four children, whose parents died before the youngest was two years of age. At five years of age, he was adopted by Samuel and Nancy Lominnick, in



Union County, with whom he remained as a dutiful son, working on the farm for a livelihood for himself and the two "old people" until he was twenty-one years of age. During this time, he utilized every

opportunity for an education, such only as the common schools afforded.

After he was twenty-one years of age, he spent two years (1891-2) in school at Watkinsville, Ga., the second year with a view of entering Emory College. But having married a wife at the close of the second year, he returned to his native State. Mr. Bailey was reared by a true Christian woman, after the good old Methodist type, who prayed, sang and shouted the love of Methodism indelibly into his young heart. At an early age he united with the Methodist Protestant Church. He was converted in August, 1884, and was granted license to preach in September, 1889. As a preacher he soon learned from history, observation and experience that his Church, as a denomination, had long since reached its full stature, and that the efforts, even of the most zealous worker, was only a waste of time, and loss of energy.

Therefore, in the fall of 1893, he with others, hoping to better their condition, united with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, wherein it required only a few months to reveal the fact that the last state was worse than the first. It was at this point that Mr. Bailey began a close study of men, and Church history, to find out, if possible, as he expressed it, "Who I am, where I am and what I am." In less than one year he had fully solved the problem and had resolved in his mind the thing he would do. But he was not hasty in this matter; for four years he held the question under careful and prayerful consideration, that he might be well assured in his own mind. Consequently, after having served the Wesleyan Methodist Church six years with marked success, he was dismissed in order by the Annual Conference of the Church of which he was a member, having been ordained Elder in 1895. He was dismissed as an Elder in good standing by the Conference held at Central, S. C., 1899, and was received into full connection by the South Carolina Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, held at Orangeburg, S. C., December, 1899. He was assigned by Bishop J. S. Key to the Townville Circuit, this being his first work.

Mr. Bailey was twice married. First to Miss Anna M. Baird, of Oconee County, Ga., July 14, 1892. Mrs. Bailey died near Easley, S. C., Oct. 6, 1893, leaving an infant daughter, Anna Lee, born Sept. 30, 1893. He was married the second time to Miss Laura E. Lindsey, of Oconee County, S. C., July 12, 1894. One son was born to this marriage—George Carradine, born Aug. 23, 1895.

REV. W. B. BAKER.

William Bennett Baker, son of William B. Baker, was born in Marion County, S. C., November 1, 1841. His mother's maiden name was Miss Lenora Adaline Davis.

Mr. Baker's educational advantages were limited, being such as were afforded by the common schools of the country in which he



was reared. In his boyhood he had a burning desire for a collegiate education, but the realization of his desire was prevented by the Civil war, at the beginning of which young Baker laid himself on the altar of his country and entered bravely into the struggle.

When quite a boy, the subject of this sketch felt impressed that some day he would have to preach the Gospel. This impression, at first, had the effect of driving him away from the Church. He felt that if converted he would have to yield to the call. In the fall of 1860 he was converted at Centenary Camp Meeting, in Marion County, S. C. Soon after his conversion, he heard the unmistakable call to the ministry and was assured of his life-work. But it was not long after this that he entered the army. During the whole four years of demoralizing army life, young Baker maintained his religious integrity and never doubted his call to preach. Near the close of the war he returned home as a parole prisoner. On April 5, 1867, Mr. Baker was married to Miss Louisa Matilda LeGette, daughter of Rev. David LeGette and Martha A. LeGette. To them nine chil-

dren were born, three of whom died while quite young. The living are: Anna Gertrude, Hannibal LeGette, Mattie Florence, Carrie Belle, Pauline Wightman, and William Boyd.

Just after his marriage, he located on a farm, expecting to lead a quiet retired life, but preaching was on his mind. He did his utmost to drive away that impression that he should preach, but he could not. Finally he realized that it was either go preach or be lost! He was licensed to exhort at old Ariel Church, Marion County, on April 10, 1874, hoping to ease his conscience by serving the Lord in this capacity. But he could not. He was licensed to preach at Soule's chapel, April 24, 1875. He first thought he would remain in the local ranks, but found this would not satisfy the demands of God upon him. He must become an itinerant. Under a sermon preached by Rev. J. Marion Boyd, Mr. Baker made the final decision. He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference at Charleston, S. C., in December, 1884.

Mr. Baker has served the following charges: Bayboro Circuit, 1885-6; Johnsonville Circuit, 1887-9; Lake City Circuit, 1890-3; Scranton Circuit, 1894; Lamar Circuit, 1895; Green Street and Brookland, Columbia, 1896-8; Brightsville Circuit, 1899-1900, being there at this writing. In all of these charges, Mr. Baker has labored with great fidelity and acceptability. His ministry has been peculiarly successful. Mr. Baker is a great revivalist. He preaches, at times, with great power. He expects to see souls converted, and is not disappointed.

REV. NICHOLAS G. BALLENGER.

The Rev. Nicholas G. Ballenger, the son of James Alexander and Maria Eunice Ballenger, was born in Pickens County, near twelve mile camp ground, on the 14th of September, 1857. His education was obtained chiefly from the schools around his home and has been carried on in his later life to manifest advantage. He joined the Church in early youth and was converted. His call to preach came after he was a man of family. He hesitated, but at last yielded to the conviction of duty, asked and received license and was admitted to the South Carolina Conference in November, 1888. His appointments have been: Fountain Inn Circuit, Easley Circuit, Anderson Circuit, Leesville Circuit, and Graniteville Circuit.

In all these charges he was faithful and successful—indeed, he was more than faithful, for he worked beyond his strength. There can be no doubt that the failure of his health and his temporary superannuation came through his self-sacrificing labors. This work was not in vain. Sinners were converted, persons joined the Church,

and Church members were built up in the faith. The material interests of his charges were also promoted.

One instance was remarkable. Their efforts to build a Church had miscarried more than once and the people despaired of success. After due announcement he took an axe and went into the forest, along with a few faithful ones, felled the trees which were sawed into lumber and carried to the appointed site and there fashioned into a Sanctuary for the Most High. Today a beautiful Church stands there, a monument to the energy and devotion of our brother and his people.

This is but one instance in a life which has been all given to God. He gave his means as freely as he consecrated his strength of body and soul. When he entered the Conference he owned a valuable little farm which he was conducting successfully. That has been sold and the proceeds have all been used in supplementing his salaries—his family being large and salaries sometimes small.

Brother Ballenger prepares his sermons carefully and delivers them with earnestness and with power from on High. As a pastor he is unwearied, often visiting the sick when he is really feebler than those upon whom he calls.

On the 7th day of November, 1878, at Mountain Rest, S. C., he married Miss Ella P. Herndon. Of this union nine children were born—Lula Marie, Lillian Rhoda, Eva May, Samuel H., Mamie Belle, Ruth E., Nina Grady, Nicholas Grady, Clara Beth.

Brother Ballenger is now conducting a little farm not far from Graniteville, and is improving in strength and health. It is to be hoped that he can soon be able to resume his loved employ. It is a great loss when a man like Nicholas Ballenger should have to stand aside from preaching the Word.

REV. MARTIN LUTHER BANKS.

Rev. Martin Luther Banks, son of Amos Banks and Catherine Long Banks, was born March 18, 1823. His mother died when he was only seven days old. His early educational advantages were only ordinary, he having access to such common schools as existed fifty and sixty years ago. Besides the three R's, the boys of that day studied such as history, geography and English grammar. But young Banks made good use of these meager opportunities and laid the foundation for a continuous training and culture which followed.

He was early impressed with a Divine call to preach, to which he finally yielded, and was licensed to preach at the first Quarterly Conference of the Barnwell Circuit in 1847. He was immediately employed as a supply. In January, 1848, he was admitted on trial into

the South Carolina Conference, and has served as follows: Winnsboro, 1848; Edisto Mission, 1849; Cypress Circuit, 1850; Savannah River Mission, 1851; Cooper River Circuit, 1852; Columbia Circuit, 1853; Waccamaw Mission, 1854; Black River Circuit, 1855-6; Orangeburg Circuit, 1857; Combahee Mission, 1858-62; Walterboro Circuit, 1863-6; Blackville, 1867; Bennettsville, 1868; supernumerary, 1869; superannuate, 1870-1; Johnsonville Circuit, 1872; Black Swamp Circuit, 1873-4; Edisto Circuit, 1875; Lewisville Circuit (now Upper St. Matthews), 1876-8; North Newberry Circuit, 1879; Tumbling Shoals Circuit, 1880-1; Lowndesville Station, 1882-5; Lower Darlington Circuit, 1886; Bucksville Station, 1887-8; Orange Circuit, 1889-90; Fort Mott Circuit, 1891-2. At the close of this last year Brother Banks was placed on the superannuate list, where he has remained ever since.

Thus it will be seen that our good brother has been a member of the Conference fifty-one years, forty-one of which were effective and ten non-effective.

On November 8, 1854, he was married to Miss Ann Amelia Skinner, of Georgetown County, S. C., Rev. C. H. Pritchard performing the ceremony. Of this union the following children were born: Ella Louisa (now Mrs. W. W. Wannamaker), William Franklin, James Arthur, Albert Sidney, Mary Elizabeth (now Mrs. Wimberly), Martha Jane (now Mrs. A. K. Smoke), Martin Luther, Jr., now a member of the South Carolina Conference.

Our good brother has a long and honorable record behind him, one of which any man might justly feel proud. He joined the Conference and entered upon his itinerant career in those days when men's souls were severely tried, and when the very foundations of character were tested to their depths. But he stood the test and bravely and successfully fought the battles and won the victories. He now patiently waits an honorable discharge from the service below that he may enter the nobler service above.

REV. M. L. BANKS, JR.

It was the most natural thing in the world that the subject of this sketch, Rev. Martin Luther Banks, Jr., should become a preacher. He is the son of Rev. M. L. Banks, an honored member of the South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Ann Amelia Banks. He was born December 3, 1869.

Brother Banks has had excellent educational advantages. After attending various common and preparatory schools, he entered the Wofford College Fitting School, in February, 1889. The next year was spent under Prof. H. G. Sheridan, at Orangeburg. He entered

the Freshman class of Wofford College in 1890 and graduated from that institution in June, 1894. He has thus thoroughly laid the foundation upon which he is carefully erecting the superstructure of learning and scholarship.

Brother Banks felt the call to preach from his very childhood, and Samuel-like, he answered, "Speak, Lord; for Thy servant heareth."

He was admitted into the Conference in December, 1894, with Connor B. Burns, Robert C. Boulware, Henry J. Cauthen, Waddy T. Duncan, William S. Goodwin, E. S. Jones, W. A. Kelly, S. A. Nettles, W. A. Pitts, J. R. Sojourner, W. J. Snyder and P. B. Wells. His appointments have been as follows: Cedar Creek Circuit, 1895-6; Langley Circuit, 1897; Lexington Fork Circuit, 1898; Fairfield Circuit, 1899; Belmont Circuit, 1900-1901.

Brother Banks was married March 24, 1898, in Washington Street Church, to Miss Maud Dickson, daughter of Rev. J. Walter Dickson, of the South Carolina Conference. The ceremony was impressively performed by the bride's father. They have two sweet children—Walter Dickson and Martin Luther.

Brother Banks is one of our best young men, modest and retiring, yet zealous and active, ever toiling to accomplish the purpose of a true Methodist preacher's mission in the world. His labors are effective, and he is making a good record.



REV. R. W. BARBER.

Rev. Robert Walter Barber, son of Mr. William G. Barber and Mrs. Alice Cloud Barber, was born May 3, 1847.

His preparatory education was received in Oak Grove, Academy, Chester County, S. C. After his schooling here he matriculated at



Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., in October, 1867, and graduated therefrom in June, 1871.

The divine call to the ministry came to Brother Barber during his senior year at Wofford. Thus as he was finishing the course of intellectual development, God laid claim to the well-equipped mind for the purpose of pouring into it divine truth and using it as a medium of communicating that truth to others. He was licensed to preach August 26, 1871, on East Chester Circuit, Rev. Sidi H. Browne being Presiding Elder. He taught two years in Williamston Female College—one before and one after joining the Conference.

Brother Barber joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1872, J. C. Davis, C. D. Mann, G. H. Pooser, and W. A. Rogers joining at the same time.

He has labored as follows: Williamston Female College, 1873; Pickens Circuit, 1874; Cokesbury Station, 1875; Cane Creek Circuit, 1876; Rock Hill, 1877; Orangeburg Circuit, 1878; supernumerary, 1879-82; North Laurens Circuit, 1883; supernumerary, 1884-7 (during this period he taught school at Landrum, S. C.); Seneca Circuit,

1888; Westminster Circuit, 1889; Manning Station, 1890; Brightsville Circuit, 1891-2; Little Rock Circuit, 1893-5; Branchville Circuit, 1896; Williamston, 1897; Timmons ville Circuit, 1898-9; Hickory Grove, 1900; Blackstock, 1901. Much of the time our good brother has been in poor health. Many a time a change became necessary by reason of this. Notwithstanding his feeble condition at times, he has ever gone on heroically serving the Lord and faithfully preaching the Word of God. He is a most excellent preacher, his sermons always showing evidences of deep thought and thorough preparation. He is one of those heroic souls who are not afraid of the truth, either in the search for it or in its proclamation. In the social circle he is pleasant and entertaining, ever ready to intelligently discuss a subject, yet never monopolizing the conversation.

Brother Barber was exceedingly fortunate in his marriage, succeeding in securing a charming companion and practical helpmeet. He was married December 23, 1874, to Miss Mamie Hill, daughter of Mr. C. J. Hill and Mrs. M. E. Hill of Greenville, S. C. They have four children: C. H. Barber, M. L. Barber, A. J. Barber and H. C. Barber.

REV. W. E. BARRE.

Rev. Wesley E. Barre was born in Edgefield County, South Carolina, on August 11, 1851.

After his preparatory training, he matriculated at Wofford College, from which institution he graduated in due course of time.

Brother Barre was admitted into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1887, with Robt. L. Holroyd, Alston B. Earle, James W. Kilgo, Watson B. Duncan, John L. Harley, Robt. A. Yongue, Samuel T. Blackman, J. Pierce Attaway, Washington L. Wait and James E. Mahaffey. He served East Kershaw 2 years; Oakland, 4 years; Santuc, 1 year; Kinards, 2 years; Conway Circuit, 3 years; Britton's Neck, 2 years.

On December 24, 1874, he was married to Miss Nettie Barre. They have had six children born unto them—Ira S., Lula C., May Delle, Edna B., W. Olin and Julian E. The last named has passed into the home beyond.

Brother Barre is an earnest preacher and pastor, ever striving to do the full work of a Methodist preacher as he sees it.

REV. H. W. BAYS.

Hezekiah Webb Bays, A. M., D. D., was born in Russell County, Virginia, about fifty-four years ago. He is now in the prime of a vigorous physical and intellectual manhood. He was well born. The son of James Jasper Bays and Mary Webb, he inherited from his



father the military, and from his mother the literary instinct. His great grandfather, Peter Bays, originally from South Carolina, was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and was in the battles of King's Mountain, Cowpens and Camden. His mother was a descendant of an old English family of literary note, a cultured and devotedly pious woman. To her godly influence the doctor lovingly attributes all he is, and has done. In his boyhood he had strong leaning to a military life, but she kept him from entering the army as a business. Reared by this intelligent and godly woman, the son was converted the 13th of February, 1861, and joined the Methodist Church the same day. In 1862 he enlisted in the Confederate army and was a good soldier for more than three years. Because of conspicuous gallantry on the bloody field of Chickamauga he was promoted to the position of assistant adjutant on the staff of Gen. William E. Preston. He was educated at Emory and Henry College, from which institution he received his A. M. degree.

He was licensed to preach January 12th, 1867, and entered the Holston Conference in October of the same year. For 20 or more years he remained in this Conference, filling some of its most important stations, among which were Wytheville, Cleveland, Bristol and Knoxville. From an early period in his ministry he was in great demand for special occasions, such as college commencements and church dedications. While at Knoxville he built the elegant church on Broad street and Fifth avenue, one of the best in Southern Methodism. The lot and building cost over \$35,000. During his ministry there about \$55,000 were added to the material possessions of the church.

Ten years ago he was transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and stationed at Concord, where he had two useful years, having paid off a troublesome church debt of long standing, and built Bays' Chapel, which has since developed into an independent charge. He was then transferred to the South Carolina Conference and stationed at Abbeville. For three years he served this charge with conspicuous ability and great usefulness to the church. He was then sent to Bethel, Charleston, where he served a full pastoral term of four years, with his usual popularity and usefulness, and from which he was appointed to the Rock Hill District. He is now closing his first year as Presiding Elder. It has been a year full of work, but rendered with marked ability and eminent satisfaction to both preachers and people. He has shown himself a man of affairs, as well as a strong and popular preacher.

Dr. Bays is a kinsman of the late Wm. E. Munsey, D. D., that prince of pulpit preachers, and possesses much of the power of eloquence characteristic of that distinguished orator. Besides being a speaker of rare ability, the doctor is a congenial, scholarly, Christian gentleman.

On October 1, 1868, he was married to Miss Frances Virginia Herbert, of Clay County, N. C. Their children are: Margaret Alston, Willie Frances, May Herbert, and Lucy Tom.

REV. JOHN E. BEARD.

On July 17, 1856, Rev. John Edward Beard was born. His father, a sturdy, noble and devout man, lived in the city of Columbia, S. C. Here the subject of this sketch first saw the light of earth. His childhood was similar to that of all Southern boys. Early piety was



one of its marked characteristics and another was his intense thirst for knowledge. Even during his early years he delighted in reading the most solid works. History and biography occupied no small place.

When about twenty years old a protracted meeting was held at the Marion Street Church, in Columbia, Dr. George Pierce conducting the revival. At this time he was thoroughly converted. He knew in whom he believed. Only a short time subsequently he felt "the call to preach." To him a call meant to prepare to preach, and to Wofford College he went for several years and then to Vanderbilt University. Ill health prevented his graduation. At the Conference held at Union, in 1881 he was admitted on trial. He was assigned to the Bennettsville Circuit. In 1882 he was married to Miss Nannie C. Easterling. To them eight children have been born and of this number one is at home with God.

I. As a man, Rev. John E. Beard is social, friendly and entertaining. While in his company you realize that he is true and honest.

No slanderous word proceeds out of his lips. In your absence he would never give your reputation a fatal stab. Only cowards do this. He is not a coward, but a brave, manly Christian. When in trouble you will find him ready to help and comfort. He is truly a "friend in deed."

2. As a Christian, he walks daily with God. His experience in prayer has been truly wonderful. Sometimes he has lived almost in the borderland of the supernatural.

3. As a preacher, he is first-class. His sermons are splendidly prepared and delivered with great force and unction. Our Conference has few if any better preachers than John E. Beard. Success crowns his efforts. The people listen, heed and are led to the Cross of Christ. His spiritual children are numbered by the thousands. Being now in the very prime of life, our Conference can look for many years of magnificent work at his hands. We will risk nothing to send him to any charge in the State. Where he goes God will give him success.

REV. J. S. BEASLEY.

Among the most faithful and useful members of the South Carolina Conference must be placed the name of Rev. J. Sidney Beasley.



He is the son of Mr. Reuben Beasley and Mrs. Elizabeth Josey Beasley, being the fourth in a family of ten children, six boys and

four girls, all of whom, except two, are living in other States. He was born at Lydia, Darlington County, S. C., June 30, 1847. The father having been elected to public office, moved, while the subject of this sketch was quite young, to a place near Darlington Court House. Here young Beasley grew up as other boys on the farm, doing farm work when not in school. Most of the time, however, he was in school making the very best use of such opportunities as the schools of the day afforded. He was just thirteen years old when the Civil War broke out, and a few months before its close he was called out with the "Reserves." After the war, he spent two years at Epworth Academy, a most excellent school, at Wesley Chapel, in Darlington County. With this, his school days closed, he being unable to take a college course. His inability to take a course in college has always been a source of regret to our good friend and brother, and he has often so expressed himself in private and in public. But early in his career he determined to make up, as far as possible, for the deficiency, and in this, by close application and hard study, he has succeeded, being now a cultured, well-informed, and thoughtful man.

Brother Beasley was licensed to preach in August, 1867, while at school. He joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1870, with George M. Boyd, G. W. Gatlin, and E. Toland Hodges. At the end of his second year he was ordained Deacon, and at the end of the third year he was ordained Elder, having completed the courses of study for the third and fourth year in one, which was then allowed. He has served as follows: Upper Orange Circuit, 1871-3; Lynch's Lake Circuit, 1874-7; Sumter Circuit, 1878-81; Santee Circuit, 1882-3; Little Rock Circuit, 1884-6; Sumter District, 1887-90; Marion Station, 1891-4; Bennettsville Circuit, 1895-8; Rock Hill Station, 1899-1901. The records for these charges for the years named show that Sidney Beasley has been a success as a Methodist preacher. He is a most systematic worker—always on the alert for the betterment of the charge he is serving. He has a big, warm heart, and gets close to his people, and they love him. His sermons are thoughtful and thought-provoking, being prepared carefully and prayerfully. He has the confidence and esteem of his brethren in the ministry, and he is often placed on important Boards and Committees.

Our good friend has been thrice married, and has six living children. The following are the names of the children: Rosa C. (now Mrs. S. L. Pipkin), S. Elizabeth, George Marvin, M. Louise (now Mrs. H. B. Tatum), Walter S., and Frances Margaret.

REV. L. F. BEATY.

Rev. Leroy Fisk Beaty was born on the 11th of April, 1854, in Conway, S. C. His father, Bethel Durant Beaty, was the son of Rev. John Beaty, who gave many years of faithful service to his church as a local preacher. When Leroy was five years old, he lost his



father, and from that time the rearing and educating of the boy devolved upon his mother, Mrs. Martha Roland Beaty, of whom he was an only child. Most affectionately does he speak of the debt he owes her, and the sacrifices she made for him. Her second marriage to J. W. Atkinson caused their removal to Marion, where he received his academic training under Professors Witherow and Mitchell. When about seventeen years old, he was converted at Centenary Camp Ground, in Marion County, and joined the Marion Station Church. In December, 1873, he was admitted on trial into the S. C. Conference, held at Sumter; serving as junior preacher on Bishopville Circuit during 1874; Newberry Circuit, 1875 and 1876, and Greenwood Circuit, 1877. In 1878 he located and spent that year and the next at Vanderbilt University. In 1880 he reentered the Conference and was sent as preacher in charge to Williamston Circuit, 1881 to Greenville Circuit, 1882-83-84 to North Greenville Circuit, 1885-86 to Edgefield Circuit, 1887 to Spring Street, Charleston, 1888 to Orangeburg Station, 1889-90 to Abbeville Sta-

tion, 1891-92-93 to Latta Circuit, 1894 to Blenheim Circuit. In 1895 he was made assistant editor of our Sunday School literature, which position he is still filling with great satisfaction to the Church. Faithful and successful everywhere, both of the Sunday School editors with whom he has been associated have spoken in highest praise of his gifts and usefulness, while all others in the Church acquainted with his work recognize his worth to the cause for which he labors. Though frail in bodily appearance, he is filled with an energy, ability and courage that evince wonderful vitality in "the inner man." A warm heart, a keen sense of humor, and a high idea of trueness make Leroy F. Beaty a popular man, and one strong in his friendships.

REV. E. H. BECKHAM.

Rev. Edward H. Beckham is the son of Dr. Robert S. and Mrs. Elizabeth Beckham (*nee* Cauthen), of Kershaw, Lancaster County, South Carolina. That Edward Beckham was converted under Methodist influences and at an early age joined the Methodist Church



was naught but natural. His was a Methodist ancestry on both sides of the house. The Beckhams and the Cauthens were among the first and most devoted adherents of Methodism in Lancaster

County. In him the two streams of Methodist blood united. He was born at Pleasant Hill, Lancaster County, October 13, 1867, and was dedicated to the Lord in baptism by his parents 12th of November following, at the hands of his uncle, Rev. A. J. Cauthen.

His education was received through the common schools, and Butler Alston's school, at Rock Hill, and Bingham's Military School, in North Carolina. Upon the foundation thus laid an assiduous and receptive mind has built continuously and wisely. His call to preach was to him a call to prepare. So at school his Divine call to the ministry was the incentive to study; and later the consuming desire to be prepared to perform the exalted functions of his holy calling gave bent to all his reading. He was licensed to preach in 1892, and in the winter of that year was admitted into the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Since then he has been actively "in the work." His first charge was East Kershaw Circuit, where he labored one year. Then he served a four-year pastorate on the Foreston Circuit, and now is completing his third year on the Jonesville Circuit. All of his charges have responded to his zealous work, and have developed under his care. Too modest to presume to divide the word of truth without due preparation; too energetic to fail to push all phases of the Church's work; too full of a loving zeal for saving souls to fall into any perfunctoriness in doing his Master's work, he has ever been endeared to his flock. These qualifications make him "a work-man that needeth not to be ashamed," and shed forth a bright promise of great usefulness for the future.

Brother Beckham married Miss Minnie Perry in 1893. Their parsonage home is gladdened by the sweet smiles and merry laughter of two bright little girls.



REV. JOHN G. BECKWITH.

John George Beckwith was born near Jamison in the County of Orangeburg, in South Carolina, September 25, 1873. His paternal ancestors were of old Cavalier stock, and came to this country in the seventeenth century with Lord Baltimore and settled in Maryland,



and later in Virginia; while his maternal ancestors, the Moorers, were among the earliest and most highly esteemed settlers in old Orangeburg District in this State. He is the fourth child of Laurence R. Beckwith and Ann Hesse Beckwith (*nee* Moorers).

In boyhood he attended the country schools of the neighborhood, and when twenty years of age went to Sheridan's Classical school in Orangeburg, where he came under the thorough teaching of Hugo G. Sheridan and his sons; and now he is one of the scores of young men in lower South Carolina who rise up and call the memory of this veteran educator blessed. At fifteen, by competitive examination, he won one of the beneficiary cadetships at the South Carolina Military Academy in Charleston. This he did in preference to accepting a course in another college, which he had been offered by an uncle who had already been his benefactor in bringing within his reach the great opportunity of his preparatory education—doing this so that his acceptance of further help might not stand in the way of others. At the Citadel Academy his record for scholarship is evidenced by the fact that some of the time he led his class and at the

end graduated near the head in the class of '92. He fulfilled his obligation to the State by teaching three years. Upon closing up his work at Summerton, in charge of the High school, he made arrangements to enter the South Carolina Conference in obedience to the divine call to the ministry, of which he had been perfectly conscious for some years.

The beginning of his spiritual life antedated this event some years. His awakening and conversion was in the regular work of Young Men's Christian Association, during his first year at college. He joined the Methodist Church at Prospect on Upper St. Matthew's Circuit under Rev. W. H. Lawton. Immediately he was enlisted in Christian work and the revelation became clearer and clearer to him that the ministry was his life work. While his aspirations were all in another direction, he realized the imperativeness of the call and was "not disobedient unto the Heavenly vision," but began to turn his reading in that direction and used all opportunities to work in the Master's cause.

He was licensed to exhort while teaching at Summerton at a quarterly Conference at Andrew's Chapel on the Santee Circuit, Rev. W. C. Power, Presiding Elder, in the spring of 1895. Just at that time Rev. H. M. Mood, in charge of Manning Station, was compelled under weight of years and infirmities to give up his pastorate. The Presiding Elder placed Mr. Beckwith at Manning as supply. That summer he was licensed to preach at the District Conference in Camden and recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. At its ensuing session at Rock Hill, he was admitted and sent to Kershaw Circuit. There began his itinerant work. He remained there four years. During this pastorate the membership nearly doubled, gracious revivals were held, a church debt that had been an incubus on the people was paid, a new parsonage was built and furnished, and Methodism on the charge was infused with a more aggressive spirit than ever before. While there he married on February 3, 1897, Miss Fannie Annesley Brailsford, of Richmond, Va. In her, a lineal descendant of Gen. Wm. Moultrie, he has found truly a helpmeet for his life's work, one deeply interested in his work, whose gentleness, innate graciousness of manner, and sweetness of spirit endear the parsonage household and home to every charge in which the family resides. A sweet little daughter, Annesley Moultrie, of three years, is the sunshine of their home. In December, 1899, he was sent to Barnwell Circuit. Here, though commencing work under numerous embarrassments, his preaching force, his energy of purpose, his carefulness in looking after details, and his consecrated zeal caused the Circuit for the first time in its history, with possibly one exception, to pay all claims in full, and so

endeared him to his people that with one voice they insisted on his being returned to the charge. He continues his work on the same charge 1900-01.

REV. L. L. BEDENBAUGH.

In the historic old County of Edgefield, S. C., on February 1, 1870, the subject of this sketch, Rev. Levi Leroy Bedenbaugh, was born. His parents are James T. and Margaret A. Bedenbaugh, residing in Saluda County, S. C.



Our young friend was not permitted to enjoy a collegiate training, but he has surely tried to make up for it by utilizing every opportunity for his intellectual enlargement. In early boyhood he attended the schools of the country where he lived, after which he spent some time in the graded school of Batesburg, S. C., under the efficient management of Rev. G. Edwin Stokes. He is still studying and acquiring information.

Brother Bedenbaugh was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Batesburg Circuit in 1888, Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, D. D., being his pastor and Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D., being the Presiding Elder. At the fourth Quarterly Conference of the same charge, held September 15, 1888, he was licensed to preach. He was admit-

ted into the Conference on trial at the session held in Sumter, S. C., December, 1893, with J. A. Campbell, T. Grigsby Herbert, W. A. Massebeau, R. E. Mood, G. E. Stokes, J. B. Harris and Peter Stokes. He was ordained Deacon at that session by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, and was ordained Elder at Greenwood by Bishop W. W. Duncan.

Brother Bedenbaugh's appointments have been as follows: Lancaster Circuit, 1894; Tradesville Circuit, 1895-98; Jefferson Circuit, 1899. At this writing he is in the midst of a successful pastorate on that charge. In fact, he is a very successful worker. During his pastorate on the Tradesville charge, about two hundred people were added to the Church on profession of faith. The material interest of the charge was also greatly improved. In his present charge he has lifted a parsonage debt that has given much trouble.

His preaching is the kind that tells for good.

Brother Bedenbaugh was married to Miss Regina A. Whittle, of Edgefield County, on November 22, 1891. They have had five children born unto them, three of whom died in infancy. The other two are Edith Euphala and Uenda—seven and four years respectively.



REV. A. FRANK BERRY.

A. Frank Berry was born near Branchville, Orangeburg County, S. C., Jan. 1st, 1842. He was reared on the farm, educated in the old field schools near his home and at the Branchville and the Shiloh academies under such teachers as Judge James F. Izlar and Hon



Samuel Dibble, and at Ebenezer, near Rock Hill, in York Co., under John R. Sherley and John C. Holly. He was prepared to enter the junior class in the South Carolina College when his education was cut short by the Civil War. In 1861 he enlisted in Company C, First Regiment, S. C. V. Infantry, and reenlisted in 1862 in Company F, Second Regiment, S. C. V. Artillery, and served in this command till the war closed in 1865.

December 7th, 1865, he was married to Miss Emma M. Fairey of Rowesville, S. C., by Rev. J. L. Sifly. In 1864 he was converted and joined the Methodist Church on James Island. In 1875 he was licensed to exhort and 1876 to preach by the Branchville Circuit Quarterly Conference. He was appointed after the death of the pastor, Rev. J. B. Massebeau, to supply the Branchville Circuit in 1884, and as supply on the Providence Circuit in 1885. At Columbia, December, 1885, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference and appointed to Waccamaw Circuit, 1886-87; to Reidville, 1888; Abbeville Circuit, 1889-90-91; Saluda, 1892; North Marlboro, 1893; North Mullins, 1894-95; Boiling Springs, 1896;

Santuc, 1897-98; and Chesterfield, 1899-1900. He has eight children living—one dead. He labored regularly as a local preacher eight years on the Branchville Circuit and one year on the Providence Circuit, always in perfect harmony with his pastors. Has married scores of couples, baptized and taken into the Church hundreds, mostly children and young people, visited the sick, buried the dead, tried to comfort all who were in trouble and expelled but few from the Church. Many have professed conversion under his ministry; some of these have crossed the river, others abide with us to this day.

Names of children: Herbert E. K. Berry, M. Alice Gibson (married), A. Virgil Berry, L. Bessie Rogers (married), E. Stella Berry, B. Oliver Berry, Lewis O. Berry and Maggie V. Berry.

Mr. Berry is one of the "true and tried" Methodist preachers. Thoroughly consecrated in all his powers, he goes forth heralding the good tidings of salvation to all classes and conditions. His great aim is to preach "Christ and Him crucified" to lost men and women. The Lord has graciously blessed the labors of this faithful man.

REV. A. H. BEST.

Rev. Albert Hart Best, son of Mr. George Best and Mrs. Susannah Best, was born at Hartsville, Darlington County, South Carolina, October 10, 1861. His father died when the subject of this sketch was not a year old. His mother still lives, and makes her home with him.

The boy had access to good country schools in his native county at intervals as his mother was able to send him. As he grew older, he began to work his way, and his school terms were governed accordingly. This continued till he was twenty-two years old. About three years later he was enabled, by the help of friends, and particularly by the help of Mr. J. C. Clements, of the Darlington Circuit, to attend college. He spent one year at Vanderbilt University and a year and a half at Wofford College. During his second year at Wofford his health failed, and he was compelled to abandon his college course, greatly to his own sorrow and the disappointment of his friends.

Brother Best's call to preach dates back in childhood, being among the very first religious impressions of his life. Seeing no way of preparing himself for the ministry in his boyhood days, he tried often to dismiss the thought. But God's calls are not easily dismissed, and our friend felt more and more the duty to preach. When he made the full surrender, God, who had called him, opened the way for him to go to college.

He was received on trial into the Conference at Camden, S. C.,

November, 1889, with Jefferson S. Abercrombie, Rufus A. Child, J. R. Copeland, George W. Davis, W. H. Hodges, Melvin B. Kelly, John Manning, J. Marion Rogers, Juno. W. Shell, Whitefoord S. Stokes, Artemas B. Watson and J. A. White. He has served as follows: Cheraw Circuit, 1890; Mars Bluff Circuit, 1891-2; Clyde Circuit, 1893-4; Gourdin Circuit, 1895; Sumter Circuit, 1896; Greer's Circuit, 1897-8; Campobello Circuit, 1899-1901.

While on the Sumter Circuit, the health of Brother Best gave way temporarily, and he was unable to do full service. The doctor advised him to try the up-country. He did so, and his health has been restored, enabling him to go forth fully meeting the demands upon an itinerant's life.

Like all other intelligent men, Brother Best decided, soon after joining the Conference, that it was "not good for man to be alone," so on February 25, 1890, he was married to Miss Lillie Andrews, daughter of Mr. Henry J. and Mrs. Argent Andrews, of Darlington County, S. C. Five children have been born to them—Louise, Marvin Andrews, Robert Henry, Alliene and Lillie.

Brother Best will, perhaps, never be estimated in this world at his true worth. He is modest and retiring, ever feeling a deep sense of his own unworthiness. He is faithful in the discharge of his pastoral duties, and is a thoughtful and logical preacher.



REV. S. J. BETHEA.

Rev. Samuel Joseph Bethea was born in Marion County, S. C., October 7, 1857. His father was the Rev. Samuel J. Bethea, who for forty-five years lived and preached the Gospel as a local minister. His mother, Elizabeth A. Bethea, was one of the excellent of earth.



Reared in a pious Methodist home, our brother was early brought into the Church and converted to God. In his youth he was impressed with a call to preach. Finally this impression became a conviction. Giving himself to prayer for Divine guidance, he made the decision, and peace filled his soul. He received license to preach, and in December, 1883, was received into the South Carolina Conference. His appointments have been: 1884-5, Parksville; 1886-87-88, Abbeville Circuit; 1889-90-91, Bethel, Spartanburg; 1892-93, Darlington Circuit; 1894-95-96-97, Lake City; 1898-99, Mullins; 1900-01, Verdery. In all his labors were blessed of God in the conversion of sinners and the addition of many to the Church. He was also instrumental in the building of a parsonage and several churches. His ministry has been successful.

Brother Bethea was educated in the schools of his native county—and these are of rare excellence. A year was spent by him in Vanderbilt University, his studies being in both the literary and theological departments. These only began his mental development. He

has studied while preaching the Gospel to those to whom he was sent.

Our brother's sermons are prayerfully prepared, simply planned, clearly and earnestly delivered under the power of the Holy Spirit. His experience of the things of God is sincere and satisfying; and he speaks from the heart as well as from the head. His pastoral duties are faithfully discharged. His kind, sympathetic spirit gives him access to the people, and he uses the opportunity to their comfort and help. As a man, he is true and fearless, devoted and unselfish—a man to be relied upon in difficult days as well as when the sun shines.

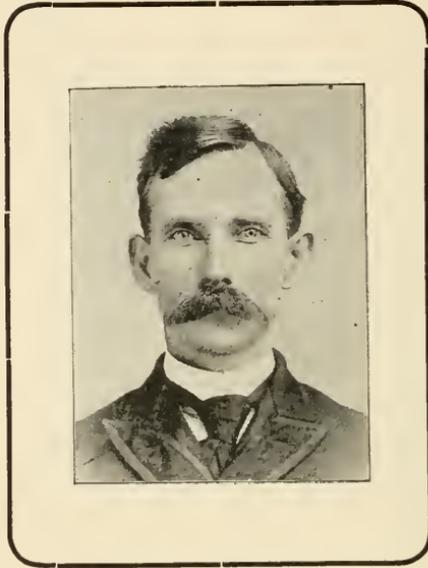
On December 12, 1879, he married Miss Nannie J. Bethea. He and she were schoolmates in childhood—and even then were sweethearts. This lasted through the years, and they married—only to love each other more and more as time has passed. She has known much sickness and suffering, but these afflictions made them dearer to each other. One child was born of this union—Samuel J. Bethea, Jr.

When the Day of Days comes there will be revealed a life of such single-mindedness and such fidelity to God and man that many might covet the Divine approval which will be accorded Samuel Joseph Bethea! The writer knows him, and knew his people before him.



REV. W. A. BETTS, A. B.

William Archibald Betts, son of Rev. A. D. Betts, D. D., of the North Carolina Conference, was born at Blockersville, in Cumberland County, N. C., Sept. 22, 1857. Nearly twelve years thereafter he was "born again" at old Zion Church, in Brunswick County, N.



C. Being a son of a Methodist itinerant, he was reared in several sections of his native State. The following places of residence he recollects: Southport, Chapel Hill, Scott's Hill, Oxford, Rolesville, Ansonville, Mt. Pleasant, and Greensboro. In each of which, except the first and last, he "went to school," and was graduated from the State University in the class of 1880. Governor Aycock was class prophet, and prophesied: "Betts will do his duty." He humbly hopes to bring to pass the prognostication.

Having been elected to the general secretaryship of the Young Men's Christian Association of the City of Charleston, S. C., he entered upon the duties of the office early in the summer of the same year (1880), and spent a part of June and July studying the work as conducted in Chicago, Harrisburg, Newburg, Poughkeepsie, Philadelphia and New York city. The balance of the summer was spent in making a tour of the local associations in South Carolina, seeking to help forward the work of those already existing, and organizing new associations. After a fall and winter campaign in the City by the Sea, with varying degrees of success in association work, he sought and received the appointment as pastor of the Clarendon Circuit, South Carolina Conference, taking, in March, 1881,

the place of Rev. James W. Koger, who went as a missionary to Brazil.

He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Trinity Church, Charleston, during the pastorate of Dr. A. Coke Smith and W. P. Mouzon, P. E., preaching his maiden sermon in St. James' Church on the following Sabbath morning, while Dr. H. F. Chreitzberg, the pastor, was filling the pulpit of the Westminster Presbyterian Church by special request.

On May 12, 1881, he was married to Miss Lillie E. Wadsworth, of Chesterfield County, S. C., an alumna of Columbia Female College, whose unselfish devotion to her husband and his work for Christ contributed more than any other human help to achieve whatever of success attended his labors as a minister to the time of her demise at Richburg, S. C., 24th April, 1896. Of the six children born to them, five survive. May 4th, 1898, he was married to Miss Lula F. Young, of Greenwood County, S. C., an alumna of the Greenville Female College.

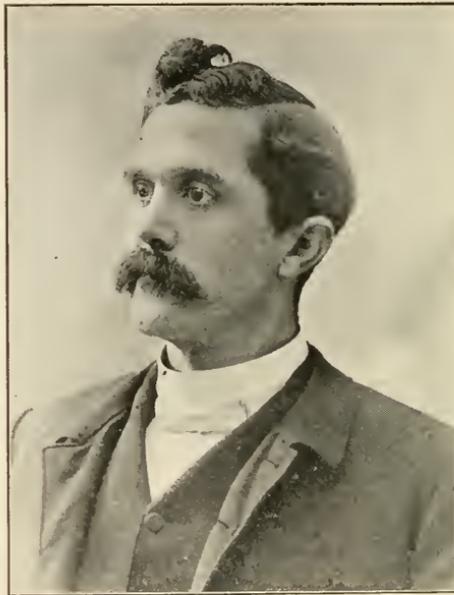
In December, 1881, at Union Court House, he was received on trial into the South Carolina Annual Conference, and has since served appointments as follows: Philoh Station, 1882-83; Greenville Circuit, 1884-85; Williamston Circuit, 1886-87; Graniteville Circuit, 1888-89; Cumberland Mission, Charleston, 1890-91; Clinton Circuit, 1892-93; Richburg Circuit, 1894-95-96; Ninety-Six Circuit, 1897-98; Branchville Circuit, 1899; Kershaw Circuit, 1900.

Brother Betts is one of our most thoroughly consecrated men, ever striving to do his full duty in the cause of Christ. Gracious revivals attend his ministry and happy conversions are results of his preaching. As a pastor, he is thoughtful and sympathetic.



REV. S. T. BLACKMAN.

Rev. Samuel Townsend Blackman, son of Mr. W. H. and Mrs. M. J. Blackman, was born at Cokesbury, S. C., Aug. 5, 1860. His education was started at home, and was continued in the common and high schools of Abbeville and Anderson Counties. He also



attended other schools, but did not graduate at any college. He regretted very much his inability to take a college course, and strove the harder to make up this deficiency by hard study.

In 1882, Brother Blackman felt divinely called to preach. It was under the ministry of Rev. J. W. Daniel, D. D., who was then on the Pendleton Circuit. Our good brother at first tried to evade the duty of preaching, going into society, moving away, and in various ways endeavoring to throw off the impression. But, Jonah-like, he found that the only way of peace and safety lay in submission to the heavenly commission.

He was received on trial into the Conference at Spartanburg, S. C., December, 1887, R. L. Holroyd, A. B. Earle, W. E. Barre, J. W. Kilgo, W. B. Duncan, John L. Harley, R. A. Yongue, J. P. Attaway, W. L. Wait and J. E. Mahaffey being his "partners in distress."

His labors have been distributed as follows: Anderson Circuit, 1888-9; Campobello Circuit, 1890-2; Whitmire Circuit, 1893-6; Belmont Circuit, 1897-8; Waterloo, 1899; Antreville Station, 1900-

1901. In all of these charges our brother has been successful. Each year of his itinerant life he has been instrumental in leading souls to Christ. He has built one parsonage, two churches, and repaired several. He makes it a rule to carry up each year a better report than the charge sent before. In this he has succeeded remarkably well.

Brother Blackman has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Claudia Harper, of Anderson County, January 24, 1889. This wife died about one year after this date. His second marriage was to Miss Ida S. Harper, May 24, 1892. From this union there is one child—Mary Helen.

Our friend is a splendid revivalist, having had some remarkable meetings during his ministerial life. His preaching tells upon the lives of his hearers.

REV. S. H. BOOTH.

Rev. Stannie Hart Booth, was born near Conway, Horry County, South Carolina, June 15, 1873. He comes from genuine Methodist



stock, and from the influences thrown about him during his life we are not surprised at his call to preach the Gospel.

His boyhood days were spent upon the farm, and his earliest recollections embrace impressions at the family altar, the Sunday School and the Church. His primary education was obtained through the agency of the three months' public schools, and diligent study around the pine-knot fire at night, after the day's toils were over. He won a scholarship in the South Carolina Military Academy through competitive examination, and graduated in 1895 with honors. He took high grade as a student in morals and scholarship. No cadet among them was more respected for piety and consecration to God.

Brother Booth joined the Church at 12 years of age, but was not converted until six years later. His conversion was clear-cut, and no doubts have marred his spiritual sky since. Early after conversion came the call to preach, and his convictions as to this call grew more intense as the days came and went.

He was licensed to preach at the District Conference at Clio, S. C., in April, 1897, and at the same Conference was recommended to the South Carolina Annual Conference for admission on trial.

His first appointment was the Van Wyck Circuit, in 1898. He served this charge one year. The next year—1899—he served the York Circuit, and is at present on this work. He was ordained a Deacon at the last Conference, in Orangeburg, S. C., by Bishop Key.

Brother Booth is a diligent pastor, and has the love and esteem of his people. He is a pure gospel preacher, and those who attend upon his ministry of the Word are edified and instructed. He is a constantly growing preacher. He knows how to use his books to best advantage.

He is still unmarried, but his hopes for bettering his condition are still encouraging.



REV. DAVID PETTUS BOYD.

Rev. David Pettus Boyd, the youngest son of Rev. Mark Moore Boyd and Elizabeth Boyd, whose maiden name was Epting, was born September 14, 1849, Newberry District, S. C. His grandparents were Rev. Nathan and Elizabeth Boyd (*née* Tigert), who came from Ireland when both were children.



He received a fair English education near the place of his birth, in and around the famous "Crab Orchard" school house. At the age of ten years he joined the Methodist Church under the ministry of Rev. Jas. T. Kilgo and was happily converted to God when about sixteen years old.

December 24, 1868, he was married to Miss Sarah Caroline Thompson, of Newberry District, S. C., by Rev. J. Marion Boyd. As a result of this union three children were born unto them: Florence Levina, Claudius Thompson and David Albert. The only daughter, Florence, died in the eighteenth year of her age and went to her home in Heaven. She, with the two brothers, joined the Church of their parents in early childhood, and all professed saving faith in Christ. Claudius T. married Miss St. Laurens Farrow of Cross Anchor, S. C. He is now engaged in the mercantile business at Union, S. C., and succeeding in temporal and spiritual things.

David Albert has successfully completed his sophomore year in

Wofford College, and is now teaching school with a view to reentering college in October, 1901, to complete his education.

The impression was made upon Brother Boyd's mind that God had called him to preach the Gospel several years before he yielded to the call. November 12, 1881, he was licensed to exhort. July 22, 1882, he was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of Saluda Circuit to preach, Rev. C. H. Pritchard, P. E.; Rev. J. B. Traywick, P. C. He traveled Saluda Circuit in 1883 as junior supply and taught school during the week at Butler church.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Sumter, December, 1883, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. From this Conference he was sent to Clinton Circuit, where he remained for four consecutive years, during which time he built and paid for a nice parsonage, and built Sandy Springs church. From Clinton he was sent to Jonesville Circuit, where he also remained four years. During his stay on this work New Hope church was built, Boggansville was remodeled and all the churches on the circuit repainted except two. From Jonesville he went to Belmont and served this Circuit four years, during which time he built Grace chapel. His next appointment was North Laurens Circuit. His record was not broken here, as he served the full limit at this place, during which time Dial's church was modernized and beautified under his supervision. After having spent sixteen years in Spartanburg District, he was sent to Newberry Circuit, the place where he was born and brought up, and has just closed one of the most pleasant and successful years of his ministry, proving an exception to the statement that "a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country." He has entered hopefully upon his second year on this work. Few men have had a more successful career in the South Carolina Conference than Brother Boyd's has been. During the eighteen years of his ministry he has taken nearly a thousand persons into the Church, and has been instrumental in leading scores of souls to a saving knowledge of the Gospel of the Son of God. May his bow long abide in strength.

REV. GEO. M. BOYD.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. George McPherson Boyd, is one of the true and tried Methodist itinerants. He came from good Methodist stock, his parents being Rev. Mark Moore Boyd (everybody's "Uncle Mark") and Elizabeth Boyd, of Newberry County, S. C. He was born September 17, 1837.



Brother Boyd was educated in various schools and under different teachers, owing more, perhaps, to Hon. John C. Wilson than to any other teacher. "Uncle Mark" did all he could with his limited means for the education of his children. In the school training Brother Boyd received, only the foundation was laid. He has been a hard student of both men and books.

For four years Brother Boyd fought against the call to preach. During this struggle he met Rev. O. A. Darby, D. D., one day on the streets of Newberry. With a prophet's vision the good doctor said: "Brother Boyd, somehow I feel that God has called you to preach. It will be the best thing you ever did to obey the call." After much prayer and meditation, our good brother yielded and was licensed to preach at old New Hope Church, on the Newberry Circuit, Rev. Sidi H. Browne, Presiding Elder.

At the session of the Conference held in Charleston, S. C., December, 1870, Brother Boyd was received on trial and his labors have been as follows: Yorkville Circuit, 1871; South Abbeville, 1872-4;

Clinton Circuit, 1875; Columbia Circuit, 1876; Jonesville Circuit, 1877-8; York Circuit, 1879; Reidville Circuit, 1880-2; Laurens Circuit, 1883-4; Clio and Blenheim, 1885-8; Bennettsville and Brightsville, 1889-90; Waterloo, 1891; Cokesbury, 1892-3; Gaffney Circuit, 1894-5; Pacolet Station, 1896-7; Lamar Circuit, 1898-1900; Chester Circuit, 1901. In all these charges our brother has labored faithfully, acceptably and successfully. During his ministry about twenty five hundred people have been added by him to the Church rolls.

He is a strong preacher, his sermons being thoroughly prepared and delivered with much force. His pastoral work is characterized by earnestness and sympathy. All the results go to show that the hand of the Lord was surely in the call of George M. Boyd to the ministry of the Word. He is modest and unpretentious, and will, perhaps, never be estimated at his true value in this world; but God knows his own and has put the divine approval upon the labors of his servant.

Brother Boyd has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mary Jane Thompson, of Newberry County, S. C., on March 4, 1858. Of this union were born Nettie Thompson, Mamie Elizabeth, William Bowman, Thomas Jefferson, Carrie Lavinia, Robert Jay and Eulalie. The second marriage was to Miss Corinne Anderson, of Waterloo, S. C., May 12, 1891. Of this union one daughter was born—Corinne Anderson.

To the brief data furnished his friend for the above sketch, Brother Boyd added a foot-note, saying: "I am now in the thirty-first year of my ministry, and if I had as many more before me I would be glad to devote them to God and his service."

REV. R. C. BOULWARE.

Rev. Robert Chesley Boulware, son of Mr. James R. Boulware and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Herbert Boulware, was born March 13, 1866.

His education was begun in the common schools of Newberry County. At the age of seventeen years he was sent to the school at Wellford, under the management of Prof. W. S. Morrison, now of Clemson College. His course here was broken up by the death of his father. In the fall after his father's death he went to Prosperity High School, and remained there for two or three years. From this place he went to Wofford College.

Having been trained by a pious mother, young Boulware joined the Church in childhood, being converted at the age of ten years. Immediately after his conversion, he felt impressed with the Divine

call to preach. This impression deepened with passing years; but he did not yield until twelve or fifteen years after the first call.

Brother Boulware joined the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Laurens in December, 1894, Martin L. Banks, Jr., Connor B. Burns, Henry J. Cauthen, Waddy T. Duncan, William S. Goodwin, E. S. Jones, W. A. Kelly, S. A. Nettles, W. A. Pitts, J. R. Sojourner, W. J. Snyder and Preston B. Wells joining at the same time. He has served as follows: Fort Motte Circuit, 1895-6; Salters Circuit, 1897-9; Langley Circuit, 1900; supernumerary, 1901.

Brother Boulware was married December 28, 1897, to Miss Lily L. Hodge, of Pinewood, Clarendon County, S. C. After a long and painful illness, Sister Boulware died at Langley, S. C., July 19, 1900.

Brother Boulware himself was ill for quite a while during the year 1900, and his health was so impaired that he found it necessary to ask for a supernumerary relation at the recent session of the Conference. Though he had had much sickness, and many trials, our good brother had patiently labored on, and had accomplished much good. We sincerely hope for his speedy restoration, and that he may soon be able to re-enter the glorious work.



REV. M. M. BRABHAM.

One of the best men in the South Carolina Conference is Rev. Matthew Moye Brabham, son of Mr. Robt. C. Brabham and Mary R. Brabham (*nee* McMillan). He was born in the Buford Bridge section of Barnwell County, S. C., on October 15, 1848.



Young Brabham had been utilizing the advantages offered him by the schools of his county, but at the age of sixteen he was led to quit school and enter the Confederate Army, intending to re-enter school later on. In this, however, he was disappointed. His father's home was in the track of "Sherman's raid," and the entire home was so broken up that the boy's cherished plan for obtaining an advanced education was shattered.

He joined the Church in October, 1871, and was converted in July, 1872. He was licensed to exhort November 29, 1873, was licensed to preach July 25, 1874, and was ordained Deacon at Charleston, S. C., Dec. 21, 1879, by Bishop Wightman. Brother Brabham was admitted into the Conference during the session held at Union, S. C., December, 1881. He was ordained Elder by Bishop McTyeire, in Charleston, S. C., Dec. 21, 1884. His labor has been as follows: Allendale Circuit, 1882-4; Black Swamp Circuit, 1885; Newberry Circuit, 1886-9; Ninety-Six Circuit, 1890-3; Edgefield Circuit, 1894-6; superannuate, 1897-8; 1899-1900.

Brother Brabham has been twice married. He was first married

to Miss Sallie T. Simmons, of Bamberg, S. C. As the result of this union six children were born unto them—Maud, Maggie, Fannie, Eddie, Paul and Holland. Sister Brabham died at Newberry, S. C., in 1886. In 1888 he was married to Miss Fannie C. Cannon, of Newberry County. They have three children—Malcolm, Mary Moye and James Elliott.

Brother Brabham's faithful work has told wherever he has labored. The Lord has blessed his service to the salvation of many souls and to the advancement of the Divine Kingdom. He is a very lovable man, and makes scores of friends wherever he goes.

Brother Brabham is not physically able at this time to do full service, but he is going on in his feebleness, doing his utmost to serve the Master and the Church.

REV. HENRY BASCOM BROWNE.

Rev. Henry Bascom Browne, son of Mr. J. M. and Mrs. L. L. Browne, was born in Anderson County, S. C., on July 20, 1852. He received his primary and high school training at Ebenezer Academy, in Anderson County, under the wise supervision of Prof. C. C. Reed.



His training in Latin was obtained under Prof. McCartha in Columbia, S. C. Mr. Browne took a partial course in theology under the supervision of the Chautauqua School of Theology and also pursued

the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Course. He has been a hard student all his life, and while he is what is popularly called a "self-made man," he is evidently a well made man.

Mr. Browne entered the Conference at Chester, S. C., December 1876, and has served the following charges: Sampit Circuit and Mission, 1877; Fork Shoals Circuit, 1878-1881; Greenville Circuit, 1882-1883; Belmont Circuit, 1884-1885; Cumberland Station, 1886-1889; Florence Station, 1890-1893; Walhalla and Seneca Station, 1894; Rock Hill Station, 1895-1896; St. Paul's Station, 1897-1898; Orangeburg District, 1899-1901.

The subject of this sketch has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mollie M. Moody, of Columbia, S. C. From this marriage there are two sons—Claude S. and M. Capers. His second marriage was to Mrs. Maria B. Chase, of Florence, S. C., August 29, 1894.

Mr. Browne has been an indefatigable worker, but has thriven upon it. In pastoral work, he has strengthened the weak and comforted the sorrowing and dying; in the pulpit he has been a faithful dispenser of the Word of life; as an organizer he has especially excelled. Faithful and painstaking, his work all along, whether in the pastorate or on the various Conference Boards where he has served, has been characterized by depth and thoroughness, and has possessed a lasting quality, as his brethren will testify.

If work proves a man's worth to his Conference, surely Brother Browne is an invaluable member. Let the following facts speak: He is now the Secretary of the Board of Education and of the Executive Committee of the same, and consequently of the Twentieth Century Movement in South Carolina. He is in charge of the educational department of *The Southern Christian Advocate*; he is a member of the publishing committee of *The Southern Christian Advocate*, and has been Chairman of the Committee on Minutes for quite a number of years. He is now the honored President of the South Carolina Historical Society, and his admirable work in this position is known to all.

To shorten this article, which might otherwise assume too lengthy proportions, the following summary is offered, the truth of which will be vouched for by all who enjoy an intimate acquaintance with the subject of this sketch. He is a manly man; he thinks along high lines, and strives to reach high ideals. With a nervous temperament strung to a very high key, he has a fine sense of honor that refuses to infringe upon the rights of others, and claims fair dealing for himself. He is a man of strong conviction, and the tenacity with which he holds to his opinions is perhaps sometimes mistaken for stubbornness. Strong in his attachments, he stands by his friends and their interests come what may.

REV. SIDI H. BROWNE.

Sidi Hamet Browne, son of Elijah and Sarah McPherson Browne, was born in old Pendleton District, now Anderson County, South Carolina, September 23, 1819. He was of Scotch-Irish stock, the first of his ancestors in America, Robert Browne, having come from



Dumfries, Scotland, and settled in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, in 1660; his grandfather, another Robert Browne, came to South Carolina and settled in Pendleton District in 1784.

Growing up on his father's farm, his educational advantages were meager, an occasional term at the neighborhood "old field" school constituting all the help he ever enjoyed from a teacher. By such early training a substantial, though plain, foundation was laid, upon which Sidi Browne, unaided, perseveringly did mental building that qualified him for the beginning of a life-work which developed into a wide and important field.

While yet a youth he spent two years clerking in a mercantile establishment in the flourishing town of Hamburg, S. C. After returning to Anderson County, he married, July 10, 1838, Miss Eliza Emeline Geer, who bore him a son and a daughter, the latter surviving in the person of Mrs. Sallie B. Smith, of Memphis, Tenn. During this time he was engaged in teaching school. Prior to his wife's death (which occurred in 1844), he came into a vital knowledge of the love of God and became an adherent of the religion of Jesus Christ. His experience wrought a veritable "conversion" in

his case: it was distinct and clear—the hour and circumstances in which he found salvation unto his soul remaining vividly in mind through the last days of his life.

Some time after joining the Methodist Church he became impressed that it was his duty to preach the gospel. Not yielding to the impression, his enjoyment of religion diminished. For quite a while he continued in this unhappy state; but the impression grew into a profound conviction that he must use his life in the service of Christ and his fellow men. Ere long he obeyed the call and offered himself for the Methodist ministry. He was first licensed to exhort; then to preach; and at the session of the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Fayetteville, N. C., in December, 1845, he was "admitted on trial" into that body.

His Conference work was as follows: 1846, Union Circuit; 1847, Newberry Circuit; 1848, Cokesbury Circuit; 1849, Wilmington; 1850, Cokesbury Circuit; 1851-2, Edgefield Circuit; 1853, Pendleton Circuit; 1854, Sumter Circuit; 1855-6, Wadesboro Circuit; 1857, Union Circuit; 1858-59-60-61, Wadesboro District; 1862, Ninety-Six Circuit; 1863-4-5-6, Cokesbury District; 1867, Marion Station; 1868, Marion Street Station, Columbia; 1869-70-71-72, Columbia District; 1873-74, agent Columbia Female College; 1875-76-77, Aiken Mission; 1878-79-80-81, Summerville Station; 1882-83-84-85, Florence District; 1886-87, Leesville and Concord.

At the Conference held in Spartanburg in December, 1887, he was granted the "superannuated" relation, in which he continued the rest of his life. From first to last he never missed a session of the Conference.

Such dates and names set forth as they are above tell no more of his work than do the titles of many books. So distasteful to him was anything like self-praise that of his ministerial work this writer never heard a word from his lips which would convey an adequate idea of his steadfast and successful service, though he spoke often and with particularity of the many kindnesses shown him on his different charges from first to last. But there have been not a few men and women in the last half a century who have appreciated and gratefully borne testimony to the faithfulness and fruitfulness of his labors in the Master's vineyard. He loved his work and his fellow-workers, and he appreciated the esteem manifested for him. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of the Church in 1862, 1866 and 1874, and a reserve on several other occasions. As a preacher, he was plain, it being his desire to present the truths of the Gospel in such a manner as to reach the simplest as well as the most cultivated minds.

When closing his second appointment to Cokesbury Circuit he married (Dec. 3, 1850) Miss Amelia Martha Bass, daughter of Rev.

Henry Bass. By this union four sons and two daughters were born. All of them, except one son, preceded their parents to the grave. After a beautiful wedded life of nearly forty-five years, Mrs. Browne died in 1895. In his family life the husband and father was a grand man—not "commanding," but by his own nobility and loving kindness drawing forth the love and admiration of wife and children.

He established *The Christian Neighbor* in Columbia, S. C., on April 2, 1868, since which time it has continued regularly every week to advocate the principles of brotherly love enunciated by Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. When he joined the South Carolina Press Association in 1881 the office of Chaplain was created, and he was elected to fill it, and every year since he has been honored by his brethren of the press in a re-election.

REV. A. N. BRUNSON.

The South Carolina Conference is fortunate in having such a large number of active, well-qualified and successful young men. To this number belongs the subject of this sketch, Rev. Alexander Nelson



Brunson. He was born in Greenville, S. C., October 15, 1868, and is the son of Mr. George W. Brunson and Mrs. Sophia S. Brunson, (*née* Stephens).

Brother Brunson has had most excellent educational advantages and he has made good use of them. He received his preparatory education at the famous Sheridan Classical Institute, Orangeburg, S. C., during the palmy days of that great teacher, Prof. Hugo G. Sheridan. From this school he went to the South Carolina Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., graduating from that institution as captain and valedictorian of his class in 1888. For some time he attended the theological department of Vanderbilt University, but left before graduating in order to join the Conference and enter at once upon the great work to which his young life has been devoted.

From his childhood Brother Brunson felt impressed that he should preach the Gospel. As he grew up this impression deepened until it became irresistible. He joined the Conference during the session held at Darlington, S. C., December, 1891, Bishop John C. Granberry, presiding. A. J. Cauthen, Jr., C. Hovey Clyde, John D. Crout, James H. Thacker, William C. Winn and Eli M. McKissick (from the Protestant Methodist Church) joined at the same session. He has served the following charges: Leesville Circuit, 1892; Barnwell Circuit, 1893; Blackville Circuit, 1894; Fountain Inn Circuit, 1895; Yorkville Station, 1896-99; Lancaster Circuit, 1900; Yorkville Station, 1901.

Brother Brunson has been married twice. His first marriage was to Miss Janie Boyd Jones, of Laurens, S. C., who lived only a few months. On April 3rd, 1894, he was married to Miss S. Philo Jones of Laurens, S. C., a sister of his first wife. From this second union two children have been born—George W., Jr., born April 4, 1897, and Alexander N., Jr., born May 10, 1899.

Our young friend is making a splendid record in the Conference. He is a strong preacher, a kind and thoughtful pastor and a successful worker.



REV. C. B. BURNS.

Rev. Connor Black Burns was born June 25, 1860, near Pendleton, S. C., and is the son of R. M. and A. B. Burns.

Reared in a Christian home where the study of the Bible and reading good literature were prominent, he early gave attention to



religion. He joined the Church at ten years of age. Attended regularly the common and high schools of country and towns until grown. Taught school very successfully in his native county four years. He is still a close and persevering student.

He was converted when seventeen years old and immediately felt called to preach. Taking care to ascertain that the influence was of God, he consecrated himself to the ministry. Admitted into the South Carolina Annual Conference at Laurens, December, 1894, he was sent as Junior Preacher to Johnsonville Circuit and served that charge during 1895, with Rev. N. K. Melton as Senior. He was appointed to Cheraw Circuit for 1896, Westminster Circuit for 1897, Traveler's Rest Circuit for 1898, Santuc for 1899, 1900, 1901.

On April 12, 1896, he was married to Miss Pearl Sadler, daughter of Mr. David F. Sadler, of Anderson.

In the pastorate he is ever watchful and attentive to all classes. In the pulpit he is earnest and clear, showing that there has been diligent preparation.

In his associations he shows a retiring disposition but is sympathetic, forming many strong friendships. He gives much attention to current literature and good books. In his family he is ever responsive and affectionate.

REV. D. A. CALHOUN.

Rev. Duncan Archibald Calhoun, son of Mr. John Calhoun and Mrs. Aminta Bristow Calhoun, was born in Marlboro County, S. C., August 26, 1845. His educational advantages were such as the schools and academies of the county afforded, principally Clio and Hebron Academies. Here the writer wishes to insert an extract from the brief data furnished him for this sketch. Brother Calhoun says: "Our studies were Mitchel's Geography, Davis' Arithmetic, Smith's Grammar and the old Blue Back Speller. Diplomas were blue streaked legs made with long opossum haw and chinquepin switches, laid on vigorously." The influence of the studies and the diploma doubtless lingers with our brother till this good day.

Brother Calhoun was converted at Little Rock, S. C., in the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, during the ministry of Rev. John H. Zimmerman. He at once felt called to preach, and yielded to the Divine call. He was first licensed to exhort, and afterwards to preach, Rev. J. Marion Boyd being the Presiding Elder. During the year 1885 he served as a supply on the Pee Dee Mission. In December of that year he was admitted into the Conference on trial, with E. B. Loyless, A. Frank Berry, E. Olin Watson, J. M. Steadman, T. C. O'Dell, J. Fletcher Anderson, A. M. Attaway, T. C. Ligon, Walter I. Herbert and John Owen. His charges have been as follows: South Branchville Circuit, 1886; Salters Circuit, 1887; Cainhoy, 1888-9; Richland Circuit, 1890; Pee Dee, 1891-2; Conway Circuit, 1893-5; Waccamaw, 1896-9; Grover Circuit, 1900-1.

Brother Calhoun was married June 25, 1869, to Miss Rebecca Ann Huestess. They have five children—Wade H., John C., James A., Duncan N. and Alexander B.

Brother Calhoun is true to the core. His great modesty will not allow him to appear at his real worth. His sermons are excellent, prepared with great care, and delivered with effectiveness. Many are led to Christ under his preaching.

REV. JAMES A. CAMPBELL.

Rev. James Alexander Campbell belongs to that large class of rising young men in the South Carolina Conference. He is the son of Rev. J. B. Campbell, one of the most prominent members of our Conference, and Mrs. Ervenia Campbell. He was born on the first



day of June, 1865.

His school life began in Orangeburg, S. C., under one of the best and kindest teachers, "Aunt Celena Evins." After three years under the influence and instruction of this good woman, our young friend attended various schools throughout the State. In October, 1882, he entered Wofford College and graduated therefrom in the class of 1886.

Brother Campbell first realized the divine call to the ministry in the year 1890, while teaching in the town of Bennettsville, S. C. He did not, however, respond to the call immediately, but kept striving to evade the duty of preaching. This neglect of a plain duty had its hurtful effect upon his spiritual condition. In 1893, at a meeting at old New Hope Church, on the Cypress Circuit, conducted by Rev. W. A. Wright, he felt again the love of God in his heart and decided to accept the divinely appointed work. He was licensed to preach at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Cypress Circuit, held at Cypress Camp Ground, October 26, 1893, Rev. R. Newton Wells, D. D., being the Presiding Elder.

In November, 1893, Brother Campbell, with L. L. Bedenbaugh, T. Grigsby Herbert, W. A. Massebeau, R. E. Mood, G. E. Stokes, J. B. Harris and Peter Stokes, was received into the South Carolina Conference at Sumter, S. C., Bishop Hargrove presiding.

His labors have been as follows: Waterloo Circuit, 1894-6; Fort Mill Circuit, 1897-8; Little Rock Circuit, 1899-1901. In these charges success has attended the labors of our friend. His preaching is plain and practical and is fruitful in results. He is ever on the alert for the best interests of the charge, and takes special pains to leave everything in fine shape for his successor. In moving from a field of labor he is careful to leave the parsonage and its surroundings in good condition.

Brother Campbell was married on January 20, 1892, near Summerville, S. C., to Miss Dora Byrd. They have four children: Louise Ervenia, born April 7, 1893; Carlisle Caston, born at Waterloo, S. C., May 15, 1895; Ervenia, born at Waterloo, November 7, 1896; James Alexander, Jr., born at Fort Mill, S. C., July 7, 1898.



REV. J. B. CAMPBELL.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. James Boykin Campbell, has for many years been one of the most prominent members of our Conference and a leader in South Carolina Methodism. He was born April 7, 1837. His father, Alexander Campbell, was of Scotch



Presbyterian stock. His mother's maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Sims Corbet.

He was educated in the best schools and academies of Sumter County. He left school at the age of eighteen years and entered business as a clerk in a large dry goods establishment in Charleston, S. C.

He was converted in Trinity Church, Charleston, April 12, 1858, under the ministry of Rev. J. T. Wightman, D. D. As he went forward to give his hand to the preacher he was joyously converted in a moment and yet he did not experience the Witness of Spirit until a service that afternoon held at Bethel Church. Within a few weeks after his conversion, Brother Campbell felt satisfied as to the Divine call to preach. The call was so clear and unmistakable that he has never doubted it.

In November, 1859, Brother Campbell joined the South Carolina Conference, having as his classmates Thomas J. Clyde, John W. Humbert and Andrew Jackson Stokes. Since his reception on trial he has served as follows: Junior preacher, with Rev. G. W. Ivey,

on Marion Circuit, 1860; Lynch's Creek Circuit, 1861; junior preacher, with Tracy Walsh, on Bennettsville Circuit, 1862; Marion Circuit, with Rev. Thomas Mitchell, 1863. In September of this year he left the circuit, by the consent of the Quarterly Conference, to act as Chaplain of the Sixth Regiment of Cavalry. Lynch's Creek Circuit, 1865-7; Santee Circuit, 1868-70; Black Swamp Circuit, 1871; Darlington Circuit, 1872-3; Orangeburg Station, 1874-6; Graniteville, 1877; Union, 1878; Newberry Station, 1879-81; Richburg Circuit, 1882; Spartanburg Station, 1883-5; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1886-7; Summerville Station, 1888-9; Beaufort Station, 1890-1; Cokesbury District, 1892-5; Rock Hill District, 1896-9; Anderson Station, 1900-1901. In all of these, Brother Campbell has been loyal and faithful, and a good degree of success has attended his labors. At some places he has had phenomenal success. His first year was one of great victory, he having the pleasure of receiving one hundred and twenty-three people into the Church. While he was pastor on the Santee Circuit, a young lad was converted who afterwards became the famous R. Newton Wells, D. D., who for so many years was a popular member of our Conference.

Our dear brother is now in his forty-second year in the Conference, and in all this time has taken only one vacation, and that for only two weeks, and by the advice of his physician, after a protracted case of fever. In many of his charges he has had great revivals, in which he generally did the preaching himself. Occasionally he would call a brother pastor to his aid. His preaching is strong and clear, with sufficient illustration to enable the hearer to fully grasp the thought. He is a diligent and attentive pastor.

On September 6, 1864, Brother Campbell was married to Mrs. E. E. Davis, daughter of Mr. Wm. F. Richardson and Mrs. Martha Richardson, Rev. J. W. Crider, of Virginia, officiating. Of this union seven children were born—James Alexander, now a rising young member of the Conference, John S., of Anderson, S. C., and five daughters.

REV. M. L. CARLISLE, D. D.

The South Carolina Conference has no finer specimen of well-rounded manhood than is found in the subject of this sketch, Rev. Mark L. Carlisle. He is a fine specimen of physical manhood, a good illustration of intellectual development, and a striking embodi-



ment of spiritual force and influence.

He is the son of Rev. John M. Carlisle, one of the most highly honored members of the Conference, and Mrs. Elizabeth Carlisle. He was born at Pendleton, S. C., on October 13, 1863.

Brother Carlisle has had the very best educational advantages. His preparatory training was received in the usual schools of the country. His collegiate training was received at Wofford College, where, in 1882, he won the Greek medal, and from which institution he graduated in June, 1883, with the first honor of his class. While in college, he made a specialty of the languages. His purpose was to teach, so he earnestly tried to master everything in the college course so that he might be fully prepared for his life-work. But God had even a better work than this for his servant.

Brother Carlisle was converted in 1885 at Marion, S. C., and the divine call to preach came immediately. The call was so clear and distinct that he had nothing to do but yield himself and enter with all his soul into the work.

During the session of the Conference held at Orangeburg, S. C.,

in December, 1886, Brother Carlisle, with A. W. Attaway, John A. Rice, C. W. Creighton, M. W. Hook and Preston L. Kirton, was received on trial.

He has labored in the following fields: Clifton Circuit, 1887; Walthalla Circuit, 1888-90; Camden Station, 1891-4; Chester Station, 1895-6; Central Church, Spartanburg, 1897-1900. At the recent session of the Conference he was sent to Washington Street, Columbia, where he has most auspiciously entered upon the year's work.

As a preacher, Brother Carlisle is far above the ordinary. His style is quiet and conversational. His object is to quietly inject into the minds and hearts of his hearers truths that are destined to produce a harvest in life and character. His life is controlled by a great purpose and with continued health and strength our young friend will ultimately reach the goal of a great ministry. In June, 1901, Wofford College conferred the honorary degree of D. D. upon him.

REV. JOHN ELAM CARLISLE, A. M.

The subject of this sketch is the eldest child of Rev. John M. and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Carlisle. He was born at Cokesbury, S. C., May 10th, 1851. On May 2nd, 1877, he married Miss Emma Legare Jones, daughter of Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D. She died August 7th, 1894, leaving no children. He married again, Nov. 6th, 1895, the lady being Miss Katharine Roland, of Laurens, S. C.

His preparatory education was obtained in common schools during boyhood. Preparation for college was made under Mr. J. A. Townsend, at Williamston, S. C., and Prof. W. J. Ligon, at Anderson, S. C. He entered Wofford College in October, 1869, and was graduated on June 25th, 1873, with degree of A. B. He subsequently received degree of A. M.

While in college he felt moved to preach the Gospel, but resisted for several months, finally yielding in May, 1872. In August of the same year he was licensed to preach at Sumter, S. C. In December, 1873, he was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial, since which time he has served continuously. In December, 1875, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener, at Orangeburg; and in 1877, Elder, by Bishop Doggett, at Columbia.

He has served the following charges: Cheraw Station, 1874-5; Yorkville Station, 1876; Chester Station, 1877-8; Anderson Station, 1879-82; Union Station, 1883-4; Orangeburg Station, 1885-7; Spring Street, Charleston, 1888-9; Summerville Station, 1890-2; Darlington Station, 1893-4; Laurens Station, 1895; Union Station

(second time), 1896-7; Lancaster Station, 1898-9; Walterboro Station, 1900.

Brother Carlisle is a strong preacher, expressing forceful thoughts in fluent style. He does not preach metaphysics, but the plain Gospel of Christ, and his aim in preaching is not to gain the admiration of his hearers, but to save souls and lead men to better lives. He is an extremely modest man, and only those who know him intimately appreciate his full worth.

REV. J. M. CARLISLE.

John Mason Carlisle was born October 29th, 1826. His father was John Carlisle and his mother was Susan Mason. The former was from County Antrim, Ireland, and was of Scotch-Irish descent. The latter was of English-Virginian descent.

The birthplace of the subject was in Fairfield County, but most of his boyhood was spent in Chester County. His education was obtained in common schools, and in Cokesbury Conference School. He was prepared to enter the South Carolina College, but did not do so.

On the 30th of April, 1850, he married Elizabeth Catharine Sharpe, of Pendleton, S. C. She died suddenly of heart-failure, Feb. 12th, 1889, and was buried in Spartanburg, S. C.

Seven children were born to them: John E., William M., Edwin S., James B., Charles H., Susan Elizabeth, and Marcus L. All are living but William Mason, who died in 1871, and is buried in Trinity churchyard, Charleston. John E. and Mark L. are preachers and members of this Conference. The daughter is Mrs. J. K. Jennings, of Spartanburg.

The subject was born October 29, 1826; joined the Church September, 1842, was admitted on trial in the Conference December 25th, 1844; located December 1848; remained local eleven years, two of which he was President of Holston Conference Female College, Asheville, N. C.; was readmitted December, 1859; was superannuated December, 1887.

During these years he served the following charges: Columbia Circuit, 1845; Edgefield Circuit, 1846; Pendleton Circuit, 1847; Montgomery Circuit (N. C.), 1848; at end of this year was ordained Elder by Bishop Capers, who had ordained him Deacon in 1846, and located. Being readmitted, December, 1859, he served as follows: Ninety-Six Circuit, 1860-61 (part of 1861 he was chaplain in the army with the Seventh Regiment, S. C. Volunteers); Cokesbury Circuit, 1862-63 (part of 1863 he was again chaplain with same regiment); Pendleton Circuit, 1864-65; Mt. Zion Circuit, 1866; Wal-

halla Circuit, 1867; Pickens Circuit, 1868; Williamston Circuit, 1869; Tumbling Shoals Circuit, 1870; Trinity, Charleston, 1871; Sumter Station, 1872-73-74; Bennettsville Circuit, 1875-76; Spartanburg Station, 1877-78; Spartanburg District, 1879-80-81-82; Chester Station, 1883-84; Union Station, 1885-86; Laurens Station, 1887. At the end of this year he was superannuated, since which time he has lived mainly in Spartanburg with his daughter, Mrs. Jennings. His health has gradually failed, until he has become very feeble, not expecting to continue here very much longer, but calmly, because trustfully, awaiting the summons of Him whose he is and whom he has been serving.

No member of the Conference has ever made a better record than Brother Carlisle. In all the positions he filled—pastor, presiding elder, college president, etc.—he ever left the impress of a noble life. As a preacher, he was thoughtful and, at times, powerful. The reward of such a life can be nothing else than eternal peace and happiness.

REV. A. J. CAUTHEN.

Rev. Andrew Jackson Cauthen is a native of Lancaster County. His parents (Thomas and Nancy Cauthen) named him for another Lancastrian—"Old Hickory," who was born in the Waxhaw settle-



ment, near the North Carolina line. He first saw the light Sept. 6, 1829. He early yielded to the gracious influences by which he was

surrounded from his birth and while a youth became a Christian and a Methodist. He felt and acknowledged a call to preach when quite young. At 17 he was an exhorter; at 18 a preacher, and at 19 (Dec. 26, 1848,) was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference. He has given more than half a century of continuous work to the Conference. The closing year of the century is the 52nd year of a blameless, consecrated, useful, successful and honored ministry in the Conference. What a crown of glory to his venerable head and what a rich legacy to his children and their offspring! Such a life and career as his has had much to do in the formation of the high character of the Conference of which for so many years he has been a member and an ornament. No man of his Conference has established a finer character or has a higher reputation for Christian consistency, faithful and conscientious service. He has served five years on stations, eight on missions, twelve on districts and the rest of his ministry on circuits. He was appointed twice at different times to two of the fields he has served, and three times to another. These sixteen different appointments constitute some of the most important and influential charges of the Conference. Others, especially those in his earlier ministry, were humbler fields, but he has constantly gone without hesitation to wherever he has been sent and has made good use of his opportunity and full proof of his ministry. He is a spiritual and edifying preacher. He has seals to his ministry in many who have come to Christ in his different fields, as in many who have been comforted and helped by his preaching and personal work. He early made the reputation of being a model pastor. He is a sweet singer, and this has been to him a means of grace and usefulness. He has been a wise administrator of Church interests and in proof of this has served as Presiding Elder for three full terms.

Mr. Cauthen was married in his young manhood to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Simon and E. J. Beckham. The Beckhams were prominent Methodist people of his native County. Ten children are the fruit of this marriage, all of whom are living (May, 1900.) except one, and all of whom without exception became members of the Church of their parents. One, Robert T. S., a promising young man, died at the age of twenty-two. Two other sons—Andrew Jackson, Jr., and Henry J.—are growing and rising members of the South Carolina Conference. Mr. Cauthen was educated in the home schools of his native County and at the Cokesbury Conference School, which institution was for many years the "school of the prophets" for South Carolina Methodism.

REV. A. J. CAUTHEN, JR.

Rev. Andrew Jackson Cauthen, Jr., was born in Fairfield County, S. C., September 11, 1866. His father, Rev. A. J. Cauthen, Sr., has been an itinerant in the South Carolina Conference since 1848, and our young itinerant had, therefore, the whole State for his home.



He enjoyed the inestimable advantage of being reared by a mother who considered the proper rearing of a child the highest and holiest trust ever committed to a woman's hands and heart. Added to the training of a home that was saturated with the spirit of prayer and righteousness, was the training of as good preparatory schools as our State then possessed. A naturally receptive nature was in these early years sowed with the seed that were to issue in the convictions, principles and purposes that underlie the character of to-day.

While yet a child, eleven years of age, Mr. Cauthen was unmistakably converted at Binnaker's campmeeting. As in every genuine conversion, the new birth vitalized and adjusted all the forces of heredity and all acquired resources, and left him responsive to the call of God. But the call to the ministry was not yet. The young man rapidly developed aptitude for business, and to fit himself for a business career entered Saddler's Business College, Baltimore, Md., from which he was duly graduated in May, 1886. But God had other plans. It was in the pulpit, not the counting-room, his life was to be spent. The call to preach was as unmistakable as his con-

version. The call to preach meant to him, however, a call to get ready, and so in February, 1888, he entered Wofford College to prepare for the ministry. In June, 1890, he was licensed to preach by the Greenwood Quarterly Conference, at Tranquil Church, A. J. Cauthen, Sr., being Presiding Elder, and R. E. Stackhouse, preacher in charge. In 1891 he graduated from Wofford College, and was soon appointed to the Gaffney Circuit, Rev. M. O. Ligon having removed to Oregon. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Darlington, at the session of 1891; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hargrove, at Sumter, in 1893, and Elder by Bishop Galloway, at Rock Hill, in 1895. Since admission, Mr. Cauthen has served the following charges: Monticello, 1892; Edisto, 1893-94-95; Little Rock, 1896-97-98; Allendale, 1899-1900. From the beginning, the Divine approval has attended his ministry. In all the fields in which he has labored there has been a general building up of all the material and spiritual interests of our Zion, revival fires have steadily burned, and many "have been added to the Church of such as shall be saved."

The results of his business training are manifest in all of Mr. Cauthen's work. Exactness, method and punctuality characterize all his undertakings. He is one of our most faithful pastors, relying largely upon personal, hand-to-hand work, systematically overseeing the Sunday school, missionary, reading and financial, as well as spiritual interests of his churches.

As a preacher, Mr. Cauthen is terse, clear, strong, practical and helpful. His characteristic method of preaching is textual—as a rule the most helpful preaching a man can do,—though he sometimes does subject-preaching with fine effect. In clear and forceful diction, abounding in apt illustrations, he unfolds the meaning of his text, relying for its application upon the Holy Spirit. His delivery is easy and attractive. Mr. Cauthen has bought carefully selected books as rapidly as he could read them, and has been a growing preacher since his first entrance into the Conference.

On the 16th of November, 1892, he was married to Miss Mattie Marshall Anderson, daughter of Dr. W. Lewis Anderson, of Abbeville County. Four children—all sons—have crowned this union, and a happy, beautiful home-life is that of the Cauthens.

REV. HENRY J. CAUTHEN.

There is much in an excellent ancestry. Blended in the subject of this sketch is some of the purest and best blood of South Carolina—a blood that has in it courage, honesty, industry and settled determination.



He is the son of Rev. Andrew J. and Mrs. M. E. Cauthen. He was born in the parsonage at Lowndesville, S. C., Nov. 15, 1871. His early life was enchaincd by all the diamonds of the purest training. Upon his opening years shined the brightest stars of God's favor. When ready for college he was sent where every Methodist boy in the State should go, and that is to Wofford College.

Here he was a success in his classes and on the athletic field. He showed himself strong mentally and strong physically. It was with honor that he received his A. B.

He has "the gift of a ready writer." While a student he was the editor of the Wofford College Journal. Since that time he has been connected with some very prominent daily papers. He has in him the elements out of which a splendid editor could be moulded.

There was no doubt about his call to preach. It came when he was superintendent of the Kershaw Graded School. He "was not disobedient to the heavenly vision." To perfect himself for the work he took a course in theology at Vanderbilt University.

He was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference at

Laurens, S. C., December, 1894. He has served the following stations: Blacksburg, Cheraw and Timmons ville.

As a preacher he is clear, simple, deep and very instructive. As he warms with his subject his language is eloquent and thrilling. Moving steadily forward as he is, his future as a preacher glitters with the brightest promise. "The old and the young hear him gladly."

He revealed great wisdom in the selection of a wife. She was the daughter of Hon. H. W. Finlayson, of Cheraw, S. C. I have been in his parsonage and I speak what I know when I write that she is one of the best of wives. She knows just how to make her home a paradise on earth. Fortunate was my friend when he secured such a splendid woman. They have one child, Henry Finlayson Cauthen.

As a man and a Christian, Brother Cauthen is polite, genial, true, brave and consecrated. He never comes before any man venerated. He is what he is without any deception. Standing as he does, a young man, facing what promises to be the most marvelous of centuries, he is sure to make a record of which any man may be proud.



REV. JOHN C. CHANDLER.

Rev. John Calhoun Chandler is one of the most thoroughly consecrated members of the Conference. He was born January 9, 1855, and is the son of Mr. John M. Chandler and Mrs. Lillie J. Chandler. His mother was a Miss Winn, a sister of Mr. D. J. Winn, who was for about forty years a leading merchant in Sumter, S. C.



Brother Chandler's primary and preparatory education was received in the Sumter Academy and in private schools in Sumter, taught by Miss Sarah Styles, Mr. Thos. P. McQueen and Messrs. Bartlett and Gay. He entered Wofford College in October, 1876, and graduated therefrom in June, 1880, with the B. S. degree. When the subject of this sketch was only six years old, his father died, and the mother was unable to educate him; so he had to work his own way. He had steadily grown in favor with the people until his services were in demand. He had a lucrative position with Mr. A. A. Solomons, of Sumter, S. C., when he decided to go to college and prepare himself for his great life-work. The proprietor offered to increase his salary if he would stay, but God's call to duty was louder and stronger than that of men or money.

He was able to complete his college course by borrowing a small amount from three friends, Dr. D. A. McCallum, A. S. Brown and T. S. Joye. This amount was returned the year after his graduation. From December, 1880, to June, 1881, he taught in the Manning

Academy with Rev. Henry M. Mood and his wife. He was successful as a teacher, making many warm friends in Manning.

Under the godly influence of his precious mother, young Chandler was led to Christ in early life. He was received into the Church in March, 1870, by Rev. Henry M. Mood. He was also impressed early in life that it was his duty to preach. He was licensed to exhort, along with J. Thomas Pate, by the Quarterly Conference of Spartanburg Station, February 17, 1877, Rev. Henry M. Mood being the Presiding Elder. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Sumter Station in the summer of 1880.

In December, 1881, Brother Chandler joined the South Carolina Conference at Union, S. C., and has served as follows: Wedgefield Circuit, 1882-5; McCormick Circuit, 1886-8; Waterloo Circuit, 1889; Little Pee Dee Circuit, 1890; Conference Colporteur, 1891; Wedgefield Circuit, 1892-5 (and for three years of this period he acted as Conference Colporteur); Cokesbury Circuit, 1896-9; Rowesville Station, 1900-1901. In all of these charges the Lord has graciously blessed the labors of our good brother. On the Little Pee Dee Circuit he had great revivals, many being converted and added to the Church. While at Cokesbury he did much toward reviving the old Cokesbury Conference School.

January 5, 1888, Brother Chandler was married to Miss Julia G. Zeigler, daughter of Maj. M. G. and Mrs. L. A. Zeigler. The marriage took place at Abbeville, S. C., Rev. P. B. Jackson, assisted by Rev. S. J. Bethea, officiating. Sister Chandler is a granddaughter of the late Rev. Samuel Dunwoody, who was for many years a prominent member of our Conference.

Brother Chandler's sermons show evidence of prayerful preparation and are delivered in a plain, straightforward manner. They are of the kind that produce a lasting impression. Having a kind and sympathetic heart, he makes a helpful pastor. He is a thorough and systematic worker.

REV. R. A. CHILD.

The Rev. Rufus Alexander Child is one of the ablest members of our Conference. He is a fine preacher—equal to the demands of any place or any hour. He is friendly and companionable, winning friends rapidly and holding them steadfastly. But, excellent as are



these traits, his business qualifications are such that he would be among our most useful members, even if these characteristics had been lacking. He has sound judgment, accurate knowledge of men, a well trained mind and is self-controlled under any stress of excitement. So that in the Bishop's cabinet, on important committees or on the Conference floor he is a most valuable and judicious counselor or debater. When the arena is changed and a preacher's highest work of leading souls to Christ is before him these same things give strength to influence and wisdom to guide men to God.

He is the son of James W. and Elizabeth Child and he was born in old Cambridge (now in Greenwood County, S. C.) May 12th, 1850. His literary education began at the Ninety-Six High School. Leaving there, he attended Richmond College, Virginia. To this day he is a constant and judicious reader and student. Studying law, he was admitted to practice and in 1872 located at Pickens, S. C. Very soon his ability was recognized and he speedily had a lucrative practice, in which he was very successful. He was elected a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives in 1878 and

served two years, making his mark in that body. A little before this he edited the Pickens Sentinel and did it well.

In 1883 he was soundly converted to God and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Almost immediately he felt called to preach and was at once licensed. For several years he continued to practice his profession and to preach in the local ranks, doing both with effect. Finally, the Holy Spirit moved him to give himself wholly to the work of the ministry and he determined to enter the itinerancy. He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1889. His appointments have been: 1890, Rock Hill; 1891-93, Clio; 1894, Chester; 1895-98, Darlington; 1899, Greenwood; 1900, Cokesbury District. In every one of these charges his ministry was fruitful.

In 1899, he was elected a member of the Book Committee of our Church, and already has demonstrated his value in that important office.

Mr. Child has been twice married, first to Miss Essie Holcombe, of Pickens County, and the second time to Miss Maggie A. Roper, of Marlboro.

These are but meagre outlines of a man whose abilities have been placed upon God's altar once and forever. Already he has been invaluable. In coming years, if it please God, we may expect still more of this consecrated servant of the Church of Christ.



REV. A. M. CHREITZBERG, D. D.

Rev. Abel M. Chreitzberg, D. D., was born in Charleston, S. C., December 17, 1820, of parents of German and Irish extraction. He went to school first in his native city, then at Wilbraham, Mass. (1833 and 1834). In 1838 he was at school at Cokesbury.



In 1839 he married Miss Anna E. Manno, of Charleston. Four children were the fruit of this union, of whom only one survives, Rev. Hilliard F. Chreitzberg, D. D., of the North Carolina Conference. In 1873 he married a second time, Miss Hattie E. Kilgore, of Newberry, S. C. There are three sons and two daughters by this marriage. Dr. Chreitzberg has had a long and prosperous career—"prosperous" in that he was privileged to do the Lord's work so many years with little or no interruption or hindrance from sickness, or bodily disability. His educational advantages for that day were above the average, but Brother Chreitzberg very properly did not consider his education completed when he left school. He has a sprightly mind and has always been a diligent reader. He has also written a good deal—mostly for the Church press. His history of the South Carolina Conference is a valuable contribution to our Church annals. He has been preaching in Central Church, Sullivan's Island for eight or nine years, to the great satisfaction of the summer residents. It is very seldom that a preacher of 80 years will instruct and interest a congregation year after year as our friend

every Sunday at this very time, August, 1900. May the Lord long spare his life.

The following are his appointments: 1839, Cokesbury Circuit; 1840, Marion Circuit; 1841, Orangeburg Circuit; 1842, Cooper River Circuit; 1843, Beaufort Mission; 1844, Chesterfield Circuit; 1845-6, Barnwell Circuit; 1847-48, Wilmington Station; 1849-50, Georgetown Station; 1851-52, Black Swamp Circuit; 1853, Walterboro Circuit; 1854, Barnwell Circuit; 1855, Black River Mission; 1856, Anderson Circuit; 1857, Cokesbury Circuit; 1858-61, Marion District; 1862, Bethel Station; 1863, St. George's Circuit; 1864, Orangeburg Circuit; 1865-67, Orangeburg District; 1868-71, Charleston District; 1872, Bethel Station; 1873, Darlington Station; 1874-77, Sumter District; 1878, Newberry; 1879, Washington Street, Columbia; 1880-3, Columbia District; 1884-5, Batesburg Circuit; 1886, St. George's Circuit; 1887, St. Matthews Circuit; 1888-91, Chester District; 1892, Cumberland, Charleston. In December, 1892, at the Conference in Charleston, Dr. Chreitzberg asked for a superannuated relation.

Dr. Chreitzberg was a member of the General Conference of Atlanta in 1878 and of Richmond, Va., in 1886.

The long and faithful ministry of our good brother has been attended with great success. No man among us is held in higher esteem than he. He has been highly honored by the Conference by appointment to positions of trust and responsibility. In all of these he has ever proven worthy of the confidence and esteem reposed in him. Though on the superannuate list, the doctor has preached with great acceptability whenever an opportunity was afforded ever since his superannuation. It is wonderful how he can preach even at this time of his life. His mind is clear, his memory excellent, and his reasoning powers seemingly unimpaired. Though bent in form, when he enters the pulpit the old-time fire breaks out in his whole being, he straightens himself and preaches with great power.

But the good Doctor's work will soon be done and he will go hence to receive a glorious reward. May a double portion of his zeal and power come upon the rising generation of Methodist preachers.

REV. WM. A. CLARKE.

Rev. William Austin Clarke, son of Henry Clarke and Polly Clarke, was born August 3, 1827.

His education was begun in the home and continued in the common schools of the country until a short time before he joined the



Conference. His special preparation for the ministry was made under the instruction and influence of the late Dr. R. L. Abernethy, of North Carolina. His progress under this noted teacher was truly marvelous.

Brother Clarke was converted and joined the Church early in the year 1846. He has the unique distinction of having been made class leader before he was received into the Church, truly an evidence of confidence in his ability and piety. He was licensed to exhort in 1850, being licensed to preach in the fall of the same year and recommended to the Annual Conference for reception on trial. He was received at the session of the Conference at Wadesboro, N. C., January 5, 1851, and has attended every session since, being present on the first day at all with the exception of about three sessions when he was delayed.

He has served as follows: Savannah River Mission, 1851; Pickens Circuit, 1852; Dallas, N. C., 1853-4; Catawba Mission, 1855; Greenville Circuit, 1856; Pon Pon Mission, 1857; Ashpoo Mission, 1858; Cooper River Circuit, 1859; Columbia Circuit, 1860; Lexing-

ton, 1861; Providence, 1862-3; Edgefield, 1864; Butler, 1865-6; Allendale, 1867-8; St. George's, 1869-71; Abbeville Circuit, 1872-5; Cokesbury, 1876; Saluda, 1877-8; Supernumerary, 1879-83. In 1884 he was superannuated. In May, 1884, he obtained the blessing of entire sanctification and was divinely healed. Since that he has served as follows: Columbia Circuit, 1885; Colleton, 1886; Tumbling Shoals, 1887; North Laurens, 1889; Goshen Hill, 1890-1; superannuated relation since.

Brother Clarke has been twice married. On December 13, 1853, he was married to Miss Catherine Elizabeth Shuford. Of this union ten children were born. The first four died in infancy. The six living are: William Mouzon, Hattie Sanford Smith, Mary Elizabeth Wright, Kate Elmira Pool, John Austin and James Burns. The wife died December 8, 1887. His second marriage was to Mrs. Janie S. Todd, of Laurens, S. C., and occurred October 1, 1889. They live in Laurens, S. C., and have many warm friends.

In the days of his active ministry our good brother was a successful worker. He was a zealous pastor, ever looking to the spiritual interests of the people. He was a forceful preacher, expressing clear thoughts in clear language.

REV. G. FLOYD CLARKSON.

Rev. Gerardus Floyd Clarkson is in the line of ministerial and Methodist succession. He is the son of Rev. N. B. Clarkson, for many years a faithful and honored member of the South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. L. V. Clarkson. Coming from such parentage, he could hardly be anything but a true Methodist and we see how he could easily be a Methodist preacher. He was born September 6, 1868.

Brother Clarkson has had excellent educational advantages. Having had access to the school located in the various communities where his father had served as pastor, he entered Wofford College and graduated therefrom in June, 1891. Not satisfied with this excellent preparation, he spent one year at Vanderbilt University, Biblical Department. (This was after he had served a while in the Conference.)

He was converted and felt the divine call to preach in 1883. In November, 1892, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, with E. H. Beckham, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. Palmer Hutson (from Presbyterian Church), Preston B. Ingraham, John N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. Kirk Moore, D. Melvin McLeod, R. C. Me-

Roy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins.

His charges have been as follows: Kelton Circuit, 1893-5; student at Vanderbilt University, 1895-6; Hartsville Circuit, 1897-8; Johnsonville Circuit, 1899; Seneca and Wallhalla Station, 1900-1901.

On November 19, 1896, Brother Clarkson was married to Miss Annie E. Kennedy, the accomplished daughter of Capt. and Mrs. W. H. Kennedy, of Williamsburg County. To them two children were born, both dying in infancy. Mrs. Clarkson died Aug. 3, 1900.

Brother Clarkson is a quiet, thoughtful, and consecrated young man, leaving the impress of a noble Christian character upon those he comes in contact with. His itinerant career is full of hope. May it prove fruitful even beyond the most sanguine expectations.

REV. N. B. CLARKSON.

Rev. Nathaniel Bowen Clarkson, youngest child of Dr. W. N. and Margaret O. Clarkson, was born on John's Island, S. C., September 23, 1839. He was dedicated to God in holy baptism by Rev. William



Barnwell, in Charleston, S. C., Geo. B. Reid and Mrs. Lucy Holmes standing as sponsors. He was reared in the Episcopal Church by

a consecrated Christian mother, to whom, under God, he owes much of the success that has attended his labors through life.

Brother Clarkson was educated at various common schools and academies and also spent a while at Wofford's preparatory school. Like that of so many noble and worthy young men, his college course was interrupted.

He served through the War between the States, for the most of the time as assistant engineer on the works around Charleston, S. C., and with Gen. Jos. E. Johnston's engineer corps in Georgia. In all his army career he was ever faithful in the discharge of the duties of his position.

On December 31, 1862, Brother Clarkson was married to Miss Laura V. Gordon, of Williamsburg County, S. C. To them were born nine children, five of whom are now living. They are: Rev. G. Floyd Clarkson, now a rising young preacher in the South Carolina Conference; Mrs. J. Allen Huggins, of Red Springs, N. C.; Thos. B. Clarkson, of Gaffney, S. C.; D. Marion Clarkson, of Red Springs, N. C., and Miss Anna R. Clarkson, now a student in the Columbia Female College, Columbia, S. C.

In early life Brother Clarkson was deeply impressed with a divine call to preach the Gospel, but, like many others, sought in every possible way to escape. He was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Sumter, S. C., in 1851, under the preaching of Rev. Colin Murchison. At this time the call to preach became more deeply impressed upon him. He strove still harder to escape, or to compromise, but God still led him on through all the conflicts till he yielded. He was licensed to preach at the First Quarterly Conference of the Gourdin's Circuit, for 1877, held at Asbury Chapel, March 14th, Rev. W. C. Power, Presiding Elder. He was employed as a supply on the Gourdin's and Sampit Circuit, with Rev. G. W. Gatlin as preacher in charge. Brother Clarkson was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Marion, S. C., December, 1880, with William M. Harden, and John W. Neeley. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop William M. Whiteman, at Charleston, S. C., January 4, 1881, and Elder by Bishop Holland N. McTyeire, at Charleston, December 21, 1884. He has served the following charges: Timmons ville Circuit, 1881-3; Johnsonville Circuit, 1884; Lake City Circuit, 1885-7; Pendleton Circuit, 1888-9; Chester Circuit, 1890-1; Gaffney Circuit, 1892-3; Clinton Circuit, 1894-7; Leesville Circuit, 1898; Oswego Circuit, 1899; Richburg Circuit, 1900-1901. At this writing he is serving his second year here.

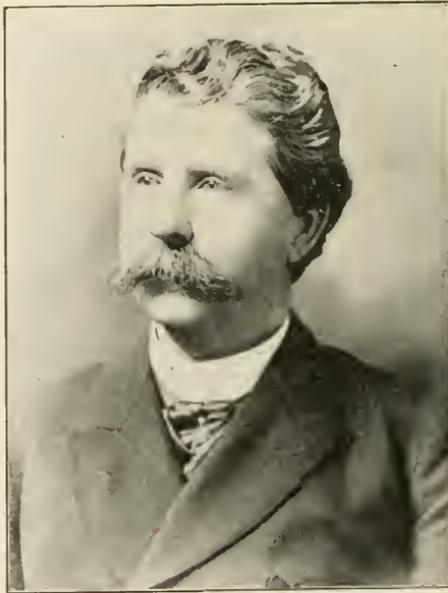
Personally, Brother Clarkson is a man of very fine character. His first name is "Nathaniel," and what Christ said of one of the same

name may be said of our good brother—"An Israelite in whom is no guile."

Brother Clarkson is an excellent and active preacher. Up to this writing he has preached nearly 3,500 sermons. He is a good pastor, kind and sympathetic.

REV. JESSE A. CLIFTON, D. D.

The subject of this sketch, the Rev. Jesse Alexander Clifton, D. D., is one of the most useful as well as one of the most popular members of the South Carolina Conference. He is the son of Capt. Jesse C. Clifton and Mary H. Clifton, and was born September 26, 1845.



After the usual home training and advantages of the common schools, he entered the Ebenezer Classical School, where he was thoroughly trained. From here he went to the University of Virginia, where he received the instruction in the higher branches. Intending to enter the practice of law, he took the course in law in the University of Virginia. "Man proposes but God disposes." The brilliant young mind that had been thus trained and developed was to be turned into other channels of usefulness and service.

Young Clifton was convicted of sin under the preaching of the

late and lamented Rev. Jacob L. Shuford, joining the Church at El Bethel, in Chester County, S. C., in 1868. His conversion, which was in July of that year, at home, in his room alone at the hour of midnight, was a most powerful manifestation of the divine presence. In September of that year he was most emphatically called of God to preach the Gospel.

In December, 1869, Brother Clifton was received on trial into the Conference at the session held at Cheraw, S. C., he and George T. Harmon forming the class received. His appointments have been as follows: Columbia Circuit, 1870-2; junior preacher on Fairfield Circuit, with Rev. Jas. T. Kilgo as senior, 1873; Batesburg Circuit, 1874-6; Saluda Circuit, 1877-8; Graham Circuit, 1879-80; St. Matthews' Circuit, 1881-2; Spring Street, Charleston, 1883; Newberry Station, 1884-5; Central Church, Spartanburg, 1886-9; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1890-1; Bethel, Charleston, 1892-5; Abbeville Station, 1896-7; Sumter Station, 1898-1901.

Doctor Clifton was married November 24, 1868, to Miss Mary E. Hicklin, daughter of Dr. W. J. Hicklin, of Chester County, S. C., Rev. Jacob L. Shuford performing the ceremony. This good woman has stood bravely by him and greatly aided him in all the struggles of an itinerant life. The following are their children: Dr. Jesse A., Jr., Mrs. Mary C. Kelly, wife of Rev. William Aiken Kelly, of the South Carolina Conference; James S., John Hicklin, Josephine and Kate Mayer.

These facts form the bare outline of the visible life of this true and loyal servant of Christ and humanity.

No man in the South Carolina Conference has more warm friends than "Jess Clifton." Big-hearted Irishman that he is, with a great soul throbbing in deepest sympathy with poor struggling humanity, he naturally makes friends wherever he goes. He is a man, physically, mentally and spiritually and all these powers are on God's altar for divine glory and human good.

As a preacher he has unusual powers. With a fine physique, an intelligent face, and rare oratorical powers, he is naturally an attractive speaker.

As a lecturer, Doctor Clifton is popular and often in demand. His helpful thoughts, clothed as they are in a garment of sparkling wit and humor, render him an entertaining platform speaker.

Doctor Clifton's popularity in the Conference is manifested in the positions of trust and honor in which his brethren have placed him. He represented the Conference, as a delegate, in the General Conference held in Memphis, Tenn., in 1894, and also in the one held in Baltimore, Md., in 1898.

REV. THOS. J. CLYDE.

The Rev. Thomas Jefferson Clyde is one of the best loved preachers in the South Carolina Conference. This is not because of any efforts to please, or make himself popular, but because he has a large heart, "a genius for loving men," and the loyal tribute



of his brotherly spirit awakes like return. Old and young trust and love him, and feel at perfect ease in his presence. Jew and Gentile, saint and sinner feel kindly toward this noble man of God.

He is the son of the late Mr. Thomas M. Clyde, formerly of the city of Philadelphia, more recently of Pickens County, S. C., and was born in Charleston, S. C., in 1836. His education was begun in the latter city and continued in the classical and high school in Anderson County, taught by that distinguished educator, Rev. Dr. Jas. Kennedy, and continued by thoughtful reading.

His conversion in early manhood was clear and satisfying, and he praised with happy heart the Savior of his soul. Called to preach, he obeyed the will Divine, was licensed and entered the South Carolina Conference in November, 1859. Since that day he has gone, at the voice of the Church, wheresoever sent, and everywhere has had success. Some of his first appointments were what are called weak, but he never doubted; and in some of them he had the greatest success—the meanwhile being cared for beyond the expectation of anyone.

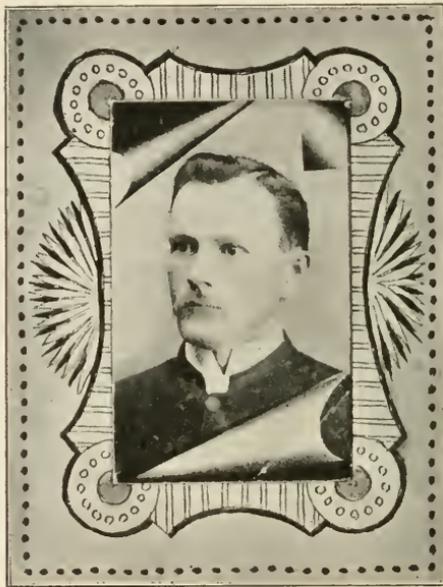
He has served the following charges, in the order mentioned: Conwayboro Circuit, Gowansville Circuit, Newberry Station, Pickensville Circuit, Wadesboro Station, Camden Station, Colleton Circuit, Black Swamp Circuit, Branchville Circuit, Goshen Hill Circuit, Lower St. Matthews Circuit, Lexington Circuit, Lewiedale Circuit, East Chester Circuit, Mullins Circuit, Bennettsville Circuit, Orangeburg District, Marion District, Greenville District, Sumter District.

In 1866 he married Miss Mary F. Massebeau, of Camden, S. C., who has been ever since the joy of his home and the helper of his labors. Many a young preacher has had abundant reason to cherish grateful recollection of this saintly woman. Brother Clyde is every inch a man. He does his own thinking and follows his own convictions. He fears nothing but God, and hates nothing but sin—especially the sin of sham. He is friendly and loving. A quiet humor brightens his conversation, which is always interesting. No one feels more sympathy or is more ready to help men by word or deed. He is a deeply pious Christian. He "enjoys religion" and exemplifies it so beautifully that it attracts any in contact with him. He is a preacher of strength—sometimes of great power. He believes God and the Word implicitly, and his carefully prepared sermons are not only admired, but reach the hearts of hearers. As a pastor, he is tender and attentive—not sparing himself. He is an admirable officer. Possibly the best service of his life has been rendered as Presiding Elder. There he labors as a father among his sons, as a brother among brethren. Rich and poor have his love and his care. To him their condition is nothing—their need and his chance to supply them is all. Would that all were such men as he.



REV. J. R. COPELAND.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. J. R. Copeland, is a North Carolinian by birth, but a South Carolinian by adoption and choice. He is the son of Mr. John A. Copeland and Mrs. Tirzah Copeland. His father was from Ohio and his mother a native South Carolinian. He was born in Cleveland County, N. C., June 6, 1859.



Brother Copeland's early educational advantages were somewhat limited. He was educated in the common schools and by hard study at home. After many a hard day's work, he burned the midnight oil studying his books. He came to South Carolina in 1875, locating at Chester. When he realized the divine call to preach, he studied with that in view. The year before he joined the Conference was spent in the High School at Ebenezer, near Rock Hill, S. C., Rev. J. H. Willson being the principal. Here he received much help in pursuing his studies.

During the session of the Conference held in Camden, November, 1889, Brother Copeland was received on trial, J. S. Abercrombie, A. H. Best, R. A. Child, G. W. Davis, W. H. Hodges, M. B. Kelly, John Manning, J. M. Rogers, J. W. Shell, W. S. Stokes, A. B. Watson and J. A. White joining at the same time. The year before joining, he served as a supply on the Lancaster Circuit. Since joining he has served as follows: Jefferson Circuit, 1890-1; Cartersville Circuit, 1892-3; Loris Circuit, 1894-6; Britton's Neck Circuit, 1897;

Foreston Circuit, 1898; Wedgefield Circuit, 1899; Bethany Circuit, 1900-1901. The Lord has blessed the labors of his consecrated servant in these fields. Brother Copeland is a zealous pastor and an earnest preacher, never better satisfied than when he is leading souls to Christ.

On September 4, 1879, he married Miss Mary E. Lee, daughter of Mr. Jeremiah Lee, and a cousin of the late Rev. A. B. Lee of our Conference. Our friend and his wife have lost quite a number of precious children, who, however, "are not lost but gone before." They have three living—Mimmie, Estelle and Maud.

In the midst of sore trials, our brother has patiently toiled on, awaiting a brighter day and looking to the recompense of the just.

REV. J. C. COUNTS.

There is not in our Conference a braver or truer Soldier of the Cross than the Rev. Jephtha C. Counts. He is not only a Saul among his brethren in bodily altitude, but he stands among the tallest in modest courage and devoted loyalty. Nothing he cares for



danger, hardship or toil when duty calls. Nothing he seeks but a place to serve God and man—and the Church he loves so well. He is the manner of man a commander would choose for a charge like

Pickett's at Gettysburg, or like the gallop of "the six hundred" at Balaklava.

He is the son of Peter W. and Martha Counts, who were long members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was born in Newberry County, S. C., three miles south of Prosperity, January 12, 1849. Reared in a home of piety, he joined the Church in 1856—at the tender age of seven. Let those who doubt the wisdom of leading little children to the Church consider this fact. He attended the home schools, but, the war soon coming, even these opportunities were not as usual; and then in January, 1864, he went to Virginia and joined the 13th Regiment of South Carolina Confederate soldiers. The boy stood in a man's place and did a man's deeds as bravely as any of his comrades—and the valor of the Confederate soldier is known to the world. On April 9, 1865, when Lee surrendered, the young soldier laid down his arms. Returning to his native county, he there met peaceful duties as cheerfully and faithfully as those experienced in war. In 1866 he was soundly converted. At once work was asked of him. He was made steward and Sunday school superintendent. Here also he was faithful. God called him to preach, and he was licensed in 1872. In 1872 and 1874 he supplied the place of junior preacher on Newberry Circuit—his home field. In December, 1874, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference.

In all his charges he has labored earnestly and successfully. The charges paid but small salaries, but never for a moment did this self-denying minister of Christ complain. The same dauntless courage shown by the Confederate soldier was exhibited by the soldier of the Lord Jesus.

Brother Counts is an earnest preacher, who prepares his messages in the fear of God, and delivers them with implicit faith in the power of Divine truth. His pastoral work is conscientiously done. He tries to do all the work of a Methodist itinerant preacher, and to live the life of a holy man of God—and he succeeds.

Brother Counts has been twice married. On February 1, 1872, he married Miss Carrie Oxner, of Newberry County, who died June 22, 1888, leaving three daughters—Sallie, Mamie and Hattie. On October 19, 1892, he married Miss Sunie Waters, of Spartanburg County. Of this union two children have been born—Nivia and Carrie.

REV. J. D. CROUT, A. M.

Rev. John David Crout, born October 20th, 1864, near Lewiedale, Lexington County, S. C., is the youngest child and only son of Wesley and Mary Crout. He received his early education in the primary schools of Lexington County, and later was taught by



Prof. W. E. Black and the Rev. J. E. Watson. He remained under the tutorship of the latter for two years, during which time he was prepared for entering the Sophomore class at Wofford College, which he did in the fall of 1888. He remained at college until his graduation in June, 1891. He had taught several public schools during his early school days, but after leaving college he accepted the principalship of the Hebron High School, in Marlboro County, where he remained at work until he joined the South Carolina Conference, which convened at Darlington in December, 1891. While engaged in this school, and during his first year in the ministry, he pursued a post-graduate course at Wofford College, and received the degree of A. M. from that institution in June, 1892.

He joined the Church at eleven years of age, and was converted at the age of twelve. At fourteen he felt a definite call to the ministry, which was followed by eight years of conflict and struggle over his convictions. However, these years were employed, more or less, in active Christian work, and, on the second Sunday in November, 1887, after listening to a very pointed sermon by his pastor,

the Rev. C. W. Creighton, from Acts 19:15, he made a final decision as to his life-work. He at once entered school under the Rev. J. E. Watson, at Brunson, S. C., as a preparation for college. He received his license to preach on Good Friday, March 30, 1888, in Ebenezer Church, now on Port Royal Circuit. His first sermon was preached a few weeks later at Brunson, from Romans 1:16.

His first charge was Anderson Circuit, which he served in 1892. At the close of this year he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix, at Charleston, Nov. 27th. The two following years he served Lowndesville Station; and in 1895 he served Newberry Circuit. This year closed his first quadrennium of itinerant life, and he was ordained Elder by Bishop Galloway, at Rock Hill, Dec. 8th. The next two years he served Gaffney Station, and from there was sent to his present charge at Winnsboro, which he has served for three years.

He was married Nov. 30th, 1893, to Miss Rosalie Hodges, of Anderson County, S. C., daughter of the late Rev. W. A. and Mrs. E. C. Hodges. Turpin Lynelle, a bright little girl, is their only child.

These are the initiatory facts of a ministry freighted with great possibilities. Our young friend has every promise of a most useful and acceptable ministry. He is an excellent preacher, and diligently looks after the various interests committed to his care.



REV. RICHARD ROBERT DAGNALL.

Richard Robert Dagnall, son of Elbert H. and Martha A. Dagnall (*nee* Brown), was born in Augusta, Ga., March 17, 1838. His maternal grandfather, Rev. R. Brown, of Augusta, Ga., was a local preacher. The father of the subject of this sketch, Mr. E. H.



Dagnall, still lives, at this writing, at the advanced age of 88 years. The mother, who was a noble Christian woman, a great Bible reader, and a woman well informed on religious subjects, died at Kingston, Ga., July 9, 1882.

No boy ever had a harder struggle to obtain an education than young Dagnall, but by perseverance and toil he overcame the difficulties. After attending school in Augusta, Ga., and in Alexander, Ga., he entered the Cokesbury Conference School, where he successfully studied for about three years. Like other heroic boys, he would work awhile to earn some money, then go to school till it was exhausted.

He was spiritually awakened under the preaching of Dr. J. O. A. Clark, and joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. John W. Yarborough, both of the Georgia Conference, being converted at Alexander, Burke County. As soon as he was converted, Mr. Dagnall felt called to preach. He was licensed to preach, in 1857, by the Quarterly Conference of St. James Church, Charleston, Rev. H. A. C. Walker, Presiding Elder. In November, 1857, he was admitted

on trial into the South Carolina Conference, and was sent, with Rev. J. D. W. Crook as senior, to the Savannah River Mission. At the close of that year, the Conference met in Charleston. Brother Dagnall asked to be discontinued that he might pursue his studies at school. This was granted, but while endeavoring to make arrangements he was persuaded by a Georgia Presiding Elder to serve a charge for that year—1859. At its close, he returned to Cokesbury School, where he remained through 1861. He taught school during 1862, and in December of that year was re-admitted into the South Carolina Conference, with Revs. J. C. Hartsell, R. C. Oliver and Samuel A. Weber, since which time he has served as follows: Fairfield Circuit, 1863; Columbus Circuit, 1864; Sandy River Mission, 1865; Happy Home Circuit, 1866; Laurens Circuit, 1867; Seneca and Tugalo Circuit, 1868; Columbia Circuit, 1869; North Charlotte Circuit, 1870; Barnwell Circuit, 1871-2; Abbeville Circuit, 1873-4; Greenville Circuit, 1875-6; Goshen Hill Circuit, 1877-8; Limestone Circuit, 1879; Pacolet Circuit, 1880; Orange Circuit, 1881-2; Berkeley Circuit, 1883; Reidville Circuit, 1884; Kinards Circuit, 1885; Cokesbury Circuit, 1886-7; Waterloo Circuit, 1888; Donalds Circuit, 1889; Butler Circuit, 1890-1; Hickory Grove Circuit, 1892; Chesterfield Circuit, 1893-4; Hartsville Circuit, 1895; Claussen Circuit, 1896-7; Westminster Circuit, 1898-9; Pickens Circuit, 1900.

On November 20, 1867, Brother Dagnall was married to Miss Mary E. Hellams, of Laurens County, S. C., Rev. A. N. Wells performing the ceremony. Of this marriage four children were born—Robert Elbert, William Alexander, Atticus Haygood and Mary. Two of the boys—William A. and Atticus H.—graduated at Wofford College. The eldest—Robert E.—was educated at Cokesbury. The daughter is now at Williamston Female College.

Brother Dagnall is finishing a long ministry with great honor and acceptability. His style of preaching, in his own individual manner, is striking and taking. He has an element of humor which often manifests itself. His humorous speeches, delivered at the close of his reports at the Annual Conference, are a great feature. When the Bishop calls the name of R. R. Dagnall the whole Conference becomes intensely interested, and awaits with great anxiety the speech which they know will follow.

Brother Dagnall loves the brethren, and watches with great solicitude the work of his fellow-laborers. He has many strong friends who sincerely reciprocate his kindly feelings and wish for him many years yet in which to labor for the Master.

REV. J. L. DANIEL.

Rev. Joseph Luther Daniel, son of Mr. James W. and Mrs. Eliza Daniel, and brother of Rev. J. Walter Daniel, D. D., and Rev. W. W. Daniel, D. D., was born August 16, 1868.

Brother Daniel has had the very best educational advantages. His preparatory training was received in the High Schools of Seneca, under such teachers as L. T. H. Daniel, C. W. Moore, N. W. McAuley, D. C. Lake, J. B. Watkins, John O. Hicks, and Dr. F. P. Nullally. He entered the Sub-Collegiate Department of Wofford College in January, 1889. At the next session he entered the college proper, and graduated in June, 1891. Our young friend made quite an enviable record at college. He made distinction in every study in every department every year he was there. He was the only member of his class that made such a record.

Brother Daniel was converted at Seneca, S. C., in August, 1886, during a meeting conducted by Rev. J. W. Wolling and Rev. H. G. Scuddy. At that time he was reading medicine under Drs. J. B. Brown and Thomas L. Lewis, and was about ready to attend his first course of lectures; but the Divine call to preach coming to him at this time was so clear and strong that he had to abandon the idea of practicing medicine. He strove to compromise the matter by working in Sunday schools and prayer meetings, but there was no peace until he unconditionally surrendered and accepted the work divinely allotted him.

He was received on trial into the Conference at the session held in the City of Charleston, November, 1892. E. H. Beckham, G. F. Clarkson, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. P. Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, J. N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins joining at the same session. He has since served as follows: Bucksville Circuit, 1893; Centenary Circuit, 1894-5; Seneca and Wallhalla, 1896-9; Cokesbury Circuit, 1900; Lowndesville Station, 1901. He has been popular in every charge, but in none more so than at Seneca, his old home, where he spent four pleasant and profitable years. So popular was he there that the unanimous verdict was that they would like to have him for another four years. He is not only a good pastor, but is a strong and earnest preacher. He always carries good reports to Conference.

On December 24, 1891, Brother Daniel was married to Miss Lula Smith, daughter of Dr. J. R. and Mrs. Mary C. Smith, of Mt. Gallagher, Laurens County, S. C. Of this union two children have been born—Joseph McTyeire, born December 4, 1896; and Marion Kathleen, born September 15, 1899.

REV. W. W. DANIEL, D. D.

Rev. William Wellington Daniel, D. D., son of Mr. James W. Daniel and Mrs. Eliza Anderson Daniel, was born about forty years ago, in Laurens County, S. C. In early childhood he had access to good country schools, after which he entered Preparatory Department of Newberry College, then located at Walhalla, S. C., where he remained until he completed the Sophomore class. He then took the Junior class in Adger College. In 1878 he joined his old class in Newberry College and graduated with distinction in June, 1879. After his graduation he taught school as follows: thirteen months near Hodges, S. C.; ten months at Dacusville, S. C., and twenty months at Spring Hill, S. C. In 1882, his *alma mater* conferred on him the degree of A. M., and in 1899 the same institution bestowed upon him the honorary degree of *Doctor Divinitatis*.

For many years Brother Daniel had felt divinely called to preach the Gospel. In 1883, while he was in charge of a flourishing school at Spring Hill, and was giving great satisfaction to the patrons, the fact became plain to him that he could no longer resist the impression without doing violence to conscience.

On June 9, 1883, he was examined by Rev. A. M. Chreitzberg, D. D., at Shady Grove Church, Lexington Fork Circuit, and was licensed to preach. At the session of the Conference held in Sumter, S. C., in December, 1883, Brother Daniel, with James E. Grier, B. M. Grier, S. J. Bethea, D. P. Boyd, G. P. Watson and G. R. Whitaker, was admitted on trial, since which time he has served as follows: West Anderson Circuit, 1884; Fort Mill Circuit, 1885; Yorkville Station, 1886-9; Chester Station, 1890; Newberry Station, 1891-3; Florence Station, 1894; Washington Street Station, Columbia, 1895-8; St. John's Station, Anderson, 1899. At the session of the Conference held in Orangeburg in December, 1899, Doctor Daniel was elected President of the Columbia Female College to succeed Rev. Jno. A. Rice, D. D., who had resigned. Doctor Rice's resignation was to take effect in June, 1900, so Doctor Daniel was appointed agent of the college, in which capacity he served until June, when he assumed control of the institution.

In all these fields of labor Doctor Daniel's labors have been crowned with success. At Fort Mill he built a new parsonage. The beautiful Church at Yorkville was built during his pastorate there. Doubtless his most effective work has been done for the Columbia Female College. As a result of his faithful canvass the college was full to overflowing at its opening last September. He has not only succeeded in getting the young ladies there, but by his genial spirit and Christly deportment he has won his way to their esteem and confidence. He is very popular with the student body.

Doctor Daniel is a thoughtful and thought-provoking preacher. His sermons are thoroughly prepared and eloquently delivered. His pastoral labors are such that access to the hearts of the parishioners is an easy matter. Above all, he is a genial Christian gentleman.

On August 29, 1883, Doctor Daniel was married to Miss Alice Rowena Aull, daughter of Jacob L. Aull and Julia Haltiwanger Aull. She graduated from the Columbia Female College in June, 1882. They have four children—Herman Aull, Willie, Walter Wright and Julia.

REV. D. D. DANTZLER.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Daniel D. Dantzler, worthily occupies a place on the "Honor Roll" of the South Carolina Conference. He came of excellent stock, being the son of Mr. Daniel Dantzler and Mrs. Mary Dantzler. He was born February 3, 1842.

His early educational advantages were good, but the Civil War broke into his intellectual training, and he was deprived of a collegiate education. But being a close student of books and men, he largely made up for the failure to obtain a college training.

He was licensed to preach August, 1871. In December of that year he joined the South Carolina Conference, J. K. McCain, Dove Tiller, and J. B. Wilson joining at the same time. Since joining the Conference he has served as follows: Junior preacher on Cokesbury Circuit, 1872; junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, 1873; Yorkville Station, 1874; Orangeburg Circuit, 1875-7; Spring Hill Circuit, 1878; Darlington Circuit, 1879-81; Camden Station, 1882; Chester Circuit, 1883; Johnston Circuit, 1884-6; Little Rock Circuit, 1887; Clio Circuit, 1888; Providence Circuit (his old home), 1889-92; Prosperity Circuit, 1893; Upper St. Matthews Circuit, 1894-7; Batesburg Circuit, 1898; superannuate, 1899-1901.

When our good brother joined the Conference he put all his powers at the disposal of God and the Church. With heart and life consecrated, he went into the work determined to do his utmost for the glory of God and the good of men. The Lord abundantly blessed the labors of his devoted and trusting servant. He ever tried to keep in view the fact that the one work of a preacher of the Gospel is to lead souls to Christ, and in this glorious work he has been successful. Many who were led to Christ by him have preceded him to the better land, and await his arrival. Many more are on the way.

While in the active ministry he was one of our most useful men. He was a vigilant pastor and systematic worker. His sermons were carefully prepared, and were delivered with much effectiveness. He

has always been a very modest man, and only those intimately acquainted with him know his real worth.

Brother Dantzler has been married twice. On December 19, 1867, he married Miss Susan E. Crum. They had one child born to them—Minnie Edna. This wife died July 31, 1870. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Frances Goggans, of Newberry, S. C., October 14, 1874. Of this union the following children were born: Herbert D., Lehre L., Daniel C., and Emily Frances. The second wife died January 20, 1899.

REV. O. A. DARBY, D. D.

Rev. Osgood Andrew Darby, D. D., eldest son of John T. and Ann Eliza Darby, was born in Charleston, S. C., September 17, 1828. He was most highly favored of Heaven in having Christian parents. Fortunate is the man who goes out into the world to meet life's great



issues, grapple with its problems, and fight its battles, fortified in character by the early influences of a Christian home.

The subject of this sketch had the very best educational advantages. He was educated in the High School of Charleston, at Cokesbury Conference School, and at the South Carolina Military Academy, graduating from the last-named institution in November, 1850.

After his graduation, he was an assistant teacher in the Carroll Academy, of Charleston, for the year 1851. Was licensed to preach that year.

Brother Darby was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1851, being the only one admitted that year. He has faithfully and acceptably served the Church as follows: Orangeburg Circuit, Black Swamp Circuit, Greenville, Wadesboro (N. C.), Marion Street (Columbia), Yorkville, Pineville (N. C.), Pacolet Circuit, Shelby (N. C.), Lincolnton (N. C.), Union, Newberry, Greenville, Presiding Elder Lancaster District, Washington Street, Presiding Elder Greenville District, Orangeburg, President Columbia Female College (nine years), traveled in Europe (1891), Bamberg, Kingstree. At the close of the year spent at Kingstree, 1893, he was placed on the superannuate list, and since that time has lived with his son at Magnolia, S. C.

On November 22, 1858, Doctor Darby was married to Mrs. Catherine Withers, eldest daughter of Mr. Joshua Goove, the marriage taking place at Yorkville, S. C. They have one child—Dr. E. Frank Darby, a successful practitioner of Magnolia, S. C.

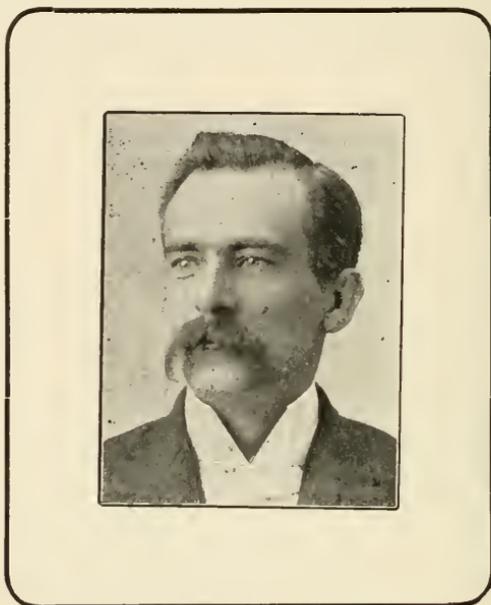
Perhaps no one among us has made a more enviable record than has Dr. Darby. The important positions to which he was appointed and the places of trust and honor committed to his hands are evidence sufficient of the high esteem in which he has ever been held by his brethren. Besides the appointments mentioned above, the doctor was a delegate to the General Conference held in Atlanta and the one held in Nashville, at both of which he did good service.

In his active days Dr. Darby was justly considered an eloquent preacher, his sermons being thoroughly prepared and forcibly delivered. He has been one of our most useful men, and, though now on the non-effective list, he is looked to by the Conference for sound advice and godly judgment. He justly occupies a place in the love and esteem of the brethren and sad will be the day when the Conference shall learn that Osgood Andrew Darby has been taken from us.

Some of the doctor's most lasting work was done while president of the Columbia Female College. Here he left the impress of a Christian character upon hundreds of girls who have gone out into the world to perpetuate his influence.

REV. MARION DARGAN.

Rev. Marion Dargan, son of the Hon. Julius H. Dargan and Martha I. Dargan, was born in Darlington, S. C., April 28th, 1857. His education began in the excellent schools of his native town, for a long time under the late Allan McP. Hamby; was continued



in the Charleston High School, under Prof. V. C. Dibble, and he graduated in the Theological department of the Vanderbilt University, attending also some schools in the Literary department.

He was converted and joined the Church in boyhood. The call to the ministry rested upon his heart for years. After resisting a long while, and passing through a severe spiritual conflict, he decided to obey, and this he did with that energy and whole-heartedness characteristic of all his life work. He was licensed to preach, and supplied Lynchburg and St. Lukes in 1884. In December, 1884, he entered the South Carolina Conference. The following have been his appointments: 1885, Donalds Circuit; 1886, Santee Circuit; 1887, Orangeburg Circuit; 1888-1890, Marion Street, Columbia, S. C.; 1891 and 1892, Abbeville Station; 1893 to 1895, agent Columbia Female College; 1896-1898, Greenwood Station; 1899 and 1900, Presiding Elder, Florence District.

During his year in Santee Circuit there were more than one hundred additions to the Church. While on Orangeburg Circuit, the Conference collections, which had not been paid hitherto, were

brought up in full, with a surplus of more than \$100. At Marion Street the salary was \$565, and during his pastorate was advanced to \$1,000, all claims being met in full. So at Abbeville there was an increase of \$250 in salary and \$200 on that at Greenwood. At the latter station a large church debt was paid during his pastorate, and money for seating and furnishing the church was also raised. In addition, the children raised enough money to paint the church.

At all his appointments he had good meetings, some of remarkable power and attended with gracious results.

On March 5th, 1884, he married Miss Annie H. Hicklin, daughter of Dr. J. W. Hicklin, of Chester County, S. C. Three children were born of this union—Annie Edina, Marion, Jr., and William Hicklin.

The record shows that Brother Dargan has been a most successful preacher. And this success is not at all to be wondered at. A man of untiring energy and industry, he never knows when to stop working; a careful student and reader, he carries into the pulpit thoughtful messages, which he delivers with power. His experience is clear, his love for God and man ardent and self-sacrificing. Such men are sure to succeed.



REV. GEO. W. DAVIS.

Rev. George W. Davis, son of J. F. H. and Mary Tolbert Davis, was born in Greenwood, S. C., Feb. 13th, 1863. His educational advantages were furnished by the Greenwood High School, and these were fully utilized. Besides, he has continued his studies, to his manifest advantage and the profit of those he serves.



He joined the Church and was soundly converted in early life. He entered the South Carolina Conference in November, 1889, and has served the following charges: 1890-91, Ellenton Circuit; 1892-93, Cedar Creek Circuit; 1894-95, Lexington Fork Circuit; 1896-97, Johnsonville Circuit; 1898, Union Circuit; 1899, Darlington Circuit; 1900, Edgefield Circuit. In all of these his labors were faithful and successful.

On November 19, 1892, he married Miss Nettie Lever, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. F. Lever, of Richland County. Of this union there have been three children—Rogers K., Gladys G. and George Lever Davis.

Brother Davis is an excellent preacher and pastor. His sermons are well prepared, and often delivered with great power. There is a vein of humor which often appears in private, and sometimes in public, but it helps rather than hinders the effect of his earnest messages. Friendly and genial in spirit, he wins men quickly and uses this gift to draw them to the Master. Devoutly pious, men must take notice of him that "he has been with Jesus."

REV. J. C. DAVIS.

Rev. James C. Davis, son of Mr. Elijah Davis and Mrs. Ellen Davis, was born in Pickens County, S. C., April 28, 1849.

In his boyhood days he had access to the common schools of the country, but his educational career was interfered with by the Civil War. After the War, he attended school at Cedar Hill, Spartanburg County. After he was admitted on trial into the Conference, he attended school at Wofford College from October, 1874, till June, 1876.

When quite a boy Brother Davis felt impressed that it would be his duty to preach the Gospel when he grew to maturity. In the early part of 1870 he sought the Lord and joined the Church, and soon afterwards was satisfied of his call to preach. He was licensed to exhort in 1871, and was licensed to preach in the early part of 1872.

In December, 1872, Brother Davis was received on trial into the Conference, with R. W. Barber, C. D. Mann, G. H. Pooser, and W. A. Rogers. He has served as follows: Cherokee Circuit and Mission, 1873; Spartanburg Circuit, 1874; Student at Wofford College, 1875-6; North Marlboro Circuit, 1877-8; Lynch's Creek Circuit, 1879; Black River Circuit, 1880-1; Lake City Circuit, 1882-4; Walhalla Circuit, 1885; Pickens Circuit; 1886-7; Hanging Rock Circuit, 1888-91; Clifton Circuit, 1892; New Zion Circuit, 1893-4; Scranton Circuit, 1895-6; Williston Circuit, 1897-9; Round O Circuit, 1900-1901.

The Lord has greatly blessed the labors of our dear brother in these fields. He is a hard worker and his work tells. He is a great revivalist, and has been instrumental in leading hundreds of souls to Christ. He preaches with great earnestness and at times with unusual power and unction. He loves his people and visits them. His visits are pastoral in the true sense, not merely social calls.

On December 3, 1878, Brother Davis was married to Miss Henrietta Patrick of Marlboro County. Of the union the following children were born: Mary Ellen, Marvin Patrick, William C. Quillian, John Wesley, Wilson Elijah, Pearl, Ruby, and Alice McCreery. Of these Mary Ellen is dead.

REV. T. M. DENT.

Rev. Thomas Madison Dent is one of our most successful men. He is the son of Mr. James M. and Mrs. Hester M. Dent, and was born December 23, 1860. His mother's maiden name was McClenny. He was born near Columbia, S. C.



His advantages for an education have been of the best, and he has made good use of them. He had the usual course of training in the country schools of Richland County. He was prepared for college at Barnwell's Classical School, in Columbia, S. C., and at the Columbia Male Academy during the presidency of Ex-Governor Hugh S. Thompson. After an interval, he entered the South Carolina College, and spent three years there. Realizing the Divine call to preach, he went to Vanderbilt University and took the classical course in the theological department, graduating in June, 1888. He first felt the impression that he ought to preach in the summer of 1882, but did not yield until about three years later, when he surrendered himself unconditionally to God for the work.

During his course at Vanderbilt University, he spent his vacations in doing evangelistic work in one of the poorer counties of Tennessee, being supported in the work by a wealthy merchant. He was greatly blessed in this work, and his experience there has been of great help to him in his revival work since.

Brother Dent joined the Conference at Winnsboro, in November,

1888, with Nicholas G. Ballenger, Pierce F. Kilgo, Henry C. Mouzon, John L. Ray, George R. Shaffer, Robert E. Stackhouse, Ellie P. Taylor, E. Alston Wilkes, and W. Asbury Wright.

He has served the following charges: Clifton Circuit, 1889; Pacolet Circuit, 1890-1; Hanging Rock Circuit, 1892; Bishopville Station, 1893-4; Wimsboro Station, 1895-7; Gaffney Station, 1898; Clio Circuit, 1899-1900; Clio and Beulah, 1901. The Lord has blessed the labors of our good brother in these various fields.

As might be expected from the thorough preparation he has had, Brother Dent is a good preacher. His sermons are practical and to the point. He is ever vigilant as to the demands or needs of the pastorate. His people love him, and are always sorry to see him move.

While at Vanderbilt University, Brother Dent became the fortunate victim of the charms of Miss Tommie J. Leck, of Tennessee, and they were married September 18, 1888. They have five children—Wilbur Tillett, Leland Leck, Thomas Julian, James Marion, and Clarence Turner.



REV. R. M. DuBOSE.

The subject of this paper, Rev. R. M. DuBose, was born in Darlington County, S. C., April 20, 1866. His parents were descendants of the French Huguenots, and were loyal Methodists and devoted Christians. His great-grandfather, J. M. Jenkins, served in



the Revolutionary war and afterwards became a member of the South Carolina Conference.

Our young friend's early education was such as the ordinary country school afforded. At the age of twenty-one years he left home and the loved ones and went to the Cokesbury Conference School, where he remained from September 10, 1887, till June 6, 1888. He then returned home and two weeks afterward experienced the loss of his father by death. He was intending to go to Wofford College that fall and was fearful that he would not be able to do so on account of the death of his father. But when the time came a way was opened and the young man with glad heart entered Wofford College. On account of deficient preparation he was afraid he would not be able to pursue the regular college course. He was admitted, however, on trial, and by diligent study was enabled to pass the examination. He graduated in June, 1892, in a class of twenty-nine.

In November, 1892, Brother DuBose joined the Conference at the session held in Charleston, S. C., E. H. Beckham, George F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. P. Hutson,

P. B. Ingraham, J. N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins joining with him.

He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Salter's Circuit, 1893; Britton's Neck Circuit, 1894-5; Lexington Circuit, 1896-7; South Florence Circuit, 1898-9; Lanes Circuit, 1900-1901. In each of these charges our young friend has had success, building up the Church and leading many souls to Christ. He deserves great credit for the success in his struggle for an education. No doubt this same perseverance and determination will ever characterize him in his work.

When he went on a courting expedition, this same perseverance was manifested, and he finally won the fair hand and faithful heart of Miss Essie A. DuBose, of Kershaw County, S. C. They were married November 28, 1893—she, of course, "marrying him to get rid of him." They have two children—Robert and Norman—who it is hoped will take their looks after the mother and the determination after the father.



REV. R. L. DUFFIE.

Rev. Reuben L. Duffie, son of R. L. and Anna McClintock Duffie, was born January 7, 1840. He received the usual training of the country schools and, with the expectation of entering college later, he matriculated at a school of high grade at Blackstock, S. C.,



taught by Prof. A. C. Elder, A. M., a graduate of the South Carolina College. But the cherished ambition of a collegiate education was blighted. Just about the time he was prepared for college, the Civil War came on, and the boy left school in April, 1861, joining a command and going to Charleston for service. He remained in service four years, doing his duty faithfully as a soldier.

Brother Duffie was converted quite young, and joined the Church. At the age of fifteen years he felt impressed that preaching the Gospel would be his life work. This conviction grew upon the boy until he felt that he must disclose it to some one. This he did to his father, who gladly heard it and at once prepared to send the boy off to school at Blackstock, as mentioned above, to prepare for college.

He was licensed to exhort immediately after the close of the war, and in the fall of 1866 he was licensed to preach. He joined the Conference in December, 1866, and has served as follows: Charlotte Circuit, 1867, with J. W. Proctor as preacher in charge; Hanging Rock Circuit, 1868-9; Dorn's Mine Circuit, 1870-1; Waccamaw Cir-

cuit and Mission, 1872; Conwayboro Circuit and Mission, 1873; Effingham Circuit, 1874-5; Salters Circuit, 1876-7; Lancaster Circuit, 1878; Tradesville Circuit, 1879-80; Smithville Circuit, 1881-3; Columbia Circuit, 1884; Georgetown Circuit, 1885-6. During the last-named year our good brother suffered a severe attack of muscular rheumatism, which disabled him for active service. At the session of the Conference held that fall in Orangeburg he was placed on the superannuate list, where he has been ever since, never having fully recovered.

Brother Duffie was a successful itinerant preacher during his active ministry. His zealous labors resulted in an average of about fifty members per year! He diligently looked after family religion among his members, succeeding in establishing many family altars.

Brother Duffie was married, on April 19, 1865, to Miss Amelia Scott. They have eight living children—C. L. Duffie, Lula, Sue, Hattie, Cora, James, Lillie and Nellie. They have four dead—two died in infancy; the other two, Irene and Lizzie, died at eight and nine years of age, respectively.



REV. M. F. DUKES.

Rev. Marion F. Dukes was born at the old homestead three miles from Branchville, in Orangeburg County, S. C., Nov. 2nd, 1867. He joined the Church when eleven years old under the preaching of Rev. Thomas Raysor and was converted during a revival held by



Rev. W. H. Hodges, and under the preaching of Rev. J. E. Beard at Branchville. He was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ Sept. 14, 1889, by the Quarterly Conference held at Cattle Creek Camp Ground, Thos. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder. He served six months as a supply on the Indian River Mission, in Florida, Jacksonville District, Dr. T. W. Tomkins, Presiding Elder. That was in 1892. He was recommended by the Quarterly Conference for admission on trial, was admitted January, 1893, and was ordained Deacon the 8th day of January, 1893, by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, and ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Tampa, Dec. 19, 1897.

In 1893 Mr. Dukes served the Indian River Mission. He was stationed at Mandarin, on the St. John's River, 1894-95. He served Leon Circuit, 1896-97; the Ancilla Circuit, 1898; and Waukeenah Circuit, 1899. He was transferred by Bishop W. A. Candler, Dec. 6, 1899, to the South Carolina Conference and in 1900 served Bucks-ville Circuit.

Mr. Dukes was married to Miss Venna Lee Johnston on the 23d of December, 1888, and she died at Juno, Fla., Aug. 23, 1893. Of

this marriage, however, Jennie Lee Dukes was born the 14th of April, 1890. He was married the second time to Miss May Eva Sessions, of Florida, Dec. 8, 1896. From this union Malcolm Fay Dukes was born Jan. 16, 1897.

Mr. Dukes has had his share of the troubles of life, but has gone on patiently and submissively bearing his burdens and faithfully doing his work. His ministry is fruitful in good works. His sole desire is to serve God and save men.

REV. WADDY T. DUNCAN.

Perhaps there is no young preacher in the South Carolina Conference who is more promising than the subject of this sketch, Rev. Waddy Thompson Duncan. He comes of excellent stock, being the son of Mr. Benjamin F. Duncan and Mrs. T. Emiline Duncan. He was born May 18, 1868, in Anderson County, S. C.



Trained in the home and in the primary schools of the country, our young friend was then sent to Patrick Military Institute. After his course here, he entered Wofford College, from which institution he graduated in June, 1894.

Brother Duncan seems indeed a chosen vessel of the Lord, eminently adapted to the work for which he is called. He has a fine

physique, a strong mind, which has been thoroughly trained, and a clear religious experience. These qualifications, coupled with an irresistible impression that he ought to preach the Gospel, and with a full consecration of heart and life to the service of the Master, constitute an equipment which assures a successful ministry. He is a forceful preacher, his sermons, which are carefully prepared, evidencing deep thought and much meditation. He looks well to the various interests of his pastorate, and is making a record that will perpetuate his memory to the generations to come.

After due process of preparation, Brother Duncan was received into the Conference on trial in December, 1894, with Martin L. Banks, Jr., Connor B. Burns, Robert C. Boulware, Henry J. Cauthen, William S. Goodwin, Edward S. Jones, William A. Kelly, Stephen A. Nettles, W. A. Pitts, Jno. R. Sojourner, W. J. Snyder and P. B. Wells. He has served as follows: South Anderson Circuit, Smithville Circuit, McCormick Circuit. At the late session of the Conference he was appointed to Donald's Circuit, where he has entered hopefully upon his work. His first circuit contained the church where his parents lived and worshipped, and where he was reared. A very unusual occurrence.

Our good friend and brother was married December 15, 1898, to Miss Rebecca Green, of Sumter County, S. C. She is a daughter of Dr. H. D. Green and a grand-daughter of the late Rev. H. D. Green, who was one of the pioneers of Methodism in South Carolina. Of this union one child has been born—Waddy Thompson, Jr.



REV. WATSON B. DUNCAN.

Watson Boone Duncan, youngest child of Mr. J. D. F. Duncan and Mrs. Dulcinea Hopper Duncan, was born near Blacksburg, in York County, S. C., March 19, 1867.

He received his primary and preparatory education at the common schools of the community and at the Black's High School, under



Rev. Jno. Emory Watson; at the Broad River Academy, under Rev. W. M. Duncan; and at the Cherokee High School, under Rev. J. A. White, of North Carolina. He was then two years at Wofford College, pursuing the full A. B. course while there, but was compelled, on account of failing eyes and a failing purse, to abandon his college course. After leaving Wofford his eyes improved, and, securing Doctor Carlisle's certificate showing the ground covered while at college there, he matriculated with the Polytechnic College, and by two years of hard study and rigid examinations he finished the A. B. course, receiving the degree. He then took his A. M. course with Erskine College. He also took the Chautauqua course of study for four years.

He was converted and joined the Church when eleven years old, and soon afterward realized the Divine call to preach. He yielded without hesitation, and began to prepare for the work.

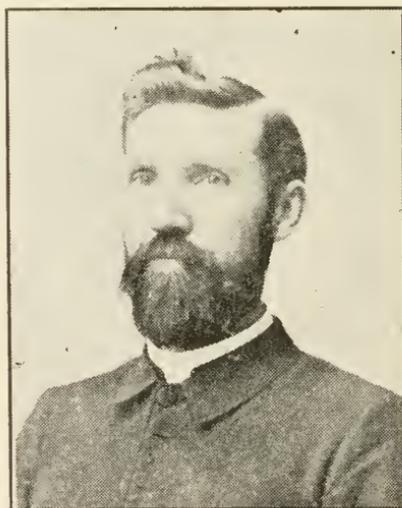
In December, 1887, he joined the Conference, R. L. Holroyd, Alston B. Earle, Wesley E. Barre, James W. Kilgo, John L. Harley,

Robt. A. Yongue, Sam T. Blackman, J. Pierce Attaway, W. L. Wait, and James E. Mahaffey joining at the same time. He has served as follows: Oakland Circuit, 1888; Wedgefield Circuit, 1889; Cartersville Circuit, 1890; Timmons ville Circuit, 1891-2; Kingstree Station, 1893-5; Allendale Circuit, 1896-8; St. George Station, 1899-1900; First Church, Laurens, 1901.

On February 6, 1889, he was married to Miss Lizzie Huggins, daughter of Dr. H. H. Huggins, of Manning, S. C. Their first child died in infancy. Following are the names of their living children: Watson Boone, Elizabeth Louise, and Herman Franklin.

REV. W. M. DUNCAN.

His full name is Whitefoord McKendree Duncan. The "Whitefoord" is for Dr. Whitefoord Smith, for many years (1833-1893) the golden-mouthed Chrysostom of South Carolina Methodism, and to whom Whitefoord Duncan, since the death of Newton Wells, is



the successor in the South Carolina Conference in fluent and pleasing oratory. The writer sat by the side of the accomplished Prof. Joynes (S. C. University) on the Wofford rostrum the day Mr. Duncan graduated (1884) and heard his graduating speech. Said the professor at its close: "Taken altogether that is the most creditable performance of the kind I have ever heard." It was high praise from a high source. *Laudari a vicio laudato.* Mr. Duncan's preach-

ing in the various charges of the Conference he has served since he joined in 1884, *i. e.*, Aiken, Winnsboro, Cheraw, Summerville, Walterboro, Camden, has fully vindicated his early promise both in the manner and matter of his preaching. He is a North Carolinian; was born of Methodist parentage in Cleveland County, Sept. 24, 1857. The family moving to South Carolina in his childhood, he was converted and joined the Church at Blacksburg, in his adopted State, when he was 18 years old. Mr. Duncan has shown good capacity for business details since his connection with the Conference. He served as Chairman of the Joint Board of Finance for eight years and is now (1900) in his tenth year as Secretary of the South Carolina (Legal) Conference. His clear voice and pleasing manner, together with his quick intelligence and promptness, well fit him for such work.

He was married Nov. 15, 1888, to Miss Susie, daughter of Dr. Henry Bruns, for many years a distinguished professor in the College of Charleston. Of this union there have been born four daughters.



REV. A. T. DUNLAP.

Rev. Archibald Tarrant Dunlap, son of the late John M. and Martha A. Dunlap, was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, February 22nd, 1860. His education was begun in the Honea Path High School and the Anderson Military Academy, and has been



continued by home studies and readings to this day. He grew up in a home of piety, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, since boyhood. In September, 1877, he was soundly converted to God. He felt called to the ministry at the time of his conversion, and he had no peace until he determined to obey it. He was licensed as a local preacher, November 24, 1886. In 1887 he served Anderson Circuit as a supply, and the people who knew him from childhood gladly heard the Word at his lips and honored him as much as they could any stranger. The year was one of marked success in all departments. A part of his extraordinary work on this circuit was securing eighty new subscribers to *The Southern Christian Advocate*. No wonder the Bishop thought him the man for the work in the Far West.

So favorable was the impression made by the year's labor that episcopal eyes sought him out and he was induced to go to the Los Angeles Conference, where he served the Santa Maria Circuit as a supply till Conference. In September, 1888, he was received on trial

by the Los Angeles Conference. His appointments were as follows: 1889-90, Carpenteria Station; 1891-92-93, Lompoc Station. In this difficult Western field he was faithful and successful. In October, 1893, he was transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and in December was appointed to Piedmont Station, where he labored successfully the three following years. In 1897-98 he served Pendleton Circuit, and in 1899-1900, Santee Circuit—in both fields winning souls for his hire.

November 22d, 1888, he married Miss Cicely Thomas, of Spartanburg, S. C., who has been a helpmeet in his work and a blessing in his home. Four children—Amie Louise, James Earle, Ruth Thomas and Marion Thomas—have been the fruit of this union of congenial hearts.

Brother Dunlap is a capital preacher. His sermons are thoughtful, clear, strong, orthodox; his language is choice; his voice musical. Above all, he preaches with conviction of the truth and with unction from the Holy One. As a pastor, he is faithful and judicious. All the duties of a Methodist preacher are carefully attended to by him. Naturally, he wins souls and builds up believers wherever he goes.

As a man, our good brother is friendly and true. He loves men, and loves in deed as well as in word. He is a good companion, having a quaint humor which pleases but does not sting.

As a Christian, he walks worthily of his vocation—and what more can any man do?



REV. OLIN L. DuRANT.

Rev. Olin Lowry DuRant, son of Rev. Henry Hill DuRant and Martha Theodora DuRant, was born at Wadesboro, N. C., December 10, 1843. For many years the sainted father of our brother was an honored member of the South Carolina Conference.



Being the son of an itinerant, Brother DuRant had access to such schools as were within the bounds of the various charges served by his father. Having been prepared in these schools, he entered Wofford College, where he was making an excellent record, when his college course was interrupted by the Civil War. He was in the Sophomore class when he left college to enter the army in the spring of 1862. He who had been faithful in school and college was henceforth, till the close of the war, in 1865, a faithful soldier in the service of his country. This, however, concluded his college course, as he was not permitted to re-enter after the close of the war.

From his earliest recollections, Brother DuRant had an impression that he would have to preach the Gospel. This impression deepened with advancing years until 1869, when his heart responded to the Divine call and he said: "Here am I; send me." He was licensed to preach in 1870. He served in the capacity of a supply as follows: Seneca Circuit, 1872; Pickens Circuit, 1873; Pickens Mission, 1887; South Anderson Circuit, 1892.

In November, 1892, he was received on trial into the Conference,

and has since served as follows: South Anderson Circuit, 1893; Townville Circuit, 1894; Pickens Circuit, 1895; Greenville Circuit, 1896-7; Georgetown Circuit, 1898; Lanes Circuit, 1899; South Florence, 1900-1901.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McTycire, December 14, 1873; and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. M. Wightman, at Charleston, S. C., December 21, 1879.

Brother DuRant was married January 14, 1868, to Miss Mary J. Nix, of Colleton County, S. C. They have nine children—Ella Carrie, Henry Asbury, Robert Franks, Edward Marvin, Martha Clyde, Flora Elise, Aliff Elmira, Oscar Morgan and Mary Joanna.

Our good brother is quiet and unassuming in his manner, but is a faithful and effective worker. His sermons are well delivered, and are often accompanied with great force. His influence in the homes of the people is powerful for good. When he leaves a home, the people feel indeed that a man of God has been with them. He seeks not place or position, but simply a field in which to serve God and save men.



REV. ALSTON B. EARLE.

The Rev. Alston B. Earle, son of the late James P. and Anna E. Earle, was born February 4th, 1865, in the city of Greenville, but grew up in Charleston, S. C., the residence of his parents. The family had refuged in Greenville during the latter part of the Confederate war.



He was educated in the public schools of Charleston, was prepared for college by Mr. B. R. Stuart, and graduated at Wofford College in June, 1887. He joined Trinity Church, Charleston, and was converted when a little over fifteen years of age, during the first pastorate of the late Dr. R. N. Wells. Soon after, he felt called to preach—the call coming as a conviction of duty and an irresistible drawing towards the ministry. Along with the decision came the determination to secure the needful education. He was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of Trinity, then served by the Rev. John O. Willson. From June, 1887, until the session of the South Carolina Conference following, he served Algiers Station—a charge opposite New Orleans, Louisiana. His work there was most successful.

Returning to South Carolina, he was received on trial into the traveling connection at the Conference held November, 1887, at Spartanburg, and has served the following appointments: Hampton

Circuit, 1888, '89, '90; Seneca Circuit, '91, '92; North Greenville, '93; Williamston, '94, '95, '96; Timmons ville, '97; Kingstree, '98; Beaufort Station, 1899, 1900, 1901. In all his charges there was growth in all departments of Church work. The material and spiritual interests were built up and strengthened. At Seneca he built a comfortable parsonage, and at Timmons ville greatly improved the parsonage and church building. In his present pastorate his success has been marked, and the promise is for even greater success. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener at Winnsboro in 1888, and Elder by Bishop Granbery at Darlington in 1891..

On June 15th, 1887, he married Miss Carrie V. Kirby, daughter of Maj. A. H. Kirby, of Spartanburg, who has been a helper and an inspiration to him. His wife's father has given three daughters and one son to the Methodist itinerancy: Mrs. Earle, Mrs. H. F. Chreitzberg, Mrs. E. S. Jones and Rev. George F. Kirby, of the Western North Carolina Conference. Seven children have blessed the home of Brother Earle: Gladys Eulalie, Alston B., Jr., Bessie, James P., Mary Julia, Ralph Lander and Carol Kirby.

Brother Earle graduated commencement day, June, 1887, married that night, and started for New Orleans—by way of Charleston—on the day following. He indeed "commenced" his life's work in all directions at the same time.

Our brother is an excellent preacher; he prepares his sermons with great care, and delivers them most impressively. As a pastor, he is kind, sympathetic, a real help. His work is conducted systematically and faithfully. He is able to give information on any line of Church work upon call, and can lay his hands in a moment upon any record. His manners are graceful, his courtesy is unfailing. He is emphatically a gentleman as well as a sincere Christian and devoted minister. And everywhere God rejoices his heart by giving the highest success—the conversion of sinners.

He has taken great interest in secret fraternities, is a member of the order of Knights of Pythias and an enthusiastic Mason, having taken the Lodge, the Chapter, the Council and the Templar degrees.



REV. J. W. ELKINS.

(The writer has known the subject of this sketch all of his life, and hence is prepared to speak advisedly as to his career.)

John William Elkins was born in Richland County, S. C., December 7, 1858. He is the eldest son of John A. and Mary A. Elkins.



The family is of English descent, and was represented in the American Revolutionary War. He was educated in the private schools of Columbia and at Vanderbilt University, remaining in that institution three years, the last year taking the course of two years. While a student at Vanderbilt he was sent, during vacation, by Bishop McTyeire, to Waynesville Circuit, to take the place of the Rev. James L. Kennedy, who went as a missionary to Brazil. This circuit had ten churches, and Brother Elkins served the work afoot. After he left Vanderbilt he served a union church on Sullivan's Island.

Having felt divinely impressed with a call to preach the gospel, he responded promptly. He was admitted, on trial in the South Carolina Conference at Greenville, in December, 1882. Since then he has served the following charges: 1883, West Lancaster Circuit; 1884-5, Cheraw Station; 1886, Mars Bluff Station; 1887, Williston Circuit; 1888, Blacksburg Circuit; 1889, Lexington Fork Circuit; 1890-1, Round O Circuit; 1892, St. George's Circuit; 1893-4, Bamberg Station; 1895, Seneca and Walhalla Station; 1896-8, Bishopville Station; 1899-1900, Conway Station.

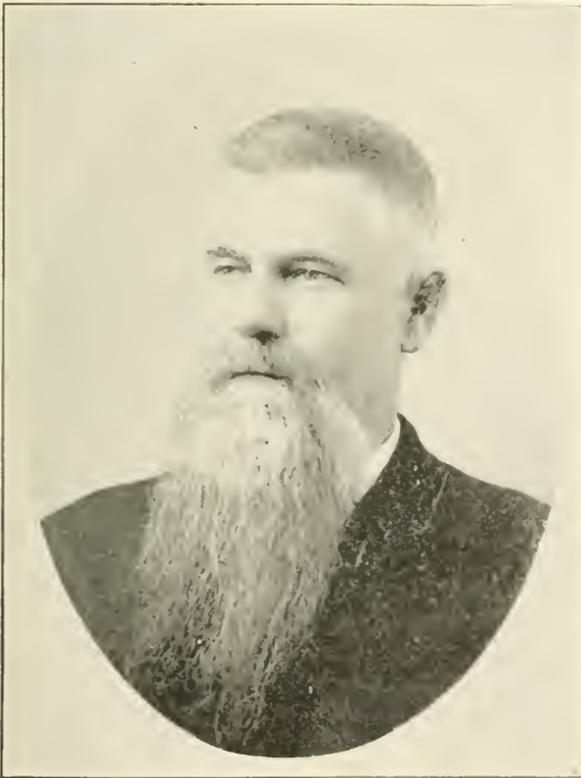
In December, 1885, he was married to Leonora Temperance Reid, of Cheraw, S. C. They have four children—John William, Marvin Boyd, Newton Carlisle Reid and Paul Jem.

With a large library of choice books, he continues to diligently study. In addition to these studies, he is pursuing a course for the A. M. degree offered by Wofford College to preachers having completed the four years' Conference course.

He has been successful in his work in all the charges he has served. His sermons are well prepared and earnestly and impressively delivered. He has never served a charge but that the people desired his return.

REV. S. P. H. ELWELL, D. D.

Rev. Silas Pinckney Holbrook Elwell, D. D., son of John L. and Rachel Elwell, was born near what is now known as Foreston, S. C.,



January 5th, 1842.

He was married to Miss Julia C. Rhame of Clarendon, S. C., De-

ember 27th, 1860. He died suddenly in Columbia, S. C., February 17th, 1900.

He was educated in the schools of his neighborhood, and in the town of Sumter, S. C. He was an ardent student, and made the best use of his limited opportunities.

When the tocsin of war between the States was sounded he was among the first to respond to the call of his State. He served in the Twenty-third Regiment of the South Carolina Volunteers. He was on duty in his native State until 1863, when he went with his regiment to the West to reinforce General Joseph E. Johnston for the relief of General Pemberton, besieged in Vicksburg, Miss. In this campaign he was severely wounded, and lost his left arm at the shoulder.

A truer, nobler soldier never bore arms in his country's cause. He was left in the hands of the enemy, and the narrative of his escape from them furnishes a story of heroic courage and tact unsurpassed in the history of the war.

On his return home he became an enthusiastic Confederate veteran. He was a member of Camp Hampton of the United Confederate Veterans, on the staff of General C. I. Walker. It was he who inaugurated the movement to erect a monument to the women of the Confederacy. He used his influence effectively for the introduction of Southern histories in Southern schools.

As a Christian and as a Christian minister he was most conspicuous. He was converted to God about the age of twelve years, while attending school in Sumter, S. C. In his early youth he was impressed that he was called of God to preach the Gospel. Though he was "disobedient to the heavenly vision," he never swerved from his integrity during the war, nor did he succeed in ridding himself of the conviction for his life work. He desired to study law, but the earnest protest of his mother barred his way thither.

Under the advice of his teacher he gave himself up fully to his high calling of God in Jesus Christ. In 1867 he was licensed to preach. In May of that year his pastor, the Rev. William Hemmingway, preacher-in-charge of the Manning Circuit, died. At the request of members of the Circuit, he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the deceased pastor. From this Circuit he went up to the South Carolina Conference, which met in Morganton, N. C., in December of that year as an applicant for admission on trial. He was admitted. Thenceforward his course was onward and upward, until the Master said, "It is enough, come up higher."

He served the following charges: Waccamaw Circuit, 1868-70; Lynch's Creek Circuit, 1871-72; Columbia Circuit, 1873; Cokesbury Circuit, 1874-75; South Abbeville, 1876-79; Pickens Circuit, 1880-83; Ninety-Six Circuit, 1884-85; Bishopville Circuit, 1886-87;

Batesburg Circuit, 1888-90; Marion Street Station, Columbia, S. C., 1891-94; Bamberg Station, 1895-96; Kingstree Station, 1897; Spring Street, Charleston, S. C., 1898-1900.

He received his appointment of 1900, but he fell with his armor on at the opening of the year.

He was ordained Deacon at Cheraw, S. C., in 1869, by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh; Elder at Spartanburg, S. C., 1871, by Bishop Robert Paine.

Dr. Elwell was an able advocate of the truth in the pulpit and on the platform. While he was always impressive and instructive, at times he spoke with great emphasis and power. He especially rose high in thought and expression when missions or temperance was his theme.

Rutherford College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1892.

Looking at the facts as they appear, we accord to him the judgment that he was no ordinary man. He met the varied demands upon him with cheerfulness and success.



REV. WM. A. FAIREY.

Rev. William A. Fairey was born in the town of St. George's, on May 4, 1872. He was blessed with Christian parents, who strove to give the boy correct ideas of religion and of the Church. Having been reared in such a home, he was soon lead to think of joining the



Church. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. Paul F. Kistler, that faithful servant of God. In October, 1889, at Cypress Campmeeting, in the Charleston District, he was deeply convicted for sin and was soundly converted to God. His conversion was so genuine and convincing that no doubt was entertained as to its reality.

Shortly after his conversion, Brother Fairey felt divinely called to preach the Gospel of Christ. He cheerfully obeyed the call, and, recognizing that such a call meant careful and thorough preparation, he sought by every possible means to qualify himself for the work.

He was educated in the graded schools of his native town, and then spent one year at Wofford College. While a student at college he was licensed to preach. Soon after, he was employed as junior preacher on the Johnsonville Circuit, in the Florence District, with Rev. J. E. Rushton as preacher in charge. During the year 1894 he was employed as a supply for the Hendersonville Circuit, in the Charleston District. The following three years were spent at Port

Royal. In December, 1897, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, with S. H. Booth, J. M. Lawson, D. A. Patrick, J. W. Speake and R. E. Turnipseed.

Immediately after this Brother Fairey decided that it was "not good for man to be alone," and accordingly took unto himself a helpmeet. He married Miss Julia H. Rahner, of Augusta, Ga. They have one child—Claudius. At the Conference of 1898 Brother Fairey was appointed to Duncan Station, Spartanburg, which, at this writing, he still serves.

Brother Fairey is a most promising young man. He is a man of fine sensibilities, good judgment and amiable qualities. He is a good preacher and conscientious pastor, ever looking to the highest and best interests of the people whom he serves.

REV. M. M. FERGUSON.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Murdock M. Ferguson, is of Scotch descent, his father, Mr. Daniel Ferguson, having come to this country directly from Scotland. His mother's maiden name was Miss Mary McIver. He was born July 3, 1826.



The early educational advantages of Brother Ferguson were somewhat limited, but by a diligent use of them he was enabled to prepare

himself to study, and this is the design of education. He has been a great reader all his life, and by means of this has largely made up for the lack of opportunity in his early days.

He was converted in October, 1871, during a protracted meeting held at Marion, S. C., by the Rev. R. R. Pegues, of blessed memory. Just two years after this he received the Divine call to preach. It came suddenly and unexpectedly, but it was clear and unmistakable. He had the usual experience—the struggle to throw off the impression. But he finally realized that it was either go preach or give up his hope of Heaven. He was sorely tried at this point. The giving up of a splendid business and the breaking up of the habits of life was indeed a trial. But God was good, and His precious promises were realized in the experience of our good brother. In the brief notes furnished for this sketch he says: "One thing I wish to mention: In all my itinerant life I never had to pay board, and only two years I partially fed my horse."

In December, 1874, Brother Ferguson was admitted on trial, with William H. Ariail, J. C. Counts, A. W. Jackson, J. J. Neville, J. L. Stokes, S. D. Vaughan, W. W. Williams and O. N. Roundtree. Since that time he has served as follows: Edisto Circuit, with Rev. Jacob L. Shuford as preacher in charge, 1875; North Marlboro Circuit, 1876; Upper Edisto Mission, 1877-80; North Marlboro, 1881; Edisto Mission, 1886-9; Loris Circuit, 1890-2; Britton's Neck, 1893.

Again the writer wishes to add a few words from the brief notes furnished for this sketch: "My first two years and my last three were perhaps the happiest of my itinerant life. I started out expecting results at every service. I made it a rule to invite penitents to the altar at every service, when practicable. Almost every time there was some one who wanted the prayers of the Church. My last three years I adopted the same rule." Far more successful would our work be, if we all, young and old, preached for immediate results and expected them.

Since 1893 Brother Ferguson has sustained the supernumerary relation to the Conference. During all these years, both while he was in the active ministry and since he has sustained the supernumerary relation, our good brother has been ever true to his convictions. His ministry has resulted in the salvation of many souls, and in the upbuilding of the Church.

Brother Ferguson was married on December 13, 1893, to Mrs. M. L. Jordan.

"P. S.—I ask the privilege of adding a few words to the above sketch of a brother I have highest cause to love, in that when I was seeking the mercy of God, Murdock Ferguson, then a business man and working Christian, gave me his tender help, day and night, until I found Him that taketh away the sin of the world. In my behalf

he let business go, and he counselled and taught and prayed for and with me until the peace of God was mine. He was my friend before: since and forever my heart's deepest and tenderest gratitude and love are his.

JOHN O. WILLSON."

REV. J. T. FOWLER.

Rev. James Thomas Fowler, son of Henry R. and Nancy A. Fowler, was born in Union County, S. C., Feb. 7, 1871.

He was reared and educated in his native County under teachers, as follows: W. B. Lemmons, Rev. J. D. Bailey and Prof. E. R.



Aycock. For several years he was very successful as teacher in the common schools of his County. When he was about 26 years of age his heart was won by the winsome, affectionate character of Miss Minnie Bishop, whom he wedded at Foster's Chapel, April 14, 1897. Ruby Thedus was born unto them August 11, 1898.

He was converted and joined the Church under the preaching of Revs. D. P. Boyd and M. B. Kelly. After his conversion he was called by the Holy Ghost to preach but resisted and went back into the world, but was reclaimed in 1897 under the preaching of Rev. John L. Harley, and the influence of this scribe. Thereafter he was impressed more than ever, if possible, by the Holy Ghost of the call

to preach, which he obeyed in 1898, when he was licensed to preach. During the summers of 1899 and 1900 he was remarkably successful in protracted meetings where sinners were convicted and mourners converted and believers edified.

He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Chester, Dec. —, 1900.

Brother Fowler being a man of studious habits and close application, and having quick perception of his Lord's will, promises much for Methodism and Christianity in South Carolina.

REV. J. M. FRIDY.

James Marion Fridy, the subject of this sketch, was born Feb. 18th, 1855, in upper Richland County, in the neighborhood of old Cedar Creek Church, on Fairfield Circuit. He was born of Christian parentage and nurtured in the lap of devoted piety. He saw the light and breathed the atmosphere of heaven in that home. The quiet rural life, the morning and evening call to family prayers, the constant attendance upon Sabbath school and services at old Cedar Creek Church were potent factors in shaping the young mind and heart.

His father was that true man of God and the Church, Thos. W. Fridy. His mother was Frances Kathrine, daughter of Jno. and Nancy Lever, two of nature's noblest productions. To this union there were born seven sons and two daughters. James Marion was the third son and child. When the husband was at the front in the civil strife, in defense of his country and rights, the mother never failed to call her little children together, morning and evening, for prayer.

Thus began the young life of this boy, under blessed home influences.

He had the advantage of such schools as the neighborhood afforded. In October, 1874, he entered the preparatory school at Wofford College, and in October, 1875, he matriculated in college, graduating with his class in June, 1879. He entered the South Carolina Conference in December, 1879, at the session held in Charleston, the last session of our Conference presided over by Bishop Wightman. At the end of one year he was elected to Deacon's orders and ordained by Bishop Wightman at his own house in Charleston, Dr. S. A. Weber assisting.

There was no Bishop at the Marion Conference.

At the end of this first year he was married to Miss Emma K. Rabb, Dec. 23rd, 1880, this union being blessed with four sons and four daughters.

He has served on the following charges: Rock Hill Circuit, 1880: junior under J. Marion Boyd, Conwayboro Station, 1881-82-83; Cainhoy Circuit, 1884-85; North Laurens Circuit, 1886-87-88-89; South Union Circuit, 1890-91-92-93; supernumerary, 1894-95-96-97; Cherokee Circuit, 1898-99; Enoree Circuit and Clinton, 1900. For seventeen years his work has been in the Spartanburg District.

Brother Fridy's ministry has been attended with no little success. In common with many other loyal Methodist preachers, he has gone on bravely bearing life's burdens, facing its dangers, and discharging its duties. The Lord has placed His divine approval upon the work of our dear brother. Many who have been led to Christ by this faithful servant of the Lord will gladly welcome him to the better land.

REV. J. D. FRIERSON.

Rev. Josiah D. Frierson, son of Mr. John Frierson and Mrs. Susannah M. J. Frierson, was born November 15, 1857.

His education started in the home and was carried on in the



schools of the country. After this preparatory work, he spent one year at the Cokesbury Conference School and one year in the Preparatory Department at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

While Brother Frierson was a penitent, seeking the salvation of his soul, he felt the Divine call to preach. He was happily converted, but, failing to accept the work to which God had called him, he lost the evidence of his acceptance, never again realizing that he was a child of God till he consented to preach. This decision was reached one year after his conversion, and he was licensed to preach July 2, 1881. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1882, with John W. Elkins and Charles B. Smith. Doubtless a more faithful trio of Methodist preachers never entered any Conference on earth.

Brother Frierson has served as follows: Campobello Circuit, 1883; junior preacher on Chesterfield Circuit, 1884; West Anderson Circuit, 1885; Fork Shoals, 1886-7; Britton's Neck, 1888; Loris Circuit, 1889-90; Society Hill, 1891; Georgetown Circuit, 1892-3; Cartersville Circuit, 1894; Jefferson Circuit, 1895-6; Bethany, 1897; Boiling Springs, 1898-9; South Branchville, 1900-01.

In all of these fields of labor our good brother has had success, notably so at Britton's Neck. Here he had most gracious revivals, resulting in about seventy conversions and forty-five accessions to the Church. He is a faithful dispenser of the Word, courageously presenting the whole Gospel and denouncing sin everywhere. As a pastor, he carefully looks after the interests of the Church.

On October 8, 1884, Brother Frierson was married to Miss Lola Craig, Rev. S. A. Weber, D. D., officiating. Of this union seven children have been born—Laura S., W. Duncan, Minnie, Ella A., J. D., Jr., Fred Craig and Lillie Lois.

REV. GEO. W. GATLIN.

Rev. George Washington Gatlin, son of John and Susan Gatlin, was born in Randolph County, N. C., October 30, 1840. After receiving his primary training, he attended the Gold Hill Academy, under the management of Prof. John Graham, for four years. He then went one year to the same school under Rev. C. A. Piler, of the North Carolina Conference. After this he spent one year at Cool Springs Academy.

Young Gatlin was converted August 12, 1854, under the ministry of Rev. Paul F. Kistler, who was then serving the Concord Circuit, in North Carolina. (The reader will remember that for many years a large part of North Carolina was embraced in our Conference.) At the age of sixteen years he was appointed class leader in the Church at Gold Hill, with a membership of two hundred. When he was converted, the impression was made upon him that he would have to preach. This became so overpowering that he yielded and

was licensed to preach in 1865 by the Quarterly Conference of the Tryon Street Church, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. R. P. Franks being the Presiding Elder.

During 1866, he served as junior preacher on the Concord Circuit under Rev. James T. Kilgo. In 1867 he went to school. In 1868 he taught school. During the years 1869-70 he served as supply on York Circuit. December, 1870, he was received on trial into our Conference, J. S. Beasley, George M. Boyd and E. Toland Hodges joining with him. He has labored in the following fields during the years given: Richland Fork Circuit, 1871; Leesville Circuit, 1872-3; Lexington Circuit, 1874-5; Johnsonville Circuit, 1876-8; Gourdin's and Sampit Circuit, 1879; Marion Circuit, 1880; Ridgeway Circuit, 1881-2; Lexington Circuit, 1883; Lexington Fork Circuit, 1884-5; West Wateree Circuit, 1886-8; Oakland Circuit, 1889; King's Mountain Circuit, 1890; superannuate, 1891-4; North Marlboro Circuit, 1895-6; Bayboro Circuit, 1897; McClellanville Circuit, 1898; Bucks-ville Circuit, 1899; Waccamaw Circuit, 1900-1901.

Brother Gatlin was married on December 5, 1871, to Miss M. Agnes Ledingham, of Richland County, S. C., Rev. Manning Brown performing the ceremony. Of this union three children have been born—William Shelton, Susan Elizabeth and Arthur Taylor. The Lord has blessed the labors of our brother, and much good has been accomplished by him.

REV. JOHN H. GRAVES.

Rev. John Hagan Graves, son of Mr. J. S. Graves and Mrs. M. E. Graves, was born July 11, 1874.

Having received his primary training in education, he entered the Abbeville High School, where he was prepared for college. He then matriculated at the Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., where he remained one year.

Brother Graves felt divinely called to preach, in 1893. His purpose was to enter the Presbyterian ministry. In 1897, he became fully persuaded that the creed of Methodism was more in harmony with the teachings of the Bible, and consequently he united with the Methodist Church. He was licensed to preach at Donalds, S. C., August 28, 1898.

At the session of the South Carolina Conference held in Greenwood, December, 1898. Brother Graves, with O. M. Abney, R. W. Humphries, E. Z. James, J. L. Mullinix, J. E. Strickland and J. B. Weldon, was received on trial. He served Smithville Circuit two years, 1899-1900.

Our young friend is a live and aggressive man, a good preacher, and successful worker. He has a bright future before him. May he fully realize the career which his promising beginning foretokens.

REV. W. S. GOODWIN.

William Smoak Goodwin, son of John Goodwin and Mary F. Goodwin (*nee* Smoak), was born near Smoaks, Colleton County, S. C., October 24, 1865. His educational advantages were only those of the country school. These, however, were by no means



meagre. From about the year 1880 to 1890, at Little Swamp, competent teachers were employed and a first-class school maintained. Young Goodwin was permitted to attend this. Not least among these educational advantages was a number of well chosen books in the old home—most of them were read, and many of them re-read and digested.

Another educational factor was the opportunity of being reared on a farm, under the necessity of having to work hard for a livelihood.

Mr. Goodwin married, Jan. 28, 1892, to Miss Josephine Dixon, of Colleton County. Their home is enlivened and brightened by four children—Carl Dixon, aged seven; Maud Wilder, aged five; James William, aged three, and Mary Frances, aged one.

Mr. Goodwin was converted and joined the Church at about twelve years old, during a meeting held at Little Swamp by Dr. Thos. Raysor. About fifteen years later, during a meeting held by Dr. L. S. Bellinger at the same church, he felt definitely called to preach. He was licensed in the spring of 1893, by the Quarterly Conference of the Hendersonville Circuit, R. N. Wells, Presiding Elder, and S. S. Blanchard, pastor in charge. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1894; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granberry, at Abbeville, S. C., in December, 1896; ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Greenwood, in December, 1898.

Mr. Goodwin was appointed to the South Clarendon Mission in December, 1894. He served only one week here, and was transferred to the Bucksville Circuit for the year 1895, and was returned for 1896. His ministry there was attended with much success. Many bonds of friendship and interest began in those years that will last beyond this life. For the years 1897, 1898 and 1899 he served the North Marlboro Circuit. During the summer of 1897 the most interesting revival of several years swept over this circuit. At least three hundred souls were converted, and one hundred and thirty were added to the Church. At this writing he is faithfully serving Ridgeway Circuit.

Mr. Goodwin's ministry is characterized by a holy zeal that always insures success. He looks after the various interests of the charge committed to his care. His work to date indicates a future of great usefulness.



REV. B. M. GRIER.

Rev. Benjamin Marion Grier, son of Rev. L. A. Grier and Mrs. Sarah M. Grier, was born February 23, 1858. He had good training in the primary and preparatory schools in the country, and then spent two years at Wofford College. In these years at school and



college he applied himself closely and by hard study laid the foundation for future work.

From his boyhood, Brother Grier felt that it was his duty to preach the Gospel of Christ Jesus. In 1881 the conviction became overwhelming and irresistible. He yielded himself fully unto the Lord, dedicating all his ransomed powers to the service of the Master. This sacrifice was accepted of the Lord, and success has attended the labors of our excellent brother from that day until this. He is a man of fine personal appearance, has a vigorous mind, and preaches with great acceptability. He is a courageous man, having strong convictions and fearlessly maintaining them.

In December, 1883, he was received on trial into the Conference, at the session held in Sumter, S. C., his Conference class being composed of James E. Grier, Samuel J. Bethea, D. Pettus Boyd, G. Pierce Watson, William W. Daniel, George R. Whitaker and himself.

He has served as follows: Junior preacher with Rev. R. L. Duffie on Blythewood Circuit, 1884; South Branchville Circuit, 1885; Or-

ange Circuit, 1886-8; Edisto Circuit, 1889-92; Branchville Circuit, 1893-4; Brightsville Circuit, 1895-6; Clio Circuit, 1897; Pacolet Mills Station, 1898; Hickory Grove Circuit, 1899; Providence Circuit, 1900-1901. In some of these charges he has had very great success; in all of them the cause of the Lord has made gratifying progress.

Brother Grier married Miss Carrie I. Duke, daughter of Capt. F. M. L. Duke, of Fairfield County, S. C., Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., performing the ceremony. Of this union six children have been born: Edgar O., O. Duke, Lila F., Irene, Lucile F., and B. Marion. Of these, O. Duke and B. Marion are with the Lord. The devoted parents are striving to train the others for the Lord's service here.

REV. JAMES E. GRIER.

Rev. James E. Grier, the youngest son of Rev. L. A. and Mrs. S. N. J. Grier, was born in Georgetown County, S. C., November 13, 1861. In his thirteenth year he was happily converted and joined the Methodist Church. His boyhood days were spent on the home farm and in the neighboring schools.



Feeling that he was called to preach, and desiring the best possible preparation therefor, he went to Wofford College, where he spent two years. His student life was marked by faithfulness and diligence. While in college, he learned far more than he found in text books.

He was married to Miss Lizzie McNeill December 12, 1882, was licensed to preach the following August, and on December 12, 1883, was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference.

He has served the following charges: Bayboro Circuit, 1884; North Marlboro, 1885-86; Tradesville, 1887; Orangeburg Circuit, 1888-89-90; Denmark, 1891-92-93; St. Paul Station, Greenville, 1894-95-96, and Chester Station, 1897-98-99-1900.

While in Greenville he very greatly reduced the debt on the church property, and succeeded in building one of the handsomest and most convenient parsonages in the State. Under his ministry the Church developed in every department.

The past four years have been the best of his ministry. He and the good people of Chester have worked wonders in the way of material improvement. One of the very best churches in Southern Methodism has taken the place of the small brick church, and the new parsonage hard by the synagogue is convenient, spacious and pretty.

Mr. Grier is not a flashy man. His character is even, but by no means superficial. He succeeds. His ministry has been fruitful. Many souls have been converted and brought into the Church as a result of his preaching and visiting. He has always been a hard student, his reading covering a wide range of subjects. He believes in books; but he reads his Bible more than any or all other books.

His preaching is on a high plane; his sermons are thoroughly prepared and forcefully delivered.

He has a true help in his excellent wife and doubtless she has contributed much to her husband's success as a preacher.



REV. LEWIS M. HAMER.

Rev. Lewis Meyers Hamer, son of Mr. John H. Hamer and Elizabeth Thomas Hamer, was born February 27, 1825. He was named for Rev. Lewis Meyers who was a member of the Conference in the long ago.



As a boy, Brother Hamer had access to the common schools which he attended regularly until the death of his father in 1842. After this his time was divided between teaching and going to school until the year 1846 when he, having studied law, was admitted to the bar in a class containing, besides himself, ex-Chancellor W. D. Johnson, Donald Matheson, Daniel E. Crosland, Col. E. B. C. Cash, James Norwood, Col. Alfred Martin, John C. Higgins, and others. He continued in the practice for some time and, no doubt, would have made a great reputation for himself in that vocation, but God had a nobler work for him.

He joined the Methodist Church in 1849. Immediately after his conversion he felt divinely called to preach. This impression deepened until it became irresistible and he took steps at once to enter upon the work. He was licensed to preach in 1852. At the session of the Conference held in Newberry, S. C., in December, 1853, he was received on trial. Since that time he has served as follows: Junior preacher on Marion Circuit, with R. P. Franks, 1854; junior preacher on Darlington Circuit, 1855-6;

Georgetown Station, 1857; Black Swamp Circuit, 1858-9; Allendale Circuit, 1860-1; Brownsville Circuit, 1862-3; Darlington Circuit, 1864-6; Supernumerary, 1867; located, 1868-1872; junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit, 1873; Darlington Circuit, 1874-7; Lexington Fork, 1878-9; Shallow Ford Circuit, 1880; Marion Circuit, 1881. At the close of the year 1881 our good brother was so broken down in health that he was compelled to ask for the supernumerary relation, which was granted. He had hoped to regain his health and resume active work, but in this he has been disappointed, not having been able from that day till this to reenter the regular work. In 1882 he was placed on the superannuated list, which relation he still holds, his name worthily gracing this "honor roll" of our Conference.

October 7, 1847, Brother Hamer was married to Miss Elizabeth M. Thomas. Of this union were born Edgar Philip, Henry Bascom, Sallie Thomas, Mary Ellen, Elizabeth Williams, Lucy David, Martha Mouzon, Tracy Walsh, Lewis, Philip, William Thomas, Anna Charlotte and John May. At this writing only four of the children are living—two sons and two daughters.

Brother Hamer was a popular pastor and a helpful preacher. He made friends by the score wherever he went, and they gratefully remember till this day his labors among them. Many were led to Christ through his work. Gracious revivals attended his ministry. Though retired from the active field, his influence is still at work and his toils will continue to bear fruit when our honored brother shall have gone to his eternal reward.



REV. W. M. HARDEN.

Among the faithful and diligent laborers in the South Carolina Conference must be placed the subject of this sketch, Rev. William Marion Harden. He is the son of Mr. Martin Harden and Mrs. Elizabeth Harden, and was born August the 20th, 1854.



Brother Harden was converted when about twelve years old in Elbert County, Georgia, and joined the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in 1867. He received his primary education in the common schools of the State of Georgia and in Anderson, S. C., while a member of the above-named Church. After this he was for seven years under the ministry and tutorage of Dr. W. L. Pressley, of Due West, S. C. During this time he realized the divine call to preach. The call being as clear and distinct as it was, could not be unheeded without sin, so he yielded himself fully unto the Lord and began to arrange to enter upon the great work to which his life has ever since been devoted. He was licensed to preach, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in May, 1875, Rev. O. A. Darby, D. D. being the Presiding Elder.

He joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1880, N. B. Clarkson and John W. Neeley joining at the same time. Since his reception, he has served the following charges during the years indicated: Clinton Circuit, 1881-2; South Union Circuit, 1883-5; North Laurens Circuit, 1886; Loris Circuit, 1887-8; Richardsonville

Circuit, 1889; Conway Circuit, 1890; Richland Circuit, 1891; Blackville Circuit, 1892; Boiling Springs Circuit, 1893; South Anderson Circuit, 1894; Greenville Circuit, 1895; Pickens Circuit, 1896-7; Lexington Circuit, 1898-9; Clyde Circuit, 1900-1901. Brother Harden was not only successful in leading souls to Christ while serving the above-named charges, but was blessed with material prosperity as well. During his ministry the parsonage on the South Union Circuit was finished and those on the Loris, the Richardsonville, the Richland, and the South Anderson Circuits were secured. His preaching has been blessed to the salvation of many, the Lord owning the labors of his servant.

On December 7, 1873, Brother Harden was married to Miss A. E. Stuart, of Anderson County, S. C., who has stood bravely by his side during these years of labor and trials. To them the following children have been born: Maud Letitia, Marion Bell and Wyman Willson. The first, Maud Letitia, died September 27, 1886.

REV. JOHN LAWTON HARLEY.

Rev. John L. Harley stands a living testimony to the power of God's grace to reach and save one despite the unfavorable environment of



early life, and also to what may be achieved by one who has the granite in his nature in bringing himself up through that grace to a

prepared and qualified Christian manhood through whom God can speak His truth and wield His power for the blessing of humanity.

He was born in Orangeburg County, near the present town of North, July 26, 1860. His parents, Jas. Henry and M. Emily Harley, were not members of the Church, and his early surroundings were wholly wanting in religious or educational influences. His boyhood and earlier young manhood were spent in hard work on the farm with a month or two at long intervals in the then practically worthless public schools. At the age of fourteen he joined the Methodist Church at Boiling Springs, but then knew nothing of what conversion meant. Yet, strange to say, from earliest childhood whispering voices told him of a life-work for him as a preacher of the Gospel. He could not, as he grew older, credit this call, feeling that God surely would not call one in his position and condition to His service. At nineteen years of age the dim but constant impressions and whisperings of a life mission as a minister of the Gospel led him on to a clear and definite experience of saving grace, with which experience came definite assurance of his call to preach. He realized that a call to preach was a call to get ready, and went to Williston where he worked in a store for his board while he attended school and was rapidly prepared for Wofford College. He spent two years in Wofford, making his way by clubbing with three others for mutual help in the matter of board, out of which band grew the present arrangement of the Wightman Hall.

December 15, 1881, he was married to Miss Minnie, only daughter of Rev. J. L. McGregor, of the South Carolina Conference. The library of his wife's deceased father was placed at his disposal and he applied himself to its study. For five years thereafter he taught school, studying day and night with such persistent determination as belongs only to such natures as his born to conquer difficulties in achieving a cherished purpose. At last, when twenty-six years of age, October, 1886, he was licensed to preach and was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Spartanburg, November, 1887. In the Conference course he passed regularly forward in his studies, reaching full ordination at the end of four years.

During his thirteen years connection with the Conference, he has served King's Mountain, 1888-89; Chesterfield, 1890; Rock Hill, 1891; Fort Mill, 1892-93; Clifton, 1894-97; Clinton, 1898-99; Cumberland, Charleston, 1900, being reappointed to Cumberland for 1901. In all these charges he has achieved eminent success. Revival is constant everywhere he goes, he, as nearly as any, realizing in his charges the ideal of a revival all the time.

John L. Harley is a strong, rugged, manly soul. He has convictions and dares maintain them at all hazard. As a champion for prohibition or as waging war against Mormonism, "*et id omne*

genus," with tongue or pen, Harley, regardless of fear or favor of men, may be relied upon for yeoman service. His preaching is eminently practical and looks to immediate results. He binds the hearts of those among whom he labors to him because of his evident earnestness and sincerity of interest in their spiritual welfare. His ministry at Cumberland the past year has been wonderfully blessed. He has demonstrated his fitness for that arduous work by building up a congregation there as large as any in the city of Charleston.

No more useful man finds place upon the South Carolina Conference roll and few will have so many stars in their heavenly crown or look upon so large a garnering for the Master as will he when he shall greet the Savior.

REV. GEO. T. HARMON.

Rev. Geo. Thomas Harmon, son of Rev. Appleton G. and Mrs. Caroline R. Harmon, was born April 12, 1850. As a boy, young Harmon was attending the best schools within his reach, and was preparing for the advanced courses, when his school life, like that of so many a noble boy, was interrupted by the Civil War. While he was not permitted to complete his educational career and realize his ideals, he did learn to think and study, and so has become by constant application one of the most thoughtful preachers in the South Carolina Conference. His sermons show deep thinking and thorough preparation. His preaching is such as leaves a deep impression upon the minds and consciences of his hearers.

Brother Harmon was converted in July, 1868. He had been impressed with a call to preach from childhood, but did not yield to it until the year of his conversion—1868. In November of that year he was licensed to exhort, and in July, 1869, was licensed to preach, Rev. J. B. Traywick being his pastor, and Rev. W. H. Fleming his Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial at the session held in Cheraw, S. C., in December, 1869, his classmate being the irrepresible Rev. Jesse A. Clifton, D. D. His work has been as follows: Junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, with Rev. A. J. Cauthen, Sr., as preacher in charge, 1870; Pickensville Circuit, 1871-2; Anderson Station, 1873; Florence and Liberty Chapel, 1874-5; Conway Station, 1876; South Marlboro Circuit, 1877-1880; Chester Station, 1881-2; local preacher, 1883; Lewisville Circuit, 1884; Laurens Station, 1885-6; Richburg Circuit, 1887-9; Georges Station, 1890-1; Chester District, 1892-5; Cokesbury District, 1896-9; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1900-1901.

It will thus be seen that Brother Harmon has filled the various classes of appointments in the Conference circuits, stations, dis-

tricts—and has filled them well. At this writing he is filling one of our leading appointments, serving his second year thereon. He is making an excellent record wherever he labors.

Brother Harmon was married on December 17, 1873, to Miss Margaret L. Seibels, at the residence of Gen. Henry Arthur, in Lexington County, S. C. They have four children: Lavinia, born August 12, 1876, at Conway, S. C., and married to Rev. Peter Stokes, of the South Carolina Conference, April 5, 1900; Carrie Lou, born at Blenheim, S. C., February 19, 1878; George Thomas, born at Clio, S. C., Oct. 31, 1879; Maggie Seibels, born at Chester, S. C., September 14, 1882.

REV. SIDI B. HARPER.

Sidi Browne Harper, the oldest son of Geo. M. and Anna Browne Harper, of Anderson, S. C., was born Nov. 16th, 1875. From his early childhood, he felt the call to preach, but did not fully determine to enter the ministry until 1891. He spent one year at the Honea



Path High School and three at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. His school life was characterized by a singular devotion to duty, and the purity of his moral character made him a general favorite.

In 1896 he was appointed junior preacher at Buncombe Street Church. He joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1896, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Granberry. He was sent to the West End Church, Anderson, S. C., which was then a mission with sixty-seven members. For four years he has faithfully and acceptably filled this pastorate, and his work among the working class has been wonderfully successful. The church building has been enlarged and beautified, the membership increased from sixty-seven to two hundred and sixty-five members, and from a weak, struggling mission it has grown into a strong, self-supporting church. Much of this prosperity is due to the untiring efforts of the pastor.

At the Conference of 1900, held at Chester, S. C., Bishop Hargrove appointed him a student at Vanderbilt University for the purpose of taking a Theological course. Last year he was appointed League Secretary for Greenville District. He is also one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Annual Conference.

He is a grand-nephew of Rev. Sidi H. Browne, editor of "Christian Neighbor," and a cousin of Rev. H. B. Browne, Presiding Elder of Orangeburg District, South Carolina Conference.

REV. S. W. HENRY.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Shala Walter Henry, was born in Anson County, N. C., February 13, 1871. He is the son of John Culpepper Henry and Charlotte Elizabeth (Bruner) Henry.

He was educated in the common schools of the country and at the Anson Institute, located at Wadesboro, N. C. In these schools he made diligent use of his opportunities and learned how to study, and has closely applied himself ever since.

Being providentially led into South Carolina, he felt moved of the Holy Spirit to apply for admission into this Conference. He was received on trial in November, 1892, with H. W. Bays, from the Western North Carolina Conference, E. H. Beckham, George F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, E. Palmer Hutson, from the Presbyterian Church, Preston B. Ingraham, John N. Ison, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. Melvin McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins.

Brother Henry has served faithfully and with great acceptability the following charges: Fort Motte Circuit, 1893-4; Heath Springs, 1895-8; Antreville, 1899; Princeton Circuit, 1900-1901. Much success has attended our young brother in his work. On Fort Motte Circuit he had two new churches finished and dedicated. He also

started a new church at Heath Springs, which was completed shortly after his removal, under the ministry of Rev. D. A. Phillips.

Brother Henry is a very energetic pastor and worker. He is kind and considerate, and makes many strong friends. His work is of the abiding kind, and the people remember him and his labors for them.

Brother Henry was married to Miss Mannie Wolfe, of Lexington County, S. C., at the home of her parents, Mr. J. Archie Wolfe and Mrs. Freddie Wolfe, on November 16, 1898, Rev. W. W. Daniel, D. D., officiating. They have one child—John Archie.

REV. C. C. HERBERT.

Rev. Chesley Carlisle Herbert, son of Rev. Thomas G. Herbert of the South Carolina Conference, and Harriet Bryce Herbert, was born, December 20, 1871.

Our young friend has had the very best educational advantages. After the usual primary training he entered the Greenville Military Institute, remaining there from his thirteenth year till his fifteenth. Then he matriculated at the Wofford College Fitting School, going from that into the regular college classes, graduating in June, 1892. During the term of 1892-3 he was tutor in German and English at Wofford. From here he went to Vanderbilt University and took the theological course. Thus we see that he is intellectually qualified for a life of great usefulness. The foundation is broad and deep and no doubt a suitable superstructure of culture and learning will be erected thereon. Or, to use Bishop Keener's forceful illustration, he took time to thoroughly grind the axe. No doubt the evening results will abundantly demonstrate the wisdom in thus utilizing the morning hours.

Brother Herbert was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial in December, 1895, with John G. Beckwith, George C. Leonard, Benjamin M. Robertson, Henry Stokes and Julius F. Way.

His charges have been: Florence Mission from December, 1895, to July, 1897, when he was removed to Johnston Circuit, which had been made vacant by the election of Rev. R. E. Stackhouse to a professorship in the Columbia Female College. He served this charge till December, 1898, when he was appointed to Dillon Station, where at this writing, he is having a successful pastorate.

Brother Herbert was married, October 20, 1897, to Miss Ruth Marshall Allen, of Florence, S. C.

The subject of this sketch is looked upon as one of our most promising preachers. He is continually growing in favor with the people and in ability as a preacher.

REV. THOS. G. HERBERT.

No man in the South Carolina Conference is more highly honored or more sincerely loved than the subject of this sketch, Rev. Thomas Golbraith Herbert. He was born in Newberry County, S. C., May 30, 1830. He is a son of Mr. Isaac Herbert and Mrs. Frances



Worthington Herbert. His father was of Quaker descent, and his mother was of a Baptist family. They both, however, became hearty and devoted Methodists.

Brother Herbert had splendid educational advantages. After the customary training in the country schools, he took the full course at the Cokesbury Conference School. He then spent two years at the old South Carolina College, during the presidencies of William C. Preston and Dr. Joseph H. Thornwell. Going from the farm to close study in school and college led to a partial failure in health. After leaving college, he taught one year, but finding that his health did not improve, he returned to the farm and was restored.

The impression of a call to the ministry gradually grew upon our good friend and brother. Several years before he yielded he had premonitions of the coming call. He finally reached Paul's experience and realized "Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel." The call was clear and unmistakable, so much so that he has never for a moment doubted it. He served for several years as a local preacher, in which capacity he accomplished much good.

In December, 1858, Brother Herbert was received on trial into the Conference, F. Auld and Jas. C. Stoll joining at the same time. The writer wishes to express it as his honest opinion that no more faithful trio ever entered any Conference on earth.

The subject of this paper has labored as follows: Butler Circuit, 1859; Anderson Circuit, 1860-1; Butler Circuit, 1862-3; Abbeville, 1864-6; Ninety-Six Circuit, 1867-70; Spartanburg District, 1871-4; Newberry Circuit, 1875-8; Sumter District, 1879-82; Greenville District, 1883-6; Spartanburg District, 1887-90; Johnston Circuit, 1891-4; Blenheim Circuit, 1895; Batesburg Circuit, 1896-7; supernumerary, 1898-1901. Thus we see that he was actively engaged for thirty-nine years without a break. The Lord put the Divine approval upon the labors of his consecrated servant, granting him the salvation of souls and the prosperity of Zion. He was always loving and sympathetic in the pastoral work. As a preacher, he is plain and practical, believing that the best way to preach is to plainly present the simple truths of the Gospel. Much of his exposition of Scripture grows out of his deep religious experience. He is a deeply spiritual man, and all who come in contact with him realize that they have been with a man of God. He leaves the impress of a Christian character upon every life he touches. Though not now actively engaged, his life and labors are still producing fruit to the glory of God, and will for all time to come.

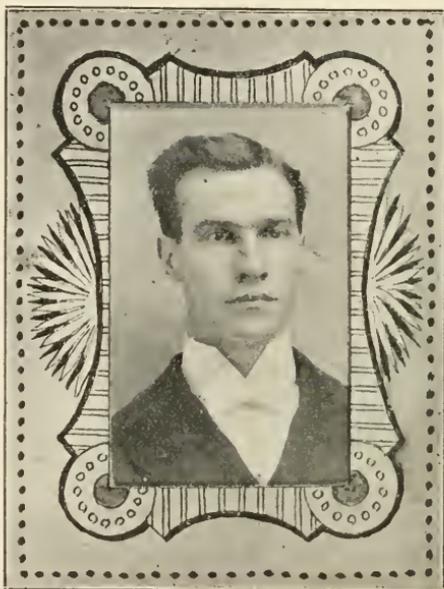
Brother Herbert was most fortunate in the selection of a wife. He was married April 7, 1853, to Miss Harriet Smith Bryce, daughter of Mr. Robt. Bryce. Sister Herbert's mother was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

To Brother Herbert and his wife the following children were born: Harriet Shand, Janie Frances, Lilly Young, Robert Bryce, Walter Isaac, Sarah M., Thomas Grigsby, Chesley Carlisle, and Mary Bryce. The fourth child, Robert Bryce, died in early infancy.

To the brief data furnished for this sketch our honored brother adds a footnote which the writer wishes to insert here: "Under God, I owe much to my good wife, who has never failed me with her helpful hands and wise counsels, and has largely moulded the character of our children, all of whom are following her godly example."

REV. T. GRIGSBY HERBERT.

Rev. Thomas Grigsby Herbert, son of Rev. Thomas G. Herbert and Mrs. H. S. Herbert, was born at Greenwood, S. C., February 4, 1869. The three Herbert boys—Walter, Grigsby and Chesley—have always been looked upon as “model boys.” With such parents



as they are blessed with, and with such a home influence as they had in early life, it would have been difficult for them to have been other than good.

The educational advantages of the subject of this sketch have been the very best obtainable. He was taught by his sisters until his fourteenth year, after which he was entered at the Greenville Military Institute, then under the supervision of Capt. Patrick, the father of young Herbert then being Presiding Elder of the Greenville District. From there our young friend went to Wofford College, from which institution he graduated in June, 1890, receiving the degree of A. B. Not yet satisfied with his intellectual equipment, he entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, graduating with the degree of B. D. in June, 1893. From his boyhood days, Brother Herbert had often been impressed that he would be called to preach. He wanted, however, to farm. It was not until after his graduation at Wofford that he yielded to the call. He was licensed to preach, after examination by Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., by the Quarterly Conference of Central Church, Spartanburg, June 6, 1890.

He was admitted into the Conference on trial November, 1893, with L. L. Bedenbaugh, J. A. Campbell, W. A. Massebeau, R. E. Mood, G. E. Stokes, J. B. Harris and Peter Stokes. His first charge was Sumter City Mission, which he served four years. Here he had very marked success. During his pastorate a \$400 lot was purchased and a neat little chapel built on it. A Sunday School and a Missionary Society were organized. From that place he was sent to Pelzer Station, where he is still, at this writing, successfully laboring.

Brother Herbert was married on November 18, 1896, to Miss Margie Hill, daughter of the late Rev. S. J. Hill, of the South Carolina Conference. To them one child has been born, but was soon called away to the home beyond.

No truer man ever entered the Conference than he about whom we write. He is a good preacher and pastor, and a lovable man.

REV. WALTER I. HERBERT.

Rev. Walter Isaac Herbert, son of Rev. Thomas G. Herbert and Mrs. Harriet Bryce Herbert, was born April 6, 1864. Preaching



seems to run in this family, the honored father and three of the boys being preachers.

Brother Herbert's educational advantages have been the very best.

Being the son of an itinerant preacher, he had access to the very best preparatory school. His collegiate education was obtained, of course, at Wofford College, where he graduated, with the A. B. degree, in June, 1885. His college record was a fine one. His natural goodness and amiability endeared him to all the boys and his Christian deportment won the admiration of both students and faculty. No boy ever left Wofford College with a cleaner record than Walter Herbert. His college class was composed of himself, H. B. Carlisle, James H. Carlisle, Jr., Paul Petty and Rev. A. W. Attaway.

From his earliest days, Brother Herbert felt that it would be his great privilege to preach the Gospel. It was not definitely settled, however, till during his college course, when he fully realized that it was his privilege and duty to preach. On motion of Prof. F. C. Woodward, who was then Professor of English at Wofford, Brother Herbert was recommended for license to preach by the Church Conference of Central Church, Spartanburg, and a few weeks after his graduation he was licensed by the Quarterly Conference, Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D., being the Presiding Elder. In December, 1885, he joined the Conference, E. B. Loyless, A. F. Berry, E. O. Watson, J. M. Steadman, T. C. O'Dell, J. F. Anderson, A. M. Attaway, T. C. Ligon, John Owen, and D. A. Calhoun joining with him.

He has served the following charges: City Mission, Spartanburg, 1886 (he only remained here four months, being then removed to Cheraw Station to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. R. P. Franks, who had been moved to Sumter Station); Cheraw Station, 1887-9; Union Station, 1890-1; Laurens Station, 1892-4; Florence Station, 1895-8; Newberry Station, 1899-1901. While he was stationed in Laurens a fine parsonage, costing \$1,500, was built: in Florence an old Church debt was paid, and in Newberry he is building a handsome church, which will cost \$10,000.

Brother Herbert is a great revivalist. The Lord blesses his labors to the salvation of scores of souls. He is a man of good common sense and excellent business judgment. His deep piety impresses every one he meets and he is greatly loved by his people.

He was married June 26, 1889, to Miss Constance T. Furman, of Greenville, S. C. Drs. J. C. Furman and John O. Willson officiating. They have six children—Frances Gardenia, Thomas Carlisle, Harriet Bryce, James Furman, Annie Elizabeth and Sarah Margaret.

REV. EDWARD TOLAND HODGES.

Edward Toland Hodges was born in Newberry Co., S. C., Nov. 11th, 1847. Converted and joined the M. E. Church South, at nineteen; was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in 1870.



In 1876 he married Miss Hattie Pegues, daughter of Col. B. F. Pegues, with whom he lived happily until her death in 1877. Married Miss Attalanta Gary, daughter of Dr. T. R. Gary, in 1878. He was sent as a picked man to California in 1887, whence he returned on account of the failing health of his wife in 1889. She passed away in the fall of that year. In 1894 he married Miss Daisy Carson, daughter of Capt. J. M. Carson, who is now his helpmeet indeed.

During all these years he has served his church faithfully and efficiently on circuit, station and district. These are the outer facts, but along with these there have been deep inner forces at work incessantly, for, to him, existing and laboring are not all of life.

His father, Dr. C. W. Hodges, and his mother, a sister of Rev. John W. Kelly, were strong, cultured Christian characters and gave him an early impress and momentum that have been cumulative in their effect. His father dying when the boy was twelve years old, and the civil war coming on apace, the young man's education was technically cut off, though really advanced by sudden responsibility in the home and on the farm.

When converted, he made a careful and independent study of the doctrines and polity of the various churches and came to the Methodist with an intelligent conviction that it represented his own mental and spiritual trend.

As a man, Mr. Hodges is strong in moral and religious fibre, broad and tender in sympathy, keen and precise in foresight and acumen, quickly susceptible to currents and cross-currents of thought and feeling; kind and affectionate in the home, gentle and affable in the social circle, fervent and yet quiet in private and public devotions, a constant student of men and things, a real citizen of this very world, alive to all its interests and faithful to all of its responsibilities.

He has shown what one can learn and do without the training of the schools, for he keeps up with modern thought and reads and studies successfully the best books.

As a preacher, he is fresh and strong and at times powerful.

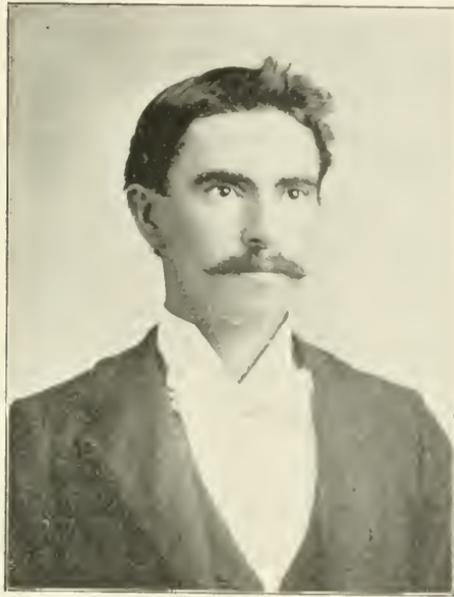
His best work has been done on the district, for he keeps in close touch and fellowship with his preachers and is full of helpful suggestions.

He realizes, as few are able to do, that the Presiding Elder ought to be a peripatetic theological faculty as well as a careful business man and rises to that conception to a degree that receives ample recognition and appreciation from those who know him best.



REV. FRANK E. HODGES.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Frank Emory Hodges, is one of the promising young men of the Conference. He is the son of Mr. William Ludlow Hodges and Elizabeth Ann Hodges, and was born July 5, 1868.



Young Hodges first received a good training at home. He then attended the Cokesbury Conference School for two years, after which he pursued a course of study under Rev. G. Edwin Stokes, who not only gave the young man thorough mental training, but left the impress of a noble character upon his soul as well. Under these educational influences he has learned to think, which, indeed, is the purpose of all school life.

Brother Hodges was converted in a meeting conducted by Rev. Chas H. Yatman in Columbia during the summer of 1888. About a year afterwards he felt called to preach, and, realizing that such a call involved the obligation to prepare, he at once began the work of preparation. Brother Hodges served as a local preacher for about four years, during which time he was pastor of Princeton Circuit, Cokesbury District, for three months. He also served as pastor of the Orange Mills Chapel, in Orangeburg, for four months. He was admitted on trial at the session of the Conference held in Orangeburg, December, 1899, Bishop Jos. S. Key presiding. His Conference classmates are: Henry L. Singleton, John T. Macfarlane, Em-

mett F. Scoggins, Bob. G. Murphy, Robt. S. Truesdale, and John W. Bailey. His first year, 1900, was spent on Parksville Mission, where he did an excellent year's work. At the recent session, he was sent to Foreston Circuit, where he has entered very auspiciously upon the work of the year. Those who know his real worth have great expectations of his career. He will not disappoint them.

REV. WM. H. HODGES.

The subject of this sketch was born in Brownsville, Marlboro County, South Carolina. He was the seventh child of Dr. John A. and Mrs. Charlotte Irby Hodges. His early educational advantages were the country schools in his neighborhood, and at Bennettsville. In 1874, before he was grown, he joined the Methodist Church.

In his early manhood, he was superintendent of the Sunday School at Bethlehem, his home Church. While thus serving the Church, he recognized his call to the ministry and was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Clio Circuit, at Parnassus, the 26th of August, 1882.

In December, 1882, he was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, and was appointed junior preacher on the Newberry Circuit for 1883. During that year he took his first lessons in church building by securing subscriptions and taking collections for Wightman Chapel, at Prosperity.

Feeling his need of better preparation for his life-work, he asked the Conference of 1883 to release him in order that he might go to school. He spent 1884 and a part of 1885 at Vanderbilt University. At the earnest request of Dr. Raysor, Presiding Elder of the Orangeburg District, he returned to South Carolina in May, 1885, to take charge of the Branchville Circuit.

In December, 1885, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener. After Conference of that year he entered Wofford College.

In April, 1886, he was put in charge of the Spartanburg City Mission, which he served in connection with his college duties till December. During the year the Church and community was visited with a most gracious revival of religion—150 professing conversion and 100 joining the different Churches of the city.

In June, 1887, he was put in charge of the Mullins Circuit, where he baptized 206 infants and received 100 members into the Church by profession of faith. In December of that year he returned to his studies at Wofford College, which he was permitted to prosecute without interruption till he graduated in June, 1889. Immediately after his graduation, he was put in charge of the Kingstree Circuit.

In December, 1889, he was again admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference; and was ordained Elder by Bishop Keener and re-appointed to the Kingstree charge, which he served in 1890 and in 1891. During his pastorate there the charge was blessed with gracious revivals, and increased its assessment for pastor more than forty per cent.

On the 7th of October, 1891, he married Miss Alma Elise Kennedy, and soon afterward left South Carolina to take charge of the Methodist Church at Spokane, Washington, East Columbia Conference, where he had been transferred and stationed by Bishop Duncan. During his pastorate there more members were received by profession of faith than had been thus received during the preceding four years. At the end of his first year at Spokane, because of the poor health of his wife, he was transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and stationed at Greenwood for 1893. When he reached Greenwood, the walls of the new Methodist Church were up, but work on the church had been stopped for some time. During the year, work was recommenced, and before Conference the congregation worshipped in their new church, though the church was not completed nor altogether paid for. The contract for a new parsonage was also let that year.

He served Cheraw Station in 1894, and in 1895. He went from Cheraw to Manning Station, where he remained three years. A new church and parsonage were built during his stay in Manning. He was appointed to Gaffney Station for 1899, and again for 1900. A new parsonage was built there also. A commodious brick church, stone trimmed, is in course of construction there, and it is hoped that it will be completed ere the dawn of the Twentieth Century.

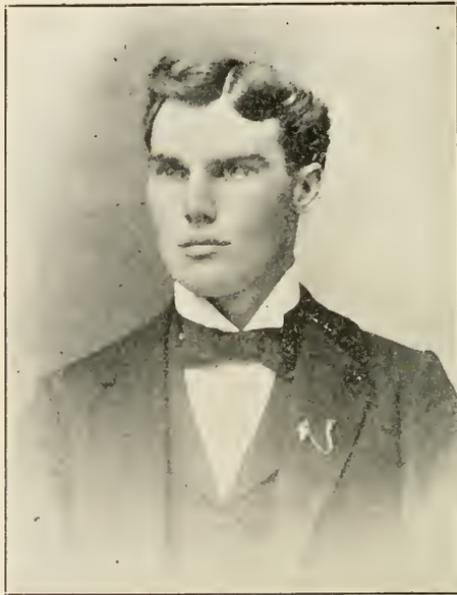
He is the father of three children—Julia Pledger, who went to Heaven May 12, 1894; William Henry and John Kennedy, who still bless the parsonage home.

Mr. Hodges is a hard student, a good preacher and a diligent pastor.



REV. E. A. HOLLER.

Adlai Ellwood Holler, eldest living son of Adlai and Martha Miller Holler, was born July 4th, 1871, in Catawba County, N. C. His parents, both of whom are still living, are natives of North Carolina, though his mother was reared in Tennessee. They moved



to Rock Hill, S. C., their present home, when the subject of this sketch was one year old. On both sides of the house he is of sturdy German-Lutheran ancestry. His early education was mostly acquired at old Ebenezer Academy, three miles from Rock Hill. When very young, he entered Concordia College, of Conover, N. C. (since moved to Hickory). Being too staunch a follower of Wesley to feel at home in a Lutheran institution, our young friend soon left Concordia and went to Eastman Business college, in 1888. On graduating from there, he returned to Rock Hill and for several years was successfully engaged in business.

Events which befall God's children do not come by *chance*. In the providence of God, this young man, who had early felt a call to the ministry, but hushed it, was summoned to the bedside of a brother critically ill at Wofford College. There, feeling the need of Divine assistance, and realizing his inability to pray acceptably until the long unheeded call be answered, he surrendered all to Christ, dedicating his life from that time to the service of his Lord and Master. Coming in contact with Dr. Carlisle and getting an insight into the

inner life at Wofford, his soul was kindled with a desire for and determination to have a collegiate education. Arranging his business with that end in view, he returned the following fall and matriculated at Wofford. At the end of four years he graduated from that institution in June, 1896. His first work after leaving college was in the school room.

While teaching at Waterloo, S. C., he was married to Miss May Cornwell, of Chester County, Dec. 23, 1896. Two little boys—Adlai Cornwell and James Carlisle—are the result of this union.

Rev. A. E. Holler's first work was Greenville City Mission, where he served several months as supply in the fall of 1897, previous to the meeting of Conference at which he was admitted on trial. His first appointment was to Johnsonville Circuit, 1898. The past two years his appointment has been Rome Circuit.

Mr. Holler is one of our most promising young preachers. Equipped in head and heart for efficiently preaching the Gospel of Christ, he has entered upon his work with foretokens of abundant success. Such a man is bound to succeed. Added to his other qualifications, he has a noble, sweet-spirited wife, who heroically faces life's problems with her husband. Coming ages will feel the influences of the lives of these devoted servants of Christ.



REV. R. L. HOLROYD.

Rev. Robert Lee Holroyd was born in Mercer County, West Virginia, May 23, 1863. As indicated by the name, he is of English descent, his father coming directly from England to this country.

In early childhood he had access to the usual common schools of



the community, of which he made good use. He was then placed in the school at Athens, West Virginia, where he received a thorough training. After leaving school, Brother Holroyd taught for quite a while, giving great satisfaction to his patrons.

On June 30, 1886, he was married to Miss Lula E. Wiggins, daughter of Rev. Casper E. Wiggins, who at this writing is an honored member of the South Carolina Conference. Of this union five boys have been born—Emory, Raymond, Charles Eugene, William Casper and Lemuel Grier.

Brother Holroyd was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1887, with Alston B. Earle, Wesley E. Barre, James W. Kilgo, Watson B. Duncan, John L. Harley, Robt. A. Yongue, Samuel T. Blackman, J. P. Attaway, W. L. Wait and James E. Mahaffey.

He has served the following charges: Berkeley Circuit, 1888; North George's Circuit, 1889; Lexington Fork Circuit, 1890-2; Black Swamp Circuit, 1893-6; Hampton Circuit, 1897-9; Bethel and Glendale, 1900.

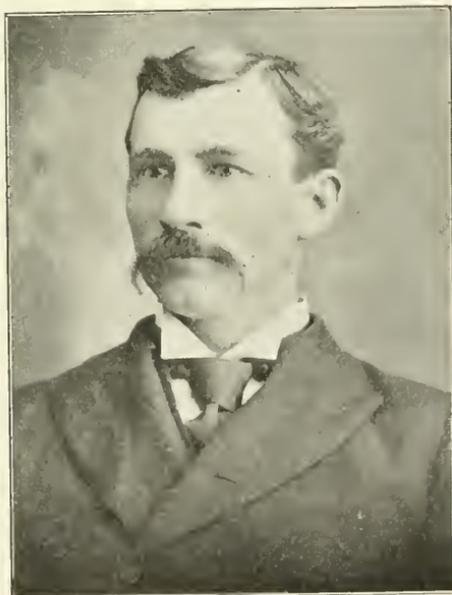
Brother Holroyd has been faithful and diligent in all these charges, and in some of them eminently successful. At Hampton his ministry was attended with great material prosperity, a neat and commodious parsonage having been built during his pastorate there.

He is a systematic worker, always having facts and figures at hand when needed.

Brother Holroyd is a good preacher. His style is conversational and practical. He makes no pretensions to oratory, but tries to talk good, hard sense to the people, and he does the hearers permanent good.

REV. M. W. HOOK.

Maxcy Wilbur Hook joined the South Carolina Conference at Orangeburg, December, 1886. His first charge has thirteen appointments and was enough to dampen the ardor of any, save one who



was inspired by the Divine fervor. On this charge—Effingham—he remained two years and left indelible impress upon the minds and hearts of the people generally. Evidence of the worth, ability and character of the man is further seen in that since leaving his first charge he has remained four years on all others to which he has been appointed, viz: Ridgeway Circuit, Fairfield Circuit, Lower

St. Matthews Circuit. And the people on any one of these charges would have rejoiced to have had him continuously returned to them. At the last Conference he was appointed to Bamberg Station, and has already won his way to the hearts of the Bamberg people, and is moving steadily forward in his work there.

He is a preacher of great power. Progressive without being radical in thought; fearless in presentation of practical truth; and possessed of a rare and matchless eloquence born of deep conviction and flowing from a heart glowing with the passion of service, the people are delighted to hear and are wonderfully influenced by his words. As a man he stands foursquare to all the winds that blow. His innate manliness, inherent gentlemanliness, and genuine sympathy and interest make all who grasp his strong hand feel "here is a true man—one whom all can trust and upon whom any may safely rely."

The only child of consecrated parents, E. E. and E. J. Hook, no pains was spared in his training. That training was ideal. Training of honest, faithful work in the fields developing great physical strength and an independent manliness. Training in full touch and sympathy with the heart of nature, in an atmosphere of culture and love, yet without hot house or any artificial influences. Training in the country schools by an aunt thoroughly equipped for her work and one of the noble women of the earth, by such apostles of education as Jeremiah McCartha, and for some five years, at least, under Rev. J. Emory Watson, who took special delight and pride in his pupil and gave him the benefit of four years more than the ordinary course of teaching in the schools. Through all this he came well prepared and unspoilt to his Divinely called work. In it he has gone forward as a student and faithful worker and is today the peer of any as a preacher of power and a pastor of influence upon the lives of men.

He was married to Miss Lena Johnston, of Abbeville County, September 9, 1891, who by her culture and true womanliness has been in every way the true helper and companion to her husband. Four children—a son and three daughters—bless their home. For twelve years his mother has graced their home by her presence. And all have made it a place of restfulness and encouragement to the many friends who come to gather there fresh inspiration.

REV. JOHN WESLEY HUMBERT, A. M.

Rev. John W. Humbert is one of the veterans of the South Carolina Conference, having joined on probation at the Greenville Conference, Bishop John Early presiding, in December, 1859. From then until now he has been constantly at work. He has never missed



a Conference—annual, district, quarterly—where he was officially due, all these forty years and more. He is an earnest and strong preacher and a sympathetic and industrious pastor. He never neglects his work—never. He commenced his ministry among the mountains of Western North Carolina (Rutherford Circuit), and is now (1900) serving a charge in Darlington County. His ministry has been given to stations and circuits—16 years on stations and 24 years on circuits—and has been distributed from the mountains to the seacoast, and from the Savannah to the Pee Dee section of the State. He has had success (at some of his appointments, very great success) as a soul-winner, e. g., on the Chester Circuit (1873-4), where a wonderful revival resulted from his labors, in which there were 250 accessions to the Methodist Church, and quite a number to other Churches of the community.

John Humbert is what John Wesley said, as highest possible compliment of John Fletcher—a "man of God." Like Nathaniel, he is "an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile." He has strong convictions of duty and follows them out with the utmost con-

scientiousness. He moves along quietly in the even tenor of his way, and his life and work beautifully agree and uniformly co-operate in useful service wherever he lives and labors. He graduated at Wofford College in 1859, and shared the second honor of his class with Dr. A. J. Stokes. Five of this class joined the South Carolina Conference—Humbert, Stafford, Stokes (A. J.), Weaver and Weber—the largest class Wofford has ever sent into the Conference.

Mr. Humbert was ordained Deacon by Bishop Andrew, at Chester, in 1861; and Elder by Bishop Pierce, at Sumter, in 1863.

He was born June 10, 1835, near Knoxville, Tenn., whither his parents removed from South Carolina a short time after their marriage. His parents (Rev. John Girond Humbert and Mary E. Guinn) were natives of Beaufort, S. C. His forefather (David Peter Humbert), a Huguenot, came from Genoa, Italy, in 1738, and received a grant of land from the British government in Beaufort District (now county), S. C.

He was most congenially and suitably married in October, 1865, to Mrs. M. M. D'Oyley, daughter of the late Gen. H. H. Kinard. From the time of their marriage, Mrs. Humbert has been his right hand, and has ever proved in his home and in his various fields what the first woman was divinely intended to be to the first man: "an helpmeet for him." Her work as Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from its start in South Carolina, in 1878, is read and known of all, and is most gratefully appreciated by the Church. Mr. and Mrs. Humbert are moving on gracefully together, doing their work in God's fear and for His glory. We feel moved to quote as we close from a familiar piece from Bobbie Burns:

John Anderson, my Jo, John,
 When we were first acquent,
 Your locks were like the raven,
 Your bonnie brow was brent;
 But now your brow is beld, John,
 Your locks are like the snow;
 But blessings on your frosty pow,
 John Anderson, my Jo.



REV. EDWARD PALMER HUTSON.

The Rev. Edward Palmer Hutson comes from a long line of ministerial ancestry. From the landing of the ship "Fortune," which followed the "Mayflower" in 1621, there is an unbroken line of ministers on his mother's side. On his father's side the records both sec-



ular and religious are excellent, also. William Hutson of the Inns of Court, London, a graduate of Oxford, came to this country in the seventeenth century, was converted under George Whitfield and became one of the first pastors of the Old Circular Church of Charleston, S. C. His son, Richard, was the first Chancellor of the State and was one of the distinguished prisoners of the British in St. Augustine. Through the marriage of Haynes (Isaac the Martyr), and Barnwells to the daughter of the old parson, the subject of this sketch becomes related to their descendants.

Brother Hutson is the son of Isaac N. and Sarah E. Hutson (*nee* Palmer) and was born November 16, 1859. He was carefully trained by his father, a graduate of the South Carolina College. He was educated for and entered the bar in 1881. He practised law with his father for five years. He early felt a call to the ministry, but resisted it until 1885 when the conviction became imperative. This was under the preaching of the Rev. J. L. Tillman. He studied theology under the direction of his maternal uncle, Dr. B. M. Palmer, of New Orleans, was licensed by the Charleston Presbytery of the

South Carolina Synod, October, 1886, ordained to the full work of the ministry by the same Presbytery April, 1888, and preached in South Carolina Synod until November, 1892, when not being able to subscribe to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, he entered the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, November 30th, 1892. From 1887 to 1892 the following were his charges: Walterboro, Cheraw, Evangelist of the Charleston and Pee Dee Presbyteries.

Since he has been a member of the Conference, his charges have been: 1893, Seneca Circuit; 1894, Easley and Bethesda; 1895-6, Providence; 1897-8, Richburg; 1899, Orangeburg Circuit; 1900, Graniteville Station.

April 5th, 1853, he married Miss Lillian T. Glen, a lineal descendant of James Glen, one of the Colonial Governors of South Carolina. Three children were the fruit of this union, Mary, Emily and Gladys.

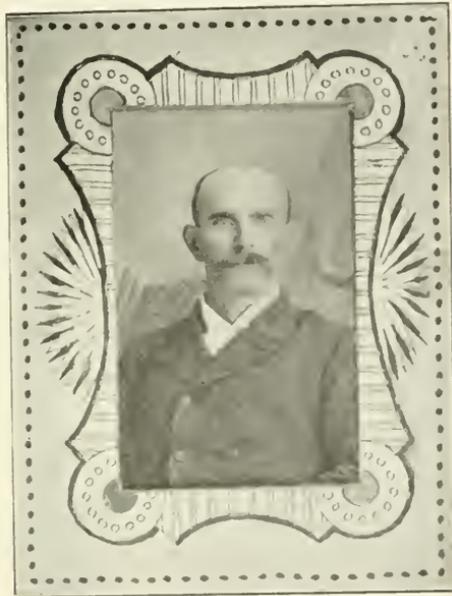
Brother Hutson is an earnest preacher and a faithful and devoted pastor. He is untiring in his labors and rejoices over many seals to his ministry. As a man he is friendly and companionable. As a Christian he lives by the Word and prayer.



REV. L. L. INABINET.

Rev. Levi Labander Inabinet, son of Rev. Levi Lee Inabinet and Mrs. Marcella Ann Inabinet, was born in Orangeburg County, S. C., March 22, 1863.

Young Inabinet's early education was somewhat interrupted by



the death of his father, but he availed himself of such opportunities as the common schools afforded. After he grew up to young manhood he attended the Sheridan Classical School at Orangeburg, S. C.

In early childhood he felt that some day he would be called of God to preach the Gospel. As he grew in years the impression deepened until it became irresistible. Having yielded to the Divine call and having decided to apply for admission into the South Carolina Conference, he went to Leesville College and took a course there in order that he might be better prepared for the great work.

He was admitted on trial into the Conference during the session of the Conference held in Rock Hill, December, 1895. John G. Beckwith, Chesley C. Herbert, George C. Leonard, Benjamin M. Robertson, Henry Stokes and Julius F. Way joined at the same time.

On September 15, 1896, Brother Inabinet was married to Miss Mary Caroline Kelly, daughter of Mr. Asbury E. and Mrs. Margaret Annie Kelly, of Pickens, S. C. Of this union two children were born—Asbury Vaughan and Marcella Annie. This wife died October

19, 1899. He was married again on October 23, 1900, to Miss Ida Earle Kelly, sister of his first wife.

Brother Inabinet has served as follows: North Pickens Circuit, 1896-7; Townville Circuit, 1898-99; West Pickens Circuit, 1900; Starr and Iva Circuit, 1901. Our good brother is faithfully doing the work of a Methodist itinerant and the Lord is blessing his labors. He preaches with effectiveness and is helpful in pastoral ministrations.

REV. J. N. ISOM.

Rev. John Newton Isom, son of Mr. James Isom and Mrs. Elizabeth Isom, was born in York County, S. C., April 17, 1858. In early boyhood he was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church at Bethesda Church, under the ministry of Rev. J. Lowrie Wilson.

After reaching mature years he was converted to Methodism under the preaching and influence of Rev. J. Marion Boyd, who was for many years one of the most prominent members of the South Carolina Conference.

Brother Isom's educational advantages were such as the common and high schools of his native county afforded. He made diligent use of these and has been studying ever since.

He was received on trial into the Conference in November, 1892, with E. H. Beckham, George F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, O. L. DuRant, S. W. Henry, E. P. Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton, and W. E. Wiggins. He has served the following charges: East Chester Circuit, 1893-4; Chesterfield Circuit, 1895-6; Kelton Circuit, 1897-1900; Cherokee Circuit, 1901. Before joining he was employed as a supply on North Rock Hill Circuit, 1890-1.

He has been very successful in his work, having built up the charges, both materially and spiritually. He built two Churches on the North Rock Hill Circuit, a church and a parsonage on East Chester and planned for similar work on the Chesterfield charge. His preaching has telling effect upon his hearers and many souls have been blessed through his ministry.

In 1875 Brother Isom was married to Miss Sarah Paulina Kidd, daughter of Havilah and Frances Kidd, who makes him a delightful companion and efficient co-laborer. The following are their children: Minnie Irene, Margaret Addie, Bishop Walker, William Televin, Bessie May, Olin Glenn, and John Wesley.

REV. A. W. JACKSON.

The subject of this paper is one of the "Old Guard," and worthily does he grace this "honor roll" of the Conference. He was born in Roberson County, N. C., February 4, 1836. During the infancy of our friend, his parents moved to Marion County, S. C., and in the



upper part of this noble county he was reared and educated. His educational advantages were limited to the schools of the country, but by a faithful use of these he learned how to study, and by close application he became a cultured man.

Brother Jackson was converted under the ministry of Rev. William C. Power, of the South Carolina Conference. He was received on trial during the session of the Conference held at Greenville, S. C., in December, 1874. Bishop Enoch M. Marvin presiding, William H. Ariail, J. C. Counts, M. M. Ferguson, J. J. Neville, J. L. Stokes, S. D. Vaughan, W. W. Williams and O. N. Rountree being received at the same session. Of this class, Ariail, Counts, Stokes, Vaughan and Rountree are on the effective list; the others, being disabled, are at present on the non-effective list.

Brother Jackson has served as follows: Keowee Mission, Central Circuit, Greenville Circuit, Johnsonville Circuit, Lower Darlington Circuit, Bucksville Station, Timmons ville Circuit, Lake City Circuit, Johnsonville Circuit (second pastorate). Then for three years he was on the supernumerary list. At the session of the Conference

held in Sumter, S. C., in 1893, he was placed on the superannuate list, which relation he still holds.

Among all the blessings which our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon Brother Jackson, not the least, by far, was a good wife. Perhaps no man was ever more greatly blessed in this respect than he. In all the great trials of his life she has been a true helper and comforter. She was Miss Indiana H. Flowers, a descendant of one of the best families of Marion County. They were married May 6, 1855, and have five children—Rev. Preston B. (now a prominent minister in the Congregationalist Church), Orren Augustus, Mrs. Lilia Eva Carraway, Anderson W. and Rufus Bennett.

As a pastor, our good brother was tender and helpful; as a preacher, plain and practical; as a man, he is true and trusty. His active itinerant career is over, but in his own quiet way and retired sphere he still serves God and humanity.

REV. E. Z. JAMES.

Rev. Ethan Zula James was born December 23, 1871. He is the son of Rev. T. E. James and Millery Jane James. Brother James comes of good Methodist stock, his father being the son of Rev.



Samuel W. James, who was for many years a faithful local preacher in the Methodist Church.

His educational advantages have been somewhat meagre, but by close application and hard study he has laid a good foundation for culture, and is slowly but surely building thereon. He was engaged as clerk in a drug store in Lake City, S. C., when called to preach. The pious young man laid down everything and began preparing himself. He entered the high school at Lake City, under the management of Prof. W. L. Bass, who made a deep impression upon our young friend. By strict economy and by working during spare hours, he was enabled to remain here two years. From here he went to Carlisle Fitting School, remaining there for some time, and making a fine record, in deportment and scholarship.

Brother James joined the Church in 1884, under the preaching of Rev. D. Durant, being happily converted some time later. At the time of his conversion he felt impressed that he must do important work for Christ, not realizing, however, that it was to preach. He engaged in Christian work, never happier than when leading souls to Christ. The conviction grew deeper and deeper until, on October 17, 1894, God mightily visited him and lead him then to realize that he must preach. His pastor, Rev. S. J. Bethea, came to see him on that very day, and to him the secret was revealed. He was immediately licensed to exhort, and in the spring of next year—May, 1895—he was licensed to preach by the District Conference in Kings-tree. In September, 1897, Brother James was employed to take charge of Florence City Mission, by Rev. E. T. Hodges, P. E. At the session of the Conference that fall he was appointed as junior preacher on Providence Circuit, Rev. C. D. Mann, pastor.

In December, 1898, Brother James was admitted on trial into the Conference, and was sent to Orangeburg City Mission. The health of Brother D. Z. Dantzler, who had been appointed to South Branchville Circuit, gave way, and Brother James was appointed to fill out the year. In 1899 he was appointed to Boiling Springs Circuit, which he faithfully served for 1900, carrying up to Conference the best report that had ever gone to Conference from that place. At the session in Chester, November, 1900, he was sent to Union Mills for 1901, where he has most auspiciously entered upon his work.

Brother James is young, active and zealous, with heart and life consecrated to God. His noble soul is wholly in the work, and we predict for him a career of great usefulness and success.

REV. EDWARD SAMUEL JONES.

The Rev. Edward Samuel Jones is one of our younger preachers, and promises great usefulness. Soundly converted, devotedly pious, of pleasing manners, with decided musical gifts and a thorough course at Wofford College, encouraged and aided by a wife who is a genuine helpmeet, much may be expected of his ministry. He is the son of John Randolph and Anna Virginia Jones, and was born near Columbia, S. C., January 26th, 1870. His education began in the schools of Columbia, after which he attended Wofford College and graduated with credit in June, 1894. He was converted and joined the Church in May, 1884. Impressions of a call to preach came in the days of his boyhood, but it was not until the year 1890 that he was fully satisfied that God had called him to preach the Gospel, and he began to make preparations for the high vocation. He was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of Marion Street (now Main Street) Station, September 14th, 1893. He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference in Nov. 1894, and was appointed to Long Town Circuit in the Spring of 1895. The pastorate of Round O Circuit was vacant, and he was transferred to that charge, serving there the remainder of the year and the one following. In 1897 and '98 he served Pacolet Circuit; 1899, 1900 and 1901 he has been serving Pacolet Mills Station.

On April 23rd, 1895, he married Miss Pattie Kirby, youngest daughter of Maj. A. H. and Mrs. M. E. Kirby, of Spartanburg. Of this union three children were born—Virginia Durant, who died October 31st, 1898, Ruth Eugenia and Wilhelmina Wordsworth.

Brother Jones prepares his sermons with care, and preaches them persuasively and impressively. A gifted musician, he is able to make the services he conducts most attractive and pleasant. And to crown all, the spirit of the Lord is upon him in all this work. He is also a faithful pastor, and his friendly manners give him easy access to the people. His future is most promising.

REV. R. H. JONES.

Richard Herbert Jones was born in Rutledge Street, Charleston, S. C., March 28, 1853, the son of the late Jesse Jones and Hannah Margaret Evans, the eldest of five living children, three brothers and two sisters. His father died July, 1886, and is buried in



Charleston, the city of his nativity. His mother still lives to bless her children. He was educated in the public and private schools of Charleston, and though denied the advantages of college training by the fortunes of war, yet enjoyed the tutelage of such noted masters as F. W. Pope, Joseph T. Caldwell, Wm. H. Tarrant and Henry P. Archer.

Contrary to his ultimate aims, he entered the employ of Walker, Evans & Cogswell, of Charleston, S. C., and after three years completed one branch of that extensive industry, equipped for a business life. He left secular pursuits shortly after this to prepare for the ministry. Though raised in the Church almost from infancy, brought up in Bethel Sunday School from the time he was two and a half years old, joining the Church in 1871, being baptized and received by Rev. Able M. Chreitzberg, D. D., and then called early, he did not yield till 1874, when he was converted.

After a twenty-two months' course of reading and study under the kind guidance of Rev. John T. Wightman, D. D., now of the Baltimore Conference, and after serving the Church six months as an

exhorter and six months as a local preacher, Brother Jones was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Bethel Church for admission on trial in the South Carolina Annual Conference, at Chester, S. C., December, 1876.

His first appointment was to Ellenton Circuit. The next Conference sent him to Aiken Station, where he met the future "queen of his manse." On November 16th, 1880, he married at Aiken, S. C., Miss Irene Palmer Venning, formerly of Charleston, a grand-niece of Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., of New Orleans. Of this union five children were born—Hattie Wigfall, now finishing the Senior class at Columbia Female College; Hannah Evans, who died in 1885, and is buried in Charleston; Irene Palmer, who died in 1890, and is buried in Winnsboro; Richard Herbert, who died in 1893, and is buried in Greenville, and Jessie Margaret.

Ten years were spent on circuit work—Ellenton, 1877, 1879, 1880; Berkeley, 1882; Walterboro, 1883, 1884; Allendale, 1886; 1887; Rock Hill, 1888; and Denmark, 1894. Fourteen years were spent on stations—Aiken, 1878, 1889; Bucksville, 1881; Spring Street, 1885; Winnsboro, 1890, 1891; St. Pauls, Greenville (where he organized the society with fifty-two members, Dec. 19th, 1891, completing a chapel a few months afterward), 1892, 1893; Walterboro, 1895, 1896; Laurens (where during his ministry a handsome new church costing \$14,000 was built), 1897-1900. At the last Conference, held at Chester, S. C., Nov. 28th, 1900, he was appointed to Abbeville Station.

Brother Jones is a man of parts, genteel in bearing, accomplished in social relations, an artist by nature and culture, well posted in current literature and thought, strong in conviction, clear-cut and vigorous in intellectual methods, and a sterling preacher.

REV. W. W. JONES.

Rev. William Washington Jones, son of Isaac Jones and Fruana Scott Jones, was born November 16, 1825.

The educational advantages of young Jones were such as were offered in the usual schools and academies at that time. But, like many others, he made good use of what advantages he had, laying the foundation upon which he continued to build in after life.

On a Sunday night in 1846 at the home of Brother George Cummings, near Ridgeville, S. C., the divine call to preach came to Brother Jones. Clearly and distinctly God revealed to him the fact that he should preach the glorious Gospel of Christ to a dying world.

In December, 1849, Brother Jones was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference. He then and there entered upon

the great work of a Methodist itinerant, to which all his powers have been devoted during these years. He has served the following charges at the times indicated by the dates: Walterboro, 1850-1; Pickens, 1852; Cypress, 1853; Kingstree, 1854-5; Cooper River, 1856; Walterboro, 1857; Cooper River, 1858-9; Charlotte, 1860-1; Rutherford, 1862-3; Monroe, 1864-5; Pleasant Grove, 1866; Eastern Orange, 1867-8; Kingstree, 1869-70; Marion, 1871-2; Buck Swamp, 1873-5; Clinton, 1876-7; Conway, 1878; Berkeley, 1879; Lexington Fork, 1880; Abbeville, 1881; South Abbeville, 1882; Abbeville, 1883; Berkeley, 1884-5; Cainhoy, 1886-7; Waccamaw, 1888; Bayboro, 1889-90; Centenary, 1891-92; North Edgefield, 1893-5; Butler, 1896-7; Waterloo, 1898. In December, 1898, during the session held at Greenwood, S. C., he was placed on the superannuate relation. He makes his home at Waterloo, S. C.

Brother Jones evidently believes that it is not good for man to be alone, he having been married three times.

On September 29, 1856, he was married to Miss Anna M. O. Johnson. Of this marriage three children were born: Fannie E., Charlie W., and Lillie A.

On March 5, 1879, he was married to Miss Mary Ann E. White.

On November 2, 1882, he was married to Mrs. Mary Holly Allen.

In his active days our brother was a strong preacher, at times preaching with overwhelming power and eloquence. During his long and faithful active ministry he made hundreds and thousands of friends who greatly regret that he is no longer able for service. Scores and scores of souls were led to Christ through his work, many of whom have preceded him to the better land and are waiting there to welcome him home.

REV. D. W. KELLER.

Rev. David Wilson Keller, son of James W. Keller, M. D., and Louisa Keller, was born May 21, 1867. After attending the schools of Abbeville, he matriculated at the Williamston Male Academy, where for some time he received thorough training.

On October 18, 1899, he was married to Miss Bessie Garrett, of Greenville, S. C., who is making our brother a most excellent helpmeet.

Brother Keller was converted in 1884. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, in December, 1896, with Sidi B. Harper, William C. Kirkland, J. C. Roper, F. Hawkins Shuler, Foster Speer and W. H. Thrower.

He has very faithfully and acceptably served the following

charges: Townville Circuit, 1897; Mills Mission, in Greenville, 1898-9; Westminster Circuit, 1900-1901.

Our young friend is making a fine record and has a very promising career before him.

REV. MELVIN B. KELLY.

Rev. Melvin Bookman Kelly is one of the strongest and most popular young preachers in our Conference. He was born March 21, 1865, and is the son of Rev. John W. Kelly, for many years a leader in the South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Anna Wilbur



Kelly. Our young friend had a noble example in his honored father and the son is nobly following the footprints of the sire.

After the home training, young Kelly attended a school taught by Rev. Thomas Mitchell. He then spent two years at the Batesburg High School, under the principalship of Prof. Ed. K. Hardin. From this he went to Newberry College for quite a while. Leaving college, he read law for two years. Thus, we see, he had ample opportunities along educational lines, and, from his present culture and scholarship, we judge that he made good use of these privileges. He continues to study, for he fully realizes that the purpose of his school life was to learn how to study.

At the age of fifteen years, Brother Kelly felt deeply impressed that, if converted, he would have to preach. In 1887, he was brought under conviction and from that moment there was no peace until he yielded to the divine call to the ministry. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in November, 1889, Jefferson S. Abercrombie, Albert H. Best, Rufus A. Child, J. R. Copeland, George W. Davis, W. H. Hodges, John Manning, J. Marion Rogers, John W. Shell, Whitefoord S. Stokes, Artemus B. Watson and J. A. White joining with him. His labors have been distributed as follows: Junior preacher on Jonesville Circuit, 1890-1; Santuc Circuit, 1892; Clifton Circuit, 1893; Greer Circuit, 1894; Denmark Circuit, 1895-8; St. Paul, Greenville, 1899-1901. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery at Darlington, S. C., in 1891, and was ordained Elder by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, at Sumter, S. C., in 1893.

From the day our excellent brother was licensed to preach, which was done at the Quarterly Conference of the South Union Circuit, held at Rogers' Chapel, in April, 1898, Rev. Thos. G. Herbert being the Presiding Elder, until this he has been doing acceptable and effective work. His preaching ability is above the ordinary. He is a diligent student and a deep thinker. When he preaches upon a subject his hearers are impressed with the fact that he has thoroughly studied his theme. He is popular as a pastor, and his friends are always numerous. He has been president of the Oxford League ever since its organization in 1894.

Brother Kelly was married in February, 1891, to Miss Adella F. Sartor, of Union, S. C. They have four children—Francis W., John G., William H., and Samuel S.



REV. W. A. KELLY.

Rev. William Aiken Kelly, eldest son of William Aiken Kelly and Jessie Ball Kelly, was born in Charleston, S. C., November 1, 1871.

Brother Kelly has had most admirable educational advantages and has used them well. He was for five years a student at Holy Communion Church Institute, in Charleston, S. C., under Rev. A. Toomer Porter, D. D. In October, 1885, he entered the High School of Charleston, graduating in June, 1889, and was class valedictorian. He was then a private student for one year under Dr. Henry M. Bruns, ex-President of Charleston College. In October, 1890, he matriculated at the University of South Carolina, pursuing special studies in the junior and senior classes. He graduated from the Law School of this institution in June, 1892, receiving the degree of LL. B. While there Brother Kelly was president of the University Law Association, president of the Clariosophic Literary Society, junior orator, Clariosophic contestant in Inter-State Oratorical Association, and P. G. of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. These are evidences of the popularity of our young friend while in college. He was admitted to the practice of law by special Act of the Legislature at the age of twenty-one years.

Brother Kelly was convicted of sin at a watch-night service held in Cumberland Church, Charleston, December 31, 1892, and applied for membership in the Methodist Church that night. On the following Sunday he was received into Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by Rev. Jesse A. Clifton, D. D., pastor. He was the child of Episcopal parents and from his early years had an impression that he would end in preaching the Gospel. Seeking to escape this conviction, because of preference for the legal profession, for which he, by natural endowment and education, seemed fitted, he entered upon the practice of law in July, 1892. But he could not escape the divine call. So, after two years of resistance, he yielded, and was licensed to preach at the Quarterly Conference of Bethel Church, Charleston, held in October, 1894. At the session of the South Carolina Conference immediately after this, held in Laurens, November, 1894, he was admitted on trial. He has served as follows: Townville Circuit, 1895-6; Mount Carmel Circuit, 1897; Magnolia Street, Sumter, 1898-1901. In all of these, Brother Kelly has been very successful. At Townville he raised a debt on the parsonage. At Mount Carmel he built a church and bought a parsonage. At Magnolia he has had great success, building a handsome church and parsonage.

On February 20, 1895, Brother Kelly was married in Bethel Church, Charleston, to Miss Mary Hicklin Clifton, eldest daughter

of Rev. Jesse A. Clifton, D. D., of the South Carolina Conference. They have two children: Jessie Clifton and William Aiken.

The results of his labors show our brother to be a most zealous and aggressive worker. Those who have had the privilege of hearing his sermons pronounce him a young man of very strong pulpit ability.

REV. JAS. W. KILGO.

James Whitfield Kilgo was born in Newberry, S. C., August 19, 1859, and was graduated from Wofford College in June, 1881. Soon after his graduation he became instructor in the Anson Institute, of Wadesboro, N. C., where for six years he did most excellent work. During the fall of 1887 he was granted a local preacher's



license by the Wadesboro Quarterly Conference, under P. J. Carraway, Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District. In December following he resigned his position in the institute, was transferred to South Carolina and was admitted on trial into our Conference. The following schedule will show places and dates of his labors: In charge of Chesterfield Circuit, 1888 and 1889; Wedgefield Circuit, 1890; Walterboro Station, 1891 and 1892; Beaufort Station, 1893, 1894 and 1895; Buncombe Street Station, Greenville, 1896; Trinity

Station, Charleston, 1897, 1898, 1899 and 1900. He was at the Chester Conference of 1900 appointed by Bishop Hargrove, Presiding Elder of the Sumter District, where he now works.

Among the greatest blessings bequeathed by Providence to man are noble birth and fortunate marriage. The subject of this sketch fell heir to both. He was born in a Methodist parsonage, and his infant gaze met the smiles of godly parents, whose devotion to their children's welfare knew no sacrifice too great, and could only cease with death. Rev. James T. Kilgo, the father, after a most faithful and useful ministry in our Conference of 37 years, passed to his reward in January, 1888. The mother, Mrs. Catherine M. Kilgo, still lives, and by the beauty and strength of her saintly life blesses the homes of her children. From the parsonage home of these faithful servants of God have come James W., Dr. John C. and Pierce F. Kilgo, all worthy ministers of the New Testament, and Mrs. Annie Campbell, who, as a member of the Church, is in labors abundant.

It was while he was engaged in teaching that he met Miss Elizabeth Coppedge, of Wadesboro, N. C., who, in 1883, became his wife. She has been to him a true helpmeet, and all who know her can testify to the excellent manner in which she has filled her station in life. Six children have blessed this union. James, Kate, Emma, Benjamin and Martha are still living; little Elizabeth, the youngest, went to Heaven last year.

That Brother Kilgo is a successful worker, the records will show. He has met all the demands of the pastorate, and steadily grown in favor with God and man. The prominent position which he holds in the Conference has been won by his pulpit ability and his tender regard for the flock placed under his care. He is a student of men and of books, and has a large stock of common sense. True and courageous, he takes position on all vital questions in a manly way. Generous and warm hearted, he not only makes strong friends but binds them to himself as with hooks of steel.

REV. P. F. KILGO.

Rev. Pierce F. Kilgo, son of the late Rev. James T. Kilgo and Mrs. C. Kilgo, was born at Cokesbury, S. C., May 18, 1867. His sainted father was for many years one of the most beloved members of the South Carolina Conference. His mother, a noble Christian and loyal Methodist. Reared in such a home as these godly parents would have, it was perfectly natural that the boy should learn in his tender years the way of righteousness. He was converted and joined the Church when quite a boy. By economy and self-denial,

the father managed to give the subject of this sketch and his two brothers, John C. and James W., a college education. It has been a mystery to his friends how this faithful preacher, who never received a large salary in all his itinerant career, was enabled to give all his children a thorough education. His record should be an inspiration to every father who desires to educate his children, but who may be tempted to neglect it on account of small income.

Brother Pierce F. Kilgo graduated from Wofford College in June, 1888. He had been licensed to preach twelve months before this—June 7, 1887. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1888, at Winnsboro, Bishop John C. Keener presiding. Nicholas G. Ballenger, Thomas M. Dent, Henry C. Mouzon, John L. Ray, George R. Shaffer, Robert E. Stackhouse, Ellie P. Taylor, E. Alston Wilkes and W. Asbury Wright joined with him.

He has served Lancaster Station, Greenwood Station, Cheraw Station, Darlington Circuit, Williamston and Belton Circuit, and Darlington Station. Gratifying results have attended his labors in each charge; but his most successful work from a material point of view was done at Williamston, where he was successful in building a beautiful and commodious church.

Brother Kilgo is a strong and impressive preacher. His sermons are prepared with an eye single to the permanent effect upon his hearers.

He was married on December 6, 1888, to Miss Nettie Bethea, of Marion County, S. C., who is a faithful helpmeet and delightful companion for our brother.

REV. WM. CLARKE KIRKLAND.

Today there is not among the young men of the South Carolina Conference a better equipped and more promising young preacher than William C. Kirkland. Strong in physical manhood; striking in personal appearance; largely endowed by nature with intellectual powers; his mind trained in the best institutions of our Methodism and richly stored with treasures of knowledge; coming of sterling Methodist stock and from a home of Christian nurture; his heart filled and fired with all holy ambition and high resolve, and all his powers in full touch with the Infinite, he stands equipped for skilled service for the Master.

He was the fifth son of N. F. Kirkland, Sr., M. D., and Mrs. Jennie M. Kirkland. His early education was under the training of good teachers in the Philadelphia Academy of his home community. He was further prepared for college by a two years' course in the

Wofford Fitting School, after which he took the full four years' course at Wofford College, graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1893, and taking the A. M. degree the following year.

He joined Mizpah Methodist Church under the ministry of Rev. T. E. Morris, May 9, 1886, and was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Bamberg and Buford's Bridge charge, held in Trinity Church, Bamberg, S. C., July 4, 1891, Rev. J. Walter Dickson, P. E.

After his graduation from Wofford College, in order to fit himself more fully for the great work of his high calling as a minister of the glorious Gospel committed to his trust, he attended the Biblical Department of the Vanderbilt University. While in attendance there he was ordained Deacon in Tulip Street Church, Nashville, Tenn., by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, Nov. 3, 1895. He graduated from the Vanderbilt with the degree of B. D. in 1896, and was immediately called to fill the vacancy in the pastorate of the Washington Street Church, in Columbia, S. C., caused by the election of Dr. John A. Rice from that charge to the presidency of the Columbia Female College.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in 1896 and has regularly passed all examinations and was ordained Elder by Bishop R. K. Hargrove at the recent session of the Conference at Chester. During the four years of his connection with the Conference, he has served Duncan Church, in Spartanburg, 1897-98, and Black Swamp Circuit, 1899-1900.

October 9, 1900, he was married in Bethel Church, Charleston, to Miss Lalla Capers Stokes. Theirs is an ideal union for the work of the Methodist itinerancy, and the happy and thoroughly consecrated young couple go this year to Walterboro Station to work for the Master. Life for them is roseate with promise of richest blessing and vast usefulness.

The host of friends of William C. Kirkland, watching his career with interest, will not be disappointed.



REV. PRESTON LAFAYETTE KIRTON.

The Rev. Preston Lafayette Kirton is the eldest son of Rev. Wm. H. and Mrs. O. V. Kirton, of our Conference. He was born in Horry County, S. C., October 11th, 1867. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when a child, and was converted to God at the age of eleven years. Satisfied of his call to preach, he was



licensed and entered the South Carolina Conference in 1886. A few years later he was transferred to the Alabama Conference, where he served two years, and then returned to his native heath. His appointments have been: 1887, Bayboro Circuit; 1888, North George's Circuit; 1889-90, Glenville Station, Alabama; 1891, Williston; 1892, Barnwell; 1893-94, Walterboro; 1895-96-97-98, Marion Street Station, Columbia; 1899, Florence; 1900-1901, Greenwood. In all he rendered faithful service, and God blessed his labors.

On Dec. 10, 1889, he married Miss Lilla Lee O'Brien, of Walterboro. Of this union there have been six children, four of whom—O'Brien, Annie, Lillian and Garland—survive. Their first child—Claudia Marie—died Sept. 11, 1892. A precious boy—Preston Lafayette, Jr.—went to rest eternal in the year 1900.

Brother Kirton is a man of ability; a student of books and men; well versed in Methodist doctrine and history. He is pleasing in manner, easy in association, alert in mind, gifted in speech. As a preacher, his messages are well prepared, orthodox, couched in

choice language, conveying helpful truth, impressively delivered. He reasons well and expresses himself clearly and strongly. His word is not in vain. As a pastor, he is sympathetic, diligent, specially attentive to the sick, carrying cheer in homes of sorrow, and help where help is needed. His gentleness of spirit and manner is not weakness—it is the self-control of a brave man, who knows how to rule himself, and how to be considerate of others. He is stalwart and true—though kind to opposers as well as friends. He loves his fellow men and God—and all that is steadfast and true and of good report. His ministry has been growingly successful. May many years of ever increasing usefulness be his.

REV. W. H. KIRTON.

Rev. William Harlee Kirton is one of the most thoughtful and level-headed men in our Conference. He first saw the light of this world on November 3, 1843, his father being Mr. James Jenkins Kirton, and his mother being Mrs. Anna Jane Kirton, nee Floyd.



Brother Kirton's educational advantages were fairly good and he faithfully used them. He was not permitted to pursue a collegiate course. He was converted and joined the church when quite a boy. Under hurtful influences, he grew indifferent toward religious mat-

ters. Fortunately for him and many others he was restored on the 12th of April, 1868, and was called to the ministry during the summer of that year. The call was clear and unmistakable, and the results of his labors have given sufficient proof of the divinity of his call.

Our good brother served as a supply two years before joining the Conference—one year (1870) he served Whiteville Circuit in the North Carolina Conference; one year (1873) he supplied Waccamaw Circuit. In December, 1873, he was admitted into the Conference, his Conference classmates being Leroy F. Beaty, John E. Carlisle, Isaac J. Newberry, M. H. Pooser, John O. Willson and Geo. W. Walker. The following have been his appointments, with the dates: Waccamaw Circuit and Mission, 1874-5; Conwayboro Circuit, 1876; Hanging Rock, 1877-8; Johnsonville Circuit, 1879; Santee Circuit, 1880-1; Tumbling Shoals, 1882-3; Pickens Circuit, 1884-5; Providence Circuit, 1886-8; Blenheim Circuit, 1889; Bennettsville, 1890; Bishopville Station, 1891-2; Lewiedale Circuit, 1893; Santee Circuit, 1880-1; Tumbling Shoals, 1882-3; Pickens Circuit, 1884-5; Providence Circuit, 1886-8; Blenheim Circuit, 1889; Bennettsville, 1890; Bishopville Station, 1891-2; Lewiedale Circuit, 1893; Green Street and Brookland, Columbia, 1894-5; Hartsville, 1896; Lamar, 1897; Lake City, 1898-9. At this time, Brother Kirton was compelled by physical disability, to ask for a superannuate relation which was granted and which he has sustained ever since.

Brother Kirton has been a hard student and deep thinker, following usual theological formulas only in so far as he believed them to be correct. He has ever been a courageous man, preaching his honest convictions and exercising his own judgment in the administration of church affairs. He has many warm friends in the Conference who sincerely regretted that it became necessary for him to superannuate.



REV. PAUL F. KISTLER.

Rev. Paul F. Kistler was born in Lincolnton, N. C., February 12, 1827. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, June 14th, 1844, and was converted on the 24th day of the same month, under the ministry of the Rev. W. P. Mouzon.



After the usual preparatory work in the common schools, he entered the Cokesbury Conference School, where he remained for two years—1844-5.

He was licensed to preach at the old Rock Spring Camp Ground, Lincolnton Circuit, North Carolina, in August, 1845, under the administration of Rev. W. A. Gamewell, Presiding Elder. He was recommended by the same Quarterly Conference for admission on trial into the traveling connection and was admitted into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1845, with Sidi H. Browne, M. Sinclair Boyd, I. O. A. Connor, Joseph Galluchat, Hugh F. Porter and Robt. Taylor.

On the 29th of May, 1849, Brother Kistler was married to Miss Mary Rebecca Jennings, of Shelby, N. C., Rev. Jacob L. Shuford officiating. Mrs. Kistler is the daughter of Dr. Edward Jennings and Mrs. Lucy Jennings, of Yorkville, S. C., subsequently of Shelby, N. C. She was born in Yorkville, S. C., July 6, 1831. To them six children have been born. Four are dead. The two living are:

Mrs. W. G. Sease, of Orangeburg, S. C., and Miss Caro' Lee, who still lives with the parents, and devotedly ministers to their wants.

Brother Kistler has served the following charges: Spartanburg Circuit, junior preacher, 1846; Walterboro Circuit, 1847; Catawba Circuit, 1848; Lenoir Circuit, 1849; Yorkville Circuit, 1850; Rutherford Circuit, 1851-2; Charlotte, 1853; Concord, 1854-5; Rutherford, 1856-7; Bennettsville, 1858-9; Darlington, 1860-1; Chaplain 24th S. C. V., 1862; Sumter, 1863-4; Bishopville, 1865-8; Darlington, 1869; Laurens, 1870; Greenwood, 1871; Cypress, 1872; Bamberg, 1873-6; St. Georges, 1877-80; Batesburg, 1881-2; Grahams, 1883-4; Lynchburg, 1885-6; Blackville, 1887-8; Branchville, 1889-92; Allendale, 1893-5. At the close of this last pastorate, Brother Kistler was placed on the superannuate relation, which he still holds. Having finished a half century of active itinerant life, he asked the brethren to grant him this relation.

Our honored brother holds a most desirable place in the love and esteem of his fellow-laborers in the Lord's vineyard. He has had a remarkable career. As a pastor, he was deeply sympathetic and watchful, ever on the alert to serve his people. During his active ministry, Brother Kistler was a preacher of rare pulpit ability, preaching with great power and acceptability. In fact, he still preaches with unusual power.

Doubtless no truer soldier of the Cross ever buckled on the armor than Paul F. Kistler. He has bravely fought the battles of the Lord and now patiently waits the call of the Master to higher realms of service. He could most appropriately say: "I am now ready to be offered up; I have fought a good fight; I have finished my course; I have kept the faith."

(Since the above was put in type our good brother has passed to the life beyond.—Editor.)



REV. SAMUEL LANDER, A. M., D. D.

Samuel Lander was born in Lincolnton, N. C., Jan. 30, 1833. The South Carolina Conference convened in Lincolnton the day of his birth. His parents, Rev. Samuel Lander (a local preacher licensed in this country) and Eliza Ann Lander, were natives of Ireland.



They came to America because of persecution by Romanists. His mother was a descendant of the Palatinate colony which was driven from the Rhine provinces by the Romanists, and took refuge in Balingrane, Ireland—the birthplace of Barbara Heck. Reared in a pious home, he was converted and joined the Methodist Church in early youth. As child, boy and man, he has lived a pure and upright life.

He was educated at the Lincolnton Academy and Randolph-Macon College, Virginia. He was graduated with first honor from the latter institution June 10, 1852.

He went to work at once as a civil engineer, the meanwhile studying law, but in a few years he began teaching, first in Catawba College, N. C., then successively in Olin, N. C., Randolph-Macon College, Va., Greensboro Female College and High Point Female Seminary, N. C. All these years he was perplexed by the question of a call to preach. He decided his duty, yielded to the call, and was licensed as a local preacher March 30, 1861, still continuing to teach.

During the war he prepared and published several text-books at

the request of the Educational Board of North Carolina. Among these was "A Verbal Primer," the first book published to teach reading without first learning the alphabet—the plan now in general use.

Feeling it his duty to enter the traveling connection, he applied to the South Carolina Annual Conference, and was received on trial November, 1864. His appointments have been: 1865, Lincolnton Female Seminary; 1866-67, Lincolnton; 1868-69-70, President of Davenport Female College, Lenoir, N. C.; 1871, Spartanburg Female College; 1872, Williamston Circuit. It was distinctly understood by the Church authorities that he would supplement his salary on this charge by teaching. Therefore, on reaching his field, after full conference with his Presiding Elder, Rev. R. P. Franks, he leased the old hotel building and on February 12th, 1872, opened the Williamston Female College. In 1873 he was appointed by the Conference President of this institution, and he has been reappointed every succeeding year to this day. In 1877-78-79 he served Williamston station, and in 1885 and 1898 he had charge of Williamston Circuit in addition to his work at the college. In all he has been faithful, efficient and successful. He is a born teacher—especially of college girls.

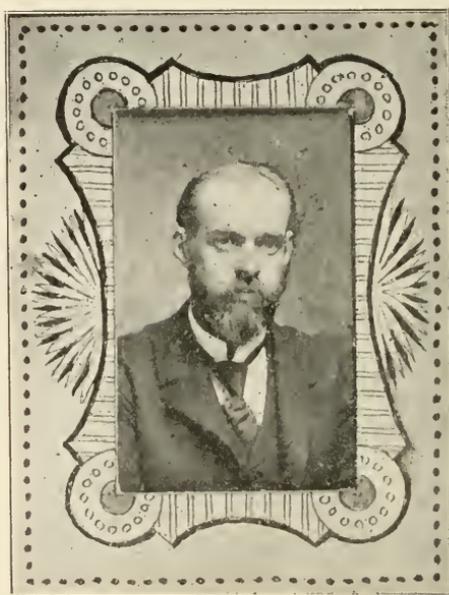
In 1878 Trinity College, N. C., conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was a delegate to the General Conferences of 1890 and 1894.

On December 20, 1853, he married Miss Laura Ann McPherson, daughter of the late Rev. Angus McPherson, of the South Carolina Conference. Eleven children were the fruit of this union: Lily, who died in infancy; Mattie L. Prince, wife of George E. Prince; Rev. John M., now in Brazil; William Tertius; Angus M.; Neill M., Kathleen L. Willson, wife of Rev. John O. Willson; Malcolm M.; Dr. Frank M.; Christie, who died at the age of six years; and Ernest M. Lander. Five of these sons have graduated at Wofford College.



REV. J. M. LAWSON.

Rev. James Martin Lawson was born in Abbeville, S. C., May 8, 1857. His parents were Hiram W. Lawson and Mrs. Frances J. Lawson. The father was a native of the State of New York, who came South in the year 1844. He was a sturdy and energetic busi-



ness man, noted for his integrity and honest dealings with his fellowmen. The mother was a Skilleto, an old and prominent family of Abbeville County.

The subject of this sketch had access to the best private and high schools that Abbeville afforded. After attending these for several years, he was taken into business by his father to acquire a business education by actual experience. He had peculiar fitness and adaptability for conducting mercantile and business enterprises, so he soon passed from the apprenticeship of clerk to the position of proprietor. After a successful career of twenty-five years as a business man, he was called to preach the Gospel in 1896. He was recommended by the Cokesbury District Conference which was held in Greenwood in 1897.

In December, 1897, he was received on trial into the Conference, S. H. Booth, W. A. Fairey, D. A. Patrick, J. W. Speake and R. E. Turnipseed being received with him. He has served the following charges: Cherokee Circuit, 1898; Scranton Circuit, 1899; Lewisdale Circuit, 1900-1901. In each of these, Brother Lawson has been

instrumental in doing much good. He is a good preacher and an excellent man, influencing for good all who come in contact with him. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Key, at Orangeburg, in 1899.

In the summer of 1891, Brother Lawson was married to Miss Josephine B. Russell. To them have been born five children. The oldest—Antoinette—died at the age of two and a half years. The four living are Frances J., James R., Hiram W. and Louis M.

REV. GEO. C. LEONARD.

Rev. George Clark Leonard, son of John P. and Martha J. Leonard, of Spartanburg County, S. C., was born March 2, 1866. His mother's maiden name was Cathcart.

In childhood he attended the common schools of the country. At the age of fourteen years he entered the Reidville High School, where he received instruction at intervals until his twenty-first year. Between his eighteenth year and his twenty-first year he taught school occasionally. In September, 1888, he entered Greer's High School and spent two years there studying and teaching. From the fall of 1890 till the spring of 1891 he taught in Laurens County. In October, 1891, he entered the Freshman class of Wofford College, graduating from the institution in June, 1895. His class, containing thirty-four members, was the largest ever graduated from Wofford. Our brother made a fine record at college, making distinction on all studies except Greek—even making it on that in Sophomore and Junior years. He was a member of the Preston Literary Society, serving in various offices from president down, and representing his society in Junior debate at commencement of 1894. He was a great Y. M. C. A. worker, representing that organization at the Students' Volunteer Movement Convention held in Detroit, Mich. Our young friend deserves great credit, for he had to work his way through college, each vacation being spent in teaching that he might be able to return.

The first impression of his Divine call to preach came to Brother Leonard during his sixteenth year, under a sermon preached by the late Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, D. D., at Sharon Campmeeting, in Spartanburg County. The sermon was on "Missions," and during the discourse Doctor Elwell said: "I have no doubt that there are young men listening to me now whom God will call to preach His Word at home and in foreign fields." Then and there the Holy Spirit impressed the heart of young Leonard that he should preach. In his twenty-second year he yielded to the impression and accepted the

call. On June 9, 1888, he was licensed to preach at Liberty Church, Campobello Circuit, Spartanburg District, and since that hour all the energies of our young brother have been devoted to the work of the Lord.

Immediately after his graduation, Brother Leonard was employed as a supply for Rock Hill Circuit. He was admitted on trial in December, 1895, with John G. Beckwith, Chesley C. Herbert, Benjamin M. Robertson, Henry Stokes and Julius F. Way. He served successfully and acceptably the Lancaster Circuit for four years, 1896-9. He was then assigned to Fountain Inn Circuit, where he is, at this writing, in the second year of his stay there, and where he is doing excellent work. He is a splendid preacher, an active worker and sympathetic pastor, growing in favor as the days go by.

Brother Leonard was married February 12, 1896, to Miss Eva Ballenger, at her father's residence near Highland, Greenville County, S. C., Rev. F. Hawkins Shuler officiating.

REV. A. S. LESLEY.

Rev. A. Stephen Lesley, the son of W. Anderson Lesley, was born in Pickens County, S. C. Reared by two of the most faithful



Methodists we have ever known, our young brother was early brought to Christ. He joined the Church in his early boyhood

and was converted to God. His educational advantages were obtained in the schools near his home.

Even in early manhood our brother felt it his duty to preach, but he shrank from the task. He married and settled for farming. The call became louder and louder until at last he yielded, asked license and was received into the S. C. Conference in November, 1892. His appointments have been: Lancaster, 1893; North Rock Hill, 1894-95; Belmont, 1896; Kinards, 1897-98; Saluda, 1899-1900; Greenwood and Abbeville Mills, 1901.

Brother Lesley is a good preacher and pastor. Everywhere he goes he wins the hearts of those he serves and everywhere his ministry is owned of God in the conversion of sinners and the up-building of believers. Modest and retiring, he may not at first acquaintance be appreciated, but acquaintance soon ripens into real friendship and his friends abide.

On the 21st of December, 1881, he married Miss Sallie J. Ariail, and of this union six children were born to them—two girls and four boys—all living.

REV. T. C. LIGON.

The subject of this paper, Rev. Thomas Charlton Ligon, is one of the most faithful members of the South Carolina Conference. He is the son of Mr. Wm. Jackson Ligon and Mrs. Louisa Caroline Ligon (*nee* Seibels), and was born in Lexington County, S. C., on August 30, 1858.

He was educated under and by his own father, who gave the boy a thorough mental training, thus laying the foundation for a life-long course of study.

In early childhood Brother Ligon was deeply impressed that he ought to preach the Gospel. This impression deepened as the years passed by, until at the age of twenty-seven years, it became so overpowering he had to accept the work or reject it at the peril of his own soul. The divine call was thorough and satisfactory and our brother surrendered all his powers to the work of the Master.

Brother Ligon was married on December 18, 1870, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Towers, daughter of Mr. Alexander B. Towers, of Anderson County, S. C. They have six children: Mary Charlton, William Jackson, Alexander Towers, Louis Lucien, Daniel Robert and Louisa Ellen.

Brother Ligon was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1885, with E. B. Loyless, A. F. Berry, E. O. Watson, J. M. Steadman, T. C. O'Dell, J. F. Anderson, A. M. Ataway, W. I. Herbert, John Owen and D. A. Calhoun.

His labors have been in the following fields: Townville Circuit, 1886; Piedmont Circuit, 1887-90; Lexington Circuit, 1891-2; Leesville Circuit, 1893-5; Rock Hill Circuit and City Mission, 1896-8; Piedmont Station, 1899-1900.

During the year 1900 Rev. J. M. Pike, who had had charge of the Oliver Gospel Mission and was editor of "The Way of Faith" in Columbia, resigned his position, and Brother Ligon was elected to the place. He accepted sincerely hoping that the presiding bishop at the next session of our Conference would appoint him to the place, thus allowing him to retain his membership in the Conference. The Gospel Mission, however, not being an institution of our church, did not come within the regulations of the discipline. The bishop, therefore did not feel authorized to make such an appointment. The only thing left for Brother Ligon to do was to locate and, in the capacity of a local preacher, serve the Mission and act as editor of the paper. It was with great regret that our brother located and many were deeply grieved that he saw best to do so. But we all believe that he has acted conscientiously in the matter. He is a brave, conscientious preacher and a forcible writer. May Heaven's richest blessings attend him.



REV. L. C. LOYAL.

Had we the space to give a minute sketch of Brother Loyal some of the most interesting facts ever connected with a human life could be laid before our readers. But the plan of this book forbids, so the writer must forego the pleasure, and give the usual outline of the life of this heroic servant of Christ.

Rev. Louis Charles Loyal, son of Pierre Loyal and Mary Adelaide



Loyal, was born in France, August 25, 1822. His grandfather was a wealthy French nobleman, who had two sons—Pierre and Alexander. The father of the subject died while the boy was quite young. The youth was taken charge of by his brother-in-law, Mr. Gomiard, and taken to Paris. When Brother Loyal was only four years old, a maternal step-brother, Thomas E. Denaux, had come to America and located in New York city. The boy was sent to this step-brother. After a voyage of thirty-three days, he landed in New York and made his way to the desired place. He was wholly unacquainted with the English language, but was soon put in school and his main education, in the way of book learning, was there obtained. He had been reared in the Romish faith, but by being permitted to attend a Bible class in a Methodist Church his eyes were opened to his condition before God. Young Loyal's stepbrother, having failed in business and having lost his wife by yellow fever, moved to Charleston, S. C. It was here that our friend and brother was

thrown in touch with the Methodists more fully, being persuaded often to attend Trinity and Cumberland churches.

On January 2, 1842, at the close of the farewell sermon of Rev. Thomas Hutchings, at old St. James church, Brother Loyal joined the Methodist Church. He was at once put to work, such as leading in song service, leading class, and acting as steward.

He was licensed to preach in 1851; was ordained Deacon in Charleston, S. C., in 1854, by Bishop Early; was ordained Elder by the same Bishop at Greenville, S. C., in 1858. For several years he acted as a local preacher, having appointments to preach as opportunity afforded. In 1865 he supplied Prince William Circuit. 1867 he was appointed as supply for Spring Street, Charleston, which was still in the hands of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North). By his efforts this church was saved to its owner, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Brother Loyal was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference December, 1868, with T. E. Wannamaker, and has served as follows: Black Swamp Circuit, 1869-70; Cooper River, 1871; Lexington, 1872; Graniteville, 1873-75; Seneca City, 1876; Cainhoj, 1877; Black Swamp, 1878-80; Yemassee, 1881-82; Waccamaw, 1883-84; Bucksville, 1885-86; Berkeley, 1887; Georgetown, 1888; Britton's Neck, 1889. At the session of the Conference held at Camden, S. C., at the close of this last mentioned year, he was placed on the superannuated relation, which he still holds.

January 7, 1847, Brother Loyal was married to Miss Ann Frances Martin. To them the following children were born: Mary Adelaide, Edward Alexander, Frances Adlai, James Pickett, Jacob Wightman, Emma Catherine, Sarah Pelzer, Louis Charles, Julia Laura, Powell Reed, James Henry, William Hard.

Our good brother's name is an index to his character. Loyalty to the truth, to the right, to his Church, and his Lord, has ever characterized him. He was a good preacher, always endeavoring to preach the simple truth; a helpful pastor, ever entering sympathetically into the experiences of his people; and a lovable man, making friends wherever he went. He has bravely borne the burdens of life; "at evening time may there be light."



REV. EDWARD B. LOYLESS.

Edward B. Loyless has answered the roll call of this Conference for the last time. It was on the 22d of last April that the writer received, at his home in Yorkville, the following telegram from Mr. James Loyless, of Spartanburg: "Father died last night 10:15." Then it was that a noble, sweet soul, disenthralled from the bondage of its hindering clay, went home to God.

Brother Loyless was ready to go; ready by all the tokens of Christian consecration to the service of God and the Church; and ready, too, by the fires that consume the dross and refine the gold—the fires of a protracted, painful illness for the last several months of his life. He was at the time of his decease a superannuated member of the South Carolina Conference, which body he joined December, 1885, and in which body he labored actively and with fruitful results till the failure of his health last year, serving seven years on circuit and seven on missions. He served as a local supply several years, rendering most efficient and acceptable service before his membership in this Conference.

He was a faithful man of God and servant of the Church. He was not only the pastor of his people, but their personal friend, ready to sympathize with them upon an occasion and opportunity to serve and help them. The writer knew him well—quite well. We were close friends. In all my acquaintance with this Conference, covering a period of 38 years, I have never known among us a more thorough Christian gentleman than Edward B. Loyless. Shakespeare makes King Lear to claim of himself that he was every inch a king. Loyless was every inch a man.

His educational advantages were slight, and his preaching unpretentious and plain: and yet his was a useful and edifying ministry.

He was born in Beaufort District, September 10, 1842, and was married November 5, 1874, to Miss Sarah E. Sanders, of Colleton County. Seven of his eight children survive, and these, with their widowed mother, claim our tender sympathy.

At 58 years of age, in the ripe maturity of his influence and his powers, he is called away from us. A few months ago, strong and well, and now, after a rapid decline, at home with God. Said Edmund Burke, in the English Parliament, and in memoriam of a lately deceased member of that august body: "What shadows we are, and what shadows we pursue!" May we not get the most out of the life that now is by putting the most into it, and so following Christ after the example of our sainted and ascended brethren, be found in Christ here and with Christ forever.

REV. B. D. LUCAS.

Rev. Benjamin Dean Lucas was born December 14th, 1868, in the town of Chesterfield, S. C. He is the oldest son of Dr. T. E. Lucas and Mrs. Dollie Hanna Lucas. The elementary work in his education was received at his home, after which he spent four years in the Citadel at Charleston, S. C. Reared in a Christian home, Benjamin



in very childhood gave his heart to God and his hand to the Church. While a boy, his heart was moved in sorrow and sympathy for the heathen world, and with the desire and purpose of preaching the Gospel to the people of China, he applied for license in 1888, that fall entering the South Carolina Conference. His first year was spent on Jefferson Circuit. In 1890 he was sent to Wateree Circuit. In August of this year, being accepted by the General Board, he was sent as a missionary to China. Serving faithfully in this field for seven years, his health failed, and he returned to America. After three years of rest and recuperation, he was appointed to Lancaster Circuit to supply the place of Rev. M. H. Pooser, who had died. Bishop Wilson in October, 1900, transferred Brother Lucas to the South Carolina Conference, and at its last session he was appointed to O'Neal Street Church, Newberry, S. C.

Throughout Brother Lucas' life and ministry, faithfulness to duty and deep reverence and devotion to God have characterized him. He is one of our untiring and unselfish workers.

REV. J. E. MAHAFFEY.

James Ervin Mahaffey was born in Greenville County, South Carolina, September 27, 1864. Being the oldest of eight children, with poor parents, dependent upon a small farm, his school opportunities were very scant, not exceeding four or six weeks in the year.



He joined the Church when twelve years old, and at the age of fourteen was elected Superintendent of the union Sunday School. It was by persistent study at night, and that without assistance, that he covered the common school course and entered the preparatory department of Wofford College at the age of sixteen, in 1880.

Here he was entirely dependent on his own work evenings and Saturdays for board and clothing. Books and incidentals were furnished the first and second years by friends, some of whom are to this day unknown. His college course was irregular, being interrupted several times by the necessity of helping on the farm. It consisted mainly in Mathematics and English, with some start in Latin, Greek and German.

He was licensed to preach June 18, 1884, and, whether at college or teaching school, he preached two or three times every Sunday. His ministerial associations were such as finally induced him to abandon the idea of completing his college course and enter the regular ministry, which he has since regretted. Men ought to be careful how they advise.

In May, 1887, he went from the principalship of the Duncans High School to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr.

Rowell, on the Jonesville Circuit, which he did to the great satisfaction of all.

He was married to Miss Mattie May Wingo, of Duncans, S. C., June 21, 1887, and thus she who had been "assistant teacher" for a term became "assistant preacher" for life. James Boyce, Jessie May, Jennie Iva, Jean Paul and Rosa Cornelia are additions to the family record.

He joined the Conference in 1887, and was appointed to Clinton Circuit, where he remained four years, and the first two children were born. He served Santee Circuit in 1892, but, on account of sickness, was moved at the next Conference to Heath Springs (then known as Hanging Rock). In two years the work had so developed that it was thought best to divide it. This occasioned another move. The next four years—1894-98—were spent on Chester Circuit. He served at Green Street, in Columbia, with Brookland attached, in 1899, and with Granby attached in 1900.

Mr. Mahaffey has been a student all his life, and takes great delight in working at difficult questions. His productions for the press find a hearty welcome among thoughtful readers, and his literary exploits in book form have found ready sale. He has had some complimentary offers for regular magazine work, but recognizing his call to the ministry, which he cherishes among his earliest recollections, he continues a Methodist itinerant, having twice refused double his present salary as a lecturer.

He is not a specialist, but comes very near to being an all-round man in every sense of that term, except possibly a defect in husbanding the results of his ministry.



REV. COKE D. MANN.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Coke Danby Mann, is a man in every respect—in physical construction, in intellectual ability and in spiritual power. He first saw the light of this world on April 2, 1849. He is the son of Mr. William Mann and Mrs. Sarah Mann.



After the usual training in the common schools where he was reared, he was sent for quite a while to the High School at Lowndesville, S. C. While deprived of a collegiate education, Brother Mann has striven to make up the deficiency by earnest application. He has not only studied books, but men as well.

Like many another man, he struggled with the call to preach, feeling and realizing the call some four or five years before he yielded. But when he did yield, it was a complete and unconditional surrender to God and from that day onward he has been striving to glorify God and bless men. God has blessed his labors. He has received into the Church on profession of faith more than twelve hundred persons, old and young.

Brother Mann was admitted into the Conference in December, 1872, with R. W. Barber, J. C. Davis, Geo. H. Pooser and William A. Rogers. He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Conway Circuit, 1873-4; Blackstock, 1875; Abbeville Circuit, 1876-7; Westminster Circuit, 1878; Reidville Circuit, 1879-1880; Abbeville Circuit, 1881-4; Walhalla, 1885-6; Reidville Circuit, 1887-1890; Saluda

Circuit, 1891-2; Newberry Circuit, 1893-4; Lamar Circuit, 1895-6; Timmons ville Circuit, 1897; Providence Circuit, 1898-9; New Brookland and Hebron, 1900.

Brother Mann married Miss Eliza Jane Mellford, of Abbeville County, S. C. They have five children living: James L., Junius L., Edward Coke, John Holmes and Bessie McClair.

Brother Mann is a thoughtful and interesting preacher. He is a man of unusually strong convictions and these convictions are unhesitatingly expressed. He is an uncompromising enemy of everything that is sinful. Those who are permitted to enter the circle of his friendship ever find him a true and trusty friend.

REV. JOHN MANNING.

Rev. John Manning, son of Mr. Mealy Manning and Mrs. Mary Manning, was born November 29, 1844. His early educational advantages were somewhat limited, but he made excellent use of them and made a heroic struggle for an education, sometimes walking five miles to school. What a rebuke this is to those boys in this day



who have schools all about them and yet do not attend! It really seems that the more plentiful schools are, the less appreciation there is of them.

Brother Manning was engaged in the mercantile business and was

succeeding nicely when the divine call to preach came to him. He laid down everything in the business work and at a great financial sacrifice entered the ministry, hoping to serve the Lord faithfully. He joined the South Carolina Conference in November, 1889, with J. S. Abercrombie, A. H. Best, R. A. Child, J. R. Copeland, G. W. Davis, W. H. Hodges, M. B. Kelly, J. M. Rogers, J. W. Shell, W. S. Stokes, A. B. Watson and J. A. White.

He has served as follows: Pee Dee Mission, 1890, (in the spring of this year he was removed and used to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. F. Auld, whose health had given way); Wedgefield Circuit, 1891; Waterloo Circuit, 1892-93; North Marlboro Circuit, 1894; Edgewood Circuit, 1895-6. At this period, our good brother's health had so given way that he felt it necessary for him to ask for the supernumerary relation, which was granted. He has never since felt that his health had been sufficiently restored for him to take work again.

Our friend is a good man, a faithful and zealous worker, and an acceptable preacher. It is sincerely hoped that he will yet be restored and have many years to preach that Gospel that is so precious to him.

Brother Manning was married December 13, 1865, to Miss C. S. McRae. Of this union six children were born, two of whom have passed to the life beyond. Four daughters are still living: Lena, Jane, Nannie, Mary Catherine and Mrs. Emma Evans. The mother of these children was also taken to the home above. Brother Manning's second marriage was on April 22, 1880, to Miss Rebecca Kinney.



REV. W. SMITH MARTIN.

Good old Methodist blood flows in every vein of the subject of this paper, Rev. Whitefoord Smith Martin. He was born in Greenville County, S. C., June 11, 1849. His honored father, Mr. W. H. Martin, is one of the most devoted and devout Methodists in South Carolina. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Martin, was the daughter



of Rev. Barney Smith, who was a member of the South Carolina Conference for twelve years in the time when Dr. Stephen Olin was teaching and preaching in and around Cokesbury. This maternal grandfather did much toward establishing Methodism in the upper part of the State.

Having been born in a home which was pervaded with a pure religious atmosphere, it was natural for young Martin to early give himself to the Lord. This he did and joined the Church at old Bethel Camp Ground when he was only five years of age. He was reared on his father's farm in Laurens County, having the usual work of a farmer's boy. He had access to such schools as the county afforded, of which he made good use, attending as regularly as circumstances permitted until he was twenty years old. Unsatisfied with his intellectual attainments, and with a burning desire for a larger and better equipment for life's work, he matriculated at Wofford College, graduating in June, 1875.

In December, 1875, Brother Martin joined the South Carolina

Conference, J. W. Ariail, T. P. Phillips and A. C. Walker joining at the same session. Thus, for a quarter of a century he has been traveling over the State and serving the Church on circuits and stations. During this time he has served on various Committees and Boards, always ready to speak his mind on any subject. He is a good conversationalist, and is pleasant in the social circle. He has ever been a great debater, and nothing pleases him better than for some one to spring a question for discussion and let him take one side while a capable and worthy opponent takes the other. As a preacher he is original and forceful. He does not care to follow old beaten paths of theological discussion, but loves to mark out new paths and search for the truth.

After a lengthy and exceedingly interesting courtship, in which he had much rivalry and great anxiety, Brother Martin was successful in winning the hand and heart of Miss VerMelle C. Brockington, of Kingstree, S. C., one of the fairest and most popular young ladies of Williamsburg County. They were married March 15, 1877. Six children have been born unto them—three boys and three girls.



REV. E. W. MASON.

The Rev. Edward Whitfield Mason, son of Washington N. and Sarah K. Mason, was born in Fairfield County, S. C., February 15, 1857. His education began in the school at Horeb Church. He



also studied a year in Winnsboro, and spent two and a half years at Wofford College.

During his boyhood the impression of preaching was on him. It took a singular form: he would preach with great seriousness the funeral of dogs and cats that died on the farm. When in College the duty was so strongly impressed that he decided to yield, but later "shrank from it and hid on a farm." A little after his marriage the Lord called again and, having found no peace in holding back, he decided to obey, and was licensed in 1889. In December, 1890, he entered the South Carolina Conference, in which his appointments have been: 1891-2-3-4, Donalds Circuit; 1895-6-7-8, Lowndesville Station; 1899-1900, Lynchburg; 1901, Waterloo. It is not often that a young minister begins his career with two full quadrenniums in his first two charges. So it was in this case. And the removal from Lynchburg after two successful years was only made because of ill health, of which he is now much recovered. With such a record, it is hardly necessary to say that our brother had success in all of his charges. At Lowndesville he held a meet-

ing of unusual graciousness; the fruits thereof were great and enduring.

He married Miss Mantha R. Robertson, the youngest daughter of S. G. and M. A. Robertson, of Fairfield County. She has been a faithful helpmeet to him. There were born to them two sons—Ralph W. and Edward R. Mason.

Brother Mason is a man of good judgment, clear views, high sense of honor, courage of conviction, tolerance towards others, industry, energy, perseverance—the kind of man who impresses favorably at first, and then deepens that opinion steadily. As a Christian, he is earnest, consistent, steadfast—judging himself more closely than he does others. He is a pastor and friend of his people—genuinely interested in all that concern them; most interested in their spiritual welfare. He preaches well-studied, sensible, impressive sermons—cast in form intended to win sinners and encourage saints, and uttered with the help of the Holy Spirit. He is a workman not only in his study but in the larger field where man meets man. God honors his labors, and there are many whom he has, by Divine blessing, turned to righteousness.



REV. W. A. MASSEBEAU.

Rev. William Augustus Massebeau was born in the itinerancy. The place of his birth was the parsonage of the Spartanburg Circuit, located near Spartanburg, S. C., and the date of his birth July 13, 1866. His father was the Rev. John B. Massebeau who was for twenty-six years a faithful and honored member of the South Car-



olina Conference and who died at Branchville, S. C., August 25, 1884. His mother's maiden name was Miss Jailey E. Alexander, of Yorkville, S. C. Born of such parentage, the subject of this sketch could not but have in him a fine moral fibre and sterling qualities. He was blessed with a good Christain home and he ever reflects great honor upon it.

After the usual schooling of childhood, he entered the preparatory department of Wofford College in October, 1883. Having successfully finished the work of the preparatory department, he entered the freshman class of the college and graduated from the institution in June, 1889. After his graduation, Brother Massebeau taught school at Smithville, Sumter County, for a period of two years. After this he was elected principal of Hebron Academy, Darlington County, where he remained two years. His teaching gave great satisfaction.

Feeling the divine call to preach the Gospel, Brother Massebeau laid down the noble work of teaching for the nobler work of the min-

istry. He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Sumter, S. C., November, 1893, with L. L. Bedenbaugh, J. A. Campbell, T. Grigsby Herbert, Russell E. Mood, G. Edwin Stokes, J. Barr Harris and Peter Stokes. He has very acceptably served the following charges: Ridgeville Circuit, 1894-7; Grace Church, Union, 1898-1901.

On June 3, 1890, Brother Massebeau was happily married to Miss Rosa Olivia Carson of Orangeburg County, S. C. They have two children—Mabel Ruth, seven years old, and Maud Esther, three years old.

The subject of this paper is one of our most promising young preachers. Thoroughly equipped physically, mentally and spiritually, he has entered upon a career of useful service and one destined to be crowned with abundant success. He is a close student, good worker, diligent pastor and excellent preacher.

REV. J. K. McCAIN.

Rev. John Kelly McCain was born in Abbeville County, Feb. 22, 1839. His parents were William L. and Emily McCain, of Scotch-



Irish descent and were Methodists of the old type. Brother McCain was born and reared on the farm, and in the home of his parents, there was a living family altar, from which ascended the morning

and evening sacrifices of grateful prayer and praise to the throne of heaven. This home was critically guarded against all impure literature. He was educated in the common schools of the country. The longest term spent in school was at Buffalo, Abbeville County. He learned much of the Bible in the Sunday School when "Long King's" questions compelled him to search out the answers.

He was first married to Miss Sarah Reynolds, of Edgefield County, S. C., Jan. 5, 1860. Two sons were born to this union, John C. and Arthur A. McCain. His second marriage was to Miss Fannie A. Henry, of Richland, S. C., Sept. 20th, 1872. By this union six children were born—William H., Frank P., A. Thornton, P. Rembert, Minnie Laurens and Nannie Emma McCain.

When eighteen years of age he felt a clear, peculiar and irresistible conviction that it was the will and purpose of God that he should preach the Gospel to dying men, but strange to say he did resist it, and fought against it, Jonah-like. In his attempted escape from God and duty he enlisted as a Confederate soldier in Company K, Fifteenth Regiment, S. C. V., in August, 1861, and was severely wounded in the second battle of Manassas, 28th August, 1862. When falling on the battlefield this same conviction, which refused to be stifled and hushed by the demoralizing effects of war, was heard to speak in convicting and commanding tones: "Will you go and preach, now?" When the war closed and while he continued to dally with this awful conviction, God took to heaven two of his children and his devoted wife. It was under this dark cloud that he was made to feel, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel of Christ" and gave himself over wholly to this work. At this opportune time his former pastor said "yield" or else God will destroy thee and here the consecration was made. Since he entered the Conference in 1871 he has not missed one of his Quarterly Conferences, he has attended every one of his District Conferences and has missed but one session of the Annual Conference. He has filled nearly all of his own appointments and has never left his charge for rest or recreation or pleasure.

He has served the following charges in the order: Richland Circuit, 1872-73; Reidville Circuit, 1874-75-76-77; Laurens Circuit 1878-79-80; Jonesville Circuit, 1881-82; Fairfield Circuit, 1883-84-85-86; Pendleton Circuit, 1887; Darlington Circuit, 1888-89-90; Batesburg Circuit, 1891-92; Providence Circuit, 1893-94; Branchville Circuit, 1895; North Mullins Circuit, 1896-97-98-99; North Laurens, 1900.

May the Master be pleased to say, "Well done!" when the end comes. All these years Brother McCain has maintained a clean record and his work has been crowned with success. He patiently labors on.

REV. ELI M. McKISSICK.

Rev. Eli Murkerson McKissick was born June 20, 1852. He is the son of Mr. Eli McKissick and Mrs. Clarsey McKissick, originally of Marion County, S. C., but now of Florence County.

He was educated at Mars Bluff Academy, Mars Bluff, S. C., under such teachers as Professors Scott and Clayton. He resided with his



father while attending school, and also afterwards until 1872, when he went to Georgia. Some of the time while with his father he was engaged in farming. He was converted at the age of thirteen years, under Christian parents, Rev. J. B. Campbell being the pastor at the time. When fourteen years old he felt called of God to the work of the ministry. As stated above, he moved to Georgia in 1872. In July of that year he was licensed to exhort. In June, 1874, he was licensed to preach, Rev. George Yarborough, of the North Georgia Conference, being the Presiding Elder. He served as a supply on the Okmulgee Circuit, in Georgia, for the years 1875-8. He moved back to South Carolina in 1879.

Brother McKissick felt moved to enter the regular ministry, and there being an opening for him in the Methodist Protestant Church, he entered the work under the auspices of that denomination. After eight years of faithful service in that Church he was prevailed upon to take work in the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He was received at the session of the Conference

held at Darlington, S. C., December, 1891, Bishop John C. Granberry presiding. He has served as follows since his admission: Blue Ridge Mission, 1892-3; South Branchville Circuit, 1894; Cypress Circuit, 1895-7; Harleyville Circuit, 1898-1900; Ehrhardt Circuit, 1901. While on the Blue Ridge Mission he built three new churches and added one hundred to the membership. On South Branchville he added one hundred and twenty-five. On Cypress, ninety-five were added, and at Harleyville, over one hundred. Here he also bought a new parsonage and furnished it.

So we see that our good brother's labors have been owned and blessed of God to the salvation of souls and the advancement of the Church. He is a good revivalist, preaching a plain, simple Gospel, which goes with power to the hearts of the people. All the interests of the Church are carefully looked after by him.

Our brother has been married twice. He was married on November 27, 1869, to Miss Ellen Fountain. His second marriage was to Miss Hester Palston, on August 12, 1872. The following are the names of their children: John Mack, James Thomas, Eli Matthew, Mattie Belle, Ellen, Lula, William Oscar, James Harmon, Willie, Corinne, Irene and Harry.

REV. D. MELVIN McLEOD.

The South Carolina Conference is blessed with a large and constantly increasing class of young men who, when called to preach, realized that it meant a call to prepare to preach, and who, accordingly took time and expended money and labor sufficient to thoroughly equip themselves for the arduous duties of the itinerant life. To this class belongs the subject of this paper, Rev. Daniel Melvin McLeod. He is the son of Capt. W. J. McLeod and Mrs. Amanda Rogers McLeod, and was born October 1, 1866.

He received his preparatory training in the school at his home—Lynchburg, S. C. From here he went to Wofford College, where he graduated in June, 1890. Then, realizing fully his call to the ministry, and yielding himself to the Divine influence, he went to Vanderbilt University, where he spent two years in the Theological Department, graduating in the English course.

Brother McLeod was converted while at college, in 1899. It was then that he fully surrendered himself to the Lord for the work of the ministry. He was licensed to preach in 1890 by the Quarterly Conference of Lynchburg Circuit, Rev. J. S. Beasley being the Presiding Elder and Rev. E. Olin Watson being the preacher in charge.

At the session of the Conference held in the city of Charleston, November, 1892, Brother McLeod was received on trial, E. H. Beck-

ham, G. F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, O. L. DuRant, S. W. Henry, E. P. Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, J. N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton, and W. E. Wiggins joining with him. He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Sumter Circuit, 1893; Oswego Circuit, 1894; Aiken Station, 1895-6; Cheraw Station, 1897-8; Blacksburg Station, 1899-1901. The Lord has granted him success in these charges, and he has been zealous in labors. He preaches good sermons and is ever on the alert for the best interests of the people.

While winning souls for Christ at Blacksburg, Brother McLeod won at least one heart for himself, and he and Miss Bertie E. Guyton, of that place, were married January 10, 1900, Rev. William A. Rogers performing the ceremony.

REV. ROBERT C. McROY.

Rev. Robert Coburn McRoy, son of Rev. John W. McRoy, and grandson of Rev. John R. Coburn, both of whom were for many years faithful ministers of the South Carolina Conference, was born at Goshen Hill, Union County, S. C., March 18, 1870.

After the usual home training and primary schooling, he attended the Fort Mill High School for three years, under the tutelage of Professors A. R. Banks and J. H. Boyd. Having received a thorough training here, he entered Wofford College and spent four years there, thus receiving an extended intellectual equipment for the work of life.

In November, 1892, Brother McRoy joined the South Carolina Conference at Charleston, S. C. E. H. Beckham, George F. Clarkson, Joseph L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. P. Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, John N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins joining at the same time.

Brother McRoy has served the following charges: Lexington, Barnwell, Donalds, Waterloo, Edgewood, Edgefield, Springfield and Kershaw.

In these various charges our young friend has had success. He is an honest worker and a faithful man of God. He is a close student, and is constantly growing in intellectual attainment as well as in spiritual development.

At this writing he still tarries in the land of "single blessedness" (?), his home being kept by his step-mother, Mrs. Lizzie Cade McRoy.

REV. WM. PASCAL MEADORS.

Rev. Wm. Pascal Meadors, son of Pascal Motley and Sarah Miller Meadors, was born in Laurens County, May 15th, 1854. He was educated in the common and high schools of his neighborhood and county and in the stern school of practical life. Besides, he has been a reader and student all of his life.

He joined the Church in the spring of 1874, was licensed Nov. 11th, 1876, was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference at Chester, December, 1876, and has made full proof of his ministry ever since. He served one year on a mission, sixteen on circuits, one on a station and six on districts.

He has been twice married, first to Miss Kate Boyce English, of Union County, and last to Miss Janie Belle Hutchison, of Abbeville County. Two girls and four boys are the living children, all of this last union. "Little Paul" entered unto rest Sept. 13th, 1899.

Brother Meadors is a man of fine judgment, clear insight into men and things, and of decided disposition. It is never difficult to know what he thinks or where he stands. He is true to himself, his friends, his Church and to all duties. He is a careful student of the Bible, well posted on Methodism and its polity and doctrines. His preaching is orthodox and strong. He makes little or no effort at the embellishment of his messages; he depends upon the truth and the power of the Spirit to accomplish results; nor is he disappointed. He is peculiarly fitted for district work. In stationing the preachers, his judgment is always to be depended upon. In working a district through the year, he is indefatigable. While God has blessed him in all of his ministry, he has been peculiarly successful in the responsible position of a Presiding Elder.

As a man, Brother Meadors is faithful and friendly. He has the grace and nerve to counsel a friend who is making a mistake, and to stand by one who needs support. As a Christian, he is definite, decided, fixed in mind and heart. His soul is stayed upon God, his powers are devoted to God. In a word, he is a strong man and true, in all things and everywhere.



REV. EDWARD M. MERRITT.

Rev. Edward Madison Merritt, son of Mr. Allen O. and Dorcas A. Merritt, was born March 31, 1846, in Greenville County, S. C.

He had thorough training in the schools of the country, pursuing his studies about as far as the ordinary teachers could conduct. After



leaving school, he pursued privately such studies as Philosophy, Chemistry, Astronomy, Geology and Mineralogy. He also began Greek, but on account of the pressure of other duties was compelled to discontinue this branch.

He was converted and joined the Church at the age of fifteen years. At the age of twenty-one years he realized the call to preach. It was sudden and unexpected, yet profound and unmistakable. For four long years he struggled with the problem, trying in every way to evade the call. But, seeing that he could have no peace of conscience while he lived in open disobedience to the heavenly vision, he finally yielded and determined to give himself wholly unto the Lord.

Brother Merritt was received into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1874. William H. Ariail, J. C. Counts, M. M. Ferguson, A. W. Jackson, J. J. Neville, J. L. Stokes, S. D. Vaughan and W. W. Williams being received at the same time. He has served as follows: Kershaw Circuit, 1875-6; Pickens Mission, 1877; Westminster Circuit, 1878; Belmont Circuit, 1879. At the close of the last mentioned year, Brother Merritt was compelled, on account of

failing health, to ask for a location, which was granted. As a local preacher, however, he supplied Kershaw Circuit one year, and Pickens Mission three years. In November, 1890, he was re-admitted, and has since served the following charges: West Anderson Circuit, 1891; Hartsville Circuit, 1892. At this time he transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and served several charges there until 1898, when he came back to the South Carolina Conference and was appointed to the Bayboro Circuit, which he served until the recent session of our Conference, when he was sent to McColl Circuit and Mills.

Brother Merritt was first married to Miss Maria Isabel Elrod, daughter of Adam Elrod, Esq., of Anderson County, S. C. Of this marriage two children were born—Immogene and Harmon. In December, 1874, he was again married to Amanda A. Durant, daughter of Mr. John O. Durant, of Sumter County, S. C. Of this union nine children were born, the following seven of whom are living: Edward O., Alma R., Clarence A., Davie E., Stanly O., Rosa O., and Hugh Bryan.

In all these years our good brother has gone along quietly and faithfully doing the work of a Methodist preacher. His preaching has resulted in the salvation of scores, and his pastoral ministrations have helped hundreds of people who were burdened. He is popular, and makes many friends.



REV. W. H. MILLER.

Rev. W. H. Miller is a native of Tennessee. He was born in Cooke County, near Newport, the county seat of that county, July 18, 1850. He moved to South Carolina in January, 1881, and located at Union, and lived there until 1893. His education was



limited to the common schools of the country, only spending a few months at a high school at Morristown, Tenn.

He has been twice married—December 15, 1875, to Miss Hattie A. Harle, of Morristown, Tenn., who died December 27, 1891. To them were born two children—Robt. Harle, now living at Union, S. C., and Nellie Lou, now married to Mr. D. A. Pless and living at Morristown, Tenn. He was again married July 19, 1893, to Miss Dora A. Chamberlin, of Woodruff, S. C. To them have been born three children—John Morris, Henry Kelly and Sarah Louise.

Mr. Miller was reared on a farm, and followed the business of farming and dealing in horses and mules until 1892. His ancestry are all Baptists, and he was also a member of that Church for a number of years. In October, 1886, he joined the Methodist Church at Union, S. C. On September 20, 1891, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference for Union Station, Rev. J. M. Boyd, Presiding Elder, Geo. Manotte, Secretary, and Rev. W. I. Herbert, Pastor. He served the Jonesville Circuit the year 1892 as junior supply under Rev. D. Tiller. He was admitted on trial into the

Conference at Charleston, in December, 1892, and was appointed to the Enoree Circuit, serving that charge four years, 1892-96; then the Fairfield Circuit, two years, 1896-98; and is now serving the East Chester Circuit the second year, 1899-1900.

His life and ministry are living illustrations of the power of Divine grace. Educational advantages limited, for years a trading man, now a minister of the New Testament, going out under the authority and bearing the endorsement of a great Church. "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and He shall lift you up."

Mr. Miller's trust for success is not in worldly things, but in the power of God. The Lord honors the faith of this devoted servant, and rewards his labors.

REV. R. E. MOOD.

Russell Easterling Mood was born in Georgetown, S. C. His father was the late Rev. John A. Mood, of the South Carolina Conference; his mother was Miss Mary Catherine Easterling, daughter of John R. Easterling, of Georgetown County.

The first school which he attended was the Bennettsville Academy, under the able management of Prof. and Mrs. John G. Moore. He had previously learned to read at home, from the English Bible, and also to write.

He is a graduate of Wofford College, having spent, after graduation, several years in teaching. He was principal of the Blenheim High School for one year, this being his first school. He then was elected principal of the Bamberg Graded School, in which capacity he served several years, going from there to the principalship of the St. George's Collegiate Institute.

Having been elected principal of the Summertown High School, he took charge of it and served it several years. Previous to his entrance into the ministry he taught the Union Academy, Darlington County, and was a member of the Board of County Examiners. It was here he obtained license to preach in 1893.

Before entrance, he proceeded to Marion County and taught the school at Dothan, being successor to Prof. W. E. Willis, of the Bamberg Fitting School. He obtained recommendation to the Annual Conference from the Blenheim Circuit, he holding his membership at Parnassus Church, where his name is doubtless now enrolled.

He was converted before entering Wofford, and during the year he taught, it was his constant endeavor to keep the faith. His aim was to be a Christian educator, and to cultivate the entire personality of his pupils. His call to preach was sometime prior to his obtaining of license. In fact, this vocation rested upon his conscience even in childhood.

He was admitted into the Conference in 1893 at Sumter.

REV. E. K. MOORE.

Edward Kirk Moore was born in Yorkville, S. C., on the 23rd of February, 1865. He is the youngest son of Edward Moore, of Yorkville, S. C., and Emily Kirk, of Bluffton, S. C.

His father, a prominent member of the Yorkville bar, and also a



member of the Legislature when the Civil War commenced, enlisted at the beginning of hostilities, and was first lieutenant, Co. K, 5th Cavalry, S. C. V. He gave his life for the cause he loved on one of the bloody fields of Virginia, eight months before the birth of the subject of this sketch, and is buried at Ebenezer Presbyterian Church, in York County, of which church he was long a consistent member.

Emily Kirk is the only daughter of Dr. John William Kirk, M. D., who lived on his plantation on the Colleton River, in Beaufort County, S. C., and combined with his profession the then lucrative occupation of raising sea island cotton.

While still a young lad, Brother Moore was sent for two years to the Bunker Hill Institute, in Bunker Hill, Ill. The next year of study was spent in Augusta, Kentucky, and the remainder of his education was received at the Porter Academy, in Charleston, S. C.

For the next five years he followed the profession of a civil engineer in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia.

On the 28th of June, 1888, he was married to Miss Willie Emma

Buchanan, the only child of the Rev. W. R. Buchanan, a local Elder of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who lived at Cokesbury, S. C., and soon thereafter they removed to Rose Hill, the Kirk plantation, in Beaufort County, with the intention of making this their permanent home. Two years later he transferred his Church membership from the Church of the Holy Communion, in Charleston, of which he had been a member for eight years, to St. Luke's Church, on the Hardeeville Circuit, and immediately took an active part in its work. Here he was called to the itinerancy and entered the South Carolina Conference at Charleston, in 1892. His first appointment was to the Santuc charge, in Spartanburg District, where he remained one year. His next charge was the Berkeley Circuit, in the Charleston District, where he remained three years. Next he was sent to the Round O Circuit, where he also spent three years. From thence he was appointed to the Hampton Circuit, which he serves at present.

Brother Moore is the worthy product of a long line of cultured ancestry, and a man just and fearless in all of his dealings with his fellow men; in every sense a manly man, esteemed and respected both for his sterling qualities and his clear and forceful intellect.

He is eminent as one of those earnest, loyal men in whose hands the most sacred interests of the Church are entirely safe. In the pulpit, as in private life, his manner is quiet and unostentatious, and he is ever careful to keep his religious profession within the bounds of his experience. His preaching is always clear and forceful, and full of trenchant thought.

It has been my privilege to know intimately the subject of this sketch for many years, and I have never known a more loyal Christian, or a man of higher principle, or clearer intellect, and the cup of the future is brimming with appreciation of his fine qualities, both as a man and a preacher.



REV. THOS. E. MORRIS.

· Rev. Thomas Edward Morris, son of John J. and Sarah Morris, was born December 30, 1855.

He received due primary educational training in the usual schools of the country, after which he spent two years at the Cokesbury



Conference School where, by hard study, he laid a good foundation for culture and intellectual training. Upon that foundation he has been building all these years.

From early childhood, Brother Morris felt called to preach. He struggled with the problem for several years, not that he did not want to preach but feared to rush into a work so sacred and one fraught with such fearful responsibilities. He feared the awful consequence of "offering strange fire" on God's altar. But finally God thoroughly convinced him that it was his imperative duty to preach and that to neglect it would be at the peril of his soul. Then he placed himself upon the altar and consecrated his powers to the service of Christ Jesus.

In 1879, Brother Morris served as a supply (junior preacher) on the West Marion Circuit where his "gifts and graces" were tested. He was admitted on trial in December of that year, his Conference classmates being: J. Walter Daniel, J. M. Friday, P. A. Murray and William H. Wroton. His labors have been distributed as follows: Junior preacher on Johnsonville Circuit, 1880; junior preacher on

Mullins Circuit, 1881; North Marlboro, 1882; Conway Station, 1883-4; Bamberg Circuit, 1885-6; Marion Street, Columbia, 1887; Laurens Station, 1888-91; Union Station, 1892-5; Spring Street, Charleston, 1896; Marion Station, 1897-1900. At the recent session of the Conference he was appointed to Chester Station, where he has entered auspiciously upon his work, and no doubt the usual success will attend his labors there.

Brother Morris is an excellent preacher and popular pastor. His ministry is effective and he ever gains a strong hold on the love and esteem of his people. He loves them and they reciprocate his interest and esteem.

On November 10, 1880, our good brother, feeling, like Paul, that he "had a right to lead about a wife," was married to Miss Belle McCalvian, of Richmond County, N. C. She is not only his wife but his valued helper in the work of the Lord.

REV. HENRY COGSWELL MOUZON.

The Rev. Henry Cogswell Mouzon, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Wm. P. Mouzon, was born in district parsonage, Charleston, Feb. 5th, 1859. He attended with profit the schools in the cities and towns where his father's appointments fixed his home. Yearning for a complete education, he went to work to make the necessary money. Just as he had laid up enough to warrant his going to college his father died. There was no property left—save the rich heritage of a stainless life, a pure, noble character, and words and deeds of which the world was not worthy. What now must be done? Henry did not hesitate a moment. Yielding from his cherished purpose, he used his money in caring for his widowed mother and his sisters. This unselfish deed never seemed to him an unusual thing. His self-denial was a duty gladly welcomed. And so it has been ever since. Humble, unselfish, loving, are what men may surely expect of Henry Mouzon.

Called to preach, he was licensed and entered the South Carolina Conference in November, 1888. His appointments have been: 1889, Prosperity, S. C.; 1890, Reevesville; 1891, Berkeley; 1892-1893, Walhalla; 1894-95, Port Royal; 1896, Hardeeville; 1897-98-99-1900, Colleton; now Ehrhardt Circuit.

To every appointment he went willingly, and in every charge he labored faithfully and successfully. If ever he even desired—much less sought—what men call "better fields" the writer, with good opportunity to know, never heard of it.

Brother Mouzon is a man of unusual modesty, yet where duty

calls he never hesitates to go, and to do. He is quiet, almost reserved—more ready to hear than to speak. He guards his lips from the taint of evil speaking, and gives them to kindly, charitable and friendly speech. Clean and pure in life and word himself, he does not suspect others. His experience in religion is as clear as a sun-beam; and his life-walk is steadfast.

As a preacher he is orthodox. New fancies do not go into his pulpit. The old gospel, the changeless gospel, is his theme. His sermons are well studied, plain and practical. His delivery is earnest and tender. The Holy Spirit is his reliance, and that never fails. As a pastor he is sympathetic, exhibiting more in deed than in word.

On 26th April, 1893, he married Miss Mamie L. Varnedoe, of Ridgeville, S. C., who has been the light of his home and the helper of his labors since—and the sharer, too, of his bereavements.

Some men are so quiet in their ways that the world does not realize, until they are gone, the sweetness and trueness of their characters and lives; but Heaven recognizes the Christly spirit and walk. So it is with the man of God whom we call Henry Mouzon.

REV. J. L. MULLINIX.

The Rev. J. L. Mullinix was born in Anderson County, S. C., Aug. 28th, 1857. His parentage was of Irish descent. The family came from Ireland about 1790, and first settled in Rockingham County, Virginia, and about 1810 moved to South Carolina and settled in what was then known as the Old Pendleton District. This district being divided in 1828, became Pickens and Anderson Counties. He was reared on the farm near old Pendleton, and was denied the advantage of a collegiate training, only having a common school education. He was married to Miss E. Maggie Hopkins, of Pickens County, in 1875.

Mr. Mullinix was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of fourteen years. Feeling the call to preach the Gospel soon after he was converted, he refused to heed the call until he reached the age of twenty-nine, when the struggle became so great that it could be no longer resisted. He yielded to the call and began the preparation for the work of the ministry, and was licensed to exhort in the fall of 1886, and in April, 1887, was licensed to preach. He continued in a local relation until the session of the Annual Conference held in Greenwood in 1898, when he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

He taught in the public schools of Pickens County from 1891 to

1895, and studied during these years for the equipment and preparation of his life's work. In April, 1895, while he was still engaged in teaching in Pickens County, he was called upon to take charge of the Walhalla Circuit, and was appointed thereto by Rev. T. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder of the Greenville District, where he was reappointed year after year until he had filled out his full quadrennium.

While serving this work as local supply he attended the Walhalla High School to better equip himself for his life's work, and received certificates of proficiency in the courses pursued. He has only served one year as a member of the South Carolina Conference on the West Pickens Circuit, and was appointed by Bishop Key, at the session at Orangeburg, to serve the Cypress Circuit for 1900.

Mr. Mullinix, as soon as he was licensed, took up the course that was prescribed by the Bishop for orders, and having stood an approved examination upon the course at the expiration of four years adopted for Deacon's orders, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix in 1893, and to the office of Elder, in Abbeville, by Bishop Granbery in 1896.

Mr. Mullinix is faithful and true in all his work. His indomitable perseverance enabled him to overcome the obstacles encountered in the beginning of his ministerial life. He is true to his convictions of right, and is indeed recognized as a man of God.



REV. BOB G. MURPHY.

Rev. Bob Gage Murphy, son of Dr. Charles Thomas Murphy and Mrs. M. Louise Murphy (*née* Peake), was born August 21, 1875.

Our young friend has had excellent educational advantages and has made good use of them. His preparatory education was obtained in the Graded School of Union, S. C. He graduated from the



South Carolina Military Academy in the class of 1896. After this he spent one year in the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University.

Brother Murphy's call to the ministry was a surprise even to him. He had always had an aversion to the ministry, ever thinking and sometimes saying that he would not preach. He joined the Church when thirteen years old, but had never fully left the world, of which he was very fond. He was deeply convicted of sin, but held out for a long time against the divine impression. Finally, he promised the Lord to give up the world if he would only excuse him from preaching. But the Lord refused the offered compromise, and there was no peace for the young man until he fully yielded himself to God and accepted the divinely appointed work of preaching the Gospel.

Brother Murphy was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1899, and was appointed to the City Mills charge, Greenville, where he did a splendid year's work. At the recent session he was appointed to Chester and Lancaster mills, in

the Rock Hill District, where he has entered very auspiciously upon the year's work.

At this writing, our young friend is unmarried, but being a wise young man he will not remain so long, but will soon take unto himself a helpmeet.

Brother Murphy has only begun, but all signs point to a most successful career. Being well-trained and thoroughly consecrated, there is no reason why his life should not be one of great fruitfulness.

REV. JOHN W. NEELEY.

The Rev. John W. Neeley, son of Edward Palmer and Catherine Elizabeth Neeley, was born November 22, 1857. His education was begun in the schools near home which were conducted by able and scholarly men. Since those early years he has attended the school of "spare time" and burned "the midnight oil." It still continues. His chiefest studies have been the Bible and men. Reared piously, he was converted and joined the Church at the age of fourteen years. His first special church work was with the Y. M. C. A. in Orangeburg and Barnwell Counties. So distinct and clear was the summons to preach that he could not rest until he yielded. The Revs. Manning Brown and J. L. Shuford helped him greatly in this trying season. He was then between nineteen and twenty years old. He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference December, 1880, since which time the following have been his charges: 1881, Cypress; 1882, Newberry Circuit; 1883, Columbia Circuit, 1884-86, Richland; 1887, Blythewood, 1888-89, Lexington; 1890-93, Graniteville; 1894-95, Richland; 1896-97, supernumerary, with Marion Street Station; 1898, Hyatt Park; 1899, supernumerary with Green Street; 1900, supernumerary with Main Street Church, Columbia. In all his charges he was successful. At Graniteville his success was conspicuous, the church named Pentecost is the fruit of a remarkable revival conducted by him.

On the 6th of May, 1886, he was married in the Washington Street Church, Columbia, S. C., to Miss Margaret Carolla Burnside. Of this union five children came, Wilmot Darby Walker, Wadsworth Burnside, John William, Jr., Kathleen and Anabel.

Brother Neeley is a capable preacher and an excellent pastor. At times he preaches with manifest power. His physical debility which required him to rest the late years, is, beyond reasonable doubt, the result of labors in the ministry beyond his strength. He is in greatly improved health for the past year and was able to take an appointment at Chester Conference.

REV. S. A. NETTLES.

Stephen Abraham Nettles was born near Summerville, S. C., April 18, 1859. His father, Rev. Abraham Nettles, was one of the pioneer preachers of the South Carolina Conference, serving in active work for forty-three years, and peacefully dying November 6, 1889. His mother's maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Lowry of Chesterfield, S.



C., who for forty years was a faithful helpmeet to her husband. These good parents took great interest in the education of their children. As a result the subject of this sketch was enthused with a desire to obtain a collegiate training, especially to obtain a Wofford College diploma. At the age of seventeen, he attended the High school of Summerville, after which he went to Cokesbury for a year and a half. In 1877 he entered the sophomore class at Wofford College. That year the Conference superannuated his father, thus interfering for a while with the boy's college course. But he was not to be outdone. Securing employment, he was enabled in 1880 to re-enter college, graduating with distinction in 1882, the last of three sons to graduate at Wofford. Soon after leaving college, Mr. Nettles and his sister (who has ever been to him a source of inspiration) bought the Manning Academy, Manning, S. C., from Rev. H. M. Mood, and, as joint principals, ran a successful school for several years. Strict, conscientious, and magnanimous, Mr. Nettles gained the admiration of his patrons who even to this day speak in highest

terms of his work. Just after opening school, he bought the Clarendon Enterprise and successfully conducted this weekly paper for several years. But the double work was too much for even as energetic a man, so he abandoned the newspaper enterprise. He soon found, however, that it was the labors of teaching that were telling on him and, being fond of journalism, he bought the Manning Times, re-entering the newspaper business and reducing his school work.

In 1890, Mr. Nettles espoused the Reform Movement. For four years he was its recognized leader in Clarendon County. He was urged in 1890 to accept the nomination for the House or Senate, but declined. He has ever been a staunch prohibitionist, and was foremost in the prohibition movement in 1892. He opposed the nomination of State and County officers on the prohibition platform, however, feeling that the best material would not infrequently refuse to scramble for office with self-seeking politicians. He formulated the "Nettles Box" system, by which each voter in the primary election could vote "Prohibition" or "No Prohibition," the members of legislature to be governed accordingly. Being repeatedly urged to accept the nomination for the legislature, Mr. Nettles finally consented and made the race in 1892 and was elected. He led the prohibition forces that year in the House. The prohibition bill was passed in the House after a stubborn fight, but was defeated in the Senate, being substituted by the Dispensary bill which was sent back to the House. After careful consideration of the features of the Dispensary bill, he concluded that the Dispensary would be a great gain over the open bar-rooms and advised his colleagues to accept it. Mr. Nettles did not compromise his prohibition views. It was simply a question of expediency. He obtained permission to have an entry made on the Journal of the House stating that he did not favor the bill, but that he accepted it as a step toward prohibition.

In 1892 Mr. Nettles established "The Herald," a weekly paper, in Sumter, owning and editing it and the Manning Times simultaneously. Keen in judgment and sound in deliberation, he rapidly won success in his enterprises. His renunciation of all business enterprises and political allurements to enter the ministry shows unmistakably the hand of God.

Mr. Nettles has been twice married. On October 20, 1886, he was married to Miss Sue Galluchat, daughter of Rev. Joseph Galluchat. She died December 14, 1893. From this marriage three children were born: Abraham Stephen, Joseph Lawrence and Lucian Clarke. On April 23, 1896 he was married to Miss Lottie Lee Jones, daughter of the Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D. She died December 12, 1897. It was upon the death of his first wife that Mr. Nettles surrendered to the Lord fully and accepted the call to preach. All busi-

ness enterprises were disposed of, and he soon was ready for entrance upon the arduous duties of a Methodist preacher.

He was admitted into the Conference at Laurens in 1894, and has served Newberry City Mission, Campobello Circuit and Pacolet Circuit. In all of these he has been eminently successful. Gracious revivals attend his preaching. As a preacher, Mr. Nettles is logical and convincing; as a pastor, diligent and attentive.

REV. JUNIUS JOSEPH NEVILLE.

Rev. Junius Joseph Neville, son of Henry William and Annie Maria Jackson Neville, was born in Charleston, S. C., May 1st, 1837. His maternal grandfather, William Jackson, from Nansemond County, Va., a soldier of the Revolutionary army, was one of the first Methodist class leaders of the "Old Blue Meeting House," Cumberland street, Charleston, afterwards known as Cumberland Church.

The subject of this sketch was reared in a pious "old school" Methodist home and never knew anything else than to be a Methodist and attend all the services of the church under such Godly tutors as Bishops Capers, Andrew and Wightman, Revs. Bond English, W. A. Gamewell, Whitefoord Smith, David Derrick, and others of like piety. He joined the church when only twelve years of age under the pastorate of Dr. John T. Wightman, was educated in the schools of Charleston and graduated in a printing office—occupying every position in that particular school from apprentice to owner and publisher.

When the Confederate war began he went into service with the Mabeth Artillery and remained with them until the close of the struggle.

Called to preach he was licensed from Trinity Church, Charleston, in 1874, and entered the South Carolina Conference the same year. His charges have been as follows: 1875, Blackstock Circuit and Mission; 1876, Anderson Circuit; 1877 to 1879, Walhalla and Seneca; 1881-3, Aiken and Langley. Superannuated three following years. 1886-7, Walhalla and Seneca again; 1888, Pacolet Circuit, and superannuated since that time.

On November 16, 1859, he married Miss Jane M. Sharp of Anderson County, who has been his faithful helpmeet all the years following. She is a near relative of the gifted authoress, Miss Anna Maria Barnes.

Brother Neville is a man of charming spirit, modest, quiet, but firm and true. Friends can rely upon him—for that matter, all can.

While able to preach, his messages were thoughtful and always delivered with tender earnestness. He was a wise pastor, never wearying in such ministry. Therefore it is scarcely necessary to add that his labors have been crowned with success.

REV. I. J. NEWBERRY.

Rev. Isaac Jackson Newberry was born in Sumter County, S. C., near Mechanicsville, the 28th day of January, 1835. When he was five years old, his father moved to Darlington County, near Cartersville, where he was brought up. He was blessed with religious



parents. His father was a preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church, and his house was a house of prayer, where the morning and evening sacrifices were offered.

Owing to the death of his father in 1853, his educational advantages were limited to the neighborhood schools. He taught school awhile, and studied at home, and thus received his education.

He was married the 14th of October, 1856, to Miss Frances Rebecca Young. On the 25th of November, 1858, their first and only child was born—Cora Saluda—who was married to Dr. C. M. Littlejohn, of Union County, the 10th day of January, 1878. They now reside at Gaffney, S. C.

He was converted in 1858, and immediately felt called to preach

the Gospel; and in the fall of 1858 he was licensed to preach in the Methodist Protestant Church, and for fifteen years did missionary work in that Church.

In 1873 he joined the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was sent to the Pacolet Circuit, and remained on that work three years. His next appointment was Pee Dee Circuit, for one year of great success—over two hundred were converted and one hundred and eighty-two joined the Church. He was next sent to Cherokee Springs for two years, where he built a good parsonage. His next work was Santuc Circuit, one year, where he built another parsonage. He was then sent to Rich Hill Circuit, and lived at Pacolet Depot. This was his last work, for that spring his health began to fail, and in July he had a severe attack of rheumatism, and was confined to his bed for weeks, and he has never been well since; in fact, he is an invalid.

After eight years of work, he was superannuated, which relation he still holds. He is now very feeble, and unable for work. He does all he can in the Sunday School and prayer meeting in Gaffney, where he now resides, near his daughter. He has peace with God and his fellow man.

Brother Newberry's term of active service, though brief, was effective. He was soon released from actively *doing* God's will, and received assignment for submissively *suffering* God's will. His assignment to earthly service will soon end, and our dear brother will lay down the cross and take up the crown.

In March, 1900, his wife was taken sick with *la grippe*, and after two weeks of intense suffering fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, 9th April, 1900. She was indeed a helpmeet, never opposing, but always co-operating and helping in every effort to save souls, and to build up the Kingdom of our Lord. She visited the sick and helped the poor and needy as far as she was able.



REV. THOS. C. O'DELL.

Rev. Thos. C. O'Dell, son of L. M. W. O'Dell, was born in Laurens County, S. C., about six miles northwest of the county seat, Oct. 17, 1857. The son of a farmer, he grew up to manhood on the farm, and received his early education in the common schools



of the neighborhood. In December, 1878, he entered Wofford College, and continued his studies in this institution for three years. Relying entirely upon his own efforts for means to go to college, he found it necessary to alternate each year with one in the school room, teaching. In this way he completed successively the Preparatory, Freshman and Sophomore years. It was during his second year, and mainly through his efforts, that the mess hall—now Wightman Hall—was projected and successfully operated. By this means he succeeded in greatly reducing the expenses of the students who desired to take advantage of the arrangement. What a blessing this has been to scores of young men since his day they are the best judges; and that it has proven a great blessing to the college is evident from the fact that it is one of the especial inducements held out to young men of limited means to attend college. He, with Rev. J. L. Harley, of the Conference, and B. J. R. McMakin, fellow students, was the first to eat a meal in the now Wightman Hall.

He was converted and joined the Methodist Church during a meeting conducted at King's Chapel Church—his home church—by

Rev. J. B. Traywick, in August, 1877, and was licensed to preach August 11, 1879, Rev. C. H. Pritchard, P. E. He was admitted on trial into the Conference and ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener, in December, 1885; ordained Elder by the same Bishop, at Camden, in December, 1889. He has served the following charges: Clio Circuit, 1886, as junior preacher under Rev. G. M. Boyd; Little Pee Dee Circuit, 1887-1888; Rock Hill Circuit, 1889; Pendleton Circuit, 1890-1892; Georgetown Station, 1893-1896; Bamberg Station, 1897-1900.

He was married to Miss Leona Meekins Daniel, of Nichols, S. C., on March 27, 1888.

Great success has invariably attended the ministry of Brother O'Dell in all his charges. As a preacher, he is plain, practical, and very effective. His sermons show much patient thought and careful preparation. His style is quiet, and yet every word shows the deep earnestness of the speaker. His pastoral ministrations are sympathetic and helpful. Wherever there is suffering or sorrow, there he is found with words of comfort.

REV. JOHN OWEN.

John Owen was born at Wisbeach, England, November 2, 1851, of sterling Wesleyan Methodist stock, his father being a member of the Wesleyan Conference. He was educated in the common schools of England, and at the age of eighteen, with his father, came to this country. May, 1869, he landed in New York. Thence he came to Chesterfield County, in this State, where he remained for one year. After this his father having bought a plantation in Sumter County and returned to England, John Owen took charge of the plantation and farmed there until the time of his entrance into the South Carolina Conference.

He was first married to Miss Josephine Watson of Hartlepool, England, who died one year afterward. December 23, 1875, he was married to Miss Nannie J. Warren of York County, S. C. Seven children blessed this union and these with the devoted wife are left to mourn the loss, but with the precious heritage of blessed memory, of a noble father and tender husband.

At the age of 14 years, while yet living in England, he had joined the Church, but coming to this country and settling on a remote river plantation, he fell away from Church associations. September, 1875, he was converted and began afresh with that conversion and joined the Methodist Church at Harrison, Mecklenburg County, N. C.

A man of John Owen's temperament and talents was simply buried in the locality and work in which he was engaged at this time. He needed a sympathetic friend to bring him forward. This he found in Rev. A. J. Stokes, Presiding Elder of the Sumter District. Brother Stokes becoming acquainted with him saw at once the man in John Owen and thrust him forward into work and thus brought out a man of genius that would otherwise have remained in obscurity unconscious of his own powers and unknown to all.

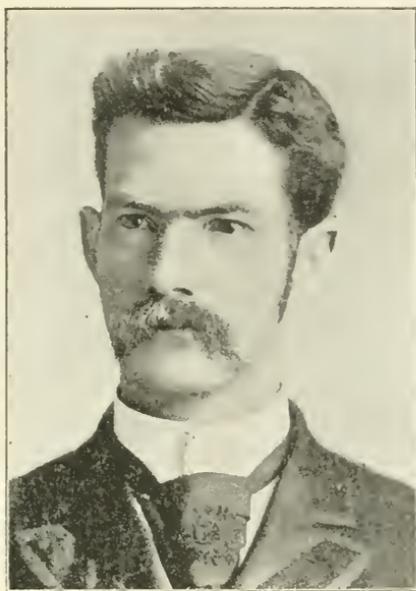
Brother Owen was licensed to preach in 1883. He served as supply on the Richland Circuit in 1885, in December of which year he was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference. His first appointment was West Lancaster Circuit, where he served three years. His further appointments were: Pee Dee, one year; Mullins, four years; Clio, one year; Orangeburg District as Presiding Elder, four years, and Johnston. It was while on Johnston, toward the close of his second year there, that on the afternoon of October 30, 1900, while bird hunting for the purpose of supplying a delicacy for a sick member and friend of his pastorate, he was accidentally shot by the young friend who was accompanying him. He recognized at once the fatal character of his wound, but showed no fear, not even nervousness, and throughout all the 49 hours of intense suffering in which he lingered was calm, conscious and with heroic fortitude bore his suffering without a groan. With expression of calm faith in God, during the evening of November 1, from brave endurance of suffering he passed into sweet enjoyment of the rest that remaineth for the people of God.

Truer, nobler heart never beat in breast of man. Quiet, retiring, meditative, the currents of his life ran deep and with tremendous force. His gifts were of a rare and high order. The small change of commonplace talk he had little of. He reserved his fire for questions and occasions that demanded power and was revealed on such occasions as the capable man he was. His power of language and expression when under the sway of impassioned thought was often a source of amazement even to those who knew best his great power.



REV. J. THOMAS PATE, D. D.

Reverend John Thomas Pate, D. D., of the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was born in the City of Sumter, S. C., June 27, 1856. His parents were pious people, and he was rightly trained in childhood and youth. They also valued



education and gave their son the advantage of the schools of his native city, and then sent him to Wofford College.

Dr. Pate was converted in early life, and united with the Church he now serves as a minister. Called to preach, he was licensed and entered the Conference of which he is still a member in December, 1877. Like many successful Methodist preachers, his first appointment was a junior to an experienced minister. The next year he was put in charge of a circuit. And steadily, year by year, he has since been entrusted with more and more important stations, including pastorates in Charleston, Greenville, Orangeburg, Camden. If a work was apparently weaker when he was sent to it, it has been his fortune to witness improvement. In every city, town or community where he has labored he is remembered with warm affection by many friends. These friends are not confined to his own church, but may be found in all denominations. Nor did he only win friends to himself, but he has had the higher pleasure of leading men to friendship with God.

Dr. Pate is a student. He loves books and uses them to his profit. His large library affords full opportunity, and he avails himself of it. Nevertheless, he is no recluse. He is a diligent pastor, and he meets men also in the common walks of life.

His preaching is attractive and instructive. His sermons are carefully prepared, couched in vivid language, and adorned by striking illustrations. His delivery is earnest and impressive.

He has written much for the press. His themes are well-chosen and discussed in pleasing manner. Reviews and other periodicals have used his written thoughts.

He was selected as one of the speakers of the Pan-American Congress of Religion and Education, held in 1895, at Toronto, and his address on "Christ, the Ideal Teacher," was an excellent production. His voice has been heard in other assemblies.

Dr. Pate has traveled much. He has had the wisdom to visit many parts of his own country, and he has also visited Canada and Europe. The broadening influence of seeing strange lands and touching foreign peoples has been his privilege.

He is systematic in travel, work and study. So he finds time for the varied demands made upon him.

Dr. Pate is tall—about six feet in height—spare built, fair complexion, gray eyes, showing plainly his habit of study and thought. His manner of personal address is friendly.

He was married in 1879 to Miss Alice Godhold, of Marion County, S. C. His gentle helpmeet still brightens his home and lightens his labors.



REV. D. A. PATRICK.

Rev. Daniel Archibald Patrick was born September 2, 1870. After the usual childhood schooling he attended the Summerville High School for some time. In January, 1893, he went to Spartanburg and entered the Graded school of that city. In the fall of that year



he matriculated at Wofford College, attending two sessions—1893-4 and 1895-6.

Young Patrick was always a good boy. In early childhood he felt the divine call to preach, but fearing he might be under a misapprehension in the matter said nothing about it at the time. It was after he was twenty-one years old that he made known the fact that God had called him to preach. He was forced, under an overwhelming influence of the Holy Spirit, to make known the fact and accept the call. He first revealed it to his pastor, Rev. E. B. Loyless, and then to his parents. Having thus yielded to the divine call and having broken the news to others, he began at once to prepare for his great life-work, placing all his faculties at the disposal of Christ, who had done so much for him.

In December, 1897, Brother Patrick was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, with S. H. Booth, William A. Fairey, J. M. Lawson, J. W. Speake, and R. E. Turnipseed. His first charge was the St. Stephens Mission, the name of which was changed in 1899 to Cordesville Circuit. For three years our young

friend rendered efficient service on this charge, growing in popularity and usefulness as the months and years passed by. He is a good preacher and attentive pastor. Those who know him best predict a most successful career for him. So far, he is giving evidence that their expectations are well-founded. At the last session, he was sent to Gaffney Circuit.

Brother Patrick, as most wise men, decided that he needed a helpmeet; so on December 27, 1900, he was married to Miss Dyrena Avinger, of Cordesville, S. C. They have entered happily and hopefully upon life's work together. The writer prays divine blessings upon them.

(To the great sorrow of the entire Conference, Brother Patrick passed away to the life beyond January 9, 1901.—Editor.)

REV. A. R. PHILLIPS.

The subject of this sketch was born near the present town of Springfield, in the western part of Orangeburg County, Aug. 20, 1853. He is the third son and fifth child of William F. and Annie Eliza C. Phillips.



When the boy was quite young his father moved to Blackville, S. C., and engaged in the mercantile business. His first schooling was

received there. When his father removed to his old home the boy attended the common school of the community. He attended for some time Dr. A. Toomer Porter's school in Charleston and the Elk High School at Elko, S. C. Beginning in January, 1890, he attended, for nearly three years, Wofford College, preparatory to the ministry.

Mr. Phillips was married December 5, 1879, to Miss Louisa R. Davis, third daughter of the late Morgan A. and Mrs. Theresa F. Davis. To this union there have been born six children, two boys and four girls. The first three—Lillian E., Daisy M., and Lessie L.—were born in our home on the farm near Phillips, S. C. The fourth child, Carlisle Dickson, was born in the Lewiedale Circuit parsonage. The fifth child and second son, Andrew R., junior, was born in the parsonage of the Edgewood charge. The sixth, a girl, Sadie Lou, was born Aug. 27, 1899, in the Ridgeway Circuit parsonage. All these children are living and are in excellent health.

For ten years after his marriage he lived on his farm at Phillips, S. C. Several years before he began to prepare mentally for the ministry he engaged in a small mercantile business, which he managed in connection with his farm. Mr. Phillips had built up quite a considerable trade when the pressing call came to him more forcibly than ever through the "still small voice," that "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Then it was in January that he went to Wofford College to better prepare himself to enter the ministry. From childhood Mr. Phillips had had an impression that he would have to preach. He had been converted in Old Pine Grove Church (now Springfield) in November, 1873, but the decision to respond to the call was not made till 1889.

Leaving Wofford in June, 1892, he taught school till near the meeting of the Conference in Charleston, November, 1892. He was there admitted on trial with perhaps the largest class that was ever admitted in the history of the Conference. His first charge was the Lexington Fork Circuit. He remained there for only one year. The next year he was sent to the Lewiedale charge, where he remained for three years.

At the Conference held in Abbeville, the Bishop "read him out" for the Edgewood Circuit, near Columbia. Here he remained one year. When the Conference met in Florence Bishop Duncan appointed him to the Ridgeway charge. He served this charge during 1898 and 1899.

This year (1900) he is on the Darlington Circuit. Mr. Phillips was ordained Elder, at Abbeville, by Bishop Granbery.

Mr. Phillips seems to be a man of strong physique, good mental ability and great spiritual force. Fortunate are the charges he serves.

REV. D. ARTHUR PHILLIPS.

Rev. D. Arthur Phillips, son of Mr. John F. and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Phillips, was born April 1, 1866, in Orangeburg County, S. C. To these parents were born ten children, all of whom are living at this writing. The father died in the faith, March 3, 1895. The good mother is still living, and resides at Springfield, S. C.



After receiving such training as the common schools of the country afforded, Brother Phillips entered Wofford Fitting School in October, 1887. By hard work he was enabled to do the work of two years in one, so in October, 1888, he entered the college classes, and pursued the regular college course for one year. He made a most excellent record, both in the Fitting school and in the College.

Being reared in a home that was distinctively religious, and having pious parents, than whom there are no better, young Phillips was pious from his youth up. The call to preach came to him while at college. It was clear and unmistakable. Though feeling a deep sense of his unfitness for the work, he yielded to the call and determined to use all his powers for the glory of God and the salvation of men. He was licensed to preach July 20, 1889, by the Quarterly Conference of the Blackville Circuit, Rev. T. J. Clyde being the Presiding Elder. For three months previous to the session of the Annual Conference in 1890 he served as a supply on the West Wateree Circuit. He was received on trial at the session of the Con-

ference held in November of that year, David Hucks, Edward W. Mason, J. Hubert Noland and Samuel H. Zimmerman joining at the same time. His labors have been in the following charges: West Wateree, 1891-2; Campobello Circuit, 1893-6; Whitmire Circuit, 1897-8; Heath Springs Station, 1899-1901. While on the West Wateree charge, Brother Phillips led in buying a nice parsonage. While at Campobello he started the erection of a handsome brick church; the one at Landrum was remodeled; a lot and lumber for a new church at Inman being also bought. In all the charges there have been conversions and accessions to the Church.

On April 10, 1890, Brother Phillips was married to Miss Julia S. Jones, of Charleston, S. C. Four children have been born to them—Hannah Elizabeth, Myrtle Evans, Charles Galloway and Hillis Richard. The third one, Charles Galloway, lived only a short while.

Our young friend is making a good record as pastor, worker and preacher, and has very promisingly entered upon a successful career.

REV. T. P. PHILLIPS.

Rev. Thornberry Perrit Phillips, son of John Milton and Sarah L. Phillips, was born in Greenville County, S. C., July 14, 1845. His educational opportunities were limited. He had in his youth only the opportunity of three or four months at a country school. After his call to the ministry he went to a neighborhood school about six months longer.

He joined the Church and was interested about the salvation of his soul, but these first impressions were accompanied by a call to preach. Realizing his lack of preparation, he shrank from undertaking this work, and so for some time, he continued in a most unsatisfied state. Finally, in 1872, he surrendered completely, promised God that he would preach or do anything, and thereupon was happily converted.

He was licensed and began to preach in October, 1874. From that day to this, he has walked in his integrity and labored faithfully for the salvation of men. At the Greenville Conference, held by Bishop Marvin, in December, 1874, he was appointed as supply on Pickens Mission. In December, 1875, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, and returned to the same charge. His other appointments have been: Shallow Ford, now Townville, '77-'78; Westminster, '79; West Marion, '80-'81; Clarendon, now New Zion, '82-'83; Colleton, '84; North Edgefield, now Phoenix, '85-'86; Kinards, '87-'88; Townville, '89-'90; Reidville, '91-2-3; Greenville, '94; Greens, '95-'96; Sumter Circuit, '97. Superannuated '98-'99, 1900, 1901.

During his service on Pickens Mission about one hundred persons were converted. Although in later years he had many gracious meetings, and not a year without conversions and additions to the Church, yet perhaps the crowning labors of his ministry were at the very beginning.

Brother Phillips began his ministry with very meagre preparation, but by systematic and constant study he became an excellent preacher. Especially was he well-founded in a knowledge of the Bible and the doctrines of the Methodist Church. His messages were sound, sensible, practical; often delivered with power, and always with sympathetic earnestness. He is a man of very fine sense—the much needed “commonsense”—and his services as pastor were thereby made the more valuable. He has been from first to last an orthodox preacher, loyal to the doctrines and polity of Methodism, and his career has been most honorable to him and useful to the Church.

On March 30, 1863, he married Miss Susan Willaman, of Greenville County. One child—Texanna—was born of this union. The little one fell to sleep in infancy. Brother and Sister Phillips then adopted an orphan girl—Effie Joicey—who under their training and influence grew into a noble womanhood. She is now Mrs. Effie Joicey Smith.

Brother Phillips' health is still impaired. He has not been able to preach for months, but there is some improvement, and he hopes yet to be able to speak a message for the good of men. His hearing is also difficult. But in it all, he is cheerful—submissive to the will of God.

REV. W. A. PITTS.

Rev. William Alewine Pitts, son of Robt. G. and Martha Pitts, was born in Laurens County, S. C., Sept. 14, 1867. He came of Methodist stock, his Grandfather Meadors having been a useful exhorter. When about seventeen years old he was converted and joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. D. P. Boyd. After due preparation he entered Wofford College and there graduated in June, 1893. He taught school in Clarendon County for one year, and then entered the South Carolina Conference at the Laurens session, held November, 1894. His call to the ministry had been clear and distinct, and after the most faithful heart-searching and prayer, he had obeyed the heavenly vision, making once and forever complete consecration of his life to the holy service. He served York Circuit in 1895-6, Jordan Circuit 1897-1900, and is now (1901) in charge of Orangeburg Circuit. In all these charges his ministry has been

successful in the salvation of souls and in the upbuilding of his work, spiritually and temporally. On York Circuit, he began the building of a new church at Kings Mountain Chapel. At Jordan, under his leadership, Bethlehem was completed, paid for and dedicated and the new Jordan Church—a handsome structure—was also built.

Brother Pitts is a manly man—brave but modest, kind but faithful, thoughtful but teachable, conscientious but tolerant, upright but compassionate—just the mould to make a wise, reliable and successful leader. He is a student of books and of men, neglecting neither his study nor his pastoral duties. His sermons are sensible, well-prepared, impressively delivered, and are accompanied by power from on high. His pastoral work is done in friendly and attractive fashion and is taken up systematically and impartially. It is no wonder that such a man succeeds.

On February 17, 1897, he married Miss Sue A. Davis, a daughter of Hon. C. M. Davis, of Clarendon County. She is a prepared helpmeet, having graduated at Columbia Female College in June, 1891, and she has been the light of his home and the sharer of his labors. Three children have been born of this marriage: May Lucile, Charles McQueen and Martha Gertrude.



REV. GEO. H. POOSER.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. George Henry Pooser, is one of the heroic veterans of the South Carolina Conference. He is the son of Maj. George H. Pooser and Ann E. Pooser, of Orangeburg County, S. C., and was born June 26, 1838.



His early education was received in the home and in the usual schools and academies of the country, some of which were taught by the best teachers the age afforded, such as Prof. Thomas Walsh and Rev. F. W. Pope, the latter being a graduate of the South Carolina College.

Young Pooser taught school several years in this State, and in Arkansas, where he lived for about three years after the war. Through this experience of teaching, the young man's mental equipment was greatly augmented.

Brother Pooser was converted at Mount Olivet Camp Meeting under the preaching of Rev. Nicholas Talley, and joined the Methodist Church at sixteen years of age. He felt the Divine call to preach soon after his conversion, but did not yield until after the Civil War. He served gallantly in the Civil War on the coast of this State, in Virginia and East Tennessee, being wounded at the "Battle of the Wilderness," and on the Darby Town road near Richmond.

He was licensed to preach in 1868 by the Quarterly Conference of

Waldron Circuit, Arkansas Conference, Rev. F. A. Taff being the pastor and Rev. J. J. Roberts the Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Paine, and Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh. Brother Pooser was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Anderson in December, 1872, with R. W. Barber, J. C. Davis, C. D. Mann and W. A. Rogers, since which he has served as follows: Yemassee Circuit, 1873-6; Cypress Circuit, 1877-80; Edisto Circuit, 1881-3; Tumbling Shoals Circuit, 1884; Lexington Circuit, 1885-6; Richland Circuit, 1887-9; Tradesville Circuit, 1890; Brookland Mission, 1891-2; Ridgeway Circuit, 1893-4; South Branchville Circuit, 1895-6; Boiling Springs Circuit, 1897; Bethany Circuit, 1898-9; Wedgfield Circuit, 1900-1901. In all of these charges the faithful labors of our good brother have been attended with success. Through his thoughtful and earnest preaching many souls have been pointed to Christ and many others have been helped in divine life. Through his watchful care and oversight as a pastor many have been guided in spiritual affairs.

Brother Pooser is a forceful writer as well as good preacher and zealous pastor. He ever expresses his convictions in language strong and unmistakable. You may always know which side of the fence George H. Pooser is on.

Our brother was married June 4, 1866, to Miss Martha E. Jennings, of Orangeburg County. To them the following children have been born: George J., Florence A., Mary W., Edith M., Henrietta A., Henry A., Sarah E. and William S. Of these, one—Henry A.—is dead.



REV. M. H. POOSER.

The Reverend Matthias Hutchinson Pooser, son of Emanuel and Frances Pooser, was born in the town of Orangeburg, S. C., on November 9th, 1823. Reared in a refined and pious home, he early imbibed the principles of courtesy and of Christianity. He joined



the Methodist Church at old Saddler Swamp Camp Meeting, at the age of seven years, and lived worthily of his profession all his days. His education, well begun in an intelligent home, was carried forward in the schools of his native town, and continued by judicious reading to the end.

He was thrice married—on December 25th, 1847, to Mrs. Jane Webber, whose maiden name was Lord; on March 31st, 1886, to Miss Lizzie Marshall, of Charleston, S. C., and on September 25th, 1897, to Miss Louisa Williams, of Greenville County, S. C. All were gentlewomen and helpmeets indeed. Three children were born of his first marriage, all of whom survive—one of them a great but patient sufferer.

He was called of God to preach the Gospel and was licensed in 1870. In December, 1873, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, and year by year he went willingly where he was appointed, serving his charges with unwearied fidelity. Everywhere he won respect and esteem, and God gave him seals to his

ministry. His last field was Lancaster Circuit and city mission. He entered upon his work there with zeal, but was soon stricken by sickness. Apparently recovered, he filled his appointments on April 8th. The Wednesday night following, he retired, seemingly in fair health. About 1 a. m. Thursday he was awakened by a difficulty of breathing. Only the family was present. Loving hands ministered as they could, but in vain. After an hour or two of suffering he murmured: "Oh, glory," and was gone—gone to the land of life eternal. On "Good Friday" his remains were laid to rest in the cemetery of the Presbyterian Church, of Orangeburg. The summons came suddenly, but he was ready.

Brother Pooser was a brave, manly man, a thoughtful and kind neighbor, a friend true as steel, a Christian of positive, settled experience and consistent life, a faithful pastor, an earnest and impressive preacher. He was emphatically a gentleman—"a gentleman of the old school," the better school. Graceful deportment and chaste, elegant speech were part of his very nature. No rude, ungenerous act marred his life; no unkind, uncharitable word soiled his lips. He was the mould and fashion of the gentleman and courteous Christian. And these traits marked his path from childhood to the grave. There were no lapses nor wanderings. All was consistent and steadfast. Converted in earliest years, he clung to Christ and walked in his courtesy and integrity until called above. Like Obediah, he could say: "I have served the Lord from my youth." Like Paul, he could claim: "I have kept the faith." Therefore, we are confident that he now wears that crown which the righteous Judge gives to them that love His appearing. All his long life devoted to God! How we should covet the shining story—and its everlasting reward!

REV. JAMES S. PORTER.

Good Methodist blood flows in the veins of Rev. James S. Porter. He is the son of Rev. John A. Porter, who has been for many years an honored member of the South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Emily F. Porter, a noble Christian woman.

The subject of this sketch was born April 23, 1854. He has had an interesting educational career. His preparatory education was received in the schools of Charleston and Georgetown and the High School at Marion under Prof. W. H. Witherow and Rev. Thomas Mitchell. He then entered Wofford College and remained there from October, 1873, till June, 1877. Being dependent on his own efforts to pay his way, he engaged in various ways to work for others, such as cutting wood, painting signs, buggies, names on

trunks, and clerking, etc. He was determined to obtain an education and was willing to engage in any honorable work that would help him pay his way.

Brother Porter felt the Divine call to preach in childhood, but did not yield to it until after he had struggled with the problem for a number of years. When only about four years of age, he lost his mother, whose maiden name was Cooper. She lived long enough, however, to indelibly stamp the impress of her character upon the soul of her boy. His step-mother's maiden name was Miss Carrie Burnheim, a sister of Rev. G. D. Burnheim, D. D., and Rev. C. H. Burnheim, D. D., of the Lutheran Church. Of course, his father's Godly life and ministry was a benediction to the boy. He was first converted in 1868, in Georgetown, under the preaching of Dr. J. T. Wightman. He received the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit in August, 1885, in a meeting at Augusta, Ga.

He was licensed to exhort at Spartanburg in 1874, Rev. T. G. Herbert being the Presiding Elder. He was licensed to preach at Ebenezer Church, now in the Latta Circuit, Rev. H. A. C. Walker being the Presiding Elder.

Brother Porter joined the Conference at Columbia in December, 1877; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Wightman in 1879; was ordained Elder by Bishop Pierce in 1881. He has served as follows: Junior Preacher on Cokesbury Circuit, 1878; Richland Fork Circuit, 1879; Junior Preacher on Newberry Circuit, 1880; South Conwayboro Circuit, 1881; Black River Circuit, 1882; Georgetown Circuit, 1883; Tradesville Circuit, 1884; West Lancaster Circuit, 1885; Hanging Rock Circuit, 1886; Foreston Circuit, 1887-9; Black Swamp Circuit, 1890-1; Lowndesville Station, 1892; Cherokee Circuit, 1893; Jonesville Circuit, 1894; Pacolet Circuit, 1895; Lynchburg Circuit, 1896-7; Pickens Circuit, 1898-9; Centenary Circuit, 1900-1.

On December 7, 1880, Brother Porter was married to Miss Alice C. Livingston, daughter of Mr. John M. and Mrs. Catherine Livingston, of Newberry County, Rev. John A. Porter, assisted by Rev. John W. Kelley, performing the ceremony. Following are the names of their living children: J. David W., Catherine F., Smiley L., Susan A., Robert D., Georgia Eveline.

Brother Porter is a man of strong convictions and never hesitates to express them in vigorous language. He is conscientious in all that he does. He is an earnest and forceful preacher, and a zealous pastor. He is making a record of heroic service in our Conference.

REV. WM. CARR POWER.

Rev. William Carr Power is a man among men. One who knew him well said of him: "Were I commissioned to find a man, and if I should first meet W. C. Power, I would be content." He is not "a reed shaken with the wind." Though inflexible in matters of



principle, he is not stern and unapproachable. The weak, as well as the strong, the humble as well as the exalted find in him appreciative attention. He is exacting in rightful demands, but generous to calls for sympathy, pity and charity. You can depend upon him in both his softer and sterner moods.

He was born in Abbeville District, South Carolina, March 21, 1831, of worthy parents—John Power and Jane Daniel Power (*nee* Montague.) He attended excellent schools in his neighborhood, and completed his academic course at Cokesbury Conference School, where many of the best of our youth have been prepared for their life work. His strong and fiery spirit was ambitious for worldly distinction, and he chose the study of law as the means of attaining this desire. But beneath that ambition was smouldering a heavenly fire, which ultimately burned the unholy barriers away. From very early life he felt called to the Gospel ministry. This conviction continued buried in his heart, which weakened his ambitious purpose. At a crisis in his life, Rev. H. H. Durant, a devout minister, and a wise counsellor, dissuaded him from his cherished purpose and in-

duced him to prepare himself for his God-called ministry. The question, once settled, was settled forever. After two years of special preparation, he applied for admission in the South Carolina Conference, in December, 1857.

As preacher in charge of circuits, stations, agent of one of our colleges, chaplain in the Confederate Army, and Presiding Elder of districts, he proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him by those in authority. He has served eight years on circuits, ten years on stations, nineteen years on districts, one year as agent of college, and four years as army chaplain—forty-seven years in all. These have been years of ceaseless toil and efficient service. He is still strong in body, vigorous in mind and invincible in purpose.

It was not until almost middle life that he sought connubial companionship. He wooed and won Mrs. Martha Louise McEachern, daughter of General Wm. Evans, of Marion, S. C., and they were married March 20th, 1867. Eight children were the fruits of this marriage. Six are with us, and two are not, because God took them in infancy.

Thus has lived this able minister, wise counsellor, superior executive officer and, in all respects, true man. For him we hope for years of continued usefulness.



REV. ERVIN G. PRICE.

On September 13, 1852, Rev. Ervin G. Price was born in Colleton County, S. C. Death conquered his father and mother when he was of very tender years. Fortunately for him, his grandmother assumed his care and training. Like the parent of old, who watched



over the intellectual and spiritual development of Timothy, she "brought him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

His opportunities for an education were not large. To some men they would have meant paralysis of all earthly hope. The only thing that he demanded was standing ground. Give him this and he would move forward. This was given, and there was steady advancement. Early in life, he felt and heard the call of God to preach His gospel.

December, 1875, dates his entrance into the South Carolina Conference. Henceforth his life was consecrated to the uplifting of humanity and the glory of God. In all his work he was utterly devoid of pretense and policy. He never wore two faces.

What he conceived to be right received his warmest commendation, and what he believed to be wrong was condemned with all the power that he possessed. He occupied no middle ground in his opinion of any man or any fact.

He was very diligent in his intellectual work. He bought and mastered the best books. He knew how to secure "the wheat and to

cast out the chaff" in literature. His sermons were crowded with clear, plain, deep and very original ideas. Our Conference contains few better preachers than our departed brother. If all things are considered, his life as a preacher was a marvellous success. Through his preaching sinners were converted and believers were firmly established on "the Rock of Ages."

He was a church builder and the annihilator of church debts. A number of beautiful churches mark his progress through the years. He was conscious of the fact that it was an easy task to build on credit. He was willing to struggle and labor that all his church buildings should be dedicated free of all encumbrance. In the providence of God, he was sent to various fields where the people were trembling before terrible debts. He was aware that this was one of the deadliest enemies that ever crossed the pathway of the progress of the church.

It required nerve and courage to attack the foe, but he didn't falter or hesitate for a single moment. His efforts were always crowned with victory.

His home life was his earthly Beulah-land. On September 13, 1887, he married, at Reidville, N. C., Miss Carrie Thomas. His was one of those marriages made in heaven. He was all devotion, and the wife lavished upon him her truest love. Isaac and Rebecca had in them a real parallel. To the good, sweet girls that God sent into his home he was the kindest of fathers.

His struggle to live, when he was attacked by his fatal illness, was truly wonderful. The last thing he proposed to do was to surrender. The fight he made must have won the admiration of the very angels of God. When he sank before death it was with a face stern with courage. When he fell, on April 28, 1900, in the old and historic town of Cheraw, S. C., Methodism lost one of the most dauntless men that ever led her troops to victory.



REV. JOHN LAUCLIN RAY.

Rev. John Lauchlin Ray was born at Goldsboro, N. C., December 6th, 1861. On the paternal side his ancestors came from the land of William Wallace and Robert Bruce. At the battle of Culloden and on other fields of carnage they followed "the flag to the last ditch."



They knew how to die, but not to surrender. His father, Rev. Neill McR. Ray, A. M. (Trinity College, N. C.,) was a man of pure heart and cultivated mind. His mother, like Mary, the friend of Christ, walked every day with God.

Brother Ray received his primary education from his father. In 1885 he entered the justly famed "Webb School" at Culleoka and Bell Buckle, Tenn. Subsequently he matriculated at Vanderbilt University. The opportunities for mental and spiritual development that these institutions afforded were thoroughly utilized. He was converted at Pine Grove Church, Robeson County, N. C., under the ministry of Rev. Ira T. Wyche, August, 1874. Immediately "he conferred not with flesh and blood," but joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Twelve years later, March 6th, 1886, at Culleoka, Tenn., he was licensed to preach the Gospel. October, 1888, he was admitted on trial in the Tennessee Conference. He served Goodrich Circuit one year and was then transferred to the South Carolina Conference. For ten years he has done excellent work. Brother Ray's characteristics are these:

1. He is very systematic. For this very reason—with the blessing of God—his revival services are gracious seasons of divine favor.

2. He believes in printers' ink. He knows the dynamic power that there is in a good book and a pure newspaper. For this cause he bends his energies to place these in the homes of his people.

3. As a church builder he possesses uncommon common sense. The nice edifices at Ebenezer, in Chester County, and at Pinopolis, in Berkeley County, are the result of his work. When the people want "to swamp" themselves in debt for years he holds them in check.

4. He is faithful as pastor and preacher. He knows his people in their homes and when they attend upon his ministry they realize that they are listening "to a sincere prophet of God." His message like that of St John lifts them close to Heaven..

Brother Ray was married December 10, 1890, to Miss Alice L. Easterling, of Marlboro County, S. C. His home life is bright and beautiful.

REV. T. B. REYNOLDS.

Rev. Thomas B. Reynolds, son of Joseph and Winnie Reynolds, who were native South Carolinians, was born in Columbia County, Georgia, April 6, 1848.

As a boy, he had access to the common schools of the community—in which he learned to study and has kept it up ever since. Though deprived of a collegiate training, he applied himself studiously and acquired a good degree of culture.

On November 29, 1870, he was happily married to Miss Sarah E. Whitefield, of Columbia County, Georgia, and to them the following children have been born: Mary D., Anna, Sallie W., Hester R., Geo. T., John M. and Joseph B. Of these, Hester R. and Anna have died and in Heaven are waiting the arrival of the other members of the family on the happy shore. Though the family circle has thus been broken, and the home darkened, the home-life has been cheered by the presence of the Comforter, who has sanctified the trials and troubles to the good of those left here.

Brother Reynolds had a long and fierce struggle with the problem involved in a Divine call to preach, but when fully satisfied that it was God's will for him to preach, he cheerfully accepted the work and bravely entered the field of conflict. He was thirty-three years old when licensed to preach. After serving a year and a half as a local preacher, he joined the Florida Conference, January 6, 1886, and traveled thirteen years, serving faithfully his Lord and Master. In December, 1898, he was transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and sent to Britton's Neck charge, where he did a faithful year's work. At the next session he was sent to Conway Circuit, which he served for 1900. At this writing he is pastor of Cool Springs charge.

Brother Reynolds has been among us for only a short while, but has made many friends, and his labor gives promise of great success.

REV. JOHN A. RICE, A. M., D. D.

John Andrew Rice was born in Colleton County, S. C., September 25, 1862. His father was R. B. Rice, M. D., of Irish descent. His mother's maiden name was Rachel Jane Liston, of Scotch lineage, her father having come directly from Scotland.



His preparatory education was obtained in the usual country schools and the Sheridan Classical Institute, Orangeburg, S. C., to which institution he was sent, at the age of fourteen, by his sisters. He entered here in 1878, completing the course, with much extra work besides, in 1881. He then taught school till the fall of 1882, when he entered the Sophomore class at the South Carolina College, graduating therefrom, with highest honors, in 1885. Immediately after Mr. Rice's graduation, he was elected tutor in the Greek department, taking a post graduate course in the college and a course at the Columbia Theological Seminary at the same time. While in college he was highly honored by his fellow students, being elected several times to represent the Clariosophic Society in public; and was valedictorian of his class. He was offered a scholarship at Yale, but could not accept. He took the A. M. degree from his alma mater, and in 1894 was honored with the degree of *Doctor Divinitatis* by the same college, being the youngest man ever thus honored.

From childhood, Mr. Rice had an impression that God would call him to preach. As he grew in years this impression deepened. In order to be perfectly satisfied as to the call, he laid down certain conditions. One by one these were met, and he yielded himself to

the work. He joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1886, and has served the following charges: Junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit, 1887; Kingstree Circuit, 1888; Darlington Station, 1889-92; Washington Street, Columbia, 1893-4; President Columbia Female College, 1895-1900. Great success attended the efforts of Mr. Rice in every pastorate served. Bold, aggressive, zealous, he could not but succeed in his work. But, doubtless, his best work was done as President of Columbia Female College. It was by his wise leadership that the whole institution was reorganized and modernized, the building being remodeled, the class-room work reconstructed and the standard raised until the college was put on a footing with the best male colleges. The work here raised the standard of woman's education throughout the State. With a burning desire for greater scholarship, he resigned the presidency of the college in 1900 and entered the University of Chicago, where, at this writing, he is taking the courses leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Dr. Rice was married on April 13, 1887, at Lynchburg, S. C., to Miss Anna Belle Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William H. Smith. Of this union were born: John Andrew, Liston McLeod, Coke Smith. Mrs. Rice died April 18, 1899.

Dr. Rice has been employed to write for some of the leading reviews and has ever written articles of great value. Many strong efforts have been made to draw him away from South Carolina, being offered even double the salary he was receiving, but he has preferred his native State.

It goes without controversy that Dr. Rice is one of the strongest preachers ever produced in South Carolina. He is a hard student, original thinker, and a preacher of rare ability. Those who are admitted to the sacred precincts of his friendship find in him the warmest ties of affection and the true sensibilities of refined manhood beautifully blended.



REV. W. R. RICHARDSON, D. D.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. William Reed Richardson, is a leader in South Carolina Methodism. He is the son of Mr. Sion T. Richardson and Mrs. Barbara A. Richardson (*nee* Gambill), and was born October 24, 1855.



His educational advantages have been of the very best kind. After the usual training in the schools of the country, he entered Wofford College and graduated from this institution in June, 1877. Wishing to be still better prepared for his great life work, he went to Vanderbilt University, where he spent one year, making a good record and winning the "Founder's Medal" for proficiency in oratory. He was popular in college, having the admiration of the student body and the confidence of the faculty. If a man's college record is a prophecy of his future life, W. R. Richardson will finish a career eminently worthy of emulation. In June, 1901, Wofford College conferred on him the honorary degree of D. D.

"Man proposes, but God disposes." Brother Richardson first mapped out his plans for the practice of medicine, and studied for awhile with this profession in view. Becoming dissatisfied with this, he then read law, but soon found that that was not to be his life work. God had decided that this young man should preach the "unsearchable riches of Christ," and so impressed him. The call was so clear that he realized that to refuse it would be at the peril

of his soul. So he yielded and put all his ransomed powers at the divine disposal.

Brother Richardson joined the Conference in December, 1878, at Newberry, Bishop W. M. Wightman presiding. He was transferred to California at that session and spent his first year in the ministry—1879—on the Pacific coast. He then returned to South Carolina, and has served as follows: Darlington Station, 1880; Williamston Circuit, 1881 (He spent only six months here, and was transferred to Orangeburg Station, and served there until Conference); Orangeburg Station, 1882-3; Abbeville Station, 1884-5; Washington Street, Columbia, 1886-9; Central Church, Spartanburg, 1890-2; Trinity, Charleston, 1893-6; Anderson Station, 1897-8; Washington Street, Columbia, 1899-1900; Central Church, Spartanburg, 1901.

On August 11, 1881, Brother Richardson was married to Miss Lena Jeffords, of Orangeburg, S. C. The following are the names of the children born unto them: Mary J., Willie R., Theodore J., and Wallace R. The second one, Willie R., has passed to the life beyond.

Brother Richardson is a man of rare pulpit ability. His sermons bear all the marks of a student and a thinker, and they are delivered in a pleasant and effective manner. Large congregations attend upon his ministry. His close application to the study, however, does not prevent his meeting the requirements of pastoral work. He loves men, and associates with them. He is held in high esteem by his brethren of the Conference, and has often been placed by them in positions of honor and trust. He was among those honored by us in election as delegates to the last General Conference.



REV. B. M. ROBERTSON.

Benjamin Murray Robertson, son of James and Sally S. Robertson, was born at Smithville, S. C., December 26, 1868, and reared on the farm of his father, going to school during the public school terms and working on the farm the rest of the time. In the fall of



1889 he left home and boarded at Mr. Oliver McLeod's, at Oswego, S. C., and attended the Bethel Academy, then in charge of Prof. Giles L. Wilson of the class of 1889, Wofford College. The next year he entered the newly organized school at Smithville, S. C., then in charge of Prof. W. A. Massebeau, now the Rev. W. A. Massebeau of the South Carolina Conference, where for two years he pursued his studies preparatory to entering Wofford College. He entered Wofford College in October, 1892, and was for two years a student there, finishing the sophomore class June, 1894.

The next two scholastic years were spent in teaching, one year at Smithville, S. C., and the other at Ionia, S. C. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Rock Hill, S. C., December, 1895, and appointed by Bishop Charles B. Galloway to the Wateree Circuit, Sumter District, where he served for two years. He was ordained deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Florence, S. C., December, 1897, and sent to the Camden Circuit, where he labored for one year, being removed by Bishop W. W. Duncan at the Greenwood Conference, December, 1898, and sent to the Pelham

and Batesville charge, Greenville District. He was ordained elder at Orangeburg, S. C., December 10, 1899, by Bishop Joseph S. Key, and returned to the Pelham and Batesville charge for the year 1900.

At this writing Brother Robertson is unmarried, but his present condition is only a temporary arrangement, to be remedied as early as possible.

He has faithfully and heroically entered upon the work of an itinerant Methodist preacher, having consecrated his powers to the Lord, and has a promising career before him. His friends are expecting great things of him and will not be disappointed.

REV. J. MARION ROGERS, A. M.

The subject of this sketch was born near Mullins, Marion County, S. C., August 28, 1862. He comes from good stock. His father, T. B. Rogers, was a man of strict integrity; and his mother, Mary Hays Rogers, possesses noble qualities. From boyhood he had



strong religious impressions. When fifteen years old he joined the Methodist Church, and about three years later he was clearly converted. Soon after this there came to him the unmistakable call to preach. To his mind this was no small work to be undertaken

lightly. So, in accordance with his high conception of duty, he began to make preparation for this sacred work. In 1882 he entered Trinity College, N. C., and completed the year's work with distinction. October 1, 1883, he entered the Freshman class in Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. His college course was a success in every sense of the word. Dr. Carlisle said of him: "During his entire college course he never gave the faculty one anxious moment." To say that every student of those days loved Marion Rogers would be but a simple statement of the truth. In the class-room his stand was high, his name appearing each year upon the distinction list. His Christian influence, too, was strongly felt. He graduated in June, 1887, taking the A. B. degree. In June, 1891, he received the A. M. degree, also, from his alma mater.

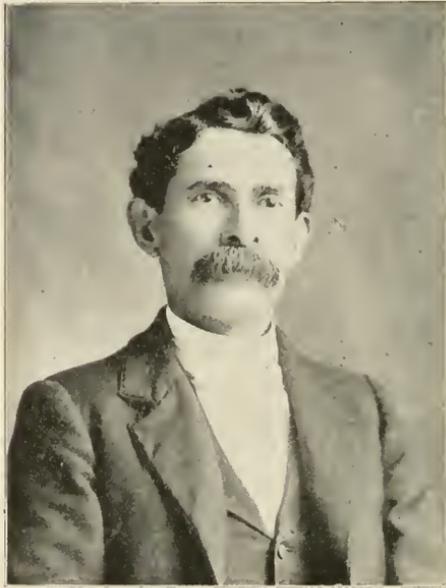
After graduation, he taught school two years in his native county. In October, 1888, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the present North Mullins Circuit, within the bounds of which he was born and reared. In November, 1889, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, at Camden, and was appointed junior preacher on Mullins Circuit. In May following he was removed to Camden Station to succeed Rev. E. J. Meynardie, D. D., whose ill health had forced him to give up the work. In both these appointments he worked acceptably and successfully. In 1890-92 he was professor of English and Latin in the Columbia Female College. Close confinement and studious habits impaired his health, and in June, 1892, he resigned his position to re-enter the pastorate.

In 1892 he was appointed to York Circuit, but being prostrated by disease, he was never able to take charge of the work. Since 1893 his relation to the Conference has been that of supernumerary. His enforced inactivity has been a great trial to him, but he has borne it with beautiful Christian spirit.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery in 1891. He expects to resume active work at the approaching Conference (1900). He loves his Church and all her institutions. He is in sympathy with all her movements. He is loyal to her every interest. He possesses the highest sense of honor and the most exalted ideas of noble manhood.

REV. WM. A. ROGERS.

In Bishopville, S. C., on the 29th day of September, 1849, William Anson Rogers first saw the light. He came into the world with a goodly heritage. His father, William Rogers, was a man of sterling integrity, indomitable will, abounding energy, a devoted Christian.



His marriage with Anna Jane McCallum was a love match, and they were lovers ever afterwards. Their home was essentially a Christian home. Mr. Rogers was a merchant. His money was not hoarded to fill the purses of his grown-up children, but was used to make them men and women after the Divine pattern, and one element—and a large one—in this work was a home whose sweet attractiveness won and held the love of every child. The best culture the schools and colleges afforded was given to the children. The family altar fires burned continually. The atmosphere was pure, cultured, Christian.

William had the advantage of the example and help of an older brother and five sisters. Such influences upon a mind and heart rich in good qualities by right of inheritance had their legitimate effect. His life was exemplary from his childhood, yet he felt while still a youth the need of the regenerating power of grace. This he sought and found in a conscious experience.

In 1867 he went to Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), then presided over by that prince of men, Gen.

Robert E. Lee. To have touched upon that great man was worth much to any youth, and its influence was not lost upon William A. Rogers. Love of truth, devotion to the right and unswerving and uncomplaining perseverance in the path of duty are characteristic of the pupil as they were of his first college president.

In 1868, Rogers, with commendatory letters from Gen. Lee, matriculated as a Freshman in Wofford College, from which institution he was graduated in June, 1872, with sixteen others. He was chosen by his classmates as valedictorian. During his college course he settled the question of his call to the ministry, and at Anderson, in December, 1872, he was received on trial into the Conference. From that time until now his life has been before the eyes of his brethren, and they are ready with their "well done."

The class of appointments filled by him attest his ability as a preacher; the steady growth of the church under his pastoral care vouches for his efficiency as an administrator; but only the judgment day can reveal the good he has done, not by his preaching only, but by his life. As a pastor, he is sympathetic, tender, faithful; as a friend, true to the core; as a man among men, a gentleman. St. James' definition of religion finds living expression in the life of William A. Rogers: "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit the fatherless and widow in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

On March 22d, 1876, the subject of this sketch was married to Miss Annie M. Anderson, of Alabama. A most fortunate alliance it was. In the home, the community, the work of the Church, Mrs. Rogers has contributed greatly to her husband's success. Seven children have blessed their union—Julien Carlisle, Wm. Anderson, Carroll Pickens, Frank Cowles, Ralph Holland, Allen Livingstone and Annie McIver. Wm. A., Jr., is with God.

Brother Rogers has served the following charges: Lynchburg, Sumter, Lancaster, Winnsboro, Johnston, Greenwood, Marion, Trinity (Charleston), Central (Spartanburg), Buncombe Street (Greenville), St. Paul's (Orangeburg).

Mr. Rogers has ever been a strong friend of Wofford College. He was elected as a trustee of the college in 1886, and has faithfully served ever since.

REV. J. C. ROPER.

It is not surprising that the subject of this sketch, Rev. John C. Roper, is a thoroughgoing Methodist. His paternal grandfather was acknowledged by three Presiding Elders to be the best Steward they had ever seen. He was also a Sunday School Superintendent



and no man was ever more loyal to his Church. The subject's father was also a thorough Methodist, but not so active in Church work. He was a successful merchant, but died at the age of thirty-eight years. His great-grandmother was a Miss McLaurin and came to this country from Scotland.

Brother Roper was born near Clio, S. C., November 4, 1873. When he was only five years old, his mother died, leaving only two children, the other child being now the wife of Rev. R. A. Child of the South Carolina Conference. Young Roper attended school in his native community, dividing his time between the school, the store, and the farm, until he was sixteen years old. After the death of his father, he farmed on his own account until the fall of 1892. He then entered Wofford College where he remained till June, 1896, when he graduated. Soon after commencement, he was appointed to supply the work at Swansea, filling out an unexpired pastorate of another.

Brother Roper was converted in August, 1892. The change was after the manner of the old-time conversions, changing the whole

current of his life. Two months later he was at Wofford College, as stated above, feeling that there was a larger life for him. Two years later the divine call, clear and unmistakable, came to him, and he was licensed to preach. In December, 1896, he was received on trial into the Conference with Sidi B. Harper, D. W. Kellar, W. C. Kirkland, F. H. Shuler, Foster Speer and W. H. Thrower.

He has served as follows: Union Mills, Spartanburg District, 1897-8; Greens Circuit, 1899-1900-1. The reader will see that he has just begun his itinerant career, but the success in these two charges foretokens a life of great fruitfulness. He is a zealous pastor and popular preacher.

On June 14, 1898, Brother Roper was married to Miss Edith Moseley, of Orangeburg, S. C. They have one child—John C., Jr.

REV. JESSE E. RUSHTON.

The Rev. Jesse E. Rushton is one of our wisest and most willing workers. Clear-headed and clean-hearted he rapidly sees the thing to do and then steadily does it. He has ability of various kinds, but is peculiarly able in practical affairs.



He is the son of Benjamin and Harriet Rushton and was born in Edgefield (now Saluda) County, August 21, 1848. Owing to the

Civil War his early opportunities for an education were very poor. At the age of twenty-one he had scarcely made any advance in that direction, but he was not the man to stay in that condition. With a heroism equal to that of Marshal Ney at the River Neime, he prepared himself for college. When he matriculated at Wofford College it was a day of triumph. From this institution he graduated with honor June 5, 1872.

He was converted September 3, 1869, and on that day he joined the Church. From that hour he has been a splendid worker for God. Called to preach, he obeyed and was licensed September 17, 1875. He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference December 14, 1881. He has served the following Circuits: Edisto, Cokesbury, Abbeville, Tradesville, Clyde, Lamar, Johnsonville, Oswego, Easley and Bethesda and is now in charge of Lake City.

Brother Rushton preaches strong, sensible sermons. Often they are delivered with great power. He is an extra fine pastor and is a most valuable counsellor of his people in secular and spiritual things. His revival services are very successful.

The writer has been his friend for many years. He knows the man and his work and he does not hesitate to say that he is one of the most valuable men in any Church in South Carolina. While not neglecting the work of a true minister of the Gospel, he has managed to "lay by something for a rainy day." This has not been by securing large salaries, but by the inexorable practice of living on less than he was paid—*be the salary ever so small.*

On November 27, 1883, he married Miss Nora Lee Harmon, of Newberry, S. C. To them God has given eight children—two of them are at home in Heaven. As a man, he is frank, fearless and friendly. As a Christian, he is devoted, steadfast and happy. The old-time Methodists would say of him "that he enjoys religion."

The success of our brother in building up charges has been remarkable. Everywhere he has gone, the cause of Christ has greatly advanced. Today he numbers all over the State his friends by the thousands. When he reaches the shining shore there will be many others to give him a glad welcome.



REV. GEO. R. SHAFFER.

Rev. George R. Shaffer was born in Edgefield County, S. C., January 23, 1853. He remained at the place of his birth, laboring when he was old enough for the support of his parents, to whom he was devoted, until the year 1881. He had such educational advantages



as the ordinary country boy had at that time. In January, 1881, he went to Batesburg, S. C., where he received instruction at the hands of Prof. E. K. Hardin. At the end of the session, Professor Hardin moved to Blackville, S. C., where he taught for one year, young Shaffer going with him and remaining under his instruction. From this place, the professor went to Williamston, S. C., Brother Shaffer also going with him. Thus we see our young friend had evidently matriculated with a "moving institution." After a year at Williamston Professor Hardin decided to read medicine, thus the relation was broken. Brother Shaffer speaks in highest terms of his old teacher and his wife. After this school life of our good brother was interrupted, he began teaching. He taught from the summer of 1883 till the winter of 1887.

He joined the Church in September, 1872, and was happily converted on the second Sunday in June, 1873, while alone in the woods. He was licensed to preach in 1878; was ordained Deacon at the session of the Conference in 1884; was ordained Elder in 1888, having served that year as junior preacher on the Lexington Circuit. He

was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial in November, 1888, with Nicholas G. Ballenger, Thomas M. Dent, Pierce F. Kilgo, Henry C. Mouzon, John L. Ray, Robert E. Stackhouse, Ellie P. Taylor, E. Alston Wilkes, and W. Asbury Wright.

Brother Shaffer was married February 14, 1889, to Miss Kate P. Neeley. They have four children: George Edward, born April 26, 1890; Joseph Austin, born March 27, 1893; Haygood Neeley, born December 28, 1895; Sarah Elizabeth, born December 31, 1897.

Brother Shaffer, in his characteristically quiet way, is doing a great work for the Lord. He preaches well and keeps his eye upon all the movements of the Church in his charge. The Lord blesses his labors and crowns his efforts with success.

REV. JOHN W. SHELL.

The ancients believed that whenever a man laughed his liver turned over, and that gave rise to the expression, "Laugh and grow fat." The subject of this sketch has evidently given an illustration of the correctness of the theory. His big heart is full of joy which



finds an outlet through his face and he scatters sunshine wherever he goes.

Rev. John William Shell, son of Mr. Floyd C. and Mrs. Matilda

Shell, was born in Virginia, March 15, 1853. He was educated in the common and high schools of Southwest Virginia and at the Preston and Olin Institute, located at Blacksburg, Va., where he took an academic course. In these schools fidelity to duty characterized him so he came from them with a good foundation laid for future work.

Brother Shell was converted in December, 1870, in his eighteenth year while at college at Blacksburg. Dr. P. H. Whisner was president of the Institute and took great interest in the spiritual welfare of the students. Young Shell joined the Church soon afterwards and began work in the Young Men's Prayer Meeting. He soon felt called to preach. The impression gradually grew upon him until August, 1883, when it was settled once for all. He joined the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Camden, November, 1889, Jefferson S. Abercrombie, Albert H. Best, Rufus A. Child, J. R. Copeland, George W. Davis, William H. Hodges, Melvin B. Kelly, John Manning, J. Marion Rogers, Whitefoord S. Stokes, Artemas B. Watson and J. A. White joining at the same time.

He has served as follows: Clifton Circuit, 1890-1; North Laurens Circuit, 1892-5; Fountain Inn Circuit, 1896-99; Reidville Circuit, 1900-1901.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener at Camden, S. C., and Elder by Bishop Hargrove in Sumter, S. C.

On December 6, 1887, Brother Shell was married to Miss Mantie Louise Macomson, of Mercer, S. C., the ceremony being performed by Rev. John B. Wilson. Four children have resulted from this union—Martha Louise, Vernon McTyeire, Ellis Draper, and Charleton Carlisle.

Our friend is an earnest preacher. His hearers are impressed with the fact that he longs to do them good and to help them to a better life. With a heart such as he has, he could not but be a sympathetic and helpful pastor.

REV. F. HAWKINS SHULER.

The Rev. Frederick Hawkins Shuler is bound to be one of our most useful and successful members. With sound judgment, large knowledge of men, wide experience, untiring industry and unceasing energy he "brings things to pass" where many would deem it useless to try.

He is the son of Frederick and Jane (Jones) Shuler, and was born in Berkeley County, S. C., October 3, 1867. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1886 at a meeting at Bethlehem Church conducted by Rev. W. H. Kirton. The day after conver-

sion he felt called to preach, but could not at once see his way to obey the call. In December, 1886, he left the State and spent two and a half years traveling in the Northwest, visiting fifteen different States and Territories—providing the means by his own efforts. Fully determined at last to obey God's call to the ministry, he returned to South Carolina. With him the call to preach was a call to prepare himself for his high vocation. At this time he had just \$5.00, but was not discouraged. He had in childhood and youth attended the "neighborhood schools." He began anew by going to Sheridan's High School, in Orangeburg, for one year. In January, 1891, he entered the Senior class in Wofford Fitting School, advanced in October to the college, and in June, 1895, graduated with the largest class that ever went out of the historic institution. All these seven years of study he had no financial help, and by his own labor he struggled to the goal he had set for himself.

From August to December, 1895, he supplied Kelton Circuit, and in the same manner he served North Greenville Circuit the year following. In December, 1896, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, and was sent to North Greenville again. He was appointed to Starr and Iva for 1898, Union Mills, 1899-1900, and to Aiken Station for 1901. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway, at Rock Hill, in 1895, and Elder by Bishop Hargrove, at Chester, in 1900.

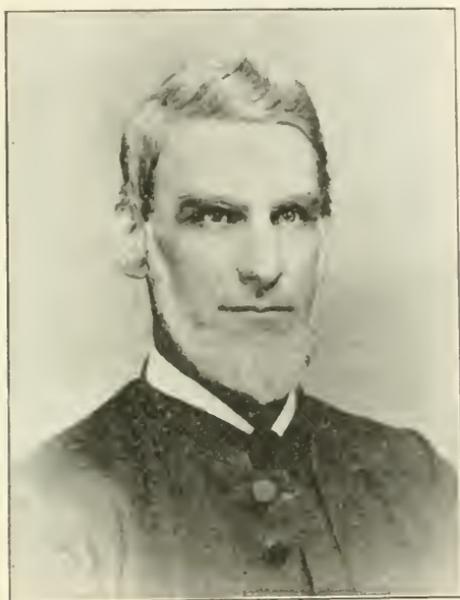
Brother Shuler is an earnest, impressive preacher, whose sermons are enforced by the Holy Spirit. He is a zealous pastor—interested in all that concerns his people, from the smallest secular affairs to the holiest privileges opened to them by Divine grace. The material development of his charges is never overlooked. He has been a builder and repairer of church buildings and parsonages—without neglecting the weightier matters of salvation. All the duties of a Methodist preacher-in-charge are energetically and faithfully discharged by him. He works—and working-men never fail. In every one of his charges he has been successful—building them up in material and spiritual things.

On October 12th, 1898, he married Miss Mary Whitmire, of Greenville County, who has been a true helpmeet in all his work. It was the privilege of the writer and Rev. G. C. Leonard to unite the pair in holy matrimony. One child—little Martha—has brightened the home of these earnest Christians.

REV. J. F. SIFLY.

Rev. John Lamb Sifly is a Charlestonian, having been born in that city June 10, 1839. He is the son of Mr. John and Mrs. Maria Amney Sifly.

Having had good primary training, young Sifly was sent to Cokesbury Conference School where he was well prepared for col-



lege. He fully intended taking a college course, but was prevailed upon by Rev. James Stacey, Presiding Elder of the Orangeburg District, to supply the place of junior preacher on the Blackville Circuit for 1860, which he did till the next session of the Conference. Being then in the work and having an increasing desire to save souls, he abandoned the idea of going to college and applied for admission on trial into the Conference December, 1860, and was admitted with N. K. Melton, J. A. Wood and J. J. Workman.

The following is a list of his appointments, with dates: Williamston Circuit, 1861; Sumter Circuit, 1862; Summerville Circuit, 1863-4; Orangeburg Circuit, 1865-6; Upper Orange Circuit, 1867; St. George Circuit, 1868-9; Lower St. Matthews, 1870; Santee Circuit, 1871-2; Edisto Circuit, 1873-4; Walterboro Circuit, 1875-8; Cokesbury Circuit, 1879-80; Black Swamp Circuit, 1881-4; Graham's Circuit, 1885-8; Lower St. Matthews, 1889; Allendale Circuit, 1890-2; Pacolet Circuit, 1893-4; Claussen Circuit, 1895; Lexington Fork Circuit, 1897. At the close of 1897, he was

placed on the superannuate relation, and still belongs to this "honor roll" of the Conference.

Our friend was married on December 5, 1860, to Miss Sue F. Townsend, daughter of Rev. Joel W. Townsend. The following are their children: Mariamney Waneta, now Mrs. Dr. R. C. Williams; McAlma T., Caroline Lillian, now Mrs. Dr. J. L. Jefferies; Milton L., John Marvin. Two others, Milton T. and Sue, are in the better land. "They are not lost, but gone before."

The writer does not pretend to do anything more than simply give an outline of the record of this true and tried servant of God. Brother Sifly is a deep spiritual man. He inherited many of the traits of his glorified mother, to whom he pays the following beautiful filial tribute: "I had one of the best of mothers—a pious, consistent, consecrated, Christian mother, to whom, under God, I owe most that I am or hope to be spiritually." Indeed, "her children rise up and call her blessed."

Brother Sifly's preaching has always shown the deep spirituality of the personality back of it. He believes in the plain old Gospel, and has ever striven to present it to the people. When he was in active service he excelled as a pastor. He was regular and systematic in his work. The people were always glad to see him, for he ever left a blessing with them. Blessings upon the devoted head of this faithful servant of God! May his tribe be multiplied!



REV. H. L. SINGLETON.

Rev. Henry Lee Singleton, son of Miles P. and Martha J. Singleton, was born April 4, 1868, being the fifth child in a family of eight children. After the usual course in the common schools, he attended Leesville College for awhile; thence he went to Wofford



College, but on account of defective eyesight was compelled to leave college before graduating.

For a number of years Brother Singleton taught school in this State, and also in North Carolina. At the age of eighteen years, our friend felt the call to preach, but, Jonah-like, tried to evade the work. He endeavored to satisfy his conscience by teaching, trying to satisfy himself that by means of that work he could meet the requirements of the Divine call. But he found that nothing but complete surrender and obedience to God's call would answer, so in 1898 he determined to accept the work allotted him by the call of God and entered the ministry.

Brother Singleton was admitted on trial at the Conference held in Orangeburg, December, 1899, with F. E. Hodges, J. T. Macfarlane, B. G. Murphy, E. F. Scoggins and R. S. Truesdale, and was sent to Marion Circuit and Mills, where he did excellent service his first year in the Conference.

Judging from appearances, our young friend has entered upon a very useful and successful career. May heaven's richest blessings attend his efforts.

REV. CHAS. B. SMITH.

No truer man ever entered the South Carolina Conference than Charles Betts Smith. Coming from such a home as he came from, and with such parents as he had, it would have been difficult for him to have been otherwise than a good, true man. He is the son of Rev.



William H. Smith, one of the noblest local preachers Methodism ever produced, and Mrs. Mary I. Smith, as good a woman as ever lived.

The subject of this sketch was born near Lynchburg, S. C., October 14, 1858. He has had splendid educational advantages. His primary and preparatory training was received in the excellent schools maintained in the community where he was born, these schools being largely supplied by his father, who ever manifested the deepest interest in the subject of education, not only for his own children, but for the community as well. After the training received here, "Charlie" studied one year under his brother, Rev. A. Coke Smith, at Greenville, S. C. He then spent three years at Wofford College, where he made a fine record. But these years at school and college only marked the beginning of his education. He has been a diligent student ever since, and is one of our most thoughtful men.

From a very early age, Brother Smith felt called to preach, and this impression made by the Divine Spirit deepened as the years passed until it became a settled conviction. He was licensed to

preach in the year 1882, at Lynchburg, S. C., Rev. George H. Wells being his pastor, and Rev. Thos. G. Herbert being the Presiding Elder.

He joined the Conference in December, 1882, with John W. Elkins and J. D. Frierson. He has served as follows: Summerville, 1883; Clarendon Circuit, 1884; Kingstree Station, 1885; Marion Street, Columbia, 1886; Bamberg, 1887-8; Anderson Station, 1889-92; Orangeburg Station, 1893-4; financial agent and professor at Wofford College, 1895-8; Darlington Station, 1899-1900; Bennettsville Station, 1901. In all of these fields of labor our good brother has had success, in some of them unusual success.

As a pastor, Brother Smith is very popular. He loves men, and loves to be with them. He sympathizes with them in their struggles, and they in return love and adore him. He has about him a great deal of personal magnetism, and men are naturally drawn to him. He is a preacher of rare ability. He thinks deeply and expresses his thoughts clearly and forcibly. His sermons are prepared with great care and are delivered with much power and effectiveness.

Brother Smith was exceedingly fortunate in the selection of a wife. He married Miss Mary E. Moorer, of St. George, S. C., who has proven a helpmeet indeed. They have four children—Pinckney, William, Mary and an infant not yet named.



REV. JAMES F. SMITH.

Rev. James F. Smith was born near Smith's Bridge on the Saluda river in Laurens county, S. C., October 7, 1821. His educational training began in the common schools of the neighborhood and was continued therein till he was ten years old. At this age he was sent



away to Fairview Academy, in Greenville County, where he had as teacher, William Moffat, who left an indelible impression upon the boy. In 1833, he was sent to the Academy at Laurens Court House, having Chaney Stone as teacher. He remained here until 1835, when he was sent to Dr. Barr's Academy, Long Cane, where he had James Lesley for teacher, and where he was prepared for college. Young Smith had intended entering Athens College, Georgia, but, through the influence of Rev. Samuel Capers, agent for Randolph Macon College, Virginia, he was led to that institution during the presidency of Dr. Olin. He entered the second term of the freshman class in January, 1836, and graduated in June, 1839, being 18 years old. From there he entered the South Carolina College as a graduate student, taking his diploma in December, 1840. Brother Smith joined the church in 1837. Upon leaving the South Carolina College he accompanied Joseph H. Wheeler and Albert M. Shipp on the Cokesbury Circuit, Nicholas Talley being Presiding Elder, and preached occasionally. He was formally licensed to preach at old Smyrna Camp Ground on October 1, 1841.

He joined the South Carolina Conference January, 1842, and was appointed to the Rutherford Circuit, North Carolina, with Churchwell Crowell as Senior Preacher and William Crook as Presiding Elder. The Conference that year was held at Charlotte (the reader will remember that at that time a large part of the State of North Carolina was embraced in the South Carolina Conference), Bishop Waugh presiding. Dr. Janes (afterwards Bishop) was present as agent of the American Bible Society and made one of his masterly addresses. Next year the Conference was held at Cokesbury, in February, 1843, Bishop Andrew presiding. Brother Smith was appointed to Waccamaw Circuit with Rev. W. A. Clarke as Senior. The next Conference met at Georgetown, in February, 1844, Bishop Soule presiding. This time Brother Smith was appointed to Waccamaw Mission with Rev. John A. Minnick as Senior. At the next Conference, which was held in Columbia, he was sent to Walterboro Circuit with Alexius M. Forster as Senior, and R. J. Boyd Presiding Elder, of Charleston District, 1845. He was permitted to rest 1846-7-8, when relocated on account of his health and remained in location, farming, teaching and preaching as much as health permitted until 1869. That year, with S. B. Jones as President, he bought out and revived the old Spartanburg Female College. In the fall of 1871, having sold out his interest in the college, he joined R. P. Franks, Presiding Elder of Spartanburg District, and commenced his itinerant career again under very favorable circumstances, serving the Jonesville Circuit 1871 and 1872, the Pacolet Circuit 1873, the Cherokee Springs Circuit 1874-75-76 and 1877, the Gowansville Circuit 1878-79 and 1880, the mission work in Spartanburg Bethel Church 1881 and 1882, when that church was built, principally by Rev. R. C. Oliver, and Cherokee Springs Circuit again 1883 and 1884. By reason of his age and increasing infirmities, supernumerary until 1894, when he was superannuated at Laurens Conference; and now having been superannuated 1895-96-97-98 and 1899, and still living in Spartanburg City. Brother Smith was married at Darlington Court House, August 5th, 1842, by Alexius M. Forster, the father of Inlianna, the bride. They had eleven children; three died in infancy, and one, Francis Soule, died in his forty-second year. The seven surviving are: Alexius John, Augusta Jane, Charles Forster, Landor Franklin, Robert Derrill, Julia Isabel and James Perrin. Charles F. is a distinguished professor of Greek in Wisconsin University. Landor F. is president of the oldest female college in Texas, belonging to Texas Conference; and J. Perrin is professor of geology in Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto, Cal.; and the others useful in their different spheres. Brother Smith is now in his seventy-ninth year and growing infirm, but ripening in life and labors for the "House not made with hands, Eternal in the heavens."

REV. W. C. SMITH.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Wm. C. Smith, is a Virginian. He is the son of Mr. C. H. Smith and Mrs. Mary A. Smith. He was born in Louisa County, Virginia, August 27, 1869.

Brother Smith was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1889. He was licensed to exhort in 1889, and was licensed to preach in 1890.

Having excellent business capacities, he went to New York at the age of nineteen years, and engaged in business with Messrs. Pennell, O'Hern & Co. A few years later he accepted a position with a general mercantile house in Roanoke, Va.

Wishing to be further advanced in a literary education, he resigned his position here and entered the Oakland Academy, where he spent two years. The next four years were spent in the Haley High School, where he made good use of the excellent educational facilities there afforded.

At the recent session of our Conference, held at Chester, S. C., Brother Smith was received on trial, with J. T. Fowler, L. P. McGhee and B. R. Turnipseed. He was assigned by Bishop Hargrove to the Smithville Circuit, in the Sumter District.

Our young friend is highly spoken of by those who know him, being a young man of excellent qualities. No doubt he will make a fine record in the Conference.

REV. W. J. SNYDER.

Rev. Wesley James Snyder was born December 3, 1873. His parents' names are J. C. Snyder and M. E. Snyder.

He had access to the preparatory schools of the community at first, and then entered the Wofford College Fitting School, where he spent two years. From this he entered the college proper, from which he graduated in June, 1894. He has thus had a thorough mental training as a preparation for his life work. At the early age of fifteen years he felt called to preach. He was licensed to exhort in 1890, Rev. J. M. Boyd, Presiding Elder. He was licensed to preach in 1891, Rev. R. N. Wells, D. D., Presiding Elder.

Brother Snyder was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1894, with Martin L. Banks, Jr., Connor B. Burns, Robert C. Boulware, Henry J. Cauthen, Waddy T. Duncan, William S. Goodwin, Edward S. Jones, William A. Kelly, Stephen A. Nettles, W. A. Pitts, John R. Sojourner and Preston B. Wells.

He has served the following charges: Wateree Circuit, 1894-5; Jordan Circuit, 1895-6; Antreville, 1896-8; Cherokee Circuit, 1899-

1900. At all of these his ministry was attended with much success. At Jordan he built a parsonage and partly built a neat church. At Antreville he also built a parsonage. As a pastor, Brother Snyder is diligent and dutiful; as a preacher, he is fearless and faithful.

June 18, 1895, he was married to Miss Callie Ellis, who died September 23, 1896. On March 10, 1897, he was married to Miss Bessie Davis, of Clarendon County, who died July 4, 1898. One child—Sarah May—was the result of this marriage. September 14, 1899, he was married to Miss Mattie M. Scott. They have one child from this marriage—Chauncey Hanson.

In common parlance, Brother Snyder would be called "a hustler," bringing things to pass wherever he goes. He believes in aggressive work.

REV. JOHN R. SOJOURNER.

Rev. John Reddick Sojourner, son of Mr. D. E. and Mrs. Rachel Sojourner, was born in Barnwell County, S. C., September 24, 1866.

Young Sojourner's parents died while he was quite young, leaving



a large family. This greatly interfered with his early educational advantages. He made a heroic struggle, however, and the Lord helped him. By his own labors he was enabled to enter Wofford

College Fitting School in 1888. By hard work there, he was able to enter Wofford College the next year, pursuing the studies through the Sophomore class. He taught school for three years after leaving college, and while teaching others he learned a great deal himself.

Brother Sojourner joined the Church at the age of twelve years, but was not converted until about two years later. His conversion was thorough and changed the whole current of his life. He was licensed to preach in 1888 and served as a local preacher several years.

In December, 1894, he joined the Conference, with Martin L. Banks, Jr., Connor B. Burns, Robt. C. Boulware, Henry J. Cauthen, Waddy T. Duncan, William S. Goodwin, E. S. Jones, W. A. Kelly, S. A. Nettles, W. A. Pitts, W. J. Snyder and P. B. Wells.

He has served as follows: South Aiken Circuit, 1895; Bayboro Circuit, 1896; Loris Circuit, 1897-8; Lewiedale Circuit, 1899; Johnsonville Circuit, 1900-1901. During these years and in these fields of labor, much good has been done by our brother. The Lord has blessed his labors to the upbuilding of the Church and the salvation of souls. He is a good preacher and helpful pastor.

On December 27, 1898, Brother Sojourner was married to Miss Blanche Beaufort Browning, daughter of Mr. T. S. and Mrs. Ellen Crawford Browning, of Berkeley County, S. C. They have happily entered together upon the great work of life. May our Heavenly Father grant them abundant success!



REV. J. W. SPEAKE.

Rev. John Wesley Speake, son of Mr. George T. Speake and Mrs. Emma Boyd Speake, was born May 4, 1874. He is the eldest of a family of five children. He attended school at Kinards, Newberry County, until he was twelve years old, at which age he went to school



to an uncle—Prof. James W. Boyd—at St. Joseph, Mo., remaining there three years. Returning to South Carolina, he entered the Wadsworth High School, in Laurens County, spending one year there. He was denied the privilege of a collegiate education, but has ever tried, by hard study, to make up for this loss. He taught school for four years, two of which were spent in charge of Townville Academy, Anderson County.

Young Speake joined the Church in early life, being converted at the age of thirteen years. From the time of his conversion he was under the imperative command of God to preach the Gospel. He entered earnestly into Church work, being elected Sunday school superintendent at the early age of sixteen years. He was licensed to exhort in 1896; was licensed to preach in July, 1897.

In December, 1897, Brother Speake was received on trial into the Conference, having as Conference classmates S. H. Booth, W. A. Fairey, J. M. Lawson, D. A. Patrick and R. E. Turnipseed. In the preceding August he had been employed as a supply for Newberry City Mission, to fill a vacancy caused by the illness of Rev. W. B.

Verdin. He was re-appointed to this charge, and served it for three years—1898-1900. During his pastorate here a handsome Church was built, and the charge was greatly improved in every particular. At the recent session he was appointed to Highland and City Mills, Greenville, where he has entered prosperously upon his work.

Our young friend is making a fine record for himself. He is a good preacher and a most zealous worker.

He married Miss Annie Heidtman, of Orangeburg, S. C., daughter of Mr. J. L. Heidtman, and grand-daughter of the late Rev. M. H. Pooser. She has entered heartily into the work, and is proving a helpmeet indeed to him.

REV. FOSTER SPEER.

Rev. Foster Speer was born at Lowndesville, S. C., February 15, 1874. He is the son of Dr. A. J. Speer, a native of Abbeville County, S. C., and Mrs. Sophia Verdal Speer, a native of Elbert County, Ga.

Brother Speer has had good educational advantages. He attended the school of his native town until he was sixteen years old. He then matriculated at Young Harris College, in Georgia, and spent three years there, graduating in May, 1895.

He was converted in 1893 while at College and immediately felt divinely called to the work of the ministry. He was licensed to preach in December, 1894, by the Quarterly Conference of Hiawasse Circuit, Dahlonega District, North Georgia Conference.

He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference at the session held at Abbeville in December, 1896, Sidi B. Harper, D. W. Kellar, W. C. Kirkland, J. C. Roper, F. H. Shuler and W. H. Thrower joining at the same session. He has served the following charges: Junior Preacher on Providence Circuit, 1897; Wedge-field Circuit, 1898; Foreston Circuit, 1899-1900.

On account of failing health Brother Speer was compelled to ask for the supernumerary relation at the recent session of our Conference. At this writing he is engaged in teaching at Starr, Anderson County.

On June 14, 1898, our young friend was married to Miss Hettie Augusta Pooser, daughter of Rev. George H. Pooser of our Conference. Two children have been born unto them—George Andrew, born April 25, 1899, and died August 19, 1899; Martha Lola, born October 22, 1900.

Brother Speer is an excellent young man and had begun his ministry with unusual promise, and it was with profound sorrow that we learned of his failing health. We sincerely trust that he will be speedily restored to health and will yet be permitted to successfully carry out the career upon which he had entered with so much promise.

REV. R. W. SPIGNER.

Rev. Reuben West Spigner, third and youngest son of Reuben West Spigner and Sarah Bush Spigner, was born May 19, 1859. His early educational advantages were those afforded by good home training and the common schools of the country. Of these our



friend made full use, thus learning how to study. He continues to study and think, daily adding to his stock of information and intellectual equipment. He is greatly blessed with a good memory, rarely ever forgetting anything he reads.

Brother Spigner's call to preach came to him in his boyhood days. Being rejected, the call was renewed from time to time with increased conviction, until in the latter part of the year 1889, when it became so overwhelming that its acceptance was no longer debatable. It was under the pastorate of Rev. Marion Dargan that our friend and brother was brought to yield to the Divine call, and at the First Quarterly Conference of the Marion Street Church, Columbia, for the year 1890, held in February, he was licensed to preach. As a local preacher he supplied the Salter's Circuit for 1891-2. In December, 1892, he was admitted into the Conference on trial at the session in Charleston, S. C., and his appointments have been these: Timmons ville Circuit, 1893-4; Jonesville Circuit, 1895-7; Clifton and Glendale, 1898-9; Fairfield Circuit, 1900-1901. In all of these fields Brother Spigner has had the Divine approval of his labors mani-

fested in the salvation of souls and in the building up of the Church. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener, at Laurens, in 1894, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Sumter, in 1897.

Brother Spigner was married on January 17, 1886, to Miss Maggie Neeley, of Denmark, S. C. They have three children living: Raymond Neeley, Edward Tindall and Elizabeth Cauthen.

Brother Spigner is one of "God's noblemen," having in him the elements that constitute the Christian gentleman. He is a thoughtful preacher, a tender and affectionate pastor, and a true and loyal friend.

REV. ROBERT E. STACKHOUSE.

The brother who forms the subject of this paper, Rev. Robert Edgar Stackhouse, is one of the ablest young preachers in our Conference. He was born in Marion County, S. C., October 21, 1866. He was reared in the adjoining County, Marlboro, having access to



the excellent schools known to exist in that thriving section, until he was eighteen years old. In 1884 he entered the State Normal College of the University of Nashville, Nashville, Tenn. He grad-

uated from this institution in 1886, after which he taught school in the Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, for one year. During the years 1887 and 1888 he taught at old Reedy Creek Academy, in Marion County.

Young Stackhouse was converted in April, 1885, while in Nashville, and joined the Elm Street Methodist Church in that city, under the pastorate of Dr. John P. McFerrin, one of the greatest men American Methodism has ever produced.

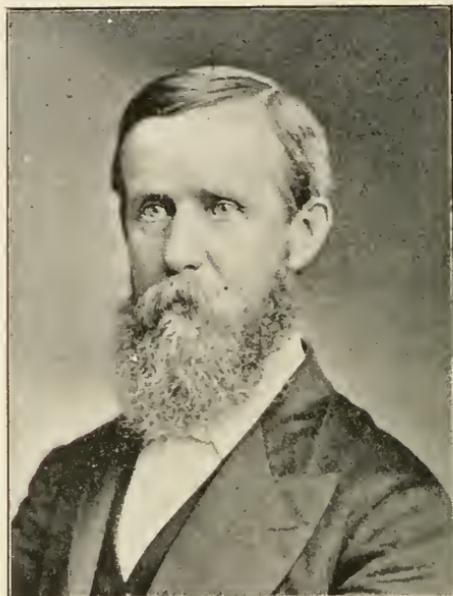
At the session of the South Carolina Conference held at Winnsboro in December, 1888, Brother Stackhouse was received on trial, having as Conference classmates Nicholas G. Ballenger, Thomas M. Dent, Pierce F. Kilgo, Henry C. Mouzon, John L. Ray, George R. Shaffer, Ellic P. Taylor, E. Alston Wilkes and W. Asbury Wright. Since his admission he has served the following appointments: Junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit, 1889; Greenwood Station, 1890-1; Yorkville Station, 1892; Aiken Station, 1893-4; Johnston Circuit, 1895-7; Professor in Columbia Female College, 1898; Blenheim Circuit, 1899; Pendleton Circuit, 1900-1901.

Brother Stackhouse is a modest, but brave and fearless preacher. His great aim is, not to please men, but to profit them by a plain and full proclamation of the truth. He is a close student of both men and books. He is thoroughly posted on Methodist doctrine and discipline, ever ready to give a clear reason for the faith that is in him. His mind is logical and he believes in honestly grappling with the problems of any question, never satisfied with surface or superficial work. His labor is of permanent kind, the influence of his life and preaching continuing to bear fruit after he himself has gone elsewhere.



REV. A. J. STAFFORD.

Andrew J. Stafford was born in Rutherford County, N. C., March 6, 1834. His father, Nimrod S. Stafford, was a man of irreproachable life, and of more than ordinary mental powers. His mother was Sarah L. Wallace. She was of Scotch-Irish descent, and to



the firmness of purpose characteristic of her race she joined a very gentle and engaging disposition. She lived and died in the communion of the Presbyterian Church, and it was said of her by one who knew her well that hers was a beautiful life.

The subject of this sketch was the eldest of seven children. At the age of twelve his father's death made it necessary for him to leave school. But he continued to study—learned Algebra without a teacher, and made some progress in Latin.

He remembers distinctly religious impressions from a very early age, which he ascribes to the home atmosphere, the influence of his parents upon the lives of their children. In August, 1851, during a meeting held by Rev. P. F. Kistler, at Pisgah Church, Rutherford Circuit, the witness of pardon was realized, and with it came a conviction of the duty of working for Christ. He was appointed Sunday School teacher, then class-leader, and exhorter, and in August, 1855, was licensed to preach.

He now determined to carry out a long-cherished purpose, and went to Wofford College to improve his education. Four years

were spent in college in close application to study, when he completed the course, graduating in July, 1859. After leaving college, he went to Bennettsville, S. C., and spent nearly two years teaching. In April, 1861, he was appointed Chaplain of the 8th Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers, and continued in the Confederate service, with a brief interval, till the surrender of Lee at Appomattox.

At the session of the South Carolina Conference held at Sumter, in December, 1863, being still in the service of the country, he was received on trial into the Conference, and his appointment for that and the following year was "in the army." After the war he was sent to Monroe Station, N. C., in 1866; to Darlington in 1867, and to Cheraw in 1868.

In December of 1868 he was married to Miss Parthenia Beverly, of Wadesboro, N. C. She was the daughter of Methodist parents, a graduate of Carolina Female College, under the tuition of those high-toned Christian gentlemen, President Tracy R. Walsh and Prof. William K. Blake; and after graduation taught in the same institution. Being thus identified with the Church and its work, and acquainted intimately with a number of the ministers and their families, she was finely qualified to grace the station of a preacher's wife, and for thirty-one years has been not only the light of her husband's home, but his trusted counsellor and valued helper in many of the more difficult and delicate parts of his work.

The other pastorates filled have been: Greenville Station, 1869; Cokesbury, 1870; Mars Bluff, 1871-72-73; Winnsboro, 1874-75; teacher in Columbia Female College, 1876; Florence, 1877; Bishopville Circuit, 1878-79; Abbeville, 1880-81; Mars Bluff, 1882-83-84-85; Lancaster, 1886-87-88; Blacksburg Circuit, 1889-90; Conway, 1891-92-93-94; Kershaw Circuit, 1895; Cheraw, 1896; Aiken, 1897-98-99-1900. Fifteen charges in all have been served—two of them twice. The records show that all the interests of the Church have been carefully looked after. The collections have generally increased. In nearly every instance there have been additions to the Church—sometimes quite a number. Two churches and two parsonages have been built. But no records show the troubled hearts that have been comforted, or the lives that have developed into higher spiritual experience, and been guided to greater usefulness in the Master's service.

REV. J. M. STEADMAN.

Rev. John Marcellus Steadman, son of Col. J. M. and Mrs. H. A. Steadman, was born in Lexington County, S. C., May 15, 1866.

After the usual preparatory training in the common schools of the country, he was educated at Leesville College under the presidency



of Rev. John Emory Watson, who for many years was one of the most successful teachers in the State. These school and college days, however, mark only the beginning of his education. He is a diligent student yet, buying and reading—yea, studying—the very best books. His idea is that the purpose of school life is to learn how to study.

Brother Steadman was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference at Leesville, S. C., July 19, 1885. Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the Conference at the session held in Columbia in December, 1885, E. B. Loyless, A. F. Berry, E. O. Watson, T. C. O'Dell, J. F. Anderson, A. M. Attaway, T. C. Ligon, W. I. Herbert, John Owen and D. A. Calhoun joining at the same time. His labors have been distributed in the following fields: Junior preacher on the Newberry Circuit, with M. M. Brabham, 1886; Parksville Mission, 1887-8; Greenwood Station, 1889; McCormick Circuit, 1890-3; Lancaster Station, 1894-5; Cumberland Mission,

Charleston, 1896-9; Yorkville Station, 1900; Lancaster Station, 1901.

Our young friend is a most enthusiastic worker and has had much success in these various fields of labor. He is a successful revivalist and many souls have been led to Christ through his preaching. His sermons are prepared with a great deal of care and he delivers them with much force and effectiveness. He is a good pastor and systematic worker. His rule is to improve every charge he serves and his record shows that he has not failed in putting this rule into practical execution.

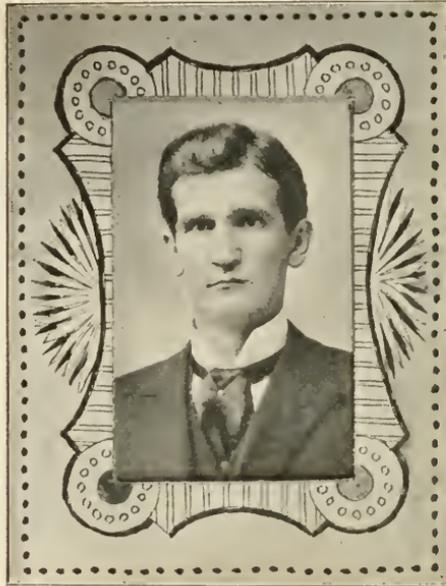
Brother Steadman, like every other wise man, soon learned the need of a good helpmeet. So, after various trials and tribulations, he succeeded in winning the fair hand and faithful heart of Miss Lizzie Briggs Kennerly, and they were married on November 21, 1887. She is a daughter of Dr. J. C. W. Kennerly, of Edgefield County. Following are the names of their children: John Marcellus, Jr., Wallace Wendell and Bonneau Kennerly.



REV. H. I. STEPHENS.

Rev. Henry Isaac Stephens, son of Mr. Isaac Stephens and Mrs. Sarah A. Stephens, was born in Carlisle County, Ky., February 18, 1861.

After the primary training in the schools of the country, he was educated at the Paducah District High School, at Milburn, Ky. He then took a theological course at Vanderbilt University.



Brother Stephens was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Milburn Circuit, in Kentucky, October 13, 1883, Rev. J. M. Spence being the Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial into the Memphis Conference November 16, 1895. While in the Memphis Conference, he served Wickliffe Circuit; Third Street, Paducah; and Mingo Circuit. In the fall of 1891 he was transferred by Bishop Wilson to the Baltimore Conference and stationed at Calvary Church, Baltimore. He then spent four years at Middleburg, Va., and four years at St. James Church, Roanoke, Va. He had been appointed to Merran Church, Washington, D. C., and was serving there when transferred to our Conference and appointed to Spring Street, Charleston.

Brother Stephens was married July 18, 1886, to Miss Lou V. Shelton, of Stanordsville, Va. They have five children living—Mary Shelton, Mattie Lou, Minnie Blake, Samuel Wilber, and Agnes Elizabeth.

As Brother Stephens is a stranger among us, the writer takes the liberty of inserting the following note received from Rev. Ben. F. Ball, Presiding Elder of Moresfield District, Baltimore Conference:

"I take pleasure in stating that I have known Rev. H. I. Stephens ever since he has been a member of the Baltimore Conference, for about ten years; and during three years of this time was his Presiding Elder. My knowledge of him, when he was comparatively unknown in the Conference, enabled me to secure his appointment to a charge in Roanoke City, in which he did work that, under all the circumstances, will, I believe, compare favorably with the four years' record of any preacher in the connection.

"He is a gifted, resourceful preacher. He is tactful in the management of men and affairs, a man of energy and pluck, capable of meeting the demands of almost any charge in the Baltimore or any other Conference."

REV. J. J. STEVENSON.

Rev. Jesse Joel Stevenson, son of Dr. William J. and Mrs. Esther Ferguson Stevenson, was born October 11, 1866. After the usual



course in preparatory schools, he entered Leesville College, graduating therefrom in 1891. He had been offered a scholarship else-

where, but preferred to go here and pay his way—an evidence indeed of the material out of which he is made.

Brother Stevenson felt called to preach when quite a boy, but not till 1884 did he fully surrender. He then consecrated himself entirely to the Lord and decided to preach in obedience to the Divine call. He had been converted in childhood, and joined the Church at old Ebenezer at the age of sixteen, under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Campbell.

He was licensed to preach in the year 1889, Rev. A. M. Chreitzberg, Presiding Elder. He was appointed as a supply for Fort Mill Circuit for 1892. He was admitted on trial in November of that year, with E. H. Beckham, George F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. Palmer Hutson (from Presbyterian Church), Preston B. Ingraham, John N. Ison, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. Kirk Moore, D. Melvin McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins.

His first year was spent as junior preacher on the Fort Mill Circuit, Rev. John L. Harley, P. C. Then to Blackstock. He here served Churches the Quarterly Conference of which had licensed him to preach. He served Saluda Circuit, 1897-8; Kinards Circuit, 1899-1900.

Brother Stevenson is a very earnest worker. He has been successful as a builder, painter, repairer, furnisher, etc. There is one most remarkable fact in connection with his work—there has never been held a Quarterly Conference under his ministry at which he did not report additions to the Church.

He was married January 2, 1896, to Miss Jessie Bond, of Chester, S. C. They have three children—Esther Genevieve, Jesse Joel and James Bond.



REV. A. J. STOKES, D. D.

Rev. Andrew Jackson Stokes was born in Colleton County, S. C., August 25, 1836. He came of good Methodist stock, the family being noted for devotion to Methodism for several generations. Before the subject of this sketch was a year old his mother was left a



widow, and upon her devolved the responsibility of training the child. It is needless to add that she did her work well, for it was to this godly woman that Brother Stokes was indebted for those strong religious impressions which characterized his childhood, and her wise counsels and pious example largely determined the channel of usefulness along which the current of his life has run to this day and along which it will continue, no doubt, to run until it empties itself into the great ocean of eternity.

These impressions made upon the child were followed by his conversion in October, 1846. He received his preparatory schooling at Cokesbury and his collegiate education at Wofford College, from which institution he graduated in 1859 and from which he afterwards received the degree of A. M. He was licensed to preach in 1858, and was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference December, 1859. Since then he has been engaged in the regular work, with the exception of a brief period when he was a professor in the Spartanburg Female College. During his connection with the Conference he has served some of our most important pastoral charges, circuits

and stations. He was also Presiding Elder for the full term of both the Sumter and the Marion Districts and is now Presiding Elder of the Charleston District. Dr. Stokes served twenty-five years as trustee of the Columbia Female College, and for many years has been an ardent advocate of higher female education. He was the chief agent in founding the Epworth Orphanage and is now President of its Board of Managers. He is also President of our Legal Conference.

His work has been uniformly successful. He possesses those qualities of both mind and heart that usually insure success. He is energetic, methodical, sympathetic, gentle and winning in manner and studious in habit. His sermons are prepared with great care and often with the free and laborious use of the pen, though never hampered by the manuscript in delivery. In the pulpit he is earnest and eloquent.

The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by Emory College, Georgia, in 1898.

His first wife was a daughter of the late Whitefoord Smith, D. D., the Chrysostom of Southern Methodism. By this marriage he has one son, Rev. Whitefoord Smith Stokes, who is a useful member of our Conference. His present wife is a daughter of the late Rev. Samuel Wragg Capers, who was Presiding Elder for years in our Conference. Though the calendar would place Dr. Stokes somewhat beyond the meridian of life, from the earnestness and zeal that characterize his work one would judge him to be in the prime of life.



REV. GEO. EDWIN STOKES.

George Edwin Stokes, son of James and Margaret M. Stokes, was born March 5, 1863, on a farm in Orangeburg County, about five miles south of the court house. He was the seventh child in a family of eight children, five boys and three girls. His mother was



Miss Barton, a daughter of Dr. W. F. Barton, of Orangeburg County.

December 14, 1887, he was married at Bishopville, S. C., to Miss T. Elwell, a daughter of the late Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, D. D., of the South Carolina Conference. To them have been born six children—James Edwin, Anna Margarite, T. Elwell, Mary Annie Barton, Holbrook Elwell and William Harry. Of these, T. Elwell and Holbrook Elwell died as infants, the former at Marion Street parsonage, in Columbia, while on a visit to Dr. Elwell's family; the latter at the parsonage in Springfield, S. C. Both are buried at the old home church of the Stokes', New Hope, near Rowesville, S. C.

G. Edwin Stokes was in early life educated mainly in family schools at his home. Two years were spent in the Sheridan Classical School, of Orangeburg, S. C., preparing for college. In the summer of 1881 he stood a competitive examination for a Peabody scholarship in the University of Nashville, Tenn., with a view to preparing for teaching as a life work. Winning this scholarship, he spent two years at this college, graduating in 1883.

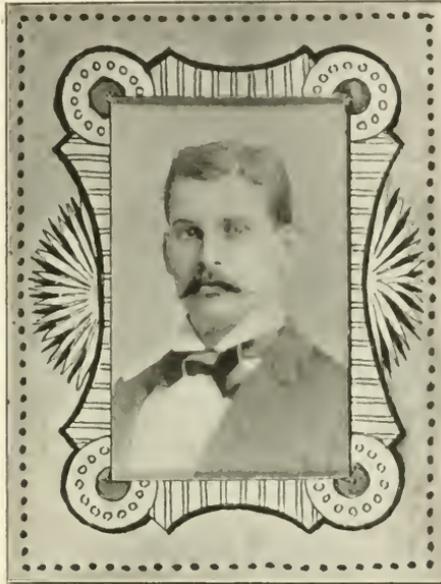
From his earliest recollection, the impression of a call to preach made itself felt. As he grew towards manhood, however, the idea became distasteful, and he began to resist the call. The years previous to a surrender to this call were marked by a continual inward struggle. After graduation, he began teaching school—two years at Corinth, Miss., one year in Orangeburg County, one year at Bishopville, one year at Seneca, three years at Batesburg and two years at Rowesville, making ten years in all. While at Batesburg, during his last year there, he finally surrendered and yielded the consent of his mind to enter the ministry. The two years at Rowesville, were preparatory to entering the work.

In January, 1892, he was licensed to preach at the first Quarterly Conference of Branchville Circuit, held in Branchville, S. C., Rev. P. F. Kistler, preacher in charge, Rev. J. Walter Dickson, Presiding Elder, upon recommendation of the Church Conference of New Hope Church, his old home church. In January, 1893, the death of Rev. J. B. Platt, preacher in charge of the South Branchville Circuit, left that charge to be filled. Brother Stokes was appointed by the Presiding Elder to supply the circuit, from which he received recommendation to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. He was admitted on trial at the Sumter Conference of 1893, and appointed to the Lexington Circuit, which charge he served two years—1894-95. At the Laurens Conference (1894), at the services held in the Presbyterian Church, he was ordained local deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener. At the Rock Hill Conference (1895), he was appointed to Springfield Circuit, in the Orangeburg District. This charge he served four years—1896-97-98-99. At the Greenwood Conference (1898), he was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, the services being held in the court house. At the Orangeburg Conference (1899), he was appointed to Denmark Circuit, and returned to the same charge for 1901.

Brother Stokes is a strong preacher, his sermons evidencing thorough preparation. His style is clear and deliberate. As a pastor, he is diligent, ever striving to meet all reasonable demands upon his time and patience. His work is popular and successful.

REV. HENRY STOKES.

Rev. Henry Stokes, son of Thomas Henry and Abigail Bolling Stokes, was born at Alba, Greenville County, South Carolina, June 18, 1870. He attended the public schools of the community till September, 1886, when he entered the Honea Path High School, of



which Prof. J. B. Watkins was principal. After a three years' course he entered Wofford College, from which he was graduated in 1893. During his college course he taught school every summer, except the summer of 1890, when he was census enumerator for Dunklin Township, Greenville County. During the scholastic years of 1893 and 1894 he was principal of Caswell Institute, Anderson County.

In July, 1894, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of St. John's Church, Anderson, South Carolina. In September, 1894, he entered the Theological department of Vanderbilt University, where he spent one year.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Rock Hill, in December, 1895. Bishop Galloway appointed him to serve the Van Wyck Circuit, Rock Hill District. For two years he served this charge faithfully and acceptably. During his pastorate at Van Wyck there were about one hundred accessions to the Church, a church debt of one hundred and fifty dollars was paid,

and more than one hundred dollars was raised for painting and otherwise preparing Van Wyck Church for dedication.

On November 24th, 1897, Rev. Henry Stokes was married to Miss Florence Everett Heath, of Waxhaw, North Carolina, Bishop Joseph S. Key officiating.

At the Conference of 1897 he was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan. At this Conference he was appointed to the Mount Carmel charge, Cokesbury District. At this writing he is serving his third year on this circuit.

To Rev. and Mrs. Henry Stokes was born a son—Robert Carlisle—September 5th, 1898. This child God took to Himself Oct. 6th, 1898.

At the Conference of 1899 Rev. Henry Stokes was ordained Elder by Bishop Key. As pastor of Mt. Carmel charge, he has had three successful years. There have been thirty-four accessions to the Church. Bethel Church, which was begun under Rev. W. A. Kelly, was finished and dedicated under the pastorate of Rev. Henry Stokes. Sharon and Zoar Churches have been repaired and dedicated. During the present year—1900—Salem Church has been rebuilt and will be dedicated before this Conference year closes. The above improvements, exclusive of Bethel Church, have been made by the faithful work of the pastor and brethren at a cost of about seven hundred dollars.

On August 2, 1900, there was born to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Stokes a daughter—Mary Bolling Stokes.

Whatever degree of success has attended his ministry, Rev. Mr. Stokes begs to acknowledge the co-operation of his brethren and the blessings of God.

Judging by the beginning of our brother's ministerial life, we predict for him an eminently successful life.



REV. JOHN LEMACKS STOKES.

John Lemacks Stokes was born February 5, 1854, at "Rock Spring" plantation, the home of his maternal grandmother, eight miles from Walterboro, S. C. He is the third child of Col. Benjamin Stokes. His mother's maiden name was Miss Harriet K. Lemacks. He was named for his uncle, Capt. John J. Lemacks.



The boyhood life of young Stokes was spent on his father's plantation, "Pine Forest," one mile from the place of his birth. When the boy was thirteen years old, the family moved to "Ernesdyl," near Walterboro.

Till he was thirteen years old, young Stokes was under the tuition of his aunt, Miss Elizabeth A. Lemacks. At that age he had Mr. Peter J. Malone, the gifted journalist and poet as his teacher. To these two teachers and Mr. J. M. Cantwell, who taught him for a while at St. George, S. C., is due the educational direction of his young life. His honored aunt laid the foundation and cultivated his love for reading. Mr. Malone, an elegant writer and exact critic, was for two years a constant inspiration to young Stokes' life and was largely instrumental in the exact and precise style characteristic of Mr. Stokes even at this day. The father being unable to send the boy to college, his only chance was to use all his time in personal application to obtain that intellectual development for which his soul yearned. So he zealously applied himself for two years, pursuing

to advanced stages the studies of mathematics, Latin and Greek. He was naturally inclined to a literary life, so his peculiar literary tastes and abilities began early to express themselves in the composition of verses. As the years have gone by, he has found both recreation and delight in keeping up this literary habit. In 1885 Mr. Stokes published "Eldon Drayton," an interesting little book in which many of his early struggles have a place. Soon after he also wrote "Claire de Veaux," an excellent study in "Temperance Reform." It was published as a serial in the Southern Christian Advocate. For nearly a year, in 1883, Mr. Stokes edited "The Temperance Worker," the organ of the temperance societies of this State, doing for the time most excellent service. His connection with the paper was severed by his removal from Columbia. During Dr. W. D. Kirkland's editorial management of The Advocate Mr. Stokes did editorial work on the paper for some time. He has been similarly employed for part of the time during Dr. John O. Willson's management of the paper. His work in that capacity has been efficient and acceptable.

Reared in the country, his early Church opportunities were meagre. But the Christian home in which he was trained largely made up for the deficiency in Church privileges. His precious mother regularly gave the children instruction in the Bible and catechism. In October, 1871, the young man joined the Church at Indian Fields Camp Meeting. Mr. Stokes was licensed to preach June 6, 1874, and joined the Conference the following December. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, and Elder by Bishop W. M. Wightman. He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit, 1875; Sumter Circuit, 1876; Fort Mill Circuit, 1877-8; Ward Circuit, 1879; Marion Street, Columbia, 1880-3; Orangeburg, 1884; Bennettsville Station, 1885-6; Newberry, 1887-8; Bamberg and Buford's Bridge, 1889-91; Spring Street, Charleston, 1892-5; Bennettsville Station, 1896-8; Georgetown, 1899.

On December 27, 1876, Mr. Stokes was married to Miss Loretta P. Barentine, of Marlboro County, S. C. They have four children: Clare Malone, Elise Meynardie, Marion Boyd and Grace Walter.

In the space allotted we can give only a bare outline of the interesting, happy and successful life of our friend. He is an excellent preacher, a laborious pastor, diligent student, versatile writer, true friend, and, above all a Christian gentleman.

REV. PETER STOKES.

Good old Methodist blood flows in the veins of the subject of this sketch, Rev. Peter Stokes. He is the son of Gen. William Stokes, one of the best men in the State, and Mrs. Eliza J. Stokes, an excellent Christian woman. He was born to these good parents February 21, 1871.



Brother Stokes has had the very best educational advantages. Up to fifteen years of age, he attended the schools at his place of birth, Early Branch, in Hampton County. Here the teachers were employed by his father and a few neighbors. Then till he was seventeen years of age he attended school at Brunson, S. C., under that famous teacher, Rev. John Emory Watson. From here he went to Wofford College, graduating therefrom in June, 1891. Not yet satisfied, he went next to the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, where he remained till 1893. Thus, according to Bishop Keener's illustration, he has taken ample time to "grind his axe," and no doubt the results will show his wisdom in so doing.

Brother Stokes was converted during a meeting held in Spartanburg, S. C., by Evangelist Bill Fife in May, 1891. He graduated the following month and was attending to business for his father during the summer of that year, when he yielded to the divine call to preach which he had been trying to evade on account of an impediment in speech. He read Isai. 32:4, and all doubts were dispelled and the

promise contained in that verse has been literally fulfilled in the case of our dear young friend.

He joined the Conference in November, 1893, with L. L. Bedenbaugh, J. A. Campbell, T. Grigsby Herbert, W. A. Massebeau, R. E. Mood, G. E. Stokes and J. B. Harris.

He has served the following charges: Smithville Circuit, 1894-7; Phoenix Circuit, 1898. In August of this year he was elected rector of Cokesbury Conference School, in which position he served till June, 1899, when he resigned and was appointed pastor of Lowndesville Station, where he remained till December, 1900. At the recent session of the Conference he was appointed to Piedmont Station and has hopefully entered upon the year's work.

On April 5, 1900, our young friend was married to Miss Lavinia Harmon, daughter of Rev. George T. Harmon, of our Conference.

Thoroughly equipped mentally and spiritually, and blessed with an amiable helpmeet, and with all his powers consecrated to God, there is no reason why Peter Stokes should not have a very successful career. His beginning indeed foretokens a life of great fruitfulness.



REV. WHITEFOORD S. STOKES, M. D.

Rev. Whitefoord Smith Stokes, M. D., is the son of Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., and grandson of Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D. He was born in Spartanburg, S. C., April 6th, 1865. He was educated in the private and high schools of the towns where his father lived,



and served the Church, and at Wofford College. After he left school, he carried on his studies, and he has acquired a scholastic culture, broad and accurate, and a considerable acquaintance with the sciences. He has a remarkable faculty of divining what is to be known, and where and how to find it. Hence, he is well up with the literature and leading thoughts of the day.

He was graduated in medicine in the University of Maryland. He entered upon the practice of his profession with marked promise of success. His practice and his reputation as a scientific physician increased steadily.

All this time, however, there was an awful question pressing for solution—his call to the ministry of the Gospel. At last the surrender came, and he was committed, heart and soul, to the Divine call. He was licensed to preach, and joined the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in December, 1890.

As a thinker, Dr. Stokes is fresh, strong and logical; as a speaker, he is fervid and forceful.

With his biblical studies, he continued his devotion to literature and science. During one of his pastorates there was a vacancy in the headship of the high school of the town, and his known scholarship and executive ability pointed him out as the most desirable one to fill it. He accepted the position in connection with his pastorate. In a short while he brought the school to a high standard of proficiency; and, with the concurrent approval of patrons and trustees, he was unanimously called to continue in office; but demands of the pulpit and pastorate, and those of the school being too great a strain on him, he declined the re-election, and continued in the pastorate.

In 1899 he was called to the rectorship of the Cokesbury Conference School, once so renowned and useful in South Carolina Methodism. His first year of service there was so eminently successful that the trustees, contrary to their custom, re-elected him to succeed himself for four years. (The election is usually annual.)

While he is well fitted for the pulpit, platform, and pastorate, he is eminently a teacher, a controller and guide of youth, and a man of affairs. Every department grows under his guiding hand. He is a man of decided opinions, strong convictions, and is uncompromising in his fidelity to principle. His life of usefulness is but fairly begun.

REV. JAMES CRASK STOLL.

The Rev. James Crask Stoll, son of William and Caroline Stoll, was born in Charleston, S. C., May 3rd, 1835. Piously reared, he grew to manhood without being soiled in character and life by any of the vices so common to youth. Under the same influence he united early with the Church.

His education was received in the public schools of Charleston, which are known to do good and thorough work; but he has been a student all his life, and especially a student of the Bible. We have not in the Conference a man better posted in the Holy Scriptures than James C. Stoll.

His call to the ministry was clear and pronounced. It was intensified during a revival of great power at Bethel Church, Charleston, in the year 1858. Burning with the love of souls and an ardent desire to win them for Christ, he asked and received license to preach and was received into the South Carolina Conference in December of that year.

His charges have been: 1859, Marion Circuit; 1860, Chesterfield Circuit; 1861, Williamsburg Circuit; 1862, Morganton Circuit; 1863, Pineville Circuit; 1864, Manning Circuit; 1865-66-67-68, Black

River Circuit; 1869-70-71, Providence Circuit; 1872-73-74-75, Little Rock Circuit; 1876, Sumter Circuit; 1878-79-80-81, Florence District; 1882-83, Rock Hill Circuit; 1884-85, Chester Circuit; 1886, St. Matthews Circuit; 1887-88, Bennettsville Circuit; 1889-90, Fairfield Circuit; 1891-92-93, Williamston Circuit; 1894-95-96, Ninety-Six Circuit; 1897-98, Branchville Circuit; 1899, Richburg Circuit; 1900, North Rock Hill Circuit.

In all these fields of labor his ministry was blessed, and he received a large number of persons into the Church.

Brother Stoll is a man of unusual modesty. While brave enough to fearlessly face any foe, he is almost timid when placed in a conspicuous position. Pure in thought and word, he will not brook anything which is lacking in clean thought and chaste expression. Friendly and loving, he cleaves to his brethren with hooks of steel. Without a drop of bigot's blood, he loves Methodism with a surpassing affection. It is natural that this should be so. When the early Methodists were driven out of their first place of worship in Charleston, S. C., it was a grandmother of his who opened her house to them, and from that early day his people have been staunch Methodists. As a Christian, our brother's experience has been clear and his practice consistent. He walks with God.

Our brother is one of the strongest preachers in our body. Loving the Word as he does, it is natural that his discourses are more textual than topical; but they are always on live subjects, couched in choice language and uttered in the power of the Spirit.

About two years ago he had a severe fall, from the effects of which he has never entirely recovered. The disability became so great that at Chester Conference, 1900, he asked and was granted a superannuated relation. It is a pity that the work of so gifted a preacher must end so soon.

On November 25th, 1861, he married Miss Mary L. McCullough, of Williamsburg County, who still blesses his home. There are eight living children—Samuel N., William M., Charles W., James C., Jr., Philip H., Sue L., Mary P. and Alice W. One died long since—Ervin C. Stoll.



REV. J. E. STRICKLAND.

Rev. Julius Erasmus Strickland, son of William Anderson Strickland and Mary Henrietta Strickland, was born March 4, 1875.

His educational advantages were somewhat limited, being confined to the common schools of the country. But the lad made good use



of these, and laid the foundation for study and culture, and by continuous effort he is successfully building upon this foundation.

In 1894, when about nineteen years old, he was converted and joined the Church at Little Swamp Church, under the ministry of Rev. Eli M. McKissick, pastor of South Branchville Circuit. He was licensed to preach by the Orangeburg District Conference, May 9, 1897, Rev. John Owen, Presiding Elder, and Rev. E. A. Wilkes, pastor. Brother Strickland was admitted on trial into the Conference in November, 1897. He served for 1898 as junior preacher on Orangeburg Station, after which he was sent to Wateree Mission, where he remained two years, 1899-1900, doing faithful and acceptable work. At the session in Chester, December, 1900, he was admitted into full connection, was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, and was appointed to McClellanville Circuit.

On December 26, 1900, Brother Strickland was married to Miss Carrie E. Hardin, of Chester, S. C., who seems to be well qualified to make an excellent helpmeet for our young friend.

Brother Strickland is a young man, considerably above the average in ordinary intelligence, and, being a man of studious habits, bids fair to take high rank among us.

REV. E. P. TAYLOR.

The career of the Rev. Ellie Preston Taylor ought to be known to every boy who hungers for an education and yet supposes the way is closed against him. After reading the story, everyone is compelled to realize that "where there's a will there's a way." And true



boys and men must feel like standing uncovered in the presence of a hero—a hero of peace.

Ellie P. Taylor, the son of John and Satina Bailey Taylor, was born near Mars Bluff, S. C., January 1, 1860. His parents were pious people, who were rich only in faith. They lived on a farm which barely afforded a support, and they and their children tilled the soil.

Ellie grew up just as a farm boy in such condition must. He attended, whenever possible, the schools of the neighborhood. About the age of nine this country lad, not yet having a fair knowledge of the rudiments of an education, not only thirsted for a collegiate course, but determined to secure it—his parents being in sympathy with his purpose—and he did it. Let us take the story from himself.

The writer asked for it to be written out by Brother Taylor, and here is a modest statement of it:

"I entered the preparatory department of Wofford College in January, 1879, and remained in this department until June, 1880. I first entered the Freshman class in October, 1880, and because of limited means, thinking possibly that this would be my only year in college, I pursued a special course of studies. However, a way was opened for me to return in October, 1881, but the same kind Providence that opened the door for my return soon closed the same, for before the close of the month of October I was called home on account of the death of my mother and the illness of my father. But again in October, 1882, I began college life. Now, not only poor, but married, yet not hampered or hindered, for the economy and needle of the wife added much to our scanty larder. So the work taken up in October, 1882, was continued until June, 1888, when I received my diploma.

"My stay at college was always delightful, because of my intense desire to learn, but I had to practice the strictest economy as my father was poor and had a large family to support. It was while I was in the preparatory department that my father wrote me that he could aid me no more and for me to come home. I wrote father asking him would he be willing for me to remain and pursue my studies if I could make arrangements myself to do so. He replied, 'certainly.'

"The reply removed a burden from my heart. At the time I was boarding in a private family and rooming in the college, and this, of course, I was forced to discontinue. So to remain I boarded myself, furnishing my table with a cheap grade of molasses and loaf-bread, and even allowed myself only a limited amount of loaf and molasses each day. The only thing I had in abundance was good water. I ate but little or no meat or butter, save when I was invited to take a meal out with a friend. I did not drink in my own room from my own little table one glass of milk or one cup of coffee or tea during the term. My good mother was living at the time and she sent me during the term two boxes of cooked food such as loaf-bread, baked chicken, cake. But when the box was received it was opened and friends called in to the feast. So the boxes from home added but little to my larder. I kept an itemized account of my expenditures for board for one month and the items at the end of the month footed up \$1.75. This was my board bill per month for several months—plus what meals were taken with friends and an occasional box from home. Suffice it to say, that I was never troubled with indigestion or nightmares.

"And my college course was pursued under no less pressure than was my preparatory education. I entered college October, 1882, with a wife and only ten dollars in my purse. My brother-in-law,

James Hunt, boarded my wife and myself for the first year. I taught school the next year and made sufficient to pay up back indebtedness for board and to pay my expenses another year at college. A similar course was followed after my Sophomore year.

"My greatest pressure was during my senior year. When I completed my junior year I determined not to go out into the country and teach for another year, thus taking two years to complete my course at college. So I entered the senior class, almost penniless, but with a strong determination to remain at my studies until I should finish. I set myself to work. I prayed much, I endeavored to exercise a strong faith in God that He would open the door for my entrance soon as an itinerant Methodist minister—but not until I had completed my studies at Wofford. So to my great delight I found that it would be possible for me to continue my studies another year.

"I made my way by chopping wood—made as much as six dollars a week chopping. Having a mechanical turn I managed to make something that way—by the use of tools—such as making picket fences and other simple things. I had the good fortune to make fifty cents one evening by taking the place of a washerwoman and doing some washing for a good lady. The president of the college gave me the janitorship, and for the sweeping and making of the fires in the college I was paid seven dollars per month. This proved a great help to me, but added much to my already heavy college duties. I carried much of the wood used to make fires from the ground floor to the third story of the building. I would do this on Saturdays and other spare moments. In December of my senior year I was made pastor of Bethel church—the City Mission. I preached twice each Sabbath, conducting a prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The church was more than one mile from my home. This added greatly to my already overburdened shoulders. So the pressure of my last year in college was very great indeed. I had the regular college course—French extra—I was janitor, having seven or eight fires to make each cold morning, the college to sweep. I was a Station preacher and preached two new sermons each Sunday, I had a family to look after, all the shopping to do, my own wood to chop, fires to make. I was forced to rise early and work until late at night.

"But God was good to wife and to me. My health remained good. I passed all my college examinations without failure in any, and in June bade my kind and indulgent teachers good-bye with a heart full of overflowing with gratitude to Almighty God for having aided me to press my way through college.

"I felt then, and still feel, that man by God's grace can become

master of his circumstances and make of himself what God designed him to be."

The writer of this sketch saw the graduation exercises, heard the address of the college student, witnessed the congratulations of the president and others, and was tenderly moved when the graduate's little daughter carried to him a handsome bouquet. It is not often that a college and community rejoice over such a triumph.

Brother Taylor was converted and joined the Church in childhood. As to his call to the ministry we quote his own words:

"I can remember no time when I did not feel the call to preach the Gospel. I fully believe that God set me apart from my first beginning to be a dispenser of His Word. I was licensed as an exhorter in Liberty Chapel, near Mars Bluff, S. C., Rev. Sidi H. Browne was Presiding Elder: I was licensed to preach in Spartanburg, S. C., Central Church, 1887, Rev. Thomas G. Herbert was Presiding Elder: was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference November, 1888, in Winnsboro, S. C."

He has served the following charges:

Kinard's Circuit, 1889; Waterloo Circuit, 1890; Princeton Circuit, 1891-92; Saluda Circuit, 1893-94; McCormick Circuit, 1895-96; Piedmont Station, 1897-98; Bishopville Station, 1899-1900; Winnsboro Station, 1901.

On March 1, 1882, Brother Taylor married Miss Elizabeth J. Thompson, of Spartanburg, S. C., Rev. John T. Wightman, D. D., officiating. To many this would have been the end of the struggle for a college diploma, but not so in this instance. The wife was a help and no hindrance, and a helpmeet she has been to this day. Four children are the fruit of this union: Elizabeth, John Thompson, Ellie Preston, Jr., and James Carlisle.

It is needless to describe the preacher and pastor such a man becomes and continues. He is just what one might expect from his early years—a fine, thoughtful preacher, a faithful, sincere pastor—and God has honored his ministry everywhere. May such men be multiplied.



REV. J. H. THACKER.

Rev. James Herbert Thacker, son of Rev. W. H. Thacker and Mary Elizabeth (Gower) Thacker, was born April 28, 1862. He had the usual attention educationally in his early years. He then attended a school at Piedmont, S. C., under the supervision of Miss



Emma Young. At the age of fifteen years he went to a school taught by Prof. Ezekiel Long. When he reached his 22nd year, he entered the Preparatory Department of Wofford College. Very few young men have ever had a more heroic struggle to obtain an education. The war left young Thacker's father a physical and financial wreck, unable to assist his boy in obtaining an education. But the boy was not to be outdone. As stated above, he entered the Preparatory Department of Wofford College at the age of twenty-two years. By doing janitor's work while at college and by selling books and teaching during vacation, he managed to continue his course until his graduation in June, 1891, being then twenty-nine years old. What an inspiration this record should be to every young man desiring an education!

Soon after his conversion, Brother Thacker felt called to preach, but, like most others, strove to evade the work. During the struggle he read law and medicine, promising God to give all he could make in either of these. But this would not meet the requirements of the Divine call. God had called him to preach—not to make money.

The struggle ended March 2, 1887, at 2 o'clock a. m. Then and there, this young man, with a strong mind and body, laid all on God's altar. The day after his graduation, in 1891, he was appointed a supply on the North Greenville Circuit to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. R. Betts. In December, 1891, he was received on trial at the session of the Conference held in Darlington, S. C., the other members of the class being Alexander N. Brunson, A. J. Cauthen, Jr., C. Hovey Clyde, John D. Crout, William C. Winn, Eli M. McKissick.

He has served as follows: North Greenville Circuit, 1892; Ridgeville Circuit, 1893; Hartsville Circuit, 1894; Hickory Grove Circuit, 1895-8; Rock Hill Circuit and Laurel Street, 1899; Oswego Circuit, 1900-1901. During his pastorate at Hickory Grove, a handsome parsonage was built and various repairs were made on the churches. While he served Rock Hill Circuit, a large debt was paid off. Since he was sent to Oswego, some much-needed repairs have been made. Brother Thacker is a most zealous pastor and energetic worker. His sermons show careful preparation and are well delivered. The work of the Lord prospers in his hands.

He was married July 15, 1891, to Miss Annie M. Goddard, of Laurens County, S. C. They have four children—Helen Goddard, Ruth, Annette, Jimmie Beth.



REV. W. H. THROWER.

Rev. Wade Hampton Thrower, son of Augustus E. and Josephine Thrower, was born September 21, 1863. Like other country boys, young Thrower's early educational advantages were confined to the usual country schools. After this preparatory training he attended



one of the Charleston schools for some time. When called to preach, he determined to better prepare himself intellectually, consequently he entered the Carlisle Fitting School, Bamberg, S. C., and remained there quite a while under the instruction of Prof. Hugo G. Sheridan, Sr.

In early life, Brother Thrower had an impression that he ought to preach. This impression deepened until it became an irresistible conviction. While living at Ridgeville, S. C., during a meeting conducted by Rev. W. A. Massebeau, assisted by Rev. C. H. Clyde, in May, 1894, he settled once for all the question, and consecrated himself to the work of the ministry. He was received on trial into the Conference at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1896, with Sidi B. Harper, D. W. Keller, W. C. Kirkland, J. C. Roper, F. Hawkins Shuler, Foster Speer.

His charges have been as follows: McClellanville, 1897; Berkeley, 1898-9; Salters, 1900-1901.

On December 29, 1892, Brother Thrower was married to Miss

Emma E. Easterling, of Ridgeville, S. C., who is proving a faithful and devoted helper in the work of an itinerant's life.

Brother Thrower is a truly consecrated worker, and the Lord is blessing him in his work. His one object is to glorify God and lead men to a saving knowledge of Christ.

REV. DOVE TILLER.

Rev. Dove Tiller, son of Mr. Ervin Tiller and Mrs. Eliza McLaurin Tiller, was born April 3, 1848. His mother was of a Presbyterian family, but she herself was always a Methodist. The parents were greatly interested in the education of the boy, so the



subject of this sketch was kept at school almost incessantly. He also had thorough training under Prof. William Baker, of White Plains, Prof. John R. Shaw, of Kershaw County, and Prof. I. Wright (for many years a professor in Trinity College, N. C.), from 1868 to 1871.

At the age of seventeen years he realized the call to preach, having been converted and having joined the Church about one year before this date. The call was sudden, yet plain, emphatic, and unmistakable. After one year of refusal and indescribable struggle, he yielded and from that day till this preaching is his chief joy.

Brother Tiller joined the Conference in December, 1871, with D. D. Dantzler, J. K. McCain, and J. B. Wilson.

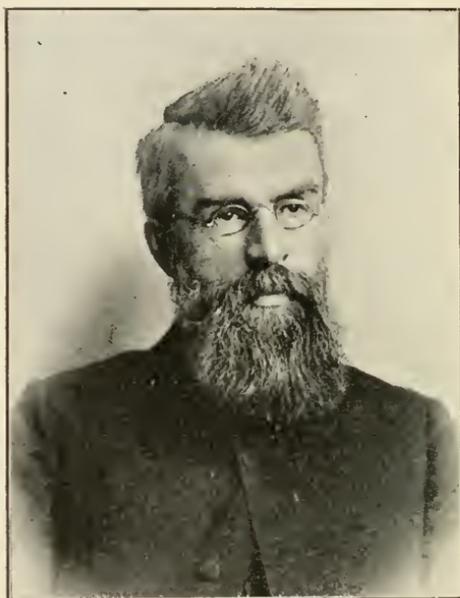
Since joining his labors have been distributed as follows: Lynchburg Circuit, 1872; junior preacher on Buck Swamp Circuit, 1873; junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit, 1874; Conway Station, 1875; Cheraw Station, 1876; Kingstree Station, 1877; Ellenton Circuit, 1878; South Branchville Circuit, 1879-1882; Williston Circuit, 1883; Orangeburg Circuit, 1884-6; Branchville Circuit, 1887-8; Denmark Circuit, 1889-90; Blackville, 1891; Jonesville Circuit, 1892-3; Prosperity Circuit, 1894-5; Newberry Circuit, 1896-9; Blenheim Circuit, 1900; Latta, 1901. Our good friend and brother has been successful in all these fields of labor. The Lord has greatly blessed his labors and has manifested the divine approval in the salvation of hundreds of souls. Many who are in heaven and many others who are on the way were led to Jesus by this consecrated servant of the Lord. One who is now a member of the Conference was converted under Brother Tiller during his first year in the ministry. He is handsome in person, pleasant in manners, and amiable in disposition. He preaches with great force and acceptability and his pastoral ministrations are helpful to the people.

Brother Tiller has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Lillie Jones, daughter of Rev. W. W. Jones, of our Conference. They were married October 31, 1878. This wife died May 22, 1889. His second marriage was on June 25, 1891, to Miss Emma W. Dukes, daughter of Mr. W. P. Dukes, of Rowesville, S. C. The names of the children are Ervin Maurice, Anna Margaret, Lorena Elise, Marie Merlie, Wendell Holmes, and Daisy Dukes. Both wives were graduated from the Columbia Female College, greatly aiding our brother in his work.



REV. J. B. TRAYWICK.

Joseph Benjamin Traywick was born October 15, 1844, in Anson County, N. C. His parents were Asa Traywick and Delilah Helms Traywick. His great grandfather Traywick came from England, and was a Quaker preacher. Berryman Traywick, his grandfather,



was one of the first Methodists in Anson County, N. C. Asa Traywick was a leading Methodist of his County for fifty years; gifted in prayer and exhortation, his knowledge of the Scripture was phenomenal, he was known by the preachers as the "walking concordance."

The subject of this sketch was his seventh and youngest son. His moral and religious training, both by precept and example, was of the highest order. He was converted at sixteen, under the ministry of Simpson Jones. His school opportunities were rather poor, but being fond of books, and a good, small library in the home, he had made good progress. When the Civil war opened, he was then sixteen years old, and would soon have gone to college, but the war broke up all his plans. He was one whole year in camp, on the march and in prison, was in thirteen battles, captured at Fisher's Hill, was kept in prison at Point Lookout until Feb. 18, 1864.

Having no college opportunity during the war he secured the help of a fine teacher, Prof. J. B. Ashcraft, and studying under him, and teaching with him, some compensation was made for the loss in edu-

cation sustained by the war. After Lee had surrendered in 1865 he went forward and was licensed to preach by Dr. Charles Taylor. He joined the Conference at Charlotte in 1865; only one other joined at that Conference—J. B. Platt.

Mr. Traywick's first appointment was Newberry Circuit as junior preacher, J. H. Zimmerman, senior; he served this work two years. His third and fourth years were on Mapleton Circuit, three at Pendleton, three at Laurens, one on Cokesbury, three on Tumbling Shoals, four on Saluda, two at Rock Hill, four on Chester Circuit, three at Prosperity, two at Batesburg, two at Clio, two at Brightsville, and again two on Chester Circuit, making six years on this charge.

Mr. Traywick has combined the pastor and evangelist, having conducted a number of revival services outside his charges, but he has generally stuck close to his own work and conducted his meeting; many seals have been made to his ministry. One source of great joy to his heart has been so many have turned out ministers, ten of them are now in the South Carolina Conference.

Mr. Traywick was married in 1867, in Newberry, S. C., to Miss Caroline Buzhardt. They have had ten children, three of whom died in childhood. Their eldest daughter, Mary, is now Mrs. J. F. Hardin, of Chester, S. C.; their second daughter, Bessie, is now Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Clio, S. C.; their third daughter, Miss Anna, is teaching music in Lancaster, and their youngest daughter, Kate, is at home attending school. Their eldest son, David Derrick Traywick, is express agent at Charlotte, N. C.; their second son, Asa Paul Traywick, will, in a year or two, complete his medical course in Baltimore, and their youngest son, Heber Helms Traywick, is at work in Chester. The three eldest daughters all graduated from Columbia College, and all taught a number of years.

Mr. Traywick is now fifty-five years old, and in robust health. While seasoned with years of hard work, the fires of youth are still burning, and he is full of zeal for the work. Doubtless no man in the Conference has been more faithful in the discharge of duty than Brother Traywick. He has a record of fidelity that any man should prize highly. A life of such bright noonday should have a peaceful and glorious sunset. May his last days be his best!

REV. R. S. TRUESDALE.

Robert S. Truesdale, son of Thomas B. and Olivia A. Truesdale, was born in Montgomery County, Miss., March 26, 1874. His parents moved from Lancaster County to Mississippi soon after the Civil War, and returned to South Carolina when their son Robert was about seven years of age. Upon returning, they located in Kershaw County.

Brother Truesdale attended the common schools until 1890. In September of that year he went to Rutherford Military Institute, of which Capt. W. T. R. Bell was superintendent. There he spent three years. He entered Wofford College in October, 1893, and graduated in June, 1897.

He was soundly converted in 1892, and from that good day to this has been a manly, consistent, working Christian. His influence in college was excellent. He had the respect and affection of the boys and of the faculty. While at college he became satisfied of his call to preach the Gospel, and was licensed in 1896. Immediately upon graduating, he was placed in charge of the Greenville City Mission, and there rendered admirable service. In September he went to Vanderbilt University, and spent two years in that institution, serving with success the Fillmore Street Mission during most of that time. He was admitted into the South Carolina Annual Conference at Orangeburg in December, 1899, and was assigned to Edgewood Circuit, to which he was returned, at the urgent request of the people, after a year of remarkable success.

Brother Truesdale is a pleasant, companionable man, of quiet, unpretending manner; and yet his manliness and sincerity will impress the most casual observers. Therefore, he makes friends easily, and holds them strongly. He is devoted to his work—is a "workman." In the ministry, as in his years of preparation, he believes that he is called to *work*—and he does it with might and main. As a pastor, he is faithful, sympathetic. He is a preacher of power. His sermons evidence careful thought and preparation, and are couched in strong, vigorous language. His delivery is very impressive, and the Holy Spirit accompanies the word he speaks. It is not enough to say that he promises to be a successful preacher—he is already one. And the writer is confident that that success will be more and more marked as the years go by.

On December 20, 1900, he married Miss Bessie Ariail, daughter of the Rev. W. H. Ariail, of our Conference. An old friend may be permitted to say that he has chosen wisely in winning the sweet, gentle Christian, who is his helper and inspiration.

REV. ROBERT EDWARD TURNIPSEED.

Robert Edward Turnipseed, son of Barnwell Rhett Turnipseed, was born in Upper Township, Richland County, S. C., November 21, 1873. His mother's maiden name was Miss Matilda Turner, of Grenada County, Miss. The subject of this sketch was dedicated to God in infancy, and his earliest aspirations were to preach the Gospel of Christ. His rudimentary education was received under the instruction of his father, in a country school. He afterwards attended Mount Zion Institute, at Winnsboro, S. C., in which institution his father was a teacher; thence he went to Columbia and entered school. After the death of Mr. Turnipseed's father, his mother removed to the old home, where the boy again attended the country school. In 1890, he entered the Freshman class in Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., but withdrew the following May. In 1894, he entered the South Carolina College, Columbia, S. C., where he remained for some time.

Through all these years there lingered with the young man that desire begotten in his soul in childhood—the desire to preach the Word of God. At a critical time when his soul was in deep distress, he cried unto God, was heard, and answered, receiving the peace of acceptance with God. This was under the ministry of that venerable servant of God, Rev. J. C. Stoll, who then placed his hands upon the young man's head and prayed God to call him to preach. After struggling with doubt and difficulties for some time, Mr. Turnipseed yielded himself fully up to Christ and realized beyond doubt his call to the ministry. Eighteen months afterward he was licensed to preach. In December, 1897, at Florence, S. C., he was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, Bishop W. W. Duncan presiding. His first charge was Iva Circuit, in the Greenville District, which he successfully served one year. At the next session of the Conference he was appointed to Port Royal Circuit, where he has rendered very efficient and acceptable service for two years.

On January 10, 1900, Mr. Turnipseed was married to Miss Kate C. Isbell, of Fairfield County, who bravely linked her hopes and destinies with his, and bids fair to make our friend and brother an able and helpful assistant.

Mr. Turnipseed has every promise of a long and successful ministry. He is a hard student, a diligent pastor and excellent preacher.

REV. S. D. VAUGHAN.

The Rev. Samuel D. Vaughan is a combination of cheery sunshine and fearless courage. Happy himself he carries happiness to those he meets; true to the uttermost to God and man he cannot pass inconsistencies and unfaithfulness in others. He is happiest at old Cy-



press camp meeting in seasons of power and refreshing and he is most fearless when assailing sin in what men call "high places."

He is the son of Thomas Vaughan and was born in Colleton District (now County), S. C., April 26, 1846. His educational advantages were good (his father being a leading teacher of his section) but were confined to the home schools.

At the age of sixteen he volunteered and entered the Confederate army, being stationed one year on the South Carolina coast and spending two years in the Western army. Till the surrender he rendered soldierly service. Returning home he faced the issues of peace with the same courage he had shown in war. December 29, 1869, he married Miss Lou R. Cummings, daughter of the saintly Christian leader, Wm. Cummings of Lower Colleton. She has been helpmeet indeed all the years through. Six children were born of the union: Lula, now Mrs. D. W. Moore, of Cokesbury; Mamie, now wife of Dr. J. D. Waters, of Saluda County; Willie, who married Miss Iola Machern, and Greig are still living. Samuel John died at the age

of fifteen months, and Jestina Geneva was called above on her sixteenth birthday.

Through the influence of a well-trained good wife and the earnest and faithful ministry of Rev. A. R. Danner and Rev. George Pierce, exhorter and evangelist, young Vaughan was on May 11, 1870, induced to offer himself for membership in the M. E. Church, South, at Ridgeville, S. C. Eight days after presenting himself for membership he was soundly and powerfully converted to God. In the summer of 1871 he was licensed to exhort and in November of the same year he got license to preach and preached his first sermon at Limestone Camp Meeting, in Orangeburg County, S. C. In 1874 he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference and has served the following charges, as they are named in order: Berkeley Circuit, four years; St. Paul's Mission, two years; Cypress Circuit, one year; Round O, four years; Batesburg, two years; Columbia City Mission, four years; Kingstree, one year; Cokesbury, two years; Saluda, two years; Princeton, two years; Belmont, one year; Clifton and Cowpens, one year. So he tells of the work of God in his soul and his work for God wheresoever appointed. Everywhere he toiled faithfully and everywhere God has rewarded his labors. This year, 1901, he is in charge of Harleyville Circuit, in the section where he was born and where he is best loved. And he is today as full of hope, of vigor and physical energy and his bow abides in strength as in the years of youth.

Brother Vaughan is a true man, one you can depend upon, no matter where or how tested—a genuine Christian of attractive experience, a kind, helpful neighbor, a preacher endowed with common sense and clear expression, whose messages have the power of the Spirit, a pastor who deals faithfully with his people, a minister who looks after all his duty. He is Methodist to the core and yet is brotherly to all Christians.



REV. GEORGE H. WADDELL.

Rev. George Henry Waddell, son of Dr. G. H. Waddell and Mrs. Elizabeth Clough Waddell (*nee* Sims), was born February 8, 1863. In his boyhood days Brother Waddell had access to the common schools, and after the usual training in these he attended Piedmont Institute. From this institution he went to Adger College, where he remained for some time, not quite finishing the Junior year. Utilizing the abilities and advantages obtained in these school and college days, our friend has been obtaining an education ever since by the continual study of men and books.

He was licensed to preach October 19, 1884. At the session of the South Carolina Conference held in December of that year he was admitted on trial, with J. C. Yongue, M. Dargan, W. M. Duncan and W. B. Baker. His charges have been as follows: Junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, 1885; Parksville Mission, 1886; Centenary Circuit, 1887-9; Yorkville Station, 1890-1; Chester Station, 1892-4; Camden Station, 1895. At the close of his year at Camden, Brother Waddell was elected Superintendent of the Epworth Orphanage, which position he has since held.

Brother Waddell has been successful in every field to which he has been appointed, but his greatest achievement is the Epworth Orphanage. To him, more than to any other human being, South Carolina Methodism is indebted for this magnificent institution. By his untiring zeal and consecration, by his abounding faith and heroic endeavors he has brought the enterprise to success and has maintained it.

Brother Waddell is a strong preacher—and I use the term advisedly. He thinks deeply and logically, and makes you think when you hear him. His preaching is of the kind that leaves an impress upon the minds and hearts of his hearers.

He was married on May 27, 1886, to Miss Carrie Lee Boulware, of Newberry, S. C. They have five children—Elizabeth Capers, Carrie Lee, Ruth, Dorothy and Alice Straus.

REV. W. L. WAIT.

Rev. Washington Lafayette Wait, son of Mr. John T. Wait and Mrs. Rutha Wait, was born in Laurens County, S. C., January 22, 1851.

His education began in the home, his devoted mother being the teacher. It is said that he has no recollection of a time when he could not read. He knew the alphabet when only two years old. From the home training he went to Cokesbury Conference School, where he spent several years. From there he went to Wofford

College, entering the sophomore class and graduating in June, 1871.

Young Wait was converted at the age of twelve years while at Cokesbury and joined the Methodist Church. After his graduation at Wofford he was admitted to the Bar and practiced Law for about thirteen years. In this he was successful, especially as an office lawyer. Men soon learned to trust his wisdom as a lawyer and his judgment as a man.

But God had a nobler work for our friend and brother. The Divine call to preach became clear and unmistakable, so he laid down his lucrative practice and began to make special arrangements for entering the ministry. He was licensed to preach in October, 1887, by the Quarterly Conference of the Buncombe Street Church in the City of Greenville. He was received on trial into the Conference in December, 1887, R. L. Holroyd, A. B. Earle, W. E. Barre, J. W. Kilgo, W. B. Duncan, J. L. Harley, R. A. Yongue, S. T. Blackman, J. P. Attaway and J. E. Mahaffey joining at the same time.

His labors have been distributed as follows: Sumter Circuit, 1888-1890; Darlington Circuit, 1891; Spartanburg City Mission, 1892; Newberry Circuit, 1893-4; Donald's Circuit, 1895; Barnwell Circuit, 1896-7; Orangeburg Circuit, 1898; Ninety-Six Circuit, 1899-1900; Summerville Station, 1901.

In these various fields success has crowned the labors of our brother. He is a hard worker. As a preacher he is calm, clear, and convincing. As a pastor, he is diligent and sympathetic. The people know to look for him where there is trouble in the home.

Brother Wait was married on December 18, 1876, to Miss Jane Wofford, Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., officiating. This good woman has ever been a true and helpful companion to our brother. Her sweet Christian influence has ever sanctified their home-life and her heroic devotion has ever strengthened him for his arduous work.

Two children have been born unto them—B. Wofford and Rutha. Little Rutha died when only seventeen months old.



REV. ARTHUR C. WALKER, A. B.

One would expect a son of Rev. H. A. C. Walker ("Uncle Hac") to have a record worthy of the attention of the public, and such is the record of the subject of this sketch, Rev. Arthur Crawford Walker. His mother's name was Sarah E. Walker, *nee* Wightman. He was born January 4, 1851.



Being the son of a Methodist preacher, Brother Walker had access to good preparatory and intermediate schools, such as were found in the various charges served by his honored father. When the preparatory work had been done he entered Wofford College and, after four years of hard study, graduated with the degree of A. B. This, however, was only the beginning, as he has kept up his studies ever since. He was converted during his last year at Wofford College, and immediately felt and heard the Divine call to the ministry. This call was clear and unmistakable. He laid his all, including his well-trained mind, upon God's altar, and has ever been ready to serve, anywhere and any time, the blessed Lord, who did so much for him.

In December, 1875, J. W. Ariail, W. S. Martin, T. P. Phillips and the subject of this sketch joined the South Carolina Conference. Brother Walker's labors have been as follows: Chester Circuit, 1876; Fairfield Circuit, 1877; Bucksville, 1878-9; Ward's Circuit, 1880; Laurens, 1881-2; Effingham Circuit, 1883; Centenary Circuit, 1884-5; Piedmont Circuit, 1886; Greens Circuit, 1887-90; Walhalla,

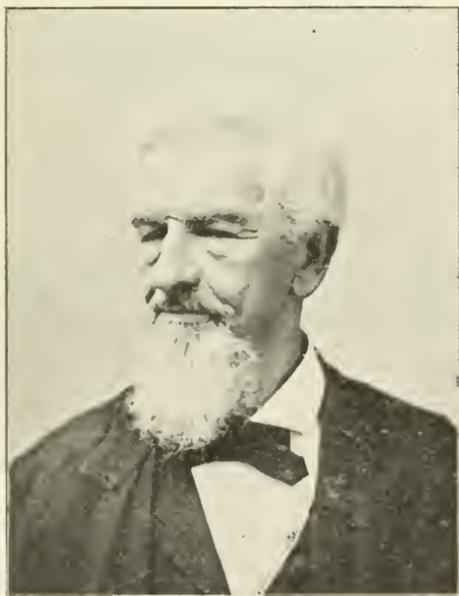
1891; Hampton Circuit, 1892-4; St. George, 1895-8; Batesburg, 1899-1900; Bishopville Station, 1901.

On January 4, 1876, he was married to Miss Virginia L. Kirkland, daughter of the sainted Rev. W. C. Kirkland, who for many years was a popular member of the South Carolina Conference. To them nine children have been born. Two of these—George Allen and James H.—died in infancy. The living are: Mary Louise, who is an A. B. graduate of the Columbia Female College; Hugh A. C., who is an A. B. graduate of Wofford College; Virginia K., who is an A. B. graduate of the Columbia Female College, and also a graduate in instrumental music of that institution; William K., Sallie W., Arthur C. and Luc G.

Brother Walker's sermons are thoroughly prepared and forcefully delivered. He is a clear thinker, and is fortunate in being able to express his ideas in clear and impressive language. He makes many friends wherever he goes, and his work abides.

REV. A. W. WALKER.

The Rev. Augustine Washington Walker, now one of "the old guard" of the Conference, is the son of Malcolm Johnston and



Harriet Bostick Walker, and was born at Lincolnton, Georgia, March 11th, 1828. He was educated at the Clarksville Academy, Georgia, and Macon High School, North Carolina. At the age of eighteen

years he read medicine, but did not graduate, though afterwards he practiced under special license. He also read law. In later years he taught school for four years, in Anderson County, S. C.

In 1847, he married Miss Mariah Talulah Richardson, a native of Laurens County, then resident in Anderson County. She was a true helpmeet till her death on January 22nd, 1892. Three children were born of this union—William Rush and George Phillips (twins) and Anna Baxter—all of whom died in infancy. An adopted son—Henry Stanhope Walker—lives in Jacksonville, Fla.

Brother Walker joined the Church and was converted in 1852, while teaching at Smith's Chapel, Anderson County. Feeling called to preach, he was licensed to exhort in 1853, and to preach a year afterwards. In 1857, he was admitted into the South Carolina Conference. His appointments were: 1858, Pickensville Circuit; 1859, Lenoir; 1860, Albemarle; 1861, Ansonville; 1862, Lancaster; 1863-4, Bishopville; 1865, supernumerary; 1866, Barnwell; 1867, Black Swamp; 1868, Aiken; 1869, Aiken and Graniteville; 1870, Conwayboro; 1871, Georgetown; 1872-3, Yorkville; 1874, Summerville; 1875, Columbia City Mission; 1876, Walhalla; 1877-8, Pickens; 1879, North Edgefield; 1880, Clinton; 1881-2-3, Goshen Hill; 1884-5-6-7, Campobella; 1888-9, Greenville Circuit; 1890, Westminster; 1891, Pickens; 1892-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-1900, superannuate. His superannuation was caused by increasing deficiency of sight and feebleness in body. In all his charges he labored faithfully and won souls to Christ, and gained friends to himself and his Lord. To-night, this is his testimony: "If the same years were before me that are behind me, I'd gladly take the same way of life again—as an humble itinerant Methodist preacher. I am still growing in grace and in the knowledge of my Lord and Savior."

Brother Walker was, in his effective days, a strong and impressive preacher. He knew Methodist doctrines and defended them ably. Exact thought and accurate expression marked his utterances, public and private. Even in age and feebleness his mind is clear and his messages have power. As a pastor, he was friendly and helpful to his people.

As a man, he is brotherly and true. No man can assail unanswered any friend of his. In all things he is independent, does his own thinking and speaks his own thoughts in any company—a man to be relied upon.

He is now very feeble, and can hardly see at all. In October a slight stroke of paralysis increased his disability. But in all, he is cheerful with men and holds absolute confidence towards God. He speaks of the end of life without a shadow of doubt. He simply leaves all to God—whether it be to live or to depart and be alive forevermore.

REV. GEO. W. WALKER, D. D.

We have no truer man than the one who forms the subject of this sketch, Rev. George Williams Walker. He was born February 11, 1848, and is the son of the late Rev. H. A. C. Walker, who was for many years one of the most prominent and highly honored members



of the South Carolina Conference. The place of his birth was Augusta, Ga.

Having had thorough primary and preparatory training in the schools of the day, he entered Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and graduated from that institution in June, 1869, receiving the A. B. degree. In 1874 he took his A. M. degree from Wofford, and the same institution honored him and herself in 1896 by conferring upon him the honorary title of *Doctor Divinitatis*. No man ever more modestly wore these titles than does George Williams Walker. They do not add anything to his worth, but are fitting recognitions of his merit. They do not adorn either his life or labors, but are evidences of the high esteem in which he is held by those best qualified to judge of his ability.

After his graduation, Brother Walker engaged in teaching for several years. He taught near Shelbyville, Ky., from 1869 to 1870. Then with Capt. J. B. Patrick at Greenville, S. C., from 1870 to 1873.

December, 1873, Brother Walker, with L. F. Beaty, J. E. Carlisle, William H. Kirton, I. J. Newberry, M. H. Pooser and John O.

Willson, joined the South Carolina Conference, since which time he has served as follows: Junior preacher on Greenwood Circuit, 1874; junior preacher on Chester Circuit, 1875; Winnsboro, 1876-April, 1877, when he was appointed to Bethel, Charleston, to fill vacancy caused by the death of Dr. W. H. Fleming; Darlington, 1878-9; transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference and stationed at Lexington, 1880-1; transferred back to South Carolina and stationed at Summerville, 1882; Darlington, 1883; professor at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., 1884-5. In 1885 Doctor Walker was elected to the Presidency of Paine Institute, which position he still holds, and fills with great acceptability. His most self-sacrificing and undying labors have been rendered at Paine Institute. The opposition of many and the coolness and indifference of others manifested toward Doctor Walker when he first accepted this position made necessary the hero's courage and the martyr's consecration. These our good brother had, so he held his place. The brighter day has dawned, and we are beginning to realize that there is no consistency in "canonizing the man who goes to Africa to preach the Gospel to the natives and ostracising the one who stays at home to preach and teach for the same people here." The Church is slowly but surely coming to the aid of this great work, and there are being sent from this school well trained Negro teachers and preachers, who will do much toward solving the difficult race problem. The old barn in which the school was started, and which has been repaired from time to time, has given place to the magnificent "Haygood Memorial Building." When the future historian comes to record the names of those who have helped to solve one of the most difficult problems of the ages, surely the name of George Williams Walker will hold an honored place.



REV. T. E. WANNAMAKER.

Rev. T. E. Wannamaker was born in Orangeburg County, Oct. 13th, 1827. Until his seventeenth year he attended school in the city of Orangeburg and was fortunate to have as his teacher for two years that distinguished scholar, George Frederick Holmes, after-



ward for many years professor in the University of Virginia. After leaving Mr. Holmes, he spent one year at the Cokesbury Conference School, of which the late Prof. Matthew J. Williams was Rector. He entered the South Carolina College October, 1846, and graduated with distinction December, 1849. Immediately after graduation, at the suggestion of the late Bishop Wightman, who was then Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Cokesbury Conference School, he was elected to and accepted the professorship of Latin and Greek in that institution. He was afterwards principal of Laurensville High School, and later professor in Masonic Female College, at Cokesbury, Abbeville County. In 1858 he applied for admittance into the South Carolina Conference, but being at that Conference elected to a professorship of the Columbia Female College, at the suggestion of friends he withdrew his application and accepted that position. After the closing of this institution in 1865, Mr. Wannamaker taught a private school in his native county till his admittance into the South Carolina Conference, in 1868.

Mr. Wannamaker was licensed to preach in 1854, and was a local preacher, having appointments for almost every Sabbath until he became a regular itinerant.

Mr. Wannamaker was married Sept. 2nd, 1850, to Miss Sarah Ann Boyd, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. R. J. Boyd, of the South Carolina Conference. Eleven children were the fruit of this union, of whom eight survive. The surviving sons are Dr. Theodore E. Wannamaker, of Cheraw, S. C., Mr. Thomas Heber and Dr. Edward J. Wannamaker, of Columbia, and Capt. William W. Wannamaker, of Orangeburg, S. C. The surviving daughters are Mrs. Sarah Boyd Keller, Mrs. Rosa G. Hudgins and Mrs. Mary E. Bates. The charges served in the Conference are as follows: Upper St. Matthews Circuit, Bethel Church, Charleston; Allendale Circuit, Charleston District, Bamberg Circuit, Upper St. Matthews Circuit, Bennettsville Station, Chester Station, Sumter Station, Santee Circuit. For several years Mr. Wannamaker was a supernumerary. In 1899, feeling that the disabilities of age would bar his ever taking active work again, he asked for and was granted a superannuated relation.

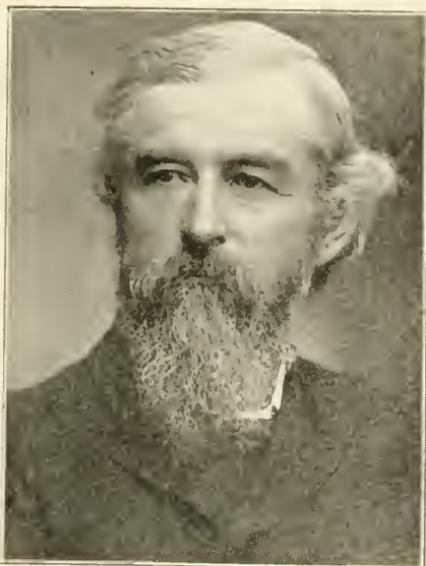
During his active ministry, Mr. Wannamaker was one of our most acceptable and successful pastors. He was a diligent student. His sermons were thoroughly prepared and well delivered. Some of his most intelligent hearers expressed the hope of having his sermons printed. Such a volume would be highly prized. His active labors are over, but his long life of usefulness will continue to bear fruit when he shall have passed over the river.

His home is now in his native city of Orangeburg, where, though the friends of his early days have all "passed over the river," yet amidst the scenes of his youth and among numerous relatives and later friends, he hopes to spend, as happily as may be, the evening of his days.



REV. ARTEMAS BRIGGS WATSON.

The Rev. Artemas Briggs Watson, son of James D. and Myra L. Watson, was born December 16th, 1846, in Edgefield County, four miles north of Ridge Springs. He attended the Military school conducted at Anderson Court House by Capt. Thomas Hall. From



there he went to Colonel Tew's Military school at Hillsboro, N. C. While there he joined the company of cadets that offered its services to Gen Beauregard who declined to receive the young patriots advising them to return to school as they were too young for active service. About that time he was appointed to the South Carolina Military Academy and was there when the Confederate war ended and the institution was closed.

He joined the church and was converted under the ministry of Rev. Abram Nettles at Old Providence on Cloud's Creek, Edgefield County, August 22nd, 1870. He was a working and earnest Christian from the first and served as superintendent of a Sunday School for seventeen years. He was also a most effective exhorter for a number of years. Called to preach, he was licensed and rendered faithful service as a local preacher. On November 20th, 1889, he joined the South Carolina Conference and was sent to Edgefield Court House where he remained four years. During this pastorate he built the beautiful brick church which is such an ornament to that town. His next appointment was Greenwood where he served two

years and the three years following he was on the Santee Circuit. Here he completed the Packsville church and built Pinewood church, a beautiful building and a monument to the liberality of the small congregation there. In 1898 he served Pendleton Circuit and Clemson College. His appointment the present year (1900) is Mullins Circuit. In all of his charges the fruits of his ministry appear both in the spiritual and material matters.

On Jan. 6th, 1866, he married Catherine Amanda Bates, daughter of Capt. Thomas Bates; after her death he married Angelina Rachael Wannamaker, daughter of Dr. W. W. Wannamaker of St. Matthews, S. C. After her death he married Amelia Bonneau Wightman, daughter of Rev. Jas. W. Wightman, on Aug. 25th, 1885. Of his first marriage there was but one child, Andrew. Of the second, there were seven, Keitt, Whitfield William, Artemas Briggs, Frank, Henry Shorter, Adele and Myra Watson. Of his third union there are three, Wightman, George and Daisy. He has lost but one child, an infant by his second wife, Bates Watson.

Brother Watson is an excellent preacher, his sermons are well prepared, his thought fresh and striking, his language pure and vigorous, his delivery direct and earnest. All sorts and conditions of people, lettered and unlettered, are necessarily impressed by the Word as he speaks it. Besides, he preaches with an unction from the Holy One. As a pastor he is faithful, and as his earlier years were spent in secular life, his counsel is not only valuable in spiritual things but with reference to the ordinary affairs of life as well. Manly and frank he draws men to him and leads them by his friendly sympathy to the Friend of Friends.



REV. E. O. WATSON.

Rev. Emory Olin Watson was born August 5th, 1865, at the Richie homestead, in Newberry County, and has been in the itinerant ranks from that date—his father, Rev. J. E. Watson, being at that time and for many years thereafter, a member of the South Carolina Con-



ference. His mother was Miss N. Lavinia Richie. His name indicates Methodist ancestry. His parsonage-home insured Methodist training. The result is a life which honors both his ancestry and his training. His education was almost exclusively directed by his father, who was a most skillful teacher.

He began life as a teacher and was associated with his father in that work at Leesville, S. C., for several years previous to his admission to the Conference. He joined the church in Rock Hill in 1873. Fighting the conviction that it was his duty to preach the Gospel caused a serious divergence from the path of righteousness. Having taken the course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, he opened a similar department in the Leesville English and Classical Institute. Immediate success, with flattering prospects of still greater success, only strengthened the bonds which bound him to the world and caused the work of the pastorate to appear less attractive and more burdensome. But his parents believed God and did not cease to pray for their well-beloved son. Nor was their trust shaken by his wandering from the path of duty.

In September, 1885, Rev. J. Walter Dickson, pastor of Saluda Circuit, assisted Rev. Jno. S. Mattison, pastor of Leesville Circuit, in a series of special services at Leesville. During that meeting a shaft from the quiver of truth found its way to the heart of Olin Watson and he who went to the service simply from respect remained as an humble penitent seeking the forgiveness of his sins. He left the church unsatisfied. Afterward, he retired to a grove, some distance from any dwelling, with the determination to stay there until he found the "pearl of great price." Such determination soon brought the treasure which he was so earnestly seeking, and on the 15th of September he made a public profession of his faith. On the 10th of October he received license to preach, Dr. A. Coke Smith being his presiding elder. On the next day he preached his first sermon at Concord, where he received his license, and on the 10th of December he was admitted into the South Carolina Conference, which met at Columbia.

On November 10th, 1886, he was married to Miss Mattie West, of Leesville, S. C. Eight children have blessed this union: Annie, John Emory, Mattie Lena, Vinnie Wait, Olin, Pierce, Elliott, Besste Lucile.

He has served the following charges: Bennettsville Circuit, junior preacher, 1886; Wedgefield, 1887-88; Lynchburg, 1889-90; Rock Hill, 1891-92; Bennettsville, 1893-5; Orangeburg, 1896-99 (a new church was erected during his pastorate here); Bethel, Charleston, 1900-01.

He served as assistant secretary of the South Carolina Conference from 1889 to 1892. At the Conference held in Sumter, December 6th, 1893, he was elected to the position of secretary in which office his work will compare favorably with that of any of his distinguished predecessors.

He served the I. O. G. T. as Grand Chief Templar, 1892-94.

In 1899 he was elected president of the South Carolina Conference Epworth League, which office he now holds.

His pulpit ministrations evidence diligent study and careful preparation combined with an ardent faith in the Gospel's saving, up-lifting power.



REV. GEORGE PIERCE WATSON.

George Pierce Watson, second son of Alpheus T. Watson and Hannah F. Watson, *nee* Herbert, was born at Cokesbury, S. C., July 14, 1861. When he was but four years old both his parents died leaving him to the care of his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Permelia



Wright Watson. She was a woman of remarkable character and power and reared the boy under strictest discipline and after the strictest principles of old-fashioned Methodism, often to the displeasure of the boy but to the lasting gratitude of the man, who will never cease to render grateful homage to the memory of the saintly and sainted woman who moulded his life for the glory of God.

His lot from childhood was not easy. He had no time under the strict discipline of his boyhood for idling in life's rose gardens, but early learned that life is real and earnest, and developed heroic traits that have been the stay and stimulus of his life to this day.

His educational training was received first at Cokesbury under such teachers as Geo. H. Round and Joseph P. Pritchard. He made a remarkable record for scholarship and continued his studies under Prof. Pritchard beyond the regular course of the school. Coming to his young manhood he throttled a conviction he had that he should preach the Gospel and began the study of medicine. Without means or wealthy friends it was a dreary prospect of work and study to fit

himself for the practice of his chosen profession, yet he applied himself heroically to it. His action in deciding against his conviction of duty for the practice of medicine resulted in his wandering far from God, but in the summer of 1881, while engaged upon the farm of his uncle, W. I. Herbert, Esq., in Newberry County, he attended a camp-meeting near by and was there graciously reclaimed and surrendered to his conviction of duty. Shortly afterward, however, Satan tempted him to believe that his conviction of a call to the ministry was merely a test and that it was not necessary for him to comply. He for a while accepted the suggestion, but the Spirit of God would not let him rest. He soon realized the imperative nature of the call of God to which he fully yielded, nevermore to question or look back.

Having fully determined to obey the call of God, he accepted the invitation extended him to study in the home and under the direction of his uncle, Rev. J. Emory Watson, then at Lewiedale, S. C., and for two years he pursued his studies under the direction of this master teacher, first at Lewiedale and later at the Leesville English and Classical Institute, of which his uncle had charge. In this way he covered in a thorough and practical way most of the requirements of a full college course.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Sumter, S. C., December, 1883, and was appointed to the Leesville charge, which he served for one year. Here he met Miss Carrie L. Spann, to whom he was married, February 26, 1885. One child, Carrie Louise, has blessed their union and is the light of their home and the hope of their hearts. The pastoral charges served during his connection with the Conference are: Leesville, 1884; Winnsboro Circuit, 1885-88; Orangeburg Station, 1889-92; Anderson Station, 1893-96; Summerville Station, 1897-1900. At the last Conference session he was appointed to St. George Station.

G. P. Watson is a man of rare talents. Naturally endowed with a fine order of mind, training and study have made him strong in thought. Possessed of unusual elocutionary talent, made second nature by cultivation, he delivers his thought attractively, forcefully and eloquently. Genial in nature, sunshiny in soul, sympathetic in heart—a man of tact and judgment—he is a beloved pastor and successful preacher in every line of true success. He is preeminently a four years' man and leaves every charge he serves with the people heartily loving him and wishing that the law of the Church would allow him to continue always with them.

REV. J. F. WAY.

Rev. Julius Franklin Way, son of Mr. Pinckney C. Way, and Mrs. Catherine A. Way, was born June 3, 1868.

After the customary training in the primary studies, he attended Holly Hill Academy, Holly Hill, S. C., where he was prepared for college. He intended entering Wofford College, but was providentially hindered. Disappointed in this, he attended Moore's Business University, graduating therefrom June, 1887. He then went into the mercantile business in the employment of his father.

While engaged in business with his father at Holly Hill, S. C., he realized the divine call to the ministry. He was licensed to preach by the First Quarterly Conference of the Providence Circuit for 1891, Rev. J. Walter Dickson being the Presiding Elder and Rev. D. D. Dantzler the pastor.

Brother Way, with John G. Beckwith, Chesley C. Herbert, George C. Leonard, Benjamin M. Robertson and Henry Stokes, joined the South Carolina Conference at Rock Hill, S. C., December, 1895. Since joining, his labors have been distributed as follows: Conway Circuit, 1896; Bucksville Circuit, 1897-8; McClellanville Circuit, 1899-1900; Phenix Circuit, 1901.

Our brother has been successful in these charges—in some quite so. The McClellanville Circuit made splendid progress under his administration. He is an exceedingly modest man, and quietly goes about doing his work. His preaching is effective in the conviction of sinners and the strengthening of believers. He zealously looks after the various interests of the Church. His people soon learn that they have in him a sympathetic pastor.

On June 25, 1890, Brother Way was married by Rev. J. Marion Boyd to Miss Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Browning, of Glendale, S. C. This union has been blessed with the following children: Stephen Marion, Rupert Pinckney and Beulah Browning.



REV. SAMUEL ADAM WEBER, D. D.

Rev. Samuel Adam Weber, D. D., son of John and Anne Lander Weber, was born in Iredell County, North Carolina, on the 19th day of January, 1838. He was converted in early life, joining the Methodist Church at Shelby, North Carolina, under the ministry of Rev. Jacob L. Shuford.



While the subject of this sketch was quite a boy his parents became very much interested in his education. This deep solicitude on their part soon led to placing the boy where he might, at least, obtain a practical education. The boy soon developed a deep longing for a larger and better equipment for life's great duties. He graduated from Wofford College in the year 1859, receiving the degree of A. B., and received the A. M. degree in the year 1862.

In the year 1859, the year of his graduation, he was licensed to preach, the Rev. H. A. C. Walker being his Presiding Elder.

On November 30, 1861, he married Miss Sarah Alston Langdon. To them were born three children—two boys and a girl. The first, Rev. John L. Weber, is now a prominent member of the Holston Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The next, Prof. W. M. Weber, is a popular member of the Faculty of Emory College, Oxford, Ga. The daughter, Lilian Alston, is the wife of Mr. Leland Moore, a successful business man in the city of Charleston. Mrs. Weber died on March 29th, 1897.

In 1862 he applied for admission on trial into the South Carolina Annual Conference, and was accepted, Bishop John Early, D. D., being President. After the two years of trial, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop George Foster Pierce, D. D., and was admitted into full membership. At the end of his fourth year he was ordained Elder by Bishop W. M. Wightman, D. D. His first year was spent as junior preacher at Union, S. C. For the next two years (1863-4) he was stationed at Pacolet, S. C., after which he was professor in Davenport Female College, Lenoir, N. C. Returning to the pastorate, he served such important charges as Anderson, Greenville, Bishopville, Union, and Williamston—all in South Carolina. While stationed at Williamston he was also professor in the Williamston Female College. While stationed at Orangeburg he was appointed, in August, 1878, assistant editor of *The Southern Christian Advocate*. In the fall of this year he was elected editor of the above mentioned paper, in which capacity he served faithfully and acceptably for a term of four years. He then served as pastor at Abbeville, Union, Aiken, Winnsboro, Yorkville, and Lancaster. It was during his pastorate at Yorkville (1892) that Emory College, Oxford, Ga., conferred upon him the honorary degree of *Doctor Divinitatis*. In the fall of 1897 he was again appointed assistant editor of *The Southern Christian Advocate*.

The Doctor has been held in high esteem by his brethren and has been repeatedly honored by them by election to places of trust and usefulness. He was sent as delegate from South Carolina to the General Conferences of 1886, 1894 and 1898. He was also a member of the famous Centenary (Christmas) Conference held in Baltimore in December, 1884. He is now, and has been for many years, a trustee of Wofford College, his *alma mater*.

The Doctor is a man of deep spirituality, leaving the impress of a Christly character upon all with whom he comes in contact. Those who know him intimately feel that it is indeed a benediction to come within the range of his influence. He is pleasant and, at times, jovial, yet ever remembering that he is a representative of his Lord and Master and governing his deportment accordingly.

As a preacher he is scriptural and logical, ever presenting from a clear interpretation of the Word and from a rich experience of grace, the most precious truths of the Gospel. He delights to preach on the sweetness of the Gospel of that Christ who is so dear to his own soul.

On December 27, 1899, Doctor Weber was happily married to Mrs. Camilla Jefferys, widow of the late Thomas S. Jefferys, of Yorkville, S. C.

REV. P. B. WELLS.

The Rev. Preston Bookter Wells, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Wells, is a son of the itinerancy and one of the most gifted. He was born at Laurens, S. C., May 21st, 1872, and joined the church in early life.

The preparatory schools he attended were decided by the pastorates served by his father. He graduated at Wofford College in June, 1894, and took the A. M. degree in 1895. During his college course he not only attended to his own studies, but helped a blind classmate, by reading to him the books of the course the two were taking.

Shortly after his graduation he was profoundly concerned with reference to a call to preach and finally felt it his duty so to do. He was licensed and entered Conference in November, 1894. His lamented father was in failing health and our young brother was made his junior on the Buncombe Street Station at Greenville. Dr. Wells died in less than a week after reaching his new charge and the entire responsibility of the work fell upon his son. The writer was a member of his congregation and it is praise enough to say that in the pulpit and in the pastorate the young preacher measured up to all the demands upon him. His other appointments have been as follows: Blenheim, 1896-98; Manning Station, 1899 to 1900.

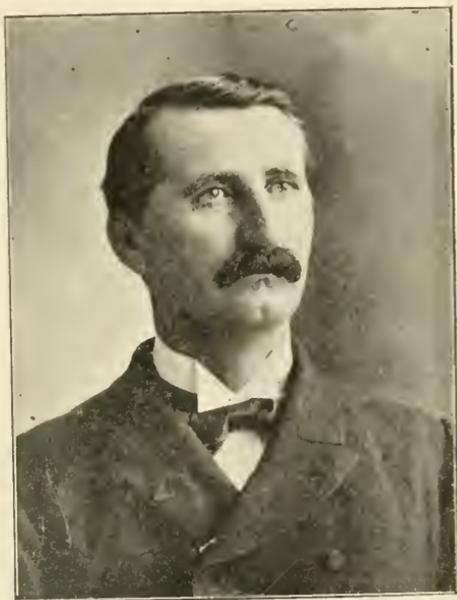
On October 2nd, 1895, he married Miss Chick Wallace, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Wallace of Greenville. A precious little daughter brightened his home and then was transplanted to that above, still abiding also in his heart.

Brother Wells is a man of pleasant, friendly spirit, a successful and gifted preacher, a sincere Christian and earnest pastor. Wherever he goes he wins all hearts and work prospers in all respects. The mantle of his father rests upon him and the blessing of God attends him.

Without neglecting in any way the duties of his pastorate and the studies incident thereto, he has made a venture into authorship and has issued a book called "Bernice and the Christ." Without the opportunity of seeing the volume, it is safe to say that if it be not good reading it is unlike all other work of the author.

REV. W. B. WHARTON.

Whitfield Brooks Wharton was born near Waterloo, in Laurens County, S. C., on the 11th of October, 1858. He is the fourth child and second son of John and Jane A. Wharton. His father died during the Civil War, while the subject of this sketch was a small



boy; his mother still lives at the old homestead where he was born and reared. To her influence and early training, more than to any other human agency, he attributes his salvation. He attended the common schools of his community, and in 1876 was a student in the high school at Mt. Gallagher, Laurens County.

In the latter part of the year 1875, during a revival meeting conducted by Rev. W. H. Ariail, of the South Carolina Conference, then a junior preacher on the old Laurens Circuit, he was genuinely converted to God, and felt immediately thereafter a call to the ministry. He did not treat this call lightly, but, after serious reflection, he shrank from the responsibility, and finally determined that he would not attempt to preach. But he could never throw off the conviction of the Divine call.

On the first of November, 1877, he was married to Miss Mattie J. Puckett, who grew up in the same community where he was reared. Three of the children born of this union are living—Marvin Talmage, Jennie Louise and Whitfield Carlisle. After his marriage he engaged in farming and merchandising, which business pursuits he

followed until the latter part of the year 1888, when he sold his mercantile interests, and, in February, 1889, entered Wofford College to prepare for the ministry, graduating with the class of 1892.

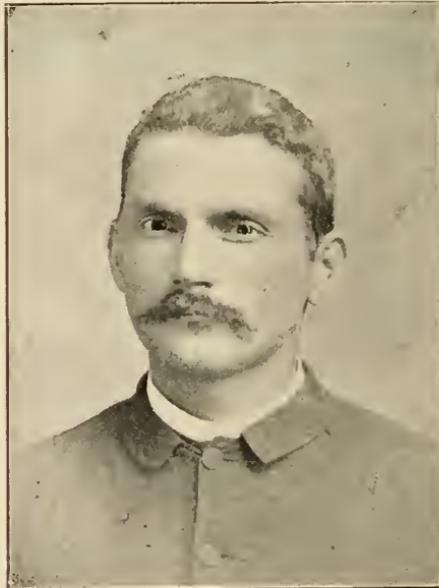
While at Wofford he was known to the student body as "Uncle Whit," by which title he is called by a number of the boys until today.

He joined the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Charleston, in November, 1892, and was appointed by Bishop E. R. Hendrix to the Greenwood Circuit (now Verdery Circuit), which charge he served for four years. At the end of the term on this circuit he was appointed by Bishop J. C. Granbery to the Donalds Circuit, where he is now serving his fourth year.

Mr. Wharton's record shows that he has lasting qualities, having remained four years on each charge served to date. He belongs to that large and growing number of young men in the Conference who give promise of a long, useful and successful ministry.

REV. G. R. WHITAKER.

In the suburbs of the City of Anderson, S. C., on August 14, 1856, the subject of this sketch, Rev. George Robert Whitaker, was born.



He is the son of Mr. David S. and Clarisa Whitaker. His mother's maiden name was Pruitt.

During his school days, Brother Whitaker had good educational advantages, taking the usual preparatory steps in the schools of Anderson and Laurens Counties. He then spent about a year and a half at the Cokesbury Conference school and about the same amount of time at Wofford College.

He felt in childhood that the Lord wanted him to preach the Gospel and this conviction grew deeper and deeper until, at the age of twenty-five years, he surrendered himself to the service of his blessed Master. When about eleven years old, he joined the church and was converted about a year later.

Brother Whitaker joined the South Carolina Conference December, 1883, with James E. Grier, B. M. Grier, S. J. Bethea, D. P. Boyd, G. P. Watson and W. W. Daniel.

The following list of places and dates will show where and when he labored: Junior preacher on Newberry Circuit with Rev. Manning Brown, 1884; Johnsonville Circuit, with Rev. Landy Wood as senior preacher, 1885; Bloomingvale, 1886; Hardeeville Circuit, 1887-8; Berkeley Circuit, 1889-90; Clyde Circuit, 1891-2; Waccamaw Circuit, 1893-5; Centenary Circuit, 1896-9; New Zion Circuit, 1900-1.

Brother Whitaker was married near Grahamville, S. C., December 6, 1888, to Miss Julia Imogene Hallford. Five children have been born to them: Clarissa, born September 5, 1889; Julia, born December 24, 1890, and died May 27, 1892; Inez, born February 3, 1892; Travis, born July 6, 1897; Lorenzo, born January 24, 1899.

Our good brother has not sounded a trumpet as he went forth, but in his own quiet and modest way he has gone on faithfully performing the duties devolving upon him. Some day the Master will say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant." During his ministerial career he has led many souls to Christ and has made many warm friends who are expecting even greater successes from him yet.



REV. JOHN ANDREW WHITE.

John Andrew White was born in Anderson County, S. C., Nov. 27, 1865. He was the eldest child of A. Frank and Harriet J. White. He was blessed in having Christian parents, who endeavored to train their children up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."



The subject of this sketch attributes his conversion to the prayers of his mother, who realized that she must shortly go hence, and asked God that she might realize that her son was a Christian before she was taken from him. This request was granted about six months before the mother passed away from earth. He was eleven years old when his mother departed this life. The loss he sustained was keenly felt. While she is passed away, her influence abides, and is still manifesting its power in the life of this itinerant preacher to-day.

He was married Oct. 14, 1890, to Miss Fannie L. Jaynes, of Oconee County, S. C., who has proven to be a helpmeet indeed. Unto them have been born four children, who are living, respectively, Robert H., Vera J., John Elmer and Wilbur D. White.

His education was received in the common schools of Anderson County, two years at Toccoa, Ga., and two years at the Easley High School, in Pickens County, S. C.

He was converted and joined the Church in 1876; was licensed to exhort in January, 1887, and licensed to preach in October, 1888.

He joined the South Carolina Conference in November, 1889, at Camden, S. C., and was at that Conference transferred to the Florida Conference, where he received his first pastoral appointment—Carrabelle—which he served two years—1890-1891. During his pastorate in this charge many were converted and added to the Church. A handsome church was built and the building of a parsonage was begun. His second pastoral charge was McCenny Circuit, 1892. During this year revival influences were felt throughout the circuit. At the end of this Conference year he was transferred back to the South Carolina Conference, and was appointed to the Hartsville Circuit for 1893, a year noted for revivals in that charge. He served the South Florence Circuit for four years—1894-1897. These were years in which the blessings of God were peculiarly manifested in that circuit. He was pastor of the Lanes Circuit in 1898, during which time Gourdin's Church was built. There were material and spiritual advances made on this charge during that year. He was assigned to Georgetown Circuit for 1899, 1900 and 1901, which charge he is now serving. A splendid parsonage has been built and other improvements are manifest.

Brother White is a splendid preacher, a diligent pastor and zealous worker. His work tells. The people love him and he exerts a strong influence wherever he labors.



REV. T. J. WHITE.

Rev. Thomas James White, son of Rev. Lemuel Asbury White and Mrs. Salina H. White, was born July 24, 1866. He had access to the usual schools of the County and attended these until he was about sixteen years old. He then went to Wofford College for two years.



After these two years at Wofford, he remained at home, earning the money with which to complete his education. Just as he was preparing to return to college his father died, leaving our young friend to care for his mother and other children. In 1891, he made another effort and returned to college, taking up his studies where he had left off previously. Circumstances were such, however, that he was compelled to return home after one session, thus being unable to complete his college course.

Brother White was converted at a prayer meeting in Wofford College in the spring of 1884. He then and there felt divinely called to preach. His struggles for an education and the care of his mother and his brothers and sisters prevented his yielding immediately, but in 1891 he put himself at the disposal of God and began the work. Since entering the Conference, he has been a diligent student, trying to better prepare himself for his life work. He is now taking courses of study with Wofford College looking to the A. M. degree.

After leaving Wofford College in 1892, Brother White was employed as junior preacher on the Wedgefield Circuit, Rev. J. C.

Chandler being the preacher in charge. In November, 1892, he was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, E. H. Beckham, G. F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. Palmer Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, John N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins joining with him. He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Wedgefield Circuit, 1893; Sumter Circuit, 1894-5; Richland Circuit, 1896-9; Greenville Circuit, 1900-1901.

On December 6, 1892, Brother White was married to Miss Minnie L. Britton, daughter of Dr. C. S. Britton, of Sumter County, S. C. Of this union four children have been born—Penelope May, Annie Lucile, Charles Lemuel, and an infant not yet named.

Our good brother is a faithful, consecrated pastor and preacher. His labors have the divine approval manifested in the upbuilding of the work and in the salvation of souls. He has but one purpose—to glorify God in earnest labors for men.



REV. CASPER E. WIGGINS.

His earthly existence began in Orangeburg County, S. C., on May 28, 1829. His advantages, as a boy, for an education were limited, but he acquired much knowledge, and is regarded as one of our best informed men.

He entered the South Carolina Conference in 1854 and after four years located, but reentered the itinerancy in 1870 and spent fourteen years in the Holston Conference. He transferred to the South Carolina Conference in 1884 and took regular work until 1897, when he felt compelled to surrender and ask for a superannuated relation.

On June 18, 1857, he was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth, the eldest child of Rev. Lemuel A. Grier, of Georgetown County, S. C. To them were born nine children, viz.: Sarah Elizabeth, Mary Elma, William Edward, Lula Ella, Willie Eldridge, James Eugene, Charles Everett, Maggie Eulalie and Lemuel Edgar. Two of these died in infancy, two others just as they heard the call to mature years. Five remain: one of whom, William Edward, is an itinerant Methodist preacher, and another the wife of an itinerant—Rev. R. L. Holroyd.

His entire active ministerial life was spent in Circuit work, and during one pastorate of two years he received 400 persons into the Church.

His closing days are being spent in Hampton County, S. C., where he has a son and a daughter.

During his active ministry, Brother Wiggins was a strong preacher. His style of preaching was not ornate and flowery, but plain and practical—the kind that is most helpful, permanently, to the hearer.

One characteristic of Brother Wiggins is his cheerfulness. He has never grown old and will never grow old. His jovial spirit and happy way of relating an anecdote render him pleasant and companionable in the social circle.

This faithful itinerant has been instrumental in leading many souls to Christ, some of whom have gone on before and are waiting to welcome him to the home beyond.



REV. N. L. WIGGINS, A. B.

Nathan Lucas Wiggins, son of George P. and Emma Wiggins, was born at Webster, Sumter County, Fla., July 28, 1871. He spent the early part of his life, up to the age of 18, on the farm. He was converted May 31, 1889, having joined the Church some years before.



In September, 1889, he entered the Freshman class at Emory College, graduating with the A. B. degree June 14, 1893. It was during his Junior year at Emory that, much to his discomfiture, he felt called of God to preach the Gospel of His Son. He was licensed to preach April 23, 1892, and preached his first sermon at Midway, Ga.

He joined the Florida Conference at its session in January, 1894, and was appointed to Cocomanut Grove. Before entering upon his pastoral duties he went to Florence, S. C., where he was united in marriage with Mrs. Julia Wayne Bethea, January 28, 1894. They went at once to their work on the southeastern coast of Florida. The very great difference in climate caused his wife to lose her health in a few months after her arrival in the "Land of Flowers." On this account he was compelled to abandon the work about the middle of July. At the next session of Conference he was appointed to Duval, near Jacksonville. After this he served successively St. Augustine, Midway and Waukeenah. During all these years the health of his wife grew steadily worse until 1898, when, following the advice of his physician, he secured a transfer to the South Caro-

lina Conference, and was appointed to Loris, which charge he is now serving.

He has two little daughters—Candler and Julia Ray—aged respectively 4 and 2.

REV. W. E. WIGGINS.

Rev. William Eldridge Wiggins, son of Rev. Casper E. Wiggins and Mrs. M. E. Wiggins, was born August 12, 1868. He comes of good Methodist stock, his honored father being a popular member of the Conference and his devoted mother being a loyal Methodist



and a good Christian woman. After receiving the usual common school training, young Wiggins matriculated at the West Virginia State Normal School, where he spent two years. He afterwards spent one year at Wofford College. By a diligent use of these opportunities, he obtained a good educational training and was thus enabled to lay a good foundation for his life work.

From almost his earliest recollections, Brother Wiggins had an impression that he would be called to preach. This impression became more and more definite as the years passed, until he became conscious that to resist would be at the peril of his soul. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the East Chester

Circuit held November 1, 1890, Rev. A. M. Chreitzberg, D. D., being the Presiding Elder.

He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in November, 1892, with E. H. Beckham, George F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. P. Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, John N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. Melvin McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White and W. B. Wharton.

He has served as follows: Berkeley Circuit, 1893; Boiling Springs Circuit, 1894-5; Edisto Circuit, 1896; Orange Circuit, 1897; New Zion Circuit, 1898-9; Easley and Bethesda, 1900-1901.

Brother Wiggins was married on June 7, 1893, to Miss Vivia Parker, of Holly Hill, S. C. They have three children living—Maggie Eulalie, Charles Everett and Alma Lawton.

Our young friend is an excellent young man, a faithful pastor and good preacher. His work is owned of the Lord and many are led to Christ by him.



REV. ELI A. WILKES.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Eli Alston Wilkes, was born in Chester County, Aug. 17, 1861. His father was E. Cornwell Wilkes, of the same county; his mother was Miss Mary Lou Hawthorne, of Fairfield. The father, a Confederate soldier, died near Harrisburg,



Va., just after the Battle of Gettysburg, in 1863, aged 27. His mother married again in 1866 to Col. Richard Woods, of Chester County, on Broad River. There young Wilkes grew up. His early education was such as could be gotten in the neighborhood schools. At the age of fourteen, in the fall of 1875, he entered the high school of Col. Jno. B. Patrick, at Greenville, S. C. There he prepared for Furman University, which he entered in 1877. Here he stayed one year; then went to Washington and Lee University, where he studied law nearly one year. Then he continued the study of law in the office of Maj. B. F. Whitner, at Greenville, S. C., for two years. He then went to the University of North Carolina, where he spent two years, leaving on account of the illness of his step-father, who was smitten with paralysis.

From 1884 to 1887 he taught school in his native county. He was married in 1887 to Miss Mattie L. Byars. Six children have been born to them, viz.: Marvin M., Roy W., Guy W., Nannie Lou, Irene Tona. One is dead—Maggie Belle.

Brother Wilkes has come of Methodist parentage. He joined the Church in 1875. He was converted then, and felt called to preach at Greenville, while under the ministry of Dr. A. Coke Smith. This he resisted, and woefully backslid. He continued in this state till 1887, when he repented of his sins and was restored to God's favor. Again he felt called to preach, to which he yielded, and was licensed in August, 1888, at Capers Chapel, Chester Circuit, J. B. Traywick, preacher in charge; Dr. A. M. Chrietzberg, Presiding Elder. He joined the Conference at Winnsboro, in November, 1888, and has served the following works: McCormick, Kinards, Greenville, Parksville, Lamar, South Branchville and Orange.

In June, 1899, he began publishing and editing a religious weekly, "The Circuit Rider," which seems launched on a prosperous career.

Brother Wilkes is a typical Methodist preacher. He truly belongs to the rank and file of these worthies. Proud of his calling, he magnifies his office. Cheerful, brainy, sympathetic and versatile, he would make his mark anywhere. Above all his other endowments, he has the grace of God in his heart, knows it and enjoys it. Religion is a great verity to him. As a preacher, he is concise, strong, interesting; as a writer, he is *sui generis*, putting in the most unexpected things in the most unexpected way, but always to the point, and never writing a dull line.

May God grant our friend and brother long life, and crown it with glorious success.



REV. W. W. WILLIAMS.

William Wesley Williams, fourth son and seventh child of John Pritchett and Nancy Williams, was born in Richland County, S. C., July 24th, 1848. His father was of Welsh ancestry, while his mother, whose maiden name was Leitner, was of German extraction.



The writer has known Brother Williams nearly all of his life, and hence is prepared to write intelligently of him as a boy, a young business man, a teacher, a Church officer and minister of the Gospel.

Early in the childhood of the subject of this sketch his parents moved to Columbia that they might be in reach of better educational facilities for their children, and it was in the common and high schools of Columbia that he received his education, which, however, was interfered with by the war between the States.

In the autumn of 1865 he entered mercantile life, in which he continued, with an intermission of one year, which was used in preparing himself for greater proficiency in the counting room, until his admission into the Conference at Greenville in December, 1874.

Brother Williams joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. John W. North and was converted under the ministry of Rev. W. W. Mood, in Marion Street Station, Columbia, and when licensed to preach was a member of the Board of Stewards and a teacher in

the Sunday School. His first appointment (1875) was to Darlington Circuit, with Rev. L. M. Hamer as senior.

In 1876 he was appointed to Kershaw Circuit, but in adjustments of work after Conference he was transferred to Blackstock Circuit and Mission, having served only one month on Kershaw Circuit; 1877, he was sent to East Chester Circuit, with Rev. John W. Kelly as senior; 1878, Lancaster Station; 1879, Columbia Circuit; 1880-82, Fort Mill Circuit (during his pastorate of this charge Pleasant Hill Church was built and the parsonage and the lot on which the church now stands in Fort Mill was bought and paid for and the Camp Ground at Bel Air established); in 1883, Ridgeway Circuit; 1884, South Branchville Circuit; 1885, Cypress Circuit; 1886-89, Round O Circuit; 1890-93, Lower St. Matthews Circuit (during this pastorate the church at Ellorce was erected); 1894-97, Latta Circuit (during this pastorate the parsonage which had been projected by his predecessor was finished and Bethesda church was built and paid for); 1898, Clio Circuit; 1899, Denmark Circuit; 1900, Orangeburg Circuit.

He was married December 26th, 1878, to Miss Laura Fedora King, youngest daughter of William and Rhoda King, of Darlington County, S. C. Of this union six children were born: Elbert Derrick, the first, Thomas Alvin, the third, and Cora, the fourth, died in infancy; William Marion, the second, Ellen (Nell), the fifth, and Paul Pritchett, the sixth, still survive. The wife and mother died August 21st, 1895.

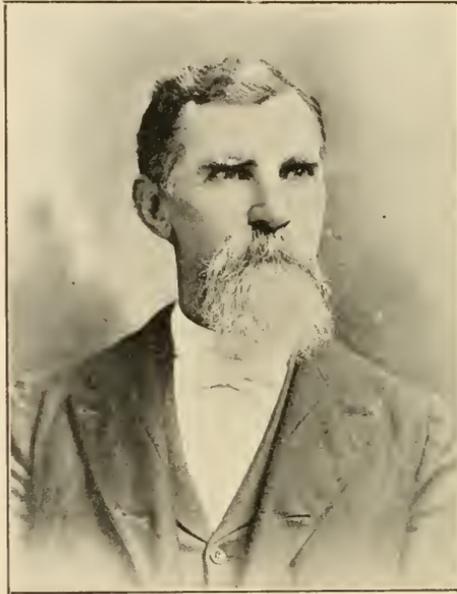
March 24th, 1897, he married Miss Aleph DuRant, youngest child of the late Rev. H. H. DuRant, of the South Carolina Conference. Of this marriage one child was born, Laura, who lived only a few short months.

Brother Williams was ordained Deacon at Chester, December, 1876, by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, and Elder at Newberry, December, 1878, by Bishop W. M. Wightman.

From the day he entered the ministry till the present Brother Williams has been a hard student, having a large library of choice books the contents of which he has largely stored away in his mind. He is a successful preacher and a laborious pastor and every charge he has served has been developed and strengthened.

REV. JOHN O. WILLSON.

John Owens Willson, elder son of the late Dr. John and Mrs. Sarah A. E. Willson, was born January 27th, 1845, at "Cedar Grove" plantation, St. James (Goose Creek) Parish, Charleston District, now Berkeley County, S. C. He was educated in the neighborhood



schools, Kings Mountain Military Academy and the South Carolina Military Academy, leaving the latter in his junior year to enter the Confederate army in June, 1862. He served, as a private, in Company F (Cadet Rangers) Sixth S. C. Cavalry, and in Company I (Rebel Troop) Third S. C. Cavalry. After the war he studied law under the late Gen. W. W. Harllee, was admitted to practice November, 1866, and practiced at Kingstree, Florence and Marion—save a brief period in 1868, when he gave up his work to go to California, but changed his purpose at his mother's urgency and remained, teaching school for a few months before choosing a new location. In 1868, under strong religious conviction, he asked and received confirmation in the Protestant Episcopal Church, in St. Johns Berkeley Parish. On January 30th, 1873, he was converted—greatly helped at this crisis by M. M. Ferguson, who since entered the ministry and is now a member of our Conference, and on February 23rd, 1873, he was received by the Rev. W. C. Power into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which Church his father had been a consist-

ent member. Called to preach, he was licensed to exhort by the late Rev. John W. Kelly, Presiding Elder of Marion District, then to preach by the Marion Quarterly Conference, and was recommended and on Dec. 15th, 1873, received into the South Carolina Conference. His appointments have been, in order and time, as follows: Darlington, four years; Camden, three years; Greenville, three years; Trinity, Charleston, four years; Greenville, two years; Florence District, one year; Greenville District, four years; and since December 6, 1894, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate. He has served in the General Conferences of 1890, 1894 and 1898. Since June, 1895, he has been a member of the Sunday School Board of our Church. In June, 1896, Wofford College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. From 1887 till November, 1894, he was a trustee of Columbia Female College.

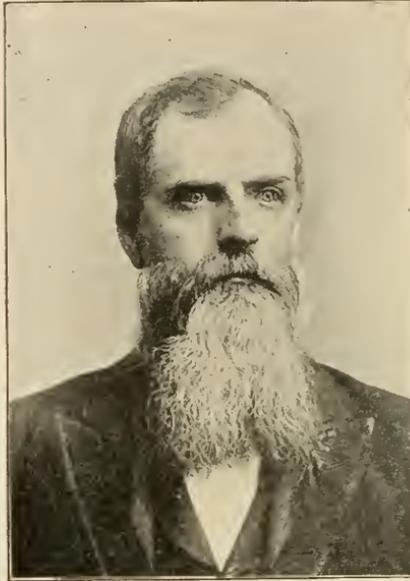
On April 27th, 1871, he married Miss Mary Oriana Richardson, of Marion, who died January 19th, 1873, leaving a daughter, now Mrs. Mary Bessie Donaldson, wife of Lieut. T. Q. Donaldson, U. S. A. On August 27th, 1896, he married Miss Kathleen McPherson Lander, of Williamston, S. C., and with her traveled four months in Europe, Egypt and "The Holy Land."

Dr. Willson's success as a pastor was phenomenal. Indeed, he was the "house-going preacher who had a church-going people." In their hours of trouble, they ever knew that their pastor's heart beat in sympathy with theirs. He never aspired to be known as an "orator," or as a "modern thinker," or as a "critical preacher," but was ever satisfied to carry the simple Gospel to the people. He was eminently successful as a Presiding Elder, loved by preachers and people. The Conference endorsed his wise and discreet management of The Southern Christian Advocate by reelecting him as editor. His ability is beyond dispute and the "Old Southern" has, under his administration, ever been true to the institutions of the Church.

Dr. Willson is a diligent worker. Besides his arduous duties as editor, he has often done excellent work in other departments. From July, 1898, till Conference, he filled the office of Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, without remuneration, and allowed the salary to go to the family of Rev. J. Walter Dickson, who had died during the year. Upon the untimely death of Rev. John Owen, making vacant the pastorate of Johnston Circuit, Dr. Willson filled the place till Conference and allowed the salary to go to the bereaved family of Brother Owen.

REV. JOHN B. WILSON.

Rev. John B. Wilson, son of Rev. Wright Wilson and Mrs. Susannah Wilson (*née* Medlin), was born January 14, 1847. His parents were born in Wayne County, N. C., but came to Marlboro County, S. C., in early life. Young Wilson was thoroughly trained



in the common schools of Marlboro County and at the Clio and Red Bluff Academies. He here made good progress in mathematics, Latin and the English branches. After leaving school, he taught for a period of two years in Darlington County, during which time he kept up his studies. With the foundation thus laid, he began the building of the superstructure of culture and scholarship. He has always been a diligent student, so during the year following his school days and the thirty years in the itinerancy, he has been continually adding to his mental equipment until he is now recognized as a man of scholarly attainments, and as one of the deepest thinkers in the Conference. He is what is popularly known as a "self-made" man; but it is clear that the "making" has been well done.

From his childhood, Brother Wilson had been impressed that he would be called to preach. When he was converted on November 1, 1867, the impression became convincing and irresistible. He was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Little Rock Circuit, Marion District, in July, 1868. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Darlington Circuit in May, 1869.

In October, 1871, he was recommended for admission on trial into the South Carolina Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Bennettsville Circuit. From his conversion, he had struggled against the idea of going into the regular itinerancy, trying to satisfy the demands of the Divine call by serving as a local preacher. But an unseen hand led him on, so in December, 1871, he, with D. D. Dantzler, J. K. McCain and Dove Tiller, was received on trial into the Conference. Since his reception into the Conference he has served as follows: Junior preacher on Darlington Circuit, with J. B. Campbell, 1872; Fair Forest Circuit, 1873-6; Limestone Springs, 1877-8; Messopotamia, 1879; Belmont, 1880-3; Gaffney Circuit, 1884-7; Johnston Circuit, 1888-1890; Florence District, 1891-4; Marion District, 1895-8; Greenville District, 1899-1901. At this writing he is in the third year of a successful administration on the Greenville District. In all his fields of labor great success has attended him.

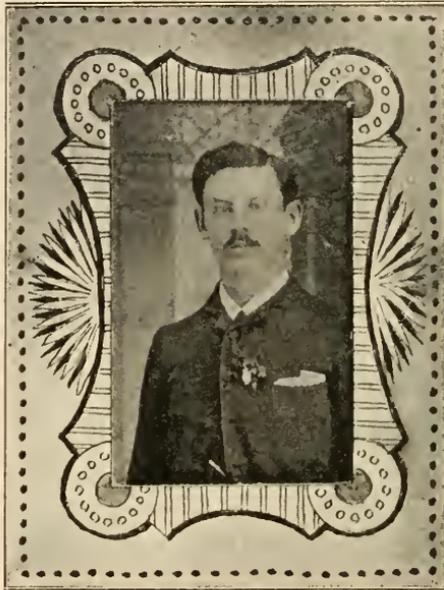
In Darlington County, on January 16, 1870, Brother Wilson was married to Miss Roxie L. Galloway, Rev. John Josey performing the ceremony. Of this union the following children have been born: Bertha, Claudius, Marvin, Emma Agatha, Maude, Victor Carlisle, Lucy, Florence Smith, Alma and Guy Hendrix. Two of these—Bertha and Alma—have passed to the life beyond.

Brother Wilson is one of the strongest men in the Conference. As a preacher, he has unusual ability. He is never satisfied with a surface treatment of any subject, but thinks deeply, logically and analytically until he reaches foundation principles. Thus prepared, he preaches with great force and effectiveness. While a pastor, he was thorough and systematic, always carrying excellent reports to Conference. He is a great success as a Presiding Elder—firm without being autocratic or arbitrary. He is a friend to the preachers and the people, ever striving to do the best for all parties. As a man, he has fine traits of character and worthily has the esteem and confidence of the brethren.



REV. W. C. WINN.

Rev. William Collier Winn, son of Mr. William C. Winn, Sr., and Sallie East Winn, was born in Laurens County, S. C., December 10, 1864. His good mother still lives. His father was mortally wounded May 11, 1864, at the Battle of Spottsylvania C. H. The



father was a brave soldier, being promoted to lieutenantcy for gallantry on the battlefield just before receiving his mortal wound.

After receiving the usual training in the common schools, Brother Winn entered the Preparatory Department of Wofford College in 1883. In October, 1884, he entered the Freshman class. He spent two years in the regular college classes, finishing the course through the Sophomore class. His health was so impaired at this time by a severe case of measles, followed by typhoid fever, that he was compelled to abandon his college course. After leaving college, he taught school five years—one year in Spartanburg County and four years at Gray Court, in Laurens County, where he established and maintained a flourishing school. While on the Abbeville Circuit he taught for several months at Salem Church.

The first distinct impression made upon the mind and heart of Brother Winn that he ought to preach was made in his nineteenth year. Like many others, he struggled against it, looking upon preaching as a burden, growing careless about Church attendance, until his twenty-seventh year, when he fully surrendered to the call

of God. He was licensed to preach at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the North Laurens Circuit, October 16, 1891, Rev. W. A. Clarke being pastor, and Rev. J. Marion Boyd being Presiding Elder.

Brother Winn was admitted on trial into the Conference at Darlington, S. C., December, 1891, and has served as follows: Junior preacher on Abbeville Circuit, with Rev. H. W. Whitaker, 1892; junior preacher on Claussen Circuit, with Rev. N. K. Melton, 1893; Georgetown Circuit, 1894-5; Ridgeway Circuit, 1896-7; Butler Circuit, 1898-9; Waterloo Circuit, 1900. In all of these he has made a good record, leaving the charge in better spiritual condition than when he found it. He has been instrumental in the conversion of many souls. In his own quiet way, our brother goes about doing his work, preaching the word of life with force and meeting the pastoral demands upon him.

Brother Winn was married, on January 15, 1893, to Miss Belle G. East, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. T. M. East, of Okolona, Ark. They have three children—Eula East, Mary Belle and Evelyn Barksdale.

REV. JNO. O. WOOD.

Rev. John Austin Wood, son of Mr. Wiley Duncan Wood and Mary Bailey Wood, was born in Spartanburg County, S. C., October 1, 1832.

Young Wood had the usual advantages of school life afforded at that day. He was trained in the home, and then attended various schools. He was prepared for college, but instead of going to college he began teaching in the public schools. Here he had splendid opportunities for enlarging his mental stock, and he used them to good advantage. He afterwards saw the mistake he made in not going to college, and strove the harder by close application to books to make up for the loss of the college course.

The impression had been made upon the mind and heart of Brother Wood in previous years that he ought to preach. The call had become more and more distinct until during the great revival that swept over the Greenville Circuit in 1860, he yielded to the Divine leading and decided to take up the work assigned him. The Quarterly Conference of the Greenville Circuit licensed him to preach, and recommended him to the Annual Conference for admission on trial. He was admitted in December, 1860, with N. K. Melton, J. L. Sifly and J. J. Workman. He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Combahee Mission, 1861; Laurens Circuit, 1862; Horry Circuit, 1863; Marion Circuit, 1864; Black River and Pee Dee Mission, till the summer, then Williamsburg Circuit, 1865; Columbus, N. C., 1866-8; York Station, 1869; Williamston Circuit, 1870; super-

numerary, 1871-80; Campobello Circuit, 1881; Cane Creek Circuit, 1882; Clinton Circuit, 1883; Johnsonville Circuit, 1884; Salters Circuit, 1885-6; supernumerary, 1887-1892. In 1892 he was placed on the superannuate relation, which he still holds, worthily having his place on this "roll of honor" of the Conference.

On January 28, 1885, Brother Wood was married to Mrs. Lou Terry Wason, at Greenville, S. C., Rev. J. B. Campbell officiating.

Our good brother, during his active years, quietly went on doing his duty, preaching the Word of Life to dying sinners and comforting the distressed and sorrow-stricken. His active days are over, but the influence of his life and labors continues to bear fruit. May the sunset of his life be radiant with divine glory!

REV. W. A. WRIGHT.

William Asbury Wright, son of Rev. William Francis Wright and Martha Catherine Sylvester Wright, was born at Providence, in Sumter County, S. C.

(William Francis was a son of Peter June Wright, who was a son of Dr. Thomas Wright, an early Scotch-Irish settler of Virginia.)



Maternally he is descended from French Huguenot ancestry, who first settled in Maryland, his grandfather, William Manson Sylvester, was the first to introduce cotton into South Carolina.

On March 5, 1890, he was married to Sudie Liert, daughter of Edward D. Wright and Sallie Clements Wright.

One son, William Edward, was born to them near Summerville, on the Cypress Circuit, Sept. 12, 1894.

Brother Wright's education was pursued principally under his father, who was for many years a teacher, and in the high schools of Columbia, S. C. He felt called to preach from childhood, and as time passed the impression grew stronger. In 1886 he was licensed to exhort under Rev. A. J. Stokes. A few months later, in the same year, his father died. Before his death he called his son to his bedside and told him that he "had prayed for fifteen years that the Lord would give him a son in the ministry, and that he now felt that his prayer was answered."

The following year, 1887, he was licensed to preach under Dr. S. B. Jones, in Columbia District, and was appointed assistant pastor under Rev. J. E. Rnshton on the Society Hill Circuit for the year 1888. From this charge he was recommended to the Annual Conference and was received on trial and was returned to the same charge for 1889-90, the circuit having been divided. His work here was very prosperous, three new churches were begun and a large number were added to the Church.

In 1891-92 he was assigned to Conway Circuit, which rapidly developed and the second year was made self-supporting.

In 1893-94 he labored on Cypress Circuit, where perhaps, his hardest and most lasting work was accomplished.

In 1895-97 he served New Zion Circuit, where he was influential in having erected one of the prettiest country churches in that County. 1898-99 he was appointed to the Barnwell charge, where a large number were added to the Church and one of the prettiest parsonages in the district was secured to the Conference.

In 1900 he was changed to the Branchville charge, his present field of labor.



REV. W. H. WROTON.

One of our most excellent men is William Henry Wroton. He is the son of William H. and Hattie J. Wroton, and was born August 26, 1858.

He had splendid training in primary schools, and then entered the Denmark High School. After a course there, he was matriculated



at Doctor Tarrant's Classical School, in Charleston, S. C., where he received thorough mental training.

Brother Wroton was licensed to preach in February, 1879, by the Quarterly Conference of the Denmark Circuit, Orangeburg District, Rev. Jesse A. Clifton being the preacher in charge, and Rev. Manning Brown being the Presiding Elder. He joined the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Charleston, S. C., December, 1879, Bishop W. M. Wightman presiding. His Conference classmates are J. Walter Daniel, J. M. Fridy, T. E. Morris, P. A. Murray. His labors have been as follows: North Marlboro Circuit, 1880; Providence Circuit, 1881; Cherokee Springs Circuit, 1882; South Branchville Circuit, 1883; Boiling Springs Circuit, 1884; Graniteville, 1885-7; Williamston Circuit, 1888-90; Oswego Circuit, 1891-3; Edgewood Circuit, 1894; Hampton Circuit, 1895-6; Black Swamp Circuit, 1897-8; superannuate, 1899; supernumerary, 1900-1901.

On December 22, 1881, Brother Wroton was married to Miss Bessie Evans, daughter of David W. and Frances Evans, of Orange-

burg County, S. C. They have six children—Victor E., James C., W. Harry, Hattie R., Edith Genevieve and L. Bess.

Our good brother's health gave way and he had to take the super-numerary relation, but during his active ministry he was a forceful preacher and successful pastor. During his pastorate at Graniteville he received two hundred and forty people into the Church; and while stationed at Williamston he received about three hundred into the Church.

Brother Wroton is a quiet, amiable man, making friends wherever he goes. His many friends wish for him a speedy restoration to health and trust that he may yet have many years in which to preach the blessed Gospel.

REV. J. C. YONGUE.

James Carson Yongue, second son of Robert Aiken Yongue and Margaret Richardson Yongue, was born in Columbia, S. C., October 15, 1855, and was dedicated to God in baptism by Rev. Dr. Shand, rector of Trinity (Episcopal) Church, in that city. When the boy



was four and a half years old his father died. The mother, with her two boys, the subject of this paper and his brother, Robert A., entered the family of her brother-in-law, the late Rev. Dr. Francis A. Mood, who was at that time a member of the South Carolina Con-

ference and who afterwards became Regent of Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Texas. Thus the boy had an early training in the itinerancy. His first efforts at Christian work were made during these boyhood days as a missionary to the little negroes on the plantations, teaching them the Scriptures and catechism and exercising his gifts as a singer. This last fact, doubtless, accounts for the ease with which our friend to this day charms his congregations with song. After a few years, the boy left his native State and went to Alabama, and lived with his uncle, Dr. Thomas M. Logan. He returned to South Carolina in 1868. From this time till 1884, Mr. Yongue resided in various places in the State and at one time lived in Philadelphia, Pa., for a while. During these years he had a varied experience in occupations—going to school, farm work, teaching, reading law, etc.

The subject attended school for a while at the Porter Academy, Charleston, S. C., and at a German and English Classical Institute, the principal of which made an everlasting impression upon our friend—in mind and body.

On October 15, 1878, Mr. Yongue was married to Miss Caroline Juliet Stroman, Rev. N. K. Melton, performing the ceremony. He and his wife then united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Rocky Swamp. Wishing their home to bear the marks of their religion, the young couple established the family altar. The death of his dear mother, Feb. 8, 1880, was used of God to the good of the son, leading to his conversion that year during a meeting conducted by Rev. George H. Pooser at Rocky Swamp Church. Shortly afterward he was divinely called to preach. Mr. Yongue was first licensed as an exhorter, and in June, 1882, was licensed to preach. In 1884 he served as a supply as junior preacher on the Boiling Springs Circuit, Rev. W. H. Wroton, pastor. In the fall of that year he was admitted on trial into the Conference, since which time he has served the following charges: Boiling Springs Circuit, 1885; Williston Circuit, 1886; Colleton Circuit, 1887-88; Walterboro Circuit, 1889-90; Ridgeville Circuit, 1891-92; Cumberland, Charleston, 1893-95; Orangeburg Circuit, 1896-97; Edisto Circuit, 1898-1900. These years have been full of labors and have been marked with success. Mr. Yongue has baptized 469 persons, married 154 couples, and has raised \$19,351.63. He was ordained Deacon in 1885 by Bishop J. C. Keener and Elder in 1888 by Bishop Keener.

Mr. Yongue has five children living on earth—Robert Millar, Charles Stroman, Selina Moss, Mary Caroline and Samuel Marvin. One—little Maggie—lives in Heaven.

Mr. Yongue is a zealous pastor, a strong preacher, and an excellent man. He has had much trouble, but bears it silently and patiently labors on.

REV. R. A. YONGUE.

Rev. Robert Aiken Yongue, son of Mr. R. A. Yongue and Margaret R. Yongue, was born November 25, 1851. His mother's maiden name was Logan. He was educated principally in the High School of Charleston, S. C.; also attended various country schools.



In these he learned how to study, and the work of mental enlargement and development has gone on during all these years.

It is wonderful how God often uses a great trouble to bring a great blessing. Brother Yongue was not converted until the death of his first-born child—Eulalee. This affliction, occurring May 19, 1883, led him to seek the Blessed Savior. He joined the Church in 1885, under the ministry of Rev. L. S. Bellinger. He was licensed to preach under the administration of Dr. Thos. Raysor, Presiding Elder, and came up to the Conference from the district of Rev. Thos. J. Clyde.

Brother Yongue joined the South Carolina Conference at Spartanburg, S. C., in December, 1887, with R. L. Holroyd, Alston B. Earle, Wesley E. Barre, James W. Kilgo, Watson B. Duncan, John L. Harley, Samuel T. Blackman, J. Pierce Attaway, Washington L. Wait and James E. Mahaffey. He has served faithfully and acceptably the following charges: Williston Circuit, 1888-90; Chesterfield Circuit, 1891-2; Hickory Grove, 1893-4; East Chester Circuit, 1895-8; Fort Mill, 1899—.

Brother Yongue is a consecrated pastor and worker. His ministry is attended with great success along the line of revival work, many refreshing seasons of grace being the result of his earnest labors.. He is a strong preacher, putting original ideas in original ways. He has a vein of humor which is often used to advantage by him.

He was married, in the City of Charleston, S. C., on September 17, 1873, to Miss Anna M. Deery. Of this union were born the following children: Eulalee M. (born in Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 15, 1880), Robert A. (born in Philadelphia, Penn., Dec. 1, 1882), Leila Logan (born in Orangeburg County, Jan. 24, 1885), Carson Bellinger (born in Orangeburg County, Dec. 17, 1887), Ernest Clyde (born at Williston, March 17, 1890). Of these, Robt. A., Eulalee and Carson Bellinger have passed into the life beyond. On November 13, 1891, Sister Yongue died at Chesterfield, S. C., leaving Brother Yongue with the responsibility of caring for the motherless ones.

On December 20, 1892, he was married to Jane M. Harvey. Of this union the following children were born: Jennie Harvey, at Hickory Grove, June 27, 1894; Sallie Octavia, at Heath's, Nov. 15, 1896; Robert A., at Heath's, Nov. 7, 1898.

REV. S. H. ZIMMERMAN.

The Rev. Samuel Herbert Zimmerman, son of the late Rev. John H. Zimmerman and Mrs. Mary E. Zimmerman, was born in the Methodist parsonage at Union, S. C., March 1st, 1861. Reared by a devoted member of the South Carolina Conference, it was natural that he joined the Church in childhood. He was converted at Miller's Camp Meeting, in Marion County, when about eighteen years old.

He attended the schools near his changing homes and was two years in Wofford College. Although circumstances prevented the completion of his collegiate course, he continued to study and so continues to this day. And his education was sufficient for him to make a most successful teacher. He first taught when but sixteen years of age, and after leaving college, teaching was his vocation until he entered the Conference. His fields for this labor were in Marion, Darlington and Marlboro Counties.

On May 1, 1884, he married Miss Lizzie Simpson Jones, daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. Simpson Jones. Four children were born of this union: Simpson Jones, Marie Lucile, Samuel Herbert and Helen Elizabeth Zimmerman.

Feeling called to preach, Brother Zimmerman was licensed in 1890, and in December of that year was admitted into the South Carolina Conference. His appointments have been: Piedmont Circuit, two years; Pendleton, four years; Rock Hill, two years; Main Street, Columbia, two years. In all he has been faithful and successful. He won souls. He built up believers. He advanced the spiritual and material interests of his charges.

His record as a builder is remarkable: At Piedmont, during his pastorate, he erected a tasteful and handsome church; at Pendleton, an elegant and comfortable parsonage; at Rock Hill, a fine church and parsonage; at Main Street, a fine parsonage and church. This shows him a man of special business capacity, correct taste, energetic, resourceful, persevering.

Brother Zimmerman is an excellent preacher. He studies his sermons carefully, utters them in choice language, and with the Spirit's power. His reading and study cover a wide range of subjects, so that he is not a mere sermonizer but a student of life and truth. As a pastor he is attentive and helpful. He looks after the many things required of an itinerant Methodist with fidelity and success.

During this year Brother Zimmerman has been desperately ill with typhoid fever. Few so ill ever recover. From June to August he hovered between life and death. A strange fact: Of what occurred in that time he remembers nothing, yet he conversed with us so sensibly and appeared to be fully at himself. He even told where papers had been placed by him and they were found where he said. Today he remembers nothing of it all.

Five years ago his wife for months lay at death's door, her sickness being beyond the record of any known to have recovered. Surely there is a home which has learned by sore experience to feel for those who are sick and suffering, and this is no small matter. The world needs those who can and do sympathize with its burdens far more than it does those who can simply talk about things. The Zimmermans can weep with those that weep and rejoice with those that rejoice.



OUR TRANSFERS.

REV. H. F. CHREITZBERG, A. M., D. D.

Rev. Hilliard Francis Chreitzberg was born at Georgetown, S. C., Feb. 24, 1850, and for nineteen years (1873-92) a member of the South Carolina Conference, has from 1892 till now been a prominent and useful member of the Western North Carolina Conference. In



his present Conference he has served churches at Asheville, Reidsville, Charlotte, and is now (October, 1900,) closing his third year at Tryon Street Church at this last place (Charlotte) with conspicuous success. In the South Carolina Conference he served Cane Creek Circuit and Camden, Anderson, Charleston (Spring Street), Sumter, Newberry, Chester and Columbia (Washington Street) stations, increasing in pulpit power and general efficiency all the way along the line of his promotion. His Alma Mater—he graduated at Wofford in 1873—gave him the degree of A. M. three years after his graduation, and several years later Weaverville College worthily

bestowed upon him the honorary title of Doctor of Divinity. He does not seek promotion and prominence (indeed, he is a painfully sensitive and timid man), but has always met the high expectation that his growing prominence has naturally excited. He is an able preacher. At times he preaches with great eloquence and power. Let him be sprung on some occasion when a great moral principle or issue is involved and he becomes red-hot in fervid interest and eloquent to a high degree. With such conditions he becomes at times an incarnate cyclone of well-nigh irresistible force. The cause of temperance has ever been in his heart and on his conscience. He served for six years (1883-1889) as Grand Chief Templar of the Independent Order of Good Templars, traveling at large in this country and visiting Canada and Europe, as the official representative of this great temperance organization, and was editor for three years (1885-7) of the *Temperance Worker*, the organ of the I. O. G. T. Where he has lived and preached, and sometimes (indeed frequently) by invitation at other places, he has led in the fight for prohibition and temperance reform. But reverting to his ministry, and here is where his strength lies, he is a growing preacher because he is an industrious and systematic student. He carefully prepares for the pulpit. He was a popular preacher at the very start, but as he grows older (he is now 50 years old) he is more thoughtful and edifying in his sermons. He was for six years the secretary of the South Carolina Conference—none better. He is a South Carolinian: was born in Georgetown, when his father, Rev. Dr. A. M. Chreitzberg, preached there. He was most happily married at Spartanburg, 1873, to Miss Addria, daughter of Maj. A. H. Kirby. She has ever proved a helpmeet for him. Theirs is an ideal Methodist preacher's family. It is a benediction to be an occasional guest of this sweet, Christian home.

REV. J. C. KILGO, A. M., D. D.

John Carlisle Kilgo was born in Laurens, S. C., July 22, 1861. His father, James T. Kilgo, a native of North Carolina, was a Methodist minister of vigorous energy, sterling integrity, and great independence of character, while his mother, Katherine Kilgo (*nee* Mason), who is still living, is a woman of rare strength of character and deep religious nature.

On December 22, 1882, he was married to Miss Fannie Matt Turner, of Gaffney, S. C., a woman of excellent sense and fine character, who has proved an admirable helpmeet to him. This union has been blessed by five children: Edna Clyde, Walter Bissell, James Luther, Fannie and John Carlisle, Jr. Walter Bissell died April 18, 1892.

In his domestic life Dr. Kilgo is peculiarly happy. He is tenderly affectionate and indulgent to his family and generously hospitable to his friends.

He was prepared for college by Mr. Chas. Lovejoy, in Marion, S. C., and by Mr. W. J. McArthur, of Gaffney, S. C. In the fall of 1880 he entered Wofford College, but was forced to quit on account of his eyes at the end of his Sophomore year. However, in 1890, he began a course of study at Wofford (of which he was then agent) intending to take the A. B. degree. He had almost completed this course when, in 1892, the college gave him the degree of A. M. At that time he was holding the Chair of Economy and Philosophy in the college. His work here, both as professor and agent, was characterized by that energy and consecration which have given success to all his efforts. As agent for the college he achieved great success and raised quite a large sum of money.

Concerning his call to the ministry, we might say there was nothing peculiar in his call. He simply had a spiritual impression that his duty and his success lay in the ministry. His life and his ministry manifest the correctness of this impression or call.

Dr. Kilgo has served acceptably and well several of the best charges in South Carolina. In 1883 he was junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit. In 1884-85 he served Timmons ville Circuit. In 1886-87 he was in charge of Rock Hill Circuit. In 1888 he served Little Rock Circuit. From this place, in 1889, he went to Wofford College, where he remained until the summer of 1894, when he was elected President of Trinity College, which position he still holds.

He has held several positions of trust in his Church. He has represented the South Carolina Conference and also the North Carolina Conference in the General Conference; and at Baltimore he received several votes for Bishop. He is also a member of the Board of Education of the Southern Methodist Church.

The degree of D. D. was conferred on him by Wofford and Randolph-Macon.

As an orator he probably has no superior in the Southern Methodist Church. He is indeed a power before an audience and is in great demand as a speaker in North Carolina and in the Southern States.

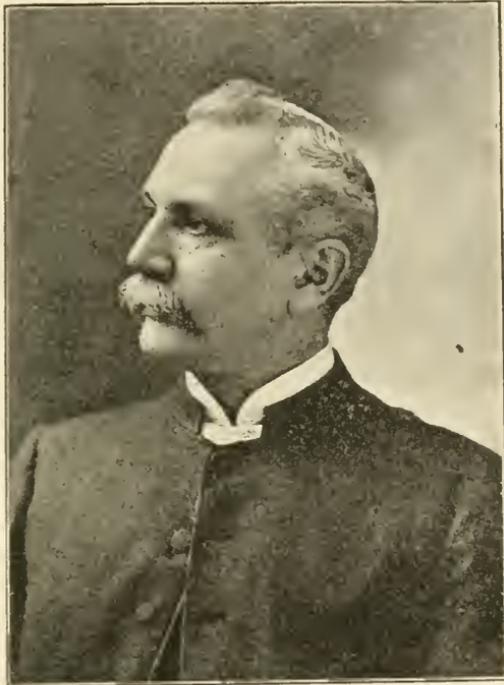
As a college president he has been eminently successful. Trinity under his leadership has made great strides forward and today stands as one of the leading institutions in the Southern States. The property valuation and the endowment of the college has increased over \$350,000 during his administration of six years.

No man in the South is doing a greater work for education. May he long be spared to continue this greatest of all work.

REV. R. D. SMART, D. D.

Richard Davis Smart was born September 17, 1846. His father's name was Henry C. Smart; his mother's was Margaret A. Smart.

After the usual training in the common school, he entered Cokesbury Conference School preparatory to entering Wofford College.



After this preparatory course at Cokesbury, he entered Wofford, where he remained four years, graduating in June, 1868.

As an evidence of his ability as a scholar and his popularity as a student, he was chosen to deliver the valedictory, which duty he discharged with great honor to himself and gratification to his friends. After leaving Wofford, Mr. Smart matriculated at the Theological Seminary, Columbia, S. C., from which institution he graduated in 1871. With such a literary and theological training, it is not surprising that Dr. Smart rose rapidly to the position of eminence which he now occupies as a preacher of the Gospel.

While quite young, Mr. Smart felt a distinct call to the ministry, and upon his entrance at Cokesbury school he yielded to the impression, laying himself and all his ransomed powers on the altar of Christ.

Mr. Smart was admitted into the South Carolina Conference at its session in Charleston, December, 1870, and was appointed junior preacher on Chester Circuit, Rev. E. J. Meynardie, D. D., as preacher in charge. Mr. Smart, however, did not go to the work until he finished his theological course at the seminary in 1871. While in the South Carolina Conference Dr. Smart served two years on circuits, sixteen years on stations and two on districts. At the close of a very successful quadrennium at Bethel, Charleston, Dr. Smart was transferred to First Church, Little Rock, Ark., in December, 1891, where he remained three years and from there was transferred to First Church, Memphis, Tenn., where he remained four years. In the fall of 1898 he was transferred to Cook Avenue Church, St. Louis, where he is at this writing in the midst of a most successful pastorate.

Dr. Smart has been married twice. In March, 1873, he was married to Miss Julia Isabella Evans. From this union one child was born—Isabella Evans. Mrs. Smart died in December, 1873. On June 20, 1876, Dr. Smart was married to Miss Ella Gaillard Aiken, who still lives to grace the home by her charming manners and to sweeten the home-life by her Christian influence. Of this marriage seven children were born: Louise Gaillard, Ella Aiken, Richard Davis, Wyatt Aiken, Francis Pelzer, Henry Gaillard and Ella Aiken. The first two died while Dr. and Mrs. Smart lived in Newberry, S. C.

While in the South Carolina Conference, Dr. Smart was held in high esteem by all the brethren, being often elected or appointed to positions of honor and responsibility. With great pleasure, therefore, we note that he is honored abroad.

Dr. Smart is a strong preacher. His sermons give every evidence of thorough preparation. While there are no tricks of studied oratory about him, he yet preaches with eloquence and force. The hearer is not only entertained while he listens but permanently helped.

As pastor he excels. He knows his people, visits them and sympathizes with them in all their troubles. The ministry of such a man could not but be prosperous in every particular.



REV. A. COKE SMITH, A. M., D. D.

Alexander Coke Smith, son of Rev. William H. Smith and Mary I. Smith, was born in Sumter County, S. C., Sept. 16, 1849. No boy was ever more greatly blessed along the line of home influence than he. With such parents, it would have been difficult for him to have been anything but a good boy. He had access to the common schools of the community in his early years. With a good preparatory work thus done, he entered Wofford College in October, 1868, from which institution he graduated in June, 1872. His college record was one of great success and popularity. "Coke Smith" was always a favorite in college and the friendships then formed have deepened as the years have gone by.

In December of the same year in which he graduated, he was admitted into the South Carolina Conference and was sent to Cheraw. The next year he was sent to Washington Street, Columbia, where he remained three years. In December, 1876, he went to Buncombe Street, Greenville, where he remained four years. During the years 1881, 1882 and 1883 he was at Trinity Church, Charleston. At the Conference of 1883 was sent to the Columbia District as Presiding Elder. In June, 1886, was elected to the chair of Mental and Moral Philosophy in Wofford College, which place he filled for four years. At the General Conference of 1890 held in St. Louis he was elected one of the Missionary Secretaries of the Church. This place he resigned in July of the same year to accept the Chair of Practical Theology in Vanderbilt University. After remaining there for two years he resigned this place to return to the pastoral work. At that time, 1892, Rev. W. E. Evans having left the Methodist Church, the pulpit of Granby Street Church, Norfolk, fell vacant and he was invited to fill the vacancy until Conference. When Conference convened in Norfolk in 1892 the official body of that Church requested Bishop Hendrix to transfer him to the Virginia Conference and station him at Granby Street, which the Bishop did. Under his pastorate Epworth Church, Norfolk, one of the most beautiful church edifices in the South, was built.

In November, 1895, he was sent to Court Street, Lynchburg, Va., where he successfully labored for four years, after which he was returned to Epworth Church, Norfolk, where he is serving his second term.

On December 22, 1875, Dr. Smith was married to Miss Kate Kinard, of Newberry, S. C. Of the children born of this marriage the following are still living: Mary Louise, Francis Osgood, Edward Ehrlich, Alice Glenn, Isabel McLeod, Henry Kinard, Catherine Coke, and a baby for whom the parents have, up to this writing, been unable to find a name.

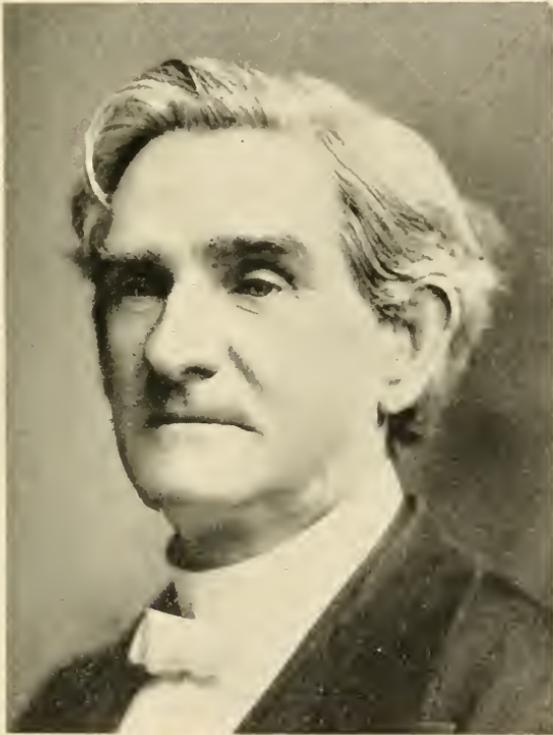
Dr. Smith when a member of the South Carolina Conferencé was often a delegate to the General Conference of our Church. He was also elected as a delegate from the Virginia Conference in 1894 and also in 1898, and at the latter Conference was chairman of the Committee on Epworth League. As a preacher Dr. Smith ranks with the foremost of our land. His sermons evince great thought and wide range of information. But the most salient characteristic is the magnetic influence he wields over his audience. His eloquence is at times sublime, but it is never studied or rapid word-painting. The secret of Dr. Smith's pulpit power is in his sympathetic soul. He loves his fellowman and shares his sorrows and his joys with a depth that one rarely finds.

In the social circle Dr. Smith has few equals, being unaffected in manner and possessing a sense of humor and a resource of anecdote that make him the centre of attraction, wherever he goes. Appreciating his worth, Virginia Methodists, both preachers and people, have not failed to honor him with their confidence and their love.



OUR BISHOP.

Bishop William Wallace Duncan was born in Virginia, December 20th, 1839. He was the third son of the late Professor David Duncan, who was a native of Ireland, a graduate of the University of Scotland, and who came to this country in early life and served many



years as a member of the Faculty of Randolph-Macon College and in that of Wofford College.

Bishop Duncan's collegiate education began at Randolph-Macon, and was completed at Wofford, where he graduated in 1858. He was soundly converted, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was called to preach, received license, and entered the Virginia Conference in 1859. Elizabeth City, N. C., was his first appointment. He was afterwards stationed in Leesburg, Danville, Norfolk and Pe-

tersburg, and was Chaplain in the Confederate Army. In all these posts he was faithful and successful, preaching with increasing power and doing fine and systematic pastoral work. Naturally he led many to Christ.

In 1875 he was elected Professor of Mental and Moral Philosophy in Wofford College and also Financial Agent of that institution. For eleven (11) years he was untiring in the labors required by these positions, succeeding in a remarkable degree, both in the chair and agency. He traveled all over South Carolina, preaching and speaking in places large and small, in city and country, in such masterly fashion that the influence of his toil abides today. While thus serving, Emory College, A. G. Haygood, President, and Central College, E. R. Hendrix, President, honored themselves by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. He was elected to the General Conferences of 1878, 1882 and 1886, being Chairman of the delegation in the year last named. In 1881 he was one of the representatives of our Church at the Methodist Ecumenical Conference, held in London, England, and there he served with distinguished ability.

In 1886 he was elected Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, being the first of four then chosen. From that day to this he has been abundant in Episcopal labors all over the Church, visiting all the home fields and the foreign Conferences in Mexico. He is easily the peer of his able colleagues in the Episcopacy, and his ceaseless labors have been of immeasurable benefit to the Church of his choice and to Christianity.

As a preacher, Bishop Duncan is practical and powerful; as a presiding officer, he is prompt and accurate; in cabinet work, he is painstaking, patient and considerate of the welfare of preachers and people. As a Christian, he makes no loud professions, while ever ready to give a reason for his hope. But the writer has been privileged to see his inner life and to note the unmistakable proof of his earnest faith, his great prayerfulness, his devotion to God's Word, his genuine love of Christ and of his fellow-men—in a word, of his humble walk with God.

In 1861 he married Miss Medora Rice, of Union, who has been a help-meet indeed. Three children were given them—Thomas C. Duncan, of Union; Mrs. Carrie DuPre and Mrs. Alice Rembert, of Spartanburg. These were brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and are all members of the Methodist Church.

The Bishop's home is in Spartanburg, S. C. Genial, friendly and pleasant as he is everywhere, it is there his life shines sweetest—but that spot is too sacred for public comment.

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