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BLAZING THE TRAIL OF A CENTURY

Across the stage of a century has moved the Southern Christian Advocate—and how momentous a century! On our front cover we catch glimpses of what has transpired outwardly and inwardly since that 24th of June 1837, when the first issue of the Advocate came from the press of James R. Burgess and from the heart of William Capers.

Only a few days before, on June 20, at 2 o'clock in the morning, King William of England died, and Victoria, just then eighteen, had been crowned Queen of the British empire. The news, though, did not appear in the Advocate until August the 5th. Pierce M. Butler was Governor of South Carolina. Martin H. Van Buren had been inaugurated President of the United States on March 4, 1837. The Seminole war was in progress in Florida, and in October 1837 Oseola was captured by Captain Jessup, to be brought to Fort Moultrie on Sullivan's Island, Charleston, where he died of fever the following January. A crucial monetary panic was on in the country when the Advocate was born. In March and April of that year failures in the city of New York alone totaled nearly $100,000,000, and the upheaval affected all classes of citizens throughout the country. Emory College at Oxford, Georgia, now grown to be Emory University, was founded but a few months before, in 1836; and Emory and Henry College in Washington county, Virginia, was established in 1837. There was no Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for seven years yet, for the division of the church was not entered upon until 1844. John Wesley, the father of Methodism, had rested from his labors but a generation; and Francis Asbury, the father of American Methodism, had but twenty years before been called to a greater reward than that which he found in "spreading scriptural holiness over these lands."

From the standpoint of advancement in methods of transportation and communication—yea of man's mastery of his physical environment—there has been no century in the history of the world that can match this one. Your grandparents and mine here in South Carolina, receiving their first copy of the Southern Christian Advocate, could move no faster than Pharaoh in his chariot, unless perchance they made bold to risk their necks on coaches drawn at the breathless rate of 20 miles an hour over the 136-mile line of the Charleston and Hamburg railroad, which four years before had begun operating as the third chartered railroad in the United States. The Advocate was dispatched to its subscribers by pony express. All its communications were dependent upon the same system, for Samuel F. B. Morse did not construct the first practical telegraph until March 4, 1844, and thirty years more were to await Dr. Alexander Graham Bell's perfection of the telephone which in another generation was to be supplemented by Marconi's invention of wireless communication. Today at the Advocate office an air mail letter is received from New York where it was posted the evening before; and the editor of the Advocate has traveled by plane from Spartanburg to Atlanta—171 miles as the crow flies—in exactly one hour and forty minutes; and he has been privileged to sit in a hall and observe the reality of television. "What next?" It is the natural inquiry of every one.

The Southern Christian Advocate these hundred years has been giving answer to that pressing inquiry. It has from the first taken cognizance of the fact that we live in a world of flux but not necessarily in a world of progress. It has not withdrawn from the world of physical and material change; it has been in the world but not of it. Its message from week to week, however insecure it may have known itself to be, was not temporal but eternal—calling men to that reverence of God, of one another, and of the mysteries of being which it maintained as its charter from the first. With every wholesome change in the outward relations of life it has found itself in hearty accord, holding up Christ as the changeless way, the truth, and the life for every relation, present and future. It has not shrunk from a sense of obligation to reform society. Lying here on the table is the leading editorial from the first number. We read in it from the pen of William Capers:

"But 'are not the Methodist a race of repeaters'? True; or if not they ought to be, so long as they live among a race of sinners. 'Thou shalt in anywise rebuke thy neighbor, and not suffer sin upon him.'

"We also propose to reprove sin with all our might; but we hope so to do it as to avoid the scandal of producing two offenses in place of one."

The Southern Christian Advocate has been spared providentially to serve the interests of the kingdom of God in its generations. One cannot follow its fortunes and misfortunes through these century-long files without being impressed by that fact. Again and again when amid depressions or wars or disensions—when it seemed that all was lost for its people and itself, it has been strangely preserved. All honor to the men and women of God who have stood by it and have by the grace of God seen to it that its message should not be muzzled.

"What next?" The Southern Christian Advocate does not have the explicit answer. It has Christ to offer and does offer Him as the hope of the world. Its trail blazed in His name is not a large in missionary, evangelistic, educational, and social endeavor. Even so the Advocate has ever admitted and does now admit of new implications and applications of the Christian ethic.

The Southern Christian Advocate is this day 100 years old, but it is not old. Pray God it may never be old. Age is not measured by years but by spirit and outlook. This 100th birthday finds us on the threshold of what appears to be a reunited Methodism. Pray God again that whatever betides, ours may be a Methodism marked and motivated by the spirit of Christian unity—a Methodism not less but more enamored of permeating the world parish with the gospel of our crucified, risen, and reigning Lord. Still blazing that trail we go, committed to this creed of Sheldon Shepard's:

Not the old because it's old,
Not the new because it's new,
But at dawn of every day,
Choose the true because it's true.

And at night, with truth outgrown,
Purpose served, its duty done,
Put it by to choose again,
Lighted by tomorrow's sun.

John Marvin Rast
THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS SEND GREETINGS

The Southern Christian Advocate has lived through the greatest one hundred years this world has ever had. Great events have been so numerous and have come with such rapidity that the entire habitation of man has been completely transformed. Science has broken open the secret chambers of creation and has turned the light into all the labyrinths of the unknown. No longer has nature any hiding place from the skilled vision of an intelligent race. The philosophies built upon half-known realities have given place to interpretations which scientific research and method have made imperative.

The marvels of science have not outstripped the developments in human relations. By means of the railroad, steamship, airplanes, the telegraph, telephone, wireless and radio men have moved in on each other, and now they have to live together. The barbarian, the heathen and the “foreign devil” were the other man or peoples, but today the other has become part of the one.

Then wars were hatched in the dark, now in the light, and they are failing to occur, and soon they will fail to be possible. Governments have been loosened from the moorings and many if not most of them are drifting. The tide in the affairs of men will eventually lift the governments into common waters and then they will learn the ways of governmental brotherhood. No longer can men and people live apart. No dividing walls are possible in this present world. The compartment world of a hundred years ago has been wrecked and moved off and a new common human structure occupies the old lot and land. The mind of man has been put to it to stay abreast of such vast movements.

The Southern Christian Advocate has seen all this take place and from week to week has pointed it out. Greater things will it yet see. No eyes can be holden in such an exciting day of progressing and progressive movements. “Blessed are those who have eyes and see; who have ears and hear.” How pitiable, how distressing, how unfortunate if they do not.

The religious newspaper has the tremendous responsibility of making religious people see what God is doing in their time. Its leadership, or lack of it, in making the Church intelligent about religious realities and movements measures its capability and efficiency. The era of the Church in which the Church paper comes short of its responsibility as the avenue and agent of church intelligence and inspiration, and religious knowledge and power will be eventually sadly labeled. The Church that allows its printed exponent to be poor and weak, undernourished and under-appreciated will become shorn of its strength and shortened in its reach in the world to which it seeks to minister.

The Southern Christian Advocate is worthy of praise and commendation upon its centennial celebration. Men of unusual gifts and powers have spoken through its editorial columns. Its pages have recorded the thoughts of Methodism’s finest leaders and the doings of its great constructive workmen. The Bishops of the Church join in the greetings, congratulations and encomiums—“Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be.” It is that projection of soul and spirit that honors all that is behind. The day now on and the day ahead give new luster to the day agone.

To the Southern Christian Advocate of a hundred years all hail. To the Southern Christian Advocate of another century all strength and power.

John M. Moore,
Hoyt M. Dobbs,
Committee for the College of Bishops.
Greetings From Our Bishop

One hundred years of glorious history! The Southern Christian Advocate has chronicled the higher life of the state of South Carolina for a century. Across its pages have moved the builders of a commonwealth and into its columns have come thoughts and ideals which have shaped the life of a great people. Through all these years it has kept the faith that was delivered to it by its founders and while it has shared the fortunes of our Southern Methodism it has always pointed a path to a better day. Methodism would have been crippled without its strengthening help and we rejoice today in the providence of God that has kept its columns alive and its message free and unbridled.

May the next one hundred years be filled with the chronicles of glorious triumph and assurances of the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth. To its present editor I extend greetings; for the noble galaxy of men who have wielded the editorial pen in other days, I thank God; and to our preachers and laymen in the Palmetto State I extend my warmest congratulations and my ardent hope for the continuance of God's blessing upon them and their Church.

Paul B. Kern.

The Governor of South Carolina Sends Greetings

Editor, Southern Christian Advocate:

On the occasion of the publication of the enlarged Centennial number of the Southern Christian Advocate commemorating the one hundredth birthday of this notable publication, I am pleased to transmit to you and the Advocate my appreciation for the worth-while service this paper has rendered and to wish for it an unlimit-ed number of successful years.

The value of the Southern Christian Advocate to its readers in all denominations cannot be determined by dollars and cents. Its interesting articles and editorials throughout the years have had a great effect for good upon the moral issues of the day. I cannot too strongly express my appreciation for the great things accomplished through this Christian medium. It has made an everlasting impression upon the Southern people and is counted among the greatest of denominational publications.

With best wishes for the continuance of its Christian service, I am

Sincerely yours,

Olin D. Johnston,
Governor.
GREETINGS FROM OUR FRIENDS

Dr. William Capers, has within him a spirit which will carry him beyond all hindrances in his efforts to further the Kingdom of God through the medium of a church publication. Thirteen months were spent by this great South Carolina churchman in completing arrangements for the establishment of the Southern Christian Advocate, and when the first hand-set issue came from the press his efforts had brought into being a church periodical which in its century of service has been a vital force for the Kingdom of God.

Something of the spirit of Bishop William Capers in his first year of organization and of raising money by subscriptions for financing the paper seems to have been imparted to his successors. The publication has carried on through all of the trying times, despite difficulty after difficulty, and today, if we judge aright, the Southern Christian Advocate is rendering its greatest service. Never before has there been a greater need for publications which are zealous for the Kingdom of God and which are courageous as well as deeply intelligent in doing His work. From our observations of the church press today we feel that we are qualified to speak, and we unhesitatingly say that the Southern Christian Advocate is doing one of the very best jobs in the entire field.

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate which shares with you great pride in the founding of the Southern Christian Advocate by Bishop William Capers, and which today, too, by virtue of its common origin is celebrating its Centennial, congratulates you upon the attainment of 100 years of valuable service and expresses confidence that the days ahead will be richer and fuller in service. May God’s blessings be upon the publication, upon you, Brother Raat, and your coworkers as the Southern Christian Advocate launches into a second century of service.

Sincerely yours,
Charles A. Britton, Jr.
Macon, Ga.

Greetings From The Press

"O pallid want! O hunger stark! We bring to thee another ark—The Press! The Press! The Press!"

In an age of social, political and economic unrest and upheaval, marked by revolt against organized government and the scuttling of time-honored traditions — kaleidoscopic change that gives one a feeling of impermanence and insecurity—it is particularly gratifying to note an institution that has passed through the vicissitudes of one hundred years—a century of service to its readers.

Our democratic form of government was built solidly upon a four-square foundation—the Church, the Home, the School and the Press—and our religious press is its cornerstone. Far beyond the span of man’s allotted time, The Southern Christian Advocate has been all that its name implies: An advocate of the Christian faith—a palisade of Protestantism—and its weekly visits into the homes of Methodists have been a source of constant inspiration. It is, therefore, a rare privilege on

DEANS OF THE CONFERENCES

S. C. CONFERENCE

Rev. R. Herbert Jones
Joined Conference 1876. Resides in Anderson, S. C.

Rev. John W. Neely
Joined Conference 1906. Resides in College Place, S. C.

UPPER S. C. CONFERENCE

Dr. William Capers, with a vision of the future, has dedicated himself to the cause of Christian education. He has been an active and influential leader in the efforts to establish a church periodical which would be a powerful factor in the propagation of the Gospel. His influence has been felt not only in the South Carolina Conference but also in the entire Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Capers is a man of great energy and determination. He has shown his ability to overcome difficulties and to carry through difficult projects. His leadership and guidance have been instrumental in bringing about many important developments in the church.

The Southern Christian Advocate, which he has founded and which has been his lifework, is a vital force in the Church. It has provided a medium for the dissemination of the Gospel and has been a source of inspiration and encouragement to millions of people.

Dr. Capers is a man of great spiritual insight. He has a deep understanding of the needs of the Church and the world, and has been able to communicate this understanding to others. His message is one of hope and confidence in the power of God to accomplish His purposes.

In conclusion, let us extend our congratulations to Dr. William Capers on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the Southern Christian Advocate. May the Advocate continue to be a faithful and effective instrument in the hands of God for the propagation of the Gospel.
June 24, 1937

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

May South Carolina Methodism even more and ever more appreciate its faithful "Pastor's Assistant," and give it the continued support it so richly deserves.

Sincerely,
The Arkansas Methodist.
Little Rock, Ark.

From Zion's Herald, Oldest Methodist Weekly

Across the long stretch of miles between Boston and Columbus, Zion's Herald, oldest weekly of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in its one hundred fifteenth year, sends hearty congratulations and felicitations to the Southern Christian Advocate on the occasion of its one hundredth birthday.

Here is a great religious newspaper—great in the primary business of reporting the news of the church and the kingdom not only from South Carolina, but from other sections of the country and the land beyond the seas; great also in its arresting editorials and its stimulating articles. Deeply religious in policy, broad in editorial outlook, progressive always, this official organ of South Carolina Methodism is indeed a distinguished "Advocate" of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and His coming Kingdom.

May the paper's circulation be doubled within the coming year and a full one thousand members enlisted in its Centennial Club!

L. O. Hartman, Editor, Zion's Herald.
Boston, Massachusetts.

Centennial Greetings From The Baptist Courier

The Centennial Celebration of The Southern Christian Advocate suggests a retrospective view, which reveals the fact that The Baptist Courier, and its predecessors, have covered practically the same period of time, the first Baptist paper in South Carolina having been issued on January 3, 1838. The Baptist Courier, therefore, takes knowledge of the glorious history of The Advocate, and the very record of a long line of Editors who have guided our contemporary through the period of a century. In certain respects the two papers have gone along together, have faced the same difficulties, have had to solve the same problem, have performed ministries of information, consolation, and inspiration, and have made similar contributions to the Kingdom for 100 years through their respective denominations, and denominational agencies and institutions.

During the past 100 years both papers have witnessed many changes in our state, and the world at large, and both have found that He, Who is "the same yesterday, today and forever," is adequate for every need, and will be sufficient for every demand, and on this basis, we can contemplate the future with hope, because of the confirmation of the blessed truth that "the future is as bright as the promises of God."

The Baptist Courier salutes The Southern Christian Advocate on the auspicious attainment of 100 years of service and achievement, and from a common Centennial vantage ground, offers heartiest greetings and congratulations to our contemporary and its present Editor, and extends best wishes for an even greater second 100 years.

W. C. Allen.
Editor, Baptist Courier.
Greenville, S. C.

JUDGE O. RODDEY BELL
of Lancaster
Conference Lay Leader, Upper S. C. Conference

In behalf of the laity of the Upper South Carolina Conference, may I extend greetings and congratulations to the Southern Christian Advocate as we celebrate its one hundredth anniversary.

Personally I consider the Advocate an invaluable asset to South Carolina Methodism. It is indispensable to the successful promotion of Methodism's program of Evangelism and Christian Education in our state and elsewhere.

It is my observation that the editor and his assistants are doing a piece of work that is hardly to be surpassed by any other church periodical in Southern Methodism.

And as Conference Lay Leader of the Upper South Carolina Conference, I pray the constant and enthusiastic support of the laity for the Advocate as it crosses the threshold of its second century of service in South Carolina Methodism.

O. Roddey Bell.
Conference Lay Leader, Upper South Carolina Conference.

From Arkansas

The Senior Editor to The Senior Paper:
Believing that the denominational paper is necessary to promote the varied interests of a denomination, I heartily congratulate South Carolina Methodism on having in the Southern Christian Advocate a strong organ, and the Advocate on its successful completion of its first hundred years.

As the first hundred years are usually the hardest, I wish for this fine paper another hundred years of progress and prosperity.

Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor (1893-1957) of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., retired this month, and is chancellor emeritus. Born in Spartanburg, he was graduated from Wofford College. The late Dr. W. D. Kirkland was a brother.
From Florida

On behalf of the Methodists of the Florida Annual Conference, I send greetings and congratulations to the Wesleyans of South Carolina on the occasion of the Centennial of the Southern Christian Advocate and as editor of the Florida Christian Advocate I send cordial greetings and felicitations to you as editor of our splendid sister publication.

The Southern has rendered conspicuous and distinguished service through the past century, and under your able and gracious leadership, with its firm hold upon the hearts of its constituents, and its honored place in the religious press of our day, it will continue to render effective service to the Kingdom of God.

We rejoice with you in your success, and pledge you our cooperation and support.

Fraternaly yours,
H. W. Blackburn,
Editor, Florida Christian Advocate.
Lakeland, Fla.

From Associate Reformed Presbyterian

The Southern Christian Advocate is one of our most highly esteemed exchanges. We have been reading its editorials and contributed articles with pleasure and profit for a number of years and should dislike very much to be deprived of that privilege. We extend sincere congratulations upon the completion of its 100 years of publication and wish for it many years yet of valiant service in the cause of the Master.

R. M. Stevenson, Editor,
Associate Reformed Presbyterian.
Dum West, S. C.

Baltimore Southern Methodist

It has just been brought to my attention that you are celebrating your centennial with a special edition of June 24, 1887. Will you permit the Baltimore Southern Methodist, also dating back to the early beginnings of Methodism, to offer sincere congratulations and best wishes for a happy and prosperous centennial year?

One cannot help looking back upon a century of service such as you have rendered without great admiration. The Southern Christian Advocate has always stood for high Christian ideals and we know how much better our nation would be today if the millions of people in these United States had only read and adopted the ideals such as your paper has stood for, instead of reading and being governed by the cheap literature that has been broadcast over the land in these latter years.

We indeed offer our best wishes to you, and may your term of service be extended over another century, and yet more centuries, ever giving forth that same high and lofty tone of idealism that you have been giving to the American public through the century which has past.

F. M. Richardson, Editor,
Salem, Va.

From the Christian Advocate, New York

Eighteen Hundred and Thirty-Seven! Then, soldiers of the Revolution were still walking the streets, and men lived who could remember the stately figure of Washington; Francis Asbury's worn body had been at rest scarcely twenty years; Richard Watson's Institutes had only just been published in America; Freeborn Garrettson had but newly ended his tremendous toll; and the great division of Methodism lay still in the future.

How long ago it is! And how much has happened in between! But from that day to this American Methodism has maintained its Southern Christian Advocate.

Southern! To you that word is rich with many memories, sacred memories, and to us also it is rich, though rather with the imagery of dreams. When we say "Southern" we think of the magnolia, the gardenia, and the sycamore, the latter moss-hung, and we think of romance, courage, and loyalties, of great men and noble ladies—! I wonder is the romance of memory so much richer than the romance of dreams!

Alack! I know not; and yet because I cannot share your memories, I have no choice but to dream. So here is my dream which I bring you on your Hundredth Anniversary.

It is a dream of Methodism reunited, in which the breach of '44 is fully healed.

It is a dream of Methodism world-encircling, in which there is no more retreat, but everywhere advance.

It is a dream of Methodism re-energized, both in knowledge and in fervor. Methodism with its churches where high praise is sung, its colleges, its books, its papers, Methodism lifting up everywhere its unfaltering tribute to the glory of Jesus Christ.

When you began, these lovely hills and rivers still knew the tread of Methodism's threadbare itinerants who, in spite of poverty, mastered a continent in the name of Jesus Christ. I can see them now, assembling everywhere in their Annual Conferences, holding sweet converse together, and then, at last, the final business done, standing to sing that hymn without which no conference, for them, could end—

Jesus, the name high over all, In hell, or earth, or sky; Angels and men before it fall, And devils fear and fly.

Happy, if with my latest breath I may but grasp his name; Preach Him to all, and cry in death, "Behold, behold the Lamb."

My dear friends of the Southern Christian Advocate, my wish for you is that when another one hundred years has sped and the calendar announces 2037 A. D., your work may still be going steadily forward.

Most cordially yours,
Harold Paul Sloan, Editor.
Southern Christian Advocate.
New York City.

SONS of SOUTH CAROLINA METHODISM
GRADUATES OF WOFFORD COLLEGE IN THE CLASS OF 1889

SOUTH CAROLINA METHODIST IN PRESIDENT'S CABINET

Hon. Daniel C. Roper, Secretary of Commerce, in President Roosevelt's cabinet, is a Methodist layman of note. Mr. Roper was born in Marlboro county, S. C., April 1, 1867, was graduated from Trinity College (now Duke University) Durham, N. C., in the class of 1888. He has had a long and useful career in church and state—was first assistant postmaster-general in the Wilson administration; commissioner of Internal Revenue, 1921-32; delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1930. Is a member and steward of Mount Vernon Place Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Washington, D. C.

DR. WILLIAM PRESTON FEW
B.A. 1889, Trinity College, 1889-90, President, 1910-24; President, Duke University since 1924.

HON. ELLISON DU RANT SMITH
Born in Lynchburg, S. C., Member of Congress, 1886-1900; United States Senator since 1909.
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From World Outlook

Away back in the early days—the very earliest in my boyhood home—I came to know our sisterhood of church papers through that gentle mother of us all, the Richmond Christian Advocate. I don't have cut my teeth on its sturdy margins or learned my alphabet from its upstanding masthead. Maybe I did. Others did—say they did. I did other things with that dear paper, or it with me, just as primitive and, thank God, just asandalent.

As my knowledge of our Church has widened, so has my appreciation of our Conference papers grown, especially in these later days when so many of them have been going out of existence. As I have seen our Church grow and prosper and grapple its difficulties, looked on at depressions and movements and crusades, and have seen how loyal and generous and unfailing the service of our church papers, I have come to think of the Conference organ as well, as indispensable.

Recently in our Bishops' Crusade, in going back to the beginnings of the work and reading upon a copy of the Southern Christian Advocate as of September 5, 1845. In that number was an article written by the editor, Rev. W. F. Wightman (later Bishop), telling that a man was needed to go to China as our first missionary to that first mission, and describing the kind of man needed. One of the printers, maybe the only one, read the call and volunteered to go, and that was Benjamin Jenkins, one of the two first missionaries our Church ever sent abroad. We could not resist the temptation to pirate that editorial paragraph and use it in our Crusade rostrum, World Outlook.

We could say many good things about the Southern Christian Advocate, but not best in my recollection of it more strikingly than the ability and brilliance of its editorial section, and under the present management I find it the equal to that high mark. May the Southern Christian Advocate live long, and its editor, and continue to be a blessing to the Church and the time.

Yours very cordially,

E. H. Rawlings, Editor, World Outlook.
Nashville, Tenn.

Greetings From Virginia

There are few business concerns now living that were here when your paper started her career. The most of them have merged or died. The Southern Christian Advocate is still living and shows no sign of heart failure or feebleness. She is taking on new life as she receives the transfusion of a new loyalty and drinks at the fountain of youth in these days.

When I was a little boy just over the border in North Carolina I knew the Southern Christian Advocate, for my people took it and read it. From that day I have appreciated it. Since I fell from Grace and backslid from the public editorial office fifteen years ago I have appreciated it more and more. I read it each week and its visits cheer me for the duties that are mine. Its editors these years have been my good friends and buddies in labors.

I must say to the readers of the Southern Christian Advocate that it has never been any better than it is now. The present editor has a nose for the trail that is his. His soil is in his work. He seemed to take to it like a duck to water. He is already in love with it. And no man who does not love his job with his whole soul will make a success of it—especially of this kind of a job. Blessings on you. Hats off, Three cheers and other things!

J. M. Rowland, Editor, Richmond Christian Advocate.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate

On behalf of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, we take great pleasure in joining with others in greetings to The Southern Christian Advocate upon the completion of its first century of service to the Church in South Carolina. During the past one hundred years, the Southern has borne a worthy part in a pageant of events, momentous and epochal in character, and no periodical of Methodism has made a larger or more substantial contribution to the life of the Church and to the building of the Kingdom. It had part in the catastrophe of 1844, it survived the ordeal of fire in the Civil War, it weathered the storms of reconstruction and it has survived the economic buffetings of recent years. We rejoice with you and with the loyal friends of The Southern Christian Advocate in the happy conclusion of a century of journalistic ministry, and we wish for you a second hundred years of honorable and meritorious service for the Church and for the cause of Christ in your field.

Fraternally yours,

W. L. Duren, Editor, New Orleans Christian Advocate.

From Alabama Christian Advocate

Greetings and congratulations to the Southern Christian Advocate on having reached the century mark in age.

To live one hundred years and to be more vigorous at the close of that long period than at the beginning is a real accomplishment. But it is the long record of glorious achievement for the Kingdom that calls forth our appreciation and praise. When we think of the steady stream of clean, wholesome literature poured into the minds of thousands of readers week by week through the years; when we consider the increased information concerning the Church, the news of events in local churches, in conferences and throughout the world, and the enrichment of life and character coming to men, women and children through the stretch of a century; when we envision the marching hosts of Methodism pressing forward in fulfillment of the Master's Great Commission, guided and inspired by the Church paper; we rejoice and take courage, we offer thanks to God, and we extend our sincere congratulations and good wishes for the continuance and enlargement of the glorious service rendered by the Southern Christian Advocate. May your second century bring larger life, wider influence and even greater accomplishments.

P. A. Gamble, Editor, Alabama Christian Advocate, Birmingham, Ala.

From Pentecostal Herald

I wish to congratulate you on the coming Centennial of your most excellent paper, the Southern Christian Advocate, published in Columbia, South Carolina. It has had a wonderful history. It's dear old ears heard the thunder of the cannon in the Civil War and its devout heart burned and throbbed with a thousand emotions during those tremendous days.

I join you and your readers with thanks to God that it has weathered all the storms and is not new by any means come into port but steaming up for a wider cruise in carrying its message of faith, good will, and love toward God and our fellow beings.

May the Lord greatly bless you as

FATHERS OF METHODISM
you send out the message of inspiration and comfort to your many readers. It seems to me that there is a hopeful outlook for our beloved Southern Methodism. There is a spirit of faith and evangelism among a large per cent of our ministers and people which is most encouraging. We cannot and must not permit any individual or group of people to thrust upon us a spirit contrary to evangelism and revivals of religion which will quicken the spiritual life of the church and bring the lost to Christ.

On March 10 I passed my eightieth birthday, but in spite of a long sickness during the winter I find myself with remarkable vigor and hope to put in the summer in earnest work in the camp meetings.

Wishing you great blessing in your splendid task, I am,
Your brother,
H. C. Morrison.
Editor, Pentecostal Herald, Louisville, Ky.

The Kentucky Methodist
Please accept my congratulations and best wishes upon the Centennial Celebration of the Southern Christian Advocate.

It is my sincere hope that this great religious journal may continue to serve its constituency in the coming years as it has so well done during the past century.

Most sincerely yours,
D. V. Snapp.
Editor Kentucky Methodist.
Paris, Ky.

From the Methodist Protestant
The information that the Southern Christian Advocate will celebrate its centenary during this month is astounding.

The paper does not look its age. Its vision has not grown dim and its voice does not quaver. Somewhere you have found the secret of eternal youth. Your vigor is characteristic of Methodism, in the history of which your paper has played a great part, and I am sure the days to come will be even more influential. May God bless you!
Fraternally yours,
Richard L. Shipley, Editor.
The Methodist Protestant-Recorder.
Baltimore, Md.

EDITORIAL AND PERSONAL
Words are feeble instruments for expressing my deep appreciation to the Advocate Board of Managers, for their counsel; to the Staff that has worked arduously and devotedly: to the Centennial Committee—Rev. W. D. Gleston, Dr. D. D. Peele, Col. J. F. Risher, Rev. Woodrow Ward, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Dr. A. L. Gunter, Mr. W. S. Hendley, Rev. C. E. Peele—and in particular, to the local Centennial Committee on Arrangements, Dr. D. D. Peele, advertising; Mr. W. S. Hendley, publicity, Rev. A. D. Betts, research and composition; to Mrs. J. M. Rast for general aid with copy and proof; to advertisers, felicitators, contributors—to all who helped us publish the Centennial Number, the largest number in the history of the Southern Christian Advocate.

J. M. R.
EDITORS OF THE ADVOCATE, 1837-1904

WILLIAM CAPERS, 1837-1840

WILLIAM MAY WIGHTMAN, 1840-1854

T. O. SUMMERS (Associate) 1846-1859

E. H. MYERS, 1854-1871

F. MILTON KENNEDY, 1871-1878

SAMUEL A. WEBER, 1878-1888

W. D. KIRKLAND, 1885-1896

JOHN O. WILLSON, 1896-1902

W. R. RICHARDSON, 1902-1904
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OF THE
ADVOCATE
1905-1937

G. H. WADDELL, 1905

S. A. NETTLES, 1906-1914

WILLIAM C. KIRKLAND, 1915-1920

R. E. STACKHOUSE, 1921-1926

EMORY OLIN WATSON, 1927-1933

ROBERT O. LAWTON, 1933-1936

D. D. PEELE (Acting 6 months) 1936

JOHN MARVIN RAST, November 1936—
TRIBUTE TO BISHOP WILLIAM CAPERS

By Bishop Paul B. Kern

I am sure that many of you have noticed as you have come to this historic city of Charleston the simple granite shaft inside the yard of the church, bearing upon it an inscription indicating that it is a memorial to William Capers, the founder of the Mission to the slaves. His body was originally buried in the church yard of the Methodistic Church and when the church was extended his body was placed beneath the pulpit upon which I am standing. Around this church and other notable historic spots in South Carolina cluster blessed memories of this pioneer preacher and bishop, and this afternoon it is our privilege briefly to pay tribute to him. He was born on what is known as Bull Head Swamp about 20 miles from Charleston. His father soon afterwards purchased a beautiful plantation near Georgetown and he grew up as boy on the Belle Vue Plantation about 20 miles from Georgetown. He was sent to an academy in his early adolescence to remain there until he entered college. During those days it had been on his mind to become a lawyer, but he was gloriously converted and decided to give his blackstone up for the Bible and the law of the gospel ministry.

During the years of his life from the age of thirty-one to sixty-five he gave notable and creative service to causes of Methodism, particularly in South Carolina and Georgia. The Missionary Society of Methodism was organized—an organization which we will recall—in New York City in 1819. You will remember that date because in 1919 we celebrated the Centenary of that Missionary Society. The Mission which was established was to the Wyandotte Indians and then two years later a mission was opened for the Creek Indians who occupied lands in Georgia and Alabama. In 1821 young Capers was appointed to this mission. On horseback he travelled all over the South seeking to arouse the interest and solicit contributions to erect schools and churches for these wards of the Government. He had as his credentials commendation from the Governor and also from the Department of War in Washington. For two years he continued this work, the mission being known as the Asbury Mission for the Indians. He gave it his personal direction and the following year was appointed to Milledgeville, Georgia. He was the first representative of the Methodist Church in Great Britain. After a period of several years he moved into Charleston and there his greatest work began in Charleston and other South Carolina points, particularly in 1828, he was appointed Presiding Elder of the Charleston District. At the end of that period he reported that there were 3,494 white members and at least 5,977 colored members of the Methodist Church. You will notice that in 1836 after fifty years in South Carolina, there were more colored members than there were white members of the Methodist Church. They worshiped in the same churches, a gallery being reserved for the colored members.

The year 1829 is the notable year in the life of Capers and in the particular aspect of work, for in which we are interested this afternoon. A gentleman by the name of Mr. Charles C. Pinckney, a layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, came and asked his help in bringing the gospel to his slaves on his plantation on the Santee River. What he was really asking was that Mr. Capers should find a Methodist preacher who would be willing to become his overseer and give economic and religious guidance to the slaves on his plantation at one and the same time. The matter was taken under advisement immediately and he was informed that it would not be practicable, but that if he was interested in the religious welfare of the slaves, he would be glad to cooperate by appointing a missionary as a guide for their religious life. J. H. Massey was appointed as a missionary to the plantations of the Santee River. The second mission to plantation slaves was established on the Ashley River and John Honour was appointed missionary, having only a few years of service, dying with fever as a result of living in the lowlands.

It is an interesting observation when we face the problems that confronted our forefathers to see the difference in their attitude and ours. The Southern leaders of the 1800's were compted with the negro and if their attitude was naive, it was none the less honest. These slaves among whom Capers was working were African in origin and from Western Africa, the most ignorant and degraded portion of the realm of Paganism; enslaved many of them, in their fatherland; victims of degrading superstitions; what recuperative element was there to be found in their condition? That ineradicable providence of God, whose march through the centuries is apparently slow but with unerring tread and in the right direction, seems to have overruled the cupidity of the British slavetraders, and allowed an exodus, where, under the mild form of servitude known in the Southern States, they contribute to the feeding and clothing of the world, and are at the same time environed with the light and saving influences of Christian civilization.

The question of abolition of slavery was a very acute one in those days. Our Southern leaders in the face of the opinion that these questions were purely political and they did not sense the religious implications of slavery. In fact, they were inclined to defend the institution of slavery from a Biblical standpoint. The report in 1836 of the South Carolina Missionary Society set forth the position held by the Conference on the subject of the abolition of slaves in the following words: "We regard the question of the abolition of slavery as a CIVIL one, belonging to the State, and not at all a RELIGIOUS one, or appropriate to the Church, nor do we hold that abuses which may sometimes happen, such as excessive labor, extreme punishment, the withholding necessary food and clothing, neglect in sickness or old age, and the like, are immoralities, to be prevented or punished by all power bears, both of Church discipline and the civil law, each in its sphere."

However impossible to us may appear their views regarding the religious implications of slavery, they incarnated a keen and intelligent interest in the spiritual life of these unfortunate people who lived on their plantations. William Capers was soon given the direction of the various missions to the slaves and went in and out among the plantations of the South directing their labors. The movement soon grew from a very small beginning of the two missions referred to above until in less than a quarter of a century there were twenty-six of these missions among the slaves in South Carolina. Thus the movement succeeded beyond the most reasonable expectations. The statistics reveal that in 1832 there were four missions, in 1837 there were ten, in 1847 there were twenty, and at the end of twenty-five years there were more than thirty preachers engaged in this humble but glorious service. Among the

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Columbia District
Extends Greetings to Advocate
on its 100th Birthday

The 25 Charges, the 27 active Preachers, the Presiding Elder, Local and Superannuate Preachers, and the 16,000 Methodists of Columbia District extend heartiest congratulations and good wishes to the Southern Christian Advocate on her 100th birthday!

The history of this District and the “Old Southern” have been closely intertwined for these 100 years. The sacred dust of the first editor, the late Bishop William Capers, (1790-1855), rests under the chancel of Washington Street Church.

Columbia District acknowledges her debt to the “Old Southern” for her able and consecrated leadership in every good work.

May the next 100 years witness continual growth in usefulness and service to God and humanity.

A. L. GUNTER, P. E.
EDITORs OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

1837 Rev. William Capers, D.D.
1840 Rev. Whiteford Smith, D.D. (succeeded by 6 months)
1841 Rev. William May Wightman, D.D.
1842 Rev. Thos. O. Summers, D.D. (Associate Editor 1846-50)
1854 Rev. Edward H. Myers, D.D. of Georgia
1872 Rev. F. Milton Kennedy, D.D.
1873 Rev. J. W. Burke (Assistant Editor 1874-78)
1886 Rev. W. D. Kirkland, D.D.
1894 Rev. John O. Wilson, D.D.
1902 Rev. W. R. Richardson, D.D.
1905 Rev. G. H. Waddell (Assistant Editor 1903-4)
1906 Rev. W. A. Rogers, Assistant Editor
1914 Rev. P. E. Kilgo, D.D. (for 5 months Acting Editor)
1915 Rev. William C. Kirkland, D.D.
1916 Rev. R. R. Doyle (Assistant Editor 1926)
1921 Rev. R. E. Stackhouse, D.D.
1927 Rev. Emory Olin Watson, D.D.
1933 Rev. Robert O. Lawton, D.D. (for 6 months Acting Editor)

GREETINGS FROM LIVING EDITORS

From Rev. G. H. Waddell

From its beginning a hundred years ago the Advocate has been a positive influence for good in church and state. It has been a source of information and inspiration and help to tens of thousands who have passed on and to tens of thousands who are now on the way. May its power and influence never wane. It has never better served its purpose nor more fully met the demands upon it than at this present time. May the editor and his assistants be divinely guided in their work. God bless "the old Southern."

G. H. Waddell.
480 Hill Street, Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Kirkland Writes

Concerning the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Southern Christian Advocate: Greetings and best wishes.

I feel sure there are enough of us who love our church paper to pay the entire sum of the indebtedness.

Fraternally,
William C. Kirkland.
Timmonsville, S. C.

Dr. Stackhouse Sends Greetings

The Southern Christian Advocate:

No one rejoices more than a former editor in the lengthening years and growing usefulness of one of the oldest of our church papers. Most hearty are my congratulations on the record of an hundred years of distinguished service in every good cause our church has espoused.

Not only has the Southern Christian Advocate taken the initiative in many of the most important movements, i.e., the projection of our foreign mis-

sion work, its timely and effective advocacy has been an invaluable inspiration to all of them.

An hundred years old, but still youthful as institutions count age, as it enters on another century of service under the guidance of so well trained and skilful a pilot, may past achievements be but the first fruits of a more abundant and glorious service in the years ahead.

R. E. Stackhouse.
Lake Junaluska, N. C.

Dr. Lawton's Message

Greetings to the Southern Christian Advocate:

Which has lived a hundred years in spite of panic, hardships, wars and rumors of wars; which has fed the poor with spiritual bread, inspired the cast-down, brought light to those who sit in darkness and given freely of her best to all who have need; which has fearlessly stood for the right in spite of the stare of the wise and the world's derision, lifted the truth so high that all could see and grasp it and exalted justice above chicanery and trickery; which has magnified the Church, made salvation attractive and given to the poor and needy a cup of cold water in the name of Christ; which has turned the light on evil, fought old sin with fortitude and fed its sheep like a shepherd; which has magnified the home, opened its pages to people of varying opinions and failed not to care for its young people and children; which has helped to keep alive the zeal of the Church for missions at home and abroad, the passion for souls and the high romance of feeding the sheep, and which we devoutly hope and pray will live another hundred years to bless, to inspire and to enrich all who read its spiritually luminous pages.

Greenwood, S. C.

Dr. D. D. Peele

To have served the Kingdom for 100 years in the personal and homelife of its many readers, to have fought the fight for righteousness on the front lines of debate for a century, to have been the handmaid of the church for so long a time in its manifold activities—to have rendered these services while enjoying no permanent home of its own except in the hearts of its readers, deserves a birthday gift from Methodism in South Carolina. But those who are joining the Centennial Club to relieve the Southern Christian Advocate of its present debt seem moved more by the tender love and by high esteem for its present value than by any thought of deserts based upon past services. Present excellence and hopes for an unhampered future for the old Southern have moved many of us and will move many more to a gift of $10 on the centenary occasion.

D. D. Peele

College Place, S. C.
DEDICATION OF WASHINGTON STREET METHODIST CHURCH, COLUMBIA

By James H. Carlisle

This account I take from my mother's scrap-book, who was a member of this church from her girlhood till she came to Spartanburg with my father in 1854. Her father, Mr. Robert Bryce, was for nearly 50 years one of the leaders of this church.

"Dedication of the Washington Street Church"

"It has seldom been our pleasure to attend a more impressive service than that which took place at the dedication of the new chapel of the Washington Street Church on yesterday morning, (August 12, 1866). The building, which is a simple, square brick structure, occupies the position of the former elegant chapel which was destroyed by Sherman, together with the church and two parsonages on the memorable 17th of February 1865. It is capable of holding about 400 persons, and is designed to serve the purpose of worship until such time as the congregation may be able to rebuild their church.

At an early hour the chapel was filled to its utmost capacity, by the congregation of both the Marion Street and Washington Street churches, the morning service at the former having been suspended to enable its congregation to enjoy the reunion with their brethren of Washington Street. The other denominations of the city were also well represented. The services were opened with an anthem by the choir, appropriately sung as the officiating preacher entered the chapel. Then came a hymn, in which the whole congregation united, succeeded by an eloquent and pathetic address to the throne of grace by Rev. N. Talley. Rev. Mr. Gage, pastor of the Marion Street Church, read the Scripture lessons from 80th psalm and 2nd Cor. 5th chapter. The congregation then united in that solemn hymn, "God of Thine Own," after which the pastor, Rev. W. T. Capers, preached from Isa. 56 ch. of Verse II "For mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people." The exordium was a brief resume of the history of the church, whose ruins are near by, and contain many eloquent tributes to the hosts of mothers who for fifty years had there by their examples illustrated the prominent idea of the text. Our space forbids even a synopsis of the beautiful and impressive discourse. At the close of the sermon, the chapel was dedicated to the worship of God, by Rev. Wm. Martin in the following solemn and impressive form: "Now unto the King Eternal, Immortal Invisible, the only wise God, who was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, God over all and blessed for evermore world without end. The only living and true God. Unto thee O God, and to Thy most holy worship do we thy unworthy servants humbly, devoutly and solemnly dedicate this house, which we have built, earnestly beseeching thee that thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night; and that thou wouldst put thy name within this house, and that thy presence may ever dwell here, and that it may please thee, that a pure Gospel may ever be preached, and thy holy sacraments be duly administered within these walls, and that it may appear in that great day, that many souls were born for glory there.

Now, therefore arise, O Lord God, into thy resting place, thou and the ark of thy strength, let thy priests, O Lord, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in great gladness. Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, in the church of Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end."

The choir then sang the "Gloria," a prayer followed by Rev. W. Martin, after which a hymn and the benediction by Rev. N. Talley concluded the services.

Spartanburg, S. C.

SKETCH OF WASHINGTON STREET CHURCH

Methodism began in Columbia about 1787 with preaching by the Rev. Isaac Smith in the home of United States Senator Taylor. Washington Street Church was organized in 1803 by the Rev. John Harper, an Englishman who was ordained to the ministry by John Wesley. His ordination papers were burned by John Wesley and are now in the possession of the Historical Society of the South Carolina Conference. Mr. Harper came to America with Mr. Coke and Mr. Brazier and was stationed in Charleston, 1789 to 1801. At the session of the Conference held in Camden in June 1803, he was located and removed to Columbia, donated the land and began a church, the first Christian house of worship erected in Columbia, the Methodist Congregation at that time consisting of six members.

This church, although frequently proving inadequate to the needs of the congregation, stood until 1831 when a brick building was erected, which stood until February 1865 when it was destroyed by Sherman's soldiers. Some time during 1866 efforts were made to provide a place of worship and the Sunday School of the church, originally a two-story building which stood in the rear of the old church were cleared away and the old bricks were used to build on a one-story building on a site adjoining the foundation of the old one. In 1871 ground was broken for the present building.

The list of preachers given above contains the names of many distinguished preachers, three of whom became Bishops: William Capers, James O. Andrew, and A. Coke Smith.

Bishop William Capers

The tablet in the front of the church in the vestibule was dedicated to Bishop William Capers and was presented by the Honorable Wm. A. Courtenay, who was desirous of perpetuating the memory of the sainted Bishop Wm. T. Capers. Mr. Courtenay was not a member of this church but he interested himself in the erection of this tablet. Bishop Capers lies under the pulpit of this church. He devoted much of his life and work not only to Washington Street Church, but he did a great deal for the University of South Carolina. Much of his work was among the slaves and in this he has not been forgotten,
for even in this day and time the Ne- 
greys place flowers on his monuments 
just to the left of the church.

Memorial Windows
The memorial windows in the church were 
dedicated on Easter morning, 1914. The installation of these 
windows was first suggested by Dr. D. A. Pressley, 
and was put into the hands of the church due to 
his untiring and loving efforts that we are enjoying their artistic beauty today. Dr. E. O. Watson, at that time 
pastor, suggested the subjects to be used in these 
drawings. They present allegorically the 
life of Christ.

Beginning on the eastern side of the church, near the pulpit, the first win-
dow represents Bethlehem, depicting Herod, the king, 
and the Magi. (John 2:40)

Next is an illustration of a passage 
In the Sermon on the Mount, Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toll not neither do they spin. (Matthew 6:28)

The next illustrates the incident at 
Jacob's well when Jesus revealed Him-
self to the woman of Samaria and told 
her "God is a Spirit; and they that 
worship Him must worship Him in 
spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

The last window on the eastern side, 
pictures the Sea of Galilee and sur-
rounding country, bearing the inscrip-
tion, "And He went about all Galilee 
teaching in their Synagogues and 
presenting the Gospel of the King-
dom and healing all manner of sick-
ness and all manner of disease among the 
people." (Matthew 4:23)

Crossing to the western side near 
the door, the first illustrates one of 
Christ's discourses to His disciples in 
Jerusalem, comforting them and pre-
paring them for His impending separa-
tion from them. I am the vine, ye 
are the branches, he that abideth in 
me and I in him the same bringeth forth much fruit. For without me ye 
can do nothing. (John 15:5)

The second window describes Christ's 
agony in the garden. "Then cometh 
Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane and said unto the disci-
bles, Sit ye here while I go and pray 
yonder." (Matthew 26:36)

The next represents the place of 
crucifixion, where was fulfilled Christ's 
statement to the disciples on the road 
to Jericho, "The Son of Man came not 
to be ministered unto but to minister, 
and to give his life a ransom." (Mark 10:45)

Then the empty tomb when the 
women were told by the angel, "And he 
said unto them, Be not affrighted: Ye 
seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was cru-
cified: He is risen, he is not here." 
(Mark 16:8)

The last window portrays the ascen-
dion. Christ, after the resurrection, 
walked and discoursed with two of the 
disciples on the road to Emmaus, and 
as they approached Bethany, He re-
vealed Himself and blessed them. The 
inscription on the window reads, "And 
he led them out as far as to Bethany, 
and he lifted up his hands, and blessed 
them. And it came to pass, while he 
blessed them, he was parted from them, 
and carried up into heaven." (Luke 24:50-51)

The large window in the gallery 
represents Jerusalem.

Probably the most beautiful memo-
rial window in the church is the one in 
the chapel placed and dedicated 
more than twenty years ago to the 
saintly William Martin whose labors so 
largely contributed to the erection of the 
church.

The Skinner organ which was in-
stalled in 1920, through the efforts of the 
present organist, Mr. D. A. Pressley, 
is a pride to every member of the church.

1787 to 1937
Methodist Preachers began to hold 
religious services in Columbia about 
1787. In 1805 Rev. John Harper, a 
Methodist minister from England, or-
dained by John Wesley, and having 
come to this country with Bishop Coke, 
gave the land on which Washington 
Street Church now stands. The church 
built at that time stood until 1831, 
when under the leadership of the pas-
tor, Rev. William Capers, a brick edific-
e was erected, which stood until 1865. In February of that year this 
was burned by Sherman's soldiers. The 
following year a small building was 
constructed on the old bricks being used for walls, and clay for mor-
tar.

In 1869, under the leadership of 
Rev. William Martin, steps were taken 
to begin raising funds for a new build-
ing. The cornerstone of the present 
building was laid by Rev. William Mar-
tin in 1871, and the building was com-
pleted in 1875. Bishop Wightman 
preached the dedicatory sermon, Rev. 
A. Coke Smith being preacher in 
charge. The Church School building, 
entered and built under the leader-
ship of Rev. A. L. Gunter, D. D., was 
completed in 1885.

The names of those who have been 
preachers in charge constitute a long 
and honorable list. Of these, three be-
came Bishops: James O. Andrew, Wil-
liam Capers and A. Coke Smith. In 
the lay membership, likewise, have 
been, and are numbered men and wo-
men of great ability and high charac-
ter. Columbia, past and present, bears 
witness to the influence of this great 
church on the Community.—Bulletin, 
Washington Street Church, Columbia.
**Kingstree District**

The Kingstree District sends greetings to The Southern Christian Advocate on its 100th birthday.

May you live and thrive another 100 years, and may all journalistic happiness and success be yours from season to season; and may you continue to inspire in the future as you have long inspired in the past, and may our children and their children revere you as our fathers have and as we do, and may you be a carrier of the word of God to those who love you.

We are proud of you, and we wish to serve you in every way we can.

C. C. DERRICK, Presiding Elder  
R. W. SPIGNER and W. H. PERRY, Superannuates

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| Beulah, Cedar Swamp, Live Oak, Millwood, Mt. Vernon, Salters | KINGSTREE |
| E. B. Johnson, Pastor | W. G. Ariail, Pastor |
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| E. V. Best, Pastor | Eben Taylor, Pastor |
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Excerpts from an Article in The Southern Christian Advocate, by J. Emerson Ford, D.D., Marion, S. C.

The paper was authorized officially by action of the South Carolina Conference at Wilmington (Fayetteville is named in the Minutes) in February, 1825, several months before the first issue appeared in October of the same year. The name "Wesleyan Journal" was adopted by the Conference at the same time, and a "publishing committee" was appointed to make all arrangements for securing an editor and providing for its publication. The original resolutions providing for the paper are in the Historical Society archives at Spartanburg. James O. Andrew was the chairman of the special committee which prepared the resolution creating the Wesleyan Journal, and was, I think, the chairman of the "publishing committee."

Stephen Olin was chosen editor by the publishing committee, as is indicated in the first report of the committee at Milledgeville in 1826. He prepared the prospectus which was sent to the preachers of the Conference soon after the Wilmington Conference. Olin had been reappointed to Charleston, along with William Capers and others. His health broke and he had to leave for the up-country. The publishing committee, after waiting several months in the hope that Olin could edit the paper, began publication under the editorship of William Capers. In the first issue, October 1, 1826, Capers apologizes for the necessity of issuing the paper without the help of Stephen Olin. During the eighteen months of its separate existence, the Journal contained several articles by Olin, who used "Timothy" as his pen name.

In March, 1827, after necessary negotiations, the Journal was merged with the "Christian Advocate," which had been started by the New York Book Concern in September, 1826. The title became "Christian Advocate and Journal." More than a year later, September 1828, Zions Herald of Boston merged also, and the title became "Christian Advocate and Journal and Zions Herald." In 1833 the title again became "Christian Advocate and Journal," this title continuing until 1866. In the meantime the General Conference of 1836 authorized several papers, among them the Southern Christian Advocate to be published in Charleston. William Capers, who edited the Wesleyan Journal, became the first editor of the Southern Christian Advocate. In a very real sense the Advocate continued the original Wesleyan Journal, bringing it back to Charleston. As the oldest Methodist paper in the South, the Journal was the second oldest Methodist weekly in America. Zions Herald had been issued from 1825, although not at first an official paper as was the Journal. Interestingly enough the financial statement of January 1, 1827, showed for the Journal a net deficit of $1,859.24%. A modern flavor!

Students of Methodist history will be interested to know that there is a complete file of the Wesleyan Journal in the library of Wofford College. This may be the only file in existence. There is none in the office of the Christian Advocate in New York, and only a partial file in the library of Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. Other interesting original documents are in the archives of the Historical Society at Wofford College.

NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1836 met in Cincinnati, Ohio. On May 26th the Report of the Committee on Book Concern was taken up and adopted. The following excerpts have to do with the origin of the Southern Christian Advocate:

"10. That in addition to the Christian Advocate and Journal and Western Christian Advocate, there shall be a similar paper established in the following places: viz., Charleston, Richmond, and Nashville, to be conducted under the direction and patronage of this Conference; provided that before any such paper shall be commenced 3,000 subscribers shall be obtained, or subscriptions amounting to $6,000. And the annual conference within whose bounds such paper shall be established shall appoint from their own numbers a publishing committee, consisting of three, whose duties shall be similar to those of the Book Committee of New York and Cincinnati, so far as they may be applicable to these establishments.

11. That the editors for the papers at Charleston and Nashville shall be elected by this Conference, and that the Virginia Conference be, and hereby is authorized to elect an editor for the paper at Richmond until the next General Conference. And in case of vacancy, by death, resignation or otherwise, in either of the establishments, the annual conference where it is located, shall have authority to fill such vacancy as above provided.

12. That the Publishing Committees in each of these establishments shall keep an account of the receipts and expenditures for the paper, correspond with the Agents in New York, hold all moneys, after defraying current expenses, subject to their order, and shall report annually on the state of the establishment to their conference, and to the Agents in New York. And whenever it shall be found that such papers do not fully support themselves, it shall be the duty of the annual conference within whose bounds they are located to..."
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EARLY METHODIST EDUCATION

Merrivether says: "The Methodists were the last of the denominations to enter the educational field in South Carolina, yet there can be no doubt of their interest in the work." This is a decidedly misleading statement. The fact is there was no Methodist organization in the State prior to 1785. We lay preachers in Charleston in 1784, before the Methodist Church came into existence. Whitefield preached before the birth of the Methodist movement, 1738, and made fourteen visits to the state thereafter but without forming any organization. Joseph Filmore, a pioneer Methodist preacher, also visited and the school he conducted at Mt. Bethel, Newberry County, before they began active educational work. They were not of the rich and powerful. They, in their beginnings, were of the poorer people. None the less they set in motion forces for education that are calculable in the arithmetic of earth.

Mt. Bethel

Though small in numbers and limited in every way as to resources, within a decade after organization in South Carolina there was established under the control of the Methodist Church one of the finest and most influential academies in the state. This was Mt. Bethel, in Newberry County. While the date of the beginning and close of this school cannot be definitely established, it appears certain that its buildings were in process of erection at the time of the holding of the eighth session of the South Carolina Conference in 1794 and doubtless the school had been in operation some time. There is evidence that it was Conference property. Bishop Asbury preached the dedicatory sermon in 1795. Elisha Hammond, father of Governor Hammond, afterward a professor in the South Carolina College, taught at Mt. Bethel. Josiah P. Smith was also one of its principal teachers. The school furnished the first students and graduates of the South Carolina College. The two first registered as students in the South Carolina College were from Bethel and were sons of the Rev. John Harper, who gave the land for the building of Washington Street Church, Columbia, one of the earliest, if not the first church erected in the state capital. Mt. Bethel closed about 1820, superseded by Cokesbury.

Cokesbury

In the report of the Committee on Education rendered to the Fifth delegated Conference at Pittsburgh, Pa., 1828, reference is made to Cokesbury school, then called Tabernacle, as having been in existence for eight years and as being under the patronage of the South Carolina Conference. This school was originally a private academy founded by a Methodist preacher, James E. Glenn, who after eight years' itinerant service, located in 1814. January 1821, Stephen Olin took charge. Here he was converted. The school was then located at Tabernacle about two miles from Mt. Ariel. Joseph Travis, a Methodist pioneer in South Carolina, located in 1825 in order to devote his energies to Mt. Ariel. In 1834, the people of Mt. Ariel and vicinity made an offer to the South Carolina Conference to raise $6,000 if the Conference would regularly adopt the school as their institution. This was done and from that date the village and the school were known as Cokesbury.

Many men who became distinguished in the affairs of the State and Nation received their training at Cokesbury. Among these may be mentioned Bishop Holland N. McFyeirre, whose influence later established Vanderbilt University, and Dr. W. Davies Kirkland, who became Editor of the Southern Christian Advocate and Editor of the Sunday School literature of Methodism.

Until the great forward movement in education, beginning about 1850, Cokesbury was the great school of the State and drew students from all quarters. In the latter years it had a hard struggle for existence. Various causes contributed to this. One was the fact that when the first railroad was projected through this country and proposed to run through Cokesbury, the good people of that olden time objected on the ground that the noise would interfere with their school and week day worship. Another cause was, of course, the gradual growth of schools in other parts of the State. The chief cause, and one which it has been recently suggested turned the center of educational interest from Cokesbury to Spartanburg, was the gift of $100,000 by Benjamin Wofford for the establishment of a Methodist College in Spartanburg. As Cokesbury succeeded Mt. Bethel, so Wofford College succeeded Cokesbury. After varied fortunes, it was finally closed in 1919, but the name is still held as almost holy and a sacred memory to a number still living and scattered abroad over the earth. Gradually the old village has gone down. Historic homes of the past have been deserted and are but crumbling ruins of former glories. But memory lingers and the main building of the old school stands today in lonely surroundings as a reminder of great service rendered in a day of need when there was no other to serve.

South Carolina and Randolph-Macon 1834 the South Carolina Conference decided to participate with the Virginia Conference in Randolph-Macon College, which arrangement continued until the opening of Wofford College in 1854.
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N. B. Kindly report to the Editor any errors in the above list, or supplementary information.

REV. CHARLES TAYLOR, M.D.
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April 24, 1896

THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

By Dr. Whitefoord Smith
(Copied from the Southern Christian Advocate—June 23, 1887)

Previous to the General Conference of 1856, the Southern portion of the Methodist Episcopal Church had no official representation in the press of the church. At that General Conference the publication of papers at Columbia, S. C., Richmond, Va., and Nashville, Tenn., was authorized. It was not till June, 1837, however, that the first number of The Southern Christian Advocate appeared. Dr. Wm. Capers (afterwards Bishop) was elected editor, and a Publishing Committee was appointed, consisting of the Presiding Elder of the Charleston District and the preachers stationed in Charleston and the Presiding Elder of the Augusta District (Georgia Conference) and the preacher stationed in Augusta. So that the first Publishing Committee consisted of Nicholas Tailley, Bond English, James Sewell, John N. Ashley, James W. Welborn, representing the South Carolina Conference; and George E. Pierce (afterwards Bishop) and Whitefoord Smith, representing the Georgia Conference. (Bishop Andrew had transferred me in 1836 to the Georgia Conference to fill the Augusta station, which had been left to be supplied from the South Carolina Conference.)

The paper was at first printed by James R. Burgess at his printing office, 55 Broad Street. In 1839, the centenary of Methodism was celebrated. A joint meeting of the members, clerical and lay, from the South Carolina and the Georgia Conferences, was held in Augusta, Ga., in anticipation of this event, and it was there determined that the collections taken up on this centennial year in commemoration of the event, in the two Conferences, should be appropriated in the following proportions: Two-fifths to be used for the erection of a Methodist Southern Book Room in Charleston, S. C., to be the joint property of the two Conferences; two-fifths to the education of the preachers' children, and one-fifth to missions. The Book Room was accordingly erected on the North side of Hayne Street, and in 1840 we find a notice in The Southern Christian Advocate that the office of the Editor and Publisher would be found in the third story of that building.

In April, 1840, Dr. Capers requested the writer to take the editorial charge of the paper during his absence at the General Conference of 1840. At this General Conference Dr. Capers was elected Missionary Secretary and Dr. W. M. Wightman (afterwards Bishop) was elected Editor of The Southern Christian Advocate. Dr. Wightman was at that time Presiding Elder of the Cokesbury District, and informed the Publishing Committee that he would be unable to take charge of the paper earlier than the Ist of November. The Publishing Committee thereupon requested the writer (who (Continued on page 45)
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Sketches of Woman's Missionary Society

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. G. E. Edwards

The General Conference meeting in Atlanta, Ga. in 1878, responding to an urgent appeal of a small group of interested women in the Church, who had been awakened to the needs of women and children in other lands; authorized the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. And so the Woman's Missionary Society, as it is organized today, is a development of almost sixty years.

From a very small and simple organization whose constitution stated: "The object of the society shall be to enlist and unite the efforts of women in the work of sending the gospel to women in heathen lands through the agency of female missionaries, teachers and Bible readers," the society has grown to an organization of very profound proportions and importance. This is clearly shown by the present constitution of the society which is as follows: "The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the Kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women and children in a study of the needs of the world, in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions."

Mrs. Juliana Hayes, of Baltimore, was elected President and Mrs. M. D. Wightman, of our own beloved state, was elected one of the Vice-Presidents of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society when it was authorized in Atlanta, May 23, 1878.

And so it is not surprising that the first organized movement for missions among the women of our Church was no sooner launched than the women of South Carolina fell in line and began organizing Foreign Missionary Societies.

On December 16, 1878, during the session of the Annual Conference in Newberry, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference was organized. Forty-one women from ten churches were enrolled as members. Mrs. Wightman was elected President and served until her death in May 1912; and Mrs. J. W. Humbert was elected Corresponding Secretary and also served until her death in December 1910.

Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood was elected as the successor of Mrs. Humbert. Mrs. Kirkwood served as Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society until the work of the home and foreign societies was united, when she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society of South Carolina. She served in this office until the Annual Meeting of 1937, when she resigned her office, and Mrs. J. Roy Jones was elected to succeed her.

The first auxiliary of this Conference was organized at Timmonsville, January 24, 1879, and the first Annual Meeting was held in Trinity Church, Charleston, April 2-3, 1880, at which meeting there were thirty delegates present. Mrs. Wightman presided, and speaking of the meeting she said: "This was a momentous time to me and Mrs. Humbert. It was the first time a lady had ever presided over a woman's meeting in South Carolina... We were timid... but it was a good meeting. The Lord helped us."

Mrs. Humbert reported at this meeting that 83 societies had been organized with 2,101 members, that $2,242.86 had been collected, and 282 subscribers secured for the proposed missionary organ: "The Woman's Missionary Advocate."

At the second Annual Meeting, held in Greenville in 1881, a vice-president (Continued on page 49)

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE

By Mrs. T. I. Charles

In November 1914 the South Carolina Conference was divided into the South Carolina and Upper South Carolina Conferences. Forty-four accredited delegates from the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies in Upper South Carolina met in Chester, S. C., January 21, 1915 and united the home and foreign work and organized the Woman's Missionary Society of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse; First Vice-President, Mrs. J. W. Kigo; Second Vice-President, Mrs. J. M. Bell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. N. Bourne; Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Rogers; Recording Secretary, Miss Louise Barber; Superintendent Mission Study and Publicity, Mrs. W. I. Herbert; Superintendent Social Service, Mrs. R. L. Swan; Superintendent Supplies, Mrs. R. S. Nickels; Superintendent Literature, Mrs. C. D. Stanley.

The first annual meeting was held in Greenville, S. C., January 13-16, 1916 and 144 adult auxiliaries with 3176 members and an offering of $12,176.10 was reported. From that small beginning the work has grown in twenty-two years to an organization of 273 auxiliaries with 8642 members that last year paid $25,589.44 to connectional work, $3,383.59 through the Supply department and spent $17,606.90 on local work.

The outstanding achievement has been the sending out of twelve missionaries and eleven deaconesses and home missionaries: Misses Fannie V. Scott (Mrs. Dan Bette) Brazil (1919-1920); Louise Best, Brazil, 1921; Myr P. Anderson, Japan, 1922; Alice... (Continued on page 51)
GREETINGS

To the "Old Southern"

FROM THE

PREACHERS AND CHARGES OF THE ROCK HILL DISTRICT

ON THIS YOUR 100TH BIRTHDAY

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Mrs. J. M. Shingler, Sr.
Holly Hill, S. C.

I have been taking the Advocate since 1889 and have never missed a copy.

J. W. Hill
Yemassee, S. C.

I am a shut-in, with a crippled right hand and can hardly write. I am nearly 90 years old. I have been reading the Advocate many, many years. I don’t know how many. I used to read it when it was large, four big sheets. One of December 8th, I would like to send you if you haven’t it in old Advocate files. It has the pictures of a good many old preachers.

I wish you great success with the

anniversary number.
(Miss) Laura E. Fike.
Chesnee, S. C.

When I was a child my father took the Advocate, that was one of my first “readers.” When I married nearly 50 years ago I still wanted the old Advocate. And it has been coming to me most of the time all these years.

Now I’m 68 years old and the Advocate is my close friend and helper. I’ve been a subscriber for more years than I remember and I love the paper.

Wishing you all success and God’s blessings.

Mrs. Jesse Odom.
Bennettsville, C., Boykin Church.
Bennettsville, S. C.

Speaking of homes in which the Advocate has been coming for a long time I think it has been coming to my family on both sides almost ever since it has been published. My grandfather, Lewis W. Rast, a local Methodist minister, was born October, 14th 1823 and married Sarah Larr November 2nd, 1849. (I enclose a picture of them). They were taking the Advocate as far back as any one who was associated with them can remember.

On my mother’s side Thomas W. Oliver was born, 1832, and married Eliza Catherine Lorick, and was one of the first members at Andrew Chapel (Brother O. B. Riley’s Church); he always had The Advocate in his home. My father, the late W. B. Rast, also my aunt, the late Miss Mary Elizabeth Oliver (who reared me when my mother died), and now my family of five daughters, my wife, and I all read and enjoy it.

May the Lord bless you and all your associates in your big undertaking.

Lewis Oliver Rast.
Swansea, S. C.

I have been a constant reader of the dear old paper ever since I could read until the present date. I am now well

(Continued on page 57)
CHARLESTON DISTRICT

The Charleston District joins the Methodists of South Carolina in congratulating the Southern Christian Advocate upon its one hundredth birthday. The century of its existence is in itself a notable achievement. Institutions that have lived through years of adversity and prosperity to this mature age deserve respect and honor for this fact alone. However, this word of appreciation is not expressed chiefly because of its age, but that it has throughout its existence lived worthy and well. At the beginning the Advocate was dedicated to the moral uplift and the spiritual enrichment of those to whom it ministered, and from this high purpose it has never deviated.

In recognition and appreciation of this long life of helpful and faithful service to the church, congratulations are extended to the Southern Christian Advocate:

WILLIAM MAY WIGHTMAN

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North and South Santee: John R. Coburn, Abram Nettles.
Yorkville, Charles E. Walker.
Pine Tree: Robert J. Boyd.

Third. In the name of the editors of the Southern Christian Advocate who were closely related to the Charleston District by birth and residence:


Whitewood Smith, D. D., born in Charleston; Editor, 1869.

William May Wightman, D. D., born in Charleston Jan. 29, 1808; Editor, 1841-1854.


Fourth. In the name of the 12,994 Methodists composing the pastoral charges of the Charleston District, who, in grateful appreciation of these years of devoted service, unite in wishing the Southern Christian Advocate a happy one hundredth birthday and many continued years of fruitful endeavor:

E. H. Turner, D. D., born 1782; Editor, 1837-1854.

(Photograph from portrait by Henry Inman, 1842.)
THE DUAL ADVOCATE

By Rev. J. Hubert Noland

"Southern Christian Advocate" Charters 1917

There are two Southern Christian Advocates. One is the religious periodical now celebrating its centennial. The other, a corporation chartered under the laws of South Carolina on December 23rd, 1917, for publication and kindred purposes. The latter is not yet out of its "teens." Like other young things, it is without capital, chartered as "eleemosynary." The former is an itinerant indeed, has had its hardships, been almost superseded, and more than once all but buried. By miracles of grace, it lives, is still effective, has troubles of its own; but, for the house in which it now finds itself, it must thank the youth of nineteen—the New Southern, if you please.

"The Southern Christian Advocate Publishing Company" Organized 1893

There is a slight difference in name, way of proceedings, but all for the same purpose, "a more permanent arrangement for the publication of our Conference Organ," those are the exact words of our first commission when it was then appointed to organize a "joint stock company." The appointees were, W. D. Kirkland, J. O. Willson, W. J. Montgomeroy, S. B. Jones and J. G. Kilgo. And in 1893 the Commission reported that a company had been organized under the name of "The Southern Christian Advocate Publishing Company."

The Aborting Effort of 1905

The Annual Conference Minutes of 1905 contain only a brief record of a plan, which, when our church membership was little more than half its present number could have raised up instead of thirty thousand dollars toward a publishing plant. In proportion to payments to other assessments of that time, the amount would have been twice that figure. It reads: "A preamble and resolutions providing for laying an assessment of forty cents per member, to be collected in four annual installments to be used for the purchase of a publishing plant for the Southern Christian Advocate were presented by J. W. Hamel and J. Fuller Lyon.

It was referred to a committee, deferred to the next annual session, and not brought up again.

Abandoning Contract System

At least two reasons were behind the demand for a better system than commercial contracts.

Under the contract system the Advocate traveled its numerous detours. Not to follow the route within the cities, feel the bumps between them: Charleston, Augusta, Macon, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Columbia, Orangeburg, Spartanburg, Greenville, Anderson, Columbia! Sounds like Major Bowes' Wheel of Fortune, 'round and 'round. And under the same system, it would still be going around, if going at all.

The contracts for publishing the Advocate have generally begun with warning bells and "Oh, Promise Me" in perfect harmony; but, believe in divorces or not, there is their discordant knell at the ending of most of this list, and it follows without omitting one contract over a long period. The dates mark the endings:

1874—"To meet the demands of the paper, the subscription list should be doubled... the diminution of its circulation is not the result of any depreciation in its intrinsic value... The cash system and cutting off non-paying subscriptions have diminished the cost of publication.

1885—"The actual increase (in circulation) has not been commensurate with the expectation of the publishers.

1892—"The publisher's statement showed a large deficiency in the settlement this year.

1897—"A gain of 732 bona fide subscriptions since undertaking the publication," sounds well, but did not hold the publisher beyond his four-year contract.

1900—"Without prejudice to either party, the contract for the publication of the Advocate was cancelled.

1902—"The publishers gave official notice of a wish to surrender the contract which they had with us. There was nothing for us to do but to consent.

1904—"The publisher has spared no expense in fulfilling his contract, but this has been at the pecuniary loss of the publisher, requiring the borrowing of thousands of dollars to meet current expenses. The publisher enters upon the publication of the paper for another year, but we cannot predict how long his resources will enable him to do so."

1914—"When the management was committed to our care nine years ago, the paper had a subscription list of 6,000 with only 2,000 paid up... The list grew until in 1912 when the circulation was 12,731. Conditions that have prevailed throughout the year (1914) have had an influence in materially reducing the list... In June the publisher expressed a desire to be relieved of his contract. In justice to the publisher it is but fair to call attention to the fact that there is due him on subscriptions to the Advocate, in arrears, the sum of $20,000.00."

1920—"Dr. W. C. Kirkland during his six years of editorship has had to carry most of the financial and mechanical responsibility of the Advocate's affairs and do this at a time when finances and the printing trade were unusually disturbed by reason of the World War.

Home at Long Last

January 1, 1921, everything was in readiness for the first issue of the Southern Christian Advocate to be published within the walls of its own home. Too much credit cannot be given William C. Kirkland for making it possible; and, with all due respect to others who have served the "Old Southern," there lingers in my own heart a sadness that he was not able to crown his labors with the joy of editing that issue.

Shop Talk

It would be uninteresting "shop talk" to go into details; but it is impossible at any time to build and equip such a printing plant at small cost; it was by no means possible to do it during the World War aftermath. The publication of the Advocate could not have continued through that unusual period except at an extremely great expense.

Paper—but who ever thinks of paper? Think of it this once. Paper, which may be ordinarily bought for four or five cents a pound went up to seventeen and a half cents; and at times was not obtainable at any price. But anybody can buy a pound of paper! Yes, but the cost of the paper in the Advocate during the year 1920 was $77,176.41.

That was before the new building was occupied. The price of paper went down in the course of time, necessarily; but its cost has been further reduced by its being bought direct from factories in ear lots, stored on a water-tight, re-inforced floor of that building.

Plain Talk

While a single traveling agent often adds thousands of subscribers to books and periodicals of doubtful character surely if the more than three hundred traveling preachers of these conferences would apply themselves with diligence and perseverance for the next twelve months, they could raise the Advocate's circulation to 20,000. That was said in 1872 in the Annual Conference report of the Committee on Books and Periodicals.

Finally, Brethren

I have been so identified with the Advocate that friends still address requests to me as though I were business manager. It is enough that I could serve the Old Southern in two seasons of perplexity. I thank God for the friendships of that service, for none more than that of W. C. Kirkland. I cannot let this opportunity pass. His example may be made the inspiration of another gift of like liberality. When he retired from the Advocate in 1920, he placed with me, as his personal contribution toward the Advocate Home, as he called it, the sum of one thousand dollars.
THE Florence District

(ESTABLISHED 1875.)

Salutes The Southern Christian Advocate, which has been part of warp and woof of South Carolina Methodism for a hundred years and has justified her right to a century of life by her GREAT SERVICE to the Church. This Preacher-at-Large should visit weekly every Methodism home.

S. E. LEDBETTER, Presiding Elder

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Timmonsville & Pisgah, Wm. C. Kirkland, Pastor

Twitty Chapel, Bethel, Twitty Chapel, Wilkes Chapel, F. L. Frazer, Pastor

C. W. Levin, Chaplain CCC of U. S. Government

Superannuates, C. B. Smith, D. O. Spires
HISTORY OF ST. JOHN'S M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, GRANITEVILLE, S. C.

St. John's Methodist Church at Graniteville was organized in 1847. The first settlers at Graniteville came principally from Edgefield County and from Charleston. The Methodists in this group were not long in organizing a congregation.

Construction of a church was begun in 1848. The church was erected on a lot on Gregg Street obtained from the Graniteville Manufacturing Company under a one thousand year lease. The remarkable feature of the lease is a clause providing that no intoxicants shall be manufactured or sold on the premises by the lessees during the life of the lease. The building is cruciform and its interior architecture is of great beauty.

It is interesting to note that St. John's is the mother of Vaucluse Church, established in 1878, Langley 1889, Pentecost 1893 and Warrenville-Bath 1902, the latter four during the pastorates of W. A. Betts, J. W. Neely and J. E. Mahaffey respectively. During the pastorates of W. A. Betts the Vaucluse Church was erected.

In 1881 Aiken, with only twenty members and no Sunday School, was put under the Graniteville pastor.

St. John's has given to Methodism three ministers, S. D. Bailey, John T. McFarlane and W. C. Kelly.

A Sunday School was organized at an early date. One of its superintendents, Tillman Faulkner, served fifty years and during forty two successive years was absent only six times. A remarkable record of faithfulness. The Sunday School today is well organized and doing splendid work.

In 1926, during the pastorate of Rev. A. B. Ferguson, the church was rehabilitated and the construction of an A type educational building begun. Rev. E. L. Keaton completed the building and the debt was finally paid during the pastorate of Rev. M. W. Lever.

Today St. John's under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. M. K. Medlock, is living up to the rich heritage handed down to it by those who have gone before and is doing its part to advance the cause of Christ's Kingdom.

W. L. Rearden.

THEN AND NOW

When the Southern Christian Advocate first appeared Methodism in South Carolina was much smaller than at present. The rather scanty figures of a century ago make a detailed comparison difficult. But the following is illuminating:

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Total money raised in 1836 was $1,222,652. In 1836 the total was probably not over $100,000, though we have no adequate figures on local expense and ministerial support for that long past day.

At that time we had only Cokesbury School, while now we have three great colleges. Our property now totals about $12,000,000.

It must not be forgotten that about one-fourth of the South Carolina Conference in 1836 was in the state of North Carolina.

THE NEW PLANET

The Bureau of Longitude, of Paris, has come to the agreement with the principal astronomers of Europe, as Gausy, Eucke, Strave, and Herschel, to give the name of Neptune to the new planet discovered under the indications of M. Le Verrier. The planet will be denoted on the astronomical chart by the symbol of a trident. —From Advocate issue of March 19, 1847.
The Pastors and People of the
Marion District

Extend Cordial Greetings on the Occasion of the Centenary Celebration of This
Pioneer Methodist Journal of Religion and Pledge their Loyalty to
THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

For a Still Greater Future

AYNOR
J. F. Campbell, Pastor
Aynor, Rehobeth, Sandy Plain, Zion

SOUTH AYNOR
J. J. Stevenson, Pastor
Cool Spring, Jordanville, Pisgah, Red Hill, Zion

BLENHEIM
R. P. Hucks, Pastor
Bethesda, Bethlehem, Parnassus, Zion

BUCKSVILLE
W. T. Bedenbaugh, Pastor
Hebron, Mineral Springs, Union, Willow Springs

CENTENARY
F. E. Hodges, Pastor
Centenary, Central, Olivet, Sonie's Chapel

TRINITY, CLIO
W. P. Way, Pastor

CONWAY
B. L. Knight, Pastor

CONWAY CIRCUIT
T. E. Derrick, Pastor
Antioch, Brown Swamp, El Bethel, Poplar

MAIN STREET, DILLON
G. E. Edwards, Pastor

DILLON MISSION
J. O. Bunch, Pastor
Dethan, Mt. Pisgah, New Holly

FLOYDALE
L. E. Peeler, Pastor
Ebenezer, Mt. Andrew, Sellers, Zion

LAKE VIEW
B. S. Hughes, Pastor
Lake View, Tabernacle Union

LATTA
G. F. Kirby, Pastor

LORIS
B. H. Covington, Pastor
Antioch, Camp Swamp, Loris

FIRST CHURCH, MARION
E. L. McCoy, Pastor

MARION CIRCUIT
T. E. Jones, Pastor
Shiloh, Spring Street, Tabernacle, Tranquil

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J. T. Peeler, Pastor

MULLINS CIRCUIT
C. P. Chewning, Pastor
Hopewell, Millers, Pleasant Hill, Spring Branch

NICHOLS
M. G. Arant, Pastor
Center, Floyds, Nichols

WACCAMAW
Jas. B. Scott, Jr., Pastor
Belin Memorial, Centenary, Myrtle Beach, Socastee

The South Carolina Conference Will be Cordially Welcomed to Marion for
Its One Hundred and Fifty-Second Annual Session November 11, 1937, Bishop
Paul B. Kern, Presiding.
Three Generations of Bishops in Capers Family

GREETINGS FROM GRANDSON OF BISHOP WILLIAM CAPERS

It is with a high sense of privilege that I am permitted to share in the celebration of the One Hundredth anniversary of the Southern Christian Advocate by extending a greeting to its readers. However well worn the old adage is, yet it is everlastinglly true that "the pen is mightier than the sword." The Southern Christian Advocate has from its beginning been a mighty instrument, through the pen of its editors, for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom and for sustaining and encouraging the faith of Southern Methodism. I count it as among treasured heritages to be the grandson of the first editor of this courageous advocate of Christ. I must here add that the example of my Grandfather's deep consecration to his high office as a Bishop in the Church of God has been a constant inspiration to me throughout my own Episcopate. I find that his life is of marked influence in the Church of today and there is not a city or a hamlet that I visit in my Diocese that does not treasure his name and express honor to him by honoring me. It is my earnest prayer that the Southern Christian Advocate will maintain in the future the courageous advocacy of the ideals of Christian living that it has in the past one hundred years. It has been uncompromising in presenting the doctrines of the Christian faith and in holding before its readers the true pattern of the Christian life.

The world is in a major crisis and that force which shall give a turning point for the upward movement of civilization is the Christian Church. But in order to give effectiveness to the Church's influence, there must come deep repentance and a true reformation of life. This can only be brought about by the fearless teaching of the disciples of Christ, making no compromise with the world nor ever losing their loyalty to the essential doctrines of the Christian faith. As I have already noted, this has been the office of the Southern Christian Advocate through its one hundred years of witness bearing and I feel confident that this noble paper will continue its policies through the years that lie ahead of it. My prayers are for a continuance of the influence of this paper in molding Christian character, and with deep sincerity I thank God for its glorious past.

William Theodotus Capers.
San Antonio, Texas.

BISHOP CAPERS WRITES OF SOME OF THE LIVING GRANDCHILDREN OF OUR FIRST EDITOR

San Antonio, Tex.
May 29, 1937.

My dear Mr. Rast:
Your letter of the 25th has given me a great deal of pleasure and I feel very much honored by your request to send to you a message for the Centennial Edition of the Advocate.

The living grandchildren of Bishop William Capers are:

Mrs. Charles B. Satterlee of Columbus, S. C., the widow of Captain Charles B. Satterlee of the United States Army. She has two sons, John Franklin Satterlee and the Rev. Charles Capers Satterlee, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Birmingham, Ala.

I am next in order. I have three sons, Ellison Capers, the Rev. W. M. T. Capers, Jr., rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Terre Haute, Ind. and the Rev. Samuel Orr Capers, rector of Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio.

The Rev. Walter Branham Capers, D.D., rector of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Jackson, Miss. My brother has two children, a son and a daughter. It may interest you to know that my brother is named for a Methodist minister who, during the Civil War, gave refuge to my brother, under the most distressing circumstances. Sherman's Army was invading Georgia and the Rev. Mr. Branham took care of my brother for a period of time. My brother, however, was not born until 1870.

Mrs. Wm. H. Johnston, widow of Dr. Wm. H. Johnston, lives in Charleston, S. C., her address being 2-A Ladson St. She has four children, all of them married, with families of their own, but none of them in the Ministry.

I crave the privilege of being present during the celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Southern Christian Advocate, but I fear that it will not be possible for me to carry out this desire.

Thanking you for your kind letter and for the privileges that you have accorded me, I am
Very sincerely yours,
Wm. Theodotus Capers.

GRANDFATHER, FATHER, SON OF CAPERS FAMILY, BISHOPS

The first William Capers (1790-1855) was a Methodist bishop. His son, Elliston Capers (1837-1908), Confederate brigadier, was an Episcopal bishop, as is his son, William Theodotus Capers (1867—), bishop of West Texas since 1906.

LETTER FROM GEO. W. W. STONE, GRANDSON OF BISHOP WILLIAM CAPERS

I certainly hope that the Centennial edition of the Southern Christian Advocate will be a great success. I feel like the Advocate will be sorter kin folks to me. Not only was grandfather the first editor, but mother was the first secretary—directing all papers by hand. Mother always subscribed and read the paper as long as she lived.

You asked for a list of grandfather's living grandchildren. There are now six living, two have died this year, Mrs. Helen DuPre of Spartanburg, and Miss Emma Singletary Capers of Augusta, Ga. Of those who are living, four are children of Bishop Elliston Capers, they are Bishop William Theodotus Capers, of the Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas; Rev. Walter Branham Capers of Jackson, Miss.; Mrs. Mary Satterlee, Columbus, S. C.; Mrs. Lotlie Palmer Johnson, Charleston, S. C.; one daughter of Mrs. Mary Capers Stevens, who is Mrs. Dolores Holt, of Wilmington, N. C.; one son of Mrs. Susan Capers Stone, George W. W. Stone, Jr., Oxford, Ga.

I will appreciate a copy of your Centennial Edition.

With highest regards and best wishes,
I am, sincerely,
George W. W. Stone,

GRANDCHILDREN OF BISHOP WILLIAM CAPERS IN OXFORD, GA.

Left to right: Prof. H. H. Stone; his sister, Mrs. Tulle Robinson; Mr. George W. W. Stone; another sister, Mrs. Jane Branham. Mr. Geo. W. W. Stone is the only surviving member of this group, all of whom have been friends of the present editor of the Advocate.
THE
Greenville District

Rev. Fritz C. Beach, P. E.

Twenty-five charges strong, felicitates the Southern Christian Advocate upon the completion of one hundred years of great service to the Church and pledges 100% loyalty for a greater future.


Enoree Circuit—Rev. W. G. Smith.

Fountain Inn—Rev. J. H. Kohler.

Gray Court—Diala, Shiloh and Trinity. "Ever Welcome to These Houses of God to the Strangers and the Poor," Rev. W. M. Owings.

Greenville—


Brandon—Rev. J. E. Brown.

Buncombe Street—"The Church With a Heart In the Heart of Greenville," Rev. R. F. Morris.

Choice Street and Hefroyd Memorial—Rev. D. R. Dickerson.


Monaghan (Mr. R. F. Stansall, Chairman Board) and Woodside (Mr. K. Z. Whitmire, Chairman Board) Rev. E. E. Glenn.


St. Mark (Mr. T. E. Morgan, Chairman Board) and Stephens Memorial (Mr. L. W. Misheimer, Chairman Board)—Rev. J. P. Farr.


Trinity—"A Big Family With a Big Welcome to All," Rev. M. B. Patrick.

Greenville Circuit—Rev. J. A. Bledsoe.

Greer—Concord and Apalache—Rev. N. M. Phillips.

Memorial—Rev. L. P. McGee.

Victor and Ebenezer—"Come Thou With Us, and We will Sing Thee Good," Rev. T. A. Inabinet.

Laurens—


First Church—Rev. J. O. Smith.


Travelers Rest and Slater—"Methodism at the Foot of the Mountains," Rev. E. A. Wilkes.

WHITE HOUSE CHURCH

By Rev. Charlie E. Hill, Pastor

The White House Methodist Church of the Bowman charge was organized in 1788. For several years it was named White Meeting House. The church is in the Four Holes section of Orangeburg County, on the Orangeburg-Killaree Highway. There is an old pulpit Bible in the church with the date of its organization printed on the front cover in gold letters (1788).

Bishop Asbury preached in this church at least twice. I quote from his journal—Thursday, Dec. 24, 1801 "The Four Holes is a name given to a river because there are four sinks or holes upon the banks: here at the White meeting house I preached on 2 Peter 3:18 'But grow in grace,' I lodged at Jacob Dantzler’s."

"Monday, Jan. 10, 1803: We rode 12 miles to Dantzler’s. On Tuesday I preached at White Meeting-house on 2 Cor. 7:1."

The first “White meeting house was very small, and it was replaced by a second building on the same spot. The present Church has been standing near to a hundred years.

The old “Pulpit oak tree” as it is called, was cut after it had died several years ago. Because the Church was too small for the crowds on special occasions, the Pulpit board was driven into the large oak tree on the church yard, and Asbury and Lorenzo Dow preached from the Pulpit tree, resting their Bibles upon the board driven into the tree for that purpose. That section of the oak has been preserved.

Bowman, S. C.

CENTRAL CHURCH, SPARTANBURG

AND WOFFORD COLLEGE

During the month of January (1937), Central Church has been celebrating its one hundredth anniversary. Bishop E. D. Mouzon preached the opening sermon on January 10th. On the 17th, President Snyder spoke on Central Church and Wofford College. He called special attention to the fact of the intimate relation of the two organizations since the beginning of the College in 1854. The Reverend Benjamin Wofford, the founder of the College, was a member of the original board of trustees of the Church in 1837. Its Quarterly Conference recommended for license to preach three Methodist Bishops—W. W. Dunns, ’58; A. Coke Smith, ’72, and E. D. Mouzon, ’89. It was the church home of Bishop J. W. Tarboux, ’77, the first Bishop of the Methodist Church in Brazil, and of Bishop John C. Kilgo, ’83, while they were in college. Besides, the first president of the college, Dr. W. M. Wightman, afterwards bishop, had his church connection at Central during his four years at Wofford—’54-’58. Moreover, this great old church has been in the main the church of the members of the faculty since there has been a Wofford College, and every generation of students has been affiliated with it. Through them its influence has therefore been spread throughout the State and Nation. Their conceptions of what a church should be have been received at Central—Wofford College Bulletin (Alumni Number).
HISTORY OF WOFFORD COLLEGE

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The founding of Wofford College illustrates the power that may flow from an unpretentious life intelligently directing business ability to a consecrated end. As Dr. Carlisle sometimes said, Benjamin Wofford may be described by three words not often found in combination: A rich Methodist preacher. For many years Mr. Wofford had contemplated dedicating his wealth to some religious or educational purpose. Rev. H. A. C. Walker was largely responsible for his deciding to make the service the founding of a college. Mr. Wofford at his death in 1850 left $100,000, the bulk of his fortune, for the founding of the college, and the rest (except a few small bequests) to his widow. The citizens of the town of Spartanburg donated the land for the institution; for it might have been founded anywhere in Spartanburg district. Their liberality exceeded the foresight of the trustees; for the latter in time had to buy more than they had consented for the citizens to give.

No Methodist in America, and none (it is believed) in the world, had at that time given as much as Mr. Wofford for any philanthropic purpose. The gift was so large for the time that it attracted notice throughout the country. Even to this day only four or five gifts in South Carolina have equaled it.

Following the opening, August 1, 1854, only three of the original faculty taught the twenty-four students enrolled in the Freshman and Sophomore classes the first year: President W. M. Wightman (Mental and Moral Science), David Duncan (classical languages), and James H. Carlisle (mathematics). Prof. Warren DuPre spent the year in scientific studies at Yale. Prof. A. M. Shipp, though elected along with the others, continued to teach in the University of North Carolina, and at the end of the year definitely declined to come to Wofford. On the resignation of president Wightman in 1859, Dr. Shipp accepted the presidency of Wofford. There have been the following four Presidents in the eighty-three years of the college's life: W. M. Wightman, 1854-9; A. M. Shipp, 1859-76; James H. Carlisle, 1876-1902; H. N. Snyder, since 1902.

The first commencement, June 24 and 25, 1855, was different from any that has since occurred. June 24th the chapel was dedicated. President Wightman preached an eloquent sermon from the first verse of the 80th Psalm. The next morning a procession was formed in front of the Palmetto Hotel, at the corner of Church and Main Streets, and marched to the college, where in the absence of any graduates or other student speakers, the three acting members of the faculty delivered addresses of about fifty minutes each. President Wightman emphasized the advantages of the denominational college. Prof. Duncan, a ripe scholar of sixty-four years, spoke on the value and nobility of the classics. Prof. Carlisle, tall and imposing and in the full vigor of his youthful thirty years, delivered an address of moral and philosophical character. At the next year's commencement Prof. Warren DuPre delivered his inaugural, choosing as his subject science, which it was his duty to teach.

The original curriculum was composed of a good deal of mathematics, a great amount of Latin and Greek, a small amount of English, two years of science, and some general history.

It should be noted that, in addition to the college classes, Mr. W. R. Boyd instructed preparatory classes.

President Wightman taught English the first year. This work was then taken over by the newly elected Rev. Whiteford Smith. Though parallel reading was not prescribed in those days, the worn condition of the older material in the Library, as well as the testimony of old students, shows that there was much reading done in standard authors. The first graduating class, in 1856, consisted of one man, Samuel Dibble. Graduating classes had reached about fifteen members when the War of Secession called most of the students to the front. There were fifteen graduates in 1861, none in 1862, one in 1863, two in 1864, and none in 1865 or 1866. Wofford was the only college in the state which continued without suspension during the war, but for part of the time it was teaching only boys in the preparatory department. When the war began there were 79 students enrolled in the college. In 1863-4 only 18 were enrolled, and in 1864-5 no college students remained, and Professors Duncan and Carlisle taught school boys in the college building. Prof. DuPre was engaged in supervising the public salt works at Mt. Pleasant, Prof. Smith served the local church, and Prof. Shipp took a year of needed rest. When Prof. Carlisle had to dismiss the boys one day because the Federals were coming, one of the pupils said, "I hope the Yankees will be good to you, if they catch you Prof. Carlisle," doubtless reflecting in this boyish kindness the apprehension that Prof. Carlisle might be imprisoned because of his having been a member of the Secession Convention. He was not molested, however. It was about this same time that a Citadel cadet, who was lying sick of fever in the camp of the corps while passing through Spartanburg was taken into
The endowment of the college consisted at first of the $50,000 of Benjamin Wofford's bequest which remained after the erection of the building. Once it began to grow from gifts by the Conference and individual subscribers. President Shipp saw it reach $200,000; but the patriotic investment of it in Confederate bonds led to its total loss. The growth of the college after 1865 was slow and painful. Even in 1885 there were only 72 students as against 94 in 1870. The presence of negroes in the State college during Reconstruction in part accounted for the attendance at Wofford. By 1900 the attendance had slowly climbed to 145. After this date growth was steadily better, until the number reached 499 just before the 1929 depression. By 1937 the four college classes contained 482, and with the afternoon classes for M. A. students (28) and the summer session (117), 627 students received the benefits of the college's instruction.

The story of the endowment has been similar. Painfully refounded largely under the labors of W. W. Duncan and John C. Kilgo as agents, it increased greatly during the administration of Bird, Snyder, and now stands at about three-quarters of a million—a sum which appears large as a figure, but is very small compared with the demands upon its income.

The relations of the faculty among themselves have been with few exceptions during a long history almost entirely free from the discharges which has disturbed some institutions, and the relations between faculty and trustees have been uniformly characterized by mutual understanding and cooperation. College activities have increased in numbers to meet the demands of modern conditions. The Wofford Collegiate Journal in 1889. The Y. M. C. A. began in 1879; the gymnasium was opened in 1896; Wofford's first baseball team, "The Florians," was in 1886, but intercollegiate games did not begin until about 1886.

Great personalities have been among the college faculty and the students whom they have sent out. Dr. James H. Carlisle was from the first during his long connection with the college unique in the power of inspiring through his own great mind and character noble ideals in student life and conduct. Wofford alumni have been found decade after decade in positions of highest trust and responsibility in church and state—trust which few indeed have disappointed. While holding firmly to the ideal of the whole character and intellect of the man being rounded out in religious and intellectual maturity, the college has been free from the narrowness of sectarian aims, and so has contributed the more effectively to the life of the State and nation in the varied life of citizenship and service.

June 7, 1937.

J. CALDWELL GUILDS, L.L.D.
President of Columbia College Since 1920

EDUCATION OF WOMEN

With the new impetus of higher education for men, came quickened interest in the education of Woman. Several colleges for women were planned, established, or endorsed by the South Carolina Conference which either had but a short life or passed with transfer of territory to other control. In 1852, the South Carolina Conference appointed a Committee to "receive any offers that may be made on the subject of establishing a female college at some central or suitable place." The first report of a Committee on Education to the South Carolina Conference, published in the Minutes, refers to the subject of female education as of "highest importance" and rejoices in the "movement" on foot promising to make up by activity for being late in entering this field. Alius for that word "movement." It indicated the same mistake that had been made by the State in trying to establish a number instead of the one great college. It has proven a handicap through the years. The scattering of forces is seen in that first published report, 1854, already referred to. It endorsed Carolina Female College, located at Anson, N. C.; noted with favor the project of Davenport Female College, at Lenoir, N. C.; called attention to the planning of a female college at Marion, C. H., stating that $20,000 had already been subscribed toward it; and further proposed the establishment of two female colleges, one to be at Spartanburg and the other at Columbia, at both of which places it is stated "lots had already been acquired." The Carolina and the Davenport colleges continued to enjoy the endorsement of the South Carolina Conference until the division of territory left them in the North Carolina Conference. Of the Marion college we find no further trace or reference. In 1855 Spartanburg Female College went into operation with J. Wofford Tucker, Esq., as president, and had a successful history for a time, but due to financial embarrassment was closed in 1870 or 1871, the property being sold to the Carolina Orphan House.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE

In 1854, Rev. Colin Murchison was appointed agent for Columbia College. It was determined not to build until $30,000 was in hand. $10,000 of the Conference fund of $21,000 raised as an endowment fund for the tuition of children of preachers was divided equally between Spartanburg and Columbia. At the Conference of 1855, it was reported that $30,000 had been subscribed and work was announced to begin January 1, 1856. Building began as announced but was discontinued the following September for lack of funds. The reports of 1857 and 1858 show slow progress toward building, but at last, in October, 1859, the Columbia Female College was opened under the presidency of Dr. Whitefoord Smith. Rev. William Martin succeeded Dr. Smith who resigned in 1860 and Rev. H. M. Mood became president, 1862. In 1864 the college suspended, due to debt and war conditions. While the building was spared in the burning of Columbia, it was greatly injured by the soldiers of the invading army. At the close of the war there seemed no possibility of reopening. Rev. W. C. Power was appointed agent. He reported debts amounting to $19,656 with assets of $4,900. The building, located on Pickens and Hampton streets, was leased as a hotel. The situation was made more hopeless by the springing up of Orangeburg Female College, the Collegiate Institute of Charleston, and an institution in Mecklenburg, N. C. The next year, in desperation, a plan of life insurance was proposed but nothing further, fortunately, heard of it. In 1872, after eight years of suspension, the college was reopened, with Dr. Samuel B. Jones, president. Dr. J. L. Jones was president, 1876 to 1881; Dr. O. A. Darby, 1881-1890; Dr. S. B. Jones,
GLIMPSES OF PERSONS AND PLACES

FIRST CHURCH, LANCASTER
Rev. Pinckney L. Baskin, Pastor

INDIAN FIELDS CAMP MEETING TABERNACLE NEAR ST. GEORGE

OLD COKESBURY SCHOOL, COKESBURG

A SOUTH CAROLINA PASTORS'
NEW EDUCATION BUILDING, TRINITY CHURCH, BAMBERG
Rev. Julius E. Clark, Pastor

DR. JOHN G. CLINKSCALES
Wofford College, Spartanburg

A HAPPY TIME AT EPWORTH ORPHANAGE

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CENTENNIAL SUPPLEMENT

1890-94; Dr. John A. Rice, 1894-1900; Dr. W. W. Daniel, 1900-16; Dr. G. T. Pugh, 1916-20; Dr. J. C. Guilds, 1920 through the present. The College was moved from its original location to what is known as College Place, in the northern suburbs of Columbia, in 1905, and entered upon a new era of service with its enlarged plant, made possible largely by gifts of land and money by F. H. Hyatt, land by John T. Sloan, and the liberal support of W. J. Murray and Edward Ehrlich and others of Columbia and throughout the State. These buildings were burned, September 9, 1909, just prior to the scheduled opening of the college, but before the ashes were cold, the Board of Trustees had met and made arrangements to open the college, on schedule time, in the Colonial Hotel, the remodeled building that had been so long the first home of the College. Arrangements were immediately set on foot for rebuilding, and the following fall, 1910, the college opened in new buildings upon the foundations of the burned buildings, and there has continued with enlarging success.

LANDER COLLEGE

Lander College, now located at Greenwood, was established by Dr. Samuel Lander, then serving Williamston C.t., at Williamston, as a private enterprise in 1871. To this institution, after its establishment, Dr. Lander, a great educator and one of the sweetest spirited and most scholarly men of Methodism, was regularly appointed upon request of the Board of Education, throughout his life, a period of thirty-two years. In 1898, the Conference accepted a proposal of Dr. Lander to enter upon joint control of Williamston Female College, the Conference appointing five and the stockholders four of a Board of Directors, the Conference having neither pecuniary liability nor interest in the institution. In 1904 following the death of Dr. Lander, July 14, 1904, the name was changed from Williamston to Lander in honor of its founder. Meantime the College had been moved to Greenwood. Dr. John O. Willson succeeded Dr. Lander as president. Greenwood citizens made large contributions for the establishment of the college with adequate buildings in its new location. The newly developed property was offered to the Conference at its session in 1904, and accepted conditionally, the payment of a debt of $20,000 being required within two years. In 1906, this condition was removed in view of the increasing value of the property. Steadily additions and improvements have been made with new dormitories erected largely through the liberality of Greenwood citizens, with generous contributions from friends throughout the state. Dr. Willson continued in the presidency of Lander until his death, March 23, 1923. Dr. B. R. Turnipspeed was elected to succeed Dr. Willson, and served until his resignation, 1927, when Dr. R. H. Bennett, of the Virginia Conference, was elected to the presidency of Lander. Upon the resignation of Dr. Bennett, June 1932, Rev. John W. Speake was elected president. He immediately entered upon an active campaign for securing students and with the hearty cooperation of Greenwood citizens, the college continues with dormitories full and a large attendance of day students.

OTHER SCHOOLS

Wofford Fitting School was established in 1887, at Spartanburg, but discontinued in 1924 as the increasing number of high schools in the State made its maintenance unnecessary.

Carlisle School, located at Bamberg, S. C., a preparatory school for boys and girls, was opened in 1899. The institution was made possible by gifts of General F. M. Bamberg, and other liberal citizens of Bamberg. It has rendered large service in the field of education and is now operated under lease by Col. J. F. Risher.

Dr. E. O. Watson, impressed with the need of rural schools for poor boys and girls under Church control, established the Horry Industrial School, in Horry county, 1913, and the institution with an equipment of buildings and lands worth some $25,000 was presented to the South Carolina Conference at its session of 1915. The Conference accepted the offer of the Institution, and conducted it as a mission school until the development of high schools rendered it seemingly unnecessary, closing in 1928.

LEADERS IN EDUCATION

The cause of Education received great impetus through gifted men of rare personality and power who as agents, appointed by the Conference or professors regularly engaged in spiritual work, visiting Conferences, speaking at circuit and other meetings, visiting in the homes, and presenting the ideals of Christian education to individuals, parents and prospective students. Outstanding among these are Dr. W. W. Duncan, Dr. A. Cote Smith, and Dr. John C. Kilgo, all of whom afterward became bishops of the Church. Others deserving special mention are Dr. John G. Clinglaces, Dr. H. N. Snyder, Dr. A. G. Rembert, Rev. C. B. Smith, Dr. D. D. Wallace, Dr. A. Child for Wofford especially, but no less inspiring in behalf of Christian education for women as well as men. Dr. Samuel Lander, Dr. S. B. Jones, Lawson B. Haynes, Dr. O. A. Darby, Rev. Marion Dargan, Dr. John A. Rice, Dr. W. W. Daniel, Dr. James A. Duncan, F. A. Hodges, Rev. Henry Stokes, Dr. John O. Willson, Rev. M. T. Wharton, Rev. F. H. Shuler, Dr. J. C. Guilds, Rev. G. Emory Edwards, Dr. J. C. Roper, Dr. R. H. Bennett, Dr. R. C. Lawton, Dr. B. R. Turnipspeed, Rev. J. W. Speake, Dr. J. M. Arail, Dr. D. D. Peele, stand out as men who have rendered large field service, and to whom many are indebted for inspiration leading to their attendance upon college, and who spread abroad the obligations and incentives of seeking preparation through College for life work. Dr. John C. Kilgo, of South Carolina, who rendered distinguished service in the field of Christian education, was called to the presidency of Trinity College, N. C., and through his influence the friendship of the Dukes was aroused resulting in their munificent gift establishing Duke University, and the Duke foundation of today that has contributed so much to the endowment of other institutions of learning and benevolences in varied lines.

—From “Builders.”

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Total subscriptions, 5,840. Of these, 1,690 go to other states, the larger number to Georgia.
TEXTILE INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE

A School That Is Different

By Dr. R. B. Burgess

Textile Industrial Institute, owned and operated by the General Board of Missions and located at Spartanburg, South Carolina, is an accredited junior college teaching the usual curricula with additional courses in home-making, textiles, teacher-training, religious education and business science. She has a lovely campus of 35 acres and a modern plant of exceptional architectural beauty. All buildings are constructed of gray stone with red tile roof, designed after the Spanish type. The Institute is Southern Methodism's ministry to disadvantaged youth. This unique school pioneered the way in planning the work-study program for those young people who for economic reasons are under the necessity of earning all or part of their school and living expenses.

These students who come from ten Southern states are carefully selected as to need, merit, and ability. NO STUDENT IS ADMITTED WHO IS FINANCIALLY ABLE TO ATTEND COLLEGE ELSEWHERE. Our limited capacity which is always overtaxed is carefully reserved for the most deserving. The privilege of securing appointment for a vacancy is eagerly sought after and for the past several years the school has been unable to accommodate all who apply.

Work-Study-Play Program

Through years of experimentation a definite program has been worked out in which groups of students are engaged for alternate periods of time either in the class rooms, or on the job, or at play. This arrangement makes it possible for a limited faculty and equipment to accommodate twice the usual number of students. Under the "Textile plan" due emphasis is given under proper supervision to the activities of work, study, and play. EVERYBODY WORKS AT TEXTILE. Half of the students who come from industrial communities as skilled operatives are able to earn all of their expenses by working in nearby cotton mills two weeks out of each month. The other half who come from the farms, mountains, and cities, are able to earn at least half of their school expenses. These are employed directly by the Institute on the farm, dairy, kitchen, dining hall, and in cleaning the buildings.

Still another group is organized into a building corps to carry on a continuous building program on the campus, under the direction of a competent superintendent. A group of young men who were carefully selected according to previous experience and physical fitness built the "Walker Administration Building." These young men not only gained valuable practical experience and instruction in the various divisions of the construction industry, but made it possible for the Institute to secure a much needed administration building for the cost of materials only.

At all hours of the day the Textile campus presents a scene of varied and interesting activity. While one group of students is attending classes other groups are busily engaged in their respective duties. Young ladies in attractive uniforms go about their task of preparing the meals for hungry boys and girls who are at work at the spinning frame or the loom, behind the plow, and at the carpenter's bench. Such a continuous variety of work and study keeps the campus pulsing with life and gay with the laughter of young people who are happy because they are achieving their life's ambitions through the labor of their lands.

Play also has its place at Textile. Young men who have labored for the privilege of learning carry into their play the same zest and will to win. This spirit results in victories in baseball, basketball, track, and tennis.

Religious Activities

The student-body is definitely and distinctly religious. There are on the
campus several organizations which provide opportunity for training in Christian service. The Life Service Band is composed of those young men and women who are devoting their lives to some definite form of social or Christian service. The Ministerial Band is doing an exceptional work in the matter of organizing and developing Sunday Schools and churches in the neighboring communities. Situated near the campus is an abandoned army camp site where in recent years a small community has sprung up; out of the reach of the ministry of any church. The Band has repaired and fitted for service one of the abandoned shacks which now serves as the meeting place for a thriving Sunday School which is growing in interest and size.

At a recent session of the Upper South Carolina Conference a church in one of the near-by mill villages which was facing the probability of being discontinued was assigned to the Ministerial Band. Each Sunday a group of young men devote the entire day to serving as minister, Sunday-school supervisor, and teachers of Sunday School classes in this isolated area. The afternoons are devoted to pastoral visitation. Under the magic of such earnest ministry this work has taken on new life, the attendance has been trebled and the "pastors" are in high favor with their people. Surely there can be found elsewhere a Ministerial Band which is getting more practical experience for their life work than these young men drawn from ten or more Annual Conferences.

Our Graduates

During the past quarter of a century of this unique school's history nearly five thousand young men and women have received some beneficial training, who otherwise would have been denied the privilege. While most of these have made their contribution to society simply by living quiet, unassuming lives of upright citizenship others have attained unto positions of influence and leadership in the field of missions, the ministry, industry, and state. Scores of mill officials in the two Carolinas have received their training at Textile Institute. One pulpit out of every eight in the Upper South Carolina Conference is now filled by a Textile Institute Graduate.

EPWORTH ORPHANAGE

By W. D. Roberts, Superintendent

The first official act by the South Carolina Conference looking toward the establishment of an orphanage was taken on November 22, 1894 during the session of the Annual Conference held at Laurens. On motion of Dr. John O. Wilson a committee consisting of three preachers and two laymen was appointed to look into the expediency of the Conference establishing an orphanage. The committee appointed pursuant to this motion consisted of S. A. Webber, A. J. Stokes, T. C. O'Dell, R. S. Hill, and Benjamin Greig. They reported on the 26th of November "That we proceed at once to provide for said orphanage to be called the 'Epworth Orphanage,' of South Carolina Conference."

A. J. Stokes, M. M. Brabham, G. H. Waddell, J. H. Anderson, R. S. Hill, L. D. Childs and Virgil C. Dibble constituted the first Board of Managers. Rev. T. C. O'Dell took the initiative in urging the establishment of an orphanage through various letters written by the Southern Christian Advocate, the first of which appeared on the 26th of July, 1894. Dr. A. J. Stokes suggested the name "Epworth" after Epworth, England, where the Wesleyans lived.

At the Annual Conference held in Rock Hill, December 6, 1895, the Board reported that they had purchased land near the city of Columbia on which there was one large building suitable for orphanage purposes. In this report it was stated that the liberal people of Gray Court, Spartanburg, Union, Rock Hill, and Manning had also made offers to secure the location of the orphanage. The institution began operation January 20, 1896 on which day three children were admitted.

As stated above there was only one building to begin with. Year after year generous individuals donated buildings until now there are twenty on the thirty acre campus. The original home bears the name of R. L. Coleman because Mr. Coleman was the first to make a contribution toward the establishment of the orphanage. This contribution amounted to $1,000. Below we give the name of the buildings and donors.

The Giles J. Patterson Memorial Chapel by Mrs. Giles J. Patterson.

The Infirmary by J. W. McLeod.

The Nettles Home by Rev. S. A. Nettles.

The Guy Leonard Home by the parents of Guy Leonard.

The Martha Fort Williams Home, the Walton Home and the Irving Home, all by George W. Williams of Charleston.

The George Holmes Industrial Building by George Holmes of Beaufort.

The Dantzler Home by Irving H. Dantzler.

The Galloway Memorial Building by Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Galloway of Darlington.

The E. V. McNabb Memorial Home by E. V. McNabb of Hartsville.

The Elizabeth Connor Building by Thomas L. Connor of Eutawville.

The Edward Ehrlich Home by Edward Ehrlich of Columbia.

The remaining homes on the campus were not donated by individuals.

The population has grown from the three who entered the first day to more than three hundred. The number of children cared for by Epworth Orphanage during these forty-one years totals more than two thousand. Think of two thousand helpless, dependent little children. Then think of two thousand men and women who are useful members of society, and devoted servants of the living God. It has required much loving
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
BATESBURG, S. C.

Organized in 1872. Rebuilt in 1900, this commodious building erected in 1924.
Present Pastor—Rev. A. E. Holler
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Rev. E. P. Taylor, Chairman Evangelistic Committee.
J. W. Parler, Supt. Adult Division; W. J. Castine, Supt. Y. P. Division; Mrs. H. G. Kennedy, Supt. Children's Division.
J. P. Copeland, Director Golden Cross.
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BETHEL CHURCH, ANDERSON, S. C.

This Church was organized in a hall on King Street in 1832, was first known as West End, and took the name of Bethel during the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Neely. In 1896 the congregation built its own house of worship on the site which the Church now stands, which is on the corner of Blockey and Piedmont streets.

In 1928 this first house on the present site was razed to make room for the new building, but unforeseen difficulties delayed its erection. During this time, the Equinox Mill allowed the congregation to use its community building.

Repeated delays in this building program led the congregation to a decision to build a tabernacle adjacent to the building site. Rev. W. F. Gantt and W. V. Sallter served the charge while this tabernacle was the place of worship. The present pastor, Rev. D. W. Smith, preached here for a few months.

The congregation began using the auditorium of the new Church in late September of 1922. By the Ist of December the congregation had managed to pay for the first part of their building project. It was not until 1926 that the educational part of the total project was begun. It was almost more than one could hope for, that such an undertaking could be finished and paid for by June of 1927. But it is practically free of debt today. To these good people and to the indefatigable leaders, lay and clerical, unstinted praise is due. It is indeed a great accomplishment, and best of all, the congregation feels that God has been their helper. Rev. D. W. Smith is coming towards the close of his fourth year as pastor.

Bethel Church has been a blessing to Methodism. Out from her altars have gone not only many consecrated laymen to seek other communities, but some of the most loved and trusted ministers of our Methodism. In this list should appear the names of Rev. G. W. Burke, now serving his seventh year on the Chester Circuit; Rev. W. G. Smith, of the Florence Charge; Rev. John T. Frazer, on the Butler Charge, Salem; Rev. R. H. White, now at Piedmont; Rev. J. T. Lawrence, who, after a few years of service, located; and Rev. E. K. Garrison, now Presiding Elder of Orangeburg District.

Three preachers' mothers now hold membership at Bethel; they are: Mrs. H. M. Whitten, who is the mother of Rev. H. A. Whitten; Mrs. Dora Burke, who is the mother of Rev. G. W. Burke, and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Hoxit, who is the mother of Rev. E. K. Garrison.
care and intelligent guidance to accomplish this great task. When you stop to contemplate this achievement you will have some idea of the great contribution Epworth Orphanage has made to the church and state during these forty-one years.

Since the beginning of Epworth Orphanage there has been a gradual increase in the physical plant and equipment, as well as, an enlargement of the various activities. Beginning with a very small farm, the acreage has been gradually increased until today we are cultivating more than 500 acres on which we grow practically all of the feed for our live stock and poultry, and much of the food for our children including all kinds of vegetables. During the summer months much canning is done for the winter. More important still, the farm helps to develop real men.

A large dairy is operated in connection with the farm. For a number of years the milk supply has been sufficient to give each child a quart of milk a day. Many of the boys who have been trained in the dairy have become efficient dairymen and now hold good jobs.

Since 1898 the orphanage operated a Printing department. New and better equipment has been added as the years have passed until today the orphanage has one of the best equipped Print shops in Columbia. Each year this department shows a net profit. But more important still numbers of boys are trained in the art of printing. Many who were trained in the Print shop now hold good positions in various parts of the country.

Domestic Science and Arts is taught by a special teacher, and of course, much practical work is done in connection with this class. During thirty-eight weeks of the year the day is divided equally between the work and school. There is a teacher for every grade through the seventh, and five teachers for the high school. The graduates of the orphanage school receive State High school diplomas. Supervised study hall is conducted by the teachers for one hour and a half each evening.

The child and his interest has always come first in the minds of the workers at Epworth Orphanage. Preparation for future usefulness has been, and is of major concern.

The institution points with pride to the quality of its product—men and women who are dependable and always ready to render service to their fellow men and to the church. Many of its children have grown to be men and women of prominence in various fields of activity.

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HOME OF ADVOCATE'S FIRST EDITOR IN ANDERSON

Anderson Daily Mail.

The first editor of the Southern Christian Advocate, William Capers, was for a number of years a resident of Anderson—in fact, spent the last years of his life in this community. The house in which he lived and in which he died, located in North Anderson, known then as the “Box Cottage,” though it has been remodeled, still stands and is often pointed out to visitors.

WORLD METHODISM

From issue of Jan. 29, 1841:
SPARTANBURG DISTRICT

Congratulations and greetings upon the completion of a century of splendid service to the Kingdom! The twenty-nine Charges of the Old Iron District pledge 100 per cent cooperation for the next 100 years.

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Elected 1846. Died 1885

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Elected 1886. Died 1908

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A. COKE SMITH
Elected 1902. Died 1906

EDWIN D. BOSE MOUZON
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EDWIN D. BOSE MOUZON
Elected 1910. Died 1937

JOHN WILLIAM TARBOUX
Anderson District

Upper South Carolina Conference

LEO D. GILLESPIE, Presiding Elder.

Anderson District is located in the north-western part of the State of South Carolina. The area embraces Anderson, Oconee, Pickens, and parts of Greenville and Abbeville Counties. Although having but one of the largest churches within its bounds, Anderson District has kept pace with the other Districts of the Conference, and ranks the best in the matter of carrying out the full program of the Church.

At this time the Anderson District sends greetings to the Southern Christian Advocate on its one-hundredth birthday, and wishes for our Church Organ another one hundred years of glorious achievement.

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Lay Activities—Lay Leader, J. P. Noblett; Associates, Pelzer Area, C. C. Roberts; Abbeville Area, Robert Mahon; Oconee Area, Dr. J. E. Wood; Easley Area, W. H. Parr.

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APPOINTMENTS, 1937-1938.

Abbeville—Grace, R. W. Sammeth.
Abbeville—Main St., A. N. Brunson.
Abbeville Circuit, J. H. Manly.
Cokesbury
Gilgal
Sharon
Bethel
Bells Chapel.
Bethel
New Hope
Anderson—Orrville, B. H. Harvey.
Orrville
Providence
Shiloh
Anderson—Toxaway, C. O. Dorn.
Asbury
Gluck
Toxaway
Trinity
Belton Circuit, W. S. Henry.
Belton
Ebenezer
Oak Hill
Calhoun Falls, C. W. Allen.
Smyrna
Ridge
Central, J. W. Lewis.
Catecees
Lawrence Chapel
Mt. Zion

Clemson College, H. O. Chambers.
Easley, R. C. Griffith.
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Alice
Ariah
North Easley, H. A. Whitten.
Antioch
Bethlehem
Dacusville
Glenwood
South Easley, J. H. Bell.
Easley Mills
St. Paul
Zion
Loudale and Newry, J. F. Ford.
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Friendship
Newry
Pelzer, A. B. Ferguson
Pendleton, J. B. Connelly.
Sandy Springs
Pendleton
Sharon
Zion
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Mt. Bethel
Porter’s Chapel
Salem
Tabor
Pickens and Liberty, N. A. Page.

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Beulah
Piedmont
Shiloh
Salem, H. R. Jordan.
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Gap Hill
Old Pickens
Salem
Starr, C. W. Watson.
Bethel
Hebron
Ruhama
Starr
Walhalla Circuit, W. C. Kelly.
Bethel
Double Springs
Monaghan
Zion
Walhalla and Seneca.
H. L. Kingman.
Westminster, R. A. Huskey
Nazareth
Smith’s Chapel
Townville
Westminster
Hopewell
Williamston, G. H. Pearce.
Bethesda
Grace
Mill
Union Grove
Greenwood District

EXTENDS CONGRATULATIONS AND HEARTY GOOD WISHES TO

The Southern Christian Advocate

ON COMPLETING ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF SERVICE

1837 TO 1937

South Carolina And Southern Methodism

LONG LIVE OUR ADVOCATE!!

PAUL BENTLEY KERN, D.D., LL.D., Bishop.

WILLIAM BUTLER GARRETT, Presiding Elder.

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*Seat of the 1937 Session of the Annual Conference.

The Children's Division of Greenwood District Sings

"Happy Birthday to You"

The 52 auxiliaries with 1,100 members of the Woman's Missionary Society in Greenwood District send greetings to the Southern Christian Advocate on this historic occasion.

The Young People Division of Greenwood District Hails You!

The Adult Division of Greenwood District Congratulate You!
Greetings From the Woman’s Missionary Society of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

It was at the annual meeting of the Woman’s Foreign Missionary Society of the South Carolina Conference, held in Chester in June, 1886, that the Rev. W. D. Kirkland, at that time editor of the *Southern Christian Advocate*, addressed the meeting and expressed a willingness to print something every week in the *Advocate* if the women “would write for it.” He threw the responsibility of an empty column on the ladies themselves. Miss Isabella D. Martin of Columbia, treasurer of the Society, wrote a full account of the work and it was printed in the *Advocate* in July, 1886.

From time to time Miss Martin and Miss A. A. Brown wrote articles for the column. In 1885, Miss Martin was elected the first editor of the column, her duty being “to solicit, prepare and forward suitable material” for the column each week. She was succeeded in 1889 by Mrs. John O. Wilson, who served until 1904. Other editors were: Mrs. Outz, 1904-1905; Mrs. W. I. Herbert, 1906-1907; Mrs. Chas. Petty, 1907-1912; Mrs. A. D. Mulligan, 1912-1913; Mrs. A. E. Wait, 1913-1915. In the Home Mission Society, Mrs. R. W. Bar- ber was superintendent of Press Work from 1904-1912, and was succeeded by Mrs. A. E. Wait.

In November, 1914, the South Carolina Conference was divided into the South Carolina and Upper South Carolina Conferences, and in January, 1915, the home and foreign work was united and the Woman’s Missionary Society of each Conference was organized. Mrs. A. E. Wait continued to serve as editor of the patronizing Conferences until 1919 when Mrs. J. T. Mundy was elected editor and served until 1926. Mrs. G. E. Edwards was editor from 1925-1930; Mrs. John K. Hamblin, 1930-1936; Mrs. J. Roy Jones, 1935-1937; Mrs. H. B. Shealy, May, 1937.

Since 1929 a full page has been given to the missionary societies of the two Conferences. It is impossible to estimate the value of this publicity in the interest of missions, or to adequately express the appreciation that the Missionary Society of this Conference feels toward the editors and managers who have given this space free of charge, and from time to time have printed missionary articles elsewhere in the *Advocate*.

It is the earnest prayer of the Woman’s Missionary Society of the Upper South Carolina Conference that the Centennial goal will be reached; that the entire indebtedness will be liquidated; that 12,000 subscribers will be secured and that in its second century the *Advocate* will be able to serve South Carolina Methodism with broader usefulness.

MRS. T. I. CHARLES, President.
MRS. J. P. BYARS, Conference Secretary.

Another Hundred Years of Great History to the Southern Christian Advocate

**Central Church of Florence**

F. E. Dibble, Pastor

H. K. Gilbert, Chairman Board of Stewards
M. R. Mobley, Superintendent, Church School
J. C. McClanaghan, Chairman Board of Trustees

Mrs. W. B. Harris, President Woman’s M. Society
Mrs. G. W. Collier, Church Secretary

A STRATEGIC CHURCH IN THE HEART OF EASTERN CAROLINA

Organized 1870

Greetings to the

**THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE**

ed for by the Southern delegates, on the ground of its being necessary to an equal distribution of the benefits of the Church's press to all parts of her communion, and especially in view of the peculiar political aspects of the times. Within the range contemplated for the paper at Charleston, leaving equal scope for those at Richmond and Nashville, there are about 50,000 whites in the membership of the church. Here then are probably 10,000 Methodist families, and a much greater number attached to the Methodist, who have no weekly paper published among them. This, under any circumstances, might be held a sufficient reason for the publication we propose; but considered in connection with the feeling which is known to pervade all classes of men on the subject of our domestic institutions it not only justifies our understanding as one that is expected, but strongly urges it as necessary to the Church.

We propose, therefore, to publish at the city of Charleston, as soon as the subscription lists will warrant, a weekly religious paper, to be entitled the Southern Christian Advocate, which shall be zealously devoted to the promotion of good morals and religion—to give expression to the views and feelings of our people, kindly but firmly, on all subjects bearing on the Church—and, in particular, to set forward the cause of Christian benevolence as embodied in the Bible, Missionary, Sunday School Tract, and Temperance Societies.

This paper shall be printed on an imperial sheet, of the same size and quality with that of the Christian Advocate, of New York, with new type (long primer), and the typography in all respects shall closely resemble the New York paper.

The price will be $3 paid in advance. Subscriptions paid within one month after receiving the first number, either to the publisher or to an authorized agent, will be considered as in advance.

In any case of discontinuance during the year, the subscription for the year must be paid, and postage of the order to discontinuance.

All communications, whether of business or matter for publication, unless remitting money or subscriptions to the amount of $10, must be post-paid.

Communications involving facts or respecting persons—as, accounts of revivals or religious meetings, obituary notices, biographies, etc.—must be accompanied with the writer's name.

Communications may be addressed to the Rev. William Capers, Charleston, or to either of the pastoral ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this city, who are members of the Publishing Committee.

The itinerant ministers and preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church are all authorized agents of the Southern Christian Advocate to whom payments may be made.

The proceeds of this paper as a part of the所得 for the general Book Concern, will be divided equally among all the annual conferences, to be applied in spreading the Gospel, and aiding distressed and superannuated ministers, and

widows and orphans of those who have died in the work.

WILLIAM CAPERS, Editor

NICHOLAS TALLEY

GEORGE F. PIERCE

BRO. ENGLISH

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JAMES W. WELBORN

Publishing Committee.

The South Carolina Advocate began publication June 24, 1837.

From the S. C. Conference Minutes of 1861, Page 26:

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From "Georgia Methodism" by G. G. Smith, Pages 533-4:

"The Southern Christian Advocate had been brought from Charleston to Augusta, and thence to Richmond. The press and all its outfit had been burned in the earlier part of 1865, and it had suspended publication. John W. Burke & Co., having begun business, published for a little while a weekly paper, and then made a contract for the publication of the Southern Christian Advocate. Dr. (E. H.) Myers was editor."

From the S. C. Conference Minutes of 1869, Page 39:

"The Special Committee to whom were referred the interests of the Southern Christian Advocate, embracing its proposed return to Charleston, S. C., its original place of publication having given the subject such earnest and deliberate consideration as they could, recommended for the adoption of the Conference the following resolution:

Resolved, That the whole subject of the Southern Christian Advocate be referred to the delegation of the South (Continued on page 43)
1819
George Hill
John Schrobel
Matthew Ralford
Circuit Preachers
James Norton, P. E.

1937
Thos. G. Herbert, P. C.
E. K. Garrison, P. E.

1872
Members, 106

1937
Members, 1393

1819
No record S. S. Supt.

1837
Dr. V. W. Brabham,
S. S. Supt.

St. Paul M. E. Church, South
ORANGEBURG, S. C.

June 24, 1937

Orangeburg was on Orangeburg Ct. Earliest records available 1819

Orangeburg Ct. Parsonage was purchased in Orangeburg March 1837

Orangeburg was made a station at the Conference of 1870—F. Auld, P. C.

Present church built 1896
Value of Property $82,000

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
to the
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

On this your 100th birthday St. Paul, Orangeburg, sends you hearty greetings and wishes you another century of great and helpful service and history.

NELL SHULER, Secretary.
C. S. HENERY, Chairman Board of Stewards.

June 16 1870—Q. C. Records 1st year, F. Auld "Pastor's Report"
2nd Q. Conf., "The Circulation of the S. C. Advocate is encouraging."

The Bethel Park Methodist Church (Denmark, S. C.) which contributed to the Advocate the services of Hon. W. L. Riley as a member of the Board of Managers (1930-1936), and now, in appreciation by its entire membership of the value of the Advocate, extends greetings and best wishes for continued service to South Carolina Methodism.

A. F. RAGAN, Pastor.
NOTES ON THE HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

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South Carolina Conference in the approaching General Conference, acting in concert with the delegations of the North Georgia, South Georgia and the Florida Conferences, and any other patronizing Conference or Conferences."

From the S. C. Conference Minutes of 1878, Page 22:

The Committee on Books and Periodicals submit a paper containing a supplement to the terms of contract between the North and South Georgia, Florida and South Carolina Conferences, and John W. Burke & Co., entered into at New Orleans on the 27th day of April, 1886, for the publication of the Southern Christian Advocate for the four years next ensuing. Also a paper dated the 10th of May 1870, setting forth the action of the Districts of the North and South Georgia, Florida and South Carolina Conferences, to whom the subject was referred by the respective Conferences, at the General Conference in Memphis. They recommend that these papers be filed in the archives of the Conference, and that owing to the immense interest every way connected with the publication of the Advocate, the adoption and hearty execution of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we approve the action of our delegates to the last General Conference, in connection with the action from the North and South Georgia and Florida Conferences, by which they renewed the contract with J. W. Burke & Co., for the publication of the Southern Christian Advocate for the next four years, and that we pledge ourselves to relax nothing in effort to increase its circulation.

Resolved, That the mechanical execution of the Advocate, and the fidelity with which it has been sent forth by J. W. Burke, has been a beacon light to the Church. Possessing the advantages of the best publishing center at the South, and the financial guarantee of one of the largest and most influential business houses of this country, the paper now only lacks the hearty support of the preachers and people, to become a powerful auxiliary to our pulpits, and a religious blessing to our homes.

The Committee would urge the preachers to use their utmost efforts to bring up the circulation of the paper to 10,000 subscribers.

The committee stand pledged to do their part for the publishers, who on their part have assumed all liability. It would appear, with a membership of 41,000 within the state, if the members of this Conference go forth fully imbued with the spirit to work for the diffusion of a healthy religious literature throughout the church, that the Southern Christian Advocate will again take a prominent place among the shining lights of religious journalism, and will become the vehicle of a heaven-inspired Christianity to tens of thousands of our people.

Resolved 2nd: That the publishing committee of the Southern Christian Advocate, be composed of 4 clerical and 2 lay members, namely: The presiding elder of the Charleston District, the preachers in charge in the city of Charleston, F. J. Pelzer, and G. W. Williams, Esqs.

Resolved 3rd: That the amount now due the Conference by the publisher for annual subscribers, be placed at the disposal of the editor, to be used by him in securing the best literary talent for the paper.

Resolved 4th: That the Conference elect by ballot, an editor whose term of office shall extend to the session of the Conference next preceding the General Conference.

Resolved 5th: That the Conference respectfully requests J. W. Burke & Co. the former publishers of the Southern Christian Advocate, to return the old file of the paper to this Committee of Publication."

Respectfully submitted,
J. T. WIGHTMAN, Chairman.

In Dr. Buist's "History of Methodism" the history of the Southern Christian Advocate," and also that of the "Wesleyan Christian Advocate," and discussion pages 365-6 and pages 357-9.

The later history of both papers is quite accessible to most inquirers, so further transcription of records is unnecessary here.
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The Board of Christian Education of the South Carolina Conference extends greetings and congratulations to the Southern Christian Advocate on its One Hundredth Anniversary. It has faithfully served the Kingdom of God and South Carolina Methodism for a century.

May the Advocate live through the coming centuries as a medium for teaching, preaching, and inspiration to the Methodist People of our State.

J. T. Fowler, Executive Secretary.
THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

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was then stationed in Charleston) to continue to act as editor until the arrival of the editor-elect; and arrangements were made to relieve him of pastoral duties until that time. In the early part of November, Dr. Wightman took charge of the office and conducted the paper with marked ability until 1854, when he became President of Wofford College. At the first General Conference of the Southern Church in 1846, Dr. Thomas O. Summers was elected assistant editor, and The Advocate was issued with W. M. Wightman and T. O. Summers editors. In 1856, Dr. Summers was elected “Editor of Books and the Sunday School Advocate,” and Dr. Wightman remained alone in the editorship of The Advocate.

Dr. E. H. Meyers, of the Georgia Conference, succeeded Dr. Wightman, and proved himself a worthy successor, conducting the paper with distinguished ability. During the late war it was deemed necessary for its safety to remove the paper to Augusta, Ga., and subsequently to Macon, Ga.

At the sessions of the South Carolina Conference held at Chester, in December 1861, Brothers W. J. Parks and J. E. Evans, of the Georgia Conference, attended; the special object of their visit having reference to the place of publication of The Advocate. The Conference adopted the following resolution. (See Minutes.)

“Resolved, That we do hereby constitute R. J. Boyd, W. G. Conner, F. A. Mood, G. W. Williams and Harvey Cogwell commissioners to act in conjunction with commissioners from the Georgia and Florida Conferences in reference to the place of publication of The Southern Christian Advocate should a new location be required in the premises; and F. A. Mood and J. T. Wightman were appointed the members of the Publishing Committee from the South Carolina Conference.

This, it will be observed, was in December, 1861, before the removal of the paper from Charleston. After the close of the war, the paper having then been removed to Macon, J. W. Burke & Co., made proposals to the three Conferences interested, on certain conditions, to continue the publication of the paper, which proposals, after amendment, were agreed upon by the representatives of the three Conferences in May, 1866, at New Orleans.

The history of The Southern Christian Advocate from that time can be better traced by others who have been connected with it in recent years. The Advocate has been an itinerant, as a glance at its various places of publication will show. Its first numbers were issued by James S. Burges, No. 55 Broad Street, Charleston; then at 124 East Bay; then at 76 East Bay by Burges & James; then at East Bay Northeast of the Exchange, (post office formerly known as the Exchange); then at 44 Queen Street; afterwards at 145 Meeting Street, opposite Hay Street; then a few numbers were published by B. B. Hussey at 48 Broad Street. On the 5th of May, 1843, it first appeared as issued from its own office in the Southern Methodist Book Store, 100 Hayne Street, where arrangements had been made for it by the purchase of a press, type and all necessary material. Subsequently a separate office was built for it in the rear of the book room on Findey Street.

This is a proper place to say something of those who first managed the printing department of the paper in its own office. Its first foreman was Benjamin Jenkins. He was born in New Holland, and when a boy came to Bermuda, where he served as an apprentice in the office of the Royal Gazette. Here he learned the business of printing and as soon as the time of his apprenticeship expired he had a printing office and commenced the publication of the Bermudian, which journal, however, did not prove successful. He was married to Miss Roberts, of Hamilton, Bermuda, about the year 1838. Here he served for some time as pressman in the office of the Charleston Courier. He afterwards formed a connection with Mr. B. B. Hussey, under the name of Jenkins & Hussey, job printers. Soon after this he entered into an agreement with Mr. D. R. Whitaker to print the Southern Quarterly Review, and went with him to New Orleans in 1841, but after six months returned to Charleston. In January, 1843, he opened a school, but was soon after this requested to organize a printing office for Southern Christian Advocate, which was put under his superintendence. Mr. Jenkins fully justified the confidence reposed in him, and continued to be the publisher of the Advocate till the end of the year 1847. About this time he received a higher call to a nobler work, believing it to be the will of God that he should devote himself to the missionary work in China. An interesting meeting was held in Trinity Church, Charleston, to take leave of Brother Jenkins, and subsequently another meeting was held at Norfolk, Va., at which Brother Andrew ordained Brother Jenkins and Dr. Charles Taylor, his colleague, to the office of Elders. It was at first expected that these brethren and their families would sail in the United States sloop of war Plymouth, which was to carry out the United States Minister to China, but it was found impracticable to arrange the necessary accommodations for the families, and they sailed from Boston in the ship Cleone, Captain Beasce. Brother Jenkins was a man of decided character and ability, very ready in the acquisition of languages, and soon made himself familiar

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CENTENNIAL GREETINGS

MAY THE LIGHT OF TRUTH CONTINUE TO SHINE FORTH FROM YOUR PAGES THROUGH ALL THE YEARS TO COME. THIS IS THE SINCERE WISH AND PRAYER OF MEMBERS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE ON THIS YOUR CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

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THE EARLY HISTORY OF THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

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with the Chinese language. The ill health of his wife caused his return to the United States, but Mrs. Jenkins died on the voyage and was buried at sea. Brother Jenkins brought out with him a Chinese convert, whom he took with him in his travels through the States, enlisting sympathy and aid for the China mission. On his return to China he was again engaged in his missionary work, until, I think, the breaking out of the war between the States. He was afterwards engaged, an account of his acquirements in the Chinese language, in the consular service. The Rev. M. B. Chapman, in a late letter from China to the St. Louis Christian Advocate says:

"Not far from where Miss Dora (Rankin) rests is the tomb of Dr. Benjamin Jenkins, who was fourteen years a missionary of our Church in China, but who, when he died March 13, 1871, had been for seven years in the consular service at Shanghai. This tribute is on his tomb: 'He was highly respected by a wide circle of friends as a Christian of earnest and unassuming piety, a scholar of large and varied attainments, and a public officer faithful and zealous in the discharge of his duties.'"

Associated with Brother Jenkins in the office of the Southern Christian Advocate was Brother Charles Canning, who, on Brother's Jenkins' removal, succeeded as the head of the printing office of the paper. Brother Canning adhered to the paper through its various fortunes, removing with it to Augusta and Macon, Ga. He is now a member of the well known publishing house of J. W. Burke & Co. [His wife was Miss Adams of Bermuda, and she died in Augusta.]

There was a little lad in The Advocate office in those days, of German descent, by the name of Henry Bremer. I was acquainted with his uncle (who was a bookbinder), when I was stationed in Camden in 1835, and I well remember his efforts to obtain the mastery of the English tongue. He showed me a sentence which had been given him by some one with the assurance that when he could pronounce it correctly he could pronounce any English. The sentence was, "Theophilus, the Ethiopian sifter, sifted a sifter full of thistles; where is the sifter full of unslighted thistles that Theophilus, the Ethiopian sifter, sifted?" Little Henry, I think, removed to Georgia with the paper, and I am informed that that gentleman who is now so important a person in the office of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate is Mr. Henry Bremer.

One other name which it gives me pleasure to mention in connection with the early history of The Advocate is now well known throughout our Southern Church. In the latter part of 1847 while Mr. Jenkins was yet at the head of the printing department of the paper, a young man entered the office as a printer by the name of Herman Baer. It was not long, however, before the editor discovered in him capacities for other and higher work, and employed him to assist him in keeping the books, etc. He remained in connection with the office till November 1851, nearly four years. Being an apt scholar and having a decided taste for letters, he was employed for a time as a private tutor; and afterward on the opening of Wofford College he was appointed to a tutorship there. He studied medicine and graduated with M.D.

For satisfactory reasons, however, he withdrew from the practice of his profession and engaged in the business of a druggist. In this he has been highly successful, and is now the proprietor of the large wholesale drug store in Meeting near Market Street. His business does not prevent him from filling official positions in the Church, and he holds the offices of steward and Sunday school teacher at Trinity church, Charleston. He finds time also to indulge his love for letters, and is well informed on church and public affairs. Dr. Baer enjoys the confidence of his brethren, and, as one of the representative laymen of our Conference, has occupied a place in our District and Annual Conferences, and has also been a lay delegate to our General Conference. His contributions to the columns of The Advocate has made him well known to its readers.

As a man, only those who know him intimately can estimate his true worth, for he possesses one of the kindest and most generous of hearts.

A POEM, BY CHARLES WESLEY

Based on Genesis 2:21-22.

(From Southern Christian Advocate of Nov. 17, 1837)

"Not from his head was woman took,
As made her husband to o'er-look;
Not from his feet, as tho design'd
The foot-stool of the stronger kind;
But fashioned for himself, a bride,
An equal taken from his side.

Her place intended to maintain,
The mate and glory of the man;
To rest, as still beneath his arm,
Protected by her lord from harm;
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OF SOUTH CAROLINA
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY
OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA
CONFERENCE

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was elected for each of the nine districts. The name vice-president was used until 1886 when it was changed to district secretary.

For six years the South Carolina Conference led all the other conferences in auxiliary members, and contributions. And was the first to have its Minutes printed.

Quoting from "Some Missionary Achievements of Southern Methodist Women," by Mrs. T. L. Charles, we learn: "Some of the achievements of the Foreign Society were a contribution of $2,227.59 toward the Twentieth Century Educational Movement; the William M. Wrightman and Stephen Olin Lectureships ($5,000 each) at Scarritt Bible and Training School, and a contribution of $65.00 toward the Maria Davies Wrightman Lecture-ship, which was presented by the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions of which Mrs. Wightman was vice-president from 1873-1894 and president from 1894-1898; $5,000.00 was provided to build the Wrightman-Humbert Chapel at Holston Institute, Songo.

Quoting again from Mrs. Charles—"Palmetto Leaves" was the name adopted in 1885 for the children's societies in South Carolina. For years the "Palmetto Leaves" gave an annual contribution of $100.00 to the Palmetto Day School for Boys, at Shanghai, China, which was founded in 1887 by Mrs. Gilbert Reid, nee Miss Stolle Reynolds of Columbia. Carolina Institute, our oldest girls' school in Korea, was named in honor of the children of the Carolinas, who made gifts to it."

"The young women were included in the juvenile societies at first, but in 1883 at the Silver Jubilee Meeting they were set off in an organization of their own and named the "Golden Links." For a time they supported Miss Della V. Wright in Brazil."

The Foreign Missionary Society of South Carolina had only two presidents: Mrs. M. D. Wightman, 1878-1912, and her daughter, Miss May Wightman, 1912-1915.

In 1886; eight years after the women were authorized to organize Foreign Missionary Societies, in answer to the needs at home; the Woman's Board of Home Missions was authorized by the General Conference meeting in Louisville, Ky. Miss Lucinda B. Helm, a young woman of strength and spirit, realized the need of parsonages, especially in the West; asked if the women in the Church could not help build parsonages. Miss Helm was elected General Secretary and wrote the constitution and by-laws for a Woman's Department of Church Extension, which in 1886 became a part of the Board of Church Extension.

The General Conference, in 1890, gave the women permission to add the work of home missions to parsonage building and the name was changed to the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society. Mrs. E. E. Wiley was the first and only president of this organization. In 1894 the name was shortened and the organization was called the Woman's Home Mission Society and Miss Bennett was the only president this organization ever had.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of the South Carolina Conference was organized November 1899. The presidents of the Home Mission Society were: Mrs. W. W. Duncan, 1899-1906; Mrs. W. W. Lecky, 1906-1912; Mrs. J. W. Kilgo, 1912-1915.

For twenty-five years the two boards: Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and Woman's Board of Home Missions conducted their work independently, with two missionary societies in most of the congregations.

But, at the meeting of the General Conference in Asheville, N. C. in 1910 the two boards were merged and the Woman's Missionary Council was formed. However the matter of uniting the home and foreign societies in the Conferences was made optional for the next quadrennium and South Carolina preferred to keep both societies.

The General Conference meeting in 1914 called upon all societies to unite. That General Conference also made provision for dividing the South Carolina Conference into two Conferences, and in November 1914 the Conference composed of twelve districts was divided into the South Carolina and the Upper South Carolina Conference. In January 1915 each of these Conferences formed the Woman's Missionary Society and united the home and foreign work.

The amount of money contributed through the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the organization to 1915, was $307,970.89; through the Home Department $41,393.31, making a total of $349,364.20.

The Woman's Missionary Society of South Carolina has sent out fifty-two splendid young women to do definite Christian work in the eight fields as follows: Brazil 9, China 10, Congo Belge 1, Cuba 3, Japan 2, Korea 5, Mexico 2, Home Field 20.

In 1936 the South Carolina Conference reported 235 auxiliaries, with a membership of about 6,800; including 719 members of 46 Young Women's Circles; 25 Adult Life members, and 89 Baby Life members (added in 1936), 5 Bible women teachers, 7 scholarships in the foreign fields, 1 scholarship at Vashi School, Thomasville, Ga., and 10 foreign missionaries supported by the Conference. One hundred-fifty auxiliaries observed the Week of Prayer in 1936; 123 Missionary Study Classes were reported—113 of which received Council recognition, also 132 Spiritual Life Groups, 188 Christian Social Relations Committees and boxes and gifts valued at $2,355.33 were contributed through the Supply Department.

The Conference reported a total of $24,175.00, including a Week of Prayer offering of $1,471.81 sent to the Council treasurer for the year 1936.

The outstanding special of the South Carolina Conference, above the regular yearly pledge to the Woman's Missionary Council was a gift of $25,918.22 for the Wightman Chapel of the Bennett Memorial at Scarritt College. The women of the South had the privilege of naming the chapel at Scarritt College as a memorial to Mrs. Maria Davies Wightman. Mrs. Wightman was very active in assisting Miss Belle H. Bennett in raising the money to build Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, Mo.

Those serving as presidents of the South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society are: Mrs. W. L. Wait, 1915-1919; Mrs. John A. Rice, 1919-1920; Mrs. Walter I. Herbert, 1921-1921; Mrs. G. E. Edwards, 1931—

South Carolina Conference has a splendid Wesley Community House, located in Orangeburg. It was opened in 1911, and for more than a quarter of a century it has rendered an outstanding service.

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There is a growing consciousness on the part of our women of their responsibility to the program of the whole church and a desire to participate in the formation of its policies and the promotion of its plans. They are rendering a fine service to the church by helping to create a missionary intelligence and ability among every church member to feel responsible for sharing a World Savior with a world in need of Him.

The Conference has had six presidents: Mrs. R. E. Stockhouse (1915-1919); Miss L. E. Brown, 1919-1923; Miss Helen B. Bourn, 1923-1928; Sarah Emma Koller, (deceased) April 1928-July 9, 1928; Mrs. Julian Johnson, April 1929-October 1929; Mrs. T. I. Charles, January 1930.

The offices of President, Mrs. T. I. Charles, Conestee; Vice-President, Mrs. G. W. Henry, 11 Duncan St., Greenville; General Secretary, Mrs. J. P. Byars, Langley; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ben Day, Easley; Treasurer, Mrs. B. R. Turnipseed, Rock Hill; Secretary Children's Work, Mrs. J. L. Jett, Warrenville; Superintendent Mission and Bible Study, Miss Ellie Few, Greer; Superintendent Literature and Publicity, Mrs. L. L. Hardin, Clover; Superintendent Christian Social Relations, Mrs. B. F. Zimmerman, 394 Magnolia St., Spartanburg; Superintendents of Supplies, Mrs. H. W. Keen, Box 1621, Greenville; Mrs. H. J. Moll, Newberry; Mrs. Cornelia E. Pennington, Mrs. W. M. Corbitt, Wagener; Greenville, Mrs. J. H. Armstrong, 707 E. North St., Greenville; Greenwood, Mrs. L. C. McCullough, 1828 Harrington St., Newberry; Rock Hill, Mrs. Clarence Cross, Chester; Spartanburg, Mrs. Henry Stokes, 555 Poplar St., Spartanburg.

Scores of loyal consecrated officers have given freely of their time, talents and money to promote the work and hasten the day when there will be a missionary society in every church in the Conference and every woman a member.

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The first officers were Dr. A. M. Chrelitzberg, President, Dr. W. T. Capers, Vice President, Dr. S. Lander Treasurer. In 1887 Rev. A. J. Cauthen became vice president. Dr. John O. Wilson became president in 1895. He was succeeded by Rev. W. L. Wait in 1903, and Dr. Wilson became secretary-treasurer.

In 1904 the Brotherhood merged into the Methodist Benevolent Association of Nashville, Tenn.

Five years later it was felt that the Brotherhood was still needed, so it was reorganized at Abbeville in December 1909. Dr. John O. Wilson was chosen president, Dr. J. L. Stokes and Hon. Geo. H. Bates, vice presidents, Rev. J. F. Anderson, secretary-treasurer. In 1910 Rev. J. T. MacFarlane was chosen secretary-treasurer and served until his death.

In 1914 the Conference was divided, but the Brotherhood did not divide. Two sets of officers were chosen. Rev. J. B. Wilson, President, Rev. S. J. Betherum, Vice President, Geo. H. Bates, Vice President, served for the South Carolina Conference. For the Upper South Carolina Conference the following officers were chosen: Dr. John O. Wilson, President; Rev. S. T. Blackman and Hon. J. A. McCullough, Vice Presidents. Rev. J. T. MacFarlane served as secretary-treasurer for the entire organization.

Rev. W. H. Hodges became president of the South Carolina group in 1917, in the same years Dr. J. L. Stokes became vice president of the Upper South Carolina group.

In 1918 Dr. J. W. Kilgo was elected vice president in the Upper South Carolina group, and Mr. George W. Williams to a similar position in the South Carolina group. At this time it was decided to shift the basis of payment of dues from the irregular payments at death, to a quarterly basis of $5 per quarter for beneficiary members and $1.25 per quarter by lay members. By this plan a total benefit of $1,000 was soon reached, and from 1925 to this time the Brotherhood has in most years paid full $1,000.

The Presidents of the Brotherhood are: Rev. T. G. Herbert, D.D., South Carolina Conference; Rev. C. E. Peele, Upper South Carolina Conference.

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C. E. Peele, President; T. G. Herbert, Vice President; H. C. Ritter, Secretary; J. E. Brown, Treasurer; J. Emerson Ford, Dean; S. O. Cantey, T. Fowler, W. D. Gleaton, J. R. T. Major, R. F. Morris.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1856, during the sixty-ninth session of the South Carolina Conference, held at York, S. C., the South Carolina Conference Historical Society was organized. The founders had two objectives in mind: the collection and preservation of historical data and relics, and to form a library. The first president was Rev. W. A. Gamewell. Since the organization addresses have been regularly delivered upon various subjects before meetings of the Society held on Tuesday preceding the opening of the regular Conference sessions. These addresses have covered a wide field and have gathered and preserved much of value to the future historian.

Many names might be mentioned among those who gave themselves unremittingly to the advancement of interest in the Society and the gathering of valuable historical data. Of the many distinguished names that might be mentioned who have served the Society, none made greater contribution or rendered larger service than Dr. A. M. Chreitzberg, whose historical addresses, and indeed his history of early Methodism, form most valuable contributions inspired by the Society; Dr. A. M. Shipp, long time president, and author of the first history of Methodism in South Carolina; Rev. H. B. Browne, who served as president for nineteen years, 1898-1916 and Dr. D. Wallace, who served as Curator of the Society since 1899, and who has arranged its material in orderliness and kept it available for those who would seek information through the abundant material in its archives located in Wofford College, Spartanburg.

With the division of South Carolina into two Conferences, the Historical Society was divided but continues as one in its archives as well as in its purposes, alternating in furnishing the speakers for the meetings of the Society, the speaker annually delivering his address before each society. Rev. J. M. Rogers, who delivered the annual address in 1931, on "Our Historical Societies—Their Organization, Purpose and Accomplishments," thereby gathering in chaste language clearly setting forth the direct and indirect achievements of the Society, is president of the Society of the South Carolina Conference, and Rev. O. M. Abney, is president of the society of the Upper South Carolina Conference.

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Letter from a pastor in Advocate of Feb. 14, 1840:

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Mr. B. E. Clarkson, Kingstree, S. C.

Appreciative reader of the Advocate for 67 years. He is holding a walking stick which he made of leather discs and which he has sent as a gift to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Greetings to the Southern Christian Advocate From the Board of Christian Education of the Upper South Carolina Conference

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My grandfather was a local Methodist preacher 100 years ago in Lincoln, N. C., and I am sure from what my father told me that the Advocate came into their home from the very first—and it has each week brought its helpful inspiration into our family circle ever since.

E. M. Lander.

Calhoun Falls, S. C.

If I remember correct the Advocate was in my father's home as far back as 1866. I was then 13 years old having been born in 1853—I am now 84. I think I can safely say that I have been reading the Advocate 71 years. Later on if I make no mistake it was published in Macon, Ga., and Dr. F. M. Kennedy was the editor. I remember seeing Dr. Kennedy at Annual Conference held in Central Methodist Church, in Spartanburg.

J. H. Truck.

308 Alexander Ave., Spartanburg, S. C.

I want to write and tell you that I have been reading the Advocate ever since I could read, and on the 24th of March I passed my 85th birthday. I don't know how long before I was born that my Grandfather was taking it. I think he must have been among the first subscribers. Capt. W. E. Aldert, Charleston. When my brother was married my father took it—Mr. T. W. Albergotti, Charleston.

When I was married my husband Mr. F. S. Dibble, took it, (guess you know him) and I have been taking it ever since his death. I love to read it, think it is a good paper, and I will take it as long as I live and can get the money to pay for it, so you see how long I have been reading it.

Mrs. F. S. Dibble.

126 Amelia Street, Orangeburg, S. C.

While reading the Advocate I noticed your last call for the oldest readers. Our forefathers prized it very highly and it is still a very highly prized paper in our present family. The exact number of years that the Advocate has been subscribed to would be hard to tell but I believe I could give a pretty good estimate. I am now sixty-seven years old, and from my childhood I can remember the Advocate entering the S. M. Smith family, Johnston, S. C. My brother, Charlie Smith, who is seventy-seven years old says he can remember the Advocate entering our home while a very small boy. Since my marriage to Mr. M. M. Padget, Trenton, S. C., over forty years ago, the Advocate has been a constant visitor every week. Mr. M. M. Padget's father was a subscriber to your paper for years unknown, which after taking all into consideration totals not less than seventy years and may since.

I wish for the Advocate a very prosperous and happy future.

Your untiring reader,

M. B. Padget.

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Assistant Editor 1905

PRAYER FOR THE ADVOCATE

By the late Rev. W. A. Rogers

(Written for the issue of Jan. 3, 1901, and read by the author to Advocate staff at Orangeburg.)

Lord, in Thy name we gather here:

Thee, we acknowledge, with Thee stand,

And claim Thy promise without fear,

Of paths directed by Thy hand.

Jesus, we meet to dedicate,

Ourselves, this press, this type, this place;

The Southern Christian Advocate

Goes hence to bless the human race.

Lord, on us smile; grant us Thy love,

Send forth each issue with Thy grace,

That work done by our hands may prove

Reflections of Thy shining face.

Guide Thou his hand, who shall direct

As Editor and leader here;

And in his work and its effect

Be Thou his constant Counsellor.

On those who shall columns read

O may Thy Spirit come in power;

Comfort in grief and quickly lead

From sin in every tempted hour.

Strengthen by it the weary hands,

When fruitage seems in coming long;

In this and in far distant lands,

O strengthen, Lord, and keep them strong.

If thus we be, 'tis weakest things,

In rendering, crushing, Satan's power,

And making Jesus King of kings:

O Lord, we'll praise Thee from this hour.

THE FIRST ADVOCATE

The first number of the Southern Christian Advocate contained four pages, with six columns to the page. The pages were about twice the size they are now. The subscription price was $3.00 a year in advance.

I am sending my 93rd birthday, May 24, 1937, a check for $10.00 as one of the 100 in liquidation of the Advocate debt. I have been a subscriber to the Advocate for 71 years.

O. B. Riley.

Orangeburg, S. C.

Years ago when I was quite young, my father the Rev. H. M. Hayes, was a subscriber to the Advocate. It is the first paper I ever remember reading—have read it all my life, and looking forward to reading the Centennial number in June, when I will be 84 years and 5 months old.

Mrs. Panthena Haynes Hilton Wolling, 222 E. 3rd St., Media, Pa.
TARGET CHURCH
On the Holly Hill charge, Orangeburg County, organized 1827 by the grandfather of the Editor of the Advocate, Rev. Jeremiah Rast, 1826-1912.
(Photograph courtesy, Rev. D. A. Phillips, pastor.)

CHANGES DURING A CENTURY

By Rev. R. C. Griffith

The Southern Christian Advocate was born amid some of the most stirring days of American history. Martin Van Buren was president, following the turbulent "Old Hickory," and he was having quite a time of it. Only a year before (General Conference at Cincinnati) the church had been torn by bitter debates on slavery and the first move toward separation was made in Methodism. The Wesleyan schism occurred in 1842, two years before the Northern and Southern division and only five years after the first issue of the Advocate. The forests of America were ringing to the tumult of the camp-meeting. Peter Cartwright was using his flite, when necessary, in fighting for the Lord down in Kentucky. There was constant conflict between denominations, and Cartwright was examining "The Great Iron Wheel." It is true that great changes have taken place in Methodism during the past century. These changes are not peculiar to Methodism; they may be seen in religion throughout America. Let us list a few of them.

1. Growth. The first issue of the Advocate saw about 700,000 Methodists in America. We now number that figure more than twelve times over.

2. The rise of the Church School. If we have correct history it was only about a hundred years ago Methodism officially recognized the Sunday School Union. Most of our churches, even the best of them, were of the one-room type and ill adapted to teaching children. Now it is rare to find even a country church without improved equipment for this work. The past century has seen our church constructing educational buildings everywhere and making vast progress in printing literature to meet our needs.

3. Religious literature. About a hundred years ago we lost our one publishing house by fire and had to begin all over again. Today we have several valuable Houses at different vantage points all over America. There has been a constant increase in the number and circulation of our religious journals. Almost negligible a hundred years ago, our church press now yields a tremendous influence in national life.

4. The Youth Movement. The century has witnessed a great surge of the spirit of Christian youth in the spread of young people's societies. The Epworth League in Methodism has written a glorious historical chapter. In other churches the Young Men's, Young Women's and Endeavor, Luther League and others have rendered a like service.

5. Abandonment. For good or ill, our church has left or is now leaving some things behind. We list a few of them as follows:

(a) The love feast and the class meeting. Preachers still hold a love feast at Conference time, at least some of them do, but the membership of the churches hardly know that such a practice ever existed. Class meetings have been handed over to the needs of Christian Science and the Holy Rollers who still use the idea effectively.

(b) Church discipline. Some fifty years ago a man was turned out at old Mt. Olivet, now First Church Easley, for not attending church. Should that be done in 1937 the church would lose some "saints" and the pastor would have to report a decrease.

(c) Prayer-Meeting. Going, going, gone! Only a few remain here and there, attended only by the dear saints with swift-withdrawing halos about their heads.

(d) Night services. Yes, they are going too. Only here and there do we find the little services attended by people who differ greatly from the prayer-meeting crowd. A dozen saints among an acre of yawning pews, and it is most difficult to tell which looks the most forlorn, the saints, the preacher, or the pew.

(e) The rise of the social gospel. The Advocate came into a day when evil was less organized and more personal; therefore the gospel was largely personal in its appeal. Saving the drunkard was tough then; now the church must war against the traffic. In an age when greed is so highly organized, and often remote, the church cannot be interested alone in saving individuals within many responsible physical and moral situations.

7. Adjustment to Industry. Where there were once only farms and forests we now see a maze of industrial smokestacks and villages. People live there and the church belongs there. The situation is different, and the church has been more or less diligent in meeting the needs while attending to her own orientation.

8. The radio. How great the astonishment of the first editor of the Advocate had he stepped into a room where a simple box was straining music from the air! Today and every day, we hear ministers and churches using this mightiest mechanical change of the century for telling the old, old story. And it is only a beginning!

9. The ministry. Yes, that is changing too. Perhaps many of the first ministerial perusers of the Advocate were barely able to read it. Today the church demands more highly educated ministry. Then the minister was known for his preaching ability; now he is known as a business 'executive'in charge of an institution. Being able to preach a pleasant accessory, but his main job is oiling and running the machinery of the church. He must be a financier today for he not only directs his local church but must go before the Boards, colleges, etc., etc., ad infinitum. And, that is all necessary in our modern world. It is a part of the church's effort to bring in the Kingdom in a new age. Perhaps we still have more time to preach the gospel than we are willing to use.

10. Christian unity. This is by far the most encouraging change of the century. Whether we like it or not, narrow denominationalism is dying. And, it is none too soon. The Lord has two instruments by which he helps us, the cradle and the grave. A century ago churches were extremely group-conscious and expended much energy in fighting each other. Today men of vision see that the question is not which denomination shall be larger, but shall any of them be saved. We shall try to speak in that word? For defensive as well as offensive measures the church must unite.

The Federal Council has greatly aided the move toward unity which is now being made in Canada and in the United States is being accomplished. Soon we may thrill to see Methodism face the world as one church. Later, not too late, let us suppose, we shall see the wounds of Christendom healed. Then we may march and sing. "We are not divided, all one body we."
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BAMBERG CHARGE—Rev. J. E. Martin, Pastor.
Churches—Bamberg; Calhoun (Barnwell). begun In 1890, erected.

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Churches—Cedar, Ohote.

BARTUNGA CHARGE—Rev. C. H. Gudewln, Pastor.
Churches—Southside (Bamberg), St. Johns (Orangeburg).

CATHEDRAL CHARGE—Rev. J. C. Innes, Pastor.
Churches—Barnwell, begun in 1880 by Mrs. N. G. W. Walker, who was then a girl, finally organized in 1885, largely under the leadership of T. H. Bates; renovated in 1927 by Rev. K. W. Humphries, Blackville. Date of organization not known, but at least as far back as the close of the Civil War; a well organized church.

BOWMAN CHARGE—Rev. C. E. Hill, Pastor.
Churches—Bowman, organized prior to 1832, with Christian Huff as class leader. Shiloh, organized prior to 1860, exact date not known. White House, organized in 1878. A Bible now in the church with date of organization printed on cover in gold letters. Bishop Asbury preached there on at least two occasions, from his record: "Thursday, Dec. 24, 1801. The Four Holes is a name given to a river because there are four sinks or holes upon the banks; there at the White Meetinghouse I preached on 2 Peter 3:18, 'But Grow in Grace.' I lodged at Jacob Dantzler's. Monday, Jan. 10, we rode 12 miles to Dantzler's. On Tuesday I spoke at White Meetinghouse on 2 Cor. 7:1." This was in 1805. The name was later changed to White House. Whiteville, organized in 1839, James Carson Youngue, Pastor. This church was named for Bishop Wightman.

BRANCHVILLE CHARGE—Rev. J. D. Griffin, Pastor.

ROWESVILLE CHARGE—Rev. Peter Stokes, Jr., Pastor.

NORWAY CHARGE—J. M. Barrington, Pastor.
Churches—L e b a n n e n , Livingston, Pine Hill, St. Johns, no records.

OLD SOUTH CHARGE—Rev. Gobe Smith, Pastor.
Churches: Bethel, organized in 1896, Rev. E. A. Wilks, pastor. Bellinger Chapel (Fairfax), organized about 1840, by Rev. Lucious Bellinger. Keene Chapel, organized in 1813. Mysapah, organized in 1856, from which has gone out many emi-

nent preachers, physicians and educators. Salem, organized in 1818; the home church of Bishop H. N. McTyeire, his home being just three miles away.

ORANGE CHARGE—Rev. A. Y. Harbin, Pastor.
Churches—Andrews Chapel, St. Johns, Trinity, no records.

ST. PAULS (Orangeburg) CHARGE—Dr. G. H. Herber, Pastor. See elsewhere for facts of history and Centennial congratulations.

ORANGEBURG MISSION CHARGE—Rev. G. W. Dukes, Pastor.
Churches—M. T. I o n s , organized about 1855, the mother church of three others. Prospect, organized before the Civil War; moved to its present location in 1879; two members of the S. C. Conference came from this church, Rev. J. G. Beckwith and Rev. L. L. Inabnett.

Church—Providence, organized about 1806; present building erected in 1920, Rev. P. K. Rhoad, Pastor.

Churches—St. Paul, Wesley Chapel, no records.

Churches—Beulah, E. Bethel, W. Bethel, Fort Motte, no records.

Churches—Green Pond, Little Swamp, Trinity, no records.

SPRINGFIELD CIRCUIT—Rev. C. S. Felder, Pastor.
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[John Harper Gave the Land for the Building of Washington Street Church.]

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