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Twentieth Century Sketches

of the

South Carolina Conference

M. E. Church, South

By Rev. Watson B. Duncan, A. M.

(REvised)

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DEDICATION

To the Preachers' Devoted Wives,
Whose Unheralded Labors Have Largely Made Possible
the Records Contained in These Pages
and the Story of Whose Heroic and Loving Service
Will Never be Revealed Until the Books of Heaven are Opened

to An Admiring Universe,
This Book is Most Affectionately Dedicated
FOREWORD.

On Wednesday, the first day of the session of the South Carolina Conference, held in Rock Hill, beginning November 26, 1913, Rev. Dr. James W. Kilgo offered the following preamble and resolution, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, The Twentieth Century sketches of our preachers have time and again proven of great value and interest; and

Whereas, Since its publication many have entered our Conference, sketches of whom are much desired:

Resolved, That we request Dr. Watson B. Duncan, the author of the book issued a dozen years ago, to prepare and publish a new edition, bringing up to date the information concerning all members of our body, if he finds it practicable and judicious to do so.

(Signed) J. W. Kilgo,
Peter Stokes and Others.

That explains the appearance of this Revised Edition of our Book of Sketches. I have done the work in the midst of the arduous duties devolving upon me as pastor of, perhaps, the heaviest charge in our Conference.

However, it has been a work of love, and, therefore, one of pleasure. I have prepared the sketches while I was resting!

God bless all the brethren!

Very sincerely,

WATSON B. DUNCAN.

Orangeburg, S. C., October 1, 1914.
EDITOR'S NOTE

(First Edition)

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

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

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

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

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

Very sincerely,

WATSON B. DUNCAN.

Laurens, S. C., July, 1901.
INTRODUCTION

"Who's Who In America" is the title of a book which has been useful to many readers. It aims to give information about persons of more or less prominence now living in our country. It is very rarely that an epithet or an adjective of praise is found in its pages. It is not a book of eulogies, or superlatives. There was no impropriety, if we suppose the short sketches were written by the persons themselves. They are colorless, with their few dates and historical statements. A similar book, it is said, will appear soon, confined to living South Carolinians. These volumes raise embarrassing questions, about the lines of inclusion and exclusion. When the editors have used all possible diligence and impartiality, some readers will be surprised, even offended, because certain names are put in, and others because certain names are left out. The book now before us is free from this invidious feature. Every living member of the South Carolina Conference is entitled to his place here and no one else. No attempt is made to arrange the names or the men in ranks or gradations.

Photographs and cuts are now cheap and common. For several years it has been usual to have some in the Annual Minutes, and in the Directory giving information about a coming Conference. This is all right. These publications, with their historical facts and likenesses, are a framework, around which intelligent interest and Church loyalty may gather. We have pictures of John and Charles
Wesley at various stages of life. Our early magazines had pictures, more or less artistic, of living ministers. As early as 1830 a likeness of Rev. W. Capers, D. D., was given in the Methodist Magazine in New York. The cost at that time necessarily confined these pictures to a few subjects. A few days ago I found a sermon by Rev. Samuel Dunwoody, in Savannah, 1827. I was interested, as the venerable man married my parents, and in early life I was often amused by his innocent oddities and instructed by his solemn, impressive force in the pulpit. It was disappointing to remember that no likeness exists to show the present generation what manner of man he was in the body. Now pictures meet us everywhere. Our editors, with energy and promptness, give us the features of persons about whom we feel any curiosity. Not only men, but women now may have their faces spread out to public gaze, very cheaply, by certifying to the merits of a patent medicine.

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

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

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

JAMES H. CARLISLE.

Wofford College.

Twentieth Century Sketches

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

Rev. Olympia McKelvey Abney, son of Dr. Ezra S. Abney and Mrs. Mary Jane Abney (nee Holeman), was born in Lexington County, S. C., March 8, 1872. His paternal grandparents were of English and French descent, his great-grandparents having come to this country from England and settled on a grant of land in what is now Edgefield County. His maternal grandparents were of German blood and natives of Lexington County. The father of the subject served in the Civil War, after which he graduated at a medical college in Philadelphia. Soon after graduating he married Miss Holeman, of Dunratt, Miss., where her father was then living. Returning with his happy bride, the Doctor settled in Lexington County, where the subject of this paper was born. The good Doctor and his devoted wife still live and now reside in Richland County. To their toils and sacrifices, under God, our young friend owes the thorough educational preparation he has received, and no doubt he fully appreciates their kindness. May he ever prove worthy of such parents.

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

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

Soon after leaving Vanderbilt University, in 1898, Brother Abney was appointed to Cataret Street Church, Beaufort, S. C., to fill out the term of Rev. P. A. Murray, who had been appointed to a chaplaincy in the Second Regiment, S. C. Volunteers for Cuba. In December of that year he was received on trial into the Conference, and has served the following charges: Starr and Iva, 1899-1900; West End, Anderson, 1901; Pickens, 1902-1905; Seneca, 1906; Lowndesville, 1907-1908; Yorkville, 1909; Springfield, 1910-1911; Hampton, 1912; Piedmont, 1913-1914.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove at Nashville, Tenn., December 12, 1897, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Newberry, S. C., December 7, 1902.

On March 28, 1901, he married Miss Annie Ott, of St. Matthews, South Carolina.

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

The Rev. John Fletcher Anderson, the son of Tarplay and Louisa (Manning) Anderson, was born in Anderson County, S. C., Sept. 23d, 1851. He had the inestimable benefit of an upright, faithful, consecrated father, and a tender, self-sacrificing, saintly mother. His father died in October, 1882, his mother many years later. To this day the memory of this holy man and woman is as ointment poured forth.

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

He felt a call to preach in early youth, but did not yield to it. Under a sermon by the Rev. T. G. Herbert on "A Call to the Ministry," preached October, 1884, at Providence Camp Meeting (Ander-
son County), he was brought to a decision and was licensed the following month. In December, 1885, he entered the South Carolina Conference, in which his appointments have been as follows: 1886, West Anderson Circuit; 1887, Walhalla; 1888-1891, Pickens; 1892-1894, Fountain Inn; 1895-1897, Easley and Bethesda; 1898, Oswego; 1899-1902, Leesville; 1903, Whitmire; 1904-1907, North Laurens; 1908-1910, Pendleton; 1911-1912, Yorkville; 1913-1914, McCormick.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop McTyeire December 4, 1887; and Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, November 24, 1889.

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

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

Mr. Anderson was one of the original number appointed to establish the Epworth Orphanage.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. James Warren Ariail, is a Georgian by birth, but a South Carolinian by adoption and choice. He was born in Guinett County, Georgia, August 20, 1853, but was reared in Pickens County, South Carolina. His father, Mr. Luke Ariail, was of French descent. His mother, Nancy P. Ariail, was of Welsh descent.

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

He was converted while quite young, joining the Church at the age of sixteen years. At an early age, he had an impression that he should preach the Gospel. This impression became a distinct call in 1872. He was licensed to preach in 1874, Rev. R. P. Frank, being the Presiding Elder.

Brother Ariail joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1875, W. Smith Martin, T. P. Phillips and A. C. Walker joining at the same time. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Dogget in 1877, and was ordained Elder by Bishop McTyeire in 1879. He has served the following charges: Laurens Circuit, Newberry Circuit, Santee Circuit, Kershaw Circuit, Spring Hill Circuit, Zoar Circuit, Pacolet Circuit, York Circuit, Edisto Circuit, Blackville Circuit, Cokesbury Circuit, Blenheim Circuit, Mullins Circuit, Upper St. Matthews, Bennettsville Circuit, Latta, Johnstone, Abbeville, Ehrhardt, St. George, Lake City. In these the labors of our brother
have been blessed of God to the salvation of scores of souls and the advancement of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Brother Ariail is an excellent preacher. His aim is not so much to please the people, but to help them. His sermons are practical and effective, carrying conviction to the sinner and strength to the feeble and comfort to the sorrowing.

On February 12, 1880, in the City of Sumter, S. C., Brother Ariail was married to Miss Carrie E. Hodges, who has ever stood bravely by his side in all the struggles of his itinerancy. They have eight children living—Mrs. Emma A. Ellis, Prof. J. Milton Ariail, Mrs. W. H. Ritter, Dr. C. C. Ariail, Warren G., Rowena, Nellie, and Robert H.

Two facts in the life of Mr. Ariail need to be stressed: (1) His growth in every respect; and, (2) his greatest honor comes from the confidence inspired in men, especially those who know his real worth. No man who knows him doubts his sincerity, his nobility, or his religion.

REV. W. H. ARIAIL

Rev. William Hamilton Ariail, fifth child of Luke Ives Ariail and Nancy P. Ariail, was born November 1, 1851, in Hall County, Georgia. His mother's maiden name was Lesley. Excellent blood flows in the veins of our brother. He is of French descent on his father's side and Scotch-Irish on the mother's. His early educational advantages were limited to the usual schools of the country, but he made good use of these and has been studying ever since.

He regrets not having had a collegiate education, and has so expressed himself frequently. He is, however, a great advocate of higher education and has sent many students to our colleges.

Brother Ariail joined the Church at Twelve Mile Camp Ground when about twelve years old, under the ministry of Rev. William Bowman, and was converted some time later under the ministry of Rev. Fletcher Smith, at Perritt's Chapel, Pickens Circuit.

Soon after his conversion, young Ariail felt called to preach, but, feeling his unworthiness and inability, hesitated and strove to throw off the conviction. He did not realize then as he does now that a call to preach means a call to prepare to preach. He entered the mercantile business, hoping to throw off the impression that he ought to preach. But the hand of affliction was laid upon him and he yielded. He, with his brother, Rev. J. W. Ariail, was licensed to preach at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Pickens Circuit for 1874. In December of that year he was admitted on trial into the Conference at Greenville, S. C., Bishop E. M. Marvin presiding. He has served the following charges: Junior preacher on Laurens Circuit, 1875;
Greenville City and Marietta Mission, 1876 (but changed and placed as junior preacher on Pickens Circuit); South Chesterfield Circuit, 1877; Richland Fork Circuit, 1878; Lancaster, 1879; Lynchburg and St. Lukes, 1880; Hanging Rock, 1881-3; Kinard's Circuit, 1884; Tumbling Shoals, 1885-6; Reidville Circuit, 1887; Blythewood Circuit, 1888; Colleton Circuit, 1889-92; Edgewood, Columbia, 1893; Abbeville Circuit, 1894-6; McCormick Circuit, 1897-8; Prosperity Circuit, 1899-1900; North Rock Hill, 1901-4; Hickory Grove, 1905; Rock Hill Circuit, 1906-9; Jonesville, 1910-13; Black Swamp, 1914.

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

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

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

**REV. J. P. ATTAWAY**

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

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

Some time after his marriage, Brother Attaway felt moved by the Holy Spirit to preach the Gospel of Christ. Having been convinced of the reality of the Divine call, he immediately yielded and began to make preparation for the work. He was licensed to preach by the Williamson and Belton Quarterly Conference, in 1887, Rev. J. Walter Dickson, Presiding Elder.

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

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener at the Conference held in Winnsboro, December, 1889. He was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granberry at the Conference held in Darlington, December, 1891.

Mr. Attaway has always been a hard student. He preaches the Gospel logically, earnestly, and spiritually. He has ever endeavored to give the best to his people, whether they were rich or poor, cultured or uncultured.

He has served as follows: Campobello Circuit, 1888-9; Cherokee Circuit, 1890-1; Richland Circuit, 1892-3; Bethany Circuit, 1894-6; Chesterfield Circuit, 1897-8; Traveler's Rest Circuit, 1899-1900 West Pickens, 1901; Supernumerary, 1902-3; Liberty, 1904-5; North Pickens, 1906; Greenville Circuit, 1907-10; Gray Court, 1911-12; Oswego, 1913-14.
The ministry of our faithful brother has been attended with much success. His preaching is plain and fearless and is fruitful in results. He has had gracious revivals and has been instrumental in adding many to the Church. He is true to his convictions of right and duty, caring not for place or position, but only desiring a field in which to serve God. No doubt he will be among the number who will hear the Master's "Well done" when life's labors are over.

It is not surprising that the subject of this sketch, Rev. Marvin Auld, entered the ministry. Both heredity and home influence conspired to produce a preacher.

He is the son of Rev. Frederick Auld, who was a faithful member of the South Carolina Conference from 1857 until his death in 1902, and Mrs. Emma F. (Zimmerman) Auld, a daughter of the sainted Rev. J. H. Zimmerman, who for many years was a useful member of the Conference. Mr. Auld was born in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, May 28, 1880.

After his primary and preparatory education in the common and high schools of the State, he entered Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, and graduated therefrom in the Class of 1901. He was licensed to preach on July 22, 1901.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Newberry, S. C., in 1902, Bishop W. W. Duncan presiding. Rev. Messrs. W. L. Gault and George T. Harmon, Jr., joined with him.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Darlington, S. C., in December, 1904, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Columbia, S. C., in December, 1906.

Mr. Auld has served the following charges: Laurel Street, Rock Hill, 1903; Edgefield, 1903-7; Summerville, 1908; Cheraw, 1909-12; Spring Street, Charleston, 1913-14.

Mr. Auld is a splendid preacher and a sympathetic pastor.
REV. J. W. BAILEY

Rev. John Wesley Bailey was born in Spartanburg County, May 28, 1869. He was the youngest of a family of four children, whose parents died before the youngest was two years of age. At five years of age, he was adopted by Samuel and Nancy Lominnick, in Union County, with whom he remained as a dutiful son, working on the farm for a livelihood for himself and the two "old people" until he was twenty-one years of age. During this time, he utilized every opportunity for an education, such only as the common schools afforded.

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

Therefore, in the fall of 1893, he with others, hoping to better his condition, united with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, wherein it required only a few months to reveal the fact that the last state was worse than the first. It was at this point that Mr. Bailey began a close study of men, and Church history, to find out, if possible, as he expressed it, "Who I am, where I am and what I am." In less than one year he had fully solved the problem and had resolved in his mind the thing he would do. But he was not hasty in this matter; for four years he held the question under careful and prayerful consideration, that he might be well assured in his own mind. Consequently, after having served the Wesleyan Methodist Church six years with marked success, he was dismissed in order by the Annual Conference of the Church of which he was a member, having been ordained Elder in 1895. He was dismissed as an Elder in good standing by the Conference held at Central, S. C., 1899, and was received into full connection by the South Carolina Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, held at Orangeburg, S. C., December, 1899. He was assigned by Bishop J. S. Key to the Townville Circuit, this being his first work. He has since served as follows: McClure Circuit, 1901-2; Star and Ivy, 1903-6; Mt. Carmel, 1907-8; Gallivants, 1909-10; Scranton, 1911-13; Pinopolis, 1914.

Mr. Bailey was twice married. First to Miss Anna M. Baird, of Oconee County, Ga., July 14, 1892. Mrs. Bailey died near Easley, S. C., October 6, 1893, leaving an infant daughter, Anna Lee, born September 30, 1893. He was married the second time to Miss Laura E. Lindsey, of Oconee County, S. C., July 12, 1894. Of this union three children have been born—George Carradine, Victor Norton, and Ruth Hazel.
REV. SAMUEL D. BAILEY

Rev. Samuel D. Bailey is of German descent. He is the son of Rev. J. H. Bailey, of the Lutheran Church, and was born in Newberry County, South Carolina, July 29, 1859.

He was educated in the common schools of the county.

From the very time of his conversion he felt a distinct call to preach the Gospel. He struggled with the call for awhile, but at one o'clock on a certain morning at Graniteville, S.C., he settled the question forever and yielded. He was licensed to preach at Graniteville, South Carolina, Rev. E. T. Hodges being the Presiding Elder. He was ordained as a Local Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Greenwood, in December, 1898.

He served as a supply for several years, and was received into the Conference on trial at Greenville, South Carolina, December, 1903, Bishop A. Coke Smith presiding.

He has served the following charges: Bethany, two years; Jefferson, one year; Jordan, two years; Magnolia Street, Sumter, one year; Hickory Grove, two years; Rock Hill Circuit, one year; Branchville, one year; Kershaw, three years.

On December 22, 1906, Mr. Bailey was happily married to Miss Mary Campbell. They have five children—Thomas D., Lillie Mae, James H., Sarah L., and Herbert B.

Mr. Bailey is a thoroughgoing Pastor, and is a forceful preacher. His work abides.

REV. NICHOLAS G. BALLenger

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

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

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

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

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

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

Brother Ballenger is now on the superannuate list.
REV. M. L. BANKS

It was the most natural thing in the world that the subject of this sketch, Rev. Martin Luther Banks, should become a preacher. He is the son of Rev. M. L. Banks, an honored member of the South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Anna Amelia Banks. He was born December 3, 1869. His father was of Dutch-English descent, and his mother French-English.

Brother Banks has had excellent educational advantages. After attending various common and preparatory schools, he entered the Wofford College Fitting School, in February, 1889. The next year was spent under Prof. H. G. Sheridan, at Orangeburg. He entered the Freshman class of Wofford College in 1890, and graduated from that institution in June, 1894. He has thus thoroughly laid the foundation upon which he is carefully erecting the superstructure of learning and scholarship.

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

He was licensed to preach April 26, 1894, by the Quarterly Conference of Bethel Church, Spartanburg, Rev. Jno. C. Kilgo serving as Presiding Elder in place of Rev. J. Marion Boyd, deceased.


He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Granberry in December, 1896, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Duncan in December, 1898.

His appointments have been as follows: Cedar Creek Circuit, 1895-6; Langley Circuit, 1897; Lexington Fork Circuit, 1898; Fairfield Circuit, 1899; Belmont Circuit, 1900-01; Duncan and Saxon, 1901-3; Easley, 1903-4; Chester Station, 1904-7; Darlington Station, 1907-9; Newberry Station, 1909-11; Orangeburg District, 1911-14.

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

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

REV. R. W. BARBER

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

His preparatory education was received in Oak Grove Academy, Chester County, S. C. After his schooling here he matriculated at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., in October, 1867, and graduated therefrom in June, 1871.

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

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

He has labored as follows: Williamson Female College, 1873; Pickens Circuit, 1874; Cokesbury Station, 1875; Cane Creek Circuit, 1876; Rock Hill, 1877; Orangeburg Circuit, 1878; supernumery, 1879-82; North Laurens Circuit, 1883; supernumery, 1884-7; (during this period he taught school at Landrum, S. C.); Seneca Circuit, 1888; Westminster Circuit, 1889; Manning Station, 1890; Brightsville Circuit, 1891-2; Little Rock Circuit, 1893-5; Branchville Cir-
cuit, 1896; Williamston, 1897; Timmonsville Circuit, 1898-9; Hickory Grove, 1900; Blackstock, 1901-3; Lowndesville, 1903-6; Orrville, 1907; Grover, 1908; superannuate, 1909-14. Much of the time our good brother has been in poor health. Many a time a change became necessary by reason of this. Notwithstanding his feeble condition at times, he has ever gone on heroically serving the Lord and faithfully preaching the Word of God. He is a most excellent preacher, his sermons always showing evidences of deep thought and thorough preparation. He is one of those heroic souls who are not afraid of the truth, either in the search for it or in its proclamation. In the social circle he is pleasant and entertaining, ever ready to intelligently discuss a subject, yet never monopolizing the conversation.

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

**REV. W. E. BARRE**

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

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


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

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

He has been on the superannuate list for several years.
The subject of our sketch, Rev. Hezekiah Webb Bays, A. M., D. D., is the son of Mr. James Jasper Bays and Mrs. Mary (Webb) Bays, both of whom were of English descent. He was born at Elk garden, Rupell County, Va., about sixty-eight years ago.

His primary and preparatory education was obtained in private schools and in the common schools of the community in which he grew up. He then entered Emory and Henry College in Virginia and in due time graduated with the A. M. degree.

Doctor Bays inherited from his father the military impulse, and from his mother the literary instinct. His grandfather, Peter Bays, originally from South Carolina, was a Captain in the Revolutionary War, and was in the battles of King's Mountain, Cowpens, and Camden. His mother was a descendant of an old English family of literary note, a cultured and devotedly pious woman. To her godly influence, Doctor Bays lovingly attributes what he is, and has done in the world.

As a boy, he had a strong inclination to a military life, but she kept him from entering the army as a business. Under the influence of this intelligent and godly woman, the son was converted on the thirteenth of February, 1861, and joined the Methodist Church the same day. Immediately after his conversion, he felt the Divine call to preach. So clear was the conversion and so distinct the call to preach, that he has never doubted either.

In 1862, he enlisted in the Confederate Army, and did valiant service for more than three years. Because of conspicuous gallantry on the bloody field of Chickamauga, he was promoted to the position of Assistant Adjutant on the staff of Gen. William E. Preston.

Doctor Bays was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference at Lebanon, Va., January 5, 1867. On October 19, 1867, he was received into the Holston Conference at Cleveland, Tenn. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, in October, 1871, and Elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, in October, 1873.

For about twenty years he remained in the Holston Conference, serving some of its leading appointments, among them Wytheville, Cleveland, Bristol, and Knoxville. Under his pastorate at Knoxville, the elegant church on Broad Street was built, the lot and building costing $35,000.

He then transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference, and was stationed at Concord, where he had a most successful pastorate. In 1892, Doctor Bays was transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and has served with conspicuous success the following charges: Abbeville, three years; Bethel, Charleston, four years; Rock Hill District, three years; Charleston District, four years; Sumter District, one year; Washington Street, Columbia, two years; St. Paul's, Orangeburg, three years; West Main, Rock Hill, one year. At the last session of the Conference he was again appointed to the Sumter District.

Doctor Bays is a kinsman of the late Rev. Dr. William E. Munsey, that prince of preachers, and possesses much of the gift of the eloquent delivery that characterized that distinguished pulpit orator.

On October 1, 1868, he was married to Miss Frances Virginia Herbert, of Herbert's Bend, Clay County, N. C. Their first born—Charles Lee—died in infancy. Their living children are: Mrs. Dr. W. G. Stevens, Mrs. Hon. W. B. Wilson, Jr., Mrs T. A. Moore, all of Rock Hill, S. C., and Mrs. Percy C. Blackman, of Asheville, N. C.

From an early period in his ministry, Doctor Bays has been in frequent demand for special occasions, such as College Commencements and Church dedications. He is a man of studious habits and scholarly attainments. He has two or three lectures, which he has frequently delivered in the interest of Church funds and charitable calls, and the several thousand dollars proceeds have been given to these causes. The titles of the lectures are, “Courtship,” “The Maiden's Dream,” and “The Philosophy of Small Men.” These lectures have been kindly received by the public and highly praised by the press.
He has written a few short poems, one of which—"My Mother's Grave"—was pronounced a production of high poetic order.

In 1898, he delivered an address before the Grand Army of the Republic, at Buffalo, N. Y., which has been pronounced his best public production. President McKinley was on the platform during the address.

Doctor Bays, however, wishes it understood that he has ever been first, last, and all the time, an itinerant Methodist preacher.

Besides being a speaker of rare ability, he is a scholarly, Christian gentleman.

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**REV. J. SIDNEY BEASLEY**

Among the most faithful and useful members of the South Carolina Conference must be placed the name of Rev. J. Sidney Beasley. He is the son of Mr. Reuben Beasley and Mrs. Elizabeth Josey Beasley, being the fourth in a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters. Seven of these are still living, but all of them in other States, except our brother. He was born in Darlington County, near Lydia, June the 30th, 1847. The father having been elected to public office, moved while the subject of this sketch was quite young, to a place near the county seat. There young Beasley grew up as other boys on the farm, doing farm work when not in school. Most of the time, however, he was in school, making the very best use of such opportunities as the schools of the day afforded. He was just thirteen years old when the Civil War broke out, and a few months before its close, he was called out with the "Reserves." After the war he spent two years at Epworth Academy, a most excellent school at Wesley Chapel, in Darlington County. With this his school days closed, he being unable to take a college course. This inability to take a course in college has always been a source of regret to our good friend and brother, and he has often so expressed himself in private and in public. But early in his career he determined to make up, as far as possible, for the deficiency, and in this, by close application and hard study, he has succeeded, being now a cultured, well-informed, and thoughtful man.

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Brother Beasley was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Darlington Circuit, Rev. Simpson Jones, preacher in charge, and Dr. R. J. Boyd, Presiding Elder, in August, 1867, while still in school. He joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1870, with G. M. Boyd, E. T. Hodges, G. W. Gatlin, R. N. Wells, R. D. Smart and W. D. Kirkland. Of this class two are still effective, himself and E. T. Hodges.

At the close of his second year he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Robert Paine, and at the close of the third year he was ordained Elder by Bishop H. N. McTyere, having completed the course of study for the third and fourth years in one year, which was then allowed. He has served as follows: Upper Orange Circuit, 1871-3; Lynches Lake, 1874-7; Sumter Circuit, 1878-81; Santee Circuit, 1882-3; Little Rock Circuit, 1884-6; Sumter District, 1887-70; Marion Station, 1891-4; Bennettsville Circuit, 1893-8; St. John's Church, Rock Hill, 1899-1902; Columbia District, 1903-6; Anderson District, 1907; Batesburg Circuit, 1908; Lyenlurbcrg Circuit, 1909-12; Blenheim Circuit, 1913-14. At the last place he is now in the second year, and in the forty-fourth of his ministry. In all these years he has never had a serious illness, and has never lost as much as a month at any time because of inability to do his work. The records of these charges for the years named show that Sidney Beasley has been a success as a Methodist preacher. He is a most systematic worker; always on the alert for the betterment of the charge he is serving. He has a warm heart, and gets close to his people, and they love him. His sermons are thoughtful, and thought-provoking, being prepared carefully and prayerfully. He was for a time Trustee of Wofford College, for several years Chairman of the Publishing Committee of The Southern Christian Advocate, and ever since its organization has been a Trustee of the Epworth Orphanage. He has the confidence and esteem of his brethren in the ministry, and he is often placed on important boards and committees.

Our good friend has been thrice married, and has six living children. The following are his children: Mrs. S. L. Pipkin, of Lamar; Mrs. W. H. Wharton, of Waterloo; Mrs. H. B. Tatum, of Charlottesville, Virginia; G. M. Beasley and Walter S. Beasley, of Gourdine, and Frances Margaret, who is only fourteen and in school.

REV. L. F. BEATY, D. D.

Rev. Leroy Fisk Beatty was born on the 11th of April, 1854, in Conway, S. C. His father, Bethel Durant Beatty, was the son of Rev. John Beatty, who gave many years of faithful service to his church as a local preacher. When Leroy was five years old, he lost his father, and from that time the rearing and educating of the boy devolved upon his mother, Mrs. Martha Roland Beatty, of whom he was an only child. Most affectionately does he speak of the debt he owes her, and the sacrifices she made for him. Her second marriage to J. W. Atkinson caused their removal to Marion, where he received his academic training under Professors Withrow and Mitchell. When about seventeen years old, he was converted at Centenary Camp Ground, in Marion County, and joined the Marion Station Church. In December, 1873, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, held at Sumter; serving as junior preacher on Bishopville Circuit during 1874; Newberry Circuit, 1875 and 1876, and Greenwood Circuit, 1877. In 1878 he located and spent that year and next at Vanderbilt University. In 1880 he re-entered the Conference and was sent as preacher in charge to Williamston Circuit, 1881 to Greenville Circuit, 1882-84 to North Greenville Circuit, 1885-86 to Edgefield Circuit, 1887 to Spring Street, Charleston, 1888 to Orangeburg Station, 1889-90 to Abbeville Station, 1891-93 to Latta Circuit, 1894 to Blenheim Circuit. In 1895 he was made assistant editor of our Sunday School literature, which position he is still filling with great satisfaction to the Church. Faithful and suc-
cessful everywhere, both of the Sunday School editors with whom he has been associated have spoken in highest praise of his gifts and usefulness, while all others in the Church acquainted with his work recognize his worth to the cause for which he labors. Though frail in bodily appearance, he is filled with an energy, ability and courage that evince wonderful vitality in "the inner man." A warm heart, a keen sense of humor and a high idea of trueness make Leroy F. Beatty a popular man, and one strong in his friendships. Dr. Beatty is one of the most faithful men in our Church.

REV. E. H. BECKHAM

Rev. Edward H. Beckham is the son of Dr. Robert S. and Mrs. Elizabeth Beckham (nee Cauthen), of Kershaw, Lancaster County, South Carolina. That Edward Beckham was converted under Methodist influences and at an early age joined the Methodist Church was naught but natural. His was a Methodist ancestry on both sides of the house. The Beckhams and the Cauthens were among the first and most devoted adherents of Methodism in Lancaster County. In him the two streams of Methodist blood united. He was born at Pleasant Hill, Lancaster County, October 13, 1867, and was dedicated to the Lord in baptism by his parents 12th of November following, at the hands of his uncle, Rev. A. J. Cauthen.

His education was received through the common schools, and Butler Alston's school, at Rock Hill, and Bingham's Military School, in North Carolina. Upon the foundation thus laid an assiduous and receptive mind has built continuously and wisely. His call to preach was to him a call to prepare. So at school his Divine call to the ministry was the incentive to study; and later the consuming desire to be prepared to perform the exalted functions of his holy calling gave bent to all his reading. He was licensed to preach in 1892, and in the winter of that year was admitted into the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Since then he has been actively "in the work." He has served as follows: East Kershaw, 1893; Foreston, 1894-7; Jonesville, 1898-1901; Norway, 1902; Denmark, 1903-5; Branchville, 1906-9; Johnston,
1910-13; Greer, 1914. All of his charges have responded to his zealous work, and have developed under his care. Too modest to presume to divide the word of truth without due preparation; too energetic to fail to push all phases of the Church's work; too full of a loving zeal for saving souls to fall into any perfunctoriness in doing his Master's work, he has ever been endeared to his flock. These qualifications make him "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," and shed forth a bright promise of great usefulness for the future.

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

**REV. WILLIAM A. BECKHAM**

Rev. William Ariail Beckham is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Beckham, and was born at Pleasant Hill, Lancaster County, South Carolina, April 20, 1881.

He was educated at Graded Schools, at Mount Zion Institute, spending also a part of a year at Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina. At an early period in life Mr. Beckham felt called to the ministry of the Gospel. For some years he resisted, but ultimately the call became so overwhelming that he was compelled to accept the task and enter the work. He was licensed to preach in 1902, and was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Spartanburg, S.C., December, 1905, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, S.C., December, 1907, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, S.C., in December, 1909.

Mr. Beckham has served the following charges: Lancaster Mills, 1906; North Rock, 1907-8; East Lancaster, 1909; Mullins, 1910-13; Mcbee, 1914.

On December 16, 1903, he was married to Miss Estelle Perry, of Lancaster, South Carolina. They have two children—William Ariail, Jr., and Kathleen Perry.

Mr. Beckham has been one of the Assistant Secretaries of the Conference since 1909. He is a prominent member of the Knights of Pythias, having been Chancellor Commander.

His sermons are well prepared and easily delivered.
REV. L. L. BEDENBAUGH

In the historic old County of Edgefield, S. C., on February 1, 1870, the subject of this sketch, Rev. Levi Leroy Bedenbaugh, was born. He is the son of James T. and Margaret A. Bedenbaugh, of Saluda County, S. C. His parents were of German descent.

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

From childhood he had had an impression that he would be called to preach. Some months after his conversion the call became clear and distinct.

Brother Bedenbaugh was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Batesburg Circuit in 1888, Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, D. D., being his pastor, and Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D., being the Presiding Elder. At the fourth Quarterly Conference of the same charge, held September 15, 1888, he was licensed to preach. He was admitted into the Conference on trial at the session held in Sumter, S. C., December, 1893, with J. A. Campbell, T. Grigsby Herbert, W. A. Massebeau, R. E. Mood, G. E. Stokes, J. B. Harris and Peter Stokes. He was ordained Deacon at that session by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, and was ordained Elder at Greenwood by Bishop W. W. Duncan.

Brother Bedenbaugh’s appointments have been as follows: Lancaster Circuit, 1894; Tradesville Circuit, 1895-98; Jefferson Circuit, 1890-1902; St. John’s and Rembert’s, 1903; Pinewood, 1904-5; New Zion, 1906-7; Granby, Columbia, 1908-10; Cameron, 1911; Chesterfield, 1912-13; Trinity, Darlington, 1914. He is a very successful worker. During his pastorate on the Tradesville charge, about two hundred people were added to the Church on profession of faith. The material interest of the charge was also greatly improved.

His preaching is the kind that tells for good.

Brother Bedenbaugh was married to Miss Regina A. Whittle, of Edgefield County, on November 22, 1891. They have had seven children born unto them, three of whom died in infancy. The other four are Mrs. Thomas H. Lever, Euenda Genevieve, Nell Brown, and Laura Louise.

He served eight years on the Conference Board of Missions, and four years on the Committee on Applicants.

Brother Bedenbaugh is a careful student and prepares his sermons well. His style of delivery is pleasing.
REV. WILLIAM THOMAS BEDENBAUGH

Rev. William Thomas Bedenbaugh was born in Edgefield County, South Carolina, on September 25, 1876. Since his birth, County lines have been changed and the place of his nativity is now in the southeast part of Saluda County.

His father, Simon W. Bedenbaugh, was of German descent; his mother, Laurenie Corley Bedenbaugh, was of Irish descent.

Mr. Bedenbaugh struggled against severe limitations in his efforts for an education, but by hard work and diligent application, he made good use of what advantages he had. After completing the course in the country graded school, he entered Leesville College and completed the Junior year, following this with a special course.

At the age of thirteen years, Mr. Bedenbaugh was converted and joined the Methodist Church. Soon after his conversion he felt the Divine call to preach, but feeling his inability to discharge the high and holy duties of the office, he tried to throw off the very thought and to evade the indication so clear and distinct in his own mind. However, at the age of nineteen years he yielded and laid what equipment he had upon the altar, and was granted license as an Exhorter. He was licensed to preach on May 29, 1903, at St. Matthews, in the Columbia District, Rev. J. S. Beasley being the Presiding Elder. He was also elected a Delegate from Leesville Circuit to the District Conference.

Mr. Bedenbaugh was admitted on trial into the Conference at Spartanburg, S. C., December 13, 1905. He was ordained Deacon at Gaffney, S. C., November 31, 1907, by Bishop H. C. Morrison, and was ordained Elder at Abbeville, S. C., December 12, 1909, by Bishop A. W. Wilson.

He has served the following charges: Dorchester Circuit, 1904-6; South Hampton, 1907; Cordesville, 1908-9; Andrews Circuit, 1910; Salters Circuit, 1911-14. The two years at Dorchester he served as a supply. He has served on the Conference Committee on Temperance several times.

After leaving Leesville College, Mr. Bedenbaugh was engaged in teaching for one year and during that time studied under the supervision of the principal, practically completing the work of the Senior year at Leesville.

He took the four year Conference Course through the Correspondence Department of Vanderbilt University.

His method of sermon-making may be said to be as follows: Having selected his text, he makes a clear outline with reasonable divisions; upon these he builds his sermonic superstructure.

Mr. Bedenbaugh was married on December 25, 1912, to Miss Annie E. Rowell, of Taft, Williamsburg County, S. C. To them one child has been born—William Thomas, Jr.
**REV. JOHN A. BLEDSOE**

Rev. John Albert Bledsoe comes of excellent stock. His father, Mr. William D. Bledsoe, is of English descent; his mother, Mrs. Edna A. Bledsoe, is of Scotch-Irish extraction.

He was born at Johnston, S. C., January 19, 1874. He attended the common schools of the community; and was then prepared for College in the Wofford Fitting School, Spartanburg, S. C. After this, he spent two years in Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., taking an irregular course.

Mr. Bledsoe joined the Church at the age of twelve years, but did not realize conversion until later. Some years after his conversion, he felt called to preach. He was licensed to preach when he was thirty-one years old, at Saluda, S. C. He attended college after being licensed to preach. He was received on trial into the Conference at Bennettsville, S. C., in 1911, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., in December, 1913.

He served the Gaffney Circuit one year as a supply and has served it two years since being received on trial. He was reappointed for 1914, making the quadrennium.

Mr. Bledsoe taught in the public schools of Edgefield and Saluda Counties for nine years, and his experience as a teacher is proving very helpful to him in his work as minister.

On July 21, 1903, he was married to Miss Mabel Clair Simmons, of Saluda County, S. C. They have three children—James Clair, David Albert, and Katherine E.

Mr. Bledsoe is a close student of men and books. He makes thorough preparation for the pulpit, uses brief notes while preaching, and speaks clearly and readily.

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**REV. JAMES D. BELL**

Rev. James D. Bell, son of Mr. Joseph Bell and Mrs. L. W. Bell, was born at China Grove, Pike County, Alabama. His preparatory education was obtained in the graded schools. He then spent three and a half years at Meridian College, Meridian, Mississippi.

When about twelve or thirteen years of age, he felt called to preach, and talked with his parents about the matter. At the age of sixteen he became so impressed that he revealed the impression to his pastor. However, he did not definitely decide to yield to the call until the year 1907.

Mr. Bell was licensed to preach by the Troy District Conference at Enterprise, Alabama, April 28, 1907. He came to South Carolina and was received into the Conference on trial at Bennettsville, in December, 1911, Bishop J. C. Kilgo presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., in December, 1913.

He has served the following charges: Lodge Circuit as supply, 1911; Traveler’s Rest, 1912; South Greer Circuit, 1913-14.

He married Miss Mary Ida Haygood, daughter of Mr. William T. and Josephine Haygood, of Troy, Alabama. They have five children—Roy O., Mary Esther, Mary Olive, Laura Gwindolyn, and Dorothy Mixon.

Mr. Bell came to the South Carolina Conference with good recommendations, and has entered hopefully upon his work. With a full realization of his Divine call and with his powers fully consecrated to God, the ministry, he is bound to succeed.
REV. THOMAS L. BELVIN

Rev. Thomas Lucas Belvin is of mingled English and Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. William T. Belvin and Mrs. Sarah Rebecca Belvin, the former being of Irish extraction, and the latter of English. His maternal grandmother was a Miss Smith, a sister of Rev. William Smith, who was the father of the late Bishop A. Coke Smith, the Rev. Charles B. Smith, and the United States Senator, E. D. Smith.

He was born at Smithville, Sumter County, S. C. His great grandparents settled in Virginia, whence his grandfather moved to Smithville, Sumter County, and settled there. The grandfather gave the land on which Spring Hill Church was built and was the chief promoter of the enterprise. The subject of this sketch was licensed to preach from this church. There are now six active members of the South Carolina Conference who went out from this church.

Mr. Belvin was educated in the common schools of the country, and thus laid the foundation for study in the years of later life. From early childhood he felt a distinct call to preach the Gospel.

He was licensed to preach by the Sumter District Conference at Camden, S. C., in 1895. He was received into the Conference on trial at Columbia, S. C., in 1900. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Newberry, S. C., in December, 1902; and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Darlington, in December, 1904.

He has served the following charges: McColl Mission, 1897-1900; Marlboro Circuit, 1901-4; Ehrhardt Circuit, 1905-8; Orange Circuit, 1909-12; Providence Circuit, 1913-14. Mr. Belvin has been on the Board of Finance and the Sunday School Board for four years. He taught school three years. He took the Conference Course in the Correspondence Department of Vanderbilt University.

He married Miss Mary Elizabeth Lee, daughter of the late Mr. Jesse Lee, of Smithville, S. C. They have three daughters living—Mrs. Elizabeth B. Grant, of Cope, S. C.; Mrs. Mattye B. Dannelly, of Ehrhardt, S. C.; and Mrs. J. S. Dannelly, of Ehrhardt, S. C. They have one son living—William Lee, and one adopted son—Purdy Belvin McLeod.

Mr. Belvin is a faithful pastor and a strong preacher.

REV. A. H. BEST

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

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

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

He was received on trial into the Conference at Camden, S. C., November, 1889, with Jefferson S. Abercrombie, Rufus A. Child, J. R. Copeland, George W. Davis, W. H. Hodges, Melvin B. Kelly, John Manning, J. Marion Rogers, Jno. W. Shell, Whiteford S. Stokes, Artemus B. Watson and J. A. White. He has served as follows: Cheraw Circuit, 1890; Mars Bluff Circuit, 1891-2; Clyde Circuit, 1893-4; Gourdin Circuit, 1895; Sumter Circuit, 1896; Greer's Circuit, 1897-8; Campobello Circuit, 1899-1902; Kelton, 1903-5; Newberry Circuit, 1906-8; McCormick, 1909; Easley, 1910-11; Pacolet, 1912-14.

While on the Sumter Circuit, the health of Brother Best gave way temporarily, and he was unable to do full service. The doctor advised him to try the up-country. He did so, and his health has been restored, enabling him to go forth fully meeting the demands upon an itinerant's life.
Like all other intelligent men, Brother Best decided, soon after joining the Conference, that it was “not good for man to be alone,” so on February 25, 1890, he was married to Miss Lillie Andrews, daughter of Mr. Henry J. and Mrs. Argent Andrews, of Darlington County, S. C. Five children have been born to them—Louise, Marvin Andrews, Robert Henry, Alliene and Lillie.

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

REV. S. J. BETHEA

Rev. Samuel Joseph Bethea was born in Marion County, S. C., October 7, 1857. His father was the Rev. Samuel J. Bethea, who for forty-five years lived and preached the Gospel as a local minister. His mother, Elizabeth A. Bethea, was one of the excellent of earth. Reared in a pious Methodist home, our brother was early brought into the Church and converted to God. In his youth he was impressed with a call to preach. Finally this impression became a conviction. Giving himself to prayer for Divine guidance, he made the decision, and peace filled his soul. He received license to preach and in December, 1883, was received into the South Carolina Conference. His appointments have been: 1884-5, Parksville; 1886-88, Abbeville Circuit, 1889-91, Bethel, Spartanburg; 1892-93, Darlington Circuit; 1894-97, Lake City; 1898-99, Mullin; 1900-01, Verdery; 1902-5, Brownsville; 1906-8, Lake City; 1909, Fort Mill; 1910-12, Blenheim; 1913-14, Lyneburg. In all his labors were blessed of God in the conversion of sinners and the addition of many to the Church. He was also instrumental in the building of a parsonage and several churches. His ministry has been successful.

Brother Bethea was educated in the schools of his native county—and these are of rare excellence. A year was spent by him in Vanderbilt University, his studies being in both the literary and theological departments. These only began his mental development. He has studied while preaching the Gospel to those to whom he was sent.

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

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

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

Rev. S. T. Blackman

Rev. Samuel Townsend Blackman, son of Mr. W. H. and Mrs. M. J. Blackman, was born at Cokesbury, S. C., August 5, 1860. His education was started at home, and was continued in the common and high schools of Abbeville and Anderson Counties. He also attended other schools, but did not graduate at any college. He regretted very much his inability to take a college course, and strove the harder to make up this deficiency by hard study.

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

He was received on trial into the Conference at Spartanburg, S. C., December, 1887, with R. L. Holroyd, A. B. Earle, W. E. Barre, J. W. Kilgo, W. B. Duncan, John L. Harley, R. A. Yongue, J. P. Attaway, W. L. Wait and J. E. Mahaffey. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Camden, in 1889, and Elder by Bishop J. C. Cranberry, in 1891.

His labors have been distributed as follows: Anderson Circuit, 1888-9; Campobello Circuit, 1890-2; Whitmire Circuit, 1890-6; Bel-
Brother Blackman has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Claudia Harper, of Anderson County, January 24, 1889. This wife died about one year after this date. His second marriage was to Miss Ida S. Harper, May 24, 1892. From this union there is one child—Mary Helen.

Our friend is a splendid revivalist, having had some remarkable meetings during his ministerial life. His preaching tells upon the lives of his hearers.
He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. S. Key, at Orangeburg, December 10, 1899, and was ordained Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Columbia, December 1, 1901.

He has served the following charges: Van Wyck Circuit, 1898; York Circuit, 1899-1900; Langley Circuit, 1901; Port Royal Circuit, 1902; Rembert Circuit, 1903; St. John's and Rembert Circuit, 1904-06; Jordan Circuit, 1907-08; Leesville Circuit, 1909-11; Springfield Circuit, 1912-13; Edisto Circuit, 1914.

Mr. Booth has been a member of the Conference Board of Education for four years.

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

On September 28, 1904, Mr. Booth was happily married to Miss Pearl Russell, daughter of Mr. B. F. Russell, of Williamsport. Of this union four children have been born—Mary Russell, Margaret, Stannie Hart, and Dorothy Blackman.

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REV. WILLIAM R. BOUKNIGHT

Rev. William Reubin Bouknight was born at Mount Willing, Saluda County (formerly Edgefield County), South Carolina, August 17, 1876. He is the son of Mr. Daniel Pinkney Bouknight and Mrs. Susan Schumpert Bouknight, both members of the Methodist Church.

His paternal grandparents were Col. Reubin Bouknight and Mrs. Mary Huet Bouknight.

The subject of our sketch was converted and joined the Church in early life. He felt the call to preach from early boyhood days, but did not yield until the year 1910.

He was licensed to preach by the Cokesbury District Conference held in Greenwood, in April, 1910, Rev. J. C. Roper being the Presiding Elder. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Bennettsville, S. C., November, 1911. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., November, 1913.

Mr. Bouknight was educated in the common schools of the County and at Newberry College, Newberry, S. C.

On September 5, 1897, he was married to Miss Mattie Buzhardt, of Saluda County, S. C. They have five children—Gladyss Ellis, James Gilder, Mary Susan, William Reubin, Jr., and Jacob Alonzo.

He is now serving his fourth year on Kinard's Circuit, his first charge. He has entered upon his work with great promise of success.

He is a good preacher and a diligent pastor.
REV. R. C. BOULWARE

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

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

Having been trained by a pious mother, young Boulware joined the Church in childhood, being converted at the age of ten years. Immediately after his conversion, he felt impressed with the Divine call to preach. This impression deepened with passing years; but he did not yield until twelve or fifteen years after the first call.

Brother Boulware joined the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Laurens in December, 1894, Martin L. Banks, Jr., Connor B. Burns, Henry J. Caufman, Waddy T. Duncan, William S. Goodwin, E. S. Jones, W. A. Kelly, S. A. Nettles, W. A. Pitts, J. B. Sojourner, W. J. Snyder, and Preston B. Wells joining at the same time. He has served as follows: Fort Motte Circuit, 1895-6; Salters Circuit, 1897-9; Langley Circuit, 1900; supernumerary, 1901; Cartersville Circuit, 1902; Mount Carmel Circuit, 1903-6; Williamston Circuit, 1907-8; Langley Circuit, 1909; Ridgeland Circuit, 1910-11; Bethel Circuit, 1912-13; Harleyville Circuit, 1914.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Jos. S. Key, in 1897; and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan in 1902.

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

His second marriage was to Miss Sue Watson, of Darlington County. Of this union four sons were born—Richard Parker, Robert Chesley, James Carlton, and Charles Herbert. One of these, James Carlton, died at the age of three years.

Brother Boulware himself was ill for quite a while during the year 1900, and his health was so impaired that he found it necessary to ask for a supernumerary relation. Though he has had much sickness, and many trials, our good brother has patiently labored on, and has accomplished much good.

After leaving college, Mr. Boulware taught school for one year in Orangeburg County.

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REV. DAVID PETTUS BOYD

Rev. David Pettus Boyd, the youngest son of Rev. Mark Moore Boyd and Elizabeth Boyd, whose maiden name was Epping, was born September 14, 1849, Newberry District, S. C. His grandparents were Rev. Nathan and Elizabeth Boyd (nee Tigert), who came from Ireland when both were children. He received a fair English education, near the place of his birth, in and around the famous “Crab Orchard” school house. At the age of ten years he joined the Methodist Church under the ministry of Rev. Jas. T. Kilgo and was happily converted to God when about sixteen years old.

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

David Albert was educated at Wofford College.

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

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Sumter, December, 1883, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. From this Conference he was sent to Clinton Circuit, where he remained for four consecutive years, during which time he built and paid for a nice parsonage, and built Sandy Springs church. From Clinton he was sent to Jonesville Circuit, where he also remained four years. During his stay on this work, New Hope church was built, Bogansville was remodeled and all the churches on the circuit repainted except two. From Jonesville he went to Belmont and served this Circuit four years, during which time he built Grace chapel. His next appointment was North Laurens Circuit. His record was not broken here, as he served the full limit at this place, during which time Dial's church was modernized and beautified under his supervision. After having spent sixteen years in Spartanburg District, he was sent to Newberry Circuit, the place where he was born and brought up. He served here four years. Since then he has served as follows: Fountain Inn, three years; Kinards, four years; superannuate, three years; Broad River, one year.

Few men have had a more successful career in the South Carolina Conference that Brother Boyd's has been. During years of his ministry he has taken nearly a thousand persons into the Church, and has been instrumental in leading scores of souls to a saving knowledge of the Gospel of the Son of God. May his bow long abide in strength.

Brother Boyd is a man of deep spirituality and his heroic life has been fully consecrated to God.

REV. GEO. M. BOYD

The subject of this sketch, Rev. George McPherson Boyd, is one of the true and tried Methodist itinerants. He came from good Methodist stock, his parents being Rev. Mark Moore Boyd (everybody's "Uncle Mark") and Elizabeth Boyd, of Newberry County, S. C. He was born September 17, 1837. Brother Boyd was educated in various schools and under different teachers, owing more, perhaps, to Hon. John C. Wilson than to any other teacher. "Uncle Mark" did all he could with his limited means for the education of his children. In the school training Brother Boyd received, only the foundation was laid. He has been a hard student of both men and books. For four years Brother Boyd fought against the call to preach. During this struggle he met Rev. O. A. Darby, D. D., one day on the streets of Newberry. With a prophet's vision, the good doctor said: "Brother Boyd, somehow I feel that God has called you to preach. It will be the best thing you ever did to obey the call." After much prayer and meditation, our good brother yielded and was licensed to preach at old New Hope Church, on the Newberry Circuit, Rev. Sidi H. Browne, Presiding Elder.

At the session of the Conference held in Charleston, S. C., December, 1870, Brother Boyd was received on trial and his labors have been as follows: Yorkville Circuit, 1871; South Abbeville, 1872-4; Clinton Circuit, 1875; Columbia Circuit, 1876; Jonesville Circuit, 1877-8; York Circuit, 1879; Reidville Circuit, 1880-2; Laurens Circuit, 1883-4; Clio and Blenheim, 1885-8; Bennettsville and Brightsville, 1889-90; Waterloo, 1891; Cokesbury, 1892-3; Gaffney Circuit,
Brother Boyd has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mary Jane Thompson, of Newberry County, S. C., on March 4, 1858. Of this union were born Nettie Thompson, Mamie Elizabeth, William Bowman, Thomas Jefferson, Carrie Lavinia, Robert Jay and Eulalie. The second marriage was to Miss Corrine Anderson, of Waterloo, S. C., May 12, 1891. Of this union one daughter was born—Corrine Anderson.

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

The Lord has blessed his service to the salvation of many souls and to the advancement of the Divine Kingdom. He is a very lovable man, and makes scores of friends wherever he goes.

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

Rev. Maxcy McBride Brooks is of Irish and English Quaker descent. He is the son of Mr. Benson B. Brooks and Mrs. Sallie B. Brooks, and was born near Union Grove, Anderson County, S. C., May 9, 1882.

He was educated in the common schools of the country, in Wofford Fitting School, and at Wofford College, graduating from the College in the Class of 1911.

As a small boy, he felt peculiarly drawn toward the work of the ministry and this impression became more and more definite as he approached manhood. When he reached the age of twenty-two years, the issue was settled, and he left the farm to prepare for the work. Mr. Brooks was licensed to preach by the Anderson District Conference, at Lownesville, S. C., in July, 1908. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Bennettsville, S. C., in November, 1911, Bishop J. C. Kilgo, presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., in December, 1913.

He has served the following charges: Williamston Circuit, 1911-12; Westminster Circuit, 1913-14.

While at Wofford Fitting School he was President of the Young Men's Christian Association. While in the College he was Treasurer of the Young Men's Christian Association, and was President of the Carlisle Literary Society.

On December 26, 1913, Mr. Brooks was happily married to Miss Sara Myrtle Keys. They have one daughter—Mildred.

He has entered hopefully upon his work as an itinerant preacher and has a bright future ahead of him.

REV. JAMES H. BROWN

Rev. James Harper Brown has an excellent ancestry. He is the son of Mr. William Henry Brown and Mrs. Rebecca Harper Brown. His paternal grandparents were Scotch, settling first in Virginia, and later on reaching South Carolina. His maternal grandmother was a Clink scales and belonged to the old settlers of that name in South Carolina. His maternal grandfather was Rev. Joseph E. Manning.

The subject of our sketch was born near Iva, Anderson County, S. C., July 11, 1876.

Mr. Brown attended the common schools of his community until he was a young man. He then began a business career as a salesman in a store, where he studied men as he had previously studied books.

From his earliest recollection he loved Christ and the Church, and even from childhood he had cherished a hope that he would be a preacher of the Gospel. Finally, the Divine call to the ministry was made known to him. The call was imperative.

Having realized that his field of labor was the ministry, he engaged a private teacher, and covered a thorough preparatory course, including the languages. After preaching and studying for another year and a half, he attended Vanderbilt University for two terms. In his school work, he learned how to study, and the secret has been used to advantage through the years.

Mr. Brown was licensed to preach by the Anderson District Conference in July, 1906. He was received into the Conference on trial at Gaffney, S. C., December, 1907, Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding.
He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Charleston, S. C., December, 1910, and Elder by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, at Anderson, S. C., December, 1912.

In the fall of 1906, he supplied St. John's Mission in Anderson. He supplied Marion Circuit in 1907. The year 1908 was divided between Vanderbilt University and Lancaster Circuit. Since that time he has served as follows: Buffalo and Bethel, 1909; Woodruff, 1910-12; Black Swamp, 1913; Pastor Saxon and Field Agent Textile Industrial Institute, 1914.

On September 20, 1911, he married Miss Sara Grace Sullivan, of Laurens County. They have one child—James Harper, Jr.

Mr. Brown is a good student. He prepares his sermons thoroughly, often writing them in full, but preaches without the manuscript. The Lord blesses his labors.

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Rev. Henry Bascomb Browne, son of Mr. J. M. and Mrs. L. L. Browne, was born in Anderson County, S. C., on July 20, 1852. He received his primary and high school training at Ebenezer Academy, in Anderson County, under the wise supervision of Prof. C. C. Reed. His training in Latin was obtained under Prof. McCartha in Columbia, S. C. Mr. Browne took a partial course in theology under the supervision of the Chautauqua School of Theology and also pursued the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Courses. He has been a hard student all his life, and while he is what is popularly called a “self-made man,” he is evidently a well-made man.

Mr. Browne entered the Conference at Chester, S. C., December, 1876, and has served the following charges: Sampit Circuit and Mission, 1877; Fork Shoals Circuit, 1878-81; Greenville Circuit, 1882-83; Belmont Circuit, 1884-85; Cumberland Station, 1886-89; Florence Station, 1890-93; Walhalla and Seneca Station, 1894; Rock Hill Station, 1895-96; St. Paul's Station, 1897-98; Orangeburg District, 1899-1902; Sumter District, 1903-06; Columbia District, 1907; Allendale, 1908-09; Camden, 1910-13; Kingstown District, 1914.

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

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

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

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

REV. ALEXANDER N. BRUNSON

The South Carolina Conference is fortunate in having such a large number of active, well-qualified and successful young men. To this number belongs the subject of this sketch, Rev. Alexander Nelson Brunson. He was born in Greenville, S. C., October 15, 1868, and is the son of Mr. George W. Brunson and Mrs. Sophia S. Brunson, (nee Stephens), of Colleton County, S. C.

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

From his childhood Brother Brunson felt impressed that he should preach the Gospel. As he grew up this impression deepened until it became irresistible. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of St. Paul's Church, Orangeburg, Rev. T. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder. He joined the Conference during the Session held at Darlington, S. C., December, 1891. Bishop John C. Granberry, presiding. A. J. Cauthen, Jr., C. Hovey Clyde, John D. Crout, James H. Thacker, William C. Winn and Eli M. McKissick (from
the Protestant Methodist Church) joined at the same session. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, at Sumter, S. C., December, 1893, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, at Rock Hill, December, 1895. He has served the following charges: Leesville Circuit, 1892; Barnwell Circuit, 1893; Blackville Circuit, 1894; Fountain Inn Circuit, 1895; Yorkville Station, 1896-99; Lancaster Circuit, 1900; Yorkville Station, 1901-02; Manning Station, 1903-06; Main Street, Columbia, 1907-10; Dillon, 1911-12; Bethel, Spartanburg, 1913-14.

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

Our friend is making a splendid record in the Conference. He is a strong preacher, a kind and thoughtful pastor and a successful worker. At one time, Mr. Brunson was elected President of Andrew Female College, but declined to accept. He served as Chaplain to the State Senate two terms. He is Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Columbia College. He has served on the Board of Church Extension and various committees. He has been much in demand for evangelistic work and is frequently called upon for Commencement sermons and addresses.

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REV. CHARLES W. BURGESS

Rev. Charles Washington Burgess, son of Mr. W. A. and Mrs. L. A. Burgess, was born at Reedy River, S. C., July 3, 1867. His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent. When Mr. Burgess was only a child both of his parents died. He lived in the home of his grandfather until the age of nine years, when this relative died. He received his first religious impressions in the Sunday School. After he was licensed to preach his grandmother was converted and joined the Church, being seventy-three years old.

His early educational advantages were necessarily very limited, but he has ever striven by the study of men and books to remedy this defect in preparation. With the knowledge of personal salvation, came also the impression that some day he would preach the Gospel. During the year in which his young life was growing in experience, he ever felt the impression of a call to preach. At the age of sixteen years he had a profound religious experience under the ministry of Rev. H. B. Browne. The impression hitherto that he should preach became greatly intensified, but was still resisted for some time. This resistance of a clear duty resulted in a temporary backsliding in spiritual life. Ultimately, however, he yielded.

Mr. Burgess was licensed to preach in the fall of 1892, at Salem Church on the Greenville Circuit, Rev. E. A. Wilkes being the pastor, and Dr. John O. Willson being the Presiding Elder.

He was ordained a Local Deacon by Bishop Joseph S. Key, at Orangeburg, and was ordained Elder by Bishop A. Coke Smith, at the Greenville Conference.
From 1898-1905, he served as a supply on the following charges: North Pickens, 1898-9; McClure, 1900; Walhalla and Newry, 1901; Cypress, 1902-5; In 1905 he was admitted on trial and has served as follows: Finopolis, 1906-7; Bethel Circuit, 1908-9; Lexington Fork, 1910-13.

On April 26, 1886, Mr. Burgess was married to Miss Alwilder Victory Smith, of Greenville County, S. C. This wife died about thirteen months after marriage, leaving an infant named Jennie, who is now Mrs. W. H. Grant, of Columbia, S. C.

His second marriage was to Miss Mary Maud Couch, on August 22, 1890. This wife still lives to bless his ministry. The oldest child by this second wife is now Mrs. T. E. Shealy, of Columbia, S. C. Five children are at home with the parents—Kittie Vashti, Dorothy Louvinia, Charles Wesley, Mamie Hayden, and Walter Kistler.

His sermon making is systematic and his delivery easy. Much good is accomplished by this faithful servant of God.

REV. C. B. BURNS

Rev. Connor Black Burns was born June 25, 1869, near Pendleton, S. C., and is the son of R. M. and A. B. Burns.

Reared in a Christian home where the study of the Bible and reading good literature were prominent, he early gave attention to religion. He joined the Church at ten years of age. Attended regularly the common and high schools of country and towns until grown. Taught school very successfully in his native county four years. He is still a close and persevering student.

He was converted when seventeen years old and immediately felt called to preach. Taking care to ascertain that the influence was of God, he consecrated himself to the ministry. Admitted into the South Carolina Annual Conference at Laurens, December, 1894, he was sent as Junior Preacher to Johnsonville Circuit and served that charge during 1895, with Rev. N. K. Melton as Senior. He was appointed to Cheraw Circuit for 1896, Westminster Circuit for 1897, Traveler's Rest Circuit for 1898, Santuc for 1899-1901; Enoree, 1902-5; Greers, 1906-7; Easley, 1908-9; supernumerary, 1910-12; supernannuate, 1913-14.

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

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

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

Rev. David Norris Busbee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. P. Busbee. His father was a soldier in the Confederate Army during the War Between the States. His mother was the daughter of Mr. S. A. Asbel, who was a soldier in the Federal Army during the same War.

Mr. Busbee was born in Searcy County, Ark., September 16, 1889. He was educated in the common schools of the country and at the high school of his native place.

When nine years of age, he was in school under a Christian gentleman, whose custom was at times during recitations to ask the scholars questions in reference to their feelings as to their life work. During this same year young Busbee had a distinct impression that his life work would be the Christian ministry. At his conversion, which occurred at a later period, the impression deepened into an irresistible impulse and he resolved to devote his time and talents to the service of the Christ who had thus become so precious to him.

Mr. Busbee, having been duly recommended by the Swansea Circuit, was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference at North Augusta, S. C., June 1, 1910, Rev. J. B. Traywick, Rev. S. H. Booth, and Rev. J. C. Counts, being the committee examining him.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Anderson, S. C., November 30, 1912, Bishop J. C. Kilgo presiding. He has served the following charges: South Hampton Circuit, 1913; Furman Circuit, 1914.

On the 27th day of October, 1907, Mr. Busbee was happily married to Miss Lillian Shealy, daughter of Rev. H. W. and Mrs. S. A. Shealy, of Swansea, S. C. They have one child—Norris Gillman.

The Lord is blessing the labors of this good man, and no doubt he will have a successful career as an itinerant preacher.

REV. D. A. CALHOUN

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

Brother Calhoun was converted at Little Rock, S. C., in the St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, South, during the ministry of Rev. John H. Zimmerman. He at once felt called to preach, and yielded to the Divine call. He was first licensed to exhort, and afterwards to preach, Rev. J. Marion Boyd being the Presiding Elder. During the year 1885, he served as a supply on the Pee Dee Mission. In December of that year he was admitted into the Conference on trial, with E. B. Loyless, A. Frank Berry, E. Olin Watson, J. M. Steadman, T. C. O'Dell, J. Fletcher Anderson, A. M. Attaway, T. C. Ligon, Walter I. Herbert and John Owen. His charges have been as follows: South Branchville Circuit, 1886; Salters Circuit, 1887; Cainboy, 1888-9; Richland Circuit, 1890; Pee Dee, 1891-2; Conway Circuit, 1893-5; Waccamaw, 1896-9; Grover Circuit, 1900-01; Scantton, 1902; South Florence, 1903-4; Sampit, 1905-6. Since that time he has been on the superannuate list.

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

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

Here we have another representative of that large and growing class of excellent young men in the Conference, who give every promise of very useful and successful careers.

The subject of our sketch, Rev. David English Camak, is of Scotch-Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. T. C. Camak and Mrs. Lou Emma (Meadors) Camak. His father was of Fairfield County, S. C., and his mother of Laurens County, S. C., being the youngest sister of Rev. W. P. Meadors, of the South Carolina Conference.

Mr. Camak was born in a log house near Winnsboro, Fairfield County, S. C., July 26, 1880. He was the second of eight children. He was educated in the country school until he was seventeen years of age. He then had one year at Wofford Fitting School, Spartanburg, S. C., and one year at Mount Zion Institute, Winnsboro, S. C. After this, he entered Wofford College and remained there three years, dropping out to teach one year. Re-entering Wofford College, he graduated in the Class of 1903, with the A. B. degree. While at Wofford he cobbled shoes to help pay his way.

He must have been called from infancy to the work of the Christian ministry, for he does not remember the first time he felt that this would be his life work. Though tempted many a time to turn aside he never seriously considered any other work in life. While in college he was approached by Rev. S. A. Nettles, who offered to pay his way if he would go as a missionary. Feeling that God had some definite work for him in the Home Mission field, he declined.

Mr. Camak was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference, at Winnsboro, S. C., in 1902, Rev. E. T. Hodges being Presiding Elder. He preached his first sermon in Bethel Church, in which he was reared and under whose shadow his mother lies buried. She had passed away two years previously, with the prayer in her heart that her boy would be a preacher. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Greenville, S. C., December, 1903, Bishop A. Coke Smith presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., December, 1905, and Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, S. C., in 1907.

From June to December, 1903, Mr. Camak served the unexpired term of Rev. L. L. Wagon, as Junior Preacher, under Rev. E. S. Jones, on a charge in Union, S. C., consisting of five mill churches. When received into the Conference, he requested a mill appointment, and was returned to Union as pastor of Green Street Church, serving the large Union Cotton Mill villages, 1903-4. Since that he has served as follows: Jonesville Circuit, 1905-7; Saluda Circuit, 1908-9; Financial Agent Southern Industrial Institute, Charlotte, N. C., 1910; Duncan Church, Spartanburg, 1911; President Textile Industrial Institute, 1912-14.

In October, 1903, Mr. Camak married Miss Charlotte Elizabeth Blair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Blair, of Fairfield County, S. C. They have three children living—two sons and a daughter.

While still in college, Mr. Camak felt called of God to do something definite for the rising generation of cotton mill operatives, educationally, which, according to his definition, meant something for their development morally, religiously, socially, and industrially. He had a vision of the great opportunity for service in the great industrial transition of the South. During his first year in the Conference, he conceived the idea of a co-operative school for even grown up mill operatives, who had not had the advantages of an education, such a school as the Textile Industrial Institute now is. In the meantime he served loyally and successfully every charge to which he was appointed, refusing many flattering offers elsewhere, all the time carrying on his heart the great burden of the need of the half million Southern cotton mill operatives, and feeling that he must ultimately give his life to this work.

While serving in Spartanburg in 1911, he gave much time to the promotion of a school for the mill operatives. He employed a grad-
uate of Wofford as teacher, a matron, and opened school in a mill tenant house, September 5, 1911. Thus began the enterprise that had been so constantly on his heart. Friends responded to his appeals, so that now, three years after the opening, he has a plant valued at $56,500.00, and has all the students he can accommodate. So here is another "dream come true".

This wonderful success that has come to Mr. Camak at the early age of thirty-three years is no surprise to his friends. He is made of the material that succeeds.

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**REV. JAMES A. CAMPBELL**

Rev. James Alexander Campbell is the son of Rev. J. B. Campbell, for years one of the most prominent members of our Conference, and Mrs. Ervenia Campbell. He was born on the first day of June, 1865. His school life began in Orangeburg, S. C., under one of the best and kindest teachers, "Aunt Celena Evins." After three years under the influence and instruction of this good woman, our young friend attended various schools throughout the State. In October, 1882, he entered Wofford College and graduated therefrom in the class of 1886.

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

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

His labors have been as follows: Waterloo Circuit, 1894-6; Fort Mill Circuit, 1897-8; Little Rock Circuit, 1899-1902; supernumer-
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Rev. Samuel O. Cantey

Rev. Samuel Oliver Cantey is the son of Mr. J. S. Cantey and Mrs. M. A. Cantey, of Clarendon County, S. C. He was born at Summerton, Clarendon County, March 3, 1877.

He attended the Summerton School until he was seventeen years of age. He then entered the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., from which institution he graduated in June, 1899.

About the time Mr. Cantey entered college, he felt the first impression of a call to preach. During the year 1901, the impression became so emphatic that he definitely decided to enter the ministry without further delay. He was licensed to preach by the Sumter District Conference, on June 25, 1901, Rev. James W. Kilgo being Presiding Elder.

He was received into the Conference on trial, at the session held in Columbia, S. C., Bishop Charles B. Galloway presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. Coke Smith, at Greenville, S. C., in 1903. He was ordained Elder by Bishop Warren A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., in 1905, Bishop James Atkins preaching the ordination sermon.

He has served the following charges: Gaffney Circuit, 1902; Pinewoods Circuit, 1903; Magnolia Street, Sumter, 1904; Lynchburg Circuit, 1905-8; Batesburg Circuit, 1909-11; Clinton Station, 1913; Abbeville Station, 1914.

Mr. Cantey has served one quadrennium on the Board of Church Extension and one on the Board of Missions.

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On November 14, 1900, he was married to Miss Annie McKay Richburg, at Summerton, Clarendon County, S. C. They have three children—one girl and two boys.

Mr. Cantey is a diligent pastor. His style of preaching is pointed and practical, calculated to produce permanent results in the lives of his hearers.

REv. John Elam Carlisle, A. M.

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

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

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

He has served the following charges: Cheraw Station, 1874-5; Yorkville Station, 1876; Chester Station, 1877-8; Anderson Station, 1879-82; Union Station, 1883-4; Orangeburg Station, 1885-7; Spring Street, Charleston, 1888-9; Summerville Station, 1890-2; Darlington Station, 1893-4; Laurens Station, 1895; Union Station (second time), 1896-7; Lancaster Station, 1898-9; Walterboro Station, 1900; superannuate, 1901; Antreville Station, 1902; Conway Station, 1903-4; Cokesbury District, 1905; Kingstree District, 1906-9; Latta Station, 1910-11; Newberry Station, 1912-14.

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

He was Trustee of Wofford College from 1892 to 1898; was Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions from 1883 to 1890; and has been Treasurer of the Belin Fund since 1906.
REV. M. L. CARLISLE, D. D.

The South Carolina Conference has no finer specimen of well-rounded manhood than is found in the subject of this sketch, Rev. Mark L. Carlisle. He is a fine specimen of physical manhood, a good illustration of intellectual development, and a striking embodiment of spiritual force and influence. He is the son of Rev. John M. Carlisle, for many years one of the most highly honored members of the Conference, and Mrs. Elizabeth Carlisle. He was born at Pendleton, S. C., on October 13, 1863.

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

Among the older members of the Faculty, while he was at Wofford, were: Dr. Jas. H. Carlisle and Dr. Whitefoord Smith. Among the younger members were Dr. W. M. Baskerville, Dr. Charles Foster Smith, and Dr. Jas. H. Kirkland.

Brother Carlisle was converted in 1885, at Marion, S. C., and the Divine call to preach came immediately. The call was so clear and distinct that he had nothing to do but yield himself and enter with all his soul into the work. The call came in the fall of 1885, while he was teaching at Marion, S. C. He was licensed to preach at Union, S. C., in 1886, his father being the pastor and Dr. S. B. Jones the Presiding Elder.

During the session of the Conference held at Orangeburg, S. C., in December, 1886, Brother Carlisle, with A. W. Attaway, John A. Rice, C. W. Creighton, M. W. Hook and Preston L. Kirton, was received on trial.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Winnsboro, in 1888, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Anderson, S. C., in 1890.

He has labored in the following fields: Clifton Circuit, 1887; Walhalla Circuit, 1888-90; Camden Station, 1891-4; Chester Station, 1895-9; Central Church, Spartanburg, 1897-1900; Washington Street, Columbia, 1901-4; Bethel, Charleston, 1905-6; Marion, 1907; Spartanburg District, 1908-11; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1912-14.

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

Dr. Carlisle was a member of the General Conference of 1906, and was seated as an alternate in the General Conference of 1910. He was a member of the General Board of Missions from 1902-1910. He was Chairman of the Conference Board of Missions from 1902-7; he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College since 1905; has been Vice-President of the Historical Society since 1908; and addressed the Society in 1907.

Dr. Carlisle has been a close student in many fields, trying to keep in touch with the outside world of thought, as well as the inside church life. He is thoroughly systematic in his pastoral work. His sermons are a growth. He writes extensively and then forgets his notes in delivery.
REV. A. J. CAUTHEN

Rev. Andrew Jackson Cauthen, Jr., was born in Fairfield County, S. C., September 11, 1866. His father, Rev. A. J. Cauthen, Sr., an itinerant in the South Carolina Conference from 1848 till his death, and our young itinerant had, therefore, the whole State for his home. He enjoyed the inestimable advantage of being reared by a mother who considered the proper rearing of a child the highest and holiest trust ever committed to a woman's hands and heart. Added to the training of a home that was saturated with the spirit of prayer and righteousness, was the training of as good preparatory schools as our State then possessed. A naturally receptive nature was in these early years sowed with seed that were to issue in the convictions, principles and purposes that underlie the character of today.

While yet a child, eleven years of age, Mr. Cauthen was unmistakably converted at Binnaker's campmeeting. As in every genuine conversion, the new birth vitalized and adjusted all the forces of heredity and all acquired resources, and left him responsive to the call of God. But the call to the ministry was not yet. The young man rapidly developed aptitude for business, and to fit himself for a business career entered Saddler's Business College, Baltimore, Md., from which he was duly graduated in May, 1886. But God had other plans. It was in the pulpit, not the counting-room, his life was to be spent. The call to preach was as unmistakable as his conversion. The call to preach meant to him, however, a call to get ready, and so in February, 1888, he entered Wofford College to prepare for the ministry. In June, 1890, he was licensed to preach by the Greenwood Quarterly Conference, at Tranquil Church, A. J. Cauthen, Sr., being Presiding Elder, and R. E. Stackhouse, preacher in charge. In 1891 he graduated from Wofford College, and was soon appointed to the Gaffney Circuit, Rev. M. O. Ligon having removed to Oregon. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Darlington, at the session of 1891; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hargrove, at Sumter, in 1893, and Elder by Bishop Galloway, at Rock Hill, in 1895. Since admission, Mr. Cauthen has served the following charges: Monticello, 1892; Edisto, 1893-5; Little Rock, 1896-8; Allendale, 1899-1900; Williamston, 1901-4; Ninety-Six, 1905-6; Batesburg, 1907; Anderson District, 1908-11; Spartanburg District, 1912-13; Dillon Station, 1914. From the beginning, the Divine approval has attended his ministry. In all the fields in which he has labored there has been a general building up of all the material and spiritual interests of our Zion, revival fires have steadily burned, and many "have been added to the Church of such as shall be saved."

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

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

On the 16th of November, 1892, he was married to Miss Mattie Marshall Anderson, daughter of Dr. W. Lewis Anderson, of Abbeville County. Eight children have crowned this union—Lewis Jackson, James Carlisle, Charles Edward, Thomas Anderson, Andrew Jackson, William Anderson, Martha McLees, and Mary Elizabeth.

For fourteen years Mr. Cauthen has been secretary of the Board of Trustees of Lander College. For several years he was Recording Secretary of the Annual Conference.
REV. HENRY J. CAUTHEN.

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

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

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

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

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

He was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference at Laurens, S. C., December, 1894.

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

He revealed great wisdom in the selection of a wife. She was the daughter of Hon. H. W. Finlayson, of Cheraw, S. C. The writer has been in his parsonage and speaks what he knows when he writes that she is one of the best of wives. She knows just how to make her home a paradise on earth. Fortunate was my friend when he secured such a splendid woman.

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

REV. JOHN C. CHANDLER.

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

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

He was able to complete his college course by borrowing a small amount from three friends, Dr. D. R. McCallum, A. S. Brown and T. S. Joyce. This amount was returned the year after his graduation. From December, 1880, to June, 1881, he taught in the Manning Academy with Rev. Henry M. Mood and his wife. He was successful as a teacher, making many warm friends in Manning.

Under the godly influence of his precious mother, young Chandler was led to Christ in early life. He was received into the Church in March, 1870, by Rev. Henry M. Mood. He was also impressed in the summer of 1880.

From December, 1881, Brother Chandler joined the South Carolina Conference at Union, S. C., and has served as follows: Wedgefield Circuit, 1882-5; McCormick Circuit, 1886-8; Waterloo Circuit, 1889; Little Pee Dee Circuit, 1890; Conference Colporteur, 1891; Wedgefield Circuit, 1892-5 (and for three years of this period he acted as Conference Colporteur); Cokesbury Circuit, 1896-9; Rowesville Sta-
tion, 1900-1901; Heath Springs, 1902-3; Fort Mill, 1904-6; Enoree, 1907-8; Summerville, 1909-11; Lowndesville, 1912-14. In all of these charges the Lord has graciously blessed the labors of our good brother. On the Little Pee Dee Circuit he had great revivals, many being converted and added to the Church. While at Cokesbury he did much toward reviving the old Cokesbury Conference School.

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

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

The Reverend Rufus Alexander Child, D. D., son of James W. and Elizabeth Child, was born in old Cambridge (near Ninety-Six, S. C.) May 12, 1850. He attended Ninety-Six High School and then went to Richmond College. Leaving college he studied law and began its practice at Pickens, S. C., in 1872. He exhibited such marked ability that he soon was a leader at the bar. In 1878, he was elected a member of the South Carolina Legislature and was a conspicuous legislator during his two years service. About this time he was editor of the Pickens Sentinel for awhile, and there also was a success.

In 1883, he was soundly converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Soon he felt called upon to preach, was licensed, and for several years was an effective local preacher. Finally he was moved to give himself wholly to preaching the Gospel, and in December, 1889, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference. He was sent to Rock Hill in 1890; to Clio, 1891-93; Chester, 1896; Darlington, 1895-98; Greenwood, 1899; Cokesbury District, 1900-1902; Greenville District, 1903-04; Financial Agent of Wofford College, 1905-10; Financial Agent of Lander College, 1911-13. During the year 1913 his health was impaired and he was given, by his request, a supernumery relation. In every appointment he was a marked success. Perhaps the greatest material work of his life was raising over $100,000.00 for Wofford College. This was achieved at a time when large gifts to Christian education were rare in our State. Few expected success, and only a rarely
gifted man could have realized it. But he was gifted also in better things, and in his pastorate he was a winner of souls, and a builder of the Kingdom of God in every way. He was a member of the several Conferences of 1902 and 1906, and was felt in both Assemblies. In 1899 he was elected a member of the Book Committee of our Church, and served on it until this year when he had to cease all work. From 1898 he has been a trustee of Wofford College and he was a member of the Board of Managers of the Southern Christian Association from 1894 to 1913. From 1903 he served as President of our Legal Conference, and when at last Conference he stated that he could not continue to do his work, it was insisted by his brethren that he be made a Vice-president. Ten years ago, Erskine College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity and honored herself and a man who gave honor to the distinction.

Dr. Child is one of the ablest members of our Conference. A fine preacher and a man to make friends and help men. In business affairs few, if any, among us equal him—none ever pass. It is much to be hoped that his health may be restored so the Church may profit by his further service.

Our brother was twice married—first to Miss Essie Holcombe, of Pickens County, and the second time to Miss Maggie A. Roper, of Marlboro. There were seven children born of these unions. All of them are living.

REV. WM. A. CLARKE.

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

His education was begun in the home and continued in the common schools of the country until a short time before he joined the Conference. His special preparation for the ministry was made under the instruction and influence of the late Dr. R. L. Abernethy, of North Carolina. His progress under this noted teacher was truly marvelous.

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

He has served as follows: Savannah River Mission, 1851; Pickens Circuit, 1852; Dallas, N. C., 1853-4; Catawba Mission, 1855; Greenville Circuit, 1856; Pon Pon Mission, 1857; Ashepoo Mission, 1858; Cooper River Circuit, 1859; Columbia Circuit, 1860; Lexington, 1861; Providence, 1862-3; Edgefield, 1864; Butler, 1865-6; Allendale, 1867-8; St. George's, 1869-71; Abbeville Circuit, 1872-5; Cokesbury, 1876; Saluda, 1877-8; Supernumerary, 1879-83. In
1884 he was superannuated. In May, 1884, he obtained the blessing of entire sanctification and was divinely healed. Since that he has served as follows: Columbia Circuit, 1885; Colleton, 1886; Tumbling Shoals, 1887; North Laurens, 1889; Goshen Hill, 1890-1; superannuated relation since.

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

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

Rev. G. Floyd Clarkson.

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

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


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

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

The currents of French, German and English blood mingle in the subject of our sketch, Rev. John Edward Cook. He is the son of Mr. M. A. J. Cook and Mrs. Alice Eugenia Cook, and was born at Lake City, South Carolina, July 22, 1882.

He was educated in the common schools, in Lake City High School, and in Leesville College, Leesville, South Carolina. At the age of nineteen years, he felt called to preach, but owing to his lack of means with which to obtain an education, he hesitated in yielding to the call. At last, encouraged by his pastor and trusting in God's goodness, he accepted and followed the leadership of the Spirit.

Mr. Cook was licensed to exhort in the Cade's charge, on April 7, 1906. He was licensed to preach at Greeleyville, South Carolina, on April 7, 1907.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Anderson, S. C., November 27, 1912. Bishop J. C. Kilgo presiding.

As supply he served the following charges: East Chesterfield, 1909-11; Townville, 1912.

As preacher in charge he has served Little River, 1913-14.

On June 12, 1907, Mr. Cook was married to Miss Mary Emily Cox, daughter of Mr. Walter L. Cox and Mrs. Susan Cox, of Scranton, South Carolina. They have two children, Pierce Embree, born August 3, 1911, and Emily Eulalia, born November 7, 1913.

REV. JOSEPH A. COOK.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Joseph Albert Cook, is a contribution of the Old North State to our Conference. He is the son of Mr. Anderson Cook and Mrs. Nancy Booker Cook. He was born near Mount Airy, North Carolina, March 7, 1854.

He was educated in the public schools of Hawkins County, Tenn., and at the Saint Clair High School.

In his boyhood, he felt called to preach. This impression became more and more distinct until it was irresistible. Mr. Cook was licensed to preach on January 5, 1876. He was received on trial in the Holston Conference at Knoxville, Tenn., in October, 1878. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McIntyre, at Wytheville, Va., October 30, 1881, and was ordained Elder by Bishop McIntyre at Abingdon, Va., October 9, 1887.

He spent fourteen years in the Holston Conference, fifteen years in the Western North Carolina Conference, and has been six years in the South Carolina Conference.

While in the Holston Conference Mr. Cook served as follows: Junior Preacher on Liberty Hill Circuit, 1879; McDowell Mission, 1880; Buchanan Mission, 1881; Fall Branch Circuit, 1882-4; Clinton Circuit, 1885-8; Staffordsville, 1889-90; Elk Creek, 1891-2.

While in the Western North Carolina Conference he served as follows: Jefferson, 1893; Polkville, 1894-6; Forest City, 1897-8; Polkville, 1899-1900; Franklin District, 1901-3; Mount Airy District, 1904-5; Heywood Street, Asheville, 1906-7.
Since coming to our Conference he has served as follows: Greer, 1908; Ninety-Six, 1909-10; Inman, 1911-13.

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

His father was of German descent.

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

In early boyhood he felt called to preach and often with his little brother and sister as his congregation he "practiced" preaching. This impression deepened with the years until it became irresistible. He was licensed to preach at Indianhook on the Rock Hill Circuit, the late Rev. A. J. Caithen being the Presiding Elder.

During the session of the Conference held in Camden, November, 1889, Brother Copeland was received on trial, J. S. Abercrombie, A. H. Best, R. A. Child, G. W. Davis, W. H. Hodges, M. B. Kelly, John Manning, J. M. Rogers, J. W. Shell, W. S. Stokes, A. B. Wât-
son and J. A. White joining at the same time. The year before joining, he served as a supply on the Lancaster Circuit. Since joining he has served as follows: Jefferson Circuit, 1890-1; Cartersville Circuit, 1892-3; Loris Circuit, 1894-6; Britton's Neck Circuit, 1897; Forreston Circuit, 1898; Wedgefield Circuit, 1899; Bethany Circuit, 1900-1901; Swansea, 1902; Kinards, 1903; Butler, 1904; Phoenix, 1905-6; Bethel, 1907; Ridgeland, 1908-9; Estill, 1910; Cypress, 1911-12; Campobello, 1913-14. The Lord has blessed the labors of his consecrated servant in these fields. Brother Copeland is a zealous pastor and an earnest preacher, never better satisfied than when he is leading souls to Christ.

On September 4, 1879, he married Miss Mary E. Lee, daughter of Mr. Jeremiah Lee, and a cousin of the late Rev. A. B. Lee, of our Conference. Of this marriage there are three children living—Minnie, Estelle, and Maud. This wife died in 1903. His second marriage was to Miss Dolly Yarbrough, of Saluda, S. C., daughter of Mr. F. M. Yarbrough. Of this marriage there are three children—Louise, Lerline and James Marion.

In the midst of sore trials, our brother has patiently toiled on, awaiting a brighter day and looking to the recompense of the just. His style of preaching is fervid and evangelistic.

There is not in our Conference a braver or truer Soldier of the Cross than the Rev. Jeptha C. Counts. He is not only a Saul among his brethren in bodily altitude, but he stands among the tallest in modest courage and devoted loyalty. Nothing he cares for danger, hardship or toil when duty calls. Nothing he seeks but a place to serve God and man—and the Church he loves so well. He is the manner of man a commander would choose for a charge like Pickett's at Gettysburg, or like the gallop of "the six hundred" at Balaklava.

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

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

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

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

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REV. BENJAMIN H. COVINGTON, JR.

Rev. Benjamin Harrison, Jr., is the son of Mr. Benjamin H. Covington, who came from Rockingham, North Carolina, and settled in Marlboro County, South Carolina, when a boy and there married Miss Annie Mercy Coxe, whose parents were natives of Marion County.

The subject of our sketch was born eight miles south of Bennettsville, in Marlboro County, South Carolina, September 2, 1885.

He attended the usual county schools of his community until he was seventeen years old. He then entered the preparatory class at Clemson College. The next year he won one of the first scholarships offered by the institution and graduated in 1908. In September, 1908, he entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, where he spent three years.

From even his childhood Mr. Covington felt that it would be his duty to preach the gospel, but felt it most definitely while attending a Young Men's Christian Association Convention near Asheville, North Carolina, during his junior year at Clemson College. At this time he volunteered for missionary service in the foreign field and prepared himself for the work but was not accepted by the board. He felt that the next thing to do in answer to the Divine call was to offer himself to the Conference for work in the home field.

He was licensed to preach in Tennessee, in 1910.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Bennettsville, South Carolina, in December, 1911, Bishop J. C. Kilgo presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, South Carolina, in December, 1913.

Mr. Covington supplied the Ehrhardt Circuit for Rev. A. B. Watson from June to December, 1911. When received on trial at Bennettsville he was sent to Parksville Circuit and is, at this writing, serving his third year on that charge.

On December 17, 1913, he was married to Miss Lucile Sturkey, of Plum Branch, S. C.

Mr. Covington is an earnest worker and has a bright future in the itinerant ministry. His friends are expecting great things of him.
REV. RICHARD ROBERT DAGNALL.

Richard Robert Dagnall, son of Elbert H. and Martha A. Dagnall (nee Brown), was born in Augusta, Ga., March 17, 1838. His maternal grandfather, Rev. R. Brown, of Augusta, Ga., was a local preacher. The father of the subject of this sketch, Mr. E. H. Dagnall, still lives, at this writing, at the advanced age of 88 years. The mother, who was a noble Christian woman, a great Bible reader, and a woman well informed on religious subjects, died at Kingston, Ga., July 9, 1882.

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

He was spiritually awakened under the preaching of Dr. J. O. A. Clark, and joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. John W. Yarborough, both of the Georgia Conference, being converted at Alexander, Burke County. As soon as he was converted, Mr. Dagnall felt called to preach. He was licensed to preach in 1857, by the Quarterly Conference of St. James Church, Charleston, Rev. H. A. C. Walker, Presiding Elder. In November, 1857, he was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, and was sent, with Rev. J. D. W. Crook as senior, to the Savannah River Mission. At the close of that year, the Conference met in Charleston. Brother Dagnall asked to be discontinued that he might pursue his studies at school. This was granted, but while endeavoring to make arrangements he was persuaded by a Georgia Presiding Elder to serve a charge for that year—1859. At its close, he returned to Cokesbury School, where he remained through 1861. He taught school during 1862, and in December of that year was readmitted into the South Carolina Conference, with Revs. J. C. Hartsell, R. C. Oliver and Samuel A. Weber, since which time he has served as follows: Fairfield Circuit, 1863; Columbus Circuit, 1864; Sandy River Mission, 1865; Happy Home Circuit, 1866; Laurens Circuit, 1867; Seneca and Tugalo Circuit, 1868; Columbus Circuit, 1869; North Charlotte Circuit, 1870; Barnwell Circuit, 1871-2; Abbeville Circuit, 1873-4; Greenville Circuit, 1875-6; Goshen Hill Circuit, 1877-8; Limestone Circuit, 1879; Paeolet Circuit, 1880; Orange Circuit, 1881-2; Berkeley Circuit, 1883; Reidville Circuit, 1884; Kinards Circuit, 1885; Cokesbury Circuit, 1886-7; Waterloo Circuit, 1888; Donalds Circuit, 1889; Butler Circuit, 1890-1; Hickory Grove Circuit, 1892; Chesterfield Circuit, 1893-4; Hartville Circuit, 1895; Claussen Circuit, 1896-7; Westminster Circuit, 1898-9; Pickens Circuit, 1900-1; Star and Iva, 1902; Fountain Inn, 1903; Waterloo, 1904; Parksville, 1905; superannuated, 1906-14.

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

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

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


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

Brother Daniel was converted at Seneca, S. C., in August, 1886, during a meeting conducted by Rev. J. W. Wolling and Rev. H. G. Scuddy. At that time he was reading medicine under Drs. J. B. Brown and Thomas L. Lewis, and was about ready to attend his first course of lectures; but the Divine call to preach coming to him at this time was so clear and strong that he had to abandon the idea of practicing medicine. He strove to compromise the matter by working in Sunday schools and prayer meetings, but there was no peace until he unconditionally surrendered and accepted the work divinely allotted him. He was licensed to preach at Seneca, S. C., in 1889.

He was received on trial into the Conference at the session held in the City of Charleston, November, 1892, E. H. Beckham, G. F. Clarkson, R. M. DuBois, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. P. Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, J. N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins joining at the same session. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, in 1893, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Walhalla. He has since served as follows: Buckeville Circuit, 1893; Centenary Circuit, 1894-5; Seneca and Walhalla, 1896-9; Cokesbury Circuit, 1900; Lowndesville Station, 1901-2; Summerville, 1903-5; Walterboro, 1906-8; Mullins, 1909-11; Union, 1912-14. He has been popular in every charge, but in none more so than at Seneca, his old home, where he spent four pleasant and profitable years. So popular was he there that the unanimous verdict was that they would like to have him for another four years. He is not only a good pastor, but is a strong and earnest preacher. He always carries good reports to Conference.

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

While in Wofford College, Mr. Daniel was local editor of the college journal for one year. He has served on various Conference boards and committees.
REV. J. WALTER DANIEL, D. D.

Rev. James Walter Daniel, D. D., was born in Laurens County, South Carolina, August 27, 1857. His parents, James Wright Daniel and Eliza Anderson Daniel, were of Huguenot descent. John Daniel, the great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. Doctor Daniel's great-grandmother, Priscilla Harrison, was a daughter of Benjamin Harrison, the signer of the Declaration of Independence. His mother's grandfather, William Anderson, landed in Charleston, S. C., December 24, 1792, with his wife and five children. From this place they immediately proceeded to the upper part of Abbeville County and bought a plantation which included within its boundary lines the site of the present town of Due West. It is said that soon after coming into possession of the land he gave land for a school house. The school established here developed into Erskine College, where Eliza Anderson, the mother of Doctor Daniel, was educated.

James Walter Daniel spent the first seventeen years of his life on his father's farm where he was required, when not in school, to do the ordinary work of a farmer's boy. Though fond of sports, the boy soon manifested a taste for books, especially works on history and biography. At the age of seventeen he entered the Preparatory Department of Newberry College, graduating in 1879 with the degree of A. B. Three years later he received the A. M. degree from the same institution. In 1899 his Alma Mater honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

In the autumn of the year of his graduation, Dr. Daniel was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference and was sent as junior preacher on the Pickens Circuit. He has served the following charges: Pickens Circuit, 1880; West Anderson Circuit, 1881; Fork Shoals Circuit, 1882-3; Pendleton Circuit, 1884-6; Bennettsville Station, 1887-1890; Chester Station, 1891-3; Sumter Station, 1894-7; Abbeville Station, 1898-1900; Trinity, Charleston, 1901-3; Bethel Church, Charleston, 1904; Washington Street, Columbia, 1905-6; Sumter Station, 1907; Columbia District, 1908-1911; Charleston District, 1912.

Doctor Daniel has been repeatedly honored by his brethren. He has been sent as a delegate to the General Conference for quite a number of times, heading the delegation elected at the session held in Rock Hill in 1913. Being scholarly in disposition and attainments, and possessing fluency of speech, he is often in demand for lectures and special sermons.

At the age of eighteen, Doctor Daniel's instinct for literature manifested itself in the production of stories, some of which were published in "The Home Circle," of Charleston. His published works are: "The Girl in Checks," (1891); "Out From Under Caesar's Frown," (1892); "A Ramble Among Surnames," (1893); "A Maid of the Foothills," (1905); "Catechety," (1898). He has other books in manuscript.

Doctor Daniels has been twice married. His first wife was Miss Emma Hunt, of Greenville, S. C., and his second wife was Miss Ragan, of Summerton, S. C.
Rev. William Wellington Daniel, D. D.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rev. James Harvey Danner, son of Mr. Noah Danner and Mrs. Sarah E. Danner, was born in Davie County, North Carolina, in the year 1885.

After the preparatory education in common schools, he was educated at Leesville College, Leesville, South Carolina, and at Meridian Male College, Meridian, Mississippi.

He first entered Christian service as an evangelistic singer. He soon saw the great need of preachers of the Word and felt deeply impressed that he should preach. He yielded to the impression and God's blessings upon his efforts are the evidence of the Divine call.

He was licensed to exhort at Concord Church in the Leesville charge, in 1904, Rev. J. S. Besseley, Presiding Elder. He was licensed to preach at Langley, in 1906, Bishop Wilson presiding at the District Conference. He was ordained as a Local Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at the session of the Annual Conference held in Bethel Church, Charleston, in 1910.

At this session he was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference. Since joining the Conference he has served the following charges; Reidsville, 1911; South Union, 1912-14.

While in Meridian College, Mr. Danner studied theology for two years. He is deeply spiritual and the Lord is greatly blessing him in his work. His style of preaching is largely evangelistic and he preaches for immediate results. In the preparation of his sermons he thoroughly analyzes his text, making notes, from which he sometimes preaches. He often preaches without notes.

REV. D. D. DANTZLER.

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

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

He was licensed to preach August, 1871. In December of that year he joined the South Carolina Conference, J. K. McCain, Dove Tiller, and J. B. Wilson joining at the same time.

Since joining the Conference he has served as follows: Junior preacher on Cokesbury Circuit, 1872; junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, 1873; Yorkville Station, 1874; Orangeburg Circuit, 1875-7; Spring Hill Circuit, 1878; Darlington Circuit, 1879-81; Camden Station, 1882; Chester Circuit, 1883; Johnston Circuit, 1884-6; Little Rock Circuit, 1887; Clio Circuit, 1888; Providence Circuit (his old home), 1889-92; Prosperity Circuit, 1893; St. Matthews Circuit, 1894-7; Batesburg Circuit, 1898; superannuate, 1899-1914.

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

While in the active ministry he was one of our most useful men. He was a vigilant pastor and systematic worker. His sermons were carefully prepared, and were delivered with much effectiveness. He has always been a very modest man, and only those intimately acquainted with him know his real worth.

Brother Dantzler has been married three times. On December 19, 1867, he married Miss Susan E. Crum. They had one child born to them—Minnie Edna. This wife died July 31, 1870. His second marriage was to Miss Mary Frances Goggans, of Newberry, S. C., October 14, 1874. Of this union the following children were born: Herbert D., Lehre L., Daniel C., and Emily Frances. The second wife died January 20, 1899. His third marriage was to Miss Lula E. Evans, December 31, 1901.

This faithful servant of God lives in Orangeburg, S. C., where his life is a perpetual benediction.
REV. GEO. W. DAVIS.

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

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

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

Brother Davis is an excellent preacher and pastor. His sermons are well prepared, and often delivered with great power. There is a vein of humor which often appears in private, and sometimes in public, but it helps rather than hinders the effort of his earnest messages. Friendly and genial in spirit, he wins men quickly and uses this gift to draw them to the Master. Devoutly pious, men must take notice of him that 'he has been with Jesus.'
Rev. Charles Caughman Derrick is of German descent. His parents, Mr. John S. Derrick and Mrs. Elizabeth (Caughman) Derrick, were both of German extraction, residing in the famous “Dutch Fork” section of Lexington County. The subject of this sketch was born on July 7, 1877.

His early education was received in the Leesville School, taught by Rev. L. E. Beasley. He spent part of a term in Leesville College. In 1894, he entered the South Carolina Military Academy, Charleston, S. C., and graduated from that institution in 1898. At the age of nine years, he joined the Lutheran Church, the Church of his parents. In his early life, he felt a distinct impression that he ought to become a minister of the Gospel, but did not yield to the call till after he was married, and had taught school six years. While teaching in Darlington County, in 1901, he joined the Methodist Church at Newman Swamp, Lamar Circuit, Rev. Joseph B. Traywick being the pastor, and Rev. Marion Dargan the Presiding Elder of the district. “Uncle Joe” Traywick was of great help to the young man in giving instruction as to the call to preach.

Mr. Derrick then yielded to the Divine impression that had lingered with him from his early life.

He was licensed to preach by the Florence District Conference, held at Hartsville, S. C., April 23, 1904, Rev. A. J. Stokes being the Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held at Darlington, in December, 1904, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at the session of the Conference held in Columbia, in the fall of 1906, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Wilson, at the session held in Laurens, in the fall of 1908.

Mr. Derrick has served the following charges: Blacksburg, 1905-8; Williamston and Belton, 1909-10; Lake City, 1911-13; Summerton, 1914.

Though a member of the Conference only for a few years, during this time he has served on the Sunday School Board and on the Board of Finance.

As stated above, he has given six years to educational work.

On December 21, 1899, Mr. Derrick was married to Miss Florence E. Jeffords, only daughter of Mr. S. K. Jeffords and Mrs. Maria Jeffords, Rev. George M. Boyd performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Derrick have five children, two girls and three boys.
REV. FRANCIS ELDON DIBBLE.

Within recent years the South Carolina Conference has received into its membership a great many young men, thoroughly equipped intellectually and thoroughly consecrated spiritually, who have entered hopefully upon their great work and give every promise of most successful careers. To this class belongs the subject of this sketch, Rev. Francis Eldon Dibble.

He is the son of Judge Andrew C. Dibble and Mrs. Mary J. (Clark) Dibble.

He was born at Bamberg, South Carolina, November 23, 1875.

His preparatory education was obtained at the Sheridan Classical Institute, Orangeburg, S. C., and the Charleston High School. After this splendid preparation he entered Wofford College from which institution he graduated in the class of 1895.

Trained in a home with such an atmosphere as that in which he was reared, it was perfectly natural that his life should be under the influence of religious ideals. It is not at all surprising that he was called to preach.

Mr. Dibble was licensed to preach at Greenville, S. C., October 19, 1907, and was admitted on trial at the session of the Conference held at Gaffney, S. C., December, 1907, Bishop Henry C. Morrison presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, December, 1909, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, at Bennettsville, December, 1911. He has served the following charges: Cokesbury Circuit, 1908-10; Ninety-Six Circuit, 1911-14.

Mr. Dibble has had several years' experience as teacher. He taught in Laurens County three years, in the Carlisle School at Bamberg for three years, in Columbia College one year, and as superintendent of the Blacksburg schools for two years.

On July 7, 1902, he was happily married to Miss Nevia B. Patton, of Gray Court, South Carolina, who is indeed a help-mate for him in his great work.

Mr. Dibble is diligent and systematic in all his work and is very popular as a pastor.

REV. F. WARREN DIBBLE.

Rev. Frederic Warren Dibble comes of good Methodist stock. He is the son of Mr. Frederic S. Dibble and Mrs. Mary E. Dibble, of Orangeburg, South Carolina. His fraternal ancestors were Puritans; his maternal ancestors were Italian; his grandparents were Huguenots. He was born April 2, 1889, in Orangeburg, South Carolina. His preparatory education was received in the schools of Orangeburg, South Carolina. After this he entered Wofford College and graduated therefrom in June, 1910, with the degree of A. B.

Before going to Wofford College, Mr. Dibble felt the Divine call to the ministry, but he tried to so devote his time to other studies and work as to evade the real issue involved in the call. He taught school for awhile at Canton, North Carolina. In conversation with Rev. Mr. C. S. Kirkpatrick, he received great help in the solution of the problem of preaching the Gospel. He at last consented to enter the ministry and was licensed to preach by the licensing committee of the Waynesville District, North Carolina Conference, in November, 1910. He was received on trial in the Western North Carolina Conference at the session held in Winston-Salem, N. C., in November, 1910. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Rock Hill, S. C., in November, 1914.

Mr. Dibble served the Spring Creek Circuit, Western North Carolina Conference, from November, 1910, to August, 1911. He was then transferred to Whittier to fill out the unexpired term of the former pastor. He next served Kerr Street, Concord, North Caro-
lina. For 1913 he was appointed to Thermal City. In July of this
year, he accepted the Rectorship of the Cokesbury Conference School,
Cokesbury, South Carolina, and was transferred to this Conference.
While pastor at Whittier, North Carolina, he did some missionary
work among the Cherokee Indians which he enjoyed very much.
During his vacation this summer, Mr. Dibble has been assisting
the brethren in revival meetings in different parts of the State.
Knowing him and his ancestors, his friends are expecting a career
of great usefulness for him.

REV. WILLIAM VIRGIL DIBBLE.

Rev. William Virgil Dibble was born in Orangeburg, S. C., on May
25, 1890. He is the son of Mr. Edward Courtney Dibble, formerly
of Charleston, S. C., but who refuged to Orangeburg with his parents
during the Civil War, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Patton (Smith)
Dibble, a niece of the late Dr. Whitefoord Smith, of the South Caro­
lina Conference. Mr.
Dibble received his pre­
paratory education at the
Orangeburg graded
school, and the Wofford
Fitting School, at Spar­
tanburg. He entered
Wofford College in Sep­
tember, 1907, and gradu­
ated from that insti­
tution in June, 1911.

From early childhood
he had an impression
that he ought to preach
the Gospel of Christ. For
years during his boy­
hood and youth he strove
to evade the issue. At
one time he thought of
studying medicine, but
God's call became strong­
er and stronger with the
passing years. The awfulness of sin, the wretched state of the sinner,
and the multitude of men in sin and shame, had much to do with
his final decision. But the Christian home back of the boy had pre­
pared him to hear the voice of God and was perhaps the most potent
influence in his life. That family has not lived in vain which has
given such a son to the world and the Kingdom of Christ

Mr. Dibble was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District
Conference, on May 25, 1910, his twentieth birthday. Rev. Dr.
Mark L. Carlisle being Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial
into the South Carolina Conference at the session held at Bennetts­
ville, in the fall of 1911. He was ordained Deacon by the venerable
and highly esteemed Bishop A. W. Wilson at the session of the Conference held in Rock Hill, in November, 1913. While yet a student at Wofford College, he was appointed by Bishop Hendrix, at the Conference held in Charleston, to serve the Verdery Circuit as a supply.

He served this charge for one year, 1911. He was then appointed to Mount Pleasant and Young's Island, where he served for 1912. His next appointment was Cottageville Circuit, and at this writing is in his second year on the charge.

On December 23, 1913, Mr. Dibble was married to Miss Gussie Muckenfuss, of Charleston, S. C., a daughter of Mr. Charles H. Muckenfuss, who has been a steward and Sunday school superintendent in Bethel Church for many years. These happy young servants of the Master have entered most hopefully upon their life-work, and have a most promising career before them.

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REV. RHODUM RHETT DOYLE.

Rev. Rhodum Rhett Doyle is of Scotch-Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. William A. Doyle and Mrs. Anna (Patterson) Doyle, and was born November 17, 1879, near Clemson College, South Carolina.

Though he cannot specify any particular date of a call to the ministry, the call nevertheless, was clear and unmistakable. For many years before he entered the Conference, he had felt himself called to this great work. There came a time when the Spirit of God impelled him to yield and take up the work.

Mr. Doyle was licensed to preach by the Greenville District Conference in 1904, Rev. R. A. Child, D. D., being the Presiding Elder and Bishop W. W. Duncan the President. He was admitted into the South Carolina Annual Conference on trial at the session held at Spartanburg in 1905, Rev. R. Herbert Jones being his Presiding Elder and Bishop W. A. Candler the President.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. C. Morrison at the Conference held in Gaffney, S. C., December 1, 1907. He was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Kilgo, at the Conference held in Bennettsville, December, 1911.

He has served the following charges: Greenville Mills, junior preacher with Rev. N. G. Ballinger, 1906; Parksville, 1907; Walhalla Circuit, 1909-11; Centenary, 1912-14.

Mr. Doyle has done some literary work. For a while he edited and published "The Carolina Home." He was also at different times
REV. ARCHIE E. DRIGGERS.

The subject of our sketch, Rev. Archie Edwin Driggers, is of German ancestry. He is the son of Mr. Thomas P. Driggers and Mrs. Emily S. Driggers and was born in Darlington County, South Carolina, on April 19, 1878.

After attending the public schools of the country, he spent two years at the Carlisle School, at Bamberg, S. C. He then went to Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and graduated therefrom in the class of 1901.

His call to the ministry was out of the ordinary. From his earliest recollection he felt that the ministry was to be his life-work, and he never seriously thought of doing anything else. The passing years only served to deepen the impression.

Mr. Driggers was licensed to preach by the Sumter District Conference, at Lynchburg, S. C., Rev. Thomas J. Clyde presiding. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Columbia, S. C., in 1901, Bishop C. B. Galloway presiding. He was ordained local Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Newberry, S. C., December, 1902. He was ordained Elder by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., December 17, 1905.

He has served the following charges: Victor and Batesville, 1902-4; Sampson and Poe, 1905; Hampton Avenue, Greenville, 1906-9; Seneca and Walhalla, 1910-11; Leesville Station, 1912-14.

On October 12, 1911, Mr. Driggers was married to Miss Grace Laura McCutchen, of Pittsburgh, Pa. He regards this as the best day's work he ever did.
Mr. Driggers is a good student. He devotes the morning hours to those studies bearing directly on his work and the evening to general reading. His favorite method of sermon-making is the expository. His style of delivery is pleasant, being that of animated conversation. He is making an excellent record.

REV. R. M. DuBOSE.

The subject of this paper, Rev. R. M. Du Bose, was born in Darlington County, S. C., April 20, 1866. His parents were descendants of the French Huguenots, and were loyal Methodists and devoted Christians. His great-grandfather, J. M. Jenkins, served in the Revolutionary War and afterwards became a member of the South Carolina Conference.

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

In early life he felt the call to preach. This impression deepened with the passing years until he was about twenty years of age when he yielded. He was licensed to preach at Philadelphia Church on the Lamar Circuit, in August, 1890, Dr. John O. Willson being the Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. E. Rushton the pastor.


He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Salter’s Circuit, 1893; Britton’s Neck Circuit, 1894-5; Lexington Circuit, 1896-7; South Florence Circuit, 1898-9; Lanes Circuit, 1900-1901; Westminster, 1902-4; Easley, 1905-7; Gray Court, 1908-10; Princeton, 1911-12; Pinewood, 1913-14. In each of these charges our young friend has had success, building up the Church and leading many souls to Christ. He deserves great credit for the success in his struggle.
for an education. No doubt this same perseverance and determination will ever characterize him in his work.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Laurens, in 1894, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, in 1896.

Mr. DuBose was married on November 28, 1893, to Miss Essie A. DuBose, of Kershaw County. They have five sons—Robert, Coke McKendree, Norman Candler, Thomas Guim, James Jenkins and McTyeire.

REV. R. L. DUFFIE.

Rev. Reuben L. Duffie, son of R. L. and Anna McClintock Duffie, was born January 7, 1840. He received the usual training of the country schools and, with the expectation of entering college, later he matriculated at a school of high grade at Blackstock, S. C., taught by Prof. A. C. Elder, A. M., a graduate of the South Carolina College. But the cherished ambition of a collegiate education was blighted. Just about the time he was prepared for college the Civil War came on, and the boy left school in April, 1861, joining a command and going to Charleston for service. He remained in service four years, doing his duty faithfully as a soldier.

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

He was licensed to exhort immediately after the close of the war, and in the fall of 1866 he was licensed to preach. He joined the Conference in December, 1866, and has served as follows: Charlotte Circuit, 1867, with J. W. Proctor as preacher in charge; Hanging Rock Circuit, 1868-9; Dorn’s Mine Circuit, 1870-1; Waccamaw Circuit and Mission, 1872; Conwayboro Circuit and Mission, 1873; Effingham Circuit, 1874-5; Salters Circuit, 1876-7; Lancaster Circuit, 1878; Tradesville Circuit, 1879-80; Smithville Circuit, 1881-3;
Columbia Circuit, 1884; Georgetown Circuit, 1885-6. During the last-named year our good brother suffered a severe attack of muscular rheumatism, which disabled him for active service. At the session of the Conference held that fall in Orangeburg he was placed on the superannuate list, where he has been ever since, never having fully recovered.

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

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

REV. M. F. DUKES.

Rev. Marion F. Dukes was born at the old homestead three miles from Branchville, in Orangeburg County, S. C., November 2, 1867. He joined the Church when eleven years old under the preaching of Rev. Thomas Raysor and was converted during a revival held by Rev. W. H. Hodges, and under the preaching of Rev. J. E. Beard at Branchville. He was licensed to preach the Gospel of Christ Sept. 14, 1889, by the Quarterly Conference, held at Cattle Creek Camp Ground, Thos. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder. He served six months as a supply on the Indian River Mission, in Florida, Jacksonville District, Dr. T. W. Tompkins, Presiding Elder. That was in 1892. He was recommended by the Quarterly Conference for admission on trial, was admitted January, 1893, and was ordained Deacon the 8th day of January, 1893, by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, and ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Tampa, Dec. 19, 1897.

In 1893, Mr. Dukes served the Indian River Mission. He was stationed at Mandarin, on the St. John's River, 1894-95. He served Leon Circuit, 1890-97; the Ancilla Circuit, 1898; and Waukeenaha Circuit, 1899. He was transferred by Bishop W. A. Candler, December 6, 1899, to the South Carolina Conference and has faithfully served various charges.

Mr. Dukes was married to Miss Venna Lee Johnston on the 23d of December, 1888, and she died at Juno, Florida, August 23, 1893. Of this marriage, however, Jennie Lee Dukes was born the 14th of April, 1890. He was married the second time to Miss May Eva
Sessions, of Florida, December 8, 1896. From this union Malcolm Fay Dukes was born January 16, 1898.

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

REV. A. T. DUNLAP.

Rev. Archibald Tarrant Dunlap, son of the late John M. and Martha A. Dunlap, was born in Anderson County, South Carolina, February 22, 1860. His education was begun in the Honea Path High School and the Anderson Military Academy, and has been continued by home studies and readings to this day. He grew up in a home of piety, and has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, since boyhood. In September, 1877, he was soundly converted to God. He felt called to the ministry at the time of his conversion, and he had no peace until he determined to obey it. He was licensed as a local preacher, November 24, 1886. In 1887 he served Anderson Circuit as a supply, and the people who knew him from childhood gladly heard the Word at his lips and honored him as much as they could any stranger. The year was one of marked success in all departments. A part of his extraordinary work on this circuit was securing eighty new subscribers to the Southern Christian Advocate. No wonder the Bishop thought him the man for the work in the Far West.

So favorable was the impression made by the year's labor that episcopal eyes sought him out and he was induced to go to the Los Angeles Conference, where he served the Santa Maria Circuit as a supply till Conference. In September, 1888, he was received on trial by the Los Angeles Conference. His appointments were as follows: 1889-90, Carpentry Station; 1891-93, Lompoc Station. In this difficult Western field he was faithful and successful. In October, 1893, he was transferred to South Carolina Conference, and in December was appointed to Piedmont Station, where he labored successfully the three following years. In 1897-98 he served Pendleton Circuit, and in 1899-1901, Santee Circuit—in both fields winning souls for his hire. Since that he has served as follows: Clio, 1902-4; Bennettsville Circuit, 1905-7; Hartsville, 1908-11; Latta, 1912; supernumerary, 1913-14.

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

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

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

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

REV. SAMUEL W. DANNER

Rev. Samuel Windfield Danner was born on April 6, 1880, at Mocksville, N. C. He is the son of Mr. Noah Danner and Mrs. Elizabeth Danner. His paternal grandparents were Mr. Frederick Danner and Mrs. Elizabeth Danner. His maternal grandparents were Mr. John M. Bove and Mrs. Elizabeth Bove. In his boyhood he had access to the public schools of the community. After his conversion, at the age of twenty-two, in Columbia, he entered Leesville College, Leesville, S. C., and pursued the academic courses for more than three years. He then entered Meridian College, Meridian, Miss., and remained there about three and a half years. After this he spent four months at Shannondor Musical Institute at Daton, Va.

From the very night of his conversion, Mr. Danner felt a burning desire to engage in some form of Christian service. He soon began conducting prayer services in private homes and for the sick. Thus began his career as a preacher. He was licensed to preach at Leesville, S. C., in 1905. He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference at Bennettsville, S. C., in November, 1911. He was ordained as a local Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix in Charleston, S. C., in November, 1910.

He has served the following charges: Grover, 1911-12; Langley and Barth, 1913; Bethel, Anderson, 1914.

On June 8, 1911, he was married to Miss Pearle E. Felder, of Orangeburg, S. C., daughter of Mr. F. J. D. Felder and Mrs. Lizzie Holman Felder.
Mr. Danner has a very high regard for his work as a Methodist preacher, feeling that it is the greatest possible honor. While at Meridian College he pursued courses in Bible study and Theology in connection with his other work. He had one year in Elocution and has read extensively in History. He has written a few songs which are used in some song-books.

He exercises great care in the selection of books and reads only the best. His great book is the Bible.

He thoroughly prepares his sermons, writing extended notes or sermons in full, but preaches without notes.

He is a very effective preacher and a most diligent pastor. With continued health and consecration he will render a great service to the Church and Kingdom.

REV. WATSON BOONE DUNCAN

Rev. Watson Boone Duncan, youngest child of Mr. J. D. F. Duncan and Mrs. Dulcemia Hopper Duncan, was born on his father's farm, near Blacksburg, York County, South Carolina, March 19, 1867. His parents were of Scotch descent. The first school he ever attended was one near his home and was taught by his father. He also attended this school when it was taught by Col. W. D. Camp.

He then entered the school at Black's (now Blacksburg) which was taught by Prof. J. Emory Watson. Then he spent some time in the Broad River Academy where his older brother, Rev. Whiteford M. Duncan, was principal. Later on he attended the Blacksburg High School, of which Rev. J. A. White, of North Carolina, was principal. He then spent two years at Wofford College, pursuing the full course leading to the A. B. degree, but was compelled on account of defective eyes and depleted purse to abandon the college course before completing it.

But after leaving Wofford, his eyes greatly improved, and, securing a certificate from Dr. Carlisle, showing the work done while at Wofford, he matriculated with the Polytechnic College, in its correspondence department, and, after two years of hard study and rigid examinations, completed the A. B. course, receiving the degree. He then took the A. M. degree from Erskine College, doing the necessary work in the department of Philosophy under Dr. W. M. Grier and in the department of English literature, under Dr. J. J. McClain. He then took the A. M. course at Wofford College, doing
the necessary work in the departments of Philosophy, Science, History and Economics. He also took the four-year Chautauqua Literary and Scientific courses, receiving the diploma. Later on he did two years' work with Central University and, having received credit for post-graduate work already done, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from this institution.

Mr. Duncan was converted and joined the Church at the age of eleven, and at the age of fifteen realized that it would be his duty to preach the Gospel. He yielded without hesitation and began to prepare for the work. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1887, at Spartanburg, Bishop H. N. McTyeire presiding. The class joining that year consisted of the following: Robt. L. Holroyd, Alston B. Earle, Wesley E. Barre, James W. Kilgo, John L. Harley, Robt. A. Yongue, Samuel T. Blackman, J. Pierce Attaway, Washington L. Wait and James E. Mahaffey.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener at Camden, in November, 1889, and was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Granberry, at Darlington, in December, 1891.

His appointments have been as follows: Oakland Circuit, 1888; Wedgefield Circuit, 1889; Cartersville, 1890; Timmonsville, 1891-2; Kinston, 1890-5; Allendale, 1896-8; St. George, 1899-1900; First Church, Laurens, 1901-4; St. John's Rock Hill, 1905-7; First Church, Sumter, 1908; Bethel, Charleston, 1909-12; St. Paul's, Orangeburg, 1913.

On February 6, 1889, Mr. Duncan was married to Miss Lizzie Huggins, daughter of Dr. Herman H. Huggins, and Mrs. Louise Gary Huggins, of Manning, S. C. Their first child died in infancy. The names of those living are Rev. Watson Boone Duncan, Jr., who at this writing is serving his first year in the South Carolina Conference, Miss Elizabeth Louise Duncan, and Herman Franklin Duncan.

Mr. Duncan writes for several papers and magazines. His published works are: "Baptism," "Our Vows," "Twentieth Century Sketches," "Immortality and Modern Thought," and "Studies in Methodist Literature." For some time he has been at work on a "History of South Carolina Methodism," which he hopes to have ready soon. For some time he prepared the Sunday School Lessons for the Southern Christian Advocate.

He has served on various boards and committees in the Conference. For a while he was a trustee of Lander College. He is now president of the Legal Conference, is chairman of the Board of Finance and is Chairman of the Committee of the First Year. He was a delegate to the First General Missionary Conference of our Church, held in New Orleans, in 1901. He has twice delivered the annual address before the Historical Society of the Conference.

He is a Past Chancellor Commander in the Knights of Pythias, is King in the Royal Arch Chapter of Masons, is Deputy Master in Petros Council, is a Woodman, an Odd Fellow and a member of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics.

Mr. Duncan is frequently called upon for sermons and addresses for commencements and other special occasions. Among his favorite addresses and lectures are the following:


REV. WATSON B. DUNCAN, JR.

Rev. Watson Boone Duncan, Jr., is the son of Rev. Watson Boone Duncan and Mrs. Lizzie Huggins Duncan. He was born in the parsonage at Timmonsville, South Carolina, July 17, 1892, while his father was pastor there. His early education was obtained in the graded schools at St. George, Laurens, and Rock Hill. He had one year in the Sumter High School. He spent one year in the College of Charleston and three months in Wofford College. Having decided to study Law, he matriculated in the Law department of Vanderbilt University. While here he attended the closing service of the Tennessee Conference, held in McKendree Church on Sunday night. At that service he had an overwhelming spiritual experience that changed the whole current of his life. When he was born, his parents laid him upon God’s altar and ever entertained a silent hope that he would be called to preach the Gospel. With that experience in McKendree Church in Nashville, came the unmistakable call to preach. He immediately transferred to the Biblical department of Vanderbilt, where he remained until his nervous system gave way somewhat under the strain of study and extra work, when he came home.

Mr. Duncan was licensed to preach by the Orangeburg District Conference held in Holly Hill, S. C., in May, 1913. From that time till the session of the Annual Conference he served the Elliott Street Church, Orangeburg, S. C., as supply.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at the session held in Rock Hill, S. C., November, 1913, Bishop A. W.
REV. WADDY T. DUNCAN.

Rev. Waddy Thompson Duncan, son of Mr. Benjamin Franklin Duncan and Mrs. T. Emiline Duncan, was born May 18, 1867, in Anderson County, South Carolina. His parents were of Scotch-Irish extraction.

After having been trained in the home and in the primary schools of the county, he was sent to Patrick Military Institute. After his course here, he entered Wofford College, from which institution he graduated in June, 1894.

Before Mr. Duncan's health became so greatly impaired, there was, perhaps no young man among us with a more promising career. Blessed with a fine physique, a strong mind and a clear religious experience, and, coupled with these qualifications, was the irresistible impression of a Divine call to preach. But for a few years his health has been so impaired that he has been somewhat limited in his achievements. His many friends hope he will soon be fully restored to health and that he will be able to yet realize a long life of great usefulness. He is a forceful preacher, his sermons, which are thoroughly prepared, evidencing deep thought and much meditation.

After due process of preparation, Mr. Duncan was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial in December, 1894, with Martin L. Banks, Connor B. Burns, Robert C. Boulware, Henry J. Cauthen, William S. Goodwin, Edward S. Jones, William A. Kelly, Stephen A. Nettles, W. A. Pitts, John R. Sojourner, W. J. Snyder and Preston B. Wells.

He has served the following charges: South Anderson Circuit, Smithville Circuit, McCormick Circuit, Donald's Circuit, St. John's, in Rock Hill, Bamberg, Cokesbury District, Sumter District, Wallalla Station and Chester Circuit.

Mr. Duncan was licensed to preach just before his graduation at Wofford College, Dr. John C. Kilgo being the Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery, in 1896, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, in 1898. On December 15, 1898, he was married to Miss Rebecca F. Green, of Sumter County. She is the only daughter of Dr. Henry D. Green and the granddaughter of the Rev. H. D. Green, one of the pioneers of Methodism in South Carolina and one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have three children—Waddy Thompson, Jr., Lalla Coachman, and Rebecca Allston.

For some time Mr. Duncan was a trustee of Wofford College and also a member of the Board of Managers of the Epworth Orphanage.
REV. GEORGE E. EDWARDS.

Rev. George Emory Edwards is one of the choice young men of the South Carolina Conference. He is of Scotch-Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. David Samuel Edwards and Mrs. Martha Rebecca Carmichael, of Marion (now Dillon) County, South Carolina.

He was educated in the common schools of the country and at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., where he graduated in the class of 1899.

After leaving college, he taught the Dothan High School for two years. While teaching at Dothan, S. C., he felt called to preach the Gospel, and yielded at once. He decided the question on Friday and preached twice on Sunday. On the following Sunday, he was licensed to exhort, and was appointed as assistant to Rev. J. A. Campbell, on the Little Rock Circuit, teaching during the week and preaching on Sunday.

He served in this capacity from February to December, 1901.

Mr. Edwards was licensed to preach at Conway, South Carolina, in May, 1901. He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Columbia, South Carolina, in December, 1901, Bishop C. B. Galloway presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. Coke Smith, at Greenville, South Carolina, in December, 1903, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Columbia, South Carolina, in December, 1906.

He has served the following charges: O'Neal Street, Newberry, 1902-3; Pelzer Station, 1904-7; Conway Station, 1908-10; Abbeville, Station, 1911; Bishopville Station, 1912-14.

While at Pelzer, Mr. Edwards built a new Sunday school room, at Conway he built a new church, and at Bishopville he has just completed a handsome church, costing $40,000.

On February 14, 1904, he was married to Miss Julia Hastings Moore, of Greenville, South Carolina. They have three children—Sarah Elizabeth, Julia Moore and Rebecca Carmichael.

Mr. Edwards is a faithful pastor and a popular preacher.

Of studious habits, he gives much attention to the preparation of his sermons, which are delivered with ease and effectiveness.
REV. J. W. ELKINS.

John William Elkins was born in Richland County, S. C., December 7, 1858. He is the eldest son of John A. and Mary A. Elkins. The family is of English descent, and was represented in the American Revolutionary War. He was educated in the private schools of Columbia and at Vanderbilt University, remaining in that institution three years, the last year taking the course of two years. While a student at Vanderbilt, he was sent, during vacation, by Bishop McIntyre, to Waynesville Circuit, to take the place of the Rev. James L. Kennedy, who went as a missionary to Brazil. This circuit had ten churches and Brother Elkins served the work afoot. After he left Vanderbilt, he served a union Church on Sullivan's Island.

From early childhood, he felt that he must preach the Gospel. At the age of fifteen the impression became irresistible. Having felt divinely impressed with a call to preach the Gospel, he responded promptly. His license to preach bears the signature of Dr. E. J. Meynardie, Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial, into the South Carolina Conference, at Greenville, in December, 1882. Since then, he has served the following charges: 1883, West Lancaster Circuit; 1884-5, Cheraw Station; 1886, Mars Bluff Station; 1887, Williston Circuit; 1888, Blackburg Circuit; 1889, Lexington Fork Circuit; 1890-1, Round O Circuit; 1892, St. George's Circuit; 1893-4, Bamberg Station; 1895, Seneca and Walhalla Station; 1896-8, Bishopville Station; 1899-1902, Conway Station; 1903, Donald's Circuit; 1904, Clifton and Pacolet; 1905, Clifton and Glendale; 1906, Duncan and Saxon; 1907, Buffalo and Bethel; 1908-10, Hampton; 1911-14, Ridgeville. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener and Elder by Bishop J. C. Granbery.

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

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

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

Mr. Elkins, being of scholarly tastes, uses a considerable amount of poetry and blank verse for the enforcement of truth. He has devoted much time to the study of the Bible in Hebrew, Greek, and other languages.
Mr. Etheredge felt the call to preach when a child, and used to "play preaching" with one of his playmates; both of them entered the ministry. When fifteen years of age, he became afflicted with rheumatism and did not walk for two years, and during that time he thought over his call a great deal. But at an early age, he began teaching and did not make a final decision till the year 1906. There was nothing startling or exciting about the call, but a steady, growing conviction that settled firmly in his consciousness before the final decision was made. He naturally had a struggle with the call, but there was not a time when he tried very hard to get out of preaching; what he prayed hardest over was to be sure of his Divine call. His people and friends were not surprised at his step, although he had never told anybody about the call before the decision was made.

Mr. Etheredge was licensed to preach at Florence, S. C., by the special committee on November 6, 1906. He held his membership at Johnston, but transferred it to Tatum where he was teaching. Thus it was that Rev. A. T. Dunlap was his pastor and Rev. W. P. Meadors was his Presiding Elder. His license was signed by this faithful servant of the Church. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at its session at Gaffney, in 1907, Bishop Morrison presiding. Those who joined with him were: J. H. Brown, F. E. Dibble, J. G. Farr, W. S. Myers, J. H. Montgomery, W. C. Kelley, W. H. Polk, H. L. Powell, and J. M. Collins. Before the first Conference year closed, Collins was called home and the next year Powell went as a missionary to Cuba. He was ordained Deacon at Abbeville, in December, 1908, by our beloved Bishop Wilson. He was unwell and could not deliver his address to the class, but the whole class remembers one expression he used in his short talk: "Young brethren, if you ever measure up to the requirements of a minister of the Lord Jesus Christ, it will require unbroken communion with God." To witness the feeble old man going from one to the other in the act of ordination, was a sight not to be forgotten. He was ordained Elder at Bennettsville in December, 1911, by Bishop Kilgo, the sermon being preached by Rev. R. E. Stockhouse, D. D.

He has served the following charges: McCell Mission, 1907; Cartersville, 1908; Mt. Pleasant, 1909-10; Shandon, Columbia, 1911-12; Aiken, 1913. At the session of Conference at Rock Hill, he was appointed to the Lamar charge.

Mr. Etheredge taught school eight years, four years of the time being in Georgia, in Bulloch County, where he was principal of the Metter Graded School. His last school was the Marlboro High School, Tatum, S. C. When a child, he was called a "bookworm"; from earliest childhood, books have been his companions. In the year
1910, he took a trip abroad as a means of education. He visited the principal cities of Europe, especially those of religious significance. Since entering the ministry he has done some work with boys through the Boy Scout movement, and is known wherever he has worked as the boys' friend. Some of the most lasting friends he has are among those whose lives he touched when they were boys, and helped them past life's cross-roads.

Mr. Etheredge has never gone before people with an unprepared sermon. He gathers all the information possible on a subject, then writes all his sermons. He makes no claims to oratory. His messages are delivered quietly and in a thoughtful manner. The sermons he gives do not always arouse the emotions, but he gives the people something to think about all the week. He goes among his people, studies their needs, learns to sympathize with them and love them, and then puts his heart in his sermons as well as his intellect. He is usually successful with revival meetings. He does not attempt to have a "rousing" time, but attempts to bring about the revival spirit in the Church before the special meeting is announced.

On March 19, 1913, he was married to Miss Rassie Mae Watson, of Darlington County, the ceremony being performed by Rev. R. C. Boulware, assisted by Rev. B. G. Murphy. His wife is all that one could expect in the wife of an itinerant preacher's companion.

Mr. Etheredge has a genial disposition and makes many friends wherever he goes. His religion is full of sunshine rather than sadness and his preaching is cheering rather than funereal.

REV. DANIEL HAMER EVERETT.

Rev. Daniel Hamer Everett is the son of Mr. Elijah Everett and Mrs. Martha Ann Hamer Everett. He was born in Richmond County, North Carolina, June 22, 1865.

After attending the country schools for several years, he entered the preparatory department of Wofford College and spent one year there. This was when he was nineteen years old. Leaving Wofford College, he entered Trinity College, Durham, N. C., and spent one year and a half there.

From the time of his conversion, which occurred in 1884, he had felt the call to preach, but he did not yield until 1886, and then was unwilling to make an unconditional surrender. As a result of this indecision in so vital a matter, he felt a decline in his religious life. He was reclaimed in 1891, and, after an afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, he yielded to the call.

Mr. Everett was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Blenheim charge, November 5, 1892. He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Columbia, S. C., in 1906, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

He was elected local Deacon at the Conference of 1896, but, being unable to attend, he was not ordained until the next session, which was held in Florence in 1897, when he was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan. He was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Columbia, in December, 1906.

Mr. Everett has served the following charges: Liberty Circuit, 1907-8; Clyde Circuit, (now McBee) 1909; Jordan Circuit, 1910; Galivant’s Circuit, 1911-13; Latta Circuit, 1914.
He is a Past Master of a Masonic Lodge and a Past Chancellor Commander of a Knights of Pythias Lodge.

On March 27, 1889, he was married to Miss Annie Campbell, of Bennettsville, S. C. They have one child—Annie Clare, who at this writing is in Lander College.

Mr. Everett has a good library, especially of reference books. He takes many magazines and keeps up with current literature. He thoroughly prepares his sermons and rarely ever uses notes in delivery. His sermons are practical and are calculated to aid the hearers in translating the Gospel into daily life.

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REV. WM. A. FAIRY.

Rev. William A. Fairy was born in the town of St. George’s, on May 4, 1872. He was blessed with Christian parents, who strove to give the boy correct ideas of religion and of the Church. He is the son of Mr. William Arthur Fairy and Mrs. Madeleine Martha (Minus) Fairy. Having been reared in such a home, he was soon led to think of joining the Church. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the ministry of Rev. Paul F. Kistler, that faithful servant of God. In October, 1889, at Cypress Campmeeting in the Charleston District, he was deeply convicted for sin and was soundly converted to God. His conversion was so genuine and convincing that no doubt was entertained as to its reality.

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

He was educated in the graded schools of his native town, and then spent one year at Wofford College. On April 10, 1903, while a student at college, he was licensed to preach. Soon after, he was employed as junior preacher on the Johnsonville Circuit, in the Florence District, with Rev. J. E. Rushton as preacher in charge. During the year 1894 he was employed as a supply for the Hendersonville Circuit, in the Charleston District. The following three years were spent at Port Royal. In December, 1897, he was admitted on trial

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Greenwood, December 11, 1898, and Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Columbia, S. C., December 1, 1901.

He has served the following charges: Port Royal, 1898; Duncan Church, Spartanburg, 1899-1901; Magnolia Street, Sumter, 1902; Blackstock, 1903; Richburg, 1904-7; Lancaster, 1908; Kingstree, 1909-1912; Walterboro, 1913; Clinton, 1914.

The handsome churches at Lancaster and Kingstree were built during his pastorate at these places. He is now building a very beautiful church at Clinton.

Mr. Fairy served on the Sunday School Board, 1910-14; on the Committee of Examination for Fourth Year, 1907-10; and on the Committee of Examination for the Third Year, 1911-14.

On December 16, 1897, he was married to Miss Julia R. Rabner, of Augusta, Ga. They have four children—Arthur Claudius, Ruth Castleberry, Julie Madeline and Marjorie Jean.

Mr. Fairy is a man of fine sensibilities, good judgment, and amiable qualities. He is an excellent preacher and helpful pastor. He is a man of studious habits. His sermons are thoroughly prepared and are delivered in an easy and effective style. He is a high-toned Christian gentleman.

**REV. JOHN G. FARR.**

Rev. John Good Farr is the son of Mr. D. J. Farr and Mrs. Ellen Farr and was born in York County, South Carolina, November 1, 1866.

He attended the common schools of the country and then took a business course and entered business. In childhood, while listening to a sermon, the first he distinctly remembers, he felt that he would some day be a preacher of the Gospel.

He was licensed to preach in the year 1892. He was ordained local Deacon by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Columbia, South Carolina, December 1, 1901. He was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Columbia, S. C., in December, 1906.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Gaffney, S. C., November, 1907, Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding. Mr. Farr supplied Kelton Circuit for 1906-7. Since being received into the Conference he has served as follows: Green Street, Union, 1908-10; Bethlehem Circuit, Darlington County, 1911-14.

He was County Auditor for Union County, S. C., for twelve years.

Mr. Farr has been twice married. In 1885 he was married to Miss Addie Newberry, of Union County, S. C. Of this union nine children were born. Seven of these are living—Mamie, Melvin B., Harley, Perrin, Vera, Eloise and Lilian.

On April 14, 1910, he married Miss Arizona Williams, of Spartanburg, S. C. Of this union, one child was born—John Good, Jr., who died in infancy.

Mr. Farr is an excellent man and is doing a splendid work. The Lord blesses the ministry of this good man.
REV. CHARLES S. FELDER.

The subject of this sketch is of German and English descent. His full name is Rev. Charles Shuford Felder. He is the son of Mr. Charles Richard Felder and Mrs. Mary Shuford Felder, and was born near Pinewood, in Clarendon County, June 24, 1878.

His first educational training was received in the common schools. He then attended the graded school at Summerton, S. C., after which he spent one year at the Carlisle School, at Bamberg, S. C. This was followed by three years at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C.

Young Felder was converted at the age of fifteen years and felt even then the impression that he would be called to preach. This impression deepened with the passing years until it became imperatively. Mr. Felder was licensed to preach at Florence, S. C., under Rev. Dr. A. J. Stokes, Presiding Elder. He served as a supply for one year. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Spartanburg, S. C., in December, 1905, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. C. Morrison at Gaffney, S. C., November 30, 1907, and Elder by Bishop W. A. Wilson, at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1909.

Mr. Felder has served the following charges: Providence Circuit, Sumter District, as supply, 1905; Richland Circuit, 1906-8; Gilchrist Circuit, 1909-12; Graniteville Circuit, 1913-14.

He has been twice married. On March 22, 1905, he was married to Miss Edith Coskrey, of Clarendon County, S. C. Of this union one child was born—Mary Louise. This wife died June 29, 1908.

On January 4, 1910, he was married to Miss Annie Louise Coskrey, of Clarendon County, S. C. Of this union two sons have been born—William Charles Richard, who died September 29, 1912, and William Coskrey.

Mr. Felder is an energetic pastor and a good, helpful preacher. His work is of the abiding kind.

REV. J. T. FOWLER.

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

He was reared and educated in his native county under teachers, as follows: W. B. Lemmons, Rev. J. D. Bailey and Prof. E. R. Aycock. For several years he was very successful as teacher in the common schools of the county. When he was about twenty-six years of age, his heart was won by the winsome, affectionate character of Miss Minnie Bishop, whom he wedded at Foster's Chapel, April 14, 1897. Of this union, three children have been born—Ruby Thedis, Minnie Opal, and James Thomas, Jr.

He was converted and joined the Church under the preaching of Revs. D. P. Boyd and M. B. Kelly. After his conversion he was called by the Holy Ghost to preach but resisted and went back into the world, but was reclaimed in 1897, under the preaching of Rev. John L. Harley, and the influence of this scribe. Thereafter he was impressed more than ever, if possible, by the Holy Ghost of the call to preach, which he obeyed in 1898, when he was licensed to preach. During the summers of 1899 and 1900 he was remarkably successful in protracted meetings where sinners were convicted and mourners converted and believers edified.

He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Chester, December, 1900. He was ordained Deacon at Greenville, December, 1903; and ordained Elder at Columbia, December, 1906.

Mr. Fowler has served the following charges: Laurens Mills,
Brother Fowler, being a man of studious habits and close application, and having quick perception of his Lord's will, promises much for Methodism and Christianity in South Carolina. His style of preaching is plain, practical and positive.

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

His father was that true man of God and the Church, Thos. W. Fridy. His mother was Frances Katherine, daughter of John and Nancy Lever, two of nature's noblest productions. To this union there were born seven sons and two daughters. James Marion was the third son and child.

When the husband was at the front in the civil strife, in the defense of his country and rights, the mother never failed to call her little children together, morning and evening, for prayer.

Thus began the young life of this boy, under blessed home influences. He was converted when about eight years of age, and joined the Church under the ministry of the late Rev. A. J. Cauthen. While quite young he felt the call to preach and it was so distinct that he never doubted it.

He was licensed to preach while a student at Wofford College. The Quarterly Conference which granted the license, though of Central Church was, through courtesy, held in the living room of Mrs.
Betsy Wright and was presided over by Rev. H. M. Mood. Rev. H. B. Browne was licensed to preach at the same time.

He had the advantage of such schools as the neighborhood afforded. In October, 1874, he entered the preparatory school at Wofford College, and in October, 1875, he matriculated in college, graduating with his class in June, 1879. He entered the South Carolina Conference in December, 1879, at the session held in Charleston, the last session of our Conference presided over by Bishop Wightman. At the end of one year he was elected to Deacon's orders, and ordained by Bishop Wightman at his own house in Charleston, Dr. S. A. Weber assisting, there being no Bishop at the Marion Conference. He was ordained Elder by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, at Greenville, S. C., December, 1882.

At the end of this first year he was married to Miss Emma K. Rabb, December 23rd, 1880, this union being blessed with four sons and four daughters—Lander Boyd, Maida Alliene, James Marion, Jr., Jennie Louise, Katie Leonell, Lawrence Rabb, Wofford Carlisle and Emma King.

He has served on the following charges: Junior preacher with Rev. J. Marion Boyd, on Rock Hill Circuit, 1880; Conway Station, 1881; Cainhoy Circuit, 1882-3; North Laurens Circuit, 1884-5; South Union Circuit, 1886-9; supernumerary, 1890-3; Cherokee Circuit, 1894-7; Enoree Circuit, 1898-9; Clinton Circuit, 1900-02; Chester Circuit, 1903-6; McCormick Circuit, 1907-98; Newberry Circuit, 1909-12; Whitmire Circuit, 1913-14.

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

REV. JOSEPH A. GRAHAM

Rev. Joseph Alexander Graham is of German descent. He is the son of Mr. Joseph A. Graham and Mrs. Sophia Graham, and was born December 3, 1867, at Salisbury, N. C.

In his boyhood, he attended the common schools of the community. After attending a high school, he taught until he was twenty years old. He graduated from North Carolina College in June, 1892, having paid by teaching before he entered college, and during his course in college.

When he was about fifteen years old, he felt called to preach.

Having been reared a Lutheran, it was Mr. Graham's purpose to take a course at the seminary. This account for the long delay of ten years before entering the work.

Rev. Marion Dargan found him at Union, Chesterfield County, and laid hands on him and pressed him into service. Mr. Graham was licensed to preach at Lake City, S. C., in April, 1901. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1901. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. Coke Smith, at Greenville, S. C., December, 1903, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Warren A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., in December, 1905.

He served the Rome charge as a supply from May to November, 1901. Since being received into the Conference he has served as follows: Rome, 1902; Centenary, 1903; Edgewood, 1904-6; Norway, 1907-9; Jefferson, 1911-12; Leesville Circuit, 1913; Rowesville, 1914.

Mr. Graham taught school for seventeen years. For five years he was principal of high schools in Darlington County, and for four years he was principal of the graded schools of Salisbury, N. C.
On June 25, 1895, he was married to Miss Queen McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, of Clyde, N. C. They have seven living children—Mary Lawson, Joseph Osborne, Arthur Franklin, Daisy Elizabeth, Carl Morrison, Simon Nelson, and Grace Miller. One child—John Maland—died at the age of ten months.

Mr. Graham carefully looks after the demands upon him as pastor. He is thorough in the preparation of his sermons. His delivery is earnest and fervid.

Rev. John H. Graves

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

Having received his primary training in education, he entered the Abbeville High School, where he was prepared for college. He then matriculated at the Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., where he remained one year. He spent part of two years at Vanderbilt University, and did one year of special work in Union Theological Seminary, New York.

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

At the session of the South Carolina Conference held in Greenwood, December, 1898, Brother Graves, with O. M. Abney, R. W. Humphries, E. Z. James, J. L. Mullinix, J. E. Strickland and J. B. Weldon, was received on trial. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, at Chester, in 1900, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Newberry, in 1902.

Mr. Graves has served the following charges: Smithville Circuit, 1899-1900; Antreville, 1901; Greenwood and Abbeville Mills, 1902-3; O'Neal Street, Newberry, 1904-5; student at Vanderbilt and pastor part of time at Marion, 1906; student at Vanderbilt and pastor at Bethel, Charleston, part of the year, 1907; Clemson College, 1908-9; Spring Street, Charleston, 1910; student Union Theological Seminary, 1911; Latta Circuit, 1912-13; Timmonsville and Pisgah, 1914.

The new church enterprise at Clemson College was launched during his pastorate there.

On December 29, 1911, Mr. Graves was married to Miss Anna E. Connor, of Branchville, S. C. He postponed marriage in order that he might do University work. By the way, does Mr. Graves not hold the record for "single blessedness" in the active ranks? Mr. and Mrs. Graves have one child—John Hagan, Jr., born November 29, 1913.

Mr. Graves is an aggressive man and a splendid preacher. He is a good "mixer" and makes many strong friends wherever he serves.
REV. BELLINGER J. GUESS

Rev. Bellinger Joseph Guess is the son of Mr. Joseph Gordan Hamilton Guess and Mrs. Katherine (Barre) Guess, and was born near Leesville, S. C., February 27, 1862.

His preparatory education was obtained in the school at Graham's, near Denmark, S. C. He afterward attended Wofford College for one year.

When only a lad, he felt the call to preach, and this impression was deepened through the years until there came a time when he felt that not to accept the call would result in spiritual disaster to himself.

Mr. Guess was licensed to exhort at old Binneker's Camp Ground, in August, 1878, Rev. William Martin being the Presiding Elder.

He was licensed to preach in April, 1879, Rev. Manning Brown being the Presiding Elder. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Charleston, S. C., in December, 1879, Bishop William May Wightman presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, in Sumter, S. C., in December, 1883, and Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Houston, Texas, in 1887.

With the exception of the year spent at Wofford College, 1881, and one year as local preacher, 1884, Mr. Guess has been in active work since 1879. In December, 1887, at the request of Bishop W. W. Duncan, he was transferred to the Texas Conference and remained there for thirteen years, returning to South Carolina in 1900.

He has served the following charges in South Carolina: Black Swamp, Williston and Blackville, Seneca, Kingstree, New Zion, Hartsville, Johnston, Latta, Dunean (Spartanburg), and Ehrhardt.

While in Texas he served several important charges.

He has served faithfully on various boards and committees in the Conference.

In May, 1899, Mr. Guess was married to Miss Willie Dechard, of Houston, Texas. To them five children have been born, all of whom are living—Joseph Dechard, Clarence Douglas, Katherine Eloise, Robert Bellinger and Earle Barre.

Mr. Guess is a quiet, unassuming gentleman. He is a good preacher and helpful pastor. His work abides.

REV. ALBERT M. GARDNER

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Albert M. Gardner, is the son of Mr. Philip Henry Gardner and Mrs. Jane Gardner.

He was born near Long Pine Church, in Anson County, North Carolina, November 8, 1887. His preparatory education was obtained in the public schools of Anson County, N. C., and Chesterfield County, S. C. After this, he entered Leesville College, Leesville, S. C., where he spent three years.

He was converted under the ministry of Rev. R. R. Dagnall, when the latter was pastor of the Chesterfield Circuit. Soon thereafter, he felt deeply impressed with the Divine call to preach, and Paul like, realized that it would be "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel."

Mr. Gardner was licensed to exhort under the ministry of Rev. J. P. Attaway. He was licensed to preach by the Tampa District Conference, Florida, in 1904. He served the Kathleen Mission as supply for one year. In 1905, he was received into the Florida Conference at Ocala, Florida, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Tampa, Fla., in 1907, and Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Charleston, S. C., December, 1910.

While in Florida, he served as follows: Supply, Kathleen Mission, 1905; Orees Circuit, 1906; Miakka Circuit, 1907.

Since his transfer to the South Carolina Conference, he has served as follows: Cartersville Circuit, 1908; Timmonsville Circuit, 1909; O'Neal Street, Newberry, 1910-13.

He has had some experience in teaching in the public schools.

Mr. Gardner married Miss May L. Davis, daughter of Mr. W. B. Davis, of Chesterfield, S. C. They have two living children—Carlos O., and William Shelley. Their first-born, Ruby May, died in infancy.

He has no particular method of making sermons. He tries always to get a message and to deliver it with effect.

His preparatory education was obtained in the school at Graham's, near Denmark, S. C. He afterward attended Wofford College for one year.

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REV. WILLIAM B. GARRETT, JR.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. William Butler Garrett, Jr., is, of Scotch-Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. William Butler Garrett, Sr., and Mrs. Isabella Yeargin Garrett. He was born near Fountain Inn, S. C., on August 3, 1887.

His preparatory education was obtained at the common schools of the country and at the Fountain Inn High School.

In 1905, he entered Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and graduated in June, 1908. After teaching two years, he entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University where he spent two years, 1910-12.

Mr. Garrett was fortunate in having religious parents, who made the spiritual atmosphere of the home such that it was not difficult for even the lad to be impressed with the call to preach.

From childhood he felt that he must preach. Finally, in the summer of 1909, he made the decision to preach. He was licensed to preach at Sumter, S. C., in April, 1910, Rev. W. T. Duncan, Presiding Elder. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at Anderson, S. C., in December, 1912, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He has served the Bethel and Poe Charge in the Greenville District, for 1913-14.

Mr. Garrett was principal of the Little Rock School 1908-9, and was principal of the Pinewood Graded School 1909-10.

On December 27, 1911, he was married to Miss Lora Leonard, daughter of Mr. Benjamin Leonard and Mrs. Emma Leonard. They have one child—William Butler, born August 8, 1913.
**REV. WILLIAM F. GAULT**

Rev. William Forney Gault is the son of Mr. Zebulun Worth Gault and Mrs. Frances Madora (Holmes) Gault. His father was of Dutch and English descent and his mother of Irish and English.

The subject of our sketch was born at Wilkinsville, S. C., September 14, 1880.

After the usual preparatory training he entered Leesville College, Leesville, S. C., and finished the course there in 1909.

From early youth, Mr. Gault felt the Divine call to preach. He was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District Conference, on May 22, 1912.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference at Anderson, S. C., December, 1912, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He was appointed to Buffalo and Green Street Charge, and at this writing is serving his second year there.

With a consecrated spirit and a strong faith in the leadership of the Holy Spirit, he will succeed in the work upon which he has entered.

**REV. LEO D. GILLESPIE**

Rev. Leo Darby Gillespie, son of Mr. James Monroe Gillespie and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Ellis) Gillespie, is of Scotch-Irish descent, both parents having Scotch and Irish blood in their veins. He was born five miles west of Pickens, S. C., February 7, 1878.

His preparatory education was obtained in the public schools of the country. This was followed by an irregular course at Clemson College. He subsequently took the LL. B. degree at the University of South Carolina.

Before he was fifteen years old, Mr. Gillespie had a distinct impression that he should preach, but by the time he was twenty years old, he determined he would not preach. This rejection of a divinely imposed task led to spiritual declension. In fact, he sought in skepticism rest for a disturbed conscience. The warning of a young Christian friend recalled him and duty prevailed. He was licensed to preach by the Greenville District Conference in July, 1904, and was received into the Conference on trial at Darlington, S. C., in December of the same year, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.


He has served the following charges: Fort Royal, 1904-6; Mount Pleasant, 1906-7; Edgefield, 1907-11; Shandon, Columbia, 1913-14. During the year 1912, he was on the supernumerary list recuperating from a severe attack of fever. For three months of the year...
he supplied St. Paul’s, Orangeburg, in the absence of the pastor, Dr. H. W. Bays.

On April 30, 1908, Mr. Gillespie was married to Miss Anna Moss Stokes, daughter of Gen. William Stokes, of Early Branch, S. C. They have three children—Mary Elizabeth, Alice Helen and James Stokes.

He is a member of the Conference Sunday School Board, and is a member of the Executive Committee of the Wesley Bible Class Federation of South Carolina.

Mr. Gillespie taught school for several years. While at Clemson, he won the “Chronicle Prize Story” Medal in 1900. While at the University of South Carolina, he represented the Clariosophic at the Inter-Society Debate and his side won.

He has been given to much reading since childhood. He has his own peculiar method of sermon making. His sermons are a growth, are well prepared, and pleasantly delivered. His sermons are largely exegetical.

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REV. FREDERICK L. GLENNAN, PH. B.

Rev. Frederick Latine Glennan, son of Mr. John C. Glennan, who was originally from Brooklyn, N. Y., and Mrs. Fannie E. Glennan, who was the daughter of Mr. Lewis and Mrs. Lucy Mantague, of Petersburg, Va., was born July 16, 1878, in Raleigh, N. C.

He was trained in the graded schools until he was thirteen years old. At this age he was compelled to leave school and provide for his mother, who was left a widow. In September, 1901, he entered Emory College, Oxford, Ga., and graduated therefrom in 1906, with the Ph. B. degree.

His call to the ministry is an interesting story. In the summer of 1901, he was engaged in selling the “Royal Scroll” in Arkansas. The Spirit of God moved mightily upon him, enforcing without ceasing, a passage of Scripture found in Isaiah, 61:1-2. At last he yielded to the call of the Spirit and wrote to a former pastor, Rev. Dr. J. W. Heidt, who was Assistant Editor of the “Wesleyan Christian Advocate,” Atlanta, Ga. Dr. Heidt urged Mr. Glennan by all means to enter Emory College that fall. He did so, feeling that in connection with the call to preach had also come the opportunity to prepare to preach. He paid his way through each session by canvassing during the vacation.

He was licensed to preach during his Junior year at Emory by the Oxford District Conference, North Georgia Conference.

After his graduation, Mr. Glennan went to Florida, at the request of Rev. Dr. J. P. Hilburn, Presiding Elder of the Jacksonville District. He was received into the Florida Conference in December, 1906,
Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding. While in this State, he met Miss Aubrey L. Johnson, youngest daughter of General and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of Bartow, Fla. He and Miss Johnson were happily married in September, 1910.

While in the Florida Conference, he served the following charges: Green Cove Springs Circuit, 1907; South Jacksonville and Parker Street, 1908; Lemon City Circuit, 1909; Port Tampa and Selma Avenue, 1910-11.

Since his transfer to the South Carolina Conference, he has served as follows: Van Wyck Mission, 1912; Fort Mill Circuit, 1913; Little Rock Circuit, 1914.

Mr. Glennan seems to be well equipped for his great work, and South Carolina gives him a most hearty welcome.

**REV. THOMAS W. GODBOLD**

Rev. Thomas Washington Godbold has good blood in his veins—He is the son of Mr. Francis Marion Godbold and Mrs. Alpha Vance Godbold. His father was the son of Mr. Ass Godbold, of Marion, S. C., and his mother was the daughter of Mr. John Vance, of Cokesbury, Abbeville County, S. C.

The subject of this sketch was born on May 14, 1868, near the town of Cokesbury, S. C.

He attended the best common and high schools of the country in his day and spent one year in the University of South Carolina, taking the Elective Course. He had some experience as teacher in the common schools.

In due time, Mr. Godbold was married to Miss Eliza Tatum, of Marion, S. C., formerly of Alabama. Of this union ten children have been born, nine of whom are still living.

From early childhood, Mr. Godbold had an impression that his life would be given to the Christian ministry, or to some special form of Christian activity. The definite call to preach, however, did not come until he was about twenty-five years old. Even then, the call was resisted for about ten years. In the meantime, he was engaged in Christian activity, such as conducting prayer service, and other religious exercises in which he made definite effort to teach men the way of eternal life.

Mr. Godbold was licensed to preach in 1905. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held in Columbia, in 1906, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. Those joining with him were: D. H. Everett, H. B. Hardy, J. K. Inabinet, J. T. Miller, T. W. Munnerlyn and J. R. Walker.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at the Conference at Laurens, in 1908, and was ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at the Conference in Charleston, in 1910.

He has served the following charges: Loris Circuit, as supply for 1906, and as a member on trial for 1907; Waccamaw, 1908; Jordan, 1909; Bethlehem, 1910; Edisto, 1911-12; Cameron, 1913-14.

Mr. Godbold is a man who ever strives to faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon him in the various pastoral relations. He is also a strong preacher.
REV. W. S. GOODWIN

Rev. William Smoak Goodwin, son of John Goodwin and Mary F. Goodwin (nee Smoak) was born near Smoaks, Colleton County, S. C., October 24, 1865. His father was of Irish descent and his mother was German. His educational advantages were only those of the country school. These, however, were by no means meagre. From about the year 1880 to 1890, at Little Swamp, competent teachers were employed and a first-class school maintained. Young Goodwin was permitted to attend this. Not least among these educational advantages was a number of well chosen books in the old home—most of them were read, and many of them re-read and digested. He took the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Course for two years. He also taught school for about ten years.

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

Mr. Goodwin was married, January 28, 1892, to Miss Josephine Dixon, of Colleton County. Their home is enlivened and brightened by five children—Carl Dixon, Maud Wilder, James William, Mary Frances and Grace.

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

Mr. Goodwin was appointed to the South Clarendon Mission in December, 1894. He served only one week here, and was transferred to the Bucksville Circuit for the year 1895, and was returned for 1896. His ministry there was attended with much success. Many bonds of friendship and interest began in those years that will last beyond this life. For the years 1897, 1898 and 1899, he served the North Marlboro Circuit. During the summer of 1897, a most interesting revival swept over this circuit. At least three hundred souls were converted, and one hundred and thirty were added to the Church. Since that he has served as follows: Ridgeway Circuit, 1900-01; Grover Circuit, 1902-4; Harleyville Circuit, 1905-6; Rome Circuit, 1907-8; Ridgeville Circuit, 1909-10; Norway Circuit, 1911-12; Richburg Circuit, 1913-14.

Mr. Goodwin’s ministry is characterized by a holy zeal that always insures success. He looks after the various interests of the charge committed to his care. His work to date indicates a future of great usefulness.
The subject of our sketch is of Scotch-Irish and English descent. Rev. Andrew Vandiver Harbin is the son of Mr. Andrew Vandiver Harbin and Mrs. Katheryn (Bramlett) Harbin, and was born in Greenville County, S. C., on October 20, 1868.

After having been trained in the common schools, he attended Patrick Military Institute, Greenville, S. C., for one year. He then spent two years at Wofford Fitting School, Spartanburg, S. C. From this institution he passed into Wofford College, and graduated therefrom in the Class of 1894.

Mr. Harbin's call to preach came to him immediately after his conversion at old Bethel Camp Meeting, in Greenville County, S. C.

He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Greenville Circuit, in November, 1893. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at the session held in Rock Hill, in 1895, Bishop C. B. Galloway presiding, and was transferred immediately to the Los Angeles Conference.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove in Los Angeles, Cal., in October, 1897, and Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Redlands, Cal., October, 1899.

Mr. Harbin spent five years in the Los Angeles Conference, three years in the Pacific Conference, three years in the West Texas Conference and two in the Mexican Mission Conference. While in Mexico, he was pastor of the American Church at San Luis Patosi for six years.

Since returning to South Carolina, he has served two years at Orrville in Anderson, two years at Pendleton, and one year at Central.

On June 24, 1905, Mr. Harbin was married to Miss Ivy Edwards, of Chico, Cal., a few days after her graduation from the Chico Normal School. They have five children—Mary Katheryn, Andrew Vandiver, James Edwards, Theodore McCravy and Seth Ward.

Mr. Harbin is diligent in his pastoral work and careful in the preparation of his sermons. He preaches without notes and his delivery is easy and effective.

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

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

He joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1880, N. B. Clarkson and John W. Neeley joining at the same time. Since his reception, he has served the following charges during the years indicated: Clinton Circuit, 1881-2; South Union Circuit, 1889-5; North Laurens Circuit, 1886; Loris Circuit, 1887-8; Richardsonville Circuit, 1889; Conway Circuit, 1890; Richland Circuit, 1891; Blackville Circuit, 1892; Boiling Springs Circuit, 1893; South Anderson Circuit, 1894; Greenville Circuit, 1895; Pickens Circuit, 1896-7; Lexington Circuit, 1898-9; Clyde Circuit, 1900-1901; Georgetown Circuit, 1902-3; Johnsonville Circuit, 1904-5; Brownville Circuit, 1906-7. At the close of 1907, he transferred to the Little Rock Conference. He returned to South Carolina in December, 1910, and has since served as follows: Waccamaw, 1911-12; Van Wyck, 1913; Blackstock, 1914.

Brother Harden was not only successful in leading souls to Christ while serving the above named charges, but was blessed with material prosperity as well. During his ministry, the parsonage on the South Union Circuit was finished and those on the Loris, the Richardsonville, the Richland, and the South Anderson Circuits were secured. His preaching has been blessed to the salvation of many, the Lord owning the labors of his servant.
On December 7, 1873, Brother Harden was married to Miss A. E. Stuart, of Anderson County, S. C., who has stood bravely by his side during these years of labor and trials. To them the following children have been born: Maud Letitia, Marion Bell and Wyman Wilson. The first, Maud Letitia, died September 27, 1886.

REV. HENRY GRADY HARDIN

Rev. Henry Grady Hardin comes of excellent families. He is the son of Dr. Edward K. Hardin and Mrs. Ida C. Hardin. His father is the son of Mr. Peter Hardin, of Chester, S. C., and his mother was Miss Ida Clinkscales, sister of Prof. John G. Clinkscales, of Wofford College. Mr. Hardin was born at Batesburg, S. C., February 27, 1890.

He was educated at the Batesburg High School and at Wofford College, graduating from the latter institution in the Class of 1911. At an early age he felt the call to preach, and as the years passed along the impression became more and more distinct, finally becoming irresistible. Mr. Hardin was licensed to preach by the Rock Hill District Conference at Winnsboro, S. C., in May, 1911. Even before this, he had been extensively engaged in public speaking and in conducting religious services. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Bennettsville, S. C., in December, 1911, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., in December, 1913.

He has served the following charges: Clover Circuit, 1912-13; Denmark, 1914.

On December 10, 1913, Mr. Hardin was married to Miss Olive Walker, of Yorkville, S. C.

He is a close student, his sermons are well prepared and eloquently delivered. He has a bright future before him.
REv. HENRY B. HARDY.

Rev. Henry Bascom Hardy, who was named for Bishop H. B. Bascom, is of English and German descent. He is the son of Mr. Jones Pinekey Hardy and Mrs. Laura S. (West) Hardy, the former English and the latter German. He was born at Leesville, S. C., April 2, 1883. His family having moved to Johnston when he was two years old, he received his preparatory education in the Johnston graded schools. After this, he entered Lee­sville College, Leevesville, S. C., and graduated therefrom in 1903, With the A. B. degree. (This institution at that time was authorized to confer degrees, but that has since been changed.) He spent the scholastic year 1905-6 in the Biblical department of Vanderbilt University.

The story of Mr. Hardy's call to preach is an interesting one. He was out on his father's farm, studying earnestly for an examination for a Government position. A revival was in progress at old Bethlehem Church on the Saluda Circuit. His Sunday school teacher was praying earnestly for the young man's conversion. At midnight on a hot August night, he closed his book and retired. In a few moments he was happily converted. He immediately felt the call to preach; but tried to evade the duty by teaching school, but after four years of service in the public schools of the state, he yielded to the Divine call to the ministry.

Mr. Hardy was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference, at Leesville, S. C., in July, 1903, Bishop Candler presiding. He was received into the Conference on trial at Columbia, in 1906. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Laurens, in December, 1908, and Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Charleston, in 1910.

He has served the following charges: Hendersonville Circuit, 1907; Yorkville Circuit (now Clover), 1908; Blackstock, 1909-12; Hickory Grove, 1913-14.

Upon study and examination in the required languages, Philosophy and Christian Evidences, with the one year at Vanderbilt University and the four years' Conference course, he received the degree of B. D. from Iowa Christian College, now Oskaloosa College, in 1910.

In June 1908, Mr. Hardy was married to Miss Mary Louise Grace, daughter of Mr. Charles N. Grace, and Mrs. Louise (Sanders) Grace, of Walterboro, S. C. They have two children, Charles Bas­com and Winahel Grace.

Mr. Hardy is of studious habits. He studies in the morning, visits in the afternoons, and gives the evenings to general reading. His sermons are well prepared and pleasantly delivered. All signs indicate a successful career for him.
REV. GEORGE G. HARLEY.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. George Gamewell Harley, is of English and American descent, his father being English and his mother American. He was born in Columbia, South Carolina, December 24, 1862.

Mr. Harley began business at the age of thirteen years and took a business university course at the age of eighteen. When he was twenty-one years old, he entered Wofford College and graduated therefrom four years later, receiving the Debator's medal.

He was called to the ministry at the close of a revival meeting in Washington Street Church, Columbia, S. C., at a meeting for prayer called by the leaders for this specific purpose.

He was licensed to preach while a student at Wofford College. He was received on trial into the North Carolina Conference at Wilson, N. C., in 1890, at which time he was ordained local Deacon, by Bishop John C. Keener. He was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Durham, N. C., in 1894.

While in the North Carolina Conference, Mr. Harley served the following charges: Williamston, 1891-2; Bethel, 1893; Hancock Street, New Berne, 1894; Gates Circuit, 1895; Owing to his wife's declining health, he was transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and served there as follows: Mills River, 1896; Concord Circuit, 1897-8; Swannonoa Circuit, 1899; Brevard Station, 1900-1; Bessemer City Station, 1902-3; Norwood Station, 1904-5; Belmont Park Station, 1906; Murphy Station, 1907-8; Chestnut Street, Asheville, 1908-11; Epworth, Concord, 1912; nominal appointment for 1913, but served the latter part of the year at Pineville.

He was transferred to the South Carolina Conference in December, 1913, and was appointed to Woodruff for 1914.

Mr. Harley's ministry has been very successful. He has been much engaged in building churches, paying off church debts, raising money to build Brevard Industrial Institute. He has represented the American Bible Society at various district Conferences. He is systematic in sermon-making and his style of delivery is inspirational. He is a man of deep spirituality.

Mr. Harley has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Ellie Lee, daughter of Major J. A. Lee of Spartanburg, S. C., on December 26, 1889. This wife died June 11, 1890. His second marriage was to Miss Lillie Way, daughter of Major C. B. Way, of Asheville, N. C. Of this union there are five children—George Way, who is preparing himself for a medical missionary, Charles Ligon, Wilber Carlisle, Graham Howard and Lillie Eugenia.

The South Carolina Conference extends a most hearty welcome to her returning son and wishes for him great success in his native State.
REV. JOHN LAWTON HARLEY.

Rev. John L. Harley stands a living testimony to the power of God's grace to reach and save one despite the unfavorable environment of early life, and also to what may be achieved by one who has the granite in his nature in bringing himself up through that grace to a prepared and qualified Christian manhood through whom God can speak His truth and wield His power for the blessing of humanity.

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

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

During his connection with the Conference, he has served King's Mountain, 1888-89; Chesterfield, 1890; Rock Hill, 1891; Fort Mill,
REV. GEO. T. HARMON.

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

Brother Harmon was converted in July, 1868. He had been impressed with a call to preach from childhood, but did not yield to it until the year of his conversion—1868. In November of that year he was licensed to exhort, and in July, 1869, was licensed to preach, Rev. J. B. Traywick being his pastor, and Rev. W. H. Fleming his Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial at the session held in Cheraw, S. C., in December, 1869, his classmate being the irreplaceable Rev. Jesse A. Clifton, D. D. His work has been as follows: Junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, with Rev. A. J. Cauthen, Sr., as preacher in charge, 1870; Pickensville Circuit, 1871-2; Anderson Station, 1873; Florence and Liberty Chapel, 1874-5; Conway Station, 1876; South Marlboro Circuit, 1877-1880; Chester Station, 1881-2; local preacher, 1883; Lewisville Circuit, 1884; Laurens Station, 1885-6; Richburg Circuit, 1887-9; Georges Station, 1890-1; Chester District, 1892-5; Cokesbury District, 1896-9; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1900-1901; Grier's, 1902-5; Supernumery, 1906-14.

It will thus be seen that Brother Harmon has filled the various classes of appointments in the Conference circuits, stations, districts—and has filled them well. At this writing he is on the supernumery list.

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

REV. GEORGE T. HARMON, JR.

Rev. George Thomas Harmon, Jr., comes of good preaching stock. His father, Rev. George Thomas Harmon, was a strong preacher before him. The father is now an honored member of the "Old Guard," of the Conference and the son bids fair to fill the place of the father in the active ranks.

The subject of our sketch was born at Clio, South Carolina, October 31, 1879.

His early education was obtained in different graded schools located in places where his father was serving. He then spent three years in the Presbyterian High School, Rock Hill, South Carolina. After this he attended Wofford College for three years. He was licensed to preach by the Greenville District Conference. He was received on trial into the Conference at Newberry, S. C., in December, 1902, Bishop W. W. Duncan presiding. The other members of the class being Rev. Marvin Auld and Rev. W. Lester Gault.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson at Darlington, S. C., December, 1904, and Elder by the same bishop at Columbia, S. C., November, 1906.

Mr. Harmon has served the following charges: West Greenville, 1903-5; Westminster, 1906-7; Starr, 1908; Edisto, 1909-10; Spring Street, Charleston, 1911-12; Cheraw, 1913-14.

Mr. Harmon is blessed with a good memory and easily retains what he reads. He is a thoroughgoing pastor and a strong preacher. He has considerable evangelistic gifts and uses them to good purpose.
REV. SIDI B. HARPER.

Sidi Browne Harper, the oldest son of Geo. M. and Anna Browne Harper, of Anderson, S. C., was born November 16, 1875. From his early childhood, he felt the call to preach, but did not fully determine to enter the ministry until 1891. He spent one year at the Honea Path High School and three at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky. His school life was characterized by a singular devotion to duty, and the purity of his moral character made him a general favorite. He also spent one year at Vanderbilt University.

In early life Mr. Harper felt that he should enter the ministry. A Christian home had much to do with the final decision. A juvenile missionary society and the Epworth League also influenced him in the final step. He was licensed to preach in the Danville District, Kentucky Conference in 1893.

In 1896 he was appointed junior preacher at Buncombe Street Church. He joined the South Carolina Conference in December, 1896, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Granberry. He was ordained Elder at Helena, Mont., by Bishop H. C. Morrison, in August, 1903. He was sent to the West End Church, Anderson, S. C., which was then a mission with sixty-seven members. For four years he faithfully and acceptably filled this pastorate, and his work among the working class was wonderfully successful. The church building was enlarged and beautified, the membership increased from sixty-seven to two hundred and sixty-five members, and from a weak, struggling mission it grew into a strong, self-supporting church. Much of this prosperity was due to the untiring efforts of the pastor.

Since that he has served as follows: Student at Vanderbilt, 1901; Grand Street, Helena, Mont., 1902-3; Duncan and Saxon, 1904-5; Buford Street, 1906-9; Marion, 1910-13; Bethel, Charleston, 1914.

On January 14, 1904, Mr. Harper was married to Miss Lula Frances Brown, of McCormick, Abbeville County, S. C. To them three children have been born—Anna Catherine, George Brown and Sidi Browne, Jr.

He was principal of the West End Graded School in Anderson for two years.

He has served on various committees and boards in the Conference, and was for a number of years one of the Conference Secretaries.

Mr. Harper is a high type of Christian gentleman, and is one of our most popular pastors.
REV. WILLIAM O. HENDERSON.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. William Olin Henderson, is the son of Mr. William Henderson and Mrs. Susan J. Henderson. He was born at Honey Hill, Berkeley County, South Carolina, on November 28, 1888. After his primary educational training received in the common schools, he spent some time as a student at Porter Military Academy, Charleston, South Carolina. He then entered Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, where he spent two years.

Mr. Henderson's call to the ministry was peculiar, but clear and unmistakable. When in Asheville, North Carolina, he and his father talked over the subject of the call to the ministry. He began praying that God would show him his duty, and soon thereafter he became deeply impressed with the conviction that God wanted him to enter the ministry. He was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District Conference at the session held at Inman, South Carolina, Rev. Mark L. Carlisle, D. D., being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference at Rock Hill, South Carolina, November, 1913, and was appointed to the Andrews charge, where he had previously served two years as a supply.

Mr. Henderson is a young man of promise and has entered hopefully upon his work as an itinerant Methodist minister.
Circuit he had two new churches finished and dedicated. He also
started a new church at Heath Springs, which was completed shortly
after his removal, under the ministry of Rev. D. A. Phillips. He has
just built a handsome brick church at Bowman, his present pastorate.

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

Brother Henry was married to Miss Mannie Wolfe, of Lexington
County, S. C., at the home of her parents, Mr. J. Archie Wolfe and
Mrs. Freddie Wolfe, on November 16, 1898, Rev. W. W. Daniel,
D. D., officiating. They have five children—John Archie, Freddie
Elizabeth, Walter Shala, Ruth Bruner and Annie Wolfe.

Mr. Henry has kept up his studies through the years, as much so
as a somewhat serious weakness of eyes has permitted. Knowing
this limitation, he has read carefully, endeavoring always to digest
fully the matter read. His method of sermon-making is character­
istic. Having selected his text, he makes a thorough analysis and
then reads extensively on the topic that his mind may be thoroughly
filled with appropriate material. His style of delivery is usually
quiet, though at times he rises to passionate utterance.

He has served on the Conference Sunday School Board, the Bible
Society Board, and the Committee of Examination for the first year.

REV. C. C. HERBERT.

Rev. Chesley Carlisle Herbert, son of the late Rev. Thomas G.
Herbert, of the South Carolina Conference, and Harriet Bryce
Herbert, daughter of Robert Bryce and Mrs. Jane Shand Bryce, of
Columbia, S. C., was born December 20, 1871, at Spartanburg, S. C.
Our young friend has had the very best educational advantages.

After the usual primary training, he entered the Greenville
Military Institute, remaining there from his thirteenth year
till his fifteenth. Then
he matriculated at the
Wofford College Fitting
School, going from that
into the regular college
classes, graduating
in June, 1892. During
the term of 1892-3, he
was tutor in German and
English at Wofford. From
here he went to Vander­
bilt University and took
the theological course.
Thus we see that he is
intellectually qualified for
a life of great usefulness.

And deep and no doubt a suitable superstructure of culture and learn­
ing will be erected thereon. Or, to use Bishop Keener’s forceful
illustration, he took time to thoroughly grind the axe. No doubt
the evening results will abundantly demonstrate the wisdom in thus
utilizing the morning hours.

During his college course he felt strongly impressed that it was
his duty to preach, but the full decision was not made until the sum­
mer following his graduation. He was licensed to preach at Central
Church in 1893.

Brother Herbert was admitted into the South Carolina Confer­
ence on trial in December, 1895, with John G. Beckwith, George C.
Leonard, Benjamin M. Robertson, Henry Stokes and Julius F. Way.
He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Florence, in 1897, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. S. Key at Orangeburg, in 1899.

His charges have been: Florence Mission from December, 1895, to July, 1897, when he was removed to Johnston Circuit, which had been made vacant by the election of Rev. R. E. Stackhouse to a professorship in the Columbia Female College. He served this charge till December, 1898, when he was appointed to Dillon Station. Since that he has served as follows: Santee Circuit, 1903-4; Camden, 1905-8; Clio, 1909-12; Central Church, Spartanburg, 1913-14.

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

On October 20, 1897, Mr. Herbert was married to Miss Ruth M. Allen, daughter of Mr. James Allen and Mrs. Julia Marshall Allen, of Florence, S. C. Four sons have been born unto them—one born at Dillon, S. C., December 11, 1901, and died in infancy; Chesley Carlisle, Jr., born in Summerton, S. C., April 4, 1904; and Thomas Walter, born in Camden, S. C., September 25, 1908; James Allen, born in Clio, S. C., November 12, 1910, and died in the same town, May 25, 1912.

Rev. Thomas Grigsby Herbert, son of Rev. Thomas G. Herbert and Mrs. H. S. Herbert, was born at Greenwood, S. C., February 4, 1869. The three Herbert boys—Walter, Grigsby and Chesley—have always been looked upon as "model boys." With such parents as they are blessed with, and with such a home influence as they had in early life, it would have been difficult for them to have been other than good.

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

He was admitted into the Conference on trial, November, 1893, with L. L. Bedenbaugh, J. A. Campbell, W. A. Massebeau, R. E. Mood, G. E. Stokes, J. B. Harris and Peter Stokes. His first charge
was Sumter City Mission, which he served four years. Here he had very marked success. During his pastorate a $400 lot was purchased and a neat little chapel built on it. A Sunday School and a Missionary Society were organized. He has served the following charges: Sumter City Mission, 1893-7; Pelzer Station, 1897-1901; St. Paul's Greenville, 1901-5; Georgetown, 1905-7; Bamberg, 1908-10; Main Street, Columbia, 1911-14. He was ordained Deacon at Laurens in 1894 and Elder at Abbeville in 1896.

Brother Herbert was married on November 18, 1896, to Miss Margie Hill, daughter of the late Rev. S. J. Hill, of the South Carolina Conference. To them five children have been born, two of whom are still living: Thomas Jackson and Rembert Bryce.

No truer man ever entered the Conference than he about whom we write. He is a good preacher and pastor, and a lovable man. He was chairman of the Board of Church Extension for four years and served on Examining Committees eight years.

REV. WALTER I. HERBERT.

Rev. Walter Isaac Herbert, son of Rev. Thomas G. Herbert and Mrs. Harriet Bryce Herbert, was born April 6, 1864. Preaching seems to run in this family, the honored father and three of the boys being preachers. Brother Herbert's educational advantages have been the very best. Being the son of an itinerant preacher, he had access to the very best preparatory school. His collegiate education was obtained, of course, at Wofford College where he graduated with the A. B. degree, in June, 1885. His college record was a fine one. His natural goodness and amiability endeared him to all the boys and his Christian deportment won the admiration of both students and faculty. No boy ever left Wofford College with a cleaner record than Walter Herbert. His college class was composed of himself, H. B. Carlisle, James H. Carlisle, Jr., Paul Petty and Rev. A. W. Attaway. From his earliest days, Brother Herbert felt that it would be his great privilege to preach the Gosp. It was not definitely settled, however, till during his college course, when he fully realized that it was his privilege and duty to preach. On motion of Prof. F. C. Woodward, who was then Professor of English at Wofford, Brother Herbert was recommended for license to preach by the Church Conference of Central Church, Spartanburg, and a few weeks after his graduation he was licensed by the Quarterly Conference, Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D., being the Presiding Elder. In December, 1885, he joined the Conference, E. B. Loyless, A. F. Berry, E. O. Watson, J. M. Steadman, T. C. O'Dell, J. F.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McTyeire at Spartanburg, in 1887, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, in 1889.

He has served the following charges: City Mission, Spartanburg, 1886 (he only remained there four months, being then removed to Cheraw Station to fill out the unexpired term of Rev. R. P. Franks, who had been moved to Sumter Station); Cheraw Station, 1887-9; Union Station, 1890-1; Laurens Station, 1892-4; Florence Station, 1895-6; Union Station, 1890-1; Main Street, Columbia, 1903-6; Trinity, Charleston, 1907; Charleston District, 1908-11; Sumter District, 1912-13; Conference Commissioner of Education, 1914. While he was stationed in Laurens, a fine parsonage, costing $1,500, was built; in Florence, an old church debt was paid, and in Newberry, he is building a handsome church, which will cost $10,000.

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

He was married June 26, 1889, to Miss Constance T. Furman, of Greenville, S. C., Drs. J. C. Furman and John O. Willson officiating. They have nine children—Frances Gardenia, Thomas Carlisle, Harriet Bryce, James Furman, Annie Elizabeth, Sarah Margaret, Walter Chesley, Dorothea Furman and Henry Williams. One child, Constance Theodora, died in Columbia when seven months old.

While pastor at Union, Mr. Herbert taught the senior class in Clifford Seminary.

REV. EDWARD TOLAND HODGES.

Edward Toland Hodges was born in Newberry County, S. C., November 11, 1847. Converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, at nineteen; was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in 1870. In 1876 he married Miss Hattie Pegues, daughter of Col. B. F. Pegues, with whom he lived happily until her death in 1877. Married Miss Atalanta Gary, daughter of Dr. T. R. Gary, in 1878. Of this union there is one daughter, Miss Maida Winn Hodges. He was sent as a picked man to California, in 1887, whence he returned on account of the failing health of his wife, in 1889. She passed away in the fall of that year.

In 1894 he married Miss Margaret Carson, daughter of Capt. J. M. Carson, who is now his helpmeet indeed. Of this union there are two sons—Walter Carson Hodges and Edward Pegues Hodges. During all these years he has served his Church faithfully and efficiently on circuit, station and district. These are the outer facts, but along with these there have been deep inner forces at work incessantly, for, to him, existing and laboring are not all of life.

His father, Dr. C. W. Hodges, and his mother, a sister of Rev. John W. Kelly, were strong, cultured Christian characters and gave him an early impress and momentum that have been cumulative in their effect. His father dying when the boy was twelve years old, and the Civil War coming on apace, the young man's education was technically cut off, though really advanced by sudden responsibility in the home and on the farm.
When converted, he made a careful and independent study of the doctrines and polity of the various churches and came to the Methodist with an intelligent conviction that it represented his own mental and spiritual trend.

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

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

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

His best work was done on the district, for he kept in close touch and fellowship with his preachers and was full of helpful suggestions.

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

Mr. Hodges is a close student of men and books. He has one of the best libraries in the Conference and he makes good use of it. He is an expert in buying good books. He is constantly recommending the best publications to his younger brethren. He has served on many important boards and committees in the Conference.
REV. WM. H. HODGES.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. William Henry Hodges, was born in Brownsville, Marlboro County, South Carolina. He was the seventh child of Dr. John A. and Mrs. Charlotte Emanuel Hodges. His grandfathers were Capt. George W. Hodges and Joel Emanuel. His grandmothers were Sarah Cherry Hodges and Pledger Emanuel.

His early educational advantages were the country schools in his neighborhood, and at Bennettsville. In 1874, before he was grown, he joined the Methodist Church. In his early manhood, he was superintendent of the Sunday School at Bethlehem, his home church. While thus serving the church, he recognized his call to the ministry and was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Clio Circuit, at Parnassus, the 26th of August, 1882. At first he shrank from the divine call, but fully yielded when satisfied that it was God's will. In December, 1882, he was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, and was appointed junior preacher on the Newberry Circuit for 1883. During that year he took his first lessons in church building by securing subscriptions and taking collections for Wightman Chapel, at Prosperity.

Feeling his need of better preparation for his life-work, he asked the Conference of 1883 to release him in order that he might go to school. He spent 1884 and a part of 1885 at Vanderbilt University. At the earnest request of Dr. Raysor, Presiding Elder of the Orangeburg District, he returned to South Carolina in May, 1885, to take charge of the Branchville Circuit.
He is the father of seven children—Julia Pledger, who went to Heaven May 12, 1894; William Henry, John Kennedy, Robert Hayne, Theodore Carlisle, Alma Elise and Margaret.

Brother Hodges is known throughout the Conference for his faithful and valuable service to the Church. He is a man of strong convictions, fine courage and, over all, of pure and blameless life. His sermons are carefully prepared and earnestly delivered. His pastoral work is never neglected and every interest of the Church is safe in his hands.

He has been a member of the Board of Managers of the Epworth Orphanage from its establishment to the present time.

REV. A. E. HOLLER.

Rev. Adlai Ellwood Holler, eldest living son of Adlai and Martha Miller Holler, was born July 4th, 1871, in Catawba County, N. C. His parents, both of whom are still living, are natives of North Carolina, though his mother was reared in Tennessee. They moved to Rock Hill, South Carolina, their present home, when the subject of this sketch was one year old. On both sides of the house he is of sturdy, German-Lutheran ancestry.

His early education was mostly acquired at old Ebenezer Academy, three miles from Rock Hill.

When very young he entered Concordia College, of Conover, N. C., (since moved to Hickory.)

Being too staunch a follower of Wesley to feel at home in a Lutheran Institution, our young friend soon left Concordia and went to Eastman Business College, in 1888. On graduating from there, he returned to Rock Hill and for several years was successfully engaged in business.

Events which befall God's children do not come by chance. In the providence of God, this young man who had early felt a call to the ministry, but hushed it, was summoned to the bedside of a brother critically ill, at Wofford College. There, feeling the need of Divine assistance and realizing his inability to pray acceptably until the long unheeded call be answered, he surrendered all to Christ, dedicating his life to the service of his Lord and Master. Coming in contact with Dr. Carlisle and getting an insight into the inner life at Wofford, his soul was kindled with a desire for, and determination to have a collegiate education. Arranging his business with
that end in view, he returned the following fall and matriculated at Wofford. At the end of four years he graduated from that institution in June, 1896. His first work after leaving college was in the school room. While teaching at Waterloo, S. C., he was married to Miss May Cornwell, of Chester County, December 23, 1896. There are now seven children in their home—Adlai Cornwell, James Carlisle, Wesley Walker, Martha Miller, Mary O., Alice Ellwood and John Emory.

Rev. A. E. Roller's first work was Greenville City Mission, where he served several months as supply in the fall of 1897, previous to the meeting of Conference at which he was admitted on trial. His first appointment was to Johnsonville Circuit, 1898. Since then he has served the following appointments: Rome, 1899-1900; Black Swamp, 1901-4. During his fourth year at Black Swamp, his health failed and for two years he was unable to take work. In 1905 he was supernumerary and in 1906 superannuated.

With the same persistent determination with which he has always met and overcome obstacles in his way, he went about trying to get well. After a long struggle, his health, by the blessing of God, upon faithful efforts, was restored and he entered once more upon his beloved work.

In 1907-9, he served on Chester Circuit; 1910-12, Green Street, Columbia; 1913-14, Clio, his present charge.

As a preacher, Mr. Holler is clear, practical and to the point. His sermons are spiritual and helpful. God has honored his ministry in the conversion of many souls and the broadening of many lives.

decreasing in spiritual life and even doubting the call. In 1902 he resolved to follow the light, but determined not to preach until every doubt was removed. He taught school for some time, being principal of the Elloree graded school for three years. He then became superintendent of the Rock Hill Buggy Company, which position he held for three years. One Sunday he heard a sermon by Rev. E. K. Hardin, on "The Work of the Spirit." He determined to find God's will by studying. His Word. Entering his room, he opened the Bible and prayed for guidance. His eye first fell upon the Great Commission. The Spirit seemed to say, "This is your commission, too." Turning to the Old Testament, his eye rested upon Isaiah, 61:1. He felt the question was settled for him.

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Mr. Holler was licensed to preach by the Rock Hill District Conference, at Lancaster, S. C., July, 1912, Rev. T. C. O'Dell presiding Elder.

He was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Anderson, S. C., November, 1912, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding. He was appointed to the Easley Circuit for 1913, and was reappointed for the year 1914.

On December 26, 1901, Mr. Holler was married to Miss Mamie Ethel Poag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Poag, Rev. W. H. Hodges officiating. He was exceedingly fortunate in his selection of a companion. She is proving herself a great blessing to him in his work.

Mr. Holler has consecrated his life to the great work of preaching. He is zealous and enthusiastic in his work and, no doubt, a life of great usefulness will be the result.

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REV. JESSE K. HOLMAN.

Rev. Jesse Knoble Holman is the son of Mr. Adam O. Holman and Mrs. Elizabeth Holman. He was born near Creston, in Calhoun County, South Carolina, May 6, 1872. From his earliest recollection he felt that he must be a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As he grew older, the call became more and more distinct and unmistakable. When sixteen years of age, he joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. John L. Sifley, at Shady Grove, on the Cameron Circuit.

Mr. Holman was licensed by the Lynchburg District Conference to preach, while a student at Randolph-Macon College, Bedford City, Virginia. He was received into the Virginia Conference at Petersburg, Virginia, in 1899.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Newport News, Virginia, in 1901, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Lynchburg, Virginia, in 1904.

Mr. Holman served twelve years in the Virginia Conference and his ministry was attended by great success. In the last charge he served there, three hundred and forty persons joined the Church. Two churches were completed and another was built. Several young men brought to Christ by him in the revival meetings have entered the Christian ministry.

He was transferred to South Carolina by Bishop John C. Kilgo, at the Conference held in Bennettsville, South Carolina, in 1911. He was appointed to Rowesville charge where he served two years, accomplishing much good. He had a great revival at the Rowesville Church. He repaired the church and parsonage. At the last session of the Conference he was appointed to Duncan Church, in Spartanburg, where he is doing excellent work.

On September 20, 1904, Mr. Holman was married to Miss Annie Bryant, daughter of Col. C. B. Bryant, an attorney of Martinsville, Virginia. They have three living children. One child is in Heaven.

Mr. Holman is a quiet, unassuming gentleman, but zealous in the Master's work. His preaching is largely evangelistic, for he believes that the supreme mission of a minister is to bring men and women to Jesus Christ.
REV. R. L. HOLROYD.

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

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

On June 30, 1886, he was married to Miss Lulu E. Wiggins, daughter of Rev. Casper E. Wiggins, who was for many years an honored member of the South Carolina Conference. Of this union seven boys have been born—Emory, Raymond, Charles Eugene, William Casper, Lemuel Grier, George Paul and Francis Lander.

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

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Camden, November, 1889, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Granberry, at Darlington, December, 1891.

He has served the following charges: Berkeley Circuit, 1888; North George's Circuit, 1889; Lexington Fork Circuit, 1890-2; Black Swamp Circuit, 1893-6; Hampton Circuit, 1897-9; Bethel and Glendale, 1900-3; Cumberland, 1904; Williamson and Belton, 1905-7; and up to April 1, 1908; St. Paul's, Greenville, April 1, 1908-December, 1911; Kingstree District, 1912-13; Rock Hill District, 1914. He was for three years Conference Secretary of Missions.

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

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

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

As Presiding Elder he has shown the same energy and systematic work characteristic of him elsewhere.

REV. M. W. HOOK.

Rev. Maxey Wilbur Hook joined the South Carolina Conference at Orangeburg, December, 1886. His first charge had thirteen appointments and was enough to dampen the ardor of any, save one who was inspired by the Divine fervor. On this charge—Effingham—he remained two years and left indelible impress upon the minds and hearts of the people generally. Evidence of the worth, ability and character of the man is further seen in that since leaving his first charge he has remained four years on many others to which he has been appointed, viz: Ridgeway Circuit, Fairfield Circuit, Lower St. Matthews Circuit, Bamberg, Laurens, Bethel (Charleston), Sumter, Chester, Bennettsville. And the people on any one of these charges would have rejoiced to have had him continuously returned to them.

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

The only child of consecrated parents, E. E. and E. J. Hook, no pains were spared in his training. That training was ideal. Training of honest, faithful work in the fields developing great physical strength and an independent manliness. Training in full touch and sympathy with the heart of nature, in an atmosphere of culture and love, yet without hot house or any artificial influences. Training in the country schools by an aunt thoroughly equipped for her work and one of the noble women of the earth, by such apostles of education as Jeremiah McCartha, and for some five years, at least, under Rev. J. Emory Watson, who took special delight and pride in his pupil and gave him the benefit of four years more than the ordinary course of teaching in the schools. Through all this he came well prepared and unspoiled to his Divinely called work. In it he has gone forward as a student and faithful worker and is today the peer of any as a preacher of power and a pastor of influence upon the lives of men.
He was married to Miss Lena Johnston, of Abbeville County, September 9, 1891, who by her culture and true womanliness has been in every way the true helper and companion of her husband. Four children—a son and three daughters—bless their home. For many years his mother graced their home by her presence. And all have made it a place of restfulness and encouragement to the many friends who come to gather there fresh inspiration.

Rev. James George Huggin is the son of Mr. Charles Perry Huggin and Mrs. Elvira Jane Huggin and was born in Chester County, South Carolina, April 23, 1874. He was educated in the common and high schools of the country. After he was twenty-one years of age he spent several years at his own expense, in studying to prepare himself for his work. At the age of seventeen years he felt the distinct call to the Christian ministry. Though, at that time, the way seemed dark as to the preparation for the great work, he yielded, believing that God would open the way. Trusting ever in the leadership of the Divine Spirit, he has followed on to success.

Mr. Huggin was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District Conference at Woodruff, S. C., in July, 1898. He was received into the North Mississippi Conference on trial, in December, 1900. He transferred to the South Carolina Conference in December, 1901. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Newberry, S. C., December 1, 1902, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Darlington, S. C., December 8, 1904.

Mr. Huggin was married to Miss Olive L. McKown, of Cherokee County, S. C., on April 4, 1900. They have four children living—Lucile, Perry McKown, James George, Jr., and Kezia Grace. They have one little girl in Heaven—Janette.

Mr. Huggin is of studious habits and reads good books. His sermons are largely topical, are well prepared and pleasantly delivered.
REV. GEORGE C. HUTCHINSON.

The subject of our sketch, Rev. George Clifton Hutchison, is of Scotch and German-English descent. He is the son of Mr. W. W. Hutchison, of Scotch blood, and Mrs. Eliza (Curtis) Hutchison, of German-English extraction.

Mr. Hutchison was born on a farm at Salt Rock, West Virginia. His preparatory education was obtained in the public schools of his community. He then entered Morris Harvey College where he spent three years.

When a boy of only eight years of age, he felt the first impression of a call to preach. This impression ever remained with him, deepening with the years until he yielded and entered the ministry.

Mr. Hutchison was licensed to preach at Charleston, West Virginia, June 14, 1888. He was received into the West Virginia Conference on trial, September 2, 1900. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. C. Morrison, on September 22, 1902, and Elder by Bishop A. Coke Smith, on September 11, 1904.

While in the West Virginia Conference, he served as follows: Liberty Circuit, 1901; Grassland Circuit, 1902-4; Grayson Circuit, 1905; Greenup and Russell, 1906-7; Russell Station, 1908; Louisa Station, 1909.

He was transferred to the South Carolina Conference in 1909 and has served as follows: Pelzer Station, 1910-11; Winnsboro, 1912; Ehrhardt, 1913; Johnston, 1914.

In the West Virginia Conference he was Secretary of the Board of Church Extension from 1904 until he transferred in 1909. He did some special work with the University of Chicago in 1907-8.

He taught in the public schools of West Virginia from 1895 to 1900.

On September 20, 1900, Mr. Hutchison was married to Miss Bertha May Gill, of Salt Rock, West Virginia. They have three children—Gladis Marie, Emma Pauline and Kathleen.

Mr. Hutchison has fixed habits of study. His sermons are prepared with much care and are delivered with ease. He preaches without manuscript.

The South Carolina Conference extends a most hearty welcome to our good brother and prays God's richest blessings upon him in all things.

REV. EDWARD PALMER HUTSON.

The Rev. Edward Palmer Hutson comes from a long line of ministerial ancestry. From the landing of the ship "Fortune," which followed the "Mayflower" in 1621, there is an unbroken line of ministers on his mother's side. On his father's side the records both secular and religious are excellent, also. William Hutson of the Inns of Court, England, a graduate of Oxford, came to this country in the seventeenth century, was converted under George Whitfield and became one of the first pastors of the old Circular Church of Charleston, S. C. His son, Richard, was the first Chancellor of the State and was one of the distinguished prisoners of the British in St. Augustine. Through the marriage of Haynes (Isaac the Martyr), and Barnwells to the daughter of the old parson, the subject of this sketch becomes related to their descendants. Brother Hutson is the son of Isaac N. and Sarah E. Hutson (nee Palmer) and was born November 16, 1859. He was carefully trained by his father, a graduate of the South Carolina College. He was educated for and entered the bar in 1881. He practiced law with his father for five years. He early felt a call to the ministry, but resisted it until 1885 when the conviction became imperative. This was under the preaching of the Rev. J. L. Tillman. He studied theology under the direction of his maternal uncle, Dr. B. M. Palmer, of New Orleans, was licensed by the Charleston Presbytery of the South Carolina Synod, October, 1886, ordained to the full work of the ministry by the same Presbytery, April, 1888, and preached in South Carolina Synod until Novem-
ber, 1892, when not being able to subscribe to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, he entered the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, November 30, 1892. From 1887 to 1892 the following were his charges: Walterboro, Cheraw, Evangelist of the Charleston and Pee Dee Presbyteries.

Since he has been a member of the Conference his charges have been: 1893, Seneca Circuit; 1894, Easley and Bethesda; 1895-6, Providence; 1897-8, Richburg; 1899, Orangeburg Circuit; 1900-1, Graniteville Station; 1902-3, Hendersonville; 1904, Harleyville; 1905-6, Round O; 1907, Heath Springs; 1908-10, New Zion; 1911-12, Johnsonville and Prospect; 1913-14, St. John's and Remberts.

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

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

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REV. JAMES K. INABINET.

Rev. James Kirkland Inabinet is the son of Mr. David J. Inabinet and Mrs. Ann (Griffith) Inabinet and was born in Orangeburg County, South Carolina, April 16, 1871. His fraternal grandparents were Mr. James Inabinet and Mrs. Ann (Moorer) Inabinet. His maternal grandparents were Mr. Arab Bonaparte Griffith and Mrs. Margaret (Collier) Griffith.

His primary education was obtained in the common schools of the community. This was followed by one year at Wofford Fitting School, Spartanburg, S. C., and one year at Auburn, Alabama.

He was converted on August 2, 1894, and felt called to preach the Gospel soon afterwards, but did not yield to the call for several years.

Mr. Inabinet was licensed to exhort May 13, 1899, and was licensed to preach April 28, 1900.

After six years' work as a supply, he was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Columbia, S. C., December, 1906, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. He was ordained local Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., December, 1905. He was ordained Elder by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Charleston, S. C., December, 1910. As supply and preacher in charge, he has served the following charges: Wagener, 1901-2; South Aiken, 1903; Fort Motte, 1904-5; Gilbert, 1906-7; Ridgway, 1908-10; Swansea, 1911-12; Edgewood, 1913; Upper Richland, 1914.

Mr. Inabinet has been twice married. On November 18, 1896, he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Felder, of Bamberg, S. C. On March 11, 1903, he married Miss Mary Oliver Quattlebaum, of Orangeburg County, S. C. Of the first union there are two children—James Carsey and Mary Elizabeth. Of the second union there are four children—Georgie Love, Annie Griffith, Josephine and James Kirkland, Jr.

Mr. Inabinet has a strong and logical mind and his preaching appeals strongly to reason.
REV. L. L. INABINET.


Young Inabinet's early education was somewhat interrupted by the death of his father, but he availed himself of such opportunities as the common schools afforded. After he grew up to young manhood, he attended the Sheridan Classical School at Orangeburg, S. C.

In early childhood he felt that some day he would be called of God to preach the Gospel. As he grew in years, the impression deepened until it became irresistible. Having yielded to the Divine call, and having decided to apply for admission into the South Carolina Conference, he went to Leesville College and took a course there in order that he might be better prepared for the great work. He was admitted on trial into the Conference during the session of the Conference held in Rock Hill, December, 1895. John G. Beckwith, Chesley C. Herbert, George C. Leonard, Benjamin M. Robertson, Henry Stokes and Julius F. Way joined at the same time.

On September 15, 1896, Brother Inabinet was married to Miss Mary Caroline Kelly, daughter of Mr. Asbury E. and Mrs. Margaret Annie Kelly, of Pickens, S. C. Of this union two children were born —Asbury Vaughn and Marcella Annie. This wife died October 19, 1899. He was married again on October 23, 1900, to Miss Ida Earle Kelly, sister of his first wife.
REV. PRESTON B. INGRAHAM

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Preston B. Ingraham, is one of the most faithful men in South Carolina Methodism.

He is the son of Mr. Nathan Ingraham and Mrs. Nancy Ingraham, and was born near Coronaca, Greenwood County, S. C., on March 21, 1859.

After his preparatory education in the common and high schools, he spent one year in Erskine College, Due West, S. C.

It was in the year 1892 that he realized the Divine call to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Ingraham was received into the Conference in November, 1892, under the Presiding Eldership of Rev. J. B. Campbell.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Charleston, S. C., at the session held in 1892, Bishop E. Hendrix presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener at Laurens, S. C., December, 1894, and Elder by Bishop J. C. Granberry at Abbeville, S. C., in December, 1896.

He has served the following charges: Kinards, 1893-4; Mount Carmel, 1895-6; Blackstock, 1897-1900; Hickory Grove, 1901-4; East Lancaster, 1905-6; Brightville, 1907-9; Duncan and Saxon, 1910; Greenville Circuit, 1911; Easley, 1912; Johnsonville and Prophet, 1913-14.

Mr. Ingraham married Miss Ida A. Buchanan. They have seven children—Gabriel B., P. Ariail, I. Talu, Ervenia C., Robert S., Douglass B., Lucy R., and Annie McLain.

Mr. Ingraham is a faithful pastor and a strong preacher. He believes in preaching a plain and practical gospel. He preaches with great earnestness, and God blesses his ministry. Many souls have been brought into the kingdom through his zealous efforts.

REV. J. N. ISOM

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

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

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

He was received on trial into the Conference in November, 1892, with E. H. Beckham, George F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, O. L. DuRant, S. W. Henry, E. P. Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, W. B. Justas, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, T. J. White, W. B. Wharton, and W. E. Wiggins. He has served the following charges: East Chester Circuit, 1893-4; Chesterfield Circuit, 1895-6; Welton Circuit, 1897-1900; Cherokee Circuit, 1901. Before joining he was employed as a supply on North Rock Hill Circuit, 1890-3; Limestone Street, 1904; Whitmire, 1905-6; Samson and Poe, 1907-10; Brandon and Campedown, 1911; Clifton and Cowpens, 1912; Blackstock, 1913; Clover, 1914.

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

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

The subject of this paper is one of the "Old Guard," and worthily does he grace this "honor roll" of the Conference. He was born in Roberson County, N. C., February 4, 1836. During the infancy of our friend, his parents moved to Marion County, S. C., and in the upper part of this noble county he was reared and educated. His educational advantages were limited to the schools of the country, but by a faithful use of these he learned how to study, and by close application he became a cultured man.

Brother Jackson was converted under the ministry of Rev. William C. Power, of the South Carolina Conference. He was received on trial during the session of the Conference held at Greenville, S. C., in December, 1874, Bishop Enoch M. Marvin, presiding; William H. Arniel, J. C. Counts, M. M. Ferguson, J. J. Neville, J. L. Stokes, S. D. Vaughan, W. W. Williams and O. N. Routtree being received at the same session.

Brother Jackson has served as follows: Keowee Mission, Central Circuit, Greenville Circuit, Johnsonville Circuit, Lower Darlington Circuit, Buckville Station, Timmonsville Circuit, Lake City Circuit, Johnsonville Circuit (second pastorate). Then for three years he was on the supernumerary list. At the session of the Conference held in Sumter, S. C., in 1893, he was placed on the supernuminate list, which relation he still holds.

Among all the blessings which our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon Brother Jackson, not the least, by far, was a good wife. Perhaps no man was ever more greatly blessed in this respect than he.

In all the great trials of his life, she has been a true helper and comforter. She was Miss Indiana H. Flowers, a descendant of one of the best families of Marion County. They were married May 6, 1855, and have five children—Rev. Preston B. (now a prominent minister in the Congregationalist Church), Orren Augustus, Mrs. Lilia Eva Carraway, Anderson W. and Rufus Bennett.

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

Rev. Ethan Zula James was born December 23, 1871. He is the son of Rev. T. E. James and Millery Jane James. Brother James comes of good Methodist stock, his father being the son of Rev. Samuel W. James, who was for many years a faithful local preacher in the Methodist Church. His educational advantages have been somewhat meagre, but by close application and hard study, he has laid a good foundation for culture, and is slowly but surely building thereon. He was engaged as clerk in a drug store in Lake City, S. C., when called to preach. The pious young man laid down everything and began preparing himself. He entered the high school at Lake City, under the management of Prof. W. L. Bass, who made a deep impression upon our young friend. By strict economy, and by working during spare hours, he was enabled to remain here two years. From here he went to Carlisle Fitting School, remaining there for some time, and making a fine record, in deportment and scholarship.

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

In December, 1898, Brother James was admitted on trial into the Conference, and was sent to Orangeburg City Mission. The health of Brother D. Z. Dantzler, who had been appointed to South Branch-ville Circuit, gave way, and Brother James was appointed to fill out the year. In 1899, he was appointed to Boiling Springs Circuit, which he faithfully served for 1900, carrying up to Conference the best report that had ever gone to Conference from that place. At the session in Chester, November, 1900, he was sent to Union Mills for 1901, where he served most faithfully for two years. In all the charges served since that he has also made a fine record.

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

Rev. Darling Earle Jeffcoat was born in Lexington, S. C., March 31, 1881.

His educational training was received in the common and high schools.

He felt called to preach several years before yielding, but the delay in the acceptance of the call was due to his conscious unfitness for the great work.

But the call having become irresistible, he decided to surrender himself and do his best with the equipment he had.

He was licensed to preach on June 3, 1910. He was admitted on trial December, 1912.

Mr. Jeffcoat has served the following charges: Batesburg Mission, 1913; Lodge Circuit, 1914.

He has entered hopefully upon his work, and bids fair to have a successful career in the ministry.

REV. OTIS ALLEN JEFFCOAT

Rev. Otis Allen Jeffcoat, son of Mr. Paul Donald Jeffcoat and Mrs. Burtine Howard Jeffcoat, was born September 9, 1875, in Orangeburg County, S. C.

His educational training was obtained in the graded schools of the county and at the Carlisle School at Bamberg, S. C.

It was in the year 1898 that he became conscious of a Divine call to preach. Laying aside everything, he made an unconditional surrender and began the work.

Mr. Jeffcoat was licensed to preach by the Orangeburg District Conference at Barnwell, in 1899.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Annual Conference, at the session held in Greenville, in December, 1903. He was ordained a Deacon at this session of the Conference by Bishop A. Coke Smith, the presiding Bishop. He was ordained Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at the Conference held in Gaffney, S. C., December 1, 1907.

He has served the following charges: York Circuit, 1904; Kershaw, 1905-8; Whitmire, 1909-12; Newberry Circuit, 1913; Saluda, 1914.

Mr. Jeffcoat was married on December 7, 1904, to Miss India May Crosby, of Sharon, York County, S. C. Four children have been born to them—Otis Allen, Jr., Karl S., Mary B., and Ruth O.
REV. LAWSON WILLIAM JOHNSON

Rev. Lawson William Johnson, son of Mr. Wylie Johnson and Mrs. Frances Haynes Johnson, was born on May 21, 1866, in Polk County, N. C.

He received a common school education, and has been a hard student for twenty years, during which time he has been able to do a great deal toward making up for the failure to receive a college education.

He was happily converted at Pacolet Mills, Spartanburg County, in June, 1893. This conversion was clear and distinct, and in about six weeks from the date of this experience of Divine power, he realized a definite call to the ministry.

Mr. Johnson was licensed to preach in 1894, by the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. But shortly afterward, he decided for reasons sufficient to him to enter the ministry of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. He was soon ordained an Elder in that Church, and served for fourteen years, receiving the best appointments the denomination had in the State. For three years he was President of the Conference of that Church, in this State. He was also secretary and treasurer of that Conference for several years.

Mr. Johnson was received into the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the session held in Bennettsville, in 1911, and was accepted as an Elder. He was appointed to the Belmont Circuit, which he served faithfully for the year. He was then appointed to the Hampton Circuit, and is at this writing serving his second year.

Mr. Johnson spends much time in prayer in the preparation of his sermons. His favorite themes are Sin, Salvation, Heaven, Hell, Repentance, Regeneration, Sanctification, and Christian Duty. His style is evangelistic. Being an Evangelist, in the Wesleyan Church for several years, he was instrumental under God in the conversion of a large number of people. Some of these have entered the ministry.

He was happily married to Miss Elma Allen, daughter of Mr. G. W. Allen, of Spartanburg County.
REV. DANIEL D. JONES

Rev. Daniel Durbin Jones is of good Methodist lineage. He is the son of Mr. Willrich Jones, of the Smoak's Cross Roads Section, in Colleton County, S. C., and Mrs. Annie Catherine (Ward) Jones, daughter of Mr. James Henry Ward, of Colleton County, S. C. Both the parents and the grandparents were Methodist.

The subject of this sketch was born in Hampton County, S. C., September 30, 1880. His father bought a farm in the latter part of the seventies, near what is now the county seat of Jasper County, S. C., but when the time came for the children to be educated, the family moved to Walterboro, where the children could have access to good schools. Young Jones, however, had already been attending school at Walterboro for about three years, staying with his grand aunt during school term. The school at that time had only three months of free tuition during the year. So Daniel and his brother John Jones, acted as janitors, to pay their tuition for the other six months. At the age of thirteen, Daniel stopped school and obtained a position as printer in the office of "The Press and Standard," attending school part of the time at night. At the age of fifteen years he secured the services of an efficient private teacher to prepare him for Wofford College. He was ready to enter college at the age of sixteen years, but an attack of appendicitis prevented his entrance until he was seventeen years old. He graduated from Wofford College in 1901.

From his earliest recollection, Mr. Jones felt called to preach. He was licensed to preach by the Charleston District Conference at St. George, in May, 1901. He taught school one year, and then worked in a machine shop, for the purpose of restoring his health, which had been somewhat impaired.

He served as supply for the Grace and New Bethel charge in 1905. He was admitted on trial and ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, December, 1905. He was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, December, 1909.

Mr. Jones has served the following charges: Supply for Grace and New Bethel, 1905; Greenville Circuit, 1906; Pickens Circuit, 1907; West Easley, 1908; Enoree, 1909-11; Buffalo, 1912; South Easley, 1913-14.

He has been the Secretary of the South Carolina Sunday School Association since 1907.

His style of preaching is argumentative. He prepares his sermons thoroughly and preaches without notes. Though not especially evangelistic in style, yet he has held many successful revivals. He lays great stress on the family altar, and his strong point is personal work. He is a splendid pastor and finds here a great opportunity as a soul winner. He believes the Church should minister to the whole man, hence should take a lively interest in social uplift.

On June 25, 1913, Mr. Jones was married to Miss Mattie C. Tarrant, of Springfield, S. C., and she is proving herself a great blessing to him in his work.
REV. EDWARD SAMUEL JONES

The Rev. Edward Samuel Jones is one of our younger preachers, and promises great usefulness. Soundly converted, devotedly pious, of pleasing manners, with decided musical gifts and a thorough course at Wofford College, encouraged and aided by a wife who is a genuine helpmeet, much may be expected of his ministry. He is the son of John Randolph and Anna Virginia Jones, and was born near Columbia, S. C., January 26th, 1870. His education began in the schools of Columbia, after which he attended Wofford College and graduated with credit in June, 1894. He was converted and joined the Church in May, 1884. Impressions of a call to preach came in the days of his boyhood, but it was not until the year 1890 that he was fully satisfied that God had called him to preach the Gospel, and he began to make preparations for the high vocation. He was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of Marion Street (now Main Street) Station, September 14th, 1893. He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference in November, 1894, and was appointed to Long Town Circuit in the spring of 1895. The pastorate of Round O Circuit was vacant, and he was transferred to that charge, serving there the remainder of the year and the one following. In 1897 and '98 he served Pacolet Circuit; 1899-02, he served Pacolet Mills Station; 1903, Union and Buffalo; 1904-6, Seneca and Walhalla; 1907-10, Summerton and St. Paul; 1911, Georgetown; 1912-14, St. Paul, Greenville.

Mr. Jones was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granberry at Abbeville, December 13, 1896; was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Greenwood, December 11, 1898.

On April 23rd, 1885, he married Miss Pattie Kirby, youngest daughter of Maj. A. H. and Mrs. M. E. Kirby, of Spartanburg. Of this union six children were born—Virginia Durant, who died October 31, 1898, Ruth Eugenia, Wilhelmina Wordsworth, Edna Benedict, Edward Samuel, Jr., and Sara Steele.

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

The year Mr. Jones was admitted on trial was a very unusual one. The supply of preachers exceeded the demand. Only eight of the thirteen applicants passed the committee. Bishop Keener, who was presiding, announced to the Conference that there were places for eight preachers and that if the other five were admitted, they would have to go into spaces.

Mr. Jones has occupied various positions of honor in the Conference.
REV. R. HERBERT JONES

Rev. Richard Herbert Jones was born in Charleston, S. C., March 28, 1853, son of the late Jesse Jones and Hannah Margaret (Evans) Jones, the eldest of five living children, three brothers and two sisters. His father died in 1886; his mother still lives to bless her children. He was educated in the public and private schools of Charleston, and though denied the advantages of college training by the fortunes of war, yet enjoyed the tutelage of such noted masters as F. W. Pape, Joseph T. Caldwell, Wm. H. Tarrant and Henry P. Archer.

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

After two years' study under the kind guidance of Rev. John T. Wightman, D. D., now of the Baltimore Conference, and after serving the Church six months as an exhorter, and six months as a local preacher, Brother Jones was recommended by the Quarterly Conference of Bethel Church, for admission on trial in the South Carolina Conference, at Chester, S. C., December, 1876. His first appointment was to Ellenton Circuit. The next Conference sent him to Aiken Station where he met the future "Queen of the Manse." On November 16, 1880, he married at Aiken, S. C., Miss Irene Palmer Venning, formerly of Charleston, a grand-niece of Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., of New Orleans. Of this union six children were born—Harriet Wigfall, now Mrs. Junius F. Browne, of Anderson, S. C.; Hannah Evans, who died in 1885, and is buried in Charleston; Irene Palmer, who died in 1890 and is buried in Winnsboro; Richard Herbert, who died in 1893 and is buried in Greenville; Jessie Margaret and David Brainerd.

Ten years were spent on Circuit work—Ellenton, 1877-80; Berkeley, 1882; Walterboro, 1883-4; Allendale, 1886-7; Rock Hill, 1888, and Denmark, 1894. Twenty-two years were spent on stations—Aiken, 1878-89; Bucksville, 1881; Spring Street, 1885; Winnsboro, 1890-91; St. Paul's, Greenville, (where he organized the society with fifty-two members, December 19, 1891,) 1882-83; Walterboro, 1893-96; Laurens, (where during his ministry the present handsome church was built), 1897-1900; Abbeville, 1901; Sumter, 1902-5; Florence, 1908-1911. He served the Greenville District, 1905, and when it was divided, the Anderson District in 1906; Charleston District, 1907; Marion District, (now in the third year), 1912-14.

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

Rev. David Wilson Keller, son of Dr. James W. Keller, M. D., and Louisa Keller, was born May 21, 1867, at Abbeville, S. C. After attending the schools of Abbeville, he matriculated at the Williamston Male Academy, where for some time he received thorough training.

On October 18, 1899, he was married to Miss Bessie Garrett, of Greenville, S. C., who is making our brother a most excellent helpmeet. They have three living children—Bessie Wilson, Marjorie, and Katherine.

Brother Keller was converted in 1894. He was licensed to preach in Abbeville, S. C., in 1884, Dr. H. W. Bays being pastor and Rev. J. B. Campbell the Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, in December, 1896, with Sidi B. Harper, William C. Kirkland, J. C. Roper, F. Hawkins Shuler, Foster Speer and W. H. Thrower.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan at Greenwood, in 1900, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Hargrove, at Chester, in 1900.

He has very faithfully and acceptably served the following charges: Townville Circuit, 1897; Mills Mission, in Greenville, 1898-9; Westminster Circuit, 1900; West End, Anderson, 1901-4; Bethel, Spartanburg, 1905-6; Union, 1907-8; Cumberland, Charleston, 1909; Bethel and Poe, Greenville, 1910-11; Green Street, Columbia, 1912-14.

Mr. Keller is a hard student and diligent pastor. He thoroughly prepares his sermons and then preaches without notes. His special work has been with the young and in the Sunday School.

He is not a professional evangelist, and yet he has had some remarkable revivals. In a revival meeting conducted in his church at Anderson, he received over a hundred people into the Church.

Great success has attended the ministry of this consecrated preacher.

REV. WILLIAM C. KELLEY

Rev. William Columbus Kelley, son of Mr. G. W. Kelley and Mrs. Annie Kelley, was born at Red Hill, Edgefield County, South Carolina, August 8, 1874. His father was born in Ireland.

Mr. Kelley struggled against poverty and other serious limitations in his boyhood days. While earning a living by daily toil in a cotton mill, he studied at night in order to obtain an education.

He was converted at Langley, S. C., in 1891, and with his conversion came his call to the ministry.

He was licensed as an exhorter, at Langley, July 16, 1893, under the pastorate of Rev. John W. Neely. He was licensed to preach at Vaulcluse, April 8, 1894, Rev. E. T. Hodges being the Presiding Elder. At the Orangeburg Conference in 1899, he was ordained as a local Deacon by Bishop Joseph S. Key.

Mr. Kelley was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, at Gaffney, S. C., in 1907, Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding.

He served as a supply several years before being received into the Conference, serving altogether as follows: Scranton, 1900-01; Epworth, Darling, 1902-4; Pacolet Mills, 1905; Laurens Circuit, 1906; Gallivants, 1907-8; O'Neal Street, Newberry, 1909-10; Orrville, Anderson, 1911; Hendersonville, 1912; East Lancaster, 1914.

He was married to Miss Mamie C. Riley, daughter of Mr. S. T. Riley and Mrs. H. E. Riley, of Columbia, S. C. They have had four children born unto them, two of whom are living—Riley Watson and George William.
One who knows Mr. Kelley, writes of him as follows: "He is beloved as a pure type of Christ-like character. He preaches the truth as he sees it, regardless of the opinion of others. He is absolutely unselfish in disposition, his viewpoint ever being that of the good of others. He does not get his sermons out of commentaries, but out of his own great, loving heart come the messages that are forged in the furnace of his own great mind. His style is graceful, clear, and simple. As a thinker, he is clear in conception and forceful in utterance. He is a strong preacher, mighty in exhortation, and prevailing in prayer. He never enters the sacred desk without thorough preparation, and delivers his discourses clearly and forcefully. He is sound in doctrine, eminently instructive, and sometimes, though seldom, overwhelming in the pathos that stirs and moves man's spiritual energies."

Rev. George Franklin Kirby was born in Spartanburg, S. C., May 7, 1868.

He comes of excellent ancestry. He is the son of Maj. A. H. Kirby and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Durant) Kirby. His mother was the niece of Rev. H. H. Durant, and in his home she was reared, her mother being dead.

When about sixteen years of age, Mr. Kirby was employed as a salesman in the furniture store of Carlisle & Cannon, Spartanburg, S. C., the Carlisle of the firm being Mr. C. H. Carlisle. Not long after entering upon this work, young Kirby began to feel that this was not to be his life-work. His personal preference was for farming, but he soon had a distinct impression that preaching, rather than farming, would be his mission in life. For awhile he resisted the impression, but finally determined to re-enter school, so that he would not be unprepared in case the call became irresistible. He remained in a somewhat undecided frame of mind throughout his college course, but yielded a year later.

Mr. Kirby received his preparatory education in the school taught by the Misses Gamewell, in Spartanburg. From this school he passed into the Preparatory Department of Wofford College, in 1882, finishing the course in this department in 1884, but instead of immediately entering the college, he decided to go to work, in order to support himself while in college. Having done this, he entered Wofford in 1890, and graduated therefrom in 1894. During the fall of 1894 and the spring of 1895, he taught school in the vicinity of Asheville, N. C.

Mr. Kirby was licensed to preach by the Asheville District Conference, in 1895, Rev. C. W. Byrd, D. D., being the Presiding Elder. He was admitted into the Western North Carolina Conference on trial at Reidville, N. C., in the fall of 1895. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Joseph S. Key, at Asheville, in 1897, and was ordained Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Greensboro, in 1900.

He has served as follows: Swannanoa Circuit, 1895-8; President of Weaverville College, 1899-1901; Murphy, from June to December, 1901; High Point, 1902-5; King's Mountain, 1903-8. In the fall of 1908, he transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and has served as follows: Blacksburg, 1909; Pickens, 1910-13; St. Matthews, 1914.
In the various charges unusual success attended his labors. At High Point he organized a congregation and built a new church. At King's Mountain a church had already been started, but he finished it. He had a most remarkable ministry at Pickens, building a handsome church and increasing largely the membership.

Mr. J. W. Climard, of High Point, N. C., writes as follows: "Rev. Kirby came to High Point about 1902, to organize and build South Main Street Church. He did not have a member or a dollar when he landed here. He bought a nice lot and built a frame building, about 40x60 feet. Seated it, etc., and left it without debt. The property was worth about $5,500.00 at the end of his four years' work. In addition to this property, he left a subscription list of about $7,000.00 to be applied on building a modern brick church. I think this is enough to convince every one that he is a great church-builder, in fact, I think he is one of the best financial managers I have ever met. In addition to the good property, he left a membership of 181. He has a way of getting everybody to like him, the rich and the poor look on him as their special friend. His efforts here were crowned with great success and I know it will be wherever his field of labor may be."

In 1903, Mr. Kirby was married to Miss Mabel Leigh Heitman, daughter of Prof. John Franklin Heitman, of Trinity College, Durham, N. C. Three children have been born to them—two boys and one girl. One of the children died in infancy.

He is a student of men, rather than of books. He has served on various boards and committees. He is now on the Conference Sunday School Board.

**REV. WILLIAM A. KIRBY, M. D.**

Rev. William Augustus Kirby, M. D., comes of a thorough Methodist family. He is the son of Maj. A. H. Kirby and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Durant) Kirby, of Spartanburg, S. C. The father is a son of Maj. John T. Kirby and the mother was a daughter of Col. John W. Durant, and a niece of the late Rev. Henry Howson Durant, of the South Carolina Conference.

His primary education was obtained in the school conducted by the Misses Gamewell, in Spartanburg, S. C.

His preparatory education was obtained in the Preparatory Department of Wofford College, under Professors Gamewell, DuPre, and Shipp.

His college training was received in Wofford College under Dr. James H. Carlisle, Dr. Whiteford Smith, and Professors W. M. Baskerville, J. H. Kirkland, and D. A. DuPre.

His medical course was taken in the Medical Department of the University of Maryland.

While practicing medicine in 1911, Dr. Kirby yielded to the call to preach, which had been impressed previously upon his mind and heart.

He was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District Conference in 1912. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Rock Hill, in December, 1913, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

He served as supply for Hendersonville Circuit for 1913, and was appointed as preacher in charge for 1914.

Dr. Kirby practiced medicine from 1886 to 1913. From 1897 to 1904 he was the Traveling Representative of the William S. Treadwell Chemical Company, of Cincinnati, O.

He was the Assistant Physician to the State Hospital for the Insane, in Columbia, for 1884.

In 1887, Dr. Kirby was married to Miss Corn Minus, of St. George, S. C. This wife died in February, 1903. In June, 1904, he was married to Miss Bessie Minus, of St. George, S. C. They have five children—four sons and one daughter.

Dr. Kirby is a man of scholarly attainments. He is patriotic, philanthropic, and consecrated. He is energetic and ambitious to succeed in his holy calling.
James Whitfield Kilgo was born in Newberry, S. C., August 19, 1859, and was graduated from Wofford College in June, 1881. Soon after his graduation he became instructor in the Anson Institute, of Wadesboro, N. C., where for six years he did most excellent work. During the fall of 1887, he was granted a local preacher's license by the Wadesboro Quarterly Conference, under P. J. Carraway, Presiding Elder of the Charlotte District. In December following he resigned his position in the institute, was transferred to South Carolina, and was admitted on trial into our Conference. The following schedule will show places and dates of his labors: In charge of Chesterfield Circuit, 1888-89; Wedgefield Circuit, 1890; Walterboro Station, 1891-92; Beaufort Station, 1893-95; Buncombe Street Station, Greenville, 1896; Trinity Station, Charleston, 1897-1900; Sumter District, 1901-2; Spartanburg District, 1903-6; Orangeburg District, 1907; Marion Station, 1908-9; Greenwood, 1910-13; Columbia District, 1914.

He was ordained Deacon at Camden, in 1889, by Bishop J. C. Keener, and Elder by Bishop J. C. Granberry, at Darlington, in 1891.

Among the greatest blessings bequeathed by Providence to man are noble birth and fortunate marriage. The subject of this sketch fell heir to both. He was born in a Methodist parsonage, and his infant gaze met the smiles of godly parents, whose devotion to their children's welfare knew no sacrifice too great, and could only cease with death. Rev. James T. Kilgo, the father, after a most faithful and useful ministry in our Conference of 37 years, passed to his reward in January, 1888. The mother, Mrs. Catherine M. Kilgo, still lives, and by the beauty and strength of her saintly life blesses the homes of her children. From the parsonage home of these faithful servants of God have come James W., Dr. John C., and Pierce F. Kilgo, all worthy ministers of the New Testament, and Mrs. Annie Campbell, who, as a member of the Church, is in labors abundant.

It was while he was engaged in teaching that he met Miss Elizabeth Coppedge, of Wadesboro, N. C., who, in 1883, became his wife. She has been to him a true helpmeet, and all who know her can testify to the excellent manner in which she has filled her station in life. Six children have blessed this union. James, Kate, Emma, Benjamin and Martha are still living; little Elizabeth, the youngest, went to Heaven in infancy.
Rev. Pierce F. Kilgo, son of the late Rev. James T. Kilgo and Mrs. C. Kilgo, was born at Cokesbury, S. C., May 18, 1867. His sainted father was for many years one of the most beloved members of the South Carolina Conference. His mother, a noble Christian and loyal Methodist. Reared in such a home as these godly parents would have, it was perfectly natural that the boy should learn in his tender years the way of righteousness. He was converted and joined the Church when quite a boy. By economy and self-denial, the father managed to give the subject of this sketch and his two brothers, John C. and James W., a college education. It has been a mystery to his friends how this faithful preacher, who never received a large salary in all his itinerant career, was enabled to give all his children a thorough education. His record should be an inspiration to every father who desires to educate his children, but who may be tempted to neglect it on account of small income.

Brother Pierce F. Kilgo graduated from Wofford College in June, 1888. He had been licensed to preach twelve months before this—June 7, 1887. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1888, at Winnsboro, Bishop John C. Keener presiding. Nicholas G. Ballenger, Thomas M. Dent, Henry C. Mouzon, John L. Ray, George R. Shaffer, Robert E. Stackhouse, Ellie P. Taylor, E. Alston Wilkes and W. Asbury Wright joined with him.
REV. PIERCE R. KILGO

The subject of our sketch, Rev. Pierce R. Kilgo, will very greatly disappoint us all if he does not make a preacher of rare ability and achievement. He comes of preaching stock, being the son of Rev. Pierce F. Kilgo, who at this writing is Presiding Elder of the Greenville District, and a grandson of the sainted Rev. James T. Kilgo, who for many years was one of the most faithful members of the South Carolina Conference.

Mr. Kilgo was born at Lancaster, S. C., October 29, 1891.

He was educated in the graded schools at different places in the State, at Clemson College, and at Furman University, Greenville, S. C.

While attending a session of the State Epworth League Conference, held at St. George, S. C., in 1909, he felt deeply impressed that he should preach the Gospel. This impression deepened until it became clear and unmistakable in the fall of 1912, when he yielded.

Mr. Kilgo was licensed to preach by the Greenville District Conference, in Laurens, S. C., May 28, 1913.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Rock Hill, S. C., November, 1913, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

At that session of the Conference, he was appointed to the South Greenville Circuit, and has entered hopefully upon his duties as an itinerant minister. His friends are expecting great things of him.

REV. JOHN BENJAMIN KILGORE, B. D.

Rev. John Benjamin Kilgore, son of Mr. Andrew Jackson Kilgore, and Mrs. Mary Catherine (Wise) Kilgore, was born at Newberry, S. C., March 7, 1875. His paternal grandparents were Mr. James Kilgore and Mrs. Rhoda (Summers) Kilgore. His maternal grandparents were Capt. Joseph Wise and Mrs. Rosa (Singley) Wise.

After receiving his preparatory education in schools of his community, he entered Newberry College, from which institution he graduated in June, 1900, with the degree of A. B. After his graduation at Newberry, he taught school two years, being principal of Pine Grove School in Darlington County.

He then entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University and graduated in June, 1908, with the degree of B. D.

Mr. Kilgore was reared in a Christian home, a place which was often the home of the Methodist preachers. Thus the foundation was laid for the call to the ministry. While in college, his eyes were opened to the Christian ministry as a great field of service. The conviction gradually grew upon him that he should preach. It was while teaching that he finally decided to yield to the impression. Wishing to obtain the best possible preparation for his life-work, he decided to enter Vanderbilt, as shown above.

Mr. Kilgore was licensed by the Nashville District Conference in May, 1903.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held in Greenville, November, 1903. He was ordained
Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at the Conference held in Spar-
tanburg, in November, 1905.
He was elected Elder with his class in 1907, and was ordained
Elder by Bishop Fitzgerald, in Wesley Hall, Nashville, Tenn.
He has served the following charges: Monarch Mills, 1904; Lime-
stone Street, Gaffney, 1905; O'Neal Street and Mollohon, 1906;
student at Vanderbilt University, 1907-8; Winchell Circuit, West
Texas Conference, 1909; Afton, same Conference, 1910; Gail, same
Conference, 1911; Andrews, same Conference, 1912; Belmont Cir-
cuit, South Carolina Conference, 1913; Bluffton, 1914.
In the summer of 1908 he worked in Oklahoma.

REV. WM. CLARKE KIRKLAND

Today there is not among the young men of the South Carolina
Conference a better equipped and more promising young preacher
than William C. Kirkland. Strong in physical manhood; striking
in personal appearance; largely endowed by nature with intellectual
powers; his mind trained in the best institutions of our Methodism
and richly stored with treasures of knowledge; coming of sterling
Methodist stock and from a home of Christian nurture; his heart
filled and fired with all holy ambition and high resolve, and all his
powers in full touch with the Infinite, he stands equipped for skilled
service for the Master.

He is the fifth son of N. F. Kirkland, Sr., M. D., and Mrs.
Jennie M. Kirkland. His early education was under the training of
good teachers in the Philadelphia Academy of his home community.
He was further prepared for college by a two years' course in the
Wofford Fitting School, after which he took the full four years'
course at Wofford College, graduating with the degree of A. B. in
1893, and taking the A. M. degree the following year.

He joined Mizpah Methodist Church under the ministry of Rev.
T. E. Morris, May 9, 1886, and was licensed to preach by the Quar-
terly Conference of Bamberg and Buford's Bridge charge, held in
Trinity Church, Bamberg, S. C., July 4, 1891, Rev. J. Walter Dick-
son, P. E.

After his graduation from Wofford College, in order to fit himself
more fully for the great work of his high calling as a minister of the
glorious Gospel committed to his trust, he attended the Biblical De-
partment of the Vanderbilt University. While in attendance there
he was ordained Deacon in Tulip Street Church, Nashville, Tenn.,
by Bishop O. P. Fitzgerald, November 3, 1895. He graduated from
the Vanderbilt with the degree of B. D. in 1896, and was immedi-
ately called to fill the vacancy in the pastorate of the Washington
Street Church, in Columbia, S. C., caused by the election of Dr.
John A. Rice from that charge to the presidency of the Columbia
Female College.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference in
1896, and has regularly passed all examinations and was ordained
Elder by Bishop R. K. Hargrove at the session of the Conference
at Chester. In the charges served by him he has been earnest and
faithful.
October 9, 1900, he was married in Bethel Church, Charleston, to Miss Lulla Capers Stokes. Theirs is an ideal union for the work of the Methodist itinerancy. Life for them is roseate with promise of richest blessing and vast usefulness.

The host of friends of William C. Kirkland, watching his career with interest, will not be disappointed.

REV. J. M. LAWSON

Rev. James Martin Lawson was born in Abbeville, S. C., May 8, 1857. His parents were Hiram W. Lawson and Mrs. Frances J. Lawson. The father was a native of the State of New York, who came South in the year 1844. He was a sturdy and energetic business man, noted for his integrity and honest dealings with his fellowmen. The mother was a Shilleto, an old and prominent family of Abbeville County.

The subject of this sketch had access to the best private and high schools that Abbeville afforded. After attending these for several years, he was taken into business by his father to acquire a business education by actual experience. He had peculiar fitness and adaptability for conducting mercantile and business enterprises, so he soon passed from the apprenticeship of clerk to the position of proprietor.

After a successful career of twenty-five years as a business man, he was called to preach the Gospel in 1896. and he was licensed to preach by the Cokesbury District Conference in that year. He was recommended by the Cokesbury District Conference, which was held in Greenwood in 1897.

In December, 1897, he was received on trial into the Conference, S. H. Booth, W. A. Fairey, D. A. Patrick, J. W. Speake and R. E. Turnipseed being received with him. He has served the following charges: Cherokee Circuit, 1898; Scranton Circuit, 1899; Lewisdale Circuit, 1900-01; Lancaster Circuit, 1903; Greenwood and Abbeville Mills, 1904-7; West Anderson, 1908; Smoaks, 1909; Parks ville, 1910; Abbeville Circuit, 1911-12. In each of these, Brother Lawson has been instrumental in doing much good. He is a good preacher and an excellent man, influencing for good all who come in contact with him. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Key, at Orangeburg, in 1899.

On July 14, 1891, Brother Lawson was married to Miss Josephine B. Russell. To them have been born six children. The oldest—Antoinette—died at the age of two and a half years. The four living are Mrs. J. T. McCaw, James R., Hiram W., Louis M., and William B.

For some time Mr. Lawson served as Superintendent of Education for Abbeville County. He is a Past Worshipful Master of the Clinton Masonic Lodge, and Past Chancellor Commander of Abbeville Lodge, K. of P.
REV. ROBERT OSWALD LAWTON

Rev. Robert Oswald Lawton, son of Mr. Maner Soule Lawton and Mrs. Sarah Adelaide (Sams) Lawton, was born February 21, 1881, at Garnett, Hampton County, S. C. He is of English descent. His preparatory education was obtained in the public schools of the community in which he lived. He then entered Clemson College and remained one year, when, owing to failing health, he was compelled to rest awhile. He then spent two years at the Carlisle School, Bamberg, S. C.; then spent one year at Trinity College, N. C., and finally entered Wofford College, graduating from that institution. He also took some correspondence courses.

After resisting the call to preach for about two years Professor Lawton yielded to the impression at the age of eighteen years old.

He was licensed to preach by the Charleston District Conference in 1904. He was admitted on trial into the Los Angeles Conference in 1908. He was ordained Deacon at the session of the Los Angeles Conference in 1909.

He has served the following charges: Mount Pleasant, 1905-6; Clifton, Arizona, three months, 1908; Los Angeles, 1908-9; Marshall, N. C., two months, 1910; Carlisle, 1913. At the present writing, he is Professor in Lander College, Greenwood, S. C.

While in college, Mr. Lawton held various positions of trust and honor. He won two medals in college. After his graduation at Wofford, he was elected a teacher in that institution.

Professor Lawton has done considerable educational and literary work. As indicated above, he taught awhile at Wofford College;

he is now occupying the Chair of English in Lander College. He has written frequently for papers and magazines. There has recently been issued from the house of Sherman, French and Co., Boston, a book of essays by Professor Lawton, entitled "The Greatest of These." He has also prepared the manuscript of another book, entitled "The Making of a Home," which will be issued in the near future.

Professor Lawton is a hard student and extensive reader. As a preacher, his style is intense and impassioned. His preaching is attended by gratifying results. He enjoys sermon-making and delights in preaching.

He is very happily married. His wife was Miss Anne Pattilo Simpson, of Glenn Springs, S. C. They have one child.

Professor Lawton’s irregularity in college course and in Conference work was due to severe nervous trouble, which at times necessitated a cessation from work. But his health has greatly improved, and the indications are that he will be fully restored and be able to realize the life of great success and usefulness for which he is so well capacitated. He is a nephew of the late Rev. William H. Lawton.
REV. GEO. C. LEONARD

Rev. George Clark Leonard, son of John P. and Martha J. Leonard, of Spartanburg County, S. C., was born March 2, 1866. His mother’s maiden name was Cathcart.

In childhood he attended the common schools of the country. At the age of fourteen years he entered the Reidville High School, where he received instruction at intervals until his twenty-first year. Between his eighteenth year and his twenty-first year he taught school occasionally. In September, 1888, he entered Greer’s High School and spent two years there studying and teaching. From the fall of 1890 till the spring of 1891 he taught in Laurens County. In October, 1891, he entered the Freshman class of Wofford College, graduating from the institution in June, 1895. His class, containing thirty-four members, was the largest ever graduated from Wofford up to that time. Our brother made a fine record at college, making distinction on all studies except Greek—even making it on that in Sophomore and Junior years. He was a member of the Preston Literary Society, serving in various offices from president down, and representing his society in Junior debate at commencement of 1894. He was a great Y. M. C. A. worker, representing that organization at the Students’ Volunteer Movement Convention, held in Detroit, Mich. Our friend deserves great credit, for he had to work his way through college, each vacation being spent in teaching that he might be able to return.

The first impression of his Divine call to preach came to Brother Leonard during his sixteenth year, under a sermon preached by the late Rev. S. P. H. Elwell, D. D., at Sharon Campmeeting, in Spartanburg County. The sermon was on “Missions,” and during the discourse Doctor Elwell said: “I have no doubt that there are young men listening to me now whom God will call to preach His Word at home and in foreign fields.” Then and there the Holy Spirit impressed the heart of young Leonard that he should preach. In his twenty-second year he yielded to the impression and accepted the call. On June 9, 1888, he was licensed to preach at Liberty Church, Campobello Circuit, Spartanburg District, and since that hour all the energies of our brother have been devoted to the work of the Lord.

Immediately after his graduation, Brother Leonard was employed as a supply for Rock Hill Circuit. He was admitted on trial in December, 1895, with John G. Beckwith, Chesley C. Herbert, Benjamin
REV. A. S. LESLEY

Rev. A. Stephen Lesley, the son of W. Anderson Lesley and Sarah Lesley, was born in Pickens County, S. C., November, 1856. Reared by two of the most faithful Methodists we have ever known, our young brother was early brought to Christ. He joined the Church in his early boyhood and was converted to God. His educational advantages were obtained in the schools near his home, and in Pickens High School.

Even in early manhood, our brother felt it his duty to preach, but he shrank from the task. He married and settled for farming. The call became louder and louder until at last he yielded.

He was licensed to preach in 1889, Rev. J. W. Dickson being the Presiding Elder, and Rev. J. F. Anderson, the pastor, and was received into the South Carolina Conference in November, 1892.

His appointments have been: Lancaster, 1893; North Rock Hill, 1894-5; Belmont, 1896; Kinards, 1897-8; Saluda, 1899-1900; Greenwood and Abbeville Mills, 1901; Waterloo, 1902-3; Langley, 1904; Ridgeway, 1905; Lexington, 1906-8; Elloree, 1909; Heath Springs, 1910; Harleyville, 1911-12; Norway, 1913-14.

Brother Lesley is a good preacher and pastor. Everywhere he goes he wins the hearts of those he serves and everywhere his ministry is owned of God in the conversion of sinners and the upbuilding of believers. Modest and retiring, he may not at first acquaintance be appreciated, but acquaintance soon ripens into real friendship and his friends abide.

On the 21st of December, 1881, he married Miss Sallie J. Ariail, and of this union six children were born to them—two girls and four boys—all living. Their names are: Pearl, Sarah, Roy, Louis, Robert, and Walter.
REV. JOHN WILLIAM LEWIS

Rev. John William Lewis was born in Webster County, Neb., July 7, 1885. His family moved to Homewood, Horry County, S. C., in 1899.

His father, William Lewis, was born in England, but came to America at the age of six years. His mother, Mrs. Ellen Elizabeth (Smith) Lewis was born in the State of Vermont, U. S. A.

Thus, the subject of our sketch has both English and American blood mingled in his veins.

His preparatory education was received in the Conway Graded School. In 1904 he entered Clemson College, and graduated from that institution in 1908. He spent the session of 1908-9 in the Biblical Department of Vanderbilt University. Two years later he spent three months in the same institution.

Mr. Lewis attended the Student Volunteer Convention, held in Nashville, Tenn., in 1906. He also attended the Southern Young Men’s Christian Association Student Conferences held near Asheville, N. C., in June 1906, and in June, 1907. During these he felt deeply the call to work in the Foreign Mission Field. In 1907 he yielded to the impression and offered himself. He then decided that the evangelistic work was the most urgent, so he entered the ministry in the home-land, waiting the opening in the foreign field.

He was licensed to preach at Nashville, Tenn., in the spring of 1909. He was admitted into the Annual Conference at the session held in Abbeville, S. C., in the fall of 1909. He was ordained Deacon at the Conference held in Rock Hill, S. C., November, 1913, Bishop A. W. Wilson performing the ordination service.

He has served the following charges: Shandon and Waverley, 1910; Waverley and North Columbia, 1911; Granby, 1912; Summerville, 1913; Inman, 1914.

Mr. Lewis was married in 1913, to Miss Ruth Lawrence, of Darlington, S. C. One child has been born unto them—Elizabeth.

REV. ROBERT H. LUPO

The subject of our sketch, Rev. Robert Hawthorne Lupo, is of English descent. He is the son of Mr. John R. Lupo and Mrs. Ida Lula (Hawthorne) Lupo, and was born at Monticello, Fairfield County, S. C., December 5, 1877.

His educational preparation was obtained in the common schools and in the high schools of the State.

Mr. Lupo felt the call to preach at an early period in life, but resisted the call for about thirteen years, when he could no longer refuse the Divinely imposed task without the loss of his own spiritual experience.

He was licensed by the Licensing Committee of the Greenville District in November, 1911.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Anderson, S. C., December, 1912, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He was appointed to Pickens Circuit for 1913, and was reappointed for 1914.

Mr. Lupo taught for awhile in the common schools.

On February 2, 1902, he was married to Miss Clara B. Kirby, of Spartanburg County, S. C. They have five children—Virginia Lucile, Addie Lula, Robert Carlisle, William Wallace and Wesley Hawthorne.

Mr. Lupo has an excellent memory which is of great service to him. He prepares his sermons with much care and delivers them readily and easily. His sermons are largely practical. He has no desire or disposition for the ornate.
James Ervin Mahaffey was born in Greenville County, S. C., September 27, 1864. Being the oldest of eight children, with poor parents, dependent upon a small farm, his school opportunities were very scant, not exceeding four or six weeks in the year. He joined the Church when twelve years old, and at the age of fourteen was elected Superintendent of the union Sunday School. It was by persistent study at night, and that without assistance, that he covered the common school course and entered the Preparatory Department of Wofford College, at the age of sixteen, in 1880.

Here he was entirely dependent on his own work evenings and Saturdays for board and clothing. Books and incidentals were furnished the first and second years by friends, some of whom are to this day unknown. His college course was irregular, being interrupted several times by the necessity of helping on the farm. It consisted mainly in Mathematics and English, with some start in Latin, Greek and German.

At the age of twelve years Mr. Mahaffey felt that he would be called to preach. This was even before he joined the Church.

He was licensed to preach June 18, 1884, and, whether at college or teaching school, he preached two or three times every Sunday. His ministerial associations were such as finally induced him to abandon the idea of completing his college course and enter the regular ministry, which he has since regretted.

In May 1887, he went from the principalship of the Duncans High School to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Rowell, on the Jonesville Circuit, which he did to the great satisfaction of all.

He was married to Miss Mattie May Wingo, of Duncans, S. C., June 21, 1887, and thus she who had been “assistant teacher” for a term, became “assistant preacher” for life. James Boyce, Jessie May, Jennie Iva, Jean Paul, and Rosa Cornelia are additions to the family records. The oldest is now pastor at West End, Georgetown.

Mr. Mahaffey joined the Conference in 1887, and was appointed to Clinton Circuit, where he remained four years, and the first two children were born. He served Santee Circuit in 1892, but, on account of sickness, was moved at the next Conference to Heath Springs (then known as Hanging Rock). In two years the work had so developed that it was thought best to divide it. This occasioned another move. The next four years—1894-98—were spent on Chester Circuit. He served at Green Street, in Columbia, with Brookland attached, in 1899, and with Granby attached in 1900. Since that he has served as follows: Graniteville, 1901-2; St. Matthews, 1903-6; Kingstree, 1907-8; Clinton, 1909-12; Batesburg, 1913-14.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener, at Winnsboro, in 1888, and Elder by Bishop Granberry, at Darlington, in 1891. Mr. Mahaffey has been a student all his life, and takes great delight in working at difficult questions. His productions for the press find a hearty welcome among thoughtful readers, and his literary exploits in book form have found ready sale. He has had some complimentary offers for regular magazine work, but recognizing his call to the ministry, which he cherishes among his earliest recollections, he continues a Methodist itinerant, having twice refused double his present salary as a lecturer.

He is not a specialist, but comes very near to being an all-round man in every sense of that term, except possibly a defect in husbanding the results of his ministry.

Mr. Mahaffey is the author of six pamphlets: “The Bible Mode of Baptism,” “Mormonism Exposed,” “Practical Hygiene,” “Confusion Untangled,” “Men of the South,” and “Factors of Methodism.” Some of these have had wide circulation.

He was Chairman of the Board of Church Extension for four years. He delivered the address before the Historical Society at the Rock Hill Conference, in 1913.

His style of preaching is free and easy, logical and impressive. Hundreds of people have been added to the Church under his ministry.
Rev. John Robert Turner Major was born on June 5, 1872, near Grenada, Miss. The parents had formerly lived in South Carolina, and moved back to this State when the subject of this sketch was under one year of age, locating near Greenwood.

Mr. Major has a noble ancestry, the father being Scotch-Irish, and the mother English.

His preparatory education was received in the public schools of the community where the family lived, and in the Greenwood Graded School. He later entered Wofford College, graduating with the degree of A.B., from that institution in the class of 1898. While in college, he was President of the Preston Literary Society, was Literary Editor of the Wofford College Journal, was President of his class during his Senior year, and was Vice-President of the College Young Men's Christian Association. Before going to college, Mr. Major felt called to preach, but resisted for a period of about twelve years, trying to compromise with conscience by teaching school for ten years after his graduation. While teaching school at Batesburg, and filling the office of a steward in the Church under the pastorate of Rev. E. Toland Hodges, and after he had sustained great bereavement in the death of his wife and child, he yielded to the Divine call.

Mr. Major was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference, Bishop Warren A. Candler presiding, on July 14, 1905. At the same time he was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, Rev. J. S. Beasley was Presiding Elder.

Mr. Major was admitted into the Conference at the session held at Spartanburg, in the autumn of 1905. He was ordained Deacon at Gaffney, S.C., by Bishop H. C. Morrison, on November 30, 1907. He was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, S.C., on December 12, 1909.

He has served the following charges: Warrenville Mission, 1906; Darlington Circuit, 1907-10; Summerton Station, 1911-13; Laurens Station, 1914.

The work of Mr. Major as teacher was as follows: One year at Lowndesville; three years at Bennettsville; five years as principal of the Batesburg Graded School. For three summers he was in charge of the Teachers' Institutes for Lexington County. For eight months while in Bennettsville, he was Editor of "The Pee Dee Advocate."

Mr. Major has been twice married. His first wife was Mrs. Queenie Spann Riley, of Batesburg, S.C., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Spann of Lexington County. She died after fifteen months, leaving an infant son, who died five months later. This marriage occurred May 5, 1903. His second marriage occurred on April 21, 1907, and was to Miss Estelle M. Richardson, of Beaufort, S.C., a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Richardson. Of this marriage, one child has been born, Mary R. Major, five years old.
REV. JESSE HIRAM MANLY

The subject of our sketch, Rev. Jesse Hiram Manly, is of Scotch-Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. Hiram G. Manly and Mrs. Harriet J. (Cole) Manly. He was born at Fingerville, S. C.

His education was obtained in the common and high schools of the community.

He was called to the ministry at the age of twenty-four years, but did not yield for some time. His refusal to yield to the Divine call resulted in a loss of religious experience, but he was finally reclaimed and began preparation for the ministry.

He was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District Conference at Duncan, S. C., in 1907, Rev. Marion Dargan being the Presiding Elder, Mr. B. Murio, Mr. E. P. Stabler and Mr. C. D. Dawsey were licensed at the same time.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Bennettsville, S. C., in December, 1911, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., December, 1913.

He has served as follows: Fort Motte Circuit, 1908; Santuc, 1909; Kelton, 1910-12; Phoenix, 1913-14.

Mr. Manly has been taking the Conference Course of Vanderbilt University. He reads many good books.

His sermons are mostly topical and his style of delivery rapid, free and easy.

On December 25, 1898, he was married to Miss Minnie Elizabeth Burton, of Spartanburg County, S. C.

They have four living children—Myrtle Estelle, Edna May, Jesse Marvin and Elbert Wilbur.

REV. W. SMITH MARTIN

Good old Methodist blood flows in every vein of the subject of this paper, Rev. Whitefoord Smith Martin. He was born in Greenville County, S. C., June 11, 1849. His honored father, Mr. W. H. Martin, was one of the most devoted and devout Methodists in South Carolina. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Martin, was the daughter of Rev. Barney Smith, who was a member of the South Carolina Conference for twelve years, in the time when Dr. Stephen Olin was teaching and preaching in and around Cokesbury. This maternal grandfather did much toward establishing Methodism in the upper part of the State.

Having been born in a home which was pervaded with a pure religious atmosphere, it was natural for young Martin to early give himself to the Lord. This he did and joined the Church at old Bethel Camp Ground when he was only five years of age. He was reared on his father's farm in Laurens County, having the usual work of a farmer's boy. He had access to such schools as the county afforded, of which he made good use, attending as regularly as circumstances permitted, until he was twenty years old. Unsatisfied with his intellectual attainments, and with a burning desire for a larger and better equipment for life's work, he matriculated at Wofford College, graduating in June, 1875.

In December, 1875, Brother Martin joined the South Carolina Conference, J. W. Ariail, T. P. Phillips and A. C. Walker joining at the same session. Thus for over a third of a century he has been traveling over the State and serving the Church on circuits and sta-
tion. During this time he has served on various committees and boards, always ready to speak his mind on any subject. He is a good conversationalist, and is pleasant in the social circle. He has ever been a great debater, and nothing pleases him better than for some one to spring a question for discussion and let him take one side while a capable and worthy opponent takes the other. As a preacher he is original and forceful. He does not care to follow old beaten paths of theological discussion, but loves to mark out new paths and search for the truth.

He always writes his sermons in full and delivers them largely from the manuscript. He devotes more time to sermon-making than anything else.

After a lengthy and exceedingly interesting courtship, in which he had much rivalry and great anxiety, Brother Martin was successful in winning the hand and heart of Miss VerMelle C. Brockington, of Kingstree, S. C., one of the fairest and most popular young ladies of Williamsburg County. They were married March 15, 1877. Eight children were born unto them, four of whom are living. Mrs. Martin died April 1, 1906. On April 23, 1908, Mr. Martin married Miss Mary P. Witherow, daughter of Prof. W. H. Witherow.

REV. E. W. MASON

The Rev. Edward Whitfield Mason, son of Washington N. and Sarah K. Mason, was born in Fairfield County, S. C., February 15, 1857. His education began in the school at Horeb Church. He also studied a year in Winnsboro, and spent two and a half years at Wofford College.

During his boyhood the impression of preaching was on him. It took a singular form: he would preach with great seriousness the funeral of dogs and cats that died on the farm. When in college the duty was so strongly impressed that he decided to yield, but later "shrank from it and hid on a farm." A little after his marriage the Lord called again and, having found no peace in holding back, he decided to obey, and was licensed in 1889. In December, 1890, he entered the South Carolina Conference, in which his appointments have been: 1891-4, Donalds Circuit; 1895-8, Lowndesville Station; 1899-1900, Lynchburg; 1901, Waterloo; 1902-3, Verdy; 1904-6, Pacolet Circuit; 1907-10, Timmonsville; supernumerary, 1911-14.

It is not often that a young minister begins his career with two full quadrenniums in his first two charges. So it was in this case. And the removal from Lynchburg after two successful years was only made because of ill health. With such a record, it is hardly necessary to say that our brother had success in all of his charges. At Lowndesville he held a meeting of unusual graciousness; the fruits thereof were great and enduring.

He married Miss Mantha R. Robertson, the youngest daughter of S. G. and M. A. Robertson, of Fairfield County. She has been a faithful helpmeet to him. There were born to them two sons—Ralph W. and Edward R. Mason.

Brother Mason is a man of good judgment, clear views, high sense of honor, courage of conviction, tolerance towards others, industry, energy, perseverance—the kind of man who impresses favorably at first, and then deepens that opinion steadily. As a Christian, he is earnest, consistent, steadfast—judging himself more closely than he does others. He is a pastor and friend of his people—genuinely interested in all that concerns them; most interested in their spiritual welfare. He preaches well-studied, sensible, impressive sermons—cast in form intended to win sinners and encourage saints, and uttered with the help of the Holy Spirit. He is a workman not only in his study but in the larger field where man meets man. God honors his labors, and there are many whom he has, by Divine blessing, turned to righteousness.
REV. W. A. MASSEBEAU

Rev. William Augustus Massebeau was born in the itinerancy. The place of his birth was the parsonage of the Spartanburg Circuit, located near Spartanburg, S. C., and the date of his birth July 13, 1866. His father was the Rev. John B. Massebeau, who was for twenty-six years a faithful and honored member of the South Carolina Conference and who died at Branchville, S. C., August 25, 1884. His mother's maiden name was Miss J. Ily E. Alexander, of Yorkville, S. C. Born of such parentage, the subject of this sketch could not but have in him a fine moral fibre and sterling qualities. He was blessed with a good Christian home and he ever reflects great honor upon it.

After the usual schooling of childhood, he entered the preparatory department of Wofford College, in October, 1883. Having successfully finished the work of the preparatory department, he entered the Freshman class of the college and graduated from the institution in June, 1889, with A. B. degree. After his graduation, Brother Massebeau taught school at Smithville, Sumter County, for a period of two years. After this he was elected principal of Hebron Academy, Darlington County, where he remained two years. His teaching gave great satisfaction.

Feeling the Divine call to preach the Gospel, Brother Massebeau laid down the noble work of teaching for the nobler work of the ministry.

He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Darlington Circuit, in 1892.

He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Sumter, S. C., November, 1893, with J. A. Campbell, T. Grigsby Herbert, Russell E. Mood, G. Edwin Stokes, J. Harr Harris and Peter Stokes. He has very acceptably served the following charges: Ridgeville Circuit, 1894-7; Grace Church, Union, 1898-1901; Greenwood, 1902-5; Central, Spartanburg, 1906-7; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1908-11; Florence District, 1912-14.

On June 3, 1890, Brother Massebeau was happily married to Miss Rosa Olivia Carson of Orangeburg County, S. C. They have four children—Mabel Ruth, 20 years old; Maud Esther, 16 years old; Frances Louise, 12 years old; William A., Jr., 9 years old.

The subject of this paper is one of our most promising young preachers. Thoroughly equipped physically, mentally and spiritually, he has entered upon a career of useful service and one destined to be crowned with abundant success. He is a close student, good worker, diligent pastor and excellent preacher.

Mr. Massebeau has served eight years on the Board of Missions, eight years on the Conference Board of Education, and was a delegate to the General Conference in 1914.


REV. WILLIAM P. MEADORS, JR.

Rev. William Paschal Meadors, Jr., is the son of Mr. John M. Meadors and Mrs. Laura Teague Meadors, and was born near Goldville, Laurens County, S. C., on December 18, 1868.

He was educated in the common schools of Laurens County and at the Ninety-Six High School.

He was soundly converted in August, 1887, at Hopewell Church, in Laurens County, under the ministry of Rev. T. P. Phillips, who for many years was a faithful member of the South Carolina Conference.

Mr. Meadors' call to preach came soon after his conversion, and was clear and unmistakable.

He was licensed to preach by the Cokesbury District Conference, in 1909, Rev. John C. Roper being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Anderson, S. C., in December, 1912, Bishop J. C. Kilgo presiding.

Mr. Meadors served as a supply on Britton's Neck, Marion District, for 1910-11. He served Lodge Circuit, Charleston District, for 1912-13. He was appointed to Belmont Circuit for 1914, where he is doing faithful work.

For several years prior to entering the ministry, he was manager of the famous Haygood farm in Saluda County.

On December 7, 1902, he married Miss Jessie Cantts Darnell. They have two boys—Ansel Percell and William Adger.

Mr. Meadors is a thoroughly good man and God is blessing him in the work.

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REV. WM. PASCAL MEADORS

Rev. Wm. Pascal Meadors, son of Pascal Motley and Sarah Miller Meadors, was born in Laurens County, May 15th, 1854. He was educated in the common and high schools of his neighborhood and county, and in the stern school of practical life. Besides, he has been a reader and student all of his life.

He joined the Church in the spring of 1874, was licensed November 11, 1876, was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference at Chester, December, 1876, and has made full proof of his ministry ever since.

He served one year on a mission, eighteen on circuits, one on a station, and eighteen on districts.

He has been thrice married, first to Miss Kate Boyce English, of Union County. His second marriage was to Miss Janie Belle Hutchison, of Abbeville County. Two girls and five boys are the living children, all of this union. "Little Paul" entered unto rest September 13, 1899. His third marriage was to Miss Emma Sipple, of Grahamville, S. C.

Brother Meadors is a man of fine judgment, clear insight into men and things, and of decided disposition. It is never difficult to know what he thinks or where he stands. He is true to himself, his friends, his Church and to all duties. He is a careful student of the Bible, well posted on Methodism and its polity and doctrines. His preaching is orthodox and strong. He makes little or no effort at the embellishment of his messages; he depends upon the truth and the power of the Spirit to accomplish results, nor is he disappointed. He is peculiarly fitted for district work. In stationing the preachers,
his judgment is always to be depended upon. In working a district through the year, he is indefatigable. While God has blessed him in all of his ministry, he has been peculiarly successful in the responsible position of a Presiding Elder.

As a man, Brother Meadors is faithful and friendly. He has the grace and nerve to counsel a friend who is making a mistake, and to stand by one who needs support. As a Christian, he is definite, decided, fixed in mind and heart. His soul is stayed upon God, his powers are devoted to God. In a word, he is a strong man and true, in all things and everywhere.

Rev. Jacob Matthew Meetze, son of Mr. J. Fletcher Meetze and Mrs. Emma E. Meetze, was born at Ballentine, S. C., October 26, 1885.

His preparatory education was obtained in the common schools and at the Leesville High School. He then attended Newberry College, Newberry, S. C., for four years.

While listening to a sermon on "A Call to Preach," he felt moved by the Holy Spirit to give himself to this great work.

He was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference, in May, 1911, Dr. J. W. Daniel being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Bennettsville, S. C., December, 1911, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., in December, 1913.

He has served the Marion Circuit since being received on trial.

Mr. Meetze taught in rural schools for two years.

On the 25th day of April, 1912, he was married to Miss Ida Missouri Lounman, of Irmo, S. C. They have one child—Carl Matthew.

Mr. Meetze devotes much time to the study of good books.

He preaches without notes and his style of delivery is free and easy.
REV. JONES T. MILLER

Rev. Jones Traynham Miller, son of Mr. Albert Miller and Mrs. Margaret Finley Miller, was born on a farm near Waterloo, in Laurens County, S. C., February 18, 1851.

After the usual training in the common schools of the Country, he spent two years at the Cokesbury Conference School under Prof. W. C. Benet and Rev. George F. Round.

When a mere child, he had an impression that it would be his duty to preach. He joined the Church at the age of fourteen years, but did not realize thorough conversion till about ten years later, 1875. He was active in Church and Sunday School work until 1887, when he experienced the blessing of entire sanctification. After this experience, the call to the ministry became imperative and irresistible. Previous to entering the ministry, he was engaged in the mercantile business. While engaged in business, Mr. Miller's habits of study were necessarily irregular, but when he entered the ministry, he resumed methods of study and has continued them through the years. After completing the Conference Course, he continued to buy and read good books, until he had succeeded in accumulating a good library in his home and a good fund of information in his head.

Mr. Miller was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Fresno, Cal., Pacific Conference, November 23, 1889. He was ordained as a local Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, at Sumter, S. C., December 10, 1893. He was ordained Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Columbia, in 1901.

He was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, at the session held in Columbia, November, 1906, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

As a supply, he served the following charges: Parksville Circuit, 1901-4; Kinards Circuit, 1905-6.
Since being admitted into the Conference, he has served as follows: O'Neal Street Station, Newberry, 1907-8; Starr Circuit, 1909-10; Butler Circuit, 1911; Waterloo Circuit, 1912-14.

On December 14, 1876, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Emma S. Whitlock, of Greenwood, S. C. They have six living children—E. P. Miller, of Bennettsville, S. C.; D. N. Miller, of Washington, D. C.; W. E. Miller, of Augusta, Ga.; and M. J. Miller, of Waterloo, S. C.; Mrs. W. E. Henderson, of Verdery, S. C., and Miss Grace Miller, who is a teacher in the graded school at Iva, S. C.

He is thoroughly consecrated to his work. As a preacher, he is strong and spiritual; as a pastor, he is careful and painstaking. His supreme aim is soul-winning, and in this he has had considerable success.

Excellent blood flows in the veins of Rev. James Hugh Montgomery. He is the son of Mr. James Belton Montgomery, Scotch-Irish; and Mrs. Caroline Amanda (Li Frages) Montgomery, French.

He was born May 24, 1880, at the country home, near Greeleyville, in the upper part of Williamsburg County, S. C.

His early education was received in the common schools of the country and at a private night school in Charleston, S. C.

He then spent one year in Wofford Fitting School, at Spartanburg, S. C., and this was followed by one year in Wofford College.

When quite a child, Mr Montgomery had some impressions that he would some day be called to preach. These impressions became clear and distinct after his conversion in Charleston, S. C., in June, 1902. At that time, his education was somewhat limited, but he yielded to the call, pledging himself to the work of preaching should the way be opened for him to prepare himself for the work. The Lord graciously opened the way for him to obtain the schooling mentioned above.

Mr. Montgomery was licensed to preach at the Florence District Conference, held at Newman Swamp Church, in April, 1905.

He was admitted on trial at the Conference held in Gaffney, S. C., November, 1907.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, S. C., in 1909, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, at Bennettsville, S. C., in 1911.
He has served the following charges: Marion Circuit, 1908; Antre­ville Circuit, 1909; Hendersonville Circuit, 1910-11; Chester Cir­cuit, 1912-13; Van Wyck, 1914.

On December 2, 1908, Mr. Montgomery was married to Miss Annie Mae Hood, of Henderson County, N. C. They have three children—Reid Hood, Dannie Hugh and Harvey McCornell.

He is a diligent pastor and strives to minister to the needs of his people. He is a close student and prepares his sermons thoroughly before trying to deliver them. He is destined for a career of great usefulness in the ministry.

REV. ROBERT FREDERICK MORRIS

Rev. Robert Frederick Morris was born in Turbeville, S. C., August 23, 1885. He is the son of Mr. Morgan J. Morris and Mrs. Sarah R. Morris.

His preparatory education was obtained at the Turbeville Graded School. He entered Wofford College in the fall of 1904, and graduated from that institution in June, 1908.

At the early age of sixteen years he felt that he should prepare to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, but after his graduation, there were some doubts as to the call to preach. So he taught school for four years, hoping thus to satisfy the call of conscience by rendering a life of service in this great field. But finding no peace of mind in any compromise with the call to duty, he finally yielded and entered the ministry.

Mr. Morris was li­censed by the Licensing Committee of the Kingstre District at Kingstree, November 12, 1912.

He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial at the session held at Anderson, S. C., November, 1912, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He was appointed to the Princeton Circuit, in the Cokesbury District, and is at this writing serving his second year on the charge. On September 28, 1910, Mr. Morris was married to Miss Frances Rebecca Green. Two children have been born unto them—Frederica and Frances.
REV. SAMUEL C. MORRIS

Rev. Samuel Calhoun Morris is of English descent, being the son of Mr. James John Morris and Mrs. Mary Ann Elizabeth (Moore) Morris.

He was born near Lake City, in Williamsburg County, S. C., January 18, 1879.

He graduated at the Lake City High School in 1895. He graduated from the Citadel, Charleston, in the class of 1899. While pastor at Mt. Pleasant, S. C., he took a partial course in the Lutheran Theological Seminary at that place.

Even in childhood, Mr. Morris felt that he would be called to preach the Gospel. He tried to evade the issue by teaching. Failing to satisfy his conscience in this way, he studied medicine for a while, but could never be satisfied until he yielded to the Divine impression and decided to preach.

He was licensed to preach by the Florence District Conference, held in Timmonsville, S. C., Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Greenville, S. C., in December, 1903, Bishop A. Coke Smith presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., December, 1905, and Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, S. C., December, 1907.

Mr. Morris has served as follows: Mount Pleasant, 1904; Grover Circuit, 1905-7; Orr Mills, Anderson, 1908; Pelzer, 1909; Prosperity Circuit, 1910-13; Newberry Circuit, 1914.

He taught two years in high schools, and one year in Leesville College.

Mr. Morris was married on September 1, 1905, to Miss Hattie Lee Haynes, eldest daughter of Prof. and Mrs. L. B. Haynes, of Leesville, S. C. They have three children—Margaret Elizabeth, Sarah Harriet and Robert Haynes.

His sermons are thoroughly prepared and are delivered in an easy and effective manner.
REV. THOS. E. MORRIS

Rev. Thomas Edward Morris, son of John J. and Sarah Morris, was born December 30, 1855.

He received due primary educational training in the usual schools of the country, after which he spent two years at the Cokesbury Conference School, where, by hard study, he laid a good foundation for culture and intellectual training. Upon that foundation he has been building all these years.

He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference, of the Gour-dine and Sampit Circuit, November, 16, 1878, Rev. J. C. Stoll, Presiding Elder.

From early childhood, Brother Morris felt called to preach. He struggled with the problem for several years, not that he did not want to preach but feared to rush into a work so sacred and one fraught with such fearful responsibilities.

He feared the awful consequence of "offering strange fire" on God's altar. But finally God thoroughly convinced him that it was his imperative duty to preach and that to neglect it would be at the peril of his soul. Then he placed himself upon the altar and consecrated his powers to the service of Jesus Christ.

In 1879, Brother Morris served as a supply (junior preacher) on the West Marion Circuit, where his "gifts and graces" were tested. He was admitted on trial in December of that year, his Conference classmates being: J. Walter Daniel, J. M. Fridy, P. A. Murray and William H. Wroton. His labors have been distributed as follows:

- Junior preacher on Johnsonville Circuit, 1880;
- Junior preacher on Mullins Circuit, 1881; North Marlboro, 1882; Conway Station, 1883-
- Bamberg Circuit, 1885-6;
- Marion Street, Columbia, 1887;
- Laurens Station, 1888-91; Union Station, 1892-5; Spring Street, Charleston, 1896; Marion Station, 1897-1900; Chester, 1901; Union Station, 1902-3; Bennettsville Station, 1904-6; Florence Station, 1907; Georgetown Station, 1908; Denmark, 1909-12; Gaffney, 1913; Hartsville, 1914.

Brother Morris is an excellent preacher and popular pastor. His ministry is effective and he ever gains a stronghold on the love and esteem of his people. He loves them and they reciprocate his interest and esteem.

On November 10, 1880, our good brother, feeling, like Paul, that he "had a right to lead about a wife," was married to Miss Belle McColman, of Richmond County, N. C. She is not only his wife, but his valued helper in the work of the Lord. Six children have been born unto them, five of whom are still living.

Mr. Morris is a man of sterling worth. His rise in the Conference has been gradual, but steady, and his advancement has always been achieved by hard, honest work.

His appointments to pastorates have usually been for one or for four years. He has never had any desire to remain where there was any seeming misfit on either side.

He is a very modest man, and it is necessary to know him in order to appreciate his real worth and noble qualities.

For several years he has been a Trustee of Columbia College.
REV. HENRY T. MORRISON

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Henry T. Morrison, came to us from the Baptist Church. This is in harmony with the great law of reciprocity. Methodism has furnished ministers to almost every denomination of any consequence. It is but just and proper that she, in turn, occasionally, at least, receive one from another Church.

Mr. Morrison bids fair to prove a valuable accession to our ministry, and a successful worker in our Conference. He is the son of Mr. B. L. and Mrs. Julianna Morrison, and was born at Donald's, S. C., August 21, 1871.

After receiving his preparatory education in the common schools, he spent one year at Erskine College, Due West, S. C., and two years at the Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Morrison was reared in the Baptist Church, and after having been a member for about fifteen years, was genuinely converted. About one year after his conversion, he realized the call to preach. This Divine call came to him on the night of August 6, 1906, while on his way home from Donald's. The call was clear and unmistakable.

He was licensed to preach by the Baptist Church, August 13, 1912, and was ordained to the ministry by that Church, January 20, 1913.

For conscientious reasons, Mr. Morrison decided to change his church relations. Consequently he applied for admission into the South Carolina Conference, at Rock Hill, November, 1913, and was received, being recognized as a Deacon in our Church. He was appointed to the Ellenton Circuit.

In the early part of 1913, he built a church and organized a congregation in Laurens County, and served it as pastor until the Conference in Rock Hill.

On January 18, 1891, Mr. Morrison was married to Miss Mollie E. Luck, of Greenville, S. C. They have six children—Lula E., J. Eugene, W. Bennett, J. Willie, Cora L., and James Leland.

The South Carolina Conference extends a most hearty welcome to our good brother, and prays for him a long and useful ministry.

REV. HENRY COGSWELL MOUZON

The Rev. Henry Cogswell Mouzon, son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Wm. P. Mouzon, was born in district parsonage, Charleston, February 5, 1859. He attended with profit the schools in the cities and towns where his father's appointments fixed his home. Yearning for a complete education, he went to work to make the necessary money. Just as he had laid up enough to warrant his going to college, his father died. There was no property left—save the rich heritage of a stainless life, a pure, noble character, and words and deeds of which the world was not worthy. What now must be done? Henry did not hesitate a moment. Yielding from his cherished purpose, he used his money in caring for his widowed mother and his sisters. This selfless deed never seemed to him an unusual thing. His self-denial was a duty gladly welcomed. And so it has been ever since. Humble, selfless, loving, are what men may surely expect of Henry Mouzon.

Called to preach, he was licensed and entered the South Carolina Conference in November, 1888. His appointments have been: 1889, Prosperity, S. C.; 1890, Reevesville; 1891, Berkeley; 1892-3, Walhalla; 1894-5, Port Royal; 1896, Hardeeville; 1897-1900, Colleton; Ehhardt Circuit, 1901; Locast, 1902-4; Ridgeville, 1905-8; Harleyville, 1909-10; Heath Springs, 1911-13; Simpsonville, 1914.

To every appointment he went willingly, and in every charge he labored faithfully and successfully. If ever he even desired—much less sought—what men call "better fields" the writer, with good opportunity to know, never heard of it.

Brother Mouzon is a man of unusual modesty, yet where duty calls, he never hesitates to go, and to do. He is quiet, almost reserved—more ready to hear than to speak. He guards his lips from the taint of evil speaking, and gives them to kindly, charitable and friendly speech. Clean and pure in life and word himself, he does not suspect others. His experience in religion as is clear as a sunbeam; and his life-walk is steadfast.

As a preacher he is orthodox. New fancies do not go into his pulpit. The old gospel, the changeless gospel, is his theme. His sermons are well studied, plain and practical. His delivery is earnest and tender. The Holy Spirit is his reliance, and that never fails. As a pastor, he is sympathetic, exhibiting more in deed than in word.

On 26th April, 1893, he married Miss Mamie L. Varnedoe, of
Ridgeville, S. C., who has been the light of his home and the helper of his labors since—and the sharer, too, of his bereavements.

Some men are so quiet in their ways that the world does not realize, until they are gone, the sweetness and trueness of their characters and lives; but Heaven recognizes the Christly spirit and walk. So it is with the man of God, whom we call Henry Mouzon.

Rev. William Louie Mullikin, son of Mr. Milton K. Mullikin and Mrs. Estelle Henderson Mullikin, was born in Greenville, S. C., August 12, 1893.

He first attended the private school of Miss Lillie Hawthorne. After this, he entered the Fifth Grade of the schools of Greenville, S. C., and graduated from the high school department, June 3, 1910. He then entered Furman University and remained until February, 1912, when sickness necessitated his leaving college.

As a child he was blessed with the instinct of worship, as is evidenced by the fact that he loved to play having church.

In October, 1909, a committee took the religious census of Greenville. Mrs. W. A. Hudson, of the Palmer Presbyterian Church, took the census of the street on which Mr. Mullikin lived. Strange to say, Mrs. Hudson asked Mr. Mullikin why he did not preach the gospel. He replied, "I am not good enough." She said, "If God were to call you, would you refuse?" Knowing that God was calling him at that very moment, he replied, "I would not refuse." That afternoon he said to God, "I will," and the great issue was settled.

Having been recommended by the Hampton Avenue Quarterly Conference in Greenville, S. C., on November 20, 1911, he was duly licensed to preach by the Licensing Committee of the Greenville District, on November 22, 1911. Rev. Whitefoord M. Duncan being the Presiding Elder.

Mr. Mullikin was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial at Anderson, S. C., December, 1912; Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He has served the following charges: Junior preacher, Bethel and Poe, 1913; junior preacher, St. Paul's, Greenville, 1914.

He has served in various positions in Bible Class and Epworth League work. He has been District Epworth League Secretary for two years.

Mr. Mullikin has been pursuing studies at Furman University while serving in Greenville and expects to graduate there.

He is a young man of studious habits. His sermons are well prepared and effectively delivered.
REV. J. L. MULLINIX

The Rev. J. L. Mullinix was born in Anderson County, S. C., August 28, 1857. He is the son of Mr. W. C. Mullinix and Mrs. Narcissus M. Mullinix. His grandfather was W. G. Mullinix, and his grandmother was Philadelphia Gains. His parentage was of Irish descent. The family came from Ireland about 1790, and first settled in Rockingham County, Va., and about 1810 moved to South Carolina and settled in what was then known as the Old Pendleton District. This district being divided in 1828, became Pickens and Anderson Counties. He was reared on the farm near old Pendleton, and was denied the advantage of a collegiate training, only having a common school education. He was married to Miss E. Maggie Hopkins, of Pickens County, in 1875.

Mr. Mullinix was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the age of fourteen years. Feeling the call to preach the Gospel soon after he was converted, he refused to heed the call until he reached the age of twenty-nine, when the struggle became so great that it could be no longer resisted. He yielded to the call and began the preparation for the work of the ministry, and was licensed to exhort in the fall of 1886, and in April, 1887, was licensed to preach. He continued in a local relation until the session of the Annual Conference held in Greenwood in 1898, when he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection.

He taught in the public schools of Pickens County from 1891 to 1895, and studied during these years for the equipment and preparation of his life's work. In April, 1895, while he was still engaged in teaching in Pickens County, he was called upon to take charge of the Walhalla Circuit, and was appointed thereto by Rev. T. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder of the Greenville District, where he was reappointed year after year until he had filled out his full quadrennium.

While serving this work as local supply he attended the Walhalla High School to better equip himself for his life's work, and received certificates of proficiency in the courses pursued.

Mr. Mullinix was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Pendleton Circuit, April 28, 1888. As soon as he was licensed, he took up the course that was prescribed by the Bishop for orders, and having stood an approved examination upon the course at the expiration of four years adopted for Deacon's orders, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop Hendrix in 1893, and to the office of Elder, in Abbeville, by Bishop Granbery in 1896. He was admitted into the Conference on trial, at Greenwood, December 7, 1898.

He has served the following charges: Walhalla Circuit, as supply, 1895-8; West Pickens, 1899; Cypress Circuit, 1900-01; Edgewood, Columbia, 1902-3; Centenary, 1904-5; Marlboro, 1906-7; Johnsonville, 1908-10; New Zion, 1911; Cades, 1912-13; Elloree, 1914.

Mr. Mullinix is faithful and true in all his work. His indomitable perseverance enabled him to overcome the obstacles encountered in the beginning.
Rev. Bob Gage Murphy, son of Dr. Charles Thomas Murphy and Mrs. M. Louise Murphy (nee Peake), was born August 21, 1875. Our young friend has had excellent educational advantages and has made good use of them. His preparatory education was obtained in the graded school of Union, S. C. He graduated from the South Carolina Military Academy in the class of 1896. After this he spent one year in the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University.

Brother Murphy’s call to the ministry was a surprise even to him. He had always had an aversion to the ministry, ever thinking and sometimes saying that he would not preach. He joined the Church when thirteen years old, but had never fully left the world, of which he was very fond. He was deeply convicted of sin, but held out for a long time against the Divine impression. Finally, he promised the Lord to give up the world if he would only excuse him from preaching. But the Lord refused the offered compromise, and there was no peace for the young man until he fully yielded himself to God, and accepted the divinely appointed work of preaching the Gospel.

He was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District Conference, in 1898, Rev. A. J. Cauthen, Presiding Elder. Brother Murphy was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference in December, 1899, and has served as follows: Highland Avenue and Poe Mission, Greenville, 1899-1900; Chester and Lancaster Mission, 1901-4; Cheraw, 1905-8; Camden, 1909; Bennettsville Circuit, 1910-11; Hartsville, 1912-13; Allendale, 1914.

Brother Murphy has only begun, but all signs point to a most successful career. Being well-trained and thoroughly consecrated, there is no reason why his life should not be one of great fruitfulness.

On July 6, 1910, Mr. Murphy was married to Miss Carrie Maurice Pegues, of Cheraw, S. C. They have one child—Bob Gage Murphy, Jr.
REV. WILLIAM H. MURRAY

The subject of our sketch, Rev. William Henry Murray, is of Scotch-Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. Joshua Soule Murray and Mrs. Rachael Alice Murray, and was born at St. George, Dorchester County, S. C., July 12, 1873.

After his preparatory work in the public schools of Dorchester County, he entered the Carlisle School at Bamberg, S. C., and completed the course there in due time.

At nineteen years of age he felt called to the Christian ministry and consecrated himself to the holy work.

He was licensed to preach while a student at the Carlisle School. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at the session held in Columbia in 1901, Bishop C. B. Galloway presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Columbia, in 1901, and Elder by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., in 1906.

Mr. Murray has served the following charges: Walterboro Circuit, as supply and preacher in charge, 1901-3; Ridgeland Circuit, 1904-6; St. George Circuit, 1907; West End, Georgetown, 1908-11; Greeleyville Circuit, 1912; Abbeville Circuit, 1913-14.

On December 17, 1913, he was married to Miss Emma Penney, of Abbeville, S. C.

Mr. Murray is a thoroughly good man and has consecrated all his powers to the itinerant ministry. The Lord is blessing him in his work.

REV. PHILIP ALCEMUS MURRAY

The subject of this sketch, now a member of the South Carolina Conference, was born at Pineville, near Charleston, S. C., December 8, 1854.

He is the son of Rev. John W. and Frances Murray (nee Davis). His father was for many years an honored member of the South Carolina Conference, and of course, the impressions of itinerant life, together with the fundamental principles of Methodism, were deeply grounded in the son's life.

Philip, though small of statute, was a strong and vigorous boy. He was always able to hold his own on the play-ground, and if he ever failed to do it mentally, it was never for want of ability, but for want of application.

His early training was at the common schools, located in the different sections of the State, where his father was stationed. From the high school of Greenwood, S. C., he entered the Fitting School of Wofford College, and there remained for a year. He then spent three years in the college proper.

He professed religion when about sixteen years of age, and soon felt the call to the ministry, but this Divine appeal he resented, and showed it by taking little or no interest in church affairs. However, at the age of twenty-one, he yielded himself up to the call, and was licensed to preach.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Holland N. McTyeire, and ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Madison, Fla., in 1883.

He taught school for a number of years before he entered the ministry, and during these years, he also studied law. About the time he had finished the prescribed course of law, he decided to preach, and joined the Conference.

Brother Murray has devoted his ministerial life to South Carolina and Florida.

He has had a varied experience as a preacher. Not only has he served stations and circuits acceptably in the South Carolina and Florida Conferences, but he was pastor of the Port Society of Charleston for ten years, and chaplain for one year in the United States Army, during the Spanish-American War. Brother Murray is a good preacher, perfectly free from cant or imitation, original in thought, and independent in manner.
There is a clearness in his expression, and an ease and freedom of style, which make him entertaining and instructive at the same time.

The author of this sketch considers him among the best preachers of the Conference.

He has also a fine social side to his nature.

He is true in his friendships, and warm and close in his attachments.

His wife was Miss Sarah Mulloy, of Chesterfield, S. C. He has only three children—one son, P. A. Murray, Jr., who is a lawyer, and located at Cheraw, S. C.; and two daughters, Kathleen and Lillian.

Rev. Elzie Myers is of German and English descent. His father, Mr. William Myers, was of German descent, while his mother, Mrs. Martha Myers, was English.

He was born on his father’s farm, in what is now Bamberg County, S. C., on February 16, 1887.

He attended the common schools of the country until he was fifteen years old. Having felt called to preach the Gospel, he determined to obtain an education. He attended the Carlisle School in Bamberg, S. C., for two years, then part of a year at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. From there he went to Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., for one year.

When a little boy, Mr. Myers would use a chair for a pulpit, and preach to his companions. He joined the Church at the age of eleven years, but did not fully realize a thorough conversion until he was sixteen years old. At the age of fourteen, however, he felt the Divine call to preach.

He was licensed to preach at Ehrhardt, in 1906, and was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at the session held in Bethel Church, Charleston, December, 1910, Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding; Rev. George K. Way joining at the same time.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Kilgo, at the session of the Conference held in Anderson, S. C., December, 1912.

He has served the following charges: Supply, Cordesville Mission, 1906; supply, Manchester Mill, 1907; supply, Mt. Pleasant, 1908; supply, York Circuit, June to December, 1910; Buffalo and Green Street, 1911; Enoree, 1912; Clifton, 1913; Central, 1914.
On February 22, 1910, Mr. Myers was married to Miss Annie Thomas, of Yorkville, S. C. They have one child—Martha Cala, born November 7, 1911.

REV. WILLIAM S. MYERS

The subject of this sketch, Rev. William S. Myers, is of Scotch and Irish descent, his father, Mr. Francis A. Myers being Scotch, and his mother, Mrs. Eliza Myers being Irish.

He was born at Murfreesboro, Tenn., on August 24, 1864.

His educational advantages previous to his fifteenth year were meagre. After that he was able to make his own way. He received his college education at the University of Illinois.

Mr. Myers felt called to preach when he was eighteen years old, but, Jonah-like, ran away from his duty for several years, finally yielding at the age of forty years.

He was licensed to preach at Johnston, S. C., in 1907, Rev. J. W. Ariail being the pastor, and Rev. H. B. Browne being the Presiding Elder. In November of that year, he was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Gaffney, S. C., Bishop H. C. Morrison presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1899, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, at Bennettsville, S. C., December, 1911.

He has served the following charges: Bath, 1908; New Brookland, 1909; Centenary, 1910-11; Pelzer, 1912; Townville, 1913-14.

In all of these fields he has been instrumental in the accomplishment of much good.

On March 30, 1905, at Globe, Ariz., he was married to Miss Tallulah La Grone. They have no children.

Before entering the ministry, Mr. Myers was master mechanic for several railroads, and at one time was sent as a special machinist
to Alaska. He was a delegate to the International Sunday School Convention at Louisville, Ky., in 1908. He was a delegate to the World's Sunday School Convention at Washington, D. C., in 1910. He was a delegate to the National Peace Congress at Baltimore, in 1911.

Mr. Myers taught school for several years, having charge of several District Normal Schools for teachers. He also made some studies in law and medicine. He has done some work as newspaper reporter. He has a good physique, a strong voice, and his delivery is plain and easy. He uses notes in the delivery of his sermons, but does not confine himself to manuscript.

In the midst of pastoral duties, he gives much time to study.

REV. JOHN T. MCFARLANE

Rev. John Thomas MacFarlane, son of Mr. Robert MacFarlane, was born November 22, 1866, in Glasgow, County of Lanarkshire, Scotland. During his boyhood days he lived on Garlencaber Farm, Buchanan Parish, Sterlingshire, Scotland. This farm was located among the mountains of Ben Lomand, Ben Voirleck, and Loch Katrie, famous in early Scottish history. He was educated in the Parish School, Bella Houst Academy, Glasgow, Scotland, being trained as a naval engineer.

After coming to America, he pursued the usual branches of study, and, upon entrance into the Conference, he took the Conference Course in the Correspondence Department of Vanderbilt University.

The first distinct impression of a call to preach came to Mr. MacFarlane soon after he came to America, and while residing at Chester, S. C., but he did not yield to it until after his conversion, which occurred in July, 1893, under the ministry of Rev. John W. Neely. He was immediately put to work in Christian activity.

He was licensed to preach in the fall of 1893, at Graniteville, S. C., and for several years served as supply on various charges in the Conference.

Mr. MacFarlane was admitted into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Orangeburg, in December, 1889, Bishop Joseph S. Key presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Charles B. Galloway, in Columbia, in December, 1901, and was ordained Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, December, 1907.
As a supply, he served as follows: Graniteville, one year; Claussen, one year; Georgetown Circuit, one year; Swansea and Wagener, three years.

Since his admission, he has served as follows: Williston, one year; Norway, one year; Smoak's, two years; Elloree, three years; Granby Station, one year; Cherokee, two years; Lancaster Circuit, two years; Brandon, two years; Norris, one year.

For several years he has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference Brotherhood.

Mr. MacFarlane has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Llewellyn Goans, of Lancaster County. Of this union one child was born—Camellia. His second marriage was to Miss Carrie DeLester Lawrence, of Florence County. Of this union five children were born—Henry Basecom, John Holland, Marian May, Ida Dell and Horace Carter.

His preaching is evangelistic and many are converted under his ministry. His gift of song is a great aid to him in the work.

REV. J. K. McCaIN

Rev. John Kelly McCain was born in Abbeville County, February 22, 1839. His parents were William L. and Emily McCain, of Scotch-Irish descent, and were Methodists of the old type. Brother McCain was born and reared on the farm, and in the home of his parents, there was a living family altar, from which ascended the morning and evening sacrifices of grateful prayer and praise to the throne of heaven. This home was critically guarded against all impure literature. He was educated in the common schools of the country. The longest term spent in school was at Buffalo, Abbeville County. He learned much of the Bible in the Sunday School when “Long King's” questions compelled him to search out the answers.

He was first married to Miss Sarah Reynolds, of Edgefield County, S. C., January 5, 1860. Two sons were born to this union, John C. and Arthur A. McCain. His second marriage was to Miss Fannie A. Henry, of Richland, S. C., September 20, 1872. By this union six children were born—William H., Frank P., A. Thornton, P. Rembert, Minnie Laurens and Nannie Emma McCain.

When eighteen years of age, he felt a clear, peculiar and irresistible conviction that it was the will and purpose of God that he should preach the Gospel to dying men, but, strange to say, he did resist it, and fought against it, Jonah-like. In his attempted escape from God and duty he enlisted as a Confederate soldier in Company K, Fifteenth Regiment, S. C. V., in August, 1861, and was severely wounded in the second battle of Manassas, 28th August, 1862.
When falling on the battlefield this same conviction, which refused to be stifled and hushed by the demoralizing effects of war, was heard to speak in convicting and commanding tones: "Will you go and preach, now?" When the war closed and while he continued to daily with this awful conviction, God took to heaven two of his children and his devoted wife. It was under this dark cloud that he was made to feel, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel of Christ," and gave himself over wholly to this work. At this opportune time his former pastor said "yield" or else God will destroy thee, and here the consecration was made.

He has filled nearly all of his own appointments and has never left his charge for rest or recreation or pleasure.

He has served the following charges in the order: Richland Circuit, 1872-73; Reidville Circuit, 1874-77; Laurens Circuit, 1878-80; Jonesville Circuit, 1881-82; Fairfield Circuit, 1883-86; Pendleton Circuit, 1887; Darlington Circuit, 1888-90; Batesburg Circuit, 1891-92; Providence Circuit, 1893-94; Branchville Circuit, 1895; North Mullins Circuit, 1896-99; North Laurens 1900-03; Prosperity, 1904-05; McCormick, 1906; superannuate, 1907-14.

May the Master be pleased to say, "Well done!" when the end comes. All these years Brother McCain has maintained a clean record, and his work has been crowned with success. He patiently waits.

**REV. ELBERT L. McCOY**

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Elbert Livingstone McCoy, is of Scotch-Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. Edwin R. McCoy and Mrs. Hattie A. McCoy. His great grandfather was pure Scotch and spelled his name "McKay." His mother's family was Scotch-Irish.

Mr. McCoy was born at Malveen, Ark., April 10, 1876.

His primary education was obtained in the common schools of his community, and his preparatory training was received at a high school. He then spent three years at Hendrix College, in Arkansas, and two and a half years at Vanderbilt University.

His expenses during his college career were made by selling books, teaching and other such work as he was able to do.

From his earliest recollection, he had an impression that his life-work would be preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. At the age of eight years, he had a distinct impression that God would call him to preach.

Mr. McCoy was converted September 14, 1903.

He was licensed to preach at Arkadelphia, Ark., in 1904.

He was received into the Tennessee Conference on trial in 1909.

He transferred to the South Carolina Conference in January, 1910.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, at Bennettsville, S. C., in 1911, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., in December, 1913.

Mr. McCoy has served the following charges: Carlisle Circuit, 1910-11; Reidville Circuit, 1912-14.

On June 13, 1906, he was married to Miss Olive Caldwell, of Donaldson, Ark. They have two children—Allene Ruthorn and Helen Olivia.

The South Carolina Conference extends a most hearty welcome to Mr. McCoy and prays that his ministry among us will prove both pleasant and prosperous.
REV. LORING P. McGEE

The Rev. Loring Price McGee is one of the ablest preachers of the South Carolina Conference. He is a rare student and therefore he always brings to his people things new and old. His insight into truth is deep and clear, and he never hesitates to declare what he finds to be true. Then his delivery of his messages is unusually impressive. And his preaching holds a remarkably high average—no Sunday passes without an eloquent sermon. At the same time he “visits from house to house,” far beyond the record of even the foremost of pastors. He is a great preacher and a great pastor.

He is the son of Whitefield A. and Eugenia Coward Ward McGee, (Scotch and English) and he was born near Effingham, in Florence (then Marion) County, S. C., December 7, 1870. He joined the Church at the age of sixteen, under the ministry of the late Rev. W. B. Baker. He then had an impression to preach, but decision was not reached until 1900. He attended the home schools and then worked his own way through Wofford Training School and College, graduating in 1896. He taught school successfully for four years, and then made the great decision and was licensed to preach the Gospel at the District Conference held 1899, at Williamston, S. C. He was admitted on trial at the Chester Conference, 1900, and was sent for 1901 to Cheraw; 1901-4, to Timmonsville; 1905-8, to Orangeburg; 1909-12, to Laurens; 1914, to Greenwood. These appointments tell the story of his rapid advancement. In every charge he built up the church, won souls to Christ, and made friends of all who appreciate a genuine man of God.

He married Miss Kathleen Bishop, of Union County, S. C., and has that rich possession, a happy home. Two daughters were born of this union—one is in heaven, the other “on the way.”

He served four years on the Board of Education, four on a Committee of Examination, and he is now a Trustee of Lander College. Everywhere his sound sense and absolute fairness make his service most valuable.

REV. JOHN A. McGRAW

Rev. John Ashby McGraw is the son of Mr. Benjamin F. McGraw and Mrs. Mary Sligh McGraw. He was born September 27, 1869, in Newberry County, S. C.

His early educational advantages were those of the usual schools. Owing to an afflicted father, young McGraw had to remain at home, and help support the large family, hence he was deprived of a college education.

He joined the Church when nine years of age, and was ever loyal, serving the Church in the various offices open to laymen. After having been a professing Christian for several years, there came a time when he made a full and unconditional surrender to God. Soon after, he felt called to preach. Owing to his educational limitations, he did not yield to the call for quite a while. He struggled with the problem for over eight years. The call became irresistible, so on April, 1908, he promised God to do his best at preaching the Gospel. Since that hour he has had peace.

Mr. McGraw was licensed to preach by the Cokesbury District Conference, May 8, 1908, Rev. J. C. Roper being the Presiding Elder, and the session being held at Whitmire, S. C.

He served as a supply on the Toxaway and Gluck charges for 1909. He was received into the Conference on trial at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1909.

He served Marion Circuit for 1910-11, and succeeded in paying off a debt of long standing.
For 1912 he was assigned to Pageland Circuit and is serving his third year there. Here he has built a nice parsonage costing $1,500. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, at Bennettsville, in 1911, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, in 1913.

Mr. McGraw has been twice married. On October 5, 1898, he married Miss Minnie Wood, of Greensboro, Ga. She died November 1, 1908, leaving one child. On June 1, 1910, he married Miss Emie Keys, of Anderson, S. C. Of this union one daughter was born.

One who knows him, writes as follows: "In private conversation, Brother McGraw is exceedingly congenial. He has a keen sense of humor, which frequently asserts itself; few men more heartily appreciate a clean, hearty joke than he. Yet in the pulpit, he makes no effort to excite mirth or merriment. To him, real preaching is an effort to win a soul, not to court a grin, in fact, he has no narrow or perverted views of the ministry to which he has been called by the Holy Ghost. His style is one of earnestness and simple dignity. The writer has often heard his pulpit discourses, and has never failed to receive inspiration and instruction. Happy, indeed, is the congregation that sits Sabbath after Sabbath under his ministry. An effective preacher, a careful, painstaking pastor, a man clean and spotless in life, is the estimate of those who know him."

The South Carolina Conference is blessed with a large and constantly increasing class of young men, who, when called to preach, realized that it meant a call to prepare to preach, and who, accordingly took time and expended money and labor sufficient to thoroughly equip themselves for the arduous duties of the itinerant life. To this class belongs the subject of this paper, Rev. Daniel Melvin McLeod. He is the son of Capt. W. J. McLeod and Mrs. Amanda Rogers McLeod, and was born October 1, 1866, at Bishopville, S. C.

He received his preparatory training in the school at his home—Lynchburg, S. C. From here he went to Wofford College, where he graduated in June, 1890. Then, realizing fully his call to the ministry, and yielding himself to the Divine influence, he went to Vanderbilt University, where he spent two years in the Theological Department, graduating in the English course.

Brother McLeod was converted while at college, in 1899. It was then that he fully surrendered himself to the Lord for the work of the ministry. He was licensed to preach in 1890, by the Quarterly Conference of Lynchburg Circuit, Rev. J. S. Beasley being the Presiding Elder, and Rev. E. Olin Watson being the preacher in charge.


He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Laurens, S. C., in 1894, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Cranberry, at Abbeville, S. C., in 1896.

He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Sumter Circuit, 1893; Oswego Circuit, 1894; Aiken Station, 1895-6; Cheraw Station, 1897-8; Blacksburg Station, 1899-1901; Richburg Circuit, 1902-3; Union, 1904-7; Chester, 1908-10; Sumter, 1911-14. The Lord has granted him success in these charges, and he has been zealous in labors. He preaches good sermons, and is ever on the alert for the best interests of the people.

While winning souls for Christ at Blacksburg, Brother McLeod won at least one heart for himself, and he and Miss Bertie E. Guyton, of that place, were married January 10, 1900, Rev. William A. Rog-
ers performing the ceremony. They have six children—William M.,
Emma, Amanda, James McLean, John Guyton, and Daniel Rogers.
Mr. McLeod has served on various boards and committees in
the Conference.

The Rev. John W. Neeley, son of Edward Palmer and Catherine
Elizabeth Neeley, was born November 22, 1857. His education was
begun in the schools near home which were conducted by able and
scholarly men. Since those early years he has attended the school
of “spare time” and burned “the midnight oil.” It still continues.
His chiefest studies have been the Bible and men. Reared piously,
he was converted and joined the Church at the age of fourteen years.
His first special church work was with the Y. M. C. A. in Orange-
burg and Barnwell Counties. So distinct and clear was the sum-
mons to preach that he could not rest until he yielded. The Revs.
Manning Brown and J. L. Shuford helped him greatly in this try-
ing season. He was then between nineteen and twenty years old.
He was received on trial in the South Carolina Conference, December,
1880, since which time the following have been his charges: 1881,
Cypress; 1882, Newberry Circuit; 1883, Columbia Circuit; 1884-86,
Richland; 1887, Blythewood; 1888-89, Lexington; 1890-93, Granite-
ville; 1894-95, Richland; 1896-97, supernumery, with Marion
Street Station; 1898, Hyatt Park; 1899, supernumery, with Green
Street; 1900, supernumery, with Main Street Church, Columbia.
In all his charges he was successful. At Graniteville his success was
conspicuous, the church named Pentecost is the fruit of a remark-
able revival conducted by him. Brother Neeley's health improved
about this time, enabling him to re-enter the regular work and ren-
der effective service until the Conference of 1913, when he super-
annuated.

On the 6th of May, 1886, he was married in the Washington
Street Church, Columbia, S. C., to Miss Margaret Carolla Burnside.
Of this union five children were born—Wilmot Darby Walker,
Wadsworth Burnside, John William, Jr., Kathleen, and Anabel.
Brother Neeley is a capable preacher and an excellent pastor.
At times he preaches with manifest power. His physical debility,
which required him to rest the late years, is, beyond reasonable
doubt, the result of labors in the ministry beyond his strength.
REV. S. A. NETTLES

Stephen Abraham Nettles was born near Summerville, S. C., April 18, 1859. His father, Rev. Abraham Nettles, was one of the pioneer preachers of the South Carolina Conference, serving in active work for forty-three years, and peacefully dying November 6, 1889. His mother's maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Lowry of Chesterfield, S. C., who for forty years was a faithful helpmeet to her husband. These good parents took great interest in the education of their children. As a result, the subject of this sketch was enthused with a desire to obtain a collegiate training, especially to obtain a Wofford College diploma. At the age of seventeen, he attended the high school of Summerville, after which he went to Cokesbury for a year and a half. In 1877, he entered the Sophomore class at Wofford College. That year the Conference superseded his father, thus interfering for a while with the boy's college course. But he was not to be outdone. Securing employment, he was enabled in 1880 to re-enter college, graduating with distinction in 1882, the last of three sons to graduate at Wofford. Soon after leaving college, Mr. Nettles and his sister (who has ever been to him a source of inspiration) bought the Manning Academy, Manning, S. C., from Rev. H. M. Mood, and, as joint principals, ran a successful school for several years. Strict, conscientious, and magnanimous, Mr. Nettles gained the admiration of his patrons who even to this day speak in highest terms of his work. Just after opening school, he bought the Clarendon Enterprise and successfully conducted this weekly paper for several years. But the double work was too much for even as energetic a man, so he abandoned the newspaper enterprise. He soon found, however, that it was the labors of teaching that were telling on him, and, being fond of journalism, he bought the Manning Times, re-entering the newspaper business and reducing his school work.

In 1890, Mr. Nettles espoused the Reform Movement. For four years he was its recognized leader in Clarendon County. He was urged in 1890 to accept the nomination for the House or Senate, but declined. He has ever been a staunch prohibitionist, and was foremost in the prohibition movement in 1892. He opposed the nomination of State and County officers on the prohibition platform, however, feeling that the best material would not infrequently refuse to scramble for office with self-seeking politicians. He formulated the "Nettles Box" system, by which each voter in the primary election could vote "Prohibition" or "No Prohibition," the members of legislature to be governed accordingly. Being repeatedly urged to accept the nomination for the legislature, Mr. Nettles finally consented and made the race in 1892 and was elected. He led the prohibition forces that year in the House. The prohibition bill was passed in the House after a stubborn fight, but was defeated in the Senate, being substituted by the Dispensary bill which was sent back to the House. After careful consideration of the features of the Dispensary bill, he concluded that the Dispensary would be a great gain over the open bar-rooms and advised his colleagues to accept it. Mr. Nettles did not compromise his prohibition views. It was simply a question of expediency. He obtained permission to have an entry made on the Journal of the House stating that he did not favor the bill, but that he accepted it as a step toward prohibition.

In 1892, Mr. Nettles established "The Herald," a weekly paper, in Sumter, owning and editing it and the Manning Times simultaneously. Keen in judgment and sound in deliberation, he rapidly won success in his enterprises. His renunciation of all business enterprises and political allurements to enter the ministry, shows unmistakably the hand of God.

Mr. Nettles has been twice married. On October 20, 1886, he was married to Miss Sue Galluchat, daughter of Rev. Joseph Galluchat. She died December 14, 1893. From this marriage three children were born: Abraham Stephen, Joseph Lawrence and Lucian Clarke. On April 23, 1896, he was married to Miss Lottie Lee Jones, daughter of the Rev. S. B. Jones, D. D. She died December 12, 1897. It was upon the death of his first wife, that Mr. Nettles surrendered to the Lord fully and accepted the call to preach. All busi-
ness enterprises were disposed of, and he soon was ready for entrance upon the arduous duties of a Methodist preacher.

He was admitted into the Conference at Laurens, in 1894, and served Newberry City Mission, Campobello Circuit, Pacolet Circuit, and Branchville Circuit. In all of these, he was eminently successful. Gracious revivals attended his preaching. As a preacher, Mr. Nettles is logical and convincing; as a pastor, diligent and attentive.

In the fall of 1905, Mr. Nettles was elected editor of "The Southern Christian Advocate." Four years later, he was re-elected to the same position, and at the end of this quadrennium, he was similarly honored. In the spring of 1914, he tendered his resignation to the Board of Managers, to take effect January 1, 1915. During this nine years, he was also publisher of the Advocate. The same energy and good business judgment illustrated in other spheres, characterizing him here. He reduced the price of the paper to one dollar per annum, and more than doubled the circulation of the periodical.

Rev. Isaac Jackson Newberry was born in Sumter County, S. C., near Mechanicsville, the 28th day of January, 1835. When he was five years old, his father moved to Darlington County, near Cartersville, where he was brought up. He was blessed with religious parents. His father was a preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church, and his house was a house of prayer, where the morning and evening sacrifices were offered.

Owing to the death of his father in 1853, his educational advantages were limited to the neighborhood schools. He taught school awhile, and studied at home, and thus received his education.

He was married the 14th of October, 1856, to Miss Frances Rebecca Young. On the 25th of November, 1858, their first and only child was born—Cora Saluda—who was married to Dr. C. M. Littlejohn, of Union County, the 10th day of January, 1878.

He was converted in 1858, and immediately felt called to preach the Gospel; and in the fall of 1858, he was licensed to preach in the Methodist Protestant Church, and for fifteen years did missionary work in that Church.

In 1873, he joined the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and was sent to the Pacolet Circuit, and remained on that work three years. His next appointment was Pee Dee Circuit, for one year of great success—over two hundred were converted and one hundred and eighty-two joined the Church. He was next sent to Cherokee Springs for two years, where he built a good parsonage. His next work was Santuc Circuit, one year, where he
built another parsonage. He was then sent to Rich Hill Circuit, and lived at Pacolet Depot. This was his last work, for that spring his health began to fail, and in July he had a severe attack of rheumatism, and was confined to his bed for weeks, and he has never been well since; in fact, he is an invalid.

After eight years of work, he was superannuated, which relation he still holds. He is now very feeble, and unable for work. He does all he can in the Sunday School and prayer meeting where he now resides. He has peace with God and his fellow man.

Brother Newberry's term of active service, though brief, was effective. He was soon released from actively doing God's will, and received assignment for submissively suffering God's will. His assignment to earthly service will soon end, and our dear brother will lay down the cross and take up the crown.

In March, 1900, his wife was taken sick with la grippe, and after two weeks of intense suffering fell asleep in the arms of Jesus, 9th April, 1900. She was indeed a helpmeet, never opposing, but always co-operating and helping in every effort to save souls, and to build up the Kingdom of our Lord. She visited the sick and helped the poor and needy as far as she was able.

REV. JAMES HUBERT NOLAND

Rev. James Hubert Noland, son of Mr. John C. Noland and Mrs. Sarah (Sassard) Noland, was born in Charleston, S. C., December 18, 1866. His father was born in Charlotte, N. C., of parents who came from the north of Ireland, in the early part of the year eighteen hundred. His mother was born in Savannah, Ga., of parents who were of French and English descent. The father and mother of the subject of our sketch, though not born in Charleston, were reared in that city, and were members of Trinity Church. They were exemplary in character and their godly influence abides with their boy.

Mr. Noland's educational training was obtained in the Charleston High School, the Citadel, and the Columbia Theological Seminary.

After his graduation, he was planning for a life altogether different from that of the Christian ministry. He had never dreamed of entering upon this profession, but he became so deeply impressed, in a mysterious way, that he became thoroughly conscious of a Divine call. He wrote to his parents informing them of his intention, and their answer was a confirmation of his impression. Without letting him know anything about it, they had been fervently praying that God might call him into the ministry. But fearing he might mistake a parental wish for a Divine call, they had refrained from mentioning the subject to him.

Mr. Noland was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of St. John's Church, Anderson, and was admitted on trial into the Conference in December, 1890. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop
Hendrix, in 1892, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Keener, in 1894. He has served the following charges: Monticello Station, 1891; Aiken Station, 1892, Wallace, Idaho, 1893; York Circuit, 1894; Blackville, 1895; Gourdin’s, 1896-7; Langley, 1898-9; North Marlboro, 1900; Teacher in Aiken Institute, 1901-2; Van Wyck, 1903; Blackstock, 1904-6; Pinewood, 1907-8; Kershaw, 1909-10; Starr, 1911; Beaufort, 1912-14.

At his graduation at the Citadel, in the class of 1888, Mr. Noland was an adjutant. He was for two years on the staff of Gen. George D. Johnstone, and from this close association, was recommended by him for Commandant of Cadets, in a Military Academy in Missouri, at the time of graduation. But as he held a State scholarship, he taught in South Carolina. He resigned the professorship in the Patrick Military Institute to enter the Conference.

He was married on April 4, 1894, to Miss Pattie Parker, of Aiken, S. C. She died November, 20 1911.

Mr. Noland is a fine type of a Christian gentleman—cultured, courteous, and conscientious. He is extremely modest and his real worth is known only by those who have entered into the circle of his inner life.

REV. THOS. C. O’DELL

Rev. Thos. C. O’Dell, son of L. M. W. O’Dell was born in Laurens County, S. C., about six miles northwest of the county seat, October 17, 1857. The son of a farmer, he grew up to manhood on the farm, and received his early education in the common schools of the neighborhood. In December, 1878, he entered Wofford College, and continued his studies in this institution for three years. Relying entirely upon his own efforts for means to go to college, he found it necessary to alternate each year with one in the school room, teaching. In this way, he completed successively the Preparatory, Freshman and Sophomore years. It was during his second year, and mainly through his efforts, that the mess hall—now Wightman Hall—was projected and successfully operated. By this means, he succeeded in greatly reducing the expenses of the students who desired to take advantage of the arrangement. What a blessing this has been to scores of young men since his day, they are the best judges; and that it has proven a great blessing to the college is evident from the fact that it is one of the especial inducements held out to young men of limited means to attend college. He, with Rev. J. L. Harley, of the Conference, and B. J. R. McMakin, fellow students, were the first to eat a meal in the now Wightman Hall.

He was converted and joined the Methodist Church during a meeting conducted at King’s Chapel Church—his home church—by Rev. J. B. Traywick, in August, 1877, and was licensed to preach August 11, 1879, Rev. C. H. Pritchard, P. E. He was admitted on
trial into the Conference and ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener, in December, 1885; ordained Elder by the same Bishop, at Camden, in December, 1889.

He has served the following charges: Clio Circuit, 1886, as junior preacher under Rev. G. M. Boyd; Little Pee Dee Circuit, 1887-88; Rock Hill Circuit, 1889; Pendleton Circuit, 1890-92; Georgetown Station, 1893-96; Bamberg Station, 1897-1900; Assistant Superintendent Epworth Orphanage, 1901; Blenheim Circuit, 1902; Mullins Station, 1903-06; Allendale Station, 1907; St. John's Church, Rock Hill, 1908; Latta Station, 1909; Rock Hill District, 1910-13; Anderson District, 1914.

He was married to Miss Leona Meekins Daniel, of Nichols, S. C., on March 27, 1888.

Great success has invariably attended the ministry of Brother O'Dell in all his charges. As a preacher, he is plain, practical, and very effective. His sermons show much patient thought and careful preparation. His style is quiet, and yet every word shows the deep earnestness of the speaker. His pastoral ministrations are sympathetic and helpful. Wherever there is suffering or sorrow, there he is found with words of comfort.

Mr. O'Dell was the original promoter of the Epworth Orphanage, and has been on the Board of Managers from its beginning.

REV. THOMAS B. OWEN

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Thomas Burnett Owen, is an Englishman by birth, an American by adoption, and a Southerner by choice.

He is the son of Mr. John Owen and Mrs. Hannah Mary Owen, and was born at Hartlepool, Durham County, England, on February 22, 1853.

His early educational training was obtained in private schools. After this training, he entered Walworth College, on Pierremont Crescent, Darlington, Durham County, England, where he spent two years.

In early childhood, Mr. Owen had an impression that his life-work would be the ministry. With increasing years, this impression deepened into an irresistible impulse and conviction.

He was licensed to preach by the Sumter District Conference at Lynchburg, S. C., in 1895, Rev. Thomas J. Clyde being the Presiding Elder.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at Darlington, S. C., December, 1904, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. He was ordained a local Deacon by Bishop Wilson at this session.

Mr. Owen has served the following charges: Johnsonville, 1902-3; Santee, 1904-6; Gaffney Circuit, 1907-9; Belmont, 1910-11; East Chesterfield, 1912-14.

He has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Elizabeth Broadway, who died January 4, 1902. Of this union there are two living children—Mrs. N. G. Broadway and Thomas Reynolds Owen, of Paxville, S. C.
His second marriage was to Mrs. Nannie O. Poston, of Johnsonville, Williamsburg County, S. C., in 1902.

Mr. Owen is a most excellent man, a good preacher, and a faithful pastor. The work of the Lord prospers in his hands.

Rev. William Crook Owen was born on the old Plantation, Bloom Hill, in Sumter County, S. C., September 9, 1879. His father, Luke B. Owen, was the eldest son of Rev. John Owen, a Wesleyan Methodist preacher, of Hartlepool, England. His mother, Mrs Winnie (Crook) Owen, was the youngest daughter of Rev. William Crook, the sweet singer of the South Carolina Conference, before the War.

While yet a child, Mr. Owen lost his parents, and he found a home with his uncles, Charles and Henry Crook, until he was seventeen years old.

After a short while in the schools of Charleston, S. C., he attended the school at Gold Hill, where he was making his home with his uncles. He then studied under Dr. E. O. Watson and was prepared by him for college. He entered Wofford College Spartanburg, S. C., in 1899, and graduated in 1903, having spent one year as corporal in Thompson's Independent Battalion, detailed as Young Men's Christian Association Secretary.

When a mere boy, Mr. Owen felt impressed that it would be his duty to preach. At the age of twelve years, he joined the Church, at old Philadelphia, on the Fort Mill Circuit, under the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Price. During his entire college course, and while teaching for two years at the Carlisle School, at Bamberg, S. C., the conviction that he should preach deepened and was strengthened by his Y. M. C. A. work in the army, as well as by attendance upon Summer Missionary Conference of Student Volunteer Movement.
He was recommended for license to preach by Trinity Church, Bamberg, in 1905, under the pastorate of Rev. M. W. Hook. He was licensed to preach by the Rock Hill District Conference, at Hickory Grove, July 26, 1905, Rev. W. P. Meadors, Presiding Elder. He was received into the Conference on trial, at Spartanburg, S. C., December, 1905, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, S. C., December, 1907, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1909.

He has served as follows: Rowesville and Bethel, 1906-7; Little Rock, 1908-11; Little Pee Dee, 1912-14.

While in college, Mr. Owen was Treasurer and Vice-President of the Y. M. C. A. He filled various offices in the Calhoun Literary Society, was elected President of Senior Class in 1903, made distinction on practically all studies during his entire college course, and was elected without application, on recommendation of Dr. Snyder, as first assistant of the Carlisle School, 1903-5. He was a contributor to the College Journal. He took courses in the Correspondent Department of Vanderbilt University.

On June 14, 1904, Mr. Owen was married to Miss Corinne Erwin Kendrick, eldest daughter of Mr. John F. Kendrick and Mrs. Antoinette Erwin Kendrick. They have three children—Olin Watson, William Kendrick and Sarah Corinne.

Mr. Owen is a popular pastor and a helpful preacher. He has a bright future before him.

REV. WAIN M. OWINGS

Rev. Wain Marvin Owings, son of Mr. Francis Rapley Owings and Mrs. Susan Abererombe Owings, was born at Owings, S. C., August 9, 1874. His father descended from Dutch and English ancestry, and his mother from Irish.

After his preparatory education in the schools of the country, he entered Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and graduated therefrom with the A. B. degree, in the class of 1898.

In August, 1899, Rev. L. L. Pickett held a great revival meeting at Dial's Church, in Laurens County. This church is the one to which the Owings family belonged. At this revival meeting young Owings was converted, being then sixteen years of age. Shortly after this, he felt called to preach, but did not make public this impression. Realizing that a call to preach implied a call to get ready to preach, he at once began planning for a college education. He taught school five years after graduating, and then yielded to the Divine call to the ministry.

He was licensed to preach by the Licensing Committee of the Spartanburg District, in November, 1904, Rev. W. H. Folk being licensed at the same time.

Mr. Owings was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Spartanburg, S. C., in December, 1905, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, S. C., December, 1907, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1909.
He has served the following charges: Union, as supply, 1905 and as preacher in charge, 1906; Fort Mill, 1907-8; Rock Hill Circuit, 1909-10; South Greer, 1911-12; Hampton Avenue in Greenville, 1913-14.

While in college, Mr. Owings was elected Class Poet, and delivered his commencement oration in verse. Before entering the ministry, he was principal of Wallace Lodge High School for two years, Green Pond High School for one year, and Langford's High School for two years.

He married Miss Lora Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Patterson, of Laurens County, S. C. Six children have been born unto them. One child—William Gladstone—died in infancy. Those living are: Ralph Seer, Francis Preston, James Rembert, Marvin Alpheus and Martha Rebecca.

Mr. Owings thoroughly prepares his sermons, writing them in full, but does not use the manuscript in the pulpit. His delivery is easy.

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REV. JOHN P. PATTON

Rev. John Paul Patton, son of Mr. M. P. Patton and Mrs. Sarah F. Patton, was born at Cross Anchor, S. C., June 6, 1881.

His preparatory education was obtained at the Cross Anchor High School. In 1901, he entered the University of South Carolina, and graduated therefrom in 1906, with the degree of A. B. The delay in his graduation was due to the fact that he had to teach one year to defray his college expenses. While in college, he was deeply interested in every phase of student life, especially the various societies. At one time, he was President of the historic Clariosophic Society.

Almost from his earliest recollection, Mr. Patton felt that he would be a minister of the Gospel. So, in all his educational work he had this work in view. After the completion of his college course, he taught for five years in the public schools of the State, and during all this time his general reading was along the line of ministerial equipment.

He was licensed to preach by the Spartanburg District Conference, at Blacksburg, S. C., in 1907, Dr. Mark L. Carlisle presiding. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Charleston, S. C., in December, 1910, Bishop E. R. Hendrix presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., December, 1913.

For four months in 1910 he served as pastor at Pickens, S. C., filling out the unexpired term of Rev. J. C. Yongue. He is at this writing, serving his fourth year at Blacksburg, S. C.

Believing that a minister should be a man of general culture, Mr. Patton gives much time to the study of all subjects that will furnish equipment for his work. He realizes that the age demands an educated ministry, and he accordingly applies himself. He studies men and books, especially the one Book, the Bible.

He has taken the Conference Course in the Correspondence Department of Vanderbilt University, and has also done the suggested parallel work.

His sermons are well prepared and pleasantly and tellingly delivered.

In 1910, Mr. Patton was married to Miss Dora Epps, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Epps, of Kingstree, S. C. They have one child—John Paul, Jr.

Mr. Patton has a bright future before him and his friends are expecting great things of him.
REV. JOHN H. PAUL

Rev. John Haywood Paul was born near Alexandria, La., September 23, 1877.

He is the son of Mr. John T. Paul and Mrs. L. M. (Watkins) Paul. His father was French and his mother was Anglo-Saxon.

He spent six years in the public schools. He then took a reasonably full academic and scientific course under private tuition, and a Theological Seminary course in the same way. This was followed by a Certificate Course in Philosophy with the Chicago University.

As a child, Mr. Paul had a native impulse to preach. With this impulse and impression came later a love for it, and a desire to enter into it. The measure of success that has attended his ministry, has been a satisfying evidence of the Divinity of his call. But from the very beginning, there were on doubts in his mind as to this duty in the premises.

He was licensed to preach by the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was received on trial into the Gulf Conference of that Church, in February, 1899, having preached as a layman for about three years. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Isaac Joyce, in 1900, under a special provision; and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. F. Mallalieu, in 1903, having completed the Conference Course.

He was transferred to the Louisville Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, September, 1908, but served no pastoral charge in that territory, but was editor of "The Pentecostal Herald," of Louisville, a position which he had held prior to his transfer to our Church.

He has served as follows: Atlanta, Texas, 1899; Hughes Springs, Tex., 1900; Auburn and Gloster, Miss., 1901-3; Marshall, Tex., 1906; College and Poplar Springs Church, Meridian, Miss., 1909-13; Editor "The Way of Faith" and Edgewood charge, Columbia, 1914.

In September, 1898, he was married to Miss Effie Richardson, of Colfax, La. They have four children living—Cyrus, Wilson, Victorine, and Mark. They have one dead.

Mr. Paul is a man of scholarly instincts and attainments. He was head of the department of Philosophy and Biblical Instruction of Meridian Colleges, from 1909 to 1913. He is the author of two books: "Silver Keys to Religion, Social, and Economic Problems;" and "The Hereafter," a work on Eschatology.

He is a man of deep spirituality and is a preacher of force.

The South Carolina Conference extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Paul, and wishes for him a long and useful career among us.
REV. CLARENCE E. PEELE

Rev. Clarence Edward Peele is one of the choice young men of our Conference. He is the son of Mr. Andrew H. Peele and Mrs. Leonora Jane Peele, and was born at Gibson, N. C., October 27, 1877.

His preparatory education was obtained at the Gibson High School, where he spent nine years under Prof. F. P. Wyche, who has a reputation for thorough work and high ideals.

After this thorough training, Mr. Peele entered Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and graduated therefrom in the class of 1901. From childhood, he felt that he should preach the Gospel. This impression grew upon him until 1897, when he entered Wofford College. Even then he did not go as a ministerial student, but the question had been settled, and he was confident that the ministry would be his life-work. He was licensed to preach at Clio, S. C., in 1903, and in December of that year he was received into the South Carolina Conference, at Greenville, S. C., Bishop A. Coke Smith presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, S. C., December, 1905, and Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, S. C., in December, 1907.

Mr. Peele has served the following charges: Laurel Street, 1904-5; Edgewood, 1906-8; Cameron, 1909-10; North Augusta, 1911-14;

He served one term on the Epworth League Board, and is now on the Board of Church Extension. He took one year more than required for the A. B. degree at Wofford College. He took the Conference Course in Correspondence with Vanderbilt University. Also other work with Vanderbilt.

Mr. Peele is a young man of studious habits. He closely studies the standard works on Theology.

He is a good sermon-maker. His sermons are a growth. He is an earnest and consecrated pastor.

On June 12, 1906, he was happily married to Miss Mary Hall, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. E. W. Hall, of Rock Hill, S. C. She, too, is a choice character. They have one child—Edward Vernon.
Rev. Charles Melanchton Peeler, the fourth son of Mr. Alfred L'Peeler and Mrs. Ross Ann Peeler, was born near Salisbury, Rowan County, N. C., May 4, 1879.

His boyhood and early young manhood days were spent in hard work on the farm. He was blessed with Christian parents, who strove to give the boy correct ideals of religion and the Church. The family altar was a perpetual institution. Reared amid such surroundings, he was naturally led to give himself to Christ and the Church. Through the prayers of a Christian mother, and the influence of the Holy Spirit, he accepted Christ, and joined the Church, when fourteen years of age. He immediately began personal work, trying earnestly to lead his companions to Jesus. He also conducted prayer services in college and church. Shortly after his conversion, Mr. Peeler felt Divinely called to preach the Gospel, and he cheerfully obeyed the call. Realizing that such a task demanded preparation, he at once planned to obtain an education. It was then that he went to the China Grove High School and Weaverville College.

He was licensed to preach by the District Conference held at Albemarle, N. C., July 20, 1900, Dr. W. W. Bays being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Spartanburg, in December, 1905, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding. He was ordained local Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Dur-lington, S. C., December, 1904, and Elder by the same Bishop, at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1909.

Mr. Peeler has served as follows: York Circuit, as a supply, 1902; York and Tirzah, as supply, 1904-5; Langley, 1906-7; Brownsville, 1908-10; Fairfield, 1911-13; Pendleton, 1914. In all of these he has had remarkable success.

In 1907, he married Miss Delia S. Wright, daughter of Rev. John N. Wright, who for many years served faithfully in the South Carolina Conference.

Mr. Peeler is a most diligent pastor and through his earnest efforts the charges he serves are greatly advanced. Hundreds have been added to the Church through his ministry.
REV. JOSEPH T. PEELER

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Joseph Tayville Peeler, is one of the most excellent young men in our Conference. He is the son of Mr. Alfred L. Peeler and Mrs. Rosa Peeler, and was born in Rowan County, N. C., April 30, 1881. His first days in school were spent in the best public schools his native county afforded. From this, he passed on into the high school and after completing the course here, he went to college, and took the full course. After leaving college, he did some further work by Correspondence courses.

Before he had reached the age of fourteen years, Mr. Peeler felt the Divine call to preach. The call was so clear and emphatic that he has never entertained a doubt as to its genuineness. He was licensed to preach by the District Conference, held at Mt. Pleasant, N. C., July 1901, Bishop R. K. Hargrove presiding. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Spartanburg, S. C., in December, 1905, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding. Rev. Messrs. R. F. Bryant, from the Western North Carolina Conference, C. W. Burgess, W. A. Beckham, W. T. Bedenbaugh, R. R. Doyle, Charles S. Felder, D. D. Jones, J. R. T. Major, W. C. Owen, W. M. Owings, and C. M. Peeler were received at the same time. Mr. Peeler has served the following charges: Hendersonville Circuit, 1906; Appleton Circuit, 1907-10; Hampstead Square, Charleston, 1911-14.

During his pastorate in Charleston, the old Cumberland Church property was sold and a handsome brick church built on Hampstead Square. His work there has been very successful. On November 22, 1906, he was married to Miss Marie Elberta McTeer.

Mr. Peeler is a quiet and modest gentleman. You must know him to appreciate his worth. He is a man of studious habits. His sermons are thoroughly prepared and are delivered in an easy and graceful style.

REV. LUTHER E. PEELER

The subject of our sketch, Rev. Luther E. Peeler, came to us from North Carolina and is of Dutch descent. He was born at Granite Quarry, N. C., January 13, 1870. After the usual training in the common schools of the country, he entered Rutherford College, N. C., and graduated therefrom in due time.

After his graduation, he taught school for five years. Mr. Peeler was transferred to us from the Western North Carolina Conference at the session of our Conference held in Spartanburg, S. C., in December, 1905, Bishop W. A. Candler presiding. Since coming to the South Carolina Conference he has served the following charges: McClellanville, 1906-7; Greeleyville, 1908-11; West End, Georgetown, 1912; Gilbert, 1913; Cades, 1914. In his own quiet way, Mr. Peeler is accomplishing a great deal of good. He believes in preaching the plain, simple Gospel, and the Lord blesses his ministry to the salvation of souls.

South Carolina extends a most cordial welcome to him and prays Heaven's richest blessings upon him.
REV. WILLIAM HENRY PERRY

Rev. William Henry Perry was born eight miles east of Monroe, Union County, N. C., on June 11, 1863, at 5 p. m.

His father, Mr. Jackson H. Perry, was of English and Irish descent, and was a man of sterling worth and industrious disposition. His mother, Mrs. Mary Madaline Perry, was of French descent. She was a daughter of Rev. Charles Barrineau, of Williamsburg County, S. C. Her family moved to Union County, N. C., in 1848.

The subject of our sketch inherited the religious instinct and was reared in a home of positively religious atmosphere. In his early boyhood, he "practiced" preaching upon his little brothers and sisters. At the early age of seven years he was convinced of sin, and sought the Lord continuously until he realized personal pardon, at Rehobeth Camp Ground, in Stanly County, N. C. This conversion occurred at the age of eleven. He joined the Church at Burnsville, Anson County, N. C., under the ministry of Rev. A. D. Betts, father of Rev. William A. Betts, and grandfather of Rev. A. D. Betts, of the South Carolina Conference.

At the age of fourteen, Mr. Perry became thoroughly convinced that it was his duty to preach. Previous to this, he had had very few opportunities to attend school. But he realized that a call to preach meant a call to prepare to preach. He entered the high school taught by Prof. H. W. Springs, Albemarle, N. C., and by working for the school and the Professor, succeeded in attending for four years. Greatly to his sorrow, he was unable to obtain a college education.

For a while he acted as Colporteur for the American Bible Society, in Dublin County, N. C. In the fall of 1889, he was appointed supply of the Rock River Mission. He was admitted on trial into the North Carolina Conference, in 1890, only one in the class making a higher mark on examination—Rev. John C. Crowell, who became President of Trinity College. He was ordained Deacon as a local preacher, November 15, 1891. He was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Statesville, December 2, 1894.

He has served the following charges: Dobson Circuit, 1891-2; Sparta, 1893-5; Burnsville, 1896; McDowell, 1897; Spring Creek, 1898; Danbury, 1899-1901; Green River, 1902-4; Hendersonville Circuit, 1905-6; Bethel and Wilgione, 1907. At the Conference of 1907, he was transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and has served as follows: Jefferson, 1908; Pinopolis, 1909; Salters, 1910; Sampit, 1911-13; Honey Hill, 1914.

Mr. Perry has been marvelously successful in evangelistic work, hundreds of people being converted in his revivals. He is a deeply spiritual man, thoroughly consecrated to his great work. He is a close student of the Bible.

On August 12, 1895, he was married to Miss Mary Geneva Warden. She has been a great help to Mr. Perry, in a material way, by her industry and economy, and in a spiritual way, by helping him in his work as pastor and revivalist. They have no children.
The subject of this sketch was born near the present town of Springfield, in the western part of Orangeburg County, August 20, 1853. He is the third son and fifth child of William F. and Annie Eliza C. Phillips.

When the boy was quite young, his father moved to Blackville, S. C., and engaged in the mercantile business. His first schooling was received there. When his father removed to his old home the boy attended the common school of the community. He attended for some time Dr. A. Toomer Porter's school in Charleston and the Elko High School, at Elko, S. C. Beginning in January, 1890, he attended, for nearly three years, Wofford College, preparatory to the ministry.

Mr. Phillips was married December 5, 1879, to Miss Louisa R. Davis, third daughter of the late Morgan A. and Mrs. Theresa F. Davis. To this union there have been born six children, two boys and four girls. The first three—Lillian E., Daisy M., and Lessie L.,—were born in the home on the farm, near Phillips, S. C. The fourth child, Carlisle Dickson, was born in the Lewiedale Circuit parsonage. The fifth child and second son, Andrew R., junior, was born in the parsonage of the Edgewood charge. The sixth, a girl, Sadie Lou, was born August 27, 1899, in the Ridgeway Circuit parsonage. All these children are living and are in excellent health.

For ten years after his marriage he lived on his farm at Phillips, S. C. Several years before he began to prepare mentally for the ministry, he engaged in a small mercantile business, which he man-aged in connection with his farm. Mr. Phillips had built up quite a considerable trade, when the pressing call came to him more forcibly than ever, through the "still small voice," that "woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." Then it was in January that he went to Wofford College to better prepare himself to enter the ministry. From childhood, Mr. Phillips had had an impression that he would have to preach. He had been converted in Old Pine Grove Church (now Springfield) in November, 1873, but the decision to respond to the call was not made till 1889.

Leaving Wofford in June, 1892, he taught school till near the meeting of the Conference in Charleston, November, 1892, when he was admitted on trial, with, perhaps, the largest class that was ever admitted in the history of the Conference. His first charge was the Lexington Fork Circuit. He remained there for only one year. The next year he was sent to the Lewiedale charge, where he remained for three years.

At the Conference held in Abbeville, the Bishop "read him out" for the Edgewood Circuit, near Columbia. Here he remained one year. When the Conference met in Florence, Bishop Duncan appointed him to the Ridgeway charge. He served this charge during 1898 and 1899. Since that, he has served as follows: Darlington Circuit, 1900-01; Fairfield Circuit, 1902; Granby Station, 1903; Graniteville Station, 1904-5; Lamar, 1906-7; Rowsville, 1908-11; Edgewood, 1912; Brownville, 1913; Brookland, 1914.

Mr. Phillips was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Edisto Circuit, Rev. T. J. Clyde, Presiding Elder. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery, in 1895. He was ordained Elder, at Abbeville, by Bishop Granbery, in 1896. Mr. Phillips taught school for five terms, and was for several years chairman of the trustees of his school district.

During the present year, 1914, his health gave way. His many friends hope for his speedy recovery.
REV. D. ARTHUR PHILLIPS

Rev. D. Arthur Phillips, son of Mr. John F. and Mrs. Elizabeth F. Phillips, was born April 1, 1866, in Orangeburg County, S. C. To these parents were born ten children, all of whom are living at this writing. The father died in the faith, March 3, 1895. The good mother is still living, and resides at Springfield, S. C.

After receiving such training as the common schools of the country afforded, Brother Phillips entered Wofford Fitting School in October, 1887. By hard work, he was enabled to do the work of two years in one, so in October, 1888, he entered the college classes, and pursued the regular college course for one year. He made a most excellent record, both in the Fitting School and in the College.

Being reared in a home that was distinctly religious, and having pious parents, than whom there are no better, young Phillips was pious from his youth up. The call to preach came to him while at college. It was clear and unmistakable. Though feeling a deep sense of his unfitness for the work, he yielded to the call and determined to use all his powers for the glory of God and the salvation of men. He was licensed to preach July 20, 1889, by the Quarterly Conference of the Blackville Circuit, Rev. T. J. Clyde being the Presiding Elder. For three months previous to the session of the Annual Conference in 1890 he served as a supply on the West Wateree Circuit. He was received on trial at the session of the Conference held in November of that year, David Hucks, Edward W. Mason, J. Hubert Noland and Samuel H. Zimmerman joining at the same time. His labors have been in the following charges: West Wateree, 1891-2; Campobello Circuit, 1893-6; Whitmire Circuit, 1897-8; Heath Springs Station, 1899-1901; Rowesville Station, 1902-3; Bishopville Station, 1904-6; Manning Station, 1907-8; Winnsboro Station, 1909-11; Richburg Circuit, 1912; Kingstree Station, 1913-14. While on the West Wateree charge, Brother Phillips led in building a nice parsonage. While in Campobello, he started the erection of a handsome brick church; the one at Landrum was remodeled; a lot and lumber for a new church at Inman being also bought. In all the charges there have been conversions and accessions to the Church.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, in Charleston, November 27, 1892; and Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Laurens, November 25, 1894.

On April 10, 1890, Brother Phillips was married to Miss Julia S. Jones, of Charleston, S. C. Five children have been born to them—Hannah Elizabeth, Myrtle Evans, Charles Galloway, Hillis Richard, and John Franklin. The third one, Charles Galloway, lived only a short while.

Our friend is making a good record as pastor, worker and preacher, and has been having a successful career.

Mr. Phillips is methodical in his work. He spends the morning in his study, and visits in the afternoons. He prepares his sermons thoroughly and delivers with ease.
REV. LLOYD T. PHILLIPS

Rev. Lloyd Thomas Phillips was born on a farm near the place where the town of Springfield, Orangeburg County, S. C., now stands. He is the son of Mr. William Thomas Phillips and Mrs. Mary (Able) Phillips. The parents were of English and Scotch-Irish descent. The subject of this sketch was born July 28, 1865.

His education was obtained in the common schools, general reading, and observation. He joined the Church when thirteen years old, under the ministry of Rev. N. K. Melton, at what was known then as Pine Grove Church, but is now Springfield.

From his youth, Mr. Phillips had an impression that he would be called to preach. From time to time, the conviction would return with renewed force, but owing to natural timidity and a conscious lack of early mental training, together with the responsibility of caring for aged parents, he could hardly bring himself to realize that it was really a Divine call. After the death of his parents, the conviction so fastened itself upon him that it became irresistible. It occurred to him that the question of his own salvation became involved in the question of obedience to a known duty. Deciding to put the responsibility upon other shoulders, he applied for license to preach, which was granted by the Orangeburg District Conference, held at Branchville, on May 15, 1908, Rev. Charles B. Smith Presiding Elder. He was received on trial, into the South Carolina Conference, at Laurens, S. C., November 26, 1908, with E. K. Hardin and F. G. Whitlock, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at Charleston, S. C., December 11, 1910. He was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Kilgo, at Anderson, S. C., December 1, 1912.

He has served the following charges: Fort Motte, 1909; Richland Circuit, 1910-11; Rock Hill Circuit, 1912-13; Brownsville Circuit, 1914.

Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Mary Frances Ott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ott, of St. Matthews, S. C., on February 24, 1910.

He is a student of the Bible and other good books. His style of preaching is conversational; his delivery clear and distinct. His sermons are pointed and effective.
REV. WM. CARR POWER, D. D.

Rev. William Carr Power is a man among men. One who knew him well said of him: "Were I commissioned to find a man, and if I should first meet W. C. Power, I would be content." He is not "a reed shaken with the wind." Though inflexible in matters of principle, he is not stern and unapproachable. The weak, as well as the strong, the humble as well as the exalted, find in him appreciative attention. He is exacting in rightful demands, but generous to calls for sympathy, pity and charity. You can depend upon him in both his softer and sterner moods.

He was born in Abbeville District, S. C., March 21, 1831, of worthy parents—John Power and Jane Daniel Power (nee Montague.) He attended excellent schools in his neighborhood, and completed his academic course at Cokesbury Conference School, where many of the best of our youth have been prepared for their life work. His strong and fiery spirit was ambitious for worldly distinction, and he chose the study of law as the means of attaining this desire. But beneath that ambition was smouldering a heavenly fire, which ultimately burned the unholy barriers away. From very early life, he felt called to the Gospel ministry. This conviction continued buried in his heart, which weakened his ambitious purpose. At a crisis in his life, Rev. H. H. Durant, a devout minister, and a wise counsellor, dissuaded him from his cherished purpose and induced him to prepare himself for his God-called ministry. The question, once settled, was settled forever. After two years of special preparation, he applied for admission in the South Carolina Conference, in December, 1857.

As preacher in charge of circuits, stations, agent of one of our colleges, chaplain in the Confederate Army, and Presiding Elder of districts, he proved himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him by those in authority. He has served ten years on circuits, ten years on stations, twenty-one years on districts, one year as agent of college, and four years as army chaplain. He has been on the superannuate list for nine years. These have been years of ceaseless toil and efficient service.

It was not until almost middle life that he sought connubial companionship. He wooed and won Mrs. Martha Louise McEachern, daughter of General Wm. Evans, of Marion, S. C., and they were married March 20th, 1867. Eight children were the fruits of this marriage. Six are with us, and two are not, because God took them in infancy.

Thus has lived this able minister, wise counsellor, superior executive officer and, in all respects, true man. For him we hope for years of continued usefulness.
REV. JOSEPH B. PROSSER

Rev. Joseph Benjamin Prosser is the son of Mr. Benjamin Prosser and Mrs. Charlotte Elizabeth Prosser, both of English descent. He was born at Hannah, Florence County, S. C., October 9, 1878. His early education was obtained in the common schools of the country and in the city schools of Florence, S. C.

In early life he felt called to preach, but owing to his conscious lack of preparation, he refused to enter the work until after his marriage, when the call became so overwhelming that he realized to longer resist implied the peril of his own soul.

Mr. Prosser was licensed to preach by the Kingstree District Licensing Committee, at Kingstree, November 2, 1910, Rev. W. P. Meadors being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Anderson, S. C., December 1, 1912, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding.

He has served as follows: He served Cordesville Circuit as supply for 1911 and 1912, and was sent as preacher in charge for 1913. For 1914, he was appointed to Scranton.

On January 25, 1903, Mr. Prosser was married to Miss Lizzie Dora Turner, daughter of Mr. James Amos Turner and Mrs. Elizabeth Cerilla Turner, of Hyman, Florence County, S. C.

To them have been born four children—two boys and two girls. Only the girls are living, the boys having died in infancy.

REV. GEORGE TILLMAN RHOAD

Rev. George Tillman Rhoad, son of Mr. Daniel Byrd Rhoad and Mrs. Johnnie Ella Durr Rhoad, was born at Wassamasaw, in Bamberg County, S. C., July 10, 1883.

He attended the public schools of the country until he was fifteen years old, when he entered the Carlisle School at Bamberg, S. C., and remained there until he was compelled to return home on account of sickness. This was in March before his graduation in June. He then spent one year in the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

In his boyhood days Mr. Rhoad felt an impression that he would be called to preach the Gospel. And although he went astray and became an ungodly young man, he never got away from this impression. At the age of twenty-five years, the call was renewed, with such emphasis that he could no longer resist. He was licensed to preach by the Licensing Committee of the Charleston District, September 30, 1908. It was after being licensed that he went to Vanderbilt.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Abbeville, S. C., December, 1909, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Kilgo, at Bennetsville, S. C., December 3, 1911, and was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., November 30, 1913.

He has served the following charges: Gaffney Circuit, 1910; East Lancaster, 1911-12; Timmonsville Circuit, 1913-14.

He had two years' experience in teaching in the public schools.
Mr. Rhoad thoroughly prepares his sermons and delivers them with much effect upon the hearers. He preaches without notes. On December 5, 1910, he was happily married to Miss Mary Ellen LeMaster. They have two children—Margaret Elizabeth and Daniel LeMaster.

Mr. Rhoad has entered most promisingly upon his work as an itinerant and his friends are expecting a career of great success.

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Rev. Paul K. Rhoad, son of Mr. Nathaniel Byrd Rhoad and Mrs. Selina Catherine (Smoak) Rhoad, was born in Bamberg County, S. C., January 16, 1873.

After his training in the common schools he attended the Carlisle School at Bamberg, S. C. He then attended Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., for some time.

While in college, Mr. Rhoad felt called to preach, but resisted for a period of ten years. At last, the call became irresistible and he yielded.

He was licensed to preach by the Charleston District Conference, on June 8, 1908. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, in December, 1909. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Kilgo, at Bennettsville, S. C., December 3, 1911, and was ordained Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., November 30, 1913.

He has served the following charges: Hendersonville, 1909; Antreville, 1910-13; Turbeville, 1914.

On December 24, 1903, Mr. Rhoad was happily married to Miss Marie Folk, of Bamberg County, S. C. They have three children—Kistler Edward, Harriet Selina and Miriam Elizabeth.

Mr. Rhoad is named for Rev. Paul F. Kistler, one of the real heroes of South Carolina Methodism, and his friends expect to see him honor the name he bears. He has entered hopefully and zealously upon his ministerial career.
REV. DANIEL RUFUS ROOF

Rev. Daniel Rufus Roof is the son of Mr. William Roof and Mrs. Barbrie Ann Roof, the father being of English descent and the mother of Scotch-Irish.

He was born near Lexington Court House, S. C., on August 24, 1878.

His preparatory education was received in the common schools of the neighborhood. He then matriculated at Leesville College, and completed the Sophomore year at this institution.

For many years the impression grew upon Mr. Roof, that he should preach, but he resisted the call until he was twenty-eight years old, when the impression became overwhelming and irresistible.

He was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference held at Graniteville, S. C., July 13, 1906. He was admitted on trial, at the session of the Conference held at Charleston, S. C., in November, 1910. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at the Conference held in Rock Hill, S. C., November, 1913.

Mr. Roof has served the following charges: Warrenville and Bath, as supply, 1907; Wagner, 1908; Bath, 1909; Laurens Circuit, 1910; Bath and Langley, 1911-12; Traveller's Rest, 1913-14.

Mr. Roof is a diligent reader and a careful sermon-maker. His sermons are written, but not memorized. He writes for practice and improvement.

On April 13, 1908, he was married to Miss Bessie Lee Wright, the daughter of Rev. T. S. Wright, a Baptist minister, of Irish descent.

To Mr. and Mrs. Roof three children have been born—two girls and one boy.
REV. J. MARION ROGERS, A. M.

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Joseph Marion Rogers, was born near Mullins, Marion County, (now Dillon) S. C., August 28, 1862. He comes from good stock. His father, T. B. Rogers, was a man of strict integrity; and his mother, Mary Hays Rogers, possessed noble qualities. Both parents were of English descent. From boyhood he had strong religious impressions. When fifteen years old, he joined the Methodist Church, and about three years later, he was clearly converted. Soon after this, there came to him the unmistakable call to preach. To his mind, this was no small work to be undertaken lightly. So, in accordance with his high conception of duty, he began to make preparation for this sacred work. He attended the schools of the community and at Mullins, S. C. In 1882, he entered Trinity College, N. C., and completed the year's work with distinction. October 1, 1883, he entered the Freshman class in Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C. His college course was a success in every sense of the word. Dr. Carlisle said of him: "During his entire college course, he never gave the faculty one anxious moment." To say that every student of those days loved Marion Rogers would be but a simple statement of the truth. In the class-room, his stand was high, his name appearing each year upon the distinction list. His Christian influence, too, was strongly felt. He graduated in June, 1887, taking the A. B. degree. In June, 1891, he received the A. M. degree, also, from his alma mater.

After graduation, he taught school two years in his native county. In October, 1888, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the present North Mullins Circuit, within the bounds of which he was born and reared, Rev. A. J. Stokes being the Presiding Elder, and Rev. T. C. O'Dell the pastor. In November, 1889, he was admitted on trial, into the South Carolina Conference, at Camden, and was appointed junior preacher on Mullins Circuit. In May following, he was removed to Camden Station, to succeed Rev. E. J. Meynardie, D. D., whose ill health had forced him to give up the work. In both these appointments, he worked acceptably and successfully. In 1890-92 he was professor of English and Latin in the Columbia Female College. Close confinement and studious habits impaired his health, and in June, 1892, he resigned his position to re-enter the pastorate.

In 1892, he was appointed to York Circuit, but being prostrated by disease, he was never able to take charge of the work. From 1893 to 1900, his relation to the Conference was that of supernumerary. His enforced inactivity was a great trial to him, but he bore it with beautiful Christian spirit.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Granbery, in 1891; Elder by Bishop Galloway, at Columbia, in December, 1901.

Since re-entering the active work, Mr. Rogers has served as follows: Williamston Circuit, 1901-3; Heath Springs Station, 1904; nominal appointment as assistant pastor of North Mullins Circuit, 1905-6; superannuate, 1907; Laurel Street, Rock Hill, 1908-9; Beaufort and Port Royal, 1910-11; Hampton Avenue, Greenville, 1912; Broad Street, Sumter, 1913-14.

After graduation, Mr. Rogers taught school two years in high school work, at Zion and Mullins. As shown by the list of appointments given above, he was professor of English and Latin in Columbia College.

One who is a discriminating judge of preaching and has had an extended acquaintance with Mr. Rogers, says of him: "He is a much better preacher than he gets credit for, and his reputation is not equal to his real worth and ability. He has always been studious and thoughtful. He possesses a fine library and is a student of helpful books. He is a good sermon-maker, and his discourses are well wrought out. His delivery is impressive, and his literary style is splendid. He always gives his congregation some worth listening to and remembering. A congregation will always grow in grace and knowledge under his systematic ministry and work. As a pastor, he is faithful and sympathetic. His spirit is infectious, and his labor abounds and abides."
On March 16, 1910, he married Miss Katherine Glenn, of York County, a daughter of the late Dr. E. L. Glenn and Mrs. Josephine Barron Glenn. She comes of best Scotch-Irish ancestry, and by birth and training is well fitted to fill the important position she now occupies. Two children have been born unto them—Mary Glenn, a bright and beautiful little girl now three and a half years old, and a dear baby boy, whom God took to Heaven in infancy.

Their home is one of culture and congeniality. Their lives seek to express the true ideal, both of Methodism and of Christian living.

REV. J. C. ROPER

It is not surprising that the subject of this sketch, Rev. John C. Roper, is a thoroughgoing Methodist. His paternal grandfather was acknowledged by three Presiding Elders to be the best Steward they had ever seen. He was also a Sunday School Superintendent and no man was ever more loyal to his Church. The subject's father, Mr. John Thomas Roper, was also a thorough Methodist, but not so active in Church work. He was a successful merchant, but died at the age of thirty-eight years. His great-grandmother was a Miss McLaurin, and came to this country from Scotland. His mother was Miss Martha Angeline (Heustess) Roper.

The father was of English and Scotch descent, and the mother was of English and Welsh descent.

Brother Roper was born near Clio, S. C., November 4, 1873. When he was only five years old, his mother died, leaving only two children, the other child being now the wife of Rev. R. A. Child, of the South Carolina Conference. Young Roper attended school in his native community, dividing his time between the school, the store, and the farm, until he was sixteen years old. After the death of his father, he farmed on his own account, until the fall of 1892. He then entered Wofford College, where he remained till June, 1896, when he graduated. Soon after commencement, he was appointed to supply the work at Swansen, filling out an unexpired pastorate of another.

Brother Roper was converted in August, 1892. The change was after the manner of the old-time conversions, changing the whole
current of his life. Two months later, he was at Wofford College, as stated above, feeling that there was a larger life for him. Two years later, the Divine call, clear and unmistakable, came to him, and he was licensed to preach. In December, 1896, he was received on trial into the Conference, with Sidi B. Harper, D. W. Kellar, W. C. Kirkland, F. H. Shuler, Foster Speer and W. H. Thrower.

Mr. Roper was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, in Greenwood, in 1898, and was ordained Elder by Bishop Jos. S. Key, at Orangeburg, in 1899.

He has served as follows: Union Mills, Spartanburg District, 1897-8; Greers Circuit, 1899-1901; Spring Street, Charleston, 1902-4; Darlington Station, 1905-6; Abbeville Station, 1907; Cokesbury District, 1908-11; Chester Station, 1912-14.

He is a zealous pastor and popular preacher.

On June 14, 1898, Brother Roper was married to Miss Edith Moseley, of Orangeburg, S. C. They have six children—John Caswell, Jr., Sheldon Moseley, Rufus Child, Julian Westfield, Charles Pinckney and Margaret Frances.

Mr. Roper took his A. M. degree at Wofford in 1903, and the B. S. degree from College of Charleston, in 1903.

He has served as follows: Union Mills, Spartanburg District, 1897-8; Greens Circuit, 1899-1901; Spring Street, Charleston, 1902-4; Darlington Station, 1905-6; Abbeville Station, 1907; Cokesbury District, 1908-11; Chester Station, 1912-14.

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He has served the following circuits: Edisto, 1882; Cokesbury, 1883; Abbeville, 1884-85; Tradesville, 1886; Clyde, 1887-90; Lamar, 1891-2; Johnsonville, 1893-4; Oswego, 1895-7; Easley and Bethesda, 1898-9; Lake City, 1900-03; North Mullins, 1904-7; Blenheim, 1908-9;
Brother Rushton preaches strong, sensible sermons. Often they are delivered with great power. He is an extra fine pastor and is a most valuable counsellor of his people in secular and spiritual things. His revival services are very successful.

The writer has been his friend for many years. He knows the man and his work and he does not hesitate to say that he is one of the most valuable men in any Church in South Carolina. While not neglecting the work of a true minister of the Gospel, he has managed to “lay by something for a rainy day.” This has not been by securing large salaries, but by the inexorable practice of living on less than he was paid—be the salary ever so small.

On November 27, 1883, he married Miss Nora Lee Harmon, of Newberry, S. C. To them God has given nine children—two of them are at home in Heaven. As a man, he is frank, fearless and friendly. As a Christian, he is devoted, steadfast and happy. The old-time Methodists would say of him, “that he enjoys religion.”

The success of our brother in building up charges has been remarkable. Everywhere he has gone, the cause of Christ has greatly advanced. Today he numbers all over the State his friends by the thousands. When he reaches the shining shore, there will be many others to give him a glad welcome.

REV. ACHELLE SASSARD

Rev. Achille Sassard came from splendid ancestry. His father, Mr. Nelson T. Sassard, was of French descent and his mother, Mrs. Margaret Small Sassard, was of Scotch-Irish.

He was born at Abbeville, S. C., November 20, 1883.

He was educated at the schools of Charleston and Abbeville.

For several years after his conversion Mr. Sassard felt specially called to Christian work. This, no doubt, was the first impulse of a call to preach, but he did not at first yield, as he felt that he could serve God in the commercial field.

In the year 1908, having resigned a position with a hotel in Greenwood, he received several flattering offers in other lines of business. At this time he attended a revival meeting, conducted in the Main Street Methodist Church, in Greenwood, by Rev. Dr. S. R. Belk, of Atlanta, Ga., for the pastor, Rev. M. B. Kelley. While listening to a sermon by Dr. Belk, on Lamentations, 1:12—“Is it nothing to you?”—that Mr. Sassard became fully conscious that it was his duty to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. He immediately decided to surrender to the Divine call and give his life to this great work.

He was licensed to preach in Charleston, S. C., October 9, 1908, Rev. Walter I. Herbert, being the Presiding Elder.

He was admitted into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held at Rock Hill, November 27, 1913. He was ordained as a local Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson at that session of the Conference, on Sunday, November, 30.
As a supply he served the following charges: Mount Pleasant, from October 9 to December, 1908; Young's Island, 1909-11; Orrville and Toxaway, 1912; Pelzer, 1913.

As stated above, he was admitted into the Conference, in November, 1913. He was returned to Pelzer, and is serving that charge at this writing.

He has done considerable Epworth League work. He is studious and systematic in his work. His sermons are well prepared.

On February 17, 1909, Mr. Sassard was married to Miss Rosa A. Parry, of Charleston, S. C. They have one child, Margaret Elizabeth, born February 14, 1910.

REV. ROBERT E. SHARP

The subject of our sketch, Rev. Robert Eugene Sharp, is a linel descendant of Thomas Jefferson, the writer of the Declaration of Independence, on the maternal side of the house. He is the son of Mr. A. W. Sharp and Mrs. Mary Jane (Epps) Sharp. His father was the son of Marshall Sharp and his mother was the daughter of James M. Epps.

He was born at Princeton, Laurens County, S. C., July 15, 1878.

Mr. Sharp was educated at Princeton and at Wofford College, taking the A. B. degree from Wofford.

While at college, he was impressed by the Student Volunteer representatives with the great need of workers. After teaching for two years, he became thoroughly convinced that it was his duty to preach.

He was licensed to preach by the Licensing Committee of the Rock Hill District, under Rev. W. P. Meadors, Presiding Elder. He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at Darlington, S. C., December, 1904, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Columbia, S. C., December, 1906, and Elder by Bishop Wilson, in Laurens, S. C., in 1908.

He has served the following charges: Van Wyck, 1905-7; Heath Springs, 1908-9; St. John's and Rembert's, 1910-12; Rome Station, 1913-14.

He took the Conference Course in the Correspondence Department of Vanderbilt University.

Mr. Sharp has been Assistant Secretary of the Conference since 1908. He has served four years on the Board of Finance and was
twice elected Secretary of the Sumter District Conference. He was one of the Instructors of the Blue Ridge Conference under the Missionary Education Movement. He was elected to represent the Sunday Schools of the State Convention of the South Carolina Interdenominational Association.

On October 3, 1906, Mr. Sharp was married to Miss Alma Walker, daughter of Dr. M. J. Walker and Mrs. Nancy Eloise Walker, of Yorkville, S. C. They have two children—Nancy and Robert.

Mr. Sharp is a good preacher and helpful pastor.

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REV. HENRY W. SHEALY

The subject of our sketch is of German descent. He was born in Lexington County, S. C., November 14, 1865.

His educational training was obtained in such schools as the community afforded, at the time when he could attend.

When about fourteen years of age, Mr. Shealy had a distinct impression that his life-work would be preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This impression deepened as he grew in years and in wisdom, until he felt that he must yield and enter the ministry, or be lost forever.

He was licensed to preach in October, 1892, Rev. J. Walter Dickinson being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference at the session held at Rock Hill, S. C., November 27, 1913, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. The following joined at the same time: Watson Boone Duncan, Jr., William Foster Farr, Grover Cleveland Gardner, William Olin Henderson, Pierce Riddle Kilgo, William Augustus Kirby, Achille Sassard, Gobe Smith, Hollis Alexander Whitten and Paul T. Wood.

Mr. Shealy served the Brookland charge as a supply in 1911. He was appointed to Langley for 1914.

He is taking the Conference Course in the Correspondence Department of Vanderbilt University.

On October 17, 1886, he was married to Miss Sarah Alice Taylor, of Lexington County, S. C. They have six children—Henry F., Luther W., Lillian (now Mrs. D. N. Busbee), Walter D., Eugene O., and James Carlisle.

Mr. Shealy is of studious habits. His sermons are well prepared and are delivered with telling effect.
REV. TILLMAN A. SHEALY

Rev. Tillman Aristotle Shealy is of German descent and is the son of Mr. Levi W. Shealy and Mrs. Carrie I. (Rhinehart) Shealy.

He was born in Edgefield (now Saluda) County, S. C., December 8, 1883.

After finishing the graded school course in the country, Mr. Shealy entered Leesville College, Leesville, S. C., and graduated in due course of time. He then attended for a while the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, Ill.

After his conversion, he made it his practice to daily retire to secret place for prayer and Bible study. When thus engaged one morning, he became thoroughly convinced that he should preach the Gospel. Thereupon his knees he promised God to do his best in the work to which he felt then and there called.

Mr. Shealy was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference held at Leesville, S. C., June 2, 1912, Rev. W. M. Duncan being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference, at Anderson, December, 1912, Bishop J. C. Kilgo presiding.

He was appointed to Grover charge and has served it for two years.

He taught school for two years.

He is quite a musician and did evangelistic singing for several years.

On August 23, 1911, Mr. Shealy was married to Miss Delle Snelgrove, of Lexington County, S. C. They have one child—Laura Mae.

Mr. Shealy is an excellent young man and has a bright future before him.
REV. JOHN W. SHELL

The ancients believed that whenever a man laughed his liver turned over, and that gave rise to the expression, "Laugh and grow fat." The subject of this sketch has evidently given an illustration of the correctness of the theory. His big heart is full of joy which finds an outlet through his face and he scatters sunshine wherever he goes.

Rev. John William Shell, son of Mr. Floyd C. and Mrs. Matilda Shell, was born in Virginia, March 15, 1853. He was educated in the common and high schools of Southwest Virginia, and at the Preston and Olin Institute, located at Blacksburg, Va., where he took an academic course. In these schools fidelity to duty characterized him, so became from them with a good foundation laid for future work.

Brother Shell was converted in December, 1870, and in his eighteenth year while at college at Blacksburg. Dr. P. H. Whisner was president of the Institute, and took great interest in the spiritual welfare of the students. Young Shell joined the Church soon afterwards and began work in the Young Men's Prayer Meeting. He soon felt called to preach. The impression gradually grew upon him until August, 1883, when it was settled once for all.

He was licensed to preach at Camden, S. C., September 12, 1883, Rev. H. M. Mood, P. C., and Dr. A. J. Stokes, P. E.

He joined the South Carolina Conference at the session held in Camden, November, 1889, Jefferson S. Abercrombie, Albert H. Best, Rufus A. Child, J. R. Copeland, George W. Davis, William H. Hodges, Melvin B. Kelly, John Manning, J. Marion Rogers, Whitefoord S.

Stokes, Artemus B. Watson and J. A. White joining at the same time.

He was ordained local Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Camden, November, 1889, and Elder by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, in Sumter, December, 1893.

He has served as follows: Clifton Circuit, 1890-1; North Laurens Circuit, 1892-5; Fountain Inn Circuit, 1896-9; Reidville Circuit, 1900-03; Bethel and East Spartanburg, 1904-5; Enoree, 1906; Spartanburg City Mission, 1907-11; W. Spartanburg, 1912; Limestone Street, 1912-14.

On December 6, 1887, Brother Shell was married to Miss Mantie Louise Macomson, of Mercer, S. C., the ceremony being performed by Rev. John B. Wilson. Five children resulted from this union—Martha Louise, Vernon McTyeire, Ellis Draper, Charleston Carisle and John William, Jr.

Mrs. Shell died November 26, 1906. On June 15, 1911, Mr. Shell was married to Miss Annie Matilda Easterling, of Ridgeville, S. C., Rev. J. W. Elkins officiating. Of this union one child has been born—Annie Maisie.

Our friend is an earnest preacher. His hearers are impressed with the fact that he longs to do them good and to help them to a better life. With a heart such as he has, he could not but be a sympathetic and helpful pastor. He is a close student of the Bible, and his sermons are full of its doctrines.

For several years Mr. Shell was a member of the Executive Committee of the Interdenominational Sunday School Association, also Field Secretary of this work for some time. He had the honor of being a delegate to several International Conventions.

For eleven years Mr. Shell was engaged in teaching in Virginia and South Carolina.
The Rev. Frederick Hawkins Shuler is one of our most useful and successful members. With sound judgment, large knowledge of men, wide experience, untiring industry, and unceasing energy he “brings things to pass” where many would deem it useless to try.

He is the son of Frederick and Jane (Jones) Shuler, and was born in Berkeley County, S. C., October 3, 1867. He was converted and joined the Methodist Church in 1886, at a meeting at Bethlehem Church, conducted by Rev. W. H. Kirton. The day after conversion, he felt called to preach, but could not at once see his way to obey the call. In December, 1886, he left the State and spent two and a half years traveling in the Northwest, visiting fifteen different States and Territories—providing the means by his own efforts. Fully determined at last to obey God’s call to the ministry, he returned to South Carolina. With him the call to preach was a call to prepare himself for his high vocation. At this time he had just $5.00, but was not discouraged. He had in childhood and youth attended the “neighborhood schools.” He began anew by going to Sheridan’s High School, in Orangeburg, for one year. In January, 1891, he entered the Senior class in Wofford Fitting School, advanced in October to the college, and in June, 1895, graduated with the largest class that ever went out of the historic institution. All these seven years of study he had no financial help, and by his own labor he struggled to the goal he had set for himself.

From August to December, 1895, he supplied Kelton Circuit, and in the same manner he served North Greenville Circuit the year following. In December, 1896, he was admitted on trial, in the South Carolina Conference, and was sent to North Greenville again. He was appointed to Starr and Iva for 1898, Union Mills, 1899-1900, and to Aiken Station for 1901. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Galloway, at Rock Hill, in 1895, and Elder by Bishop Hargrove, at Chester, in 1900. In all subsequent charges he has had great success.

Brother Shuler is an earnest, impressive preacher, whose sermons are enforced by the Holy Spirit. He is a zealous pastor—interested in all that concerns his people, from the smallest secular affairs to the holiest privileges opened to them by Divine grace. The material development of his charges is never overlooked. He has been a builder and repairer of church buildings and parsonages—without neglecting the weightier matters of salvation. All the duties of a Methodist preacher-in-charge are energetically and faithfully dis-
REV. HENRY L. SINGLETON

Rev. Henry Lee Singleton, son of Mr. Miles P. Singleton and Mrs. Martha J. Singleton, was born April 4, 1868, being the fifth child in a family of eight children.

After the usual course in the common schools, he attended Leesville College, Leesville, S. C., for a while. He then went to Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., but on account of defective eyesight, he was compelled to leave before graduating.

For a number of years, Mr. Singleton taught school in this State and in North Carolina.

At the age of eighteen years, our friend felt the call to preach, but, Jonah like, tried to evade the task. He endeavored to satisfy his conscience by teaching, hoping by that means to meet the requirements of the Divine call to service. At last, however, he found that nothing but complete surrender and absolute obedience to God's call would suffice, so in 1898 he determined to accept the work assigned him by the call of God and entered the ministry.

Mr. Singleton was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held in Orangeburg, S. C., December, 1899, with F. E. Hodges, J. T. MaeFarlane, B. G. Murphy, E. F. Scoggins, and R. S. Truesdale.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Columbia, S. C., December, 1901, and Elder by Bishop A. Coke Smith, at Greenville, S. C., December, 1903.

He has served the following charges: Marion Circuit and Mills, 1900; Loris and Little River, 1901; Mount Carmel Circuit, 1902; Harper's Circuit, 1903-4; Bucksville, 1905-6; Blackstock Circuit, 1907-8; Lancaster Circuit, 1909; Loris, 1910; supernumerary, 1911-14.

In 1903, Mr. Singleton took a special course of lectures at Vanderbilt University.

In 1906, he was married to Miss Mary Caroline Butler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Butler, of Horry County, S. C. They have two children—Lillian Lucile and Annie Lee.

Mr. Singleton's supernumerary relation is due to a general break­down in health and to a throat trouble. His many friends sincerely trust that he will soon be able to resume active work in the ministry.
REV. JOSEPH L. SINGLETON

Rev. Joseph Lawrence Singleton is the son of Mr. John White Singleton and Mrs. Sarah (Looper) Singleton. He was born January 14, 1874, in Anderson County, S. C. His parents were English and German.

He completed the high school course and was ready for college, but the serious sickness of his father prevented his going away. He conducted his father's farm and taught school until he was twenty-five years old, at which age he married. He also taught school for a few years after his marriage.

In October, 1907, Mr. Singleton realized his call to preach. Doubtless, before this time, there had been impressions more or less distinct. When the call came, however, it was overwhelming, and could not be shaken off. For two weeks he had a fierce personal struggle in the depths of his own soul. His Presiding Elder at that time was Rev. J. S. Beasley, to whom he revealed the whole story.

He was licensed to preach by the Licensing Committee of the Anderson District, at Anderson, S. C., November 20, 1907. At the session of the Conference held two weeks later, at Gaffney, S. C., he was appointed as a supply to the Walhalla Mission, but was changed to the Westminster Circuit, where he had been reared and he had served as steward for twelve years. He supplied this charge for four years.

He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at Abbeville, in 1909, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding. He was ordained
No truer man ever entered the South Carolina Conference than Charles Betts Smith. Coming from such a home as he came from, and with such parents as he had, it would have been difficult for him to have been otherwise than a good, true man. He is the son of Rev. William H. Smith, one of the noblest local preachers Methodism ever produced, and Mrs. Mary I. Smith, as good a woman as ever lived. His father was of English and Scotch descent; his mother, Scotch-Irish.

The subject of this sketch was born near Lynchburg, S. C., October 14, 1858. He has had splendid educational advantages. His primary and preparatory training was received in the excellent schools maintained in the community where he was born, these schools being largely supplied by his father, who ever manifested the deepest interest in the subject of education, not only for his own children, but for the community as well. After the training received here, "Charlie" studied one year under his brother, Rev. A. Coke Smith, at Greenville, S. C. He then spent three years at Wofford College, where he made a fine record. But these years at school and college only marked the beginning of his education. He has been a diligent student ever since, and is one of our most thoughtful men.

From a very early age, Brother Smith felt called to preach, and this impression made by the Divine Spirit deepened as the years passed, until it became a settled conviction. He was licensed to preach in the year 1882, at Lynchburg, S. C., Rev. George H. Wells being his pastor, and Rev. Thos. G. Herbert being the Presiding Elder.

He joined the Conference in December, 1882, with John W. Elkins and J. D. Frierson. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, at Charleston, S. C., December, 1884, and Elder by Bishop J. C. Granbery, at Orangeburg, S. C., in 1886.

He has served as follows: Summerville, 1883; Clarendon Circuit, 1884; Kingstree Station, 1885; Marion Street, Columbia, 1886; Bamberg, 1887-8; Anderson Station, 1889-92; Orangeburg Station, 1893-4; financial agent and professor at Wofford College, 1895-8; Darlington Station, 1898-1900; Bennettsville Station, 1901-2; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1903; Trinity, Charleston, 1904-6; Bishopville, 1907; Orangeburg District, 1908-11; Anderson District, 1912-13; Camden, 1914. In all of these fields of labor, our good brother has had success, in some of them unusual success.

As a pastor, Brother Smith is very popular. He loves men, and loves to be with them. He sympathizes with them in their struggles, and they in return love and adore him. He has about him a great deal of personal magnetism, and men are naturally drawn to him. He is a preacher of rare ability. He thinks deeply and expresses his thoughts clearly and forcibly. His sermons are prepared with great care and are delivered with much power and effectiveness.

Mr. Smith has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mary Moorer, of St. George, S. C., December 22, 1895. Of this union there were four children—Pinckney M., William H., Isabel and Ruth. His first wife died in June, 1907.

His second marriage was to Miss Mary Copes, of Orangeburg, S. C., December 22, 1911. This wife died in February, 1913.

Mr. Smith has occupied many positions of honor and trust in the Conference, and has served on various boards and committees. But he insists that the greatest honor that can come to any man is that of being a Methodist preacher.
REV. GOBE SMITH

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Gobe Smith, is of mingled English and Irish descent. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Smith, and was born in Saluda County, S. C., September 17, 1889.

After the usual preparation in the schools of the country, he entered Meridian College, Meridian, Miss., where he spent four years, working his way through college.

From childhood, Mr. Smith felt that he would be called to preach, but he resisted the call for nineteen years. When he was soundly converted, he surrendered to God, and decided to accept the task assigned him by a Divine impression in boyhood.

He was licensed to preach while in Mississippi. Returning to South Carolina, he was received into the South Carolina Conference, at Rock Hill, S. C., November, 1913, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.

Mr. Smith was appointed to the O'Neal Street Church, Newberry, for 1914, and is doing a splendid year's work.

He has consecrated his life to the great work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the Lord is blessing his labors.

REV. W. J. SNYDER

Rev. Wesley James Snyder was born December 3, 1873, in Beaufort County, S. C. He is the son of J. C. Snyder and M. E. Snyder. His father was German and his mother English.

He had access to the preparatory schools of the community at first, and then entered the Wofford College Fitting School, where he spent two years. From this he entered the college proper, from which he graduated in June, 1894. He has thus had a thorough mental training as a preparation for his life-work. At the early age of fifteen years he felt called to preach. He was licensed to exhort in 1890, Rev. J. M. Boyd, Presiding Elder. He was licensed to preach in 1891, Rev. R. N. Wells, D. D., Presiding Elder.


He was ordained Deacon by Bishop C. B. Galloway, in 1895, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. S. Key, in 1899.

He has served the following charges: Wateree Circuit, 1894-5; Jordan Circuit, 1895-6; Antreville, 1896-8; Cherokee Circuit, 1899-1900; Clifton, 1901-3; Granby, 1904-5; Aiken, 1906-8; West End, Anderson, 1909-10; Barnwell, 1911-14. At all of these his ministry has been attended with much success. At Jordan he built a parsonage and partly built a neat church. At Antreville he also built a parsonage. As a pastor, Brother Snyder is diligent and dutiful; as a preacher, he is fearless and faithful.

June 18, 1895, he was married to Miss Callie Ellis, who died September 23, 1896. On March 10, 1897, he was married to Miss Bessie Davis, of Clarendon County, who died July 4, 1898. One child—Sarah May—was the result of this marriage. September 14, 1899, he was married to Miss Mattie M. Scott. They have four children from this marriage—Harry, Frank, Martha and James.

In common parlance, Brother Snyder would be called "a hustler," bringing things to pass, wherever he goes. He believes in aggressive work.
REV. JOHN R. SOJOURNER

Rev. John Reddick Sojourner, son of Mr. D. E. and Mrs. Rachel Sojourner, was born in Barnwell County, S. C., September 24, 1866.

Young Sojourner's parents died while he was quite young, leaving a large family. This greatly interfered with his early educational advantages. He made a heroic struggle, however, and the Lord helped him. By his own labors, he was enabled to enter Wofford College Fitting School, in 1888. By hard work there, he was able to enter Wofford College the next year, pursuing the studies through the Sophomore class. He taught school for three years after leaving college, and while teaching others, he learned a great deal himself.

Brother Sojourner joined the Church at the age of twelve years, but was not converted until about two years later. His conversion was thorough, and changed the whole current of his life. He was licensed to preach in 1888, and served as a local preacher several years.


He has served as follows: South Aiken Circuit, 1895; Bayboro Circuit, 1896; Loris Circuit, 1897-8; Lewisdale Circuit, 1899; Johnsonville Circuit, 1900-1901. Also, in all subsequent fields of labor, much good has been done by our brother. The Lord has blessed his labors to the upbuilding of the Church, and the salvation of souls. He is a good preacher and helpful pastor.

On December 27, 1898, Brother Sojourner was married to Miss Blanche Beaufort Browning, daughter of Mr. T. S. and Mrs. Ellen Crawford Browning, of Berkeley County, S. C. They have happily entered together upon the great work of life. May our Heavenly Father grant them abundant success!

REV. FOSTER SPEER

Rev. Foster Speer was born at Lowndesville, S. C., February 15, 1874. He is the son of Dr. A. J. Speer, a native of Abbeville County, S. C., and Mrs. Sophia Verdul Speer, a native of Elbert County, Ga.

Brother Speer has had good educational advantages. He attended the school of his native town until he was sixteen years old. He then matriculated at Young Harris College, in Georgia, and spent three years there, graduating in May, 1895.

He was converted in 1893, while at college, and immediately felt Divinely called to the work of the ministry. He was licensed to preach in December, 1894, by the Quarterly Conference of Hiawasse Circuit, Dahlonega District, North Georgia Conference.

He was received on trial, into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held at Abbeville, in December, 1896, Sidney Harper, D. W. Kellar, W. C. Kirkland, J. C. Roper, F. H. Shuler, and W. H. Thrower joining at the same session. He has served the following charges: Junior preacher on Providence Circuit, 1897; Wedgefield Circuit, 1898; Forest Circuits, 1899-1900; supernumerary, 1901; New Brookland, 1902-3; McColl and Bennettsville Mills, 1904; Butler Circuit, 1905-6; Whitmire, 1907-8; Princeton, 1909-10; Phoenix, 1911-12; Jefferson, 1913-14.

On account of failing health, Brother Speer was compelled to ask for the supernumerary relation at the session of our Conference held in December, 1900. He was engaged in teaching during the year 1901.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, in 1898, and was ordained Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway, in 1901.

On June 14, 1898, our young friend was married to Miss Hettie Augusta Pooser, daughter of Rev. George H. Pooser, of our Conference. Four children have been born unto them—George Andrew, Martha Lola, John Verdel and Ethel Elizabeth. The first and third of these died in infancy.
REV. J. W. SPEAKE

Rev. John Wesley Speake, son of Mr. George T. Speake and Mrs. Emma Boyd Speake, was born May 4, 1874. He is the eldest of a family of five children. He attended school at Kinards, Newberry County, until he was twelve years old, at which age he went to school to an uncle—Prof. James W. Boyd—at St. Joseph, Mo., remaining there three years. Returning to South Carolina, he entered the Wadsworth High School, in Laurens County, spending one year there. He was denied the privilege of a collegiate education, but has ever tried, by hard study, to make up for this loss. He taught school for four years, two of which were spent in charge of Townville Academy, Anderson County.

Young Speake joined the Church in early life, being converted at the age of thirteen years. From the time of his conversion, he was under the imperative command of God to preach the Gospel. He entered earnestly into Church work, being elected Sunday School Superintendent at the early age of sixteen years. He was licensed to exhort in 1896; was licensed to preach in July, 1897.

In December, 1897, Brother Speake was received on trial, into the Conference, having as Conference classmates, S. H. Booth, W. A. Fairey, J. M. Lawson, D. A. Patrick and R. E. Turnerseed. In the preceding August, he had been employed as a supply for Newberry City Mission, to fill a vacancy caused by the illness of Rev. W. B. Verdin.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Joseph S. Key, at Orangeburg, S. C., December, 1899, and Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Columbia, S. C., December, 1901.

Mr. Speake has served the following charges: O'Neal Street, Newberry, 1898-1900; Hampton Avenue, Greenville, 1901-4; Cumberland, Charleston, 1905-6; Latta, 1907; Conference Missionary Evangelist, 1908; Bethel, Spartanburg, 1909-12; St. John's, Anderson, 1913-14. In all these charges, great success has attended his ministry. He has been specially successful in building new churches, equipping and organizing them. This was notably so in Newberry and Greenvillc.

While at Latta, he secured subscriptions and put under way the new church enterprise.

Bethel Church, Spartanburg, has unusual prosperity under his ministry. The "One Day" Church, a missionary enterprise of Bethel, was built during his pastorate here. He has ever stressed League Work, Sunday School Methods, and Church efficiency generally. During his service as missionary evangelist, five hundred and twelve people joined the Church. His ministry is constructive and evangelistic.

In 1901, Mr. Speake was married to Miss Annie Heidtman, of Orangeburg, S. C. She is a granddaughter of Rev. M. H. Pooser. She has been a great blessing to him in the work. They have three daughters and one son.
REV. R. W. SPIGNER

Rev. Reuben West Spigner, third and youngest son of Reuben West Spigner and Sarah Bush Spigner, was born May 19, 1859. His early educational advantages were those afforded by good home training and the common schools of the country. Of these our friend made full use, thus learning how to study. He continues to study and think, daily adding to his store of information and intellectual equipment. He is greatly blessed with a good memory, rarely ever forgetting anything he reads.

Brother Spigner’s call to preach came to him in his boyhood days. Being rejected, the call was renewed from time to time with increased conviction, until in the latter part of the year 1889, when it became so overwhelming that its acceptance was no longer debatable. It was under the pastorate of Rev. Marion Dargan that our friend and brother was brought to yield to the Divine call, and at the First Quarterly Conference of the Marion Street Church, Columbia, for the year 1890, held in February, he was licensed to preach. As a local preacher, he supplied the Salters Circuit for 1891-2. In December, 1892, he was admitted into the Conference on trial, at the session in Charleston, S. C., and his appointments have been these: Timmonsville Circuit, 1893-4; Jonesville Circuit, 1895-7; Clifton and Glendale, 1898-9; Fairfield Circuit, 1900-1901; Liberty, 1902-5; Greeleyville, 1906-7; superannuate, 1908-14. In all of these fields Brother Spigner had the Divine approval of his labors manifested in the salvation of souls, and in the building up of the Church. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Keener, at Laurens, in 1894, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Sumter, in 1897.

Brother Spigner was married on January 17, 1886, to Miss Maggie Neeley, of Denmark, S. C. They have three children living: Raymond Neeley, Edward Tindall and Elizabeth Cauthen.

Brother Spigner is one of “God’s noblemen,” having in him the elements that constitute the Christian gentlemen. He is a thoughtful preacher, a tender and affectionate pastor, and a true and loyal friend.

REV. DAVID O. SPIRES

Rev. David Oscar Spires is the son of Mr. James Irvin Spires and Mrs. Temperance (Smith) Spires.

He was born near Edmund, Lexington County, S. C., November 29, 1879.

He was educated in the public schools of the country and at Williamston High School, Williamston, S. C. He also attended several of the summer schools for teachers, and took the courses offered there.

Mr. Spires was soundly converted in August, 1896, and immediately felt the Divine call to preach. He began Christian activity at once in the Church, among the sick, and in the community at large. He evidently entered into the possession of that “faith that worketh by love.”

He was licensed to preach in June, 1902, at Bamberg, S. C.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial on his thirty-second birthday, November 29, 1911, at Bennettsville, S. C., Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding. He regards this as the greatest birth-day he ever had, and the best reception ever tendered him.

He supplied Bethany Circuit for 1910, and upon his reception into the Conference he was appointed to the same charge, and is now serving his fourth year there.

For six years he taught in the public schools of the State.

Mr. Spires was married on March 25, 1908, to Miss Beulah Keefee, of Hyman, S. C. They have two boys living—Oscar Norwood and Thomas Herbert. They have one in Heaven—Milton Douglas.
Mr. Spires gives much time to the preparation of his sermons and delivers them in a quiet and easy manner. He has consecrated his life to the work of preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to men, and his soul yearns over the lost. The first soul he ever consciously led to Christ was his own father, who died June 16, 1900.

The Lord will bless the efforts of a man whose talents are consecrated to the supreme work of winning men from the ways of sin and death.

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REV. ROBERT E. STACKHOUSE, D. D.

The brother who forms the subject of this paper, Rev. Robert Edgar Stackhouse, is one of the ablest preachers in our Conference. He was born in the Little Rock section of Marion County, (now Dillon) S. C., October 21, 1866. His ancestors were from England, and came to America before the Revolutionary War, settling first in Pennsylvania, then coming to South Carolina. He was reared in the adjoining County, Marlboro, having access to the excellent schools known to exist in that thriving section, until he was eighteen years old. In 1884, he entered the State Normal College of the University of Nashville, Nashville, Tenn. He graduated from this institution in 1886, after which he taught school in the Montgomery Bell Academy, Nashville, for one year. During the years 1887 and 1888, he taught at old Reedy Creek Academy, in Marion County. Young Stackhouse was converted in April, 1885, while in Nashville, and joined the Elm Street Methodist Church in that city, under the pastorate of Dr. John P. McFerrin, one of the greatest men American Methodism has ever produced. His call to preach came while he was teaching. The call came in the form of an inward conviction that he should devote his life to this great work. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Clio Circuit, under the pastorate of Rev. D. D. Dantzler, in July, 1888.

At the session of the South Carolina Conference, held at Winnsboro, in December, 1888, Brother Stackhouse was received on trial, having as Conference classmates, Nicholas G. Ballenger, Thomas M. Dent, Pierce F. Kilgo, Henry C. Mouzon, John L. Ray, George R. Shaffer, Ellie P. Taylor, E. Alston Wilkes and W. Asbury Wright. Since his admission, he has served the following appointments: Junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit, 1889; Greenwood Station, 1890-1; Yorkville Station, 1892; Alken Station, 1893-4; Johnston Circuit, 1895-7; Professor in Columbia Female College, 1898; Blenheim Circuit, 1899; Pendleton Circuit, 1900-01; Marion Station, 1902-5; Rock Hill District, 1906-9; Marion District, 1910-11; Central Station, Spartanburg, 1912; Dillon, 1913; Spartanburg District, 1914.

In 1911, Wofford College conferred on him, the honorary degree of D. D. He has been a member of the Conference Board of Education for twelve years; is Chairman of the Conference Educational Commission. He was Professor in Columbia College for two years. He has been a delegate to the General Conferences of 1910 and 1914.
and a member of the General Board of Church Extension for two quadrenniums. He has made special study of history and mental philosophy.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Anderson, in 1890, and Elder by Bishop Duncan, at Spartanburg, 1892.

Doctor Stackhouse is a modest, but brave and fearless preacher. His great aim is, not to please men, but to profit them by a plain and full proclamation of the truth. He is a close student of both men and books. He is thoroughly posted on Methodist doctrine and discipline, ever ready to give a clear reason for the faith that is in him. His mind is logical, and he believes in honestly grappling with the problems of any question, never satisfied with surface or superficial work. His labor is of permanent kind, the influence of his life and preaching continuing to bear fruit after he himself has gone elsewhere.

Dr. Stackhouse was very fortunate in his matrimonial selection. He was married on December 16, 1891, to Miss Annie Greene, of Greenwood, S. C., who has ever been a source of comfort and inspiration to him. They have four children—James Milton, Agnes, Frances and Fletcher.

REV. J. M. STEADMAN

Rev. John Marcellus Steadman, son of Col. J. M. and Mrs. H. A. Steadman, was born in Lexington County, S. C., May 15, 1866. His father was of Irish descent, while in his mother's veins Scotch, Welsh, French and German blood mingled.

After the usual preparatory training in the common schools of the country, he was educated at Leesville College, under the presidency of Rev. John Emory Watson, who for many years was one of the most successful teachers in the State. These school and college days, however, mark only the beginning of his education. He is a diligent student yet, buying and reading—yea, studying—the very best books. His idea is that the purpose of school life is to learn how to study. He took Latin, Greek, French, and English courses. He took his A. M. degree from Wofford College; took the Chautauqua Course; a course in New Testament Greek, and English Bible in the Boston Correspondence School of Theology.

Brother Steadman was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference, at Leesville, S. C., July 19, 1885, Rev. A. Coke Smith, D. D., being the Presiding Elder.

He was received into the Conference, at the session held in Columbia, in December, 1885, E. B. Loyless, A. F. Berry, E. O. Watson, T. C. O'Dell, J. F. Anderson, A. M. Attaway, T. C. Ligon, W. I. Herbert, John Owen and D. A. Calhoun, joining at the same time.

His labors have been distributed in the following fields: Junior preacher on the Newberry Circuit, with M. M. Brabham, 1886; Parksville Mission, 1887-8; Greenwood Station, 1889; McCormick
Circuit, 1890-3; Lancaster Station, 1894-5; Cumberland Mission, Charleston, 1896-9; Yorkville Station, 1900; Lancaster Station, 1901-2; Buford Street, Gaffney, 1903-5; St. George Station, 1906-9; St. Matthews Circuit, 1910-13; Clemson College, 1914.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, at Spartanburg, in 1887, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Keener, in 1889, at Camden.

Our young friend is a most enthusiastic worker, and has had much success in these various fields of labor. He is a successful revivalist and many souls have been led to Christ through his preaching. His sermons are prepared with a great deal of care and he delivers them with much force and effectiveness. He is a good pastor and systematic worker. His rule is to improve every charge he serves and his record shows that he has not failed in putting this rule into practical execution.

Brother Steadman, like every other wise man, soon learned the need of a good helpmeet. So, after various trials and tribulations, he succeeded in winning the fair hand and the faithful heart of Miss Lizzie Briggs Kennerly, and they were married on November 21, 1887. She is the daughter of Dr. J. C. W. Kennerly, of Edgefield County. Following are the names of their children: John Marcellus, Jr., Wallace Wendell, Bonneau Kennerly, Mary Walter and Myra Elize.

Mr. Steadman has served eight years on Committees of Examination, four years on the Board of Education, four years on Board of Missions, and has been Secretary of the Legal Conference for ten years. He has written much for the Church papers, and for some years prepared the Sunday School Lessons for the Southern Christian Advocate.

Mr. Steadman is a good sermon-maker. He analyzes his text thoroughly, writes extensively, and preaches from notes.
work fell to his mother. He was carefully taught the elements of an English education. His father, both by precept and example, inspired him with an ardent love of learning, and having a small but very select library of the standard works of English literature, his childhood was spent in an atmosphere that created an insatiable appetite for knowledge. One might almost say that until he was fifteen years old, he was brought up on the Bible, Milton, Shakespeare, and Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress, Esop's Fables, and the classic legends of Greece and Rome were as necessary as breakfast and supper; while the lectures of Dr. Dick gave glimpses of a larger world that set the boy wild to climb.

When the great war for the Union began, Dr. Steel was eleven years old. As the war broke up everything in the part of the South where he lived, he was deprived of the advantages of school, and his childhood and youth were spent amid the turbulent scenes of that terrible struggle, and the chaotic reconstruction period that followed it. He was nearly grown before he had a chance to attend school; but so well had he been taught at home, and so earnestly had he applied himself to study, that within three years after he left the farm in Mississippi, and while still an undergraduate at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, he was elected Chaplain of the University of Virginia; a very high honor, for at that time the chaplain ranked with the professors of the University.

When the war closed, Dr. Steel started to work his way. He never knew when or where he was converted, and doubtless received the saving grace of God through the ministries of Christian culture in his home. But when he was about fifteen years old, he made a public profession of faith in Christ, by joining the Methodist Church at Hines Chapel, in Desota County, Miss. He immediately felt called to preach; but he resisted it earnestly for a long time, and got into great distress and religious doubt and darkness as a result. He wandered in this state of moral rebellion, going from bad to worse, for a year and a half. At last, he surrendered, and the gladness of that happy hour abides.

His call to preach was call to prepare, so he started in as a pupil of Miss Maria Anderson, who had a little school in her home in the country, near Memphis. Here he cut cross-ties, for what is now the Illinois Central Railroad, to make some money, roasted his potatoes in the yard, and slept on a straw pallet; and he feels a deep debt of gratitude to the memory of the noble young woman who encouraged him and assisted him to get a start. From this school he went to Memphis, then to Andrew College, at Trenton, Tenn., receiving assistance from friends in First Methodist Church in Memphis, chiefly through the kind offices of Dr. W. C. Johnson, then the editor of the Western Methodist. The pastor of the Methodist Church at Hickman, Ky., having died, young Steel was appointed to fill his place, and he was in charge of this church in 1870. By saving his salary, he was able to go to college, and on the advice of Bishop McTyeire, he decided to enter Emory and Henry College, in Southwestern Virginia. Soon after he entered college, the health of the Methodist pastor at Abingdon, a town not far from Emory and Henry, having failed, young Steel was appointed to take charge of the church in Abingdon. While this put a very heavy burden on him, it was a fortunate circumstance. The salary helped him to continue at college, while his work in Abingdon introduced him to many of the best people in Virginia.

As Dr. Steel's life covers a period of fifty years of crowded activity, a detailed record is impossible in this place. The following is an outline of his work up to the present: Pastor, as supply, Hickman, Ky., 1870; pastor, as supply, Abingdon, Va., 1872; chaplain University of Virginia, 1873-1875; pastor Broad Street, Richmond, Va., 1875-78; transferred to North Mississippi Conference and stationed at Columbus, Miss., 1878-82; transferred to Memphis Conference and stationed at First Church, Memphis, 1882-86; transferred to Louisville Conference and stationed at Walnut Street, Louisville, Ky., 1886-88; transferred to Southwest Missouri Conference and stationed at Walnut Street, Kansas City, 1888-89; transferred to the Tennessee Conference and stationed at McKendrie Church, Nashville, 1889-93; stationed at West End, Nashville, 1894; elected by the General Conference Secretary of the Epworth League, and editor of the Epworth Era, 1894-98; left without work and on the lecture platform, 1899; transferred to the Virginia Conference and stationed at Centenary, Richmond, 1900; stationed at Market Street, Petersburg, 1901; transferred to Louisville Conference and appointed President of Logan Female College, 1901-03; transferred to Mississippi Conference and appointed President of the Lamar Manual Labor School, 1903-05; located by the Mississippi Conference, 1905; President Training School, Ada, Okla., 1906; readmitted to the Oklahoma Conference and transferred to the Northwest Texas Conference and stationed at Brownwood, 1907-09; located in the fall of 1909, and on the platform 1910; readmitted into the Memphis Conference, and appointed President of the Memphis Conference Female Institute, 1910-12; transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and stationed at Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.
Dr. Steel was licensed to preach at Hines Chapel, Desoto County, Miss., in the spring of 1867, by Rev. John Moss, of the Memphis Conference. He was admitted on trial in the Virginia Conference, in 1875, at Danville, Va.; ordained Deacon by Bishop Doggett, in Lynneburg, in 1877, and ordained Elder by Bishop Kavanaugh, at Water Valley, Miss., in 1881. He was a delegate to the General Conference which met in Nashville, Tenn., in 1882, from the North Mississippi Conference. In 1888, he represented the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as Fraternal Delegate to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which met in New York City.

Emory and Henry College conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts, and Emory College the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Dr. Steel has been a prolific writer, but his productions have been of a fugitive nature. He early became a contributor to the religious press of his denomination, and has frequently written for the secular papers. He has published a number of small books, "On the Wing," "On the Rail," "En Route," being racy records of his extensive rambles around the continent. He has recently added a small volume entitled, "The South Was Right." With Rev. James Atkins, now Bishop Atkins, as his assistant, he began the publication of "The Advocate of Missions," in 1877. This periodical, after going through many metamorphoses, still continues as The Missionary Voice. In 1879, with Rev. C. B. Galloway, afterward Bishop Galloway, he began the publication of "The Southern Prohibitionist," in Columbus, Miss. This was the first periodical to advocate the prohibition of the liquor traffic, published South of the Potomac. He made two attempts to run magazines; "The Rambler," and "Steel's Monthly," losing money on both, but gaining a lot of experience. As an editor, Dr. Steel kept things lively.

When he was pastor of Broad Street Church, in Richmond, in 1876, Dr. Steel organized a woman's foreign missionary society. There were only three others then in the Southern Methodist Church; one in Baltimore, one in Nashville, Tenn., and one in New Orleans.

Dr. Steel has been married twice. His first wife was Miss Mary Susan Burns, of Petersburg, Va., who proved to be a model preacher's wife, and filled the home with light and happiness to the end. Of this happy union there four children: Ethel, now Mrs. J. H. Creighton, wife of the Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., of Roanoke, Va.; Rev. Edward Marvin Steel, now a member of the Tennessee Conference; Christine Lipscomb, who died in 1898; and Miriam, now a missionary in Brazil. His first wife died in Louisville, in 1888. He married the second time, in 1893, Miss Ella Battle Brevard, of Union City, Tenn. This was a specially happy marriage. There are five children from this union: Thomas Brevard, Edith Fitzgerald, Virginia Battle, Ella Lee and Chloe Louise. Dr. Steel has been very happy in his domestic life, both of his wives being cultured Christian women, in deep sympathy with his work, and all of his children proving a source of comfort and pride to their parents.
REV. J. J. STEVENSON

Rev. Jesse Joel Stevenson, son of Dr. William J. and Mrs. Esther Ferguson Stevenson, was born October 11, 1866. After the usual course in preparatory schools, he entered Leesville College, graduating therefrom in 1891. He had been offered a scholarship elsewhere, but preferred to go here and pay his way—an evidence indeed of the material out of which he is made.

Brother Stevenson felt called to preach when quite a boy, but not till 1884 did he fully surrender. He then consecrated himself entirely to the Lord, and decided to preach in obedience to the Divine call. He had been converted in childhood, and joined the Church at old Ebenezer, at the age of sixteen, under the ministry of Rev. J. B. Campbell.


His first year was spent as junior preacher on the Fort Mill Circuit, Rev. John L. Harley, P. C. Then to Blackstock. He here served churches the Quarterly Conference of which had licensed him to preach. He served Saluda Circuit, 1897-8; Kinards Circuit,
REV. HENRY STOKES

Rev. Henry Stokes, son of Thomas Henry Stokes and Abigail Bolling Stokes, was born at Alba, Greenville County, S. C., June 18, 1870. He attended the public schools of the community till September, 1886, when he entered the Home Path High School, of which Prof. J. B. Watkins was principal. After three years' course he entered Wofford College, from which he was graduated in 1893. During his college course he taught school every summer, except the summer of 1890, when he was census enumerator for Dunklin Township, Greenville County. During the scholastic years of 1893 and 1894, he was principal of Caswell Institute, Anderson County.

In July, 1894, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of St. John's Church, Anderson, S. C. In September, 1894, he entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, where he spent one year.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Rock Hill, in December, 1895. Bishop Galloway appointed him to serve the Van Dyek Circuit, Rock Hill District. For two years he served this charge faithfully and acceptably. During his pastorate at Van Wyck there were about one hundred accessions to the Church, a church debt of one hundred and fifty dollars was paid, and more than one hundred dollars was raised for painting and otherwise preparing Van Wyck Church for dedication.

On November 24th, 1897, Rev. Henry Stokes was married to Miss Florence Everett Heath, of Waxhaw, N. C., Bishop Joseph S. Key officiating.

At the Conference of 1897, he was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan. At this Conference he was appointed to the Mount Carmel charge, Cokesbury District.

To Rev. and Mrs. Henry Stokes was born a son—Robert Carlisle—September 5th, 1898. This child God took to Himself, October 6th, 1898.

At the Conference of 1899, Rev. Henry Stokes was ordained Elder by Bishop Key. As pastor of Mt. Carmel charge, he had three successful years. There were thirty-four accessions to the Church. Bethel Church, which was begun under Rev. W. A. Kelly, was finished and dedicated under the pastorate of Rev. Henry Stokes. Sharon and Zour Churches were repaired and dedicated. During 1900 Salem Church was rebuilt and will be dedicated before this Conference year closes. The above improvements, exclusive of Bethel Church, were made by the faithful work of the pastor and brethren, at a cost of about seven hundred dollars.

He has served as follows: Cokesbury Circuit, 1901-2; Walterboro, 1903-5; Winnsboro, 1906-8; Abbeville, 1909-10; Financial Agent Columbia College, 1911; Georgetown, 1912; Yorkville, 1913-14.

On August 2, 1900, there was born to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Stokes a daughter—Mary Bolling Stokes.

Whatever degree of success has attended his ministry, Rev. Mr. Stokes begs to acknowledge the co-operation of his brethren and the blessings of God.

Mr. Stokes has served on various boards and committees in the Conference.

He is a strong preacher and a sympathetic pastor.
REV. JOHN LEMACKS STOKES, D. D.

John Lemacks Stokes was born February 5, 1854, at “Rock Spring” plantation, the home of his maternal grandmother, eight miles from Walterboro, S. C. He is the third child of Col. Benjamin Stokes. His mother’s maiden name was Miss Harriet K. Lemacks. He was named for his grandfather, Capt. John J. Lemacks.

The boyhood life of young Stokes was spent on his father’s plantation, “Pine Forest,” one mile from the place of his birth. When the boy was thirteen years old, the family moved to “Ernestyl,” near Walterboro.

Till he was thirteen years old, young Stokes was under the tuition of his aunt, Miss Elizabeth A. Lemacks. At that age, he had Mr. Peter J. Malone, the gifted journalist and poet, as his teacher. To these two teachers and Mr. J. M. Cantwell, who taught him for a while at St. George, S. C., is due the educational direction of his young life. His honored aunt laid the foundation and cultivated his love for reading. Mr. Malone, an elegant writer and exact critic, was for two years a constant inspiration to young Stokes’ life and was largely instrumental in forming the style characteristic of Mr. Stokes even at this day. The father being unable to send the boy to college, his only chance was to use all his time in personal application to obtain that intellectual development for which his soul yearned. So he zealously applied himself for two years, pursuing to advanced stages the studies of mathematics, Latin and Greek. He was naturally inclined to a literary life, so his peculiar literary tastes and abilities began early to express themselves in the composition of verses. As the years have gone by, he has found both recreation and delight in keeping up this literary habit. In 1885, Mr. Stokes published “Eldon Drayton,” an interesting little book, in which many of his early struggles have a place. Soon after he also wrote “Claire de Veaux,” an excellent study in “Temperance Reform.” It was published as a serial in the Southern Christian Advocate. For nearly a year, in 1889, Mr. Stokes edited “The Temperance Worker,” the organ of the temperance societies of this State, doing for the time most excellent service. His connection with the paper was severed by his removal from Columbia. During Dr. W. D. Kirkland’s editorial management of The Advocate, Mr. Stokes did editorial work on the paper for some time. He was similarly employed for part of the time during Dr. John O. Wilson’s management of the paper. His work in that capacity was efficient and acceptable.

Reared in the country, his early Church opportunities were meagre. But the Christian home in which he was trained largely made up for the deficiency in Church privileges. His precious mother regularly gave the children instruction in the Bible and catechism. In October, 1871, the young man joined the Church at Indian Fields Camp Meeting. Mr. Stokes was licensed to preach June 6, 1874, and joined the Conference the following December. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, and Elder by Bishop W. M. Wightman. He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Bennettsville Circuit, 1875; Sumter Circuit, 1876; Fort Mill Circuit, 1877-8; Ward Circuit, 1879; Marion Street, Columbia, 1880-3; Orangeburg, 1884; Bennettsville Station, 1885-6; Newberry, 1887-8; Bamberg and Buford’s Bridge, 1888-91; Spring Street, Charleston, 1892-5; Bennettsville Station, 1896-8; Georgetown, 1899-1900; Camden Station, 1901-2; Yorkville Station, 1903-6; North Augusta, 1907-10; Williamston and Belton, 1911-13; Walhalla Station, 1914.

On December 27, 1876, Mr. Stokes was married to Miss Loretta P. Barentine, of Marlboro County, S. C. They have four children—Mrs. Clara Malone Covington, Mrs. Elise Meynardie Siford, Marion Boyd, who has been a missionary in Corea since 1907, and Mrs. Grace Walter Carter.

In the space allotted, we can give only a bare outline of the interesting, happy and successful life of our friend. He is an excellent preacher, a laborious pastor, diligent student, versatile writer, true friend, and, above all, a Christian gentleman.

The Kentucky Wesleyan College conferred the honorary degree, Doctor of Divinity, upon Mr. Stokes in May, 1903.
REV. PETER STOKES

Good old Methodist blood flows in the veins of the subject of this sketch, Rev. Peter Stokes. He is the son of Gen. William Stokes, one of the best men in the State, and Mrs. Eliza J. Stokes, an excellent Christian woman. He was born to these good parents, February 21, 1871.

Brother Stokes has had the very best educational advantages. Up to fifteen years of age, he attended the schools at his place of birth, Early Branch, in Hampton County. Here the teachers were employed by his father and a few neighbors. Then till he was seventeen years of age he attended school at Brunson, S. C., under that famous teacher, Rev. John Emory Watson. From here, he went to Wofford College, graduating therefrom in June, 1891. Not yet satisfied, he went next to the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University, where he remained till 1893. Thus, according to Bishop Keener's illustration, he has taken ample time to "grind his axe," and no doubt the results will show his wisdom in so doing.

Brother Stokes was converted during a meeting held in Spartanburg, S. C., by Evangelist Bill Fife, in May, 1891. He graduated the following month, and was attending to business for his father during the summer of that year, when he yielded to the Divine call to preach which he had been trying to evade on account of an impediment in speech. He read Isaiah 32:4, and all doubts were dispelled and the promise contained in that verse has been literally fulfilled in the case of our dear young friend.


He was ordained Deacon by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Rock Hill, in 1895, and was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Florence, in 1897.

He has served the following charges: Smithville Circuit, 1894-7; Phoenix Circuit, 1898. In August of this year he was elected rector of Cokesbury Conference School, in which position he served till June, 1899, when he resigned and was appointed pastor of Lowndesville Station, where he remained till December, 1900. Since that time he has served as follows: Piedmont, 1901-3; Donalds Circuit, 1904-5; Bamberg, 1906-7; Trinity, Charleston, 1908-11; Bennettsville, 1912-14.

On April 5, 1900, our young friend was married to Miss Lavinia Harmon, daughter of Rev. George T. Harmon, of our Conference. Four children have been born unto them, three of whom are living—Peter, Sarah Temple and Elizabeth.

Thoroughly equipped mentally and spiritually, and blessed with an amiable helpmeet, and with all his powers consecrated to God, there is no reason why Peter Stokes should not have a very successful career. His beginning indeed foretokens a life of great fruitfulness.

Mr. Stokes was for two years President of the Epworth League Conference of our State. Since 1912, he has been Conference Secretary of Education.
REV. WHITEFOORD S. STOKES, M. D.

Rev. Whitefoord Smith Stokes, M. D., is the son of Rev. A. J. Stokes, D. D., and grandson of Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D. He was born in Spartanburg, S. C., April 6th, 1865. He was educated in the private and high schools of the towns where his father lived, and served the Church, and at Wofford College. After he left school, he carried on his studies, and he has acquired a scholastic culture, broad and accurate, and a considerable acquaintance with the sciences. He has a remarkable faculty of divining what is to be known, and where and how to find it. Hence, he is well up with the literature and leading thoughts of the day.

He was graduated in medicine, in the University of Maryland. He entered upon the practice of his profession with marked promise of success. His practice and his reputation as a scientific physician increased steadily.

All this time, however, there was an awful question pressing for solution—his call to the ministry of the Gospel. At last the surrender came, and he was committed, heart and soul, to the Divine call. He was licensed to preach, and joined the South Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in December, 1890.

As a thinker, Dr. Stokes is fresh, strong and logical; as a speaker, he is fervid and forceful.

With his biblical studies, he continued his devotion to literature and science. During one of his pastorates, there was a vacancy in the headship of the high school of the town, and his known scholarship and executive ability pointed him out as the most desirable one to fill it. He accepted the position in connection with his pastorate. In a short while he brought the school to a high standard of proficiency; and, with the concurrent approval of patrons and trustees, he was unanimously called to continue in office; but demands of the pulpit and pastorate, and those of the school being too great a strain on him, he declined the re-election, and continued in the pastorate.

In 1899, he was called to the rectorship of the Cokesbury Conference, once so renowned and useful in South Carolina Methodism. His first year of service there was so eminently successful, that the trustees, contrary to their custom, re-elected him to succeed himself for four years. (The election is usually annual.)

While he is well fitted for the pulpit, platform, and pastorate, he is eminently a teacher, a controller and guide of youth, and a man of affairs. Every department grows under his guiding hand. He is a man of decided opinions, strong convictions, and is uncompromising in his fidelity to principle. For several years he has been on the supernumerary list.

REV. J. E. STRICKLAND

Rev. Julius Erasmus Strickland, son of William Anderson Strickland and Mary Henrietta Strickland, was born in Colleton County, S. C., March 4, 1875. His father was of English descent, and his mother of German descent.

His educational advantages were somewhat limited, being confined to the common schools of the country. But the lad made good use of these, and laid the foundation for study and culture, and by continuous effort, he is successfully building upon this foundation.

He was inclined to religious life from childhood. In 1894, when about nineteen years old, he was converted and joined the Church at Little Swamp Church, under the ministry of Rev. Eli M. McKissick, pastor of South Branchville Circuit. He was licensed to preach by the Orangeburg District Conference, May 9, 1897. Rev. John Owen, Presiding Elder, and Rev. E. A. Wilkes, pastor. Brother Strickland was admitted on trial, into the Conference, in November, 1897. He served for 1898 as junior preacher on Orangeburg Station, after which he was sent to Wateree Mission, where he remained two years, 1899-1900, doing faithful and acceptable work. At the session in Chester, December, 1900, he was admitted into full connection, was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. I. Hargrove, and was appointed to McClellanville Circuit. He was ordained Elder by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Greenwood, S. C., in 1902. Brother Strickland has served the following charges: Junior preacher at St. Paul's, Orangeburg, 1898; Wateree Mission, 1899-
1000; McClellanville Circuit, 1901; Van Wyck Circuit, 1902; Langley Station, 1903; Lewiedale Circuit, 1904-5; Harper Circuit, 1906; Phoenix Circuit, 1907-8; St. John's and Rembert's, 1909; Elloree Circuit, 1910-13; Brandon and Judson Street, Greenville, 1914.

On December 26, 1900, Brother Strickland was married to Miss Carrie E. Hardin, of Chester, S. C., who seems to be well qualified to make an excellent helpmeet to our young friend. They have five children—Carrie Lee, Erasmus Hardin, Mary Josephine and Rhoda June.

Brother Strickland is a young man considerably above the average in intelligence, and, being a young man, he is taking high rank among us.

The career of the Rev. Ellie Preston Taylor ought to be known to every boy who hungers for an education, and yet supposes the way is closed against him. After reading the story, everyone is compelled to realize that "where there's a will there's a way." And true boys and men must feel like standing uncovered in the presence of a hero—a hero of peace.

Ellie P. Taylor, the son of John and Satina Bailey Taylor, was born near Mars Bluff, S. C., January 1, 1860. His parents were pious people, who were rich only in faith. They lived on a farm which barely afforded a support, and they and their children tilled the soil.

Ellie grew up just as a farm boy in such condition must. He attended, whenever possible, the schools of the neighborhood. About the age of nine, this country lad, not having a fair knowledge of the rudiments of an education, not only thirsted for a collegiate course, but determined to secure it—his parents being in sympathy with his purpose—and he did it. Let us take the story from himself. The writer asked for it to be written out by Brother Taylor, and here is a modest statement of it:

"I entered the preparatory department of Wofford College in January, 1879, and remained in this department until June, 1880. I first entered the Freshman class in October, 1880, and because of limited means, thinking possibly that this would be my only year in college, I pursued a special course of studies. However, a way was opened for me to return in October, 1881, but the same kind Providence that opened the door for my return soon closed the same, for before the close of the month of October, I was called home on account of the death of my mother and the illness of my father. But again in October, 1882, I began college life. Now, not only poor, but married, yet not hampered or hindered, for the economy and needle of the wife added much to our scanty larder. So the work taken up in October, 1882, was continued until June, 1888, when I received my diploma."

"My stay at college was always delightful, because of my intense desire to learn, but I had to practice the strictest economy as my father was poor and had a large family to support. It was while I was in the preparatory department that my father wrote me that he could aid me no more, and for me to come home. I wrote father asking him would he be willing for me to remain and pursue my studies if I could make arrangements myself to do so. He replied, 'certainly.'
“The reply removed a burden from my heart. At the time I was boarding in a private family and rooming in the college, and this, of course, I was forced to discontinue. So to remain, I boarded myself, furnishing my table with a cheap grade of molasses and loaf-bread, and even allowed myself only a limited amount of loaf and molasses each day. The only thing I had in abundance was good water. I ate but little or no meat or butter, save when I was invited to take a meal out with a friend. I did not drink in my own room from my own little table one glass of milk or one cup of coffee or tea during the term. My good mother was living at the time and she sent me, during the term, two boxes of cooked food, such as loaf-bread, baked chicken, cake. But when the box was received, it was opened and friends called in to the feast. So the boxes from home added but little to my larder. I kept an itemized account of my expenditures for board for one month, and the items at the end of the month footed up $1.75. This was my board bill per month for several months—plus what meals were taken with friends and an occasional box from home. Suffice it to say, that I was never troubled with indigestion or nightmares.

“And my college course was pursued under no less pressure than was my preparatory education. I entered college October, 1882, with a wife and only ten dollars in my purse. My brother-in-law, James Hunt, boarded my wife and myself for the first year. I taught school the next year and made sufficient to pay up back indebtedness for board, and to pay my expenses another year at college. A similar course was followed after my sophomore year.

“My greatest pressure was during my senior year. When I completed my junior year, I determined not to go out into the country and teach for another year, thus taking two years to complete my course at college. So I entered the senior class, almost penniless, but with a strong determination to remain at my studies until I should finish. I set myself to work, I prayed much, I endeavored to exercise a strong faith in God, that He would open the door for my entrance soon as an itinerant Methodist minister—but not until I had completed my studies at Wofford. So to my great delight, I found that it would be possible for me to continue my studies another year.

“I made my way by chopping wood—made as much as six dollars a week chopping. Having a mechanical turn, I managed to make something that way—by the use of tools—such as making picket fences and other simple things. I had the good fortune to make fifty cents one evening by taking the place of a washerwoman and doing some washing for a good lady. The president of the college gave me the janitorship, and for the sweeping and making of the fires in the college I was paid seven dollars per month. This proved a great help to me, but added much to my already heavy college duties. I carried much of the wood used to make fires, from the ground floor to the third story of the building. I would do this on Saturdays and other spare moments. In December of my senior year, I was made pastor of Bethel Church—the City Mission. I preached twice each Sabbath, conducting a prayer meeting every Thursday evening. The church was more than one mile from my home. This added greatly to my already overburdened shoulders. So the pressure of my last year in college was very great indeed. I had the regular college course—French extra—I was janitor, having seven or eight fires to make each cold morning, the college to sweep, I was a station preacher and preached two new sermons each Sunday, I had a family to look after, all the shopping to do, my own wood to chop, fires to make. I was forced to rise early and work until late at night.

“But God was good to wife and to me. My health remained good. I passed all my college examinations without-failure in any, and in June bade my kind and indulgent teachers good-bye with a heart full to overflowing with gratitude to Almighty God for having aided me to press my way through college.

“I felt then, and still feel, that man by God’s grace can become master of his circumstances and make of himself what God designed him to be.”

The writer of this sketch saw the graduation exercises, heard the address of the college student, witnessed the congratulations of the president and others, and was tenderly moved when the graduate’s little daughter carried to him a handsome bouquet. It is not often that a college and community rejoice over such a triumph.

Brother Taylor was converted and joined the Church in childhood. As to his call to the ministry, we quote his own words:

“'I can remember no time when I did not feel the call to preach the Gospel. I fully believe that God set me apart from my first beginning to be a dispenser of His Word. I was licensed as an exhorter in Liberty Chapel, near Mars Bluff, S. C., Rev. Sidi H. Browne was Presiding Elder; I was licensed to preach in Spartanburg, S. C., Central Church, 1887, Rev. Thomas G. Herbert was Presiding Elder; was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference November, 1888, in Winnsboro, S. C.’
He has served the following charges: Kinard's Circuit, 1889; Waterloo Circuit, 1890; Princeton Circuit, 1891-2; Saluda Circuit, 1893-4; McCormick Circuit, 1895-6; Piedmont Station, 1897-8; Bishopville Station, 1899-1900; Winnsboro Station, 1901; Buncombe Street, Greenville, 1902; Marion District, 1903-5; Greenville District, 1906-7; Jonesville, 1908-9; Saluda, 1910-13; Prosperity, 1913-14.

On March 1, 1882, Brother Taylor married Miss Elizabeth J. Thompson, of Spartanburg, S. C., Rev. John T. Wightman, D. D., officiating. To many this would have been the end of the struggle for a college diploma, but not so in this instance. The wife was a help and no hindrance, and a help meet she has been to this day. Four children are the fruit of this union: Elizabeth, John Thompson, Ellie Preston, Jr., and James Carlisle.

It is needless to describe the preacher and pastor such a man becomes and continues. He is just what one might expect from his early years—a fine, thoughtful preacher, a faithful, sincere pastor—and God has honored his ministry everywhere. May such men be multiplied.

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REV. GEORGE A. TEASLEY

Rev. George Allen Teasley is the son of Mr. Isham J. Teasley and Mrs. Amanda Jane Teasley, and was born on a farm in Hart County, Ga., March 25, 1884.

His preparatory education was obtained in the common schools of Georgia and at Hartwell Institute under Prof. George C. Looney. He then took the LL. B. Course at Mercer University, Macon, Ga.

In early life, Mr. Teasley was inclined to the study of law, and before he was seventeen years old he had gone carefully over Blackstone's Commentaries. But a complete change of his religious experience about that time brought with it a conviction that he should preach the Gospel.

He was licensed to preach by the Elberton District Conference, North Georgia Conference, at Rabun Gap, Ga., in 1906.

He was received into the North Georgia Conference at Cartersville, Ga., in 1907, and discontinued at his own request in 1909.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference at Anderson, S. C., December, 1912, Bishop J. C. Kilgo presiding.

While in Georgia, he served as follows: Supply as junior preacher on Lincolnton Circuit, 1907; South Lincolnton Circuit, 1908; Landersville, 1909.

After coming to South Carolina, he served as supply on Greerla ville Circuit for nine months of 1912. Joining the Conference in December of that year, he was sent to McClellanville Station, and, at this writing, is serving his second year there.
Mr. Teasley began teaching in the public schools of Georgia when only sixteen years of age, and was granted a permanent license to teach by the State Superintendent of Education, in 1905. He served as assistant in Hartwell Institute, principal of the high school at Tifton, Ga., and principal of the Summerton High School, Summerton, S. C.

On December 25, 1911, he was married to Miss Ellie Coggins, of Macon, Ga. They have one girl—Cecil Amanda, born January 21, 1913.

South Carolina extends a hearty welcome to Mr. Teasley and wishes for him a pleasant and prosperous career.

Rev. J. H. Thacker

Rev. James Herbert Thacker, son of Rev. W. H. Thacker and Mary Elizabeth (Gower) Thacker, was born April 28, 1862. He had the usual attention educationally in his early years. He then attended a school at Piedmont, S. C., under the supervision of Miss Emma Young. At the age of fifteen years, he went to a school taught by Prof. Ezekiel Long. When he reached his twenty-second year, he entered the preparatory department of Wofford College. Very few young men have ever had a more heroic struggle to obtain an education. The war left young Thacker's father a physical and financial wreck, unable to assist his boy in obtaining an education. But the boy was not to be outdone. As stated above, he entered the preparatory department of Wofford College, at the age of twenty-two years. By doing janitor's work while at college, and by selling books and teaching during vacation, he managed to continue his course until his graduation, in June, 1891, being then twenty-nine years old. What an inspiration this record should be to every young man desiring an education.

Soon after his conversion, Brother Thacker felt called to preach, but, like most others, strove to evade the work. During the struggle he read law and medicine, promising God to give all he could make in either of these. But this would not meet the requirements of the Divine call. God had called him to preach—not to make money. The struggle ended March 2, 1887, at 2 o'clock a. m. Then and there, this young man, with a strong mind and body, laid all on God's altar. The day after his graduation, in 1891, he was appointed a
supply on the North Greenville Circuit, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. R. Betts. In December, 1891, he was received on trial, at the session of the Conference, held in Darlington, S. C., the other members of the class being, Alexander N. Brunson, A. J. Cauthen, Jr., C. Hovey Clyde, John D. Crout, William C. Winn, Eli M. McKissick.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop John C. Granbery, at Darlington, S. C., December, 1891. He was ordained Elder by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, at Sumter, S. C., December, 1893.

He has served as follows: North Greenville Circuit, 1892; Ridgeville Circuit, 1893; Hartsville Circuit, 1894; Hickory Grove Circuit, 1895-8; Rock Hill Circuit and Laurel Street, 1899; Oswego Circuit, 1900-1902; Latta Station, 1903-5; St. Matthews Circuit, 1906-8; Yorkville Station, 1909; retired on account of ill health, 1910-11; Graniteville and Vaucluse, 1912; Whaley Street Station, 1913-14.

In 1910, he acted as collecting agent for Wofford College. During his pastorate at Hickory Grove, a handsome parsonage was built and various repairs were made on the churches. While he served Rock Hill Circuit, a large debt was paid off. Since he was sent to Oswego, some much-needed repairs have been made. Brother Thacker is a most zealous pastor and energetic worker. His sermons show careful preparation and are well delivered. The work of the Lord prospers in his hands.

He was married July 15, 1891, to Miss Annie M. Goddard, of Laurens County, S. C. They have six children—Helen Goddard, Ruth, Annette, Jimmie Beth, Carlisle Monroe and Coke Caveller.

Joseph Benjamin Traywick was born October 15, 1844, in Anson County, N. C. His parents were Asa Traywick and Delilah Helms Traywick. His great grandfather Traywick came from England, and was a Quaker preacher. Berryman Traywick, his grandfather, was one of the first Methodists in Anson County, N. C. Asa Traywick was a leading Methodist of his county for fifty years; gifted in prayer and exhortation, his knowledge of the Scripture was phenomenal, he was known by the preachers as the "walking concordance."

The subject of this sketch was his seventh and youngest son. His moral and religious training, both by precept and example, was of the highest order. He was converted at sixteen, under the ministry of Simpson Jones. His school opportunities were rather poor, but being fond of books, and a good, small library in the home, he had made good progress. When the Civil War opened, he was then sixteen years old, and would soon have gone to college, but the war broke up all his plans. He was one whole year in camp, on the march and in prison, was in thirteen battles, captured at Fisher's Hill, was kept in prison at Point Lookout until February 18, 1864.

Having no college opportunity during the war, he secured the help of a fine teacher, Prof. J. B. Ashcraft, and studying under him, and teaching with him, some compensation was made for the loss in education sustained on account of the war. After Lee had surrendered, in 1865, Mr. Traywick went forward and was licensed to preach by Dr. Charles Taylor. He joined the Conference at Charlotte, in 1865. Mr. Traywick's first appointment was Newberry Circuit, as junior
preacher, J. H. Zimmerman, senior; he served this work two years. His third and fourth years were on Mapleton Circuit; three at Pendleton; three at Laurens; one on Cokesbury; three on Tumbling Shoals; four on Saluda; two at Rock Hill; four on Chester Circuit; three at Prosperity; two at Batesburg; two at Clio; two at Brightsville; and again two on Chester Circuit, making six years on this charge; two on Darlington Circuit; one on Lamar; two years at Lake City; three years at Denmark; four years at Aiken; now on second year at Winnsboro.

Mr. Traywick has combined the pastor and evangelist, having conducted a number of revival services outside his charges, but he has generally stuck close to his own work and conducted his meeting; many seals have been made to his ministry. One source of great joy to his heart has been so many have turned out ministers, ten of them are now in the South Carolina Conference.

Mr. Traywick was married in 1867, in Newberry, S. C., to Miss Caroline Buzhardt. They have had ten children, three of whom died in childhood. Their eldest daughter, Mary, is now Mrs. J. F. Hardin, of Chester, S. C.; their second daughter, Bessie, is now Mrs. W. C. Smith, of Clio, S. C.; their third daughter, Miss Anna, is teaching music in Lancaster, and their youngest daughter, Kate, is at home attending school. Their eldest son, David Derrick Traywick, is express agent at Charlotte, N. C.; their second son, Asa Paul Traywick, will, in a year or two, complete his medical course in Baltimore, and their youngest son, Heber Helms Traywick, is at work in Chester. The three eldest daughters all graduated from Columbia College, and all taught a number of years.

Mr. Traywick is now nearly seventy years old, and in robust health. While seasoned with years of hard work, the fires of youth are still burning, and he is full of zeal for the work. Doubtless, no man in the Conference has been more faithful in the discharge of duty than Brother Traywick. He has a record of fidelity that any man should prize highly. A life of such bright noonday should have a peaceful and glorious sunset. May his last days be his best!

Mr. Traywick is a most remarkable man. Age does not dampen his ardor in the cause to which his noble life has been given. Increasing years have added to his popularity both in the Conference and in the charges served. The Conference is justly proud of him and his record.

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**REV. R. S. TRUESDALE**

Rev. Robert S. Truesdale, son of Thomas B. and Olivia A. Truesdale, was born in Montgomery County, Miss., March 26, 1874. His parents moved from Lancaster County to Mississippi soon after the Civil War, and returned to South Carolina when their son Robert was about seven years of age. Upon returning, they located in Kershaw County.

Brother Truesdale attended the common schools until 1890. In September of that year, he went to Rutherford Military Institute, of which Capt. W. T. R. Bell was superintendent. There he spent three years. He entered Wofford College in October, 1893, and graduated in June, 1897.

He was soundly converted in 1892, and from that good day to this has been a manly, consistent, working Christian. His influence in college was excellent. He had the respect and affection of the boys and of the faculty. While at college, he became satisfied of his call to preach the Gospel, and was licensed in 1896. Immediately upon graduating, he was placed in charge of the Greenville City Mission, and there rendered admirable service. In September, he went to Vanderbilt University, and spent two years in that institution, serving with success the Fillmore Street Mission, during most of that time. He was admitted into the South Carolina Annual Conference, at Orangeburg, in December, 1899, and was assigned to Edgewood Circuit, to which he was returned, at the urgent request of the people, after a year of remarkable success.

Brother Truesdale is a pleasant, companionable man, of quiet, unpretending manner; and yet his manliness and sincerity will impress
the most casual observers. Therefore, he makes friends easily, and holds them strongly. He is devoted to his work—is a "workman." In the ministry, as in his years of preparation, he believes that he is called to work—and he does it with might and main. As a pastor, he is faithful, sympathetic. He is a preacher of power. His sermons evidence careful thought and preparation, and are couched in strong, vigorous language. His delivery is very impressive, and the Holy Spirit accompanies the word he speaks. It is not enough to say that he promises to be a successful preacher—he is already one. And the writer is confident that that success will be more and more marked as the years go by.

On December 20, 1900, he married Miss Bessie Ariail, daughter of the Rev. W. H. Ariail, of our Conference. An old friend may be permitted to say that he has chosen wisely in winning the sweet, gentle Christian, who is his helper and inspiration.

REV. BARNWELL R. TURNIPSEED

The subject of our sketch, Rev. Barnwell Rhett Turnipseed, is of mingled German and Scotch-Irish descent; his father, Mr. Barnwell Rhett Turnipseed being of German extraction, and his mother, Mrs. Matilda Turner Turnipseed, being of Scotch-Irish. He was born near Columbia, S. C., March 10, 1878.

He attended the graded schools of Columbia, after which he went to Clemson College when it first opened, and graduated with the first class, in 1896. He did post-graduate work at Clemson in 1897, and attended the Medical College in Charleston in 1898.

When a boy of only twelve years of age, and even before he had joined the Church, Mr. Turnipseed was conscious of a distinct call to preach the Gospel. He refrained from identifying himself with the Church for some time, hoping thus to shun the duty of preaching. Through the whole of his college career, however, he was ever conscious of the call and he was never satisfied until he yielded.

He was licensed to preach by the Columbia District Conference, at Johnston, S. C., in 1900, having previously exercised his gifts as an exhorter for one year. He was received on trial, into the South Carolina Conference, at Chester, S. C., in December, 1900, Bishop Robert K. Hargrove presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. W. Duncan, at Newberry, S. C., December, 1902, and Elder by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Darlington, S. C., December, 1904.
Mr. Turnipseed has served the following charges: junior preacher on Ridgeway Circuit, 1900; Granby, 1901-2; Aiken, 1903-5; Green Street, Columbia, 1906-9; Darlington, 1910-13; Marion, 1914.

He has been Assistant Statistical Secretary of the Annual Conference for eleven years. He was Secretary of the Columbia District Conference for four years, and has been Secretary of the Florence District for three years.

In 1900 he was married to Miss Emma M. Greene, of Greenwood, S. C., who has proven a great blessing to him. They have two children—Barnwell Rhett, Jr., and Robert Lester.

Mr. Turnipseed is a man of studious habits, doing the harder work in the morning and the lighter reading at night. He keeps up regular and systematic reading.

His sermons are thoroughly prepared and his delivery is easy and graceful.

Robert Edward Turnipseed was born in Richland County, S. C., November 21, 1874. His father was Prof. B. R. Turnipseed, and his mother was Mrs. Matilda Turner Turnipseed. In infancy he was dedicated to God; converted in a meeting held in old Cedar Creek Church, by Rev. J. C. Stoll; called to preach the Gospel at the same time.

His education was acquired in the common schools and graded schools, with one year in Wofford College, and one year in South Carolina University. He won the Declaimer’s Medal at Carolina. He formed habits of study that proved of great value in his later ministry.

He was licensed to preach at Irmo, in a District Conference presided over by Rev. J. Walter Dickson, 1896, and served as junior preacher under Rev. W. C. Winn, on the Ridgeway Circuit, the following year. He was recommended to the Annual Conference for admission on trial, by the Columbia District Conference, presided over by Bishop W. W. Duncan, 1897. He was admitted on trial, at Florence, 1897, and appointed to the Iva Circuit. Here he wrought the first year of his ministry, receiving $86.50 for his services.

He has served the following appointments since: Port Royal, 1899-1901; Kershaw, 1902-04; Lancaster, 1905-07; Bennettsville, 1908-11; Florence, 1912-14.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. S. Key, 1899, and Elder by Bishops Galloway and Candler, 1901.
He has been Statistical Secretary of the South Carolina Conference since 1907, and one of the editors of the Conference minutes. He was elected Missionary Secretary in 1912, and continues to this date in office. He was a delegate to the General Conference, which met in Oklahoma City, 1914.

He married January 10, 1900, Miss Katherine Crawford Isbell.

Mr. Turnipseed is a hard student, a diligent pastor, and a strong preacher.

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Rev. Jesse L. Tyler

Rev. Jesse LaVance Tyler is of mingled English, Irish and Scotch ancestry.

He is the son of Mr. W. Scott Tyler and Mrs. Annie Foreman Tyler, and was born on May 17, 1874, at the old home in Aiken County, S. C., near Augusta, Ga.

Owing to the ill health of his father, which was superinduced by exposure at an early age, in the War Between the States, Mr. Tyler's early opportunities for an education were limited, being limited to the common schools of the community. He has, however, tried to make up for the deficiency by hard study. He was the first preacher in our Conference to complete the Conference Course in the Correspondence School at Vanderbilt University. He has taken supplementary courses in the Correspondence School, doing special work in English and Bible.

As a boy, he felt that in years to come he would be a preacher, but he tried to evade the duty. He was led to decide to preach by the influence of Miss Jennie Anderson, who afterwards became his wife. But even after receiving license to preach, he had a struggle over the question of entering the itinerancy. He held a lucrative position in the business world.

Mr. Tyler was licensed to preach, at Orangeburg, S. C., April 25, 1896. He was ordained local Deacon, at Chester, S. C., by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, in December, 1900. He was received on trial, at Columbia, S. C., December, 1901. He was ordained Elder by Bishop Wilson, in Columbia, S. C., December, 1906.
He has served the following charges: Swansea, 1901; Ellorcee, 1902-3; Snonk's, 1904-5; Springfield, 1906-7; Lamar, 1908-9; McBee, 1910-13; Chesterfield Circuit, 1914.

He has served on Committee on Conference Relations and on the Board of Finance. He was Secretary of the Sunday School Conference of Florence District.

On May 26, 1897, Mr. Tyler was married to Miss Jennie Anderson, of Barnwell County, S. C., the sweetheart of his boyhood days. They have seven children living—Nanaleine, Bascom LaVance, Barnwell Scott, Jennie, Laurie Kilgo, Annie, and Ruth. Little Ethel, the first born, is in Heaven.

Mr. Tyler is an enthusiastic pastor and an energetic preacher. He has been very successful in his work.

The Rev. Samuel D. Vaughan is a combination of cheery sunshine and fearless courage. Happy himself, he carries happiness to those he meets; true to the uttermost to God and man, he cannot pass inconsistencies and unfaithfulness in others. He is the happiest at old Cypress camp meeting in seasons of power and refreshing and he is most fearless when assailing sin, in what men call "high places."

He is the son of Thomas Vaughan, and was born in Colleton District (now County), S. C., April 26, 1846. His educational advantages were good (his father being a leading teacher of his section), but were confined to the home schools.

At the age of sixteen, he volunteered and entered the Confederate Army, being stationed one year on the South Carolina coast, and spending two years in the Western Army. Till the surrender, he rendered soldierly service. Returning home, he faced the issues of peace with the same courage he had shown in war. December 29, 1869, he married Miss Lou R. Cummings, daughter of the saintly Christian leader, Wm. Cummings, of Lower Colleton. She has been helpmeet indeed all through the years. Six children were born of the union: Lula, now Mrs. D. W. Moore, of Cokesbury; Mamie, now wife of Dr. J. D. Waters, of Saluda County; Willie, who married Miss Iola Machern, and Greig, are still living. Samuel John died at the age of fifteen months, and Jestina Geneva was called above on her sixteenth birthday.

Through the influence of a well-trained good wife and the earnest and faithful ministry of Rev. A. R. Danner and Rev. George
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Pierce, exhorter and evangelist, young Vaughan was on May 11, 1870, induced to offer himself for membership in the M. E. Church, South, at Ridgeville, S. C. Eight days after presenting himself for membership, he was soundly and powerfully converted to God. In the summer of 1871, he was licensed to exhort, and in November of the same year he got license to preach, and preached his first sermon at Limestone Camp Meeting, in Orangeburg County, S. C. In 1874, he was admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference, and has served the following charges, as they are named in order: Berkeley Circuit, four years; St. Paul's Mission, two years; Cypress Circuit, one year; Round O, four years; Batesburg, two years; Columbia City Mission, four years; Kingstree, one year; Cokesbury, two years; Saluda, two years; Princeton, two years; Belmond, one year; Clifton and Cowpens, one year; Harleyville, three years; Hampton, one year; Cokesbury, two years; Round O, two years; Cypress, two years; Ebenezer, four years. So he tells of the work of God in his soul, and his work for God wheresoever appointed. Everywhere he toiled faithfully and everywhere God has rewarded his labors. And he is today as full of hope, of vigor and physical energy, and his bow abides in strength as in the years of youth.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, at Chester, S. C., December, 1876, and Elder, at Newberry, S. C., December, 1878, by Bishop W. M. Wightman.

Brother Vaughan is a true man, one you can depend upon, no matter where or how tested—a genuine Christian of attractive experience, a kind, helpful neighbor, a preacher endowed with common sense and clear expression, whose messages have the power of the Spirit, a pastor who deals faithfully with his people, a minister who looks after all his duty. He is Methodist to the core and yet is brotherly to all Christians.

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REV. GEORGE H. WADDELL

Rev. George Henry Waddell, son of Dr. G. H. Waddell and Mrs. Elizabeth Clough Waddell (nee Sims), was born February 8, 1863. In his boyhood days, Brother Waddell had access to the common schools, and after the usual training in these, he attended Piedmont Institute. From this institution he went to Adger College, where he remained for some time, not quite finishing the Junior year. Utilizing the abilities and advantages obtained in these school and college days, our friend has been obtaining an education ever since by the continual study of men and books.

He was licensed to preach October 19, 1884. At the session of the South Carolina Conference, held in December of that year, he was admitted on trial, with J. C. Yongue, M. Dargan, W. M. Duncan and W. B. Baker. His charges have been as follows: junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, 1885; Parksville Mission, 1886; Centenary Circuit, 1887-9; Yorkville Station, 1890-1; Chester Station, 1892-4; Camden Station, 1895. At the close of his year at Camden, Brother Waddell was elected Superintendent of the Epworth Orphanage, which position he held till 1901. For 1902, he was Financial Agent of the Orphanage. He was Assistant Editor Southern Christian Advocate for 1903-6. He served Fountain Inn Circuit for 1907-8. Since that he has been on the superannuate list.

Brother Waddell has been successful in every field to which he has been appointed, but his greatest achievement was the Epworth Orphanage. To him, more than to any other human being, South Carolina Methodism is indebted for this magnificent institution. By
his untiring zeal and consecration, by his abounding faith and heroic endeavors, he brought the enterprise to success and maintained it.

Brother Waddell is a strong preacher—and I use the term advisedly. He thinks deeply and logically, and makes you think when you hear him. His preaching is of the kind that leaves an impress upon the minds and hearts of his hearers.

He was married on May 27, 1886, to Miss Carrie Lee Boulware, of Newberry, S. C. They have five children—Elizabeth Capers, Carrie Lee, Ruth, Dorothy and Alice Straus.

Rev. W. L. Wait

Rev. Washington Lafayette Wait, son of Mr. John T. Wait and Mrs. Ruth Wait, was born in Laurens County, S. C., January 22, 1851.

His education began in the home, his devoted mother being the teacher. It is said that he has no recollection of a time when he could not read. He knew the alphabet when only two years old. From the home training, he went to Cokesbury Conference School, where he spent several years. From there he went to Wofford College, entering the Sophomore class and graduating in June, 1871.

Young Wait was converted at the age of twelve years while at Cokesbury and joined the Methodist Church. After his graduation at Wofford, he was admitted to the bar and practiced law for about thirteen years. In this he was successful, especially as an office lawyer. Men soon learned to trust his wisdom as a lawyer and his judgment as a man.

But God had a nobler work for our friend and brother. The Divine call to preach became clear and unmistakable, so he laid down his lucrative practice and began to make special arrangements for entering the ministry. He was licensed to preach in October, 1887, by the Quarterly Conference of the Buncombe Street Church in the City of Greenville. He was received on trial into the Conference in December, 1887, R. L. Holroyd, A. B. Earle, W. E. Barre, J. W. Kilgo, W. B. Duncan, J. L. Harley, R. A. Yongue, S. T. Blackman, J. P. Attaway and J. E. Mahaffey joining at the same time.

His labors have been distributed as follows: Sumter Circuit, 1888-90; Darlington Circuit, 1891; Spartanburg City Mission, 1892; Newberry Circuit, 1893-4; Donald's Circuit, 1895; Barnwell Circuit, 1896-7; Orangeburg Circuit, 1898; Ninety-Six Circuit, 1899-1900; Summerville Station, 1901; Cheraw Station, 1902-4; Conway, 1905-6; Mullins, 1907-8; Lake City, 1908-10; Piedmont, 1911-12; Woodruff, 1913; superannuate, 1914.

In these various fields success has crowned the labors of our brother. He is a hard worker. As a preacher, he is calm, clear, and convincing. As a pastor, he is diligent and sympathetic. The people know to look for him where there is trouble in the home.

Brother Wait was married on December 18, 1876, to Miss Jane Wofford, Rev. Whitefoord Smith, D. D., officiating. This good woman has ever been a true and helpful companion to our brother. Her sweet Christian influence has ever sanctified their home-life.
and her heroic devotion has ever strengthened him for his arduous work.

Two children have been born unto them—B. Wofford and Rutha. Little Rutha died when only seventeen months old.

For several years Mr. Wait has been Assistant Secretary of the South Carolina Conference, rendering most efficient service. He has also served on important boards and committees.

REV. ARTHUR C. WALKER, A. B.

One would expect a son of Rev. H. A. C. Walker ("Uncle Hae") to have a record worthy of the attention of the public, and such is the record of the subject of this sketch, Rev. Arthur Crawford Walker. His mother's name was Sarah E. Walker, née Wightman. He was born January 4, 1851. His father was of Irish descent. His mother was of English extraction.

Being the son of a Methodist preacher, Brother Walker had access to good preparatory and intermediate schools, such as were found in the various charges served by his honored father. When the preparatory work had been done, he entered Wofford College, and, after four years of hard study, graduated with the degree of A. B. This, however, was only the beginning, as he has kept up his studies ever since. He was converted during his last year at Wofford College, and immediately felt and heard the Divine call to the ministry. This call was clear and unmistakable. He laid his all, including his well-trained mind, upon God's altar, and has ever been ready to serve, anywhere and any time, the blessed Lord, who did so much for him.

In December, 1875, J. W. Araiil, W. S. Martin, T. P. Phillips and the subject of this sketch, joined the South Carolina Conference. Brother Walker's labors have been as follows: Chester Circuit, 1876; Fairfield Circuit, 1877; Bucksville, 1878-9; Ward's Circuit, 1880; Laurens, 1881-2; Effingham Circuit, 1883; Centenary Circuit, 1884-5; Piedmont Circuit, 1886; Greers Circuit, 1887-90; Walhalla, 1891; Hampton Circuit, 1892-4; St. George, 1895-8; Batesburg, 1899-
1900; Bishopville Station, 1901-3; Rowesville, 1904-5; Cameron, 1906-8; Beaufort, 1909; superannuate, 1910-14.

On January 4, 1876, he was married to Miss Virginia L. Kirkland, daughter of the sainted Rev. W. C. Kirkland, who for many years was a popular member of the South Carolina Conference. To them nine children have been born. Two of these—George Allen and James H.—died in infancy. The living are: Mrs. A. Z. Basken, of Bishopville, S. C., Prof. H. A. C. Walker, of Savannah, Ga., Mrs. W. E. Derrick, of Orangeburg, S. C., Dr. W. K. Walker, Miss Sara W., Arthur C., Jr., and Miss Sue G., of Orangeburg.

Brother Walker’s sermons are thoroughly prepared and forcefully delivered. He is a clear thinker, and is fortunate in being able to express his ideas in clear and impressive language. He makes many friends wherever he goes, and his work abides.

REV. JOHN R. WALKER

Rev. John Rutland Walker, son of Mr. John A. Walker and Mrs. Mary (Rutland) Walker, was born at Rock Hill, S. C., April 29, 1875. His father was Scotch-Irish and his mother was English-French.

After his preparatory training in the usual schools, he entered Wofford College, and graduated therefrom, in June, 1898, with the A. B. degree. He also took the A. M. degree, doing the required work in Greek and English, and receiving the degree in 1904.

From childhood, Mr. Walker felt a desire to preach, and the time came when God granted the desire by unmistakably calling him into the glorious work.

He was licensed to preach by the Fourth Quarterly Conference of Lancaster Station, in 1892, Rev. George T. Harmon being Presiding Elder, and Rev. E. G. Price being the pastor. He was then seventeen years old. During his Junior year at Wofford he allowed his license to preach to lapse. He was relicensed by the Rock Hill District Conference, in the summer of 1898. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at Columbia, S. C., in 1906.

He was ordained local Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Columbia, S. C., in 1906. He was ordained Elder by Bishop E. Hendrix, at Charleston, S. C., in December, 1910.

When he was only seventeen years old, Mr. Walker served as supply on the York Circuit, from January to October of 1893. From July to November of 1898 he supplied three churches near Charlotte, N. C.
He taught school from 1898 to 1906. From June to November of 1906, he supplied Monagahan and Antioch, in Greenville District. Since joining the Conference, he has served as follows: West Easley Circuit, 1907; Traveller’s Rest Circuit, 1908-9; Hampton Avenue Station, 1910-11; Edgefield, 1912-14.

On October 4, 1899, he was married to Miss Mary Bennett, of Wadseboro, N. C.

He was Secretary of Greenville District Conference for 1910-11. He was District Sunday School Secretary of the Greenville District for 1911, and for the Columbia District for 1912-13. He was principal of Pineville High School (N. C.), 1898-9; was principal of Epworth Orphanage School, 1899-1901; principal of Waxhaw Institute (N. C.), 1901-4; professor in Preparatory Department of Rutherford College (N. C.), 1905-6.

Mr. Walker is a diligent and successful pastor. He is studious and systematic in his sermon-making. He is a strong preacher.

REV. E. OLIN WATSON, D. D.

Rev. Emory Olin Watson was born August 5, 1865, at the Richie homestead, in Newberry County, and has been in the itinerant ranks from that date—his father, Rev. J. E. Watson, being at that time and for many years thereafter, a member of the South Carolina Conference. His father was of Scotch descent. His mother was Miss N. Lavinia Richie, of Irish descent. His name indicates Methodist ancestry. His parsonage home insured Methodist training. The result is a life which honors both his ancestry and his training. His education was almost exclusively directed by his father, who was a most skillful teacher. His father often gave him a book to read and required him to give from memory the substance of the book. Many story books, biographies and histories were thus read.

He began life as a teacher and was associated with his father in that work at Leesville, S. C., for several years previous to his admission to the Conference. From childhood, he had a subconscious feeling that he would preach. With his conversion, September 15, 1885, this became clear conviction. He joined the Church in Rock Hill in 1873. Fighting the conviction that it was his duty to preach the Gospel caused a serious divergence from the path of righteousness. Having taken the course at Bryant & Stratton’s Business College, he opened a similar department in the Leesville English and Classical Institute. Immediate success, with flattering prospects of still greater success, only strengthened the bonds which held him to the world and caused the work of the pastorate to appear less attractive and more burdensome. But his parents believed God and did not cease to pray for their well-beloved son. Nor was their trust shaken by his wandering from the path of duty.

In September, 1885, Rev. J. Walter Dickson, pastor of Saluda Circuit, assisted Rev. Jno. S. Mattison, pastor of Leesville Circuit, in a series of special services at Leesville. During that meeting a shaft from the quiver of truth found its way to the heart of Olin Watson, and he who went to the service simply from respect remained as an humble penitent, seeking the forgiveness of his sins. He left the church unsatisfied. Afterward, he retired to a grove, some distance from any dwelling, with the determination to stay there until he found the “pearl of great price.” Such determination soon brought the treasure which he was so earnestly seeking, and on the 15th of September he made a public profession of his faith. On the 10th of October he received license to preach, Dr. A. Coke Smith being his
Presiding Elder. On the next day he preached his first sermon at Concord, where he received his license, and on the 10th of December, he was admitted into the South Carolina Conference, which met at Columbia.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop H. N. McTyeire, at Spartanburg, in 1887, and Elder by Bishop Keener, at Camden, in 1889.

On November 10th, 1886, he was married to Miss Mattie West, of Leesville, S. C. Eleven children have blessed this union.

He has served the following charges: Bennettsville Circuit, junior preacher, 1886; Wedgefield, 1887-88; Lynchburg, 1889-90; Rock Hill, 1891-92; Bennettsville, 1893-95; Orangeburg, 1896-99 (a new church was erected during his pastorate here); Bethel, Charleston, 1900-03; Central, Spartanburg, 1904-05; Marion District, 1906-09; Washington Street, Columbia, 1910-12; President Horry Industrial Institute, 1913-14.

He served as Assistant Secretary of the South Carolina Conference, from 1889 to 1892. At the Conference held in Sumter, December 6, 1893, he was elected to the position of Secretary, in which office his work will compare favorably with that of any of his distinguished predecessors.

He served the I. O. G. T. as Grand Chief Templar, 1892-94.

In 1899, he was elected President of the South Carolina Conference Epworth League, which office he held for several years.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon him by the South Carolina University. He has served as Missionary Secretary of the Conference; he was Chairman of the delegation to the General Conference in 1906, and in 1910, and a member of the delegation to the General Conference in 1914. He was Assistant Secretary of the General Conference of 1906 and 1910, and was Secretary of the Committee on Revisals of the General Conference of 1914.

His pulpit ministrations evidence diligent study and careful preparation, combined with an ardent faith in the Gospel’s saving uplifting power.

Doctor Watson has written extensively for papers and magazines. He is the author of a pamphlet on “The Church and the Mills,” and a pamphlet on “A Century of Methodist Education in South Carolina.” He is now collecting material for a series on books on the Bible and Bible study.

For several years he has been Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Columbia College, taking an active part in deciding the change of location and enlargement of the institution.

Doctor Watson is now engaged in the establishment of the Horry Industrial School, aiming to help reach the million illiterate whites of the South, and pioneer in work for rural communities—the poor boy’s hope.
REV. GEORGE PIERCE WATSON

George Pierce Watson, second son of Alpheus T. Watson and Hannah F. Watson, née Herbert, was born at Cokesbury, S. C., July 14, 1861. When he was but four years old, both his parents died, leaving him to the care of his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Permelia Wright Watson. She was a woman of remarkable character and power and reared the boy under strictest discipline, and after the strictest principles of old-fashioned Methodism, often to the displeasure of the boy, but to the lasting gratitude of the man, who will never cease to render grateful homage to the memory of the saintly and sainted woman who moulded his life for the glory of God.

His lot from childhood was not easy. He had no time under the strict discipline of his boyhood for idling in life’s rose gardens, but early learned that life is real and earnest, and developed heroic traits that have been the stay and stimulus of his life to this day.

His educational training was received first at Cokesbury under such teachers as Geo. H. Round and Joseph P. Pritchard. He made a remarkable record for scholarship and continued his studies under Prof. Pritchard beyond the regular course of the school. Coming to his young manhood, he throttled a conviction he had that he should preach the Gospel, and began the study of medicine. Without means or wealthy friends, it was a dreary prospect of work and study to fit himself for the practice of his chosen profession, yet he applied himself heroically to it. His action in deciding against his conviction of duty for the practice of medicine resulted in his wandering far from

God, but in the summer of 1881, while engaged upon the farm of his uncle, W. I. Herbert, Esq., in Newberry County, he attended a camp meeting near by, and was there graciously reclaimed and surrendered to his conviction of duty. Shortly afterward, however, Satan tempted him to believe that his conviction of a call to the ministry was merely a test and that it was not necessary for him to comply. He for a while accepted the suggestion, but the Spirit of God would not let him rest. He soon realized the imperative nature of the call of God, to which he fully yielded, nevermore to question or look back.

Having fully determined to obey the call of God, he accepted the invitations extended him to study in the home under the direction of his uncle, Rev. J. Emory Watson, then at Lewiedale, S. C., and for two years he pursued his studies, under the direction of this master teacher, first at Lewiedale, and later at the Leesville English and Classical Institute, of which his uncle had charge. In this way he covered in a thorough and practical way most of the requirements of a full college course.

He was licensed to preach November 1, 1882, by the Quarterly Conference of Lexington Circuit, Rev. J. Emory Watson being the pastor and Dr. A. M. Crietzberg the Presiding Elder.

He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference at Sumter, S. C., December, 1883, and was appointed to the Leesville charge, which he served for one year. Here he met Miss Carrie L. Spann, to whom he was married, February 26, 1885. One child, Carrie Louise, has blessed their union and is the light of their home and the hope of their hearts. The pastoral charges served during his connection with the Conference are: Leesville, 1884; Winnsboro Circuit, 1885-8; Orangeburg Station, 1889-92; Anderson Station, 1893-6; Summerville Station, 1897-1900; St. George, 1901; Chester, 1902-4; Beaufort, 1905; Spring Street, Charleston, 1906-9; Buford Street, Gaffney, 1910-12; Manning, 1913-14.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Columbia, S. C., December 13, 1885, and Elder by Bishop H. N. Mc'Eyeare, at Spartanburg, S. C., December 4, 1887.

G. P. Watson is a man of rare talents. Naturally endowed with a fine order of mind, training and study have made him strong in thought. Possessed of unusual elocutionary talent, made second nature by cultivation, he delivers his thought attractively, forcefully and eloquently. Genial in nature, sunny in soul, sympathetic in
heart—a man of tact and judgment—he is a beloved pastor and successful preacher in every line of true success. He is pre-eminently a four years' man and leaves every charge he serves with the people heartily loving him and wishing that the law of the Church would allow him to continue always with them.

REV. GEORGE KIRKLAND WAY

Rev. George Kirkland Way, son of Mr. David D. Way and Mrs. Laura Jane (Rumph) Way, was born in Colleton County, S. C., December 28, 1883. On the father's side he is of English descent, and on the mother's, Irish.

His early educational training was obtained in the public schools of his neighborhood. In February, 1902, he entered the St. George Graded School, St. George, S. C. In September, 1903, he matriculated in the South Carolina College (now the University of South Carolina), and in June, 1906, graduated in the teachers' department of that institution, with the degree of L. I.

On February 14, 1904, Mr. Way was received into Green Street Church, Columbia, Rev. Robert S. Truesdale being the pastor. In the following July, he entered into the conscious realization of his accepted with God. This occurred at Zion, the church of his parents, during a meeting conducted by Rev. W. P. Yarborough. That very night he was called to preach, but feeling his inability and unworthiness, he resisted the call for nearly six years. In February, 1910, he resolved to yield to the impression and devote his life to the ministry.

He was licensed to preach by the Charleston District Conference, at Hendersonville, S. C., June 3, 1910. He was admitted on trial, into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held in December, 1910, at Charleston. He was received into full connection at the session held in Anderson, November, 1912, and was then ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Kilgo.
Mr. Way has served the following charges: Bethel Circuit, as a supply, 1910; Mount Pleasant Station, 1911; Leesville Circuit, 1912; Providence Circuit, 1913; Ridgeland and Gillisonville, 1914.

The educational work done by Mr. Way consists of four years' teaching in the schools of Dorchester, Anderson and Clarendon Counties.

He was married to Miss Minerva Attilia Floyd, only daughter of Mr. H. B. and Mrs. Hattie Floyd, of Floyd Dale, Dillon County, S. C., October 31, 1912.

REV. J. F. WAY

Rev. Julius Franklin Way, son of Mr. Pinekney C. Way and Mrs. Catherine A. Way, was born June 3, 1868.

After the customary training in the primary studies, he attended Holly Hill Academy, Holly Hill, S. C., where he was prepared for college. He intended entering Wofford College, but was providentially hindered. Disappointed in this, he attended Moore's Business University, graduating therefrom June, 1887. He then went into the mercantile business in the employment of his father.

While engaged in business with his father, at Holly Hill, S. C., he realized the Divine call to the ministry. He was licensed to preach by the First Quarterly Conference of the Providence Circuit for 1891, Rev. J. Walter Dickson being the Presiding Elder and Rev. D. D. Dantzler the pastor.

Brother Way, with John G. Beckwith, Chesley C. Herbert, George C. Leonard, Benjamin M. Robertson and Henry Stokes, joined the South Carolina Conference at Rock Hill, S. C., December, 1895. Since joining, his labors have been distributed as follows: Conway Circuit, 1896; Bucksville Circuit, 1897-8; McClellanville Circuit, 1899-1900; Phoenix Circuit, 1901. For several years he has been on the list of supernumerary preachers.

Our brother was successful in these charges—in some quite so. The McClellanville Circuit made splendid progress under his administration. He is an exceedingly modest man, and quietly goes about doing his work. His preaching is effective in the conviction of sinners and the strengthening of believers. He zealously looks after the various interests of the Church.

On June 25, 1890, Brother Way was married by Rev. J. Marion Boyd to Miss Browning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Browning, of Glendale, S. C. This union has been blessed with the following children: Stephen Marion, Rupert Pinekney and Beulah Browning.
REV. WALTER P. WAY

Rev. Walter Pinckney Way is of English ancestry, his ancestors coming from England in 1630; settled at first in Massachusetts and afterward came to South Carolina. He is the son of Mr. P. C. Way and Mrs. Catherine S. Way, and was born on November 20, 1880, at Holly Hill, Orangeburg County, S. C.
He graduated from the Holly Hill High School in 1898, and entered Wofford College in 1899, graduating therefrom in 1903, with the A. B. degree.
Mr. Way was licensed to preach by the Orangeburg District Conference in 1903, and was received into the South Carolina Conference in December of that year, at the session held in Greenville, S. C., Bishop A. Coke Smith presiding.
He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler at Spartanburg, S. C., in December, 1905, and was ordained Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at the session of the Conference held in Gaffney, S. C., in December, 1907. Mr. Way has served the following charges: Providence Circuit, Sumter District, 1904; Richland Circuit, 1905; Bethany Circuit, 1906; West End, Georgetown, 1907; Butler Circuit, 1908-10; McClellanville Station, 1911-12; Greeleyville Circuit, 1913-14.
In November, 1904, he was married to Miss Eula Stockman. This wife lived only a few months.
In November, 1907, he married his former wife's sister, Miss Leila Stockman, who lived only about two years, leaving a little girl—Leila Florence.

In August, 1911, he was married to Miss Athena Mellette. Of this union there is one son—Walter Pinckney, Jr.
Mr. Way has taught several young men privately, preparing them for admission into the Conference. Three young men have been brought into the ministry by him.
He is thorough and systematic in all his work. His method of sermon-making is, (1). Prayer; (2). Analysis; (3). Elaboration.
His style of preaching is conversational.
REV. SAMUEL ADAM WEBER, D. D.

Rev. Samuel Adam Weber, D. D., son of John and Anne Landser Weber, was born in Iredell County, N. C., on the 19th day of January, 1838. He was converted in early life, joining the Methodist Church at Shelby, N. C., under the ministry of Rev. Jacob L. Shuford.

While the subject of this sketch was quite a boy, his parents became very much interested in his education, and the boy himself soon developed a deep longing for a larger and better equipment for life's great duties. He graduated from Wofford College in the year 1859, receiving the degree of A. B., and received the A. M. degree in the year 1862.

In the year 1859, the year of his graduation, he was licensed to preach, the Rev. H. A. C. Walker being his Presiding Elder.

On November 30, 1861, he married Miss Sarah Alston Langdon. To them were born three children—two boys and a girl. The first, Rev. John L. Weber, D. D., is now a prominent member of the Memphis Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The next, Prof. W. L. Weber, was for years a popular member of the faculty of Emory College, Oxford Ga., and later was President of Centenary College and Mansfield College. The daughter, Lilian Alston, is the wife of Mr. Leland Moore, a successful business man in the city of Charleston. Mrs. Weber died on March 29th, 1897.

In 1862, he was admitted on trial, into the South Carolina Annual Conference. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop George Foster Pierce, and Elder by Bishop W. M. Wightman, D. D. His first year was spent as junior preacher at Union, S. C. For the next two years (1863-4) he was stationed at Pacolet, S. C., after which he was professor in Davenport Female College, Lenoir, N. C. Returning to the pastorate, he served such important charges as Anderson, Greenville, Bishopville, Union and Williamson—all in South Carolina. While stationed at Williamson, he was also professor in the Williamson Female College. While stationed at Orangeburg, he was appointed, in August, 1873, assistant editor of The Southern Christian Advocate. In the fall of this year, he was elected editor of the above mentioned paper, in which capacity he served faithfully and acceptably for a term of seven years. He then served as pastor at Abbeville, Union, Aiken, Winnsboro, Yorkville and Lancaster. It was during his pastorate at Yorkville (1892) that Emory College, Oxford Ga., conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor

Disinherited. In the fall of 1897, he was again appointed assistant editor of The Southern Christian Advocate, serving three years, after which he took a retired relation to the Conference.

The Doctor has been held in high esteem by his brethren and has been repeatedly honored by them by election to places of trust and usefulness. He was sent as delegate from South Carolina to the General Conferences of 1886, 1894 and 1898. He was also a member of the famous Centenary (Christmas) Conference, held in Baltimore, in December, 1884. He was for many years a trustee of Wofford College, his alma mater.

The Doctor is a man of deep spirituality, leaving the impress of a Christly character upon all with whom he comes in contact. Those who know him intimately feel that it is indeed a privilege to come within the range of his influence. He is pleasant, and, at times, jovial, yet ever remembering that he is a representative of his Lord and Master, and governing his deportment accordingly.

As a preacher, he is Scriptural and logical, presenting from a clear interpretation of the Word and from a rich experience of grace the most precious truths of the Gospel. He delights to preach on the sweetness of the Gospel of that Christ who is so dear to his own soul.

On December 27, 1899, Doctor Weber was happily married to Mrs. Camilla Jeffreys, widow of the late Thomas S. Jeffreys, of Yorkville, S. C. She died January 4, 1908. Since then, Dr. Weber has resided with his daughter in Charleston. The Doctor is now an old man, but is still alert, and appreciative of men and things. It is a beautiful old age that he exemplifies—a benediction to all.
REV. P. B. WELLS, D. D.

The Rev. Preston Bookter Wells, son of the late Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Wells, is a son of the itinerancy, and one of the most gifted. He was born at Laurens, S. C., May 21, 1872, and joined the Church in early life.

The preparatory schools he attended were decided by the pastorates served by his father. He graduated at Wofford College, in June, 1894, and took the A. M. degree in 1895. During his college course he did not only attend to his own studies, but helped a blind classmate, by reading to him the books of the course the two were taking.

Shortly after his graduation, he was profoundly concerned with reference to a call to preach, and finally felt it his duty to do so. He was licensed, and entered Conference in November, 1894. His lamented father was in failing health, and our young brother was made his junior on the Buncombe Street Station, at Greenville. Dr. Wells died in less than a week after reaching his new charge, and the entire responsibility of the work fell upon his son. The writer was a member of his congregation and it is praise enough to say that in the pulpit and in the pastorate, the young preacher measured up to all the demands upon him. His other appointments have been as follows: Blenheim, 1896-8; Manning Station, 1899-1902; Abbeville, 1903-6; Darlington, 1907; St John's, Anderson, 1908-10; Broadway, Louisville, Ky., 1911-12; Bethel, Charleston, 1913; St John's, Rock Hill, 1914.

On October 2, 1895, he married Miss Chick Wallace, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Wallace of Greenville. A precious little daughter brightened his home and then was transplanted to that above, still abiding also in his heart. They have three living children—Jean, Andrew and Elizabeth.

Doctor Wells is a man of pleasant, friendly spirit, a successful and gifted preacher, a sincere Christian and earnest pastor. Wherever he goes, he wins all hearts and work prosper in all respects. The mantle of his father rests upon him and the blessing of God attends him.

Without neglecting in any way the duties of his pastorate and the studies incident thereto, he has made a venture into authorship and has issued a book called "Bernice and the Christ." Without the opportunity of seeing the volume, it is safe to say that if it be not good reading, it is unlike all other work of the author. He is also the author of "Talks on the English Bible," and "The Story of the English Bible," the latter of which has been very kindly received by the reading public.

In May, 1913, the honorary degree of D. D. was conferred upon him by the Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester, Ky.
REV. MARVIN T. WHARTON

The subject of this sketch, Rev. Marvin Talmage Wharton, is the son of Rev. W. B. Wharton and Mrs. M. J. Wharton. He was born near the little town of Waterloo, in Laurens County, S. C., September 15, 1884. His paternal grandparents were Mr. John Wharton and Mrs. Jane Wharton. His maternal grandparents were Mr. John Puckett and Mrs. Louise Puckett.

His preparatory education was received in the common schools of Laurens, Greenwood and Abbeville Counties, and one year in the graded schools of Spartanburg. He spent one year in the Wofford Fitting School. He afterward entered Wofford College, and graduated from that institution in June, 1906, with the A. B. degree.

During his youth, from age of twelve to eighteen, he had a somewhat vague impression of a call to preach. This impression deepened with the passing of years, but, for fear of making a mistake about so vital a matter, he entered business in Columbia after his graduation. After remaining here for five years, he became thoroughly convinced that it was his duty to preach, so he yielded in 1911.

He was licensed to preach in October, 1911, and was received on trial, at the session of the Conference held in Bennettsville, in November of that year, Bishop John C. Kilgo presiding. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., in November, 1913.

He has served the following charges: Greenwood Circuit, 1912-13; Fountain Inn Circuit, 1914.

While in college, Mr. Wharton was honored by his associates. He was Second Censor, Monthly Orator, Junior Debater and Recording Secretary of the Calhoun Literary Society. He was a charter member and first President of the Carlisle Literary Society, and was its representative at the Centennial Celebration of the South Carolina University, in 1906. He was Editor of the Wofford College Journal, 1905-06. He was Class Poet from 1904-06.

Mr. Wharton is of studious habits, spending from two to three days each week in his study. He makes it a practice to write at least one new sermon a week. His sermons are largely expository, closing with pointed application and call to righteousness and service.

On April 21, 1909, he married Miss Edith Agnew, of Greenville, S. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Agnew, formerly of Donalds, Abbeville County, S. C.

Of this union two children have been born—Marvin Talmage, Jr., born February 22, 1910, and died March 23, 1911; and Edith, born January 11, 1912.
REV. W. B. WHARTON

Rev. Whitefield Brooks Wharton was born near Waterloo, in Laurens County, S. C., on the 11th of October, 1858. He is the fourth child and second son of John and Jane A. Wharton. His father died during the Civil War, while the subject of this sketch was a small boy; his mother still lives at the old homestead where he was born and reared. To her influence and early training, he attributes his salvation. He attended the common schools of his community, and in 1876 was a student in the high school at Mt. Gallagher, Laurens County.

In the latter part of the year 1875, during a revival meeting conducted by Rev. W. H. AriaI, of the South Carolina Conference, then junior preacher on the old Laurens Circuit, he was genuinely converted to God, and felt immediately thereafter a call to the ministry. He did not treat this call lightly, but, after serious reflection, he shrank from the responsibility, and finally determined that he would not attempt to preach. But he could never throw off the conviction of the Divine call.

On the 1st of November, 1877, he was married to Miss Mattie J. Puckett, who grew up in the same community where he was reared. Four of the children born of this union are living—Rev. Marvin Talmage, who is now a member of the South Carolina Conference; Mrs. Jennie Louise McLaughlin; Whitefield Carlisle; and Edward Murray. After his marriage, he engaged in farming and merchandising, which business pursuits he followed until the latter part of the year 1888, when he sold his mercantile interests, and, in February, 1889, entered Wofford College to prepare for the ministry, graduating with the class of 1892.

While at Wofford he was known to the student body as "Uncle Whit," by which title he is called by a number of the boys until today.

He was licensed to preach in 1889. He joined the South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Charleston, in November, 1892, and has served as follows: Greenwood Circuit, 1893-6; Donalds, 1897-1900; Prosperity, 1901; Superintendent Epworth Orphanage, 1902-14.


Mr. Wharton's record shows that he has lasting qualities, having remained four years on each charge served. He belongs to that large and growing number of young men in the Conference who give promise of a long, useful and successful ministry.

As will be seen by reference to the record of charges served by Mr. Wharton, that at the close of his quadrennium at Donalds, he was elected Superintendent of the Epworth Orphanage. He has been elected annually to that position ever since. Here he has done his greatest work, and in the successful management of the Orphanage, and in the lives of the dear young people who are cared for and trained at this institution, he is building his enduring monument. The Orphanage has had a marvelous record of growth and usefulness during his administration.
REV. G. R. WHITAKER

In the suburbs of the city of Anderson, S. C., on August 14, 1856, the subject of this sketch, Rev. George Robert Whitaker, was born. He is the son of Mr. David S. and Clarissa Whitaker. His mother's maiden name was Pruitt.

During his school days, Brother Whitaker had good educational advantages, taking the usual preparatory steps in the schools of Anderson and Laurens Counties. He then spent about a year and a half at the Cokesbury Conference School, and about the same amount of time at Wofford College.

He felt in childhood that the Lord wanted him to preach the Gospel, and this conviction grew deeper and deeper, until, at the age of twenty-five years, he surrendered himself to the service of his blessed Master. When about eleven years old, he joined the Church, and was converted about a year later. Brother Whitaker joined the South Carolina Conference, December, 1883, with James E. Grier, B. M. Grier, S. J. Bethea, D. P. Boyd, G. P. Watson and W. W. Daniel.

The following list of places and dates will show where and when he labored: Junior preacher on Newberry Circuit, with Rev. Manning Brown, 1884; Johnsonville Circuit, with Rev. Landy Wood as senior preacher, 1885; Bloomingdale, 1886; Hardeeville Circuit, 1887-8; Berkeley Circuit, 1889-90; Clyde Circuit, 1891-2; Waccamaw Circuit, 1893-5; Centenary Circuit, 1896-9; New Zion Circuit, 1900-3; Oswego, 1904; Princeton, 1905; superannuate, 1906; Cokesbury, 1907; Greenwood and Abbeville Mills, 1908-9; transferred to North Georgia Conference, 1910-13; superannuate, 1914.

Brother Whitaker was married near Grahamville, S. C., December 6, 1888, to Miss Julia Imogene Hallord. Five children have been born to them: Clarissa, born September 5, 1889; Julia, born December 24, 1890, and died May 27, 1892; Inez, born February 3, 1892; Travis, born July 6, 1897; Lorenzo, born January 24, 1899.

Our good brother has not sounded a trumpet as he went forth, but in his own quiet and modest way, he has gone on faithfully performing the duties devolving upon him. Some day, the Master will say to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant." During his ministerial career he has led many souls to Christ and has made many warm friends who are expecting even greater successes from him yet.
REV. JOHN ANDREW WHITE

John Andrew White was born in Anderson County, S. C., November 27, 1865. He was the eldest child of A. Frank and Harriet J. White. He was blessed in having Christian parents, who endeavored to train their children up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." The subject of this sketch attributes his conversion to the prayers of his mother, who realized that she must shortly go hence, and asked God that she might realize that her son was a Christian before she was taken from him. This request was granted about six months before the mother passed away from earth. He was eleven years old, when his mother departed this life. The loss he sustained was keenly felt. While she is passed away, her influence abides, and is still manifesting its power in the life of this itinerant preacher today.

He was married October 14, 1890, to Miss Fannie L. Jaynes, of Oconee County, S. C., who has proven to be a helpmeet indeed. Unto them have been born five children, who are living, respectively, Robert H., Vera J., John Elmer, Wilbur D., and Fannie Belle.

His education was received in the common schools of Anderson County, two years at Toccoa, Ga., and two years at the Easley High School, in Pickens County, S. C.

He was converted and joined the Church in 1876, was licensed to exhort in January, 1887, and licensed to preach in October, 1888. He joined the South Carolina Conference in November, 1889, at Camden, S. C., and was at that Conference transferred to the Florida Conference, where he received his first pastoral appointment—Carbarbelle—which he served two years—1890-1891. During his pastorate in this charge many were converted and added to the Church. A handsome church was built and the building of a parsonage was begun. His second pastoral charge was McCenny Circuit, 1892. During this year revival influences were felt throughout the circuit. At the end of this Conference year, he was transferred back to the South Carolina Conference, and was appointed to the Hartsville Circuit for 1893, a year noted for revivals in that charge. He served the South Florence Circuit for four years—1894-1897. These were years in which the blessings of God were peculiarly manifested in that circuit. He was pastor of the Lanes Circuit in 1898, during which time Gourdin's Church was built. There were material and spiritual advances made on this charge during that year. He was assigned to Georgetown Circuit for 1899, 1900 and 1901. A splendid parsonage was built and other improvements were manifest. Since then, he has served as follows: Clyde, 1902-3; Cades, 1904-7; Kelton, 1906-9; East Lancaster, 1910; North Rock Hill, 1911-14.

Brother White is a splendid preacher, a diligent pastor and zealous worker. His work tells. The people love him and he exerts a strong influence wherever he labors.
REV. T. J. WHITE

Rev. Thomas James White, son of Rev. Lemuel Asbury White and Mrs. Salina H. White, was born July 24, 1866. He had access to the usual schools of the County and attended these until he was about sixteen years old. He then went to Wofford College for two years. After these two years at Wofford, he remained at home, earning the money with which to complete his education. Just as he was preparing to return to college, his father died, leaving our friend to care for his mother and other children. In 1891, he made another effort and returned to college, taking up his studies where he had left off previously. Circumstances were such, however, that he was compelled to return home after one session, thus being unable to complete his college course.

Brother White was converted at a prayer meeting in Wofford College, in the spring of 1884. He then and there felt Divinely called to preach. His struggles for an education and the care of his mother and his brothers and sisters prevented his yielding immediately, but in 1891, he put himself at the disposal of God and began the work. Since entering the Conference, he has been a diligent student, trying to better prepare himself for his life-work. He took courses of study with Wofford College, looking to the A. M. degree.

After leaving Wofford College in 1892, Brother White was employed as junior preacher on the Wedgefield Circuit, Rev. J. C. Chandler being the preacher in charge. In November, 1892, he was received on trial, into the South Carolina Conference, E. H. Beckham, G. F. Clarkson, J. L. Daniel, R. M. DuBose, Olin L. DuRant, Shala W. Henry, E. Palmer Hutson, P. B. Ingraham, John N. Isom, W. B. Justus, A. S. Lesley, W. H. Miller, E. K. Moore, D. M. McLeod, R. C. McRoy, A. R. Phillips, J. J. Stevenson, R. W. Spigner, W. B. Wharton and W. E. Wiggins joining with him. He has served as follows: Junior preacher on Wedgefield Circuit, 1893; Sumter Circuit, 1894-5; Richland Circuit, 1896-9; Greenville Circuit, 1900-3; Reidville Circuit, 1904-7; Pacolet Circuit, 1908; Conway Circuit, 1909; Fort Mill Circuit, 1910-12; Harleyville, 1913; Branchville, 1914.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Laurens, in 1894, and was ordained Elder by Bishop J. C. Granbery, at Abbeville, in 1896.

On December 6, 1892, Brother White was married to Miss Minnie L. Britton, daughter of Dr. C. S. Britton, of Sumter County, S. C. Of this union six children were born—Penelope May, Annie Lucile, Charles Lemuel, Sarah Britton, Mary Imogene, and Alva Eloise.

Our good brother is a faithful, consecrated pastor and preacher. His labors have the Divine approval manifested in the upbuilding of the work, and in the salvation of souls. He has but one purpose—to glorify God in earnest labors for men.

Mr. White has served on various boards and committees in the Conference.
REV. FELIX G. WHITLOCK

Rev. Felix Gaines Whitlock was born in Fairfield County, S. C., on November 30, 1874. He is the son of Mr. F. M. Whitlock and Mrs. Kate Chappell Whitlock.

Mr. Whitlock was trained for a business career. His literary training was received in the schools of Union County, S. C., and the Jonesville High School.

He was converted at the age of fourteen years, under the pastorate of Rev. D. P. Boyd, at old Wesley Chapel, on the old Jonesville Circuit. He then and there felt the Divine call to the ministry, but did not yield until he was about thirty years old.

He was licensed to preach by the Licensing Committee of the Rock Hill District, on November 20, 1907. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at the session of the South Carolina Conference, held in Charleston, in 1910. He was ordained Elder by Bishop John C. Kilgo, at the Anderson Conference in 1912.

He was received on trial at Laurens, in 1908, and has served the following charges: Providence Circuit, Sumter District, 1909; Waterloo Circuit, 1910-11; Butler Circuit, 1912-13; Greenwood Circuit, 1914.

On May 7, 1898, Mr. Whitlock was married to Miss E. Florida Wilder, of Lakeland, Fla. They have seven children—Felix Gaines, Jr., Inogene, Wilder, Frank, Nellie Kate, Julian and Dorothy.

Mr. Whitlock has consecrated his life to the great work of preaching the Gospel, and the Lord is blessing his efforts.

REV. HOLLIS A. WHITTEN

Rev. Hollis Alexander Whitten is the son of Mr. Hollis Mabry Whitten and Mrs. Annie Ellen (Jefferson) Whitten. His paternal grandparents were Mr. John Whitten and Mrs. Myra Hubbard Whitten. His maternal grandparents were Mr. Alexander Jefferson and Mrs. Henrietta Blandford Jefferson. They came from England, October 4, 1874.

He was born February 3, 1884, near Pendleton, S. C.

His preparatory education was obtained in the common schools of Anderson and Oconee Counties. After this, he spent one year at Wofford College Fitting School. He was three years a teacher in the rural schools of Anderson County.

Mr. Whitten felt the call to preach before he was seventeen years of age. But owing to lack of means to fully prepare himself for the important work, he resisted the call for several years. He entered other fields of Christian service, such as Sunday School, Epworth League, and other official positions in the Church. But at his twenty-seventh year of age, the call became irresistible.

He was licensed to preach by the Anderson District Conference on July 30, 1909, at old Shiloh Church, in Abbeville County, S. C. He was received on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at the session held in Rock Hill, S. C., November 28, 1913. He was ordained as a local Deacon by Bishop A. W. Wilson, at Rock Hill, S. C., November 30, 1913.

He has served the following charges: Williamston Circuit, as a supply, 1913; Walhalla Circuit, 1914.
On February 22, 1905, Mr. Whitten was happily married to Miss Bertha Riehl, of Walhalla, S. C. They have two children—Catherine and Sarah. Mrs. Whitten is of German-French descent. Her father came to this country from Germany in 1874. Mr. Whitten’s grandfather was chief clerk in the British Pension office for twenty years. He held this position during the Crimean War. His paternal great-grandparents were among the first to settle in what is now Oconee County. Mr. Aaron Whitten settled near Whitmire Methodist Church about 1850. These ancestors were Irish.

Mr. Whitten prepares his sermons with great care. His preaching is thoroughly evangelical.

REV. W. E. WIGGINS

Rev. William Eldridge Wiggins, son of Rev. Casper E. Wiggins and Mrs. M. E. Wiggins, was born in Georgetown County, S. C., August 12, 1868. He comes of good Methodist stock, his honored father being for many years a popular member of the Conference, and his devoted mother being a loyal Methodist and a good Christian woman. After receiving the usual common school training, young Wiggins matriculated at the West Virginia State Normal School, where he spent two years. He afterwards spent one year at Wofford College. By diligent use of these opportunities, he obtained a good educational training and was thus enabled to lay a good foundation for his life-work.

From almost his earliest recollections, Brother Wiggins had an impression that he would be called to preach. This impression became more and more definite as the years passed, until he became conscious that to resist would be at the peril of his soul. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the East Chester Circuit, held November 1, 1890, Rev. A. M. Crietzburg, D. D., being the Presiding Elder.


He was ordained Deacon by Bishop J. C. Keener, at Laurens, in 1894, and Elder by Bishop J. C. Granbery, at Abbeville, in 1896.

He has served as follows: Berkeley Circuit, 1893; Boiling Springs Circuit, 1894-5; Edisto Circuit, 1896; Orange Circuit, 1897; New Zion Circuit, 1898-9; Easley and Bethesda, 1900-3; Hendersonville, 1904; Hampton Avenue, 1905; West End, Anderson, 1906-7; Verder, 1908-10; Timmonsville, 1911-12; Fountain Inn, 1913; St. George, 1914.

Brother Wiggins was married on June 7, 1893, to Miss Vivia Parker, of Holly Hill, S. C. They have four children living—Maggie Eulalie, Charles Everett, Elma Lawton and Vivia Parker.
Our friend is an excellent young man, a faithful pastor and good preacher. His work is owned of the Lord and many are led to Christ by him.

He has served on various boards and committees in the Conference.

REVEREND LEMUEL E. WIGGINS, B.D.

Rev. Lemuel Edgar Wiggins belongs to that large and growing class of young preachers in our Conference so full of promise of careers of great success and usefulness. He is the son of the late Rev. Casper E. Wiggins, for many years a faithful member of the South Carolina Conference, and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Wiggins, a daughter of Rev. L. A. Grier, of Georgetown County, and a sister of the late Rev. Messrs. B. M. Grier and Jas. E. Grier.

Mr. Wiggins is of Scotch-Irish descent, and was born at Liberty Hill, Va., February 26, 1879, while his honored father was a member of the Holston Conference.

After several years in the common schools, he spent two years at the Carlisle School at Bamberg, S. C. In the fall of 1896, he entered Wofford College and graduated from that institution in 1900, with the degree of A. B. He entered the Theological Department of Vanderbilt University in January, 1910, and graduated therefrom in June, 1912, with the degree of B. D.

After his graduation at Wofford College, Mr. Wiggins taught school for two years, and filled the position of City Editor of the Spartanburg Journal for one year. He was not satisfied with either line of work here indicated, as from boyhood, he had felt that he must preach. While teaching school at Jordan, S. C., in the spring of 1903, on a Sunday in March, he settled the question of his life-work and yielded to the Divine voice that had been calling from above.

He was recommended for license to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Bethel Church, Spartanburg, of which Rev. R. L. Hol-
royd was pastor, in July, 1905. The following week he was duly licensed and recommended for admission into the Annual Conference, by the Spartanburg District Conference, at Woodruff, S. C., Dr. Jas. W. Kilgo, Presiding Elder. He was admitted on trial into the South Carolina Conference, at Greenville, December, 1905. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop W. A. Candler, at Spartanburg, in December, 1905, and Elder by Bishop H. C. Morrison, at Gaffney, December, 1907.

Mr. Wiggins has been twice married. On April 5, 1904, he married Miss Leila Black, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Black, of Bamberg, S. C. Of this union two children were born—Mary Harriet and Lemuel Edgar. This wife died July 1, 1908.

On September 23, 1913, he married Miss Sallie Ann McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McLean, of Nashville, Tenn.

He is a strong preacher and a systematic and sympathetic pastor.

REV. W. W. WILLIAMS

William Wesley Williams, fourth son and seventh child of John Pritchett and Nancy Williams, was born in Richland County, S. C., July 24, 1848. His father was of Welsh ancestry, while his mother, whose maiden name was Leitner, was of German extraction.

The writer has known Brother Williams nearly all his life, and hence is prepared to write intelligently of him as a boy, a young business man, a teacher, a Church officer and minister of the Gospel.

In the childhood of the subject of this sketch, his parents moved to Columbia that they might be in reach of better educational facilities for their children, and it was in the common and high schools of Columbia that he received his education, which, however, was interfered with by the War Between the States.

In the autumn of 1865, he entered mercantile life, in which he continued, with an intermission of one year, which was used in preparing himself for greater proficiency in the counting-room, until his admission into the Conference, at Greenville, in December, 1874.

Brother Williams joined the Church under the ministry of Rev. John W. North, and was converted under the ministry of Rev. W. W. Mood, in Marion Street Station, Columbia, and when licensed to preach was a member of the board of stewards and a teacher in the Sunday School. His first appointment (1875) was to Darlington Circuit, with Rev. L. M. Hamer as senior.

In 1876, he was appointed to Kershaw Circuit, but in adjustments of work after Conference, he was transferred to Blackstock Circuit and Mission, having served only one month on Kershaw Circuit; 1877, he was sent to East Chester Circuit, with Rev. John W. Kelly as senior; 1878, Lancaster Station; 1879, Columbia Circuit; 1880-82, Fort Mill Circuit (during his pastorate of this charge Pleasant Hill Church was built and the parsonage and the lot on which the church now stands in Fort Mill was bought and paid for and the Camp Ground at Bel Air established); in 1883, Ridgeway Circuit; 1884, South Branchville Circuit; 1885, Cypress Circuit; 1886-89, Round O Circuit; 1890-93, Lower St. Matthews Circuit (during this pastorate the church at Ellerree was erected); 1894-97, Latta Circuit (during this pastorate, the parsonage which had been projected by his predecessor was finished and Bethesda Church was built and paid for); 1898, Clio Circuit; 1899, Denmark Circuit; 1900-01, Orangeburg Circuit; 1902, Bucksville; 1903-06; Fairfield; 1907-08, Belmont; 1909-12, Black Swamp; 1913-14, supernannuate.
He was married December 26, 1878, to Miss Laura Fedor King, youngest daughter of William and Rhoda King, of Darlington County, S. C. Of this union six children were born: Elbert Derrick, the first, Thomas Alvin, the third, and Cora, the fourth, died in infancy; William Marion, the second, Ellen (Nell), the fifth, and Paul Pritchett, the sixth, still survive. The wife and mother died August 21, 1895.

March 24, 1897, he married Miss Aleph DuRant, youngest child of the late Rev. H. H. DuRant, of the South Carolina Conference. Of this marriage one child was born, Laura, who lived only a few short months.

Brother Williams was ordained Deacon at Chester, December, 1876, by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, and Elder at Newberry, December, 1878, by Bishop W. M. Wightman.

From the day he entered the ministry till the present, Brother Williams has been a hard student, having a large library of choice books the contents of which he has largely stored away in his mind. He is a successful preacher and a laborious pastor, and every charge he has served has been developed and strengthened.

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REV. JOHN B. WILSON

Rev. John B. Wilson, son of Rev. Wright Wilson and Mrs. Susannah Wilson (nee Medlin), was born January 14, 1847. His parents were born in Wayne County, N. C., but came to Marlboro County, S. C., in early life. Young Wilson was thoroughly trained in the common schools of Marlboro County and at the Clio and Red Bluff Academies. He here made good progress in mathematics, Latin and the English branches. After leaving school, he taught for a period of two years in Darlington County, during which time he kept up his studies. With the foundation thus laid, he began the building of the superstructure of culture and scholarship. He has always been a diligent student, so during the year following his school days and thirty years in the itinerancy, he has been continually adding to his mental equipment until he is now recognized as a man of scholarly attainments, and as one of the deepest thinkers in the Conference. He is what is popularly known as a "self-made" man; but it is clear that the "making" has been well done.

From his childhood, Brother Wilson had been impressed that he would be called to preach. When he was converted on November 1, 1867, the impression became convincing and irresistible. He was licensed to exhort by the Quarterly Conference of Little Rock Circuit, Marion District, in July, 1868. He was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Darlington Circuit, in May, 1869. In October, 1871, he was recommended for admission on trial into the South Carolina Conference, by the Quarterly Conference of the Bennettsville Circuit. From his conversion, he had struggled against the idea of going into the regular itinerancy, trying to satisfy the demands of the Divine call by serving as a local preacher. But an unseen hand led him on, so in December, 1871, he, with D. D. Dantzler, J. K. McCain and Dove Tiller, was received on trial into the Conference. Since his reception into the Conference, he has served as follows: Junior preacher on Darlington Circuit, with J. B. Campbell, 1872; Fair Forest Circuit, 1873-6; Limestone Springs, 1877-8; Meso­potamia, 1879; Belmont, 1880-3; Gaffney Circuit, 1884-7; Johnston Circuit, 1888-90; Florence District, 1891-4; Marion District, 1895-8; Greenville District, 1899-1902; Gaffney Circuit, 1903-6; Limestone Street, 1907; Magnolia Street, 1908-11; Pinewood, 1912; superannuate, 1913-14. In all his fields of labor great success attended him.
In Darlington County, on January 16, 1870, Brother Wilson was married to Miss Roxie L. Galloway, Rev. John Josey performing the ceremony. Of this union the following children have been born: Bertha, Claudius, Marvin, Emma Agatha, Maude, Victor Carlisle, Lucy, Florence Smith, Alma and Guy Hendrix. Two of these—Bertha and Alma—have passed to the life beyond.

Brother Wilson is one of the strongest men in the Conference. As a preacher, he has unusual ability. He is never satisfied with a surface treatment of any subject, but thinks deeply, logically and analytically until he reaches foundation principles. Thus prepared, he preaches with great force and effectiveness. While a pastor, he was thorough and systematic, always carrying excellent reports to Conference. He was a great success as a Presiding Elder—firm without being autocratic or arbitrary. He was a friend to the preachers and the people, ever striving to do the best for all parties. As a man, he has fine traits of character and worthily has the esteem and confidence of the brethren.

REV. JOHN O. WILSON, D. D.

John Owens Wilson, elder son of the late Dr. John and Mrs. Sarah A. E. Wilson, was born January 27, 1845, at “Cedar Grove” plantation, St. James (Goose Creek) Parish, Charleston District, now Berkeley County, S. C.

He was educated in the neighborhood schools, King's Mountain Military Academy and the South Carolina Military Academy, leaving the latter in his junior year, to enter the Confederate Army, in June, 1862. He served as a private, in Company F (Cadet Rangers), Sixth S. C. Cavalry, and in Company I (Rebel Troop), Third S. C. Cavalry.

After the war he studied law under the late Gen. W. W. Harlee, was admitted to practice, November, 1866, and practiced at Kings-tree, Florence and Marion, save a brief period in 1868, when he gave up his work to go to California, but changed his purpose, at his mother's urgency, and remained, teaching school for a few months before choosing a new location. In 1868, under strong religious conviction, he asked and received confirmation in the Protestant Episcopal Church, in St. John's, Berkeley Parish. On January 30, 1873, he was converted—greatly helped at this crisis by the late Rev. M. M. Ferguson, and on February 23, 1873, he was received by the Rev. W. C. Power into the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which Church his father had been a consistent member. Called to preach, he was licensed to exhort by the late Rev. John W. Kelly, Presiding Elder of Marion District; then to preach by the Marion
Quarterly Conference, and recommended, and on December 15, 1873, received into the South Carolina Conference.

His appointments have been, in order and time, as follows: Darlington, four years; Camden, three years; Greenville, three years; Trinity, Charleston, four years; Greenville, two years; Florence District, one year; Greenville District, four years; December 6, 1894, to January 1, 1902, editor of the Southern Christian Advocate; 1902, Abbeville; 1903-4, Cokesbury District; and since July, 1904, President of Lander College.

He has served in the General Conferences of 1890, 1894, 1898, 1902, 1906, 1910 and 1914, and worked faithfully and to good effect in all. Since June, 1895, he has been a member of the Sunday School Board of our Church. From 1906 to 1910, 1910 to 1914, he has served on the Commission of Education of our Church, and he is reappointed for the present quadrennial. In June, 1896, Wofford College conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity. From 1887 till November, 1894, he was a trustee of Columbia Female College. He was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conferences of 1901, in London, England, and 1911, at Toronto, Canada, and he was a member of the Joint Commission on Catechism and Order of Worship of Northern and Southern Methodism.

On April 27, 1871, he married Miss Mary Oriana Richardson, of Marion, who died January 19, 1873, leaving a daughter, now Mrs. Mary Bessie Donaldson, wife of Major T. Q. Donaldson, U. S. A. On August 27, 1896, he married Miss Kathleen McPherson Lander, of Williamson, S. C., and with her traveled four months in Europe, Egypt and "The Holy Land".

Dr. Willson’s success while a pastor was phenomenal, and he has done well in other positions. He was the "house-going preacher who had a church-going people." In their hours of trouble, they ever knew that their pastor’s heart beat in sympathy with theirs. He was eminently successful as a Presiding Elder, loved by preachers and people. He exhibited ability and industry as editor. And his administration of affairs of Lander College has been a remarkable success.

Dr. Willson is a diligent worker. Besides his duties while editor, from July, 1898, till Conference, he filled the office of Presiding Elder of the Columbia District, without remuneration, and allowed the salary to go to the family of Rev. J. Walter Dickson, who had died during the year. Upon the untimely death of Rev. John Owen, in 1900, making vacant the pastorate of Johnson Circuit, Dr. Willson filled the place till Conference and allowed the salary to go to the bereaved family of Brother Owen.

While in Charleston, Dr. Willson wrote, at request of Hon. W. A. Courtenay, Mayor, a sketch of Methodism in Charleston. About 1895, he prepared a Methodist Catechism, which for years was used in the Sunday School Literature of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He has written much for publication, some over his name and more for use of others. He has written hymns, poems and such like for special occasions.
REV. W. C. WINN

Rev. William Collier Winn, son of Mr. William C. Winn, Sr., and Sallie East Winn, was born in Laurens County, S. C., December 10, 1864. His father was mortally wounded May 11, 1864, at the Battle of Spotsylvania C. H. The father was a brave soldier, being promoted to lieutenantcy, for gallantry, on the battlefield just before receiving his mortal wound.

After receiving the usual training in the common schools, Brother Winn entered the Preparatory Department of Wofford College, in 1883. In October, 1884, he entered the Freshman class. He spent two years in the regular college classes, finishing the course through the Sophomore class. His health was so impaired at this time, by a severe case of measles, followed by typhoid fever, that he was compelled to abandon his college course. After leaving college, he taught school five years—one year in Spartanburg County and four years at Gray Court, in Laurens County, where he established and maintained a flourishing school. While on the Abbeville Circuit, he taught for several months at Salem Church.

The first distinct impression made upon the mind and heart of Brother Winn that he ought to preach was made in his nineteenth year. Like many others, he struggled against it, looking upon preaching as a burden, growing careless about Church attendance, until his twenty-seventh year, when he fully surrendered to the call of God. He was licensed to preach at the Fourth Quarterly Conference of the North Laurens Circuit, October 16, 1891, Rev. W. A. Clarke being pastor, and Rev. J. Marion Boyd being Presiding Elder.

Brother Winn was admitted on trial into the Conference, at Darlington, S. C., December, 1891, and has served as follows: Junior preacher on Abbeville Circuit, with Rev. H. W. Whitaker, 1892; junior preacher on Claussen Circuit, with Rev. N. K. Melton, 1893; Georgetown Circuit, 1894-5; Ridgeway Circuit, 1896-7; Butler Circuit, 1898-9; Waterloo Circuit, 1900; East Lancaster Circuit, 1901-4; North Rock Hill Circuit, 1905-6; Lancaster Circuit, 1907-8; superannuate, 1909-11; Brookland Station, 1912-14. In all of these he has made a good record, leaving the charge in better spiritual condition than when he found it. He has been instrumental in the conversion of many souls. In his own quiet way, our brother goes about doing his work, preaching the word of life with force and meeting the pastoral demands upon him.

He was ordained Deacon by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, at Sumter, in 1893, and was ordained Elder by Bishop C. B. Galloway, at Rock Hill, in 1895.

Brother Winn was married on January 15, 1893, to Miss Belle G. East, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. T. M. East, of Okolona, Ark. They have three children—Eula East, Mary Belle and Evelyn Barkdale.

Mr. Winn is a Mason, a Woodman, a member of the Junior O. U. A. M., and a member of the Odd Fellows. He has held various positions of honor and trust in these orders.

While living in Okolona, Ark., he was twice elected mayor of the town.

His ability has been recognized by various organizations other than his Church.
REV. JAMES W. WOLLING, D.D.

Rev. James W. Wolling, D.D., son of Mr. James M. Wolling and Mrs. Frances L. (Meredith) Wolling, was born in Charleston, S. C., December 27, 1850. His father was of English descent and his mother was of Irish descent.

His preparatory education was received in the school of Mr. White Fenn, of Orangeburg, S. C. He then entered Wofford College, and graduated in due time.

For some time during his early days, he had felt impressed with a call to preach, and, coming under the influence of Dr. John T. Wrightman, he yielded to the impression, gave up his position with Messrs. Carrington, Thomas and Company, in Charleston, and began preparation for his great life-work.

Early in 1870, he was licensed by the Quarterly Conference of Central Church, Spartanburg, S. C., as a local preacher, and began to preach at various places around that city. His license is signed by Rev. R. P. Franks, who was then the Presiding Elder.

In 1874, at the Greenville Conference, he was admitted on trial, and sent with Rev. H. C. Stoll to the Little Rock Circuit. During this year, he taught school and served as junior preacher.

In regular course, he was admitted to membership in the Conference, and ordained a Deacon, at the Chester Conference, in 1876, at Chester, S. C. Two years after at the Newberry Conference, he was ordained an Elder.

He has served as follows: Little Rock, 1875; Bucksville, 1876-7; Lynchburg, 1878-9; Lancaster, 1880-2; Anderson, 1883-6; In December, 1886, at the Orangeburg Conference, he was appointed by Bishop Granbery to the Brazil Mission Conference. His service in that field was continuous for twenty years, going to Brazil in February, 1887, and because of his wife's broken health, returning to the home land in January, 1907.

During the year 1907, he was in the service of the Mission Board, but in December of that year, he was appointed to Newberry, where he remained two years, 1908-9.

His next appointment was at Allendale, where he remained four years, 1910-13. These dates bring him to his present charge at Walterboro, in 1914.

In our Brazil Mission, he was honored with every position of importance in the Conference. For nine years, he was President of the Legal Conferences, which in the Brazil Missions, held all the titles to the property and transacted all business with the government.

For six years he was editor of the Church organ, The Expositor, as also the Sunday School Literature.

He gave a start to our Granbery College, and directed the work for one year, then turning it over to Rev. Dr. John M. Lander.

For seven years he was Treasurer of the Mission, receiving and disbursing all amounts sent out from the Board.

Besides all these, he was charged with the inauguration of our publishing plant, which he directed for five years, and all the time during these years had charge of a large Presiding Elder's district, or was pastor of our most important charges in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Under the protection of Mr. F. J. Pelzer, of Charleston, Mr. Wolling took a full course in Wofford College, graduating with the degree of A. B. He then began teaching school, and three years later received the degree of A. M.

His principal literary work was done in the Portuguese language, editing the literature of our Brazil Mission Conference. In 1896, his alma mater bestowed on him the honorary degree of D. D.

Dr. Wolling had a most successful career as missionary in Brazil, and since his return has been doing faithful work in the home Conference. He is a man of scholarly attainments.

On May 7, 1878, in old St. Luke's Church, Dr. Wolling was married to Miss Lidie McDonald Green, a daughter of Maj. Wm. M. Green, of Lynche's Creek.

In the beginning of 1887, she went with him to Brazil and in December of that year she was attacked with the Brazilian fever, and on the 27th of that month passed over to the better land—the beautiful world beyond—and was laid to rest in Pinacica, one of our chief mission stations. Thus, after ten years of a beautiful married life had passed and as there were no children, Dr. Wolling was left entirely alone.

On January 23, of 1889, he married Miss Lizzie M. Rice, the daughter of Maj. Spencer M. Rice, of Union, S. C.

For a few months he was pastor of our church in Sumter, S. C., but in October, 1889, returned to Brazil.

Marcia Marvin, their daughter, was born in Rio de Janeiro, and in course of time three boys were born. One little fellow, named after Dr. Wolling's friend and benefactor, Mr. F. J. Pelzer, was left resting in the soil of Brazil, and the other two, Meredith and Spencer, are fast approaching manhood.
Dr. Wolling's general method of study has been to read the best books, making large notes. From these he would draw the illustrations and general subject matter of his sermons.

As to the style of delivery, there has come over him a great change. In the beginning of his ministry, his style was rather violent, loud and full of exhortation. But on reaching Brazil, he found that this style had no place in our Gospel work. That to preach there was the work of the teacher and the reasoner; calm and accurate, ready for interruptions and to answer questions. So as time went on, he adopted that style and has held on to it ever since.

REV. PAUL T. WOOD

Rev. Paul T. Wood comes of good Methodist and preaching blood. He is the son of Rev. Landy Wood, who was for many years a faithful member of the South Carolina Conference, and the grandson of Mr. William Wood. His mother, Mrs. Carrie Reese Wood, was the daughter of Mr. E. Milton Reese and Mrs. Caroline (Wardlaw) Reese.

Mr. Wood was born in the parsonage, at Rome, S. C., March 18, 1886.

After the usual common school course, he attended the Clio High School, when the teacher obtained his salary by tuition charges. Mr. Wood acted as janitor under several teachers, and thus paid his tuition. He next attended the Carlisle School at Bamberg, S. C., where he paid his way by acting as janitor, working in a blacksmith's shop on Saturdays, and acting as barber at the school.

He has done considerable studying since leaving school, taking a course in Journalism, and reading Blackstone's and Kent's Commentaries. He studies the best books.

At an early period in life, Mr. Wood felt called to preach, but he did not yield until years later. He was licensed to preach by the Marion District Conference, at McColl, S. C., May 10, 1912.

He was received into the South Carolina Conference on trial, at the session held at Rock Hill, S. C., November, 1913, Bishop A. W. Wilson presiding.
He was appointed to Liberty Circuit, where he had served as a supply for the previous year. He has entered hopefully and enthusiastically upon his work as an itinerant preacher.

Mr. Wood has a good voice and sings well. He is a good student and he prepares his sermons with great care, gathering illustrations from various quarters. His sermons are largely topical. He speaks rapidly, yet distinctly. The average length of his sermons is thirty-five minutes. He has a bright future.

Mr. Wood

Rev. John Nelson Wright, son of Mr. David D. Wright and Mrs. Annie E. Wright (nee Anderson), is of Scotch-Irish descent on his father's side, and English on the mother's side. His father's two brothers were preachers. The subject of our sketch was born February 10, 1847, near Pendleton, in Anderson County, S. C.

He was educated in the common schools of the country, and had just entered the high school taught by Professor Ligon, at Pendleton, S. C., when he was called into service in the Civil War, at the age of sixteen years. After the war, he bought such books as he could, and studied to good advantage. He kept up this until he joined the Conference; then took the Conference Course in the Correspondence Department of Vanderbilt University, finishing it with distinction, at the age of fifty-two years.

In the year 1869, Mr. Wright was wonderfully and powerfully converted at Sharon Church, on Pendleton Circuit, and from that time on he ever felt, with St. Paul, "Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel." His call to preach was unmistakable.

He was licensed to preach at St. Springs Camp Ground, in 1877. He was ordained Deacon by Bishop Keener, in 1885, and Elder by Bishop George F. Pierce, at Union, S. C., in 1889.

As a supply, he served as follows: Pickens Mission, 1878; Oconee Mission, 1885-8; Anderson Circuit, 1889; Townville, 1890-1; South Aiken, 1892-3; South Edisto, 1894; Salley, 1895; Lewiedale, 1896-7; Lexington Fork, 1898; Lexington Circuit, 1899-1900; Britton's Neck, 1901-2; Kinards, 1903.
He was received into the Conference on trial, at Greenville, S. C., December, 1903, since which time he has served as follows: Marlboro, 1904; Galivants, 1905; Graniteville Station, 1906-7; Phoenix, 1908; Providence, 1909-12; Bethany, 1913. At the session at Rock Hill, December, 1913, he took the superannuate relation.

In 1865, Mr. Wright was married to Miss Martha Jane Boggs, of Pickens, S. C., daughter of Mr. Leander Boggs and Mrs. Mary (Perry) Boggs, of Scotch-Irish descent. Ten children were born unto them—Mathias Whiter, Kennee O., Emma K., Walter Dickson, Delia S., John W., Keturah O. (who died at the age of three years), Leila Malone, Lillie Estelle and Coke Smith.

Though Mr. Wright’s educational opportunities were meager, he studied hard and became an educated man and a splendid preacher.
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