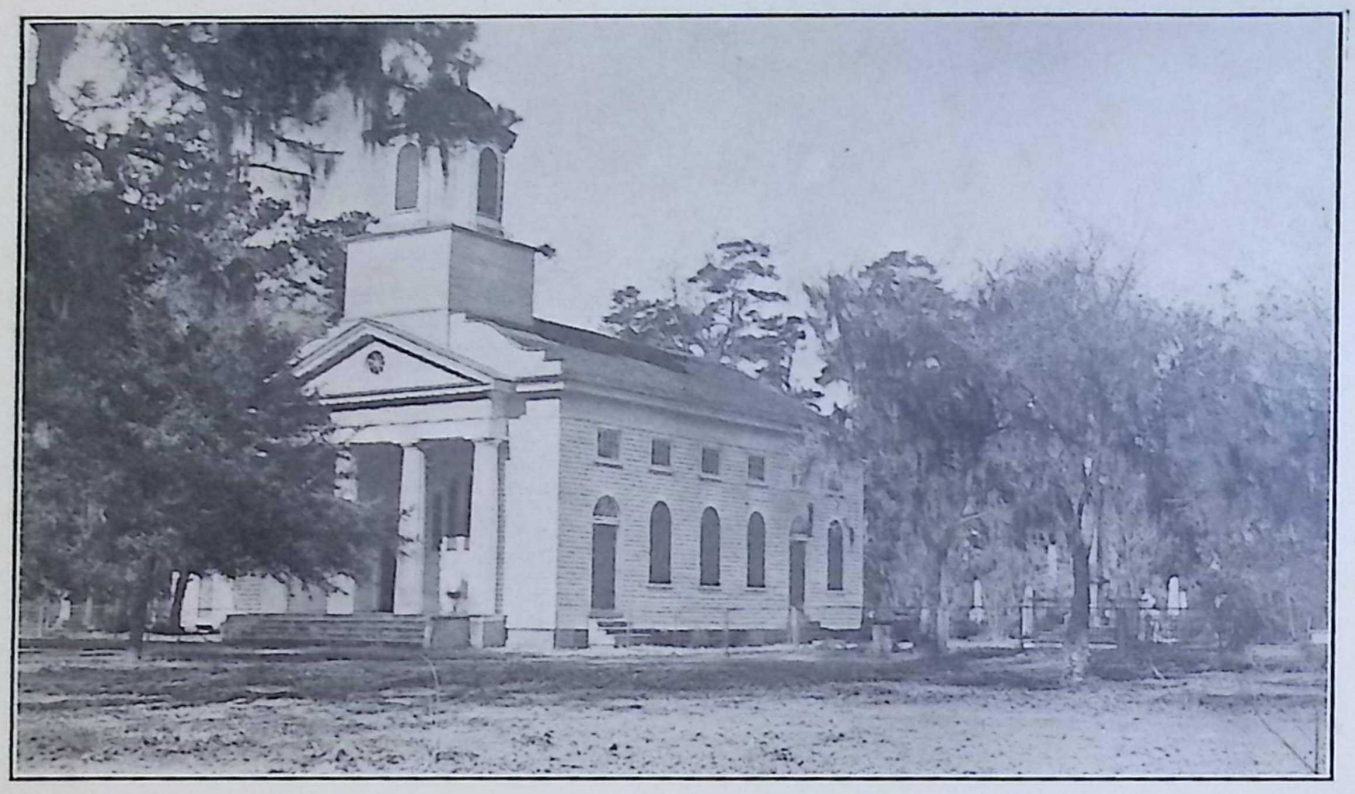
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"And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers".—Ruth 2:3.

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The Women of the Presbyterian Church U. S. in South Carolina, whose character and works have made this Book possible.

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To match their learning and their wit;
'Twas Presbyterian true blue."

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PREFACE

IT is seven years, January 31, 1922, since Mrs. F. Louise Mayes, of blessed memory, wrote asking me to accept the newly created office of historian to the Synodical Auxiliary of South Carolina. All my life history, has been my first love and I consented, though just convalescent from a long and serious illness, to undertake to secure the data for "The Pioneer Women". We, the Presbyterial and Auxiliary historians, succeeded so well that while only a small part of the material could be used, Mrs. M. D. Irvine wrote me that the South Carolina Synodical had data enough for a book of its own. So the idea took firm root that we would write our own history.

During these seven years there have been many delays and much discouragement. But we kept our goal before us, and now the Synodical, Presbyterial and Auxiliary Historians have experienced the truth of Matthew Arnold's lines:

"The task in hours of insight willed,
Can be through hours of gloom fulfilled."

So many have been helpful and faithful, but I could not have carried on had it not been for three friends and fellow-workers who believed in the History and in me, Mrs. Samuel G. Stoney, of Charleston, Mrs. Donald S. Matheson, of Cheraw, and Mrs. Samuel M. McNeel of York. To them I give heartfelt thanks. To all who have worked with me so loyally and patiently to record our Women's History is due the gratitude of the Church. Like Jacob of old we have served seven years for love's sake.

For the History we bespeak your good-will and interest. Doubtless there are sins of omission and commission, else we were not good Presbyterians. For any such, unwittingly committed, we crave indulgence and pardon.

The work has been done by many busy women, wives, mothers, home makers, teachers, in the precious leisure saved from the day's duties. All have been given equal opportunity, the same advice, direc-

tions and questionnaires having been sent to every Presbyterial Historian, who passed them on to the Auxiliary Historians.

The publication committee consisted of Mrs. M. L. Carroll, Synodical Treasurer, Chairman; Mrs. C. S. McCrorey, President of Bethel Presbyterial; Mrs. Z. Vance Davidson, Historian of Bethel Presbyterial, and Mrs. S. M. McNeel, member of Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary of York.

Mrs. Carroll and the members of her Committee have planned wisely and well, and have carried through their plans with promptness and efficiency.

Thanks are due to Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon for the gift of $100.00, and to Mrs. S. M. McNeel for $1,250.00, both gifts to be used in publication.

In the words of Mrs. S. G. Stoney, the Synodical Historian, we pray that "This vase of precious ointment to preserve this record of a small part of the Church, which is after all the body of the Lord", will be used by the Holy Spirit in the service of our beloved Church and for the glory of God.

MARGARET ADAMS GIST.

York, S. C., February 12, 1929.

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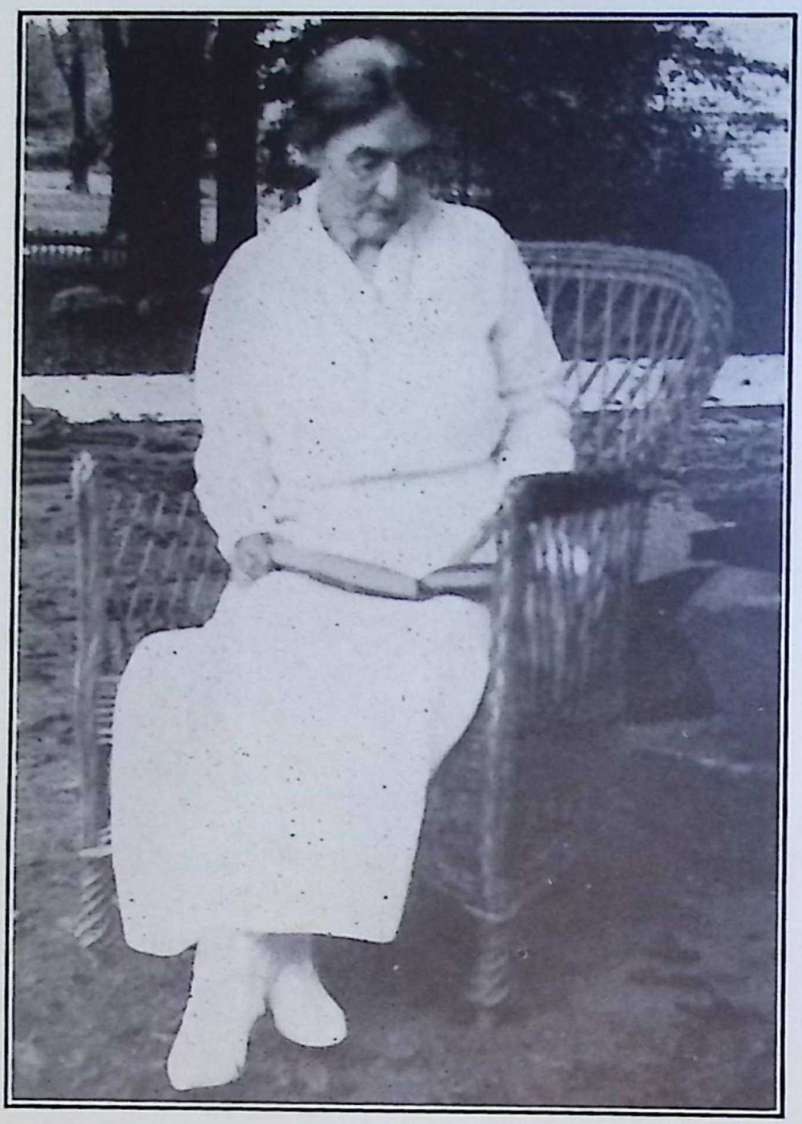
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MISS MARGARET ADAMS GIST

Historian Emeritus.

FOREWORD

BACK of every worth-while achievement there is vision, faith and toil.

A woman's vision of the need of preserving for future generations a record of the work accomplished by the Presbyterian women of South Carolina, for the advancement of God's Kingdom, was the seed-thought from which this book sprang.

Her faith that such a record would be cordially received by the members of her church, and would prove a valuable addition to the history of Presbyterianism in the State, gave her courage to attempt the task of collecting material to be used in compiling a history of woman's work in the churches of the Synod of South Carolina.

Seven years of arduous, unremitting toil have been devoted to bringing to fruition this cherished plan.

To Miss Margaret Adams Gist, of York, S. C., is due the grateful appreciation of the Presbyterians of South Carolina, for this full and accurate (carefully prepared) record of the faithful service rendered by the loyal women of the State, to their church, beginning with the early history of the church in the State, and continuing to the present time. This history is the child of Miss Gist's heart and brain, nurtured in faith during the years of its development. To its maturity she has given unstintingly of her time, her strength, her brain (almost her health)—an unselfish devotion.

Much credit for the success of the book is due to the hearty co-operation of the Presbyterial historians, but it was Miss Gist who took the initiative, stimulating the interest of the missionary societies in the histories—written and unwritten—of their respective churches, and in encouraging and directing them in collecting material to be incorporated in this church history. It has been no small task to collect and arrange the wealth of material furnished by the churches' Presbyterial historians, and to bring order out of confusion. There have been vexations, delays, disappointments, sometimes indifference—such as come to under-

takings of this kind—obstacles which would have disheartened a less ardent spirit, but her faith and purpose and enthusiasm never wavered. With singleness of purpose and untiring zeal she pressed toward her goal. As Jacob of old served seven years for the love of Rachel, so Miss Gist has given seven years of unselfish service to her church. Her love for her church is an inheritance from a long line of godly Scotch-Irish ancestry—an ancestry which has given many ministers to Presbyterian pulpits, and many heroes to the cause of patriotism.

This history is the fulfillment of Miss Gist's vision; the interest manifested in the forthcoming book, and the friendly anticipations attending its completion, have justified her faith.

By her labor of love she has rendered a lasting service to her church.

"Honor to whom honor is due."

LESSLIE D. WITHERSPOON

York, S. C.,
March 15th, 1929.

PRESBYTERIANS OF SOUTH CAROLINA

SO long ago that all was wilderness
Where now our love has root,
There came from other lands in eagerness
For freedom, men of might, standing for right,
Who sowed the seed of faith. Then in the light
Of Christ there grew, in loving earnestness,
This Church, our home, their fruit.

Here persecution drove the stedfast Scot;
Men from North Ireland fled;
From England others sped;
Suffering, bereft, the high-souled Huguenot
Escaped to find a safer, happier lot,
Free heart and honest bread.

From these we spring in faith and in descent,
Their very names we bear.
The Christ for whom this blood, these lives were spent,
Shows us the world in anguish, sick with strife,
Wearily waiting rest, hoping to hear
Of God's great peace! Oh! pray that we be lent
True wisdom, strength, the power to persevere,
To show God's love, to tell of heavenly life,
Until our Lord appear.

LOUISA C. STONEY.

OUR HERITAGE: A CHALLENGE

By MRS. FRANCES LOUISE MAYES

(Mrs. Mayes was President of the Synodical of South Carolina and Chairman of the Woman's Advisory Committee at the time of her death, on March 16th, 1923. She was a woman of rare gifts, both mental and spiritual, and was deeply loved by all who knew her. Her last public service to the Auxiliary was that of representing the Woman's Advisory Committee at four of the Women's Parallel Conventions, at each of which she gave an inspiring address on "Our Heritage," which will linger long in the memory of those who heard her.)

AS I think of the blessings which we enjoy daily as unconsciously as we breathe the health-laden ozone about us, or listen enraptured to the matchless arias of our feathered songsters, or pause in ecstasy over the flowers that bedeck forest and garden, I wonder if we of the South—better still of the Carolinas—best of all, of the Presbyterian household of faith, are realizing that in a peculiar sense we are the "heirs of all the ages!" Is this a vain boast, or do the facts bear out the statement? If this statement is true, and I challenge its refutation, are we claiming our privileges by enjoying them and magnifying them with grateful hearts, and so living that they shall be vouchsafed to our children, and children's children?

First then, what is our heritage as Southerners? A few months ago, the most famous evangelist of to-day said he had preached in every state in the Union except one, and had never seen anything to compare with our reverence for, and devotion to the church; he also said that South Carolina is the only state without divorces. A noted evangelist of international fame, while holding revival services in Charlotte recently, received several dispatches from other sections saying in substance, "For God's sake, save the South! The North and West are gone!"—meaning, of course, from a religious point of view. A few days ago I heard one of America's famous physicians, in a lecture on moral standards, declare there was not the crime in the South that there was in the North. Said he, "Your moral standards are higher than those of the North!" What do these testimonials from other sections mean? To me, it means

that we of the South still love our homes and the church, the very pillars of civilization. I would not for a moment insinuate that there are not many thousands in the North, who also love the home and the church, but because we are a homogeneous people, our standards of living have not suffered from alien innovations as have theirs, and when we remember that our commonwealth was settled by those who came for "Faith and Freedom!" the reformers of the old world, we should not be boastful, but grateful for one of the choicest heritages, a godly ancestry! *We* have as a background a parentage who reverenced the institution of marriage, who dignified wedlock, magnified motherhood, cherished parental authority, and on this perfect square built the home and hallowed it with parental and filial duties! The buttress of these homes was the family altar, the rule of conduct, the Word of God! What a priceless heritage! A godly ancestry! In a consecrated home! The riches of Croesus pale into insignificance in comparison! We not only reverence the home and marriage as fundamental to civilization, but as a people, we are patriotic. The voluntary enlistment in the World War showed the South, in proportion to population, far ahead of the other sections of the Union. Some one has said, "You can be patriotic without being a Christian, but every Christian worthy of the name is a patriot!" We have made this record of Christian citizenship in every war. So much was this the case, not only in the South but in our own household of faith, that the eminent historian Bancroft sums up the facts in these few words, with regard to the Revolution, "The Revolution of 1776 as far as it was affected by religion, was a Presbyterian measure." It was the natural outgrowth of the principles which the Presbyterians of the old world planted in their sons, the English Puritan, the Scotch Covenanter, the French Huguenot, the Dutch Calvinist and the Scotch-Irish Presbyterians of Ulster. When we remember that at the battle of King's Mountain, where the aspect of the war was changed and Cornwallis left no choice but to retreat, that all six of the colonels in command, save one, were Presbyterian elders, and their troops mustered from Presbyterian settlements, and that at Cowpens, another pivotal battle, the two commanders, Morgan and Pickens, were also Presbyterian elders, we agree with the author of American church history who says, "The Presbyterians bore the brunt of the struggle for independence from the Hudson to the Savannah!" In thinking of our heritage in terms of history, let us never forget that John Calvin, the greatest exponent of our faith, was as a noted historian has said, also the founder of the American Republic! To substantiate this fact, we have only to remember that two-

thirds of the men who fought and won the war for independence were Calvinists or Presbyterians. Ours is not only a vitalizing faith, which makes the spiritual world an "Eternal now," but we have the largest right to this great country of ours, "The home of the brave and the land of the free!" because our Presbyterian fathers, more than any others, fought and won the battles which vouchsafed to us liberty! They were not fighting for fame or aggrandizement, but for the faith of their fathers, Calvinism, which teaches that freedom of conscience is a God-given right, and natural equality of men a Divine Revelation!

But why go to other sections for testimony about our grand old church when other denominations have accorded us such high praise? When our own Dr. Landreth, an eminent Baptist minister of South Carolina, said in an address in Atlanta, "The Presbyterian church is the conservitor of the most valuable principles. It has the soundest scholarship. All denominations look to Presbyterianism for a wise leadership in all that pertains to the preservation of the Lord's day and the preservation of the family, two essentials not only to the church, but to civilization!" Time fails me to enumerate more facts to prove our prominence and privileges as a section, as commonwealths and as a church.

These are in part our heritage. Have we proven ourselves worthy? Grateful are we beyond words for such an inheritance. In all fervor, we exclaim with Paul, "God forbid that we should glory, save in the cross of Jesus Christ!" Have we, like Paul, "kept the faith?" Are we waging war against wickedness in high places? I'm not a pessimist: indeed, only the utter folly of having "eyes that see not and ears that hear not" admonishes me that the family altars are falling, the observance of the Sabbath is lax, the love of the home is waning, and reverence for parental discipline is vanishing, motherhood is decreasing, the marital tie is loosening! Responsibility is always commensurate with privilege. Why has our church and our system of religion produced the invincibles of history? Whether the Huguenots of France, the Ironsides of Cromwell, the Covenanters of Scotland, the unconquerable Dutch, or the indomitable Scotch-Irish? It was undoubtedly their unswerving devotion to home, and unfailing loyalty to church. These are the oldest institutions and when founded on righteous principles, are the sum and substance of government. Will this rich heritage avail us aught if we are unworthy? Will it not the rather condemn us if, with smug complacency, we carefully fold this imperishable treasure in the time-honored creed and lock it safely in the strongbox of conservatism? Does this con-

cern the Woman's Auxiliary? Is it not the province of the ministry, eldership and deaconate, yes, and the Laymen's Convention, to see to it that our church does her duty in tightening her cords, enlarging her reach and strengthening her bulwarks? We are told that sixty-three per cent of the church members are women. Oh, friends, it is a fearful responsibility to be a woman! By Divine right, women are the makers of the home—men are the builders—but in a far finer sense, the making has been given into our hands. If we are making the Bible type of homes, the seed of the church is sown and germinates within its walls. The hope of the church is not its handsome edifices, soul-stirring music, modern equipment, nor eloquent divines, but its God-fearing mothers! Theirs are the most difficult, most delicate, most constructive duties entrusted to any created being. Oh, the glory or tragedy of motherhood! Are we conscious of it? If the eighty-four thousand Presbyterian women of our Synodical Auxiliaries in this dear old Southland would, by the help of God, set our faces like flint to reconstruct our homes on the family-altar plan and elevate our church life above every other obligation, the crime wave would subside in so short a time as to startle the reading public. We as a church are few in numbers, but strong in purpose, and lofty in ideals if we are running true to type. Oh, friends, if I can only stir up your pure minds to see the dangers ahead, and under God's providence, stimulate our noble women to pray daily for rebuilding the home and the church according to the Bible plan, I could ask no richer reward for the days and nights of anxious effort. May God give us a vision of what we can do to rebuild the waste places, and may we spend much time daily in prayer that He will use us for this purpose! It is the young that we must reach, and remember we mothers and wives must bear the brunt of the burden, because God has so ordained it. It is a fearful responsibility, but a stirring challenge. Presbyterians are not emotional as a people: you must approach their hearts through their heads. We want to increase their "esprit de corps" by teaching them their heritage as children of the martyr church of history. They should know our wonderful foreign mission accomplishments; we should stimulate their love for the needy at home.

Oftentimes, our heritage includes an inheritance that is not of our choosing. The interracial problem is one of these, and we must face the duty squarely and deal with it wisely. Ever since the war between the states we have been shirking our duty towards our brother in black. Now, North and South, white and black, recognize that it is ours to guide, teach and help the negro. Dr. Alexander, of Atlanta, the chair-

man of the National Executive Committee, says that as North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina go, so goes the South, because these states hold a disproportionate amount of influence in the life of the South. Therefore, he said, "Let your lights shine." The negroes did their duty nobly in the world war; it is a matter of Federal record that not one of them was convicted for lack of loyalty. Indeed, there is a potential loyalty in the Negro race. Many of us have heard from our fathers and mothers how the faithful slaves, the devoted driver, carrying out his master's behest at the quarters and on the plantation, the unfailing house-servants and the tender, loyal mammy, all stood by their "white-folks" in the war between the states, through prosperity and adversity, through joy and sorrow, sickness and death with an unswerving faithfulness and unfailing loyalty which would challenge the record of any race of any color whatsoever on earth.

There is a race consciousness all over the world today, causing unrest and trouble. It is among the yellow races as well as the black. It is *ours* to rule, but we must do it in the fear of God, and once again, in the providence of God, we have the opportunity to reclaim them. Shall we use it wisely?

This interracial program, fostered by the different denominations, by no means contemplates social equality in any measure. *They* do not want this any more than we; their better class, their leaders, know this is impossible, but they do want our guidance and help. They want our interest and a kindly, mutual understanding. We can be firm, as well as kind; they are the child-race of the world, and need judicious leadership given kindly, but firmly. This is a task which needs our wisest and bravest, and those to the manner born, because the Southerner understands the negro as no one else does. This movement must be begun among the servants in the home. The responsibility is largely yours and mine. As you know, we want a committee of three in each Auxiliary composed where desirable of the Sec. As. H. M., Sec. S. P. C., and one other member chosen with a view to fitness for the work. We have a Synodical and Presbyterial Committee following the same lines; our program is to work in the home, the church and the school for their betterment. We want to work with and through their leaders, selecting always with care those who are conservative and reasonable. It is a work which will require time. We are going slowly so as to avoid unwise measures and undue haste. It is a great work and will need the prayers of all Christians. It must be done by the church, through her godly men and

women, who have the vision and sympathetic understanding. It is our task; let us face it in the fear of God.

Some time ago, Gen. Pershing, while standing at the tomb of LaFayette, with a burst of emotion, as the memory of France's great kindness to struggling America surged through his soul, lifted his helmet as he reverently said, "LaFayette, we are here!" Yes, after all these years, as I think of the constancy, love and unselfish devotion of the Southern slaves, loving their "Massa" and "Missus" as if their own blood, and loved and cared for in return, then the cruel hatred engendered between the slave and his master by mountebanks, and now the new opportunity for service, I feel like calling to the spirit-world, "Here we are, Marm Becky! Uncle Jack! We'll do what we can for those you've left behind. We are late in waking up, but please God, we'll do our best to reclaim your children."

And now, friends, will you share with me the burden of my soul as revealed to you in this little heart-to-heart talk? I know you will; and may I ask that each day you beseech a prayer-hearing God that He will use us mightily for the upbuilding of the church, the rededication of the home, and the reclaiming of our precious boys and girls, young men and women, and the Christianizing of the negro in our midst?

May God bless you and keep you in the hollow of His hand, where never foe can follow, never traitor stand!

And may I ask, as your chairman of the Woman's Advisory Committee, a daily interest in your prayers, that God will

"Grant us the will to fashion as we feel,
Grant us the strength to labor as we know;
Grant us the purpose, ribbed and edged with steel,
To strike the blow!

"Knowledge we ask not—knowledge thou hast lent;
But, Lord, the will—there lies our bitter need:
To build above the deep intent.
The deed, the deed!"

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"This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven . . . . . And he called the name of that place Bethel.—Gen. 28:17, 19.

THE SCOTCH-IRSH

Who are the Scotch-Irish?

The answer to this question takes us back to the year 1611, four years after Jamestown was settled, when James I of England and VI of Scotland began planting Ulster with colonists from Scotland and the North of England, though the actual settlers were mostly Scotch.

The plan was to put into the North of Ireland, Ulster, a Protestant population that would ultimately outnumber the Catholics and become the controlling influence in the country. In order to do this the native Irish had to be ousted or dispossessed of their homes and land. Historians have questioned the rightness of such procedure. Sir Francis Bacon and Robert Cecil, first Earl of Salisbury and Secretary of State, sponsored and approved the plan. Both were considered wise counsellors who acted according to the light of their day. The placing of loyal, trusty colonists among uncivilized, rebellious peoples was a practice which went back to early Roman times. When England became Protestant and Scotland Presbyterian the Irish remained loyal to their mother church. They had from Norman times been chronically restive under English rule. James came to the English throne just as the Irish, aided by the Pope and the Spaniard in a rebellion against the British crown, had been conquered after four years of hard fighting. Still the plan bore hardly upon the dispossessed Irish. Sir Arthur Chichester, Lord Deputy of Ireland, at one time reports that he sent away 6,000 unwilling Irishmen for service in the Protestant Swedish wars, and many had to take to the bogs and fens, though a certain per cent of the confiscated lands (eleven per cent) was allotted to undertakers among the native Irish. "The first list of undertakers or patrons was composed mainly of sons and brothers of Scotch lairds, ministers and burgesses, who were responsible for the actual settlers."

The order of baronets, "a new dignity between Barons and Knights" was instituted, to consist of "gentlemen who should bind themselves to pay a sum sufficient to maintain thirty foot soldiers in Ireland for three years." All such baronets had the right to bear the Red Hand of Ulster on their coat-of-arms. The first of these baronets was Lord Bacon's own half-brother. These settlers were hand-picked men and women of the most excellent sort, not peasants, but mainly yeomen

and artisans. Their ministers went with them and Presbyterianism struck its roots deep and strong into Ulster soil. By the middle of the seventeenth century there were 300,000 of them in Ulster. That province had been the most neglected, backward part of Ireland, but Scotch energy, thrift and steady conduct transformed it into a garden. They also established manufactures of woolens and linens which have become world famous. As Henry Jones Ford in "The Scotch-Irish in America," writes, "However opinions may differ as to the morality of the scheme there can be no doubt of the success of the plantation."

"By the beginning of the eighteenth century the numbers had risen to nearly a million. They were highly intelligent people, believing in the schoolhouse as well as in the church. In a document signed in 1718 by a miscellaneous group of 319 men, only thirteen made their mark, Fiske tells us, 306 wrote their names in full. Nothing like that could have happened, he says, in any other part of the British Empire, hardly even in New England. The antipathy between the Scotch-Irish as a group and the true Irish as a group is perhaps unsurpassed for bitterness and intensity. However, love laughs at feuds as well as at locksmiths, so there were occasionally Presbyterian Murphys or McManuses. So the term Scotch-Irish is applied to people who were for the most part Lowland Scotch Presbyterians, sometimes very slightly hybernicized in blood.

"The flourishing manufactures in Ulster aroused the jealousy of rival manufactures in England and legislation was passed in 1698 which seriously damaged the linen and woolen industries and threw many workmen out of employment. About the same time an epidemic fever of persecution seized the English Church. During 1704 and the following years severe disabilities were inflicted upon Presbyterians in Ireland. They were forbidden to keep schools; marriages of their clergy were declared invalid. They were not allowed to hold any office higher than that of petty constable, and so on through a long list of silly and outrageous enactments. For a few years the tyranny was endured in the hope that it was but temporary. By 1719 this hope had worn away and from that year, until the passage of the Toleration Act for Ireland in 1782, the people of Ulster flocked to America. Of all the migrations to America previous to the days of steamship this was by far the largest in volume. One week of 1727 six ship-loads landed at Philadelphia. In the two years 1773 and 1774 more than 30,000 came. In 1770 one-third of the population of Pennsylvania was Scotch-Irish. Altogether between 1730 and 1770 probably half a million souls were

transferred from Ulster to the American colonies, making not less than one-sixth of our population at the time of the Revolution. Of these very few came to New England. Among their descendants in that section were the soldiers John Stark and Henry Knox, and more lately the great naturalist, Asa Grey. Those who went to Pennsylvania received grants of land in the western mountain region. The policy of the government was to interpose them as a buffer between the expanding colonies and the Indian frontier.'' Once planted in the Alleghany region they spread rapidly and in large numbers toward the southwest along the mountain country through the Shenandoah Valley into the Carolinas. Later they formed almost the entire population of West Virginia and they were the men who chiefly built up the commonwealths of Tennessee and Kentucky. Among these Scotch-Irish were the Breckenridges, Alexanders, Lewises, Prestons, Campbells, Stuarts, McDowells, Johnstons and Rutledges, Richard Montgomery, Anthony Wayne, Daniel Boone, James Robertson, George Rogers Clark, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Benton, Samuel Houston, John Caldwell Calhoun, Stonewall Jackson, Woodrow Wilson.

It was chiefly Scotch-Irish troops that won the pivotal Battle of King's Mountain, that crushed the Indians of Alabama and overthrew Wellington's veterans of the Spanish Peninsula in the brief but acute agony at New Orleans.

In 1730 the Scotch-Irish poured into the Valley of Virginia and for two generations there was a ferment between the purely English and Episcopal Cavalier and aristocratic settler of the Valley and the invasion of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. This contest resulted in the separation of Church and State, complete religious toleration, the abolition of primogeniture and entails, most of which was consummated under the leadership of Thomas Jefferson between 1776 and 1785.

In this general sketch of the Scotch-Irish I have quoted from John Fiske's ''Old Virginia and Her Neighbors.'' Coming closer home to the Scotch-Irish of the upper country of South Carolina, I shall take General McCrady's ''History of South Carolina'' as our guide. And may I say that McCrady's is, in my humble opinion, the fairest history we have.

McCrady tells us that ''The defeat of Braddock on the 9th of July, 1775, threw the frontiers of Pennsylvania and Virginia at the mercy of the Indians, and these Scotch-Irish, thus exposed to the horrors of Indian warfare and without support from the wealthy Quakers of the East, abandoned Pennsylvania and came down following the foot of the

mountains, spreading themselves from Staunton, Virginia, to the Waxhaws (in what is now Lancaster County) of this province." From this point they peopled the upper country of South Carolina, including the territory of Bethel Presbyterial, comprising York, Lancaster and Chester Counties.

What were the characteristics of these Scotch-Irish Presbyterians? Again I will let the historian answer: On page 312 of Vol. I, McCrady writes: "For about two centuries and a half, says Dr. Foote in his 'Sketches of North Carolina', this race of people had but one set of moral, religious and political principles working out the whole framework of society; obedience to the just exercise of the law; independence of spirit; a sense of moral obligation; strict attendance upon the worship of Almighty God; the choice of their own teachers, with the unextinguishable desire to exercise the same privilege with regard to their civil rulers, believing that the magistrates govern by consent of the people and by their choice."

What difficulties and dangers did these Scotch-Irish Presbyterians encounter in the upper country of South Carolina?

"They soon found that they were still exposed to danger from the Indians, notably the Cherokees and Catawbas. Besides which there were two other sources of anxiety and trouble: the first was the recognition and establishment by law of their old oppressor in Ireland, the Church of England as the Church of State; the second was the impotence of the government on the coast to preserve law and order in these new settlements and its failure to provide courts for the punishment of crime and for the administration of justice within reach of the people of this new part of the province.

"The Revolution was the sword which cut these two Gordian knots, but in the early Colonial years it was not foreseen, and the people of the up-country were at first generally inclined to stand by the old government which had set up the Church rather than support the new one in the low country which even in rebellion clung to it as the very foundation of society. All elections were held by the church wardens, and those for municipal offices on Easter Monday along with those for officers of the Church; all notices, legal and otherwise, were posted at the church doors; there caucuses were held of a Sunday morning before service commenced; the church was the place of meeting of the various public boards; and political discussions and orations were had in the churches themselves; the representation in the commons was by parishes; the masters of the free schools were to 'be of the religion

of the Church of England and to conform to the same', and the vestries assessed and levied taxes for the relief of the poor, of whom the church wardens were the overseers.

"With all this the Huguenots had no quarrel, nor had the German settlers on the Edisto or the Swiss on the Savannah. But the case was different with the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian who was now coming into the province. The Church of England had held out no kindly hand to him. On the contrary it had rewarded his zeal and heroism in the Protestant cause with oppression and wrong. It had not sheltered him as a refugee as it had the Huguenot in the crypt of Canterbury and in St. Mary's Chapel of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. On the contrary it had driven him from his home. The Huguenot did not object to a liturgy; he was accustomed to use one. But this the Scotch-Irish Presbyterian could not endure, for that had been one of the points upon which Knox had differed with the English Reformers. He had left Ireland because he would not use it; was he to do so in the wild woods of Carolina? Then the system of government was based here as it had been in the old country which he had left, upon the Church of England. He could only be represented in the Assembly by having the lands which he and his people had taken up made into a township and then into a parish. All this was the more distasteful to him because his own social and civil system was itself based upon an ecclesiastical idea —a church polity of its own.

"If the old St. Philip's Church was a part of the constitution of South Carolina as Westminster Abbey was of the British constitution, so around old Waxhaw Church in Lancaster County, the first church above Orangeburg, was formed the settlement which gave tone and thought to the whole upper country of the State. 'The interior', writes Parton in his 'Life of Andrew Jackson', 'unpainted, unceiled, and uncushioned, with straight-back pews and rough Sunday school benches looks grimly wooden and desolate as the traveller removes the chip that keeps the door from blowing open and peeps in. And when the stranger stands in the churchyard among the old graves . . . he has the feeling of one who comes upon the ancient burial-place of a race extinct. Rude old stones are there that were placed over graves when as yet a stone cutter was not in the province; stones upon which coats of arms were once engraved still partly decipherable; stones which are modern as compared with those which yet record the exploits of Revolutionary soldiers; stones so old that every trace of inscription is lost, and stones

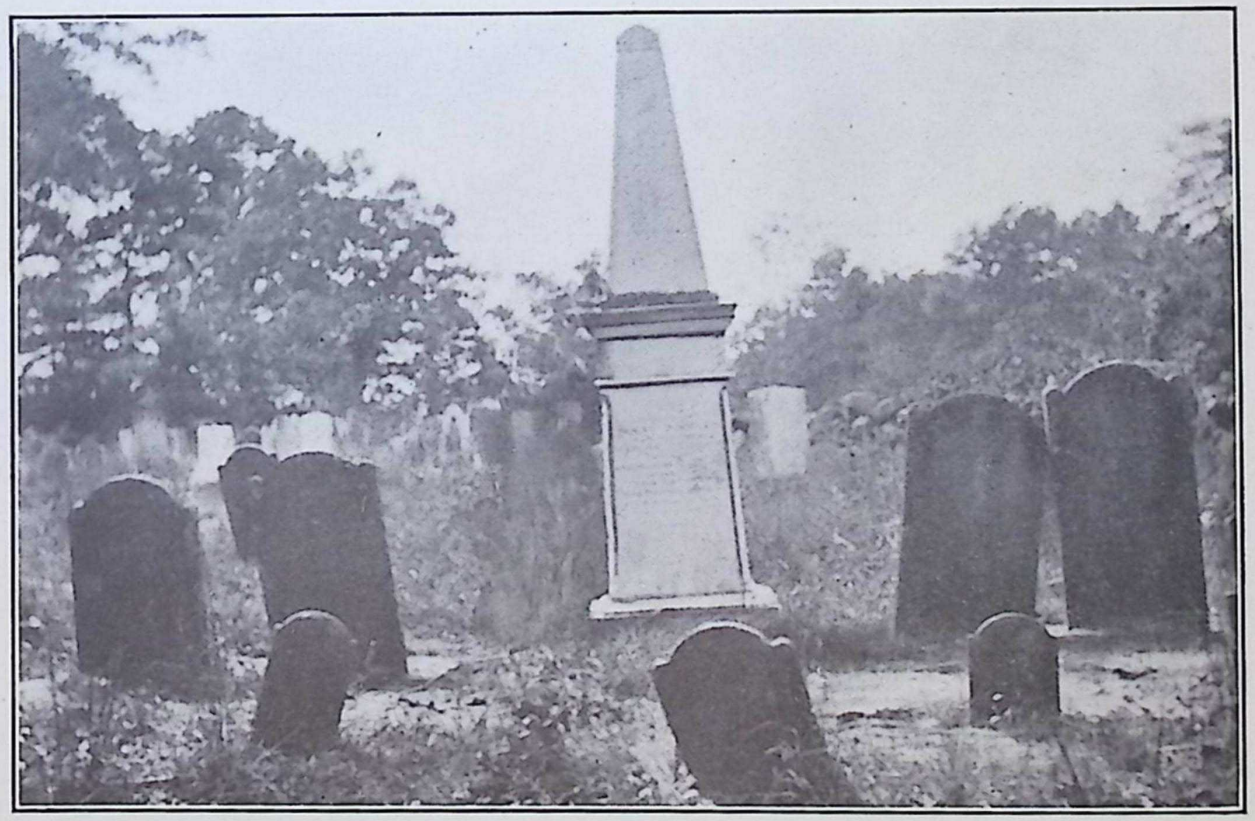
as new as the New Year. The inscriptions on the gravestones are usually simple and direct, and free from snivelling or cant'.

"Among the Scotch-Irish who settled in the Waxhaws around the old Church were the Jacksons, Calhouns, and Pickenses. Andrew Jackson was born there. Patrick Calhoun, the father of John C. Calhoun, first settled there; moving later to Abbeville County. Here at the Waxhaws grew up William Richardson Davie, the distinguished partisan leader of the Revolution, Governor of North Carolina and Minister to France, also the founder of the University of North Carolina. From the same congregation came Calhoun's great rival, the great Georgian, William H. Crawford; so that from this people came three of the greatest men of these times—Jackson, Calhoun, and Crawford, men upon whom and around whom turned the national politics of their day and whose antagonisms convulsed the country. To these must be added William Smith, Judge on the State Bench and United States Senator, who was twice voted for as Vice President in the Electoral College, once in 1829, as from South Carolina, and again in 1841 as from Alabama, to which state he had removed; Dr. John Brown, one of the Professors of South Carolina College and the founder of the Presbyterian Church in Columbia, a schoolmate of Jackson who rode with him when they were boys in their teens under Davie and Sumter at Hanging Rock. From the Waxhaws came Stephen D. Miller, a man of great power in his day, Congressman, Governor and United States Senator, James H. Thornwell, an eminent Presbyterian divine and orator, President of the South Carolina College, and J. Marion Sims, a surgeon of world-wide fame, and in his department doubtless the greatest of his time.

"From the Waxhaws these Scotch-Irish Presbyterians pressed on throughout the upper part of the State, crossing the Catawba, the Adairs, Allisons, Adamses, Adrians, Brattons, Blacks, Boggs, Brooms, Buchanans, Boyces, Bryces, Crawfords, Crocketts, Carrolls, Carsons, Chambers, Dunlaps, Douglasses, Erwins, Flemings, Irwins, Hancocks, Kirklands, Laceys, Kuykendals, Lathams, Loves, Lyles, Masseys, McCaws, McDaniels, Mills, McCans, McKenzies, McIlhennys, McIlwaines, McMullans, McLures, McMorrises, Marlins, Neelys, Wylies, Witherspoons, Rosses and Youngs, and others spread themselves over the 'New Acquisition', the present counties of Lancaster, York, Chester, and Fairfield. The Brandons, Ragans, Jollys, Kennedys, McJunkins, Youngs, Cunninghams, Savages, Vances and Wilsons settled the present county of Union. . . . . The names of the families, founders of



OLD WAXHAW CHURCH, Lancaster County
(Second building with side door and leanto for the slaves.)
This church is one of the oldest, if not the oldest, in upper South Carolina.
About 1755.



OLD DONNON TOMBSTONE

the community in Spartanburg at Nazareth Church, were Anderson, Miller, Barry, Moore, Collins, Thompson, Vernon, Pearson, Jamison, Dodd, Ray, Perry, McMahan, Nichols, Nesbit and Patton.

"These people were loyal. They recognized the authority of the King as Supreme Ruler. They expected the King to be honest when they were loyal. They claimed the privilege of having their own ministers as an inherent right that could not be given up and any civil or religious liberty preserved. They yielded to the civil authority all service and duty, and demanded protection for their persons in the enjoyment of their property and religion. These principles, transplanted from Scotland to Ireland and cherished there, were brought with them to America and have been characteristic of the Scotch-Irish settlements throughout the land. Children were taught to read and exercised in reading the Bible every day, and became familiar with the Word of God in the family, in the school, and in the home devotions to the worship of Almighty God. The commands of God and the awful retributions of eternity gave force to these principles which became a living and controlling influence. The time had just passed, when Dr. Foote wrote in 1846, when the schoolmaster from Ireland taught the children of the Valley of Virginia and the the upper part of the Carolinas as they taught in the mother country, when the children and youth at school recited the Assembly's Shorter Catechism once a week and read parts of the Bible every day. The circle of the instruction was circumscribed; but the children were taught to speak the truth and defend it, to keep a good conscience and fear God—the foundations of good citizens and truly great men."

And what of the women, the mothers and wives of these Scotch-Irish Presbyterians? McCrady thus quotes Dr. Foote: "An education, knowledge of things human and divine—they prized beyond all price in their leaders and teachers, and craved its possession for their husbands and brothers and sons. The Spartan mothers gloried in the bravery of their husbands and fathers and demanded it in their sons. 'Bring me this or be brought back upon it', said one as she gave her son a shield to go out to battle. These Presbyterian mothers gloried in the enterprise and religion and knowledge and purity of their husbands and children, and would forego comforts and endure toil that their sons might be well instructed, enterprising men. . . . . With many, and they', he says, 'the influential men and women, the desire of knowledge was cherished before a competence was obtained or the labors of a first settlement overcome. Almost invariably as soon as a

neighborhood was settled preparations were made for the preaching of the Gospel by a regular stated pastor, and wherever a pastor was located in that congregation there was a classical school."

McCrady concludes: "These new-comers who entered the province by the back door, as it were, bringing with them essentially different ideas of government of Church and State, were to have a marked and decided influence upon the polity and policy of the coming State; were reluctantly to enter the contest with the royal government inaugurated upon the coast, but goaded into it by the folly and cruelty of the British Army, were to turn upon the invaders and by their stubborn resistance and heroic conduct to wrest from them the fruit of their success in the low country. Reluctant again to enter the new government established after the Revolution, they were to become the dominant force in the State, and to produce the men who were to influence in a great degree the future course of events in the United States."

M. A. G.



TOMBSTONE OF WILLIAM RICHARDSON,

whose body was exhumed almost a year after its burial in order that his wife might be forced to touch it, thereby proving (?) or disproving (?) her guilt in regard to his death.



CORNER OF OLD WAXHAW GRAVEYARD

Somewhere in this space is Andrew Jackson's father's grave. No stone marks spot.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

BEAVER CREEK

Beaver Creek Church has been in existence over seventy years, being organized in 1855. About fifty years ago, Mrs. Knox, a charter member, died, leaving in her will five hundred dollars to her church, the interest to be used for benefit of causes.

About thirty-five years ago, Kershaw and Heath Springs Churches were organized by members from Beaver Creek. That weakened the mother church, but it is still struggling on, and her women are doing their part to help. Two young men from the church dedicated their lives to the Master's service—the first one years ago, and one last year.

In 1922, Beaver Creek Auxiliary was formed by sixteen women. Charter members were: Miss Jeannette Croxton, Mrs. Henrietta Cauthen, Mrs. C. R. Croxton, Mrs. Will Cauthen, Mrs. Jesse Robertson, Mrs. J. R. Magill, Mrs. J. W. Stover, Miss Laura Drakeford, Mrs. F. M. Hawley, Mrs. Lou M. Haile, Mrs. Eugenia Rutledge, Mrs. Jennie M. Croxton, Mrs. Elder, Miss Dell Magill, Miss Edna Robertson, Mrs. Ernest Croxton. The first officers were: President, Miss Jeannette Croxton; Vice President, Mrs. Henrietta Cauthen; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. R. Croxton.

They have one circle and meet once a month in circle, and once a month as Auxiliary—have a Prayer Band, and reached sixty per cent on the Standard of Excellence; contributed money and other gifts to Thornwell Orphanage and to Home and Foreign Missions.

Their slogan is, "A more wide-awake church and a better community."

They studied "The White Fields of Japan" and "The Romance of Home Missions" with great profit.

"Working like a beaver" has passed into a proverb and it must first have been said of the women of Beaver Creek! This Auxiliary continues to contribute to the Assembly's causes, yet it has sent delegates to Montreat and Clinton conferences, entertained a Group Conference, sent special gifts to Thornwell Orphanage and O. P. C., raised its appor-

tionment for the Presbyterian Church at Clemson College and given $10.00 as a special gift to Christian Education.

Among its officers for the years 1926-'27-'28 appear the names: Mrs. J. M. Croxton, Mrs. Lou M. Haile, Miss Jeannette Croxton, Mrs. C. R. Croxton, Mrs. E. W. Croxton, Mrs. J. S. Elder.

BETHESDA

Bethesda Church, of York County and Bethel Presbytery, dating back to the year of its birth in 1760, has been blessed in a membership of sainted, consecrated women. With an eye single to the Master's work, and with a never failing loyalty to their beloved church, they have kept the faith in no uncertain manner.

The first organized Woman's Work, of which we have any knowledge, was the regular letters written to the men of the church who filled the Confederate ranks (and they were many). At stated intervals, letters breathing cheer and love, and filled with home news, were sent to the front to the soldier boys.

Three times in the life of the church, extensive improvements have been made in the house of worship. On each occasion the women of the church were conspicuous for their assistance. Twice they have recarpeted the floor. They were responsible for the handsome walnut pulpit furniture now in use. The communion table and chairs on either side, matching the pulpit set, were the gift of women of the church; also the handsome chandelier that adorns the center of the building. A modest communion set used in early years, was replaced by the women with a handsome silver service. This, in turn, has been replaced by an individual service.

In 1887 the Ladies' Aid Society of Bethesda Church was organized. Its first president was Mrs. N. B. Bratton, a woman of rare intellect, strength of character and deep spirituality. Coming to that section from Virginia as a war bride in 1864, she at once identified herself with her husband's church, and for fifty years was a loyal worker for Bethesda, though retaining her membership in the Episcopal Church, the faith of her ancestry for generations back.

Later on, the name of the society was changed to the Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society, and the scope of its work enlarged.

Following the progressive trend of the church, another change was

made in 1920, when the old society was dissolved and the Woman's Auxiliary formed.

Outstanding features of the work accomplished by the women of Bethesda, in addition to those already mentioned are: A room furnished at Nacoochee, Georgia, in memory of Logan Moore, a beloved son of the church who died in service during the world war.

A room furnished at Stuart Robinson School.

Two Bible women supported in China in memory of Mrs. Ollie Elder Moore, a faithful president of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. Mary Byers, a loyal member.

The Auxiliary has responded to all regular causes and made many special gifts to Nacoochee. It has made a specialty of work for Thornwell Orphanage, the annual egg shower each spring often amounting to one hundred dozen. Miscellaneous showers throughout the year supply a large quantity of canned fruit, quilts and needed articles of all variety.

The Woman's Work of Bethesda is steady, far reaching, assured!

BEERSHEBA

From York comes a sketch of Beersheba Church:

"We have no record of our Society previous to the one we have now, which was organized in 1900 by Mrs. J. Robt. Lindsay, of York. It was a Foreign Missionary Society, and called the 'Minnie McCormick', in honor of that godly missionary.

"There were twenty-six members, with the following officers: President, Rev. S. H. Hayes; Vice President, Mrs. M. E. Black; Secretary, Miss Lesslie Carroll; Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Carroll. The society met once a month at the church, and once every two months at the different homes, where quilts were pieced or other sewing done to raise money for the cause.

"The special offerings were taken during the year, a birthday, free-will and a missionary collection."

This society became an Aid Society in 1913, with two special Foreign Mission collections (in May and October).

The society helped to furnish the new church and has helped people in distress. Boxes of fruit, clothing, etc., have been sent to Thornwell Orphanage.

At one time a Young People's Society, "The Ella C. Little" Society, co-operated with the Ladies' Aid.

These two societies formed the Woman's Auxiliary in 1921, with Mrs. J. A. Carroll as President. Mrs. J. H. Clark, Mrs. W. M. Gettys and Mrs. M. M. McCarter were all earnest pioneers in this form of service.

BETHEL

"The Ladies' Aid Society of Bethel was organized at Bethel Church, October, 1876, by Rev. S. L. Watson. Mrs. J. Leander Adams was appointed President; Mrs. Wm. Campbell, Vice President; Miss Sallie Campbell, Treasurer; Miss Sallie H. Adams, Secretary."

Thus begins the first record of women's organized work in Bethel Church. The church was founded in 1764 (Dr. R. A. Webb's History of the Presbyterian Church of Bethel) one hundred and twelve years before the society. Following the above entry and in the same faded but beautiful script of half a century ago is a list of names, presumably charter members: Mrs. David Jackson, Mrs. T. C. Pegram, Mrs. A. H. Barnett, Mrs. S. E. Dulin, Mrs. W. E. Adams, Mrs. Geo. Flanagan, Mrs. Mary Campbell, Mrs. John M. Jackson, Mrs. Laura Adams, Miss Sue Watson, Miss Ellen Campbell, Miss Maggie Campbell, Miss H. A. Knox, Miss Maggie Matthews, Miss Mattie Wilson, Miss Ida McElwee, Miss Emily McCully, Miss Rebecca McCully, Miss Mary E. Jackson, Miss Rebecca Barnett, Miss Lizzie Adams, Miss Minnie Adams, Miss Mamie Adams, Miss Julia Adams, Miss Ella Adams, Miss Eliza Adams, Miss Lucy Brandon, Miss Sallie M. Adams, Miss Lizzie Quinn, Mrs. L. K. Armstrong.

The society met once a month in the church. "The first Friday in November, 1876, had a called meeting. The following Sabbath $5.00 was contributed to Foreign Missions. S. H. Adams, Sec."

We wish the readers of this little sketch could follow with us the minutes of each meeting and see with what diligent regularity various amounts were sent to Foreign Missions, Education, "Sustenation", etc. Soon after the organization of the society they paid a debt of twenty-five dollars on the church building. They provided carpets for the church at several different periods. In addition to dues they raised money by weaving rag carpets. Members of the society collected strips of torn-up cloth, pounds and pounds of it, bought warp, and expert

weavers of the community converted it into the beautiful rag-carpeting; this was sold and the proceeds turned into the treasury.

In 1887 with the following officers serving: Miss Lizzie Quinn, President; Miss Addie Wallace, Treasurer; Miss Alice Adams, Secretary, the publication and sale of a History of Bethel Church was undertaken by the society. Dr. R. A. Webb, pastor at that time, compiled the history. While only a moderate success financially, this stands out as one of the most important accomplishments of the women. This book, rich in historic value, is a priceless possession in most families of the church, as well as of many who have moved to other churches. Allow me to quote in full the prefatory note of this history in Dr. Webb's concise words: "This history is published under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of Bethel Church. This society was organized in 1876 and has increased in usefulness ever since. It is designed as an auxiliary in the prosecution of the work of the Lord. It seeks to accomplish this end by collecting money into its treasury and then voting it to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Education, and such other worthy objects as may recommend themselves. When the money is made or collected from dues, it belongs to the society. It may do what it pleases with it. None of its methods are questionable. Most of the revenue comes from dues which it assesses upon its member or by the sale of articles which they have made. During the past ten years of its existence it has made over 500 yards of carpeting and contributed more than $1,090 to various benevolent causes. The publication of this history is on the part of the society a business venture."

Accounts of the society from 1889-1897 are missing. However, it was active, carrying on its good work of prayer and contributions.

"During the years 1897-98-99 the society held monthly meetings the first Sabbath of each month. The attendance was good and much interest was manifested in Foreign Missions, the enrollment being fifty-eight. The year 1898 with her contribution of $153 stands out most prominently, this being the greatest amount contributed in any one year since its organization. On August 10, 1898, Miss Ella Davidson, returned missionary, addressed the Ladies' Aid Society. In September, 1899, the society sent two delegates, Misses Ida Ormand and Emma Ford, to the first meeting and organization of the 'Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery'. This society enrolled as a member of the Union, but has since withdrawn, as expenses were considered too great." Emma Ford, Secretary, 1899. The women, to the end that their youth

might early learn the graces of Christian work, instituted a Children's Missionary Society in November, 1899.

In 1905 the Ladies' Aid Society was discontinued. The church having assumed the support of a missionary, Rev. L. O. McCutcheon, it was thought advisable to concentrate the missionary finances of the congregation on this one object.

During the pastorate of Dr. Robert Adams, probably about 1912, Mrs. Robert Adams organized a Mission Study class for women with the text-book, "The Christian Conquest of India". Recently the session brought before the congregation a motion encouraging active Women's Work in the church. This was favorably voted upon and we hope that soon Bethel Church will take her rightful place as possessor of a well-organized Woman's Auxiliary.

On October 7, 1925, fifteen women met in Bethel Church for organization, according to the Auxiliary form. They were assisted in their plans by the pastor's wife, Mrs. A. H. Key, and by Mrs. Oscar Neill, of the Clover Church. (It is a remarkable fact that Mrs. Neill is a daughter of one of the charter members of the Bethel Aid Society spoken of above.) They proceeded to elect the following officers: Mrs. A. H. Key, President; Mrs. T. H. Riddle, Vice President; Mrs. T. N. Dulin, Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Ford, Treasurer.

God's blessing seems to have rested upon their efforts, for little by little their number have increased from fifteen to forty.

In October, 1926, the Auxiliary had the pleasure of entertaining the Group Conference of the churches of York County. The plans and methods of the Synodical and Presbyterial are loyally adhered to. Home and Foreign Mission classes are conducted every year; the stewardship of our means has been stimulated and a weekly Prayer Band is held.

May this Auxiliary be truly a tree of God's planting.

"The wind that blows can never kill the tree God plants,
It bloweth east, it bloweth west,
The tender leaves have little rest,
But any wind that blows is best.

"The tree God plants strikes deeper root,
Grows higher still.
Spreads wider boughs, for God's good will
Meets all its wants."

The Woman's Auxiliary of Bethel Church was organized October 7th, 1925, Rev. A. H. Key being pastor. Fifteen ladies were present, and all became members. The first officers were: Mrs. A. H. Key, President; Mrs. T. H. Riddle, Vice President; Mrs. T. N. Dulin, Secretary; Mrs. J. B. Ford, Treasurer; Mrs. J. P. Riddle, Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. H. G. Stanton, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. L. Pensley, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. J. E. Brandon, Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions; Mrs. I. H. Campbell, Secretary Sunday School and Young People's Work and Literature; Mrs. F. C. Brandon, Pastor's Aid.

The Tuesday following the third Sunday of each month was chosen as the time of meeting.

Following Mrs. A. H. Key, Miss Maggie Query was elected president, with Miss Bertha Jackson, treasurer. Miss Query served one year and resigned, and the present officers are: Mrs. T. U. Dulin, President; Mrs. J. B. Ford, Vice President; Mrs. W. G. Davis, Secretary; Miss Bertha Jackson, Treasurer; Mrs. T. H. Riddle, Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. H. K. Davis, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. A. E. Sifford, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. J. H. Riddle, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Miss Rebecca Flanagan, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. A. H. Key, Secretary Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work; Miss Maggie Query, Christian Social Service Secretary.

The Auxiliary now numbers forty members, most of whom are active and interested.

While we can hardly claim any outstanding work, the Auxiliary has been faithful and quick to respond to any special needs. It has helped to send our young people to the conferences at Clinton, has done something each year for the home church, has paid its quota of any asking from the church, and has tried to lighten some of the pastor's burdens.

It seems very evident that our women have grown in interest and knowledge, and love for the church.

Extracts from letters written by Rev. James S. Adams, stated supply of Bethel Church, York County, 1811-1840, and by his wife, Mrs. Erixine McEwen Adams, to their daughter Margaret (Mrs. E. A. Crenshaw of York), who was at school at Barhamville Female Institute, near Columbia, in 1833:

FROM MRS. ADAMS

"February 2, 1833. Your brother Thomas would have been to Columbia before this time, but the roads are so bad that he is afraid to undertake the trip. I have some clothing by me for James (a Seminary student, later Rev. J. H. Mc. Adams), but have no opportunity yet of sending it, and some butter.

"You wish to hear particularly respecting your Cousin Emily's mind. She has never yet made a profession of religion, but appears serious. Our church has been tolerably well attended this winter, our Sabbath School barely kept up.

"Your father has had societies almost every week in different parts of the congregation and a meeting for the black people every Sabbath night at his own house, which is very well attended. Political excitement is so high at this time that it appears almost impossible for much good to be done. A few appear to be coming in, the Methodist brethren had a meeting in Yorkville in January. I was told there was eight faithful days preaching and not a single convert, nothing, nothing but quarreling, neighbors who have lived in the most intimate friendship hitherto now threatening each others lives, brothers who will not speak pleasantly to each other, families divided. O what a heartrending thought for a parent, to think of their children being sworn enemies to them. Our neighborhood is not so much divided, but there will still be a few who will keep up a little contention. I wish how soon it may stop. Hope you hear but little on the subject where you are. Your grandmother (Jane Hall McEwen) received your letter. Susan (a young sister) asked her if she was going to comply with your request which was to burn it. She replied she would not burn it for a dollar."

FROM REV. JAS. S. ADAMS

February 27, 1833.

Dear Margaret:

I should have answered your letter long before this but your Mama had written to you and I had written to James and expected you to hear from us by that communication; but my letter had never reached him when your brother went. I am glad to find that you have

improved so much in your writing and hope that you will improve your mind in useful knowledge. You ought to be industrious in improving your time. Your expenses are great and your time precious and very uncertain. Give my respects to your teachers and to Mrs. Smith's family. We had a temperance meeting on yesterday, but the meeting was not large, we had a good address from Dr. Hunter. The influence of the society on the community is great, but the excitement from Nullification has in a great measure put down our revival in religion and this was one object the Devil had in view when he started it. Pray for us, my dear child, and be careful for your own soul. May the Lord take care of you.

From Mrs. Adams

March 12, 1833.

My dear Child:

I received your letter yesterday by mail and hope I feel truly thankful that through the goodness of the Almighty your health with that of your dear brothers has been preserved. It is a blessing we cannot be thankful enough for, but still we have to lament for your brother Williamson's family (Rev. Samuel Williamson was President of Davidson College). Your sister is still lingering, but can sit up but very little, her child keeps poorly and poor Steven has gone to his long home . . . . . I am gratified to find that you are so highly pleased with Dr. and Mrs. Marks and that they are so kind to you and I hope that their attentions will meet with every mark of respect from you which they deserve. You say that Mr. Goulding is very anxious about your brother's remaining in the Seminary another year. Your Father wrote to the Doctor sometime since that he might consider him a regular student, and as regards his becoming a professor in the Seminary time and circumstances must determine, but I think Dr. G. knows how to flatter. I make no doubt however, but your Father would be highly gratified by a visit from him. I can answer for him there safely. Tell your brother that your Father got three first numbers of the Herald yesterday and is highly pleased with them.

The Prayer Rock—An Incident of Bethel of The Past

On a summer's afternoon not long since, two descendants of a sainted couple, whose lives were spent as members of Bethel Church and community, drove to the old home, which they had not visited for years. The house, crumbling to its foundations, was still overshadowed by a

wonderful old elm tree, which seemed to stand guard over the associations of the place. Here and there, where once flourished an old-fashioned garden, were little clumps of snapdragons and other old-time plants, which had had no attention for years, and ancient crepe myrtles were still growing and blooming. Together these sons of the old Bethel family, now themselves three-score and ten, walked around, lingering here and there, recalling traditions of the past.

Finally they made their way to the back of the old spring, nestling among a clump of mimosa trees. One of them recalled that when a child he had seen the old log house around the spring. The old house has long since disappeared, but there remains a large flat rock, which used to be inside the spring house. Stopping there he removed his hat, saying: "This surely is a place of sacred memories. I have often heard my father say that as a child, as he was playing or working near the spring, he could hear distinctly the voice of his mother praying for her children, as she knelt on this rock."

This recollection had never been effaced from his memory through a long and busy life, and although God took her from her earthly home before the children were grown, they *every one* became godly men and women, most of them were active in the life of Bethel Church. This praying mother was Margaret Hope, wife of Joseph Adams, for many years an elder and active worker in Bethel.

BETH SHILOH

In the latter part of the summer of 1828 people in the vicinity of what is now known as Beth Shiloh began to feel the want of religious instruction. They, therefore, erected a temporary stand in a grove near where the present church is located. This is about five miles northeast of York near the great road leading from York to Charlotte, N. C.

The new congregation procured the services of Rev. Wm. C. Davis, who was at that time living in the neighborhood. He preached on Sabbaths the weather would permit for probably a year, and then induced the people of the community to erect a small building—the walls of which were hewn logs. They continued services here until 1831, when a church was organized with Mr. Davis as pastor. This was known as an Independent Presbyterian Church until 1863, when it was again united with the Presbyterian Church. The land was given by Mr.

Robert Starnes as the original deed (now in the hands of one of our elders) shows.

The following names have been given as some of the charter members: Miss Katherine McNeel McCallum, Mrs. Violet McCallum, Mrs. Sallie Starnes, Mrs. Martha Harrison, Mrs. Nancy Fewell, Mrs. Joe Stewart, Mrs. Belle Woods and Mrs. Susannah Bowen. We are sorry not to have a fuller record of this period for we feel sure these good women were most faithful in those early days.

The following story will give an insight into some of the work of the women of the seventies. The need of a carpet on the bare floor was felt, so a committee of ladies was appointed to solicit funds. They went out in pairs and had to walk many miles to secure the needed money. In the year 1892, the ladies realized that "There is strength in unity" and in belief of this fact or truth they organized "The Ladies' Aid Society of Beth Shiloh Church". Miss Iva Hogue—now Mrs. John E. Carroll of York—was elected President and Miss Addie Williams (Mrs. W. W. Miller of Rock Hill) Secretary and Treasurer. Some of the charter members were as follows: Mrs. L. R. Williams, Mrs. B. R. T. Bowen, Mrs. M. A. Fewell, Mrs. Milton H. Jackson, Misses Belle and Sudie Jackson, Miss Emily Smith, Mrs. Sydney Hogue, Miss Sallie Gordon, Misses Mittie and Mattie Dorsett, Miss Hattie Fewell, Miss Anna Hogue, and Miss Mattie Jackson. Rev. J. M. McLean was pastor at this time and heartily endorsed the organization.

The plan of work adopted was principally along lines of local interest. Meetings were held regularly once a month and with a splendid attendance most of the time.

As the members were not in touch with the abundant information of today, their programs consisted mostly of Bible readings, roll call, minutes, reports, etc., with some short readings from our church papers. However, the ladies were very busy during the days between the meetings for any who were sick or in need in the community were visited often and received as much practical help as could possibly be given by willing hearts and hands.

The small dues of ten cents per month did not make a very full treasury, so many all-day quiltings were enjoyed; and two or more quilts (the result of a day's work) were either sold or sent to the Orphanage, or to some one in need. The second carpet for the church was a gift from "The Ladies' Aid Society" in 1894. They also gave or helped to give the present communion service. We feel sure that there are many other things that might be mentioned if the historian could

only have access to the records of those days, for this organization continued in faithful service 'till about 1900.

Having had no special medium through which to work for several years, some ladies of the church felt very strongly the need of such an organization, so in September of 1912, "The Ladies' Missionary Society of Beth Shiloh Church" came into existence. The officers and charter members were as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Houston; Vice President; Mrs. J. E. Jackson; Secretary, Mrs. P. S. Thomasson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. E. Fewell, Mrs. M. H. Jackson, Misses Belle and Sudie Jackson, Miss Bessie Jackson, Mrs. Smith Gordon, Miss Annie Gordon, Misses Pauline and Annie Chambers, Miss Maude Adkins, Mrs. Zan Carroll, Miss Nannie Barnette, Miss Mary Wallace, Miss Janie and Lola Love, Miss Mozelle Thomasson, Miss Carrie Alexander, Mrs. E. M. Williams and Miss Mary Williams.

At regular monthly meetings programs as suggested by Woman's Auxiliary were used. Voluntary offerings were made but other ways of raising funds were also followed,—averaging about one hundred dollars or more each year. One special pleasure and privilege the ladies of society and community had at each Christmas season was sending a well filled box to a former pastor's widow now living in the mountains regaining her health. Her heartfelt responses always made us feel that "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

After much discussion at a meeting in the early part of 1913, it was decided to change "The Ladies' Missionary Society of Beth Shiloh Church" into "The Woman's Auxiliary of Beth Shiloh". Officers and secretaries of causes were elected accordingly, but as yet, the Circle Plan has not been adopted. However, this was a step forward, for now contributions go to each cause of the church instead of to just Home and Foreign Missions. Also much more information is gathered from a more definite study of the Bible, Missions and Prayer, with increased interest in the Survey. From time to time the members have responded to local calls, such as giving carpets, organs, books and book-racks, poundings for pastors, dinners for men's meetings, etc. Also helping the sick and needy of the neighborhood, and twice it has been our pleasure to have the Presbyterial Institute meet with us. We had a small part in the Baby Cottage at Thornwell and have sent comforts or quilts to the Orphanage at various times. We also make like gifts to Grandfather Orphan Home at Banner's Elk, N. C., and for a year or more clothed a little girl in one of our mountain schools.

While our membership has never been large, the ladies have ever

been willing to do their part in holding office and rendering services in many other ways. In 1922-23, the records show the following officers and membership: President, Mrs. J. E. Fewell; Vice President, Mrs. W. L. Youngblood; Secretary, Miss Sallie Wallace; Treasurer, Miss Sudie Jackson, and twenty-three members. 1923-24: President, Mrs. P. S. Thomasson; Vice President, Mrs. W. T. Youngblood; Secretary, Miss Sallie Wallace; Treasurer, Mrs. William Jackson, and thirty-two members. 1924-25: President, Mrs. J. E. Fewell; Vice President, Mrs. W. T. Youngblood; Secretary, Miss Sallie Wallace; Treasurer, Mrs. William Jackson, and thirty-four members. The Auxiliary has also furnished the leadership for various organizations of the church. Miss Mamie Jackson (Mrs. Clyde Bigger) was leader of the "Little Helpers" for some time and was succeeded by Mrs. Robert Hope who has been a most loyal worker with the little children. A group of older children has been trained and have done splendid work under the supervision of Mrs. John E. Jackson, who has been, for a number of years, a most earnest and faithful leader of this organization. "The Wyly Band"—The "Ella R. Houston Workers"—composed of the young ladies—was organized in 1913 under the leadership of Mrs. J. L. Houston. These young members did a splendid work during their short life for they were submerged into the Christian Endeavor in 1915.

Time would fail us to tell something of the personnel of the Auxiliary members for there have been many faithful and loyal ones to carry on the work. We are now having a share in the building of a Sunday School room sufficient to accommodate that interesting body of workers. Surely the good Master has given many opportunities for service and we feel sure our good women shall hear the "Well done."

This Auxiliary is proud of the fact that the year 1928 finds their church one hundred years old. They plan a home-coming that shall gladden the hearts of all. Mrs. W. T. Youngblood is the president for this important year.

BLACKSBURG

The Rev. R. A. Webb, late Professor of Theology at the Louisville Theological Seminary) and Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick conducted a meeting at "Blacks" which included the fifth Sunday of August, 1884. A petition was sent to Bethel Presbytery for a Commission to organize a Presbyterian Church here, said petition being signed by "members

and friends''. The petition was granted, and the church organized as Calvary Presbyterian Church in the Blacksburg M. E. Church on October 27, 1884, by a Commission consisting of the Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick (who became the first pastor) and Elder W. R. Davies. Of the original eleven members, Mrs. Martha E. Sherer is still a member; and of her children, two daughters, Mrs. A. S. Harrison and Mrs. A. D. Mizell, are still members here. The other women charter members were: Mrs. M. E. Deal, Mrs. M. M. Brown, Mrs. A. L. Sherer, Mrs. Martha B. Plexico, Mrs. Mary L. Lipscomb, six in all.

The lot for the church, 50'x136', was donated in 1884 by Mrs. M. F. Anderson, a member of the Episcopal Church. The building was erected in 1887, the first recorded session meeting in the new church being held March 5th, 1887.

Presbytery has twice met in Blacksburg—in April, 1891, and in April, 1923. Rev. T. R. English, D. D., late Professor of English Bible in the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., assisted in the installation of Rev. W. S. Hamiter on November 18th, 1891.

In looking over the session records, one would almost get a shock to find that ''Noah Webster'' was received as a member. However, the date—June 21st, 1897—would restore the pulse to normal. Another shock might result from reading that on September 24th, 1893, the session unanimously voted ''no'' on a question sent down by Presbytery as to the organization of a ''Woman's Presbyterian Missionary Union''.

On July 14th, 1901, Rev. W. M. McPheeters, D. D., met with the session and offered the opening prayer.

Rev. Luther O. McCutchen, now one of our missionaries to Korea, was stated supply here in 1901-1902, and resigned here to take up the foreign work in 1902. The ladies of the society gave him a handsome purse when he left.

The Ladies' Aid Society or the Ladies' Missionary Society was organized here in 1887 or 1888. Mrs. M. E. Deal (whose daughter, Mrs. Catherine Deal Scott is now president) being the first president. The minutes change on July 5th, 1920, from the ''Ladies' Missionary Society'' to the ''Women's Auxiliary'' without record of any reason therefor, but on February 19th, 1921, this minute appears: ''It was decided we join the Presbyterial also''. The society had belonged to the Presbyterial possibly twenty years before, but had lapsed.

It seems there have been some lapses in the continuity of the organization, but the last reorganization in 1917 seems to have been permanent. As far as known, the following gives the succession of presidents

since the first beginning: Mrs. M. E. Deal, Mrs. A. Urquhart, Mrs. W. F. Moore, Mrs. R. E. Knox, Mrs. John Guyton, Mrs. John Davies, Mrs. Albert Whisonant, Miss Della Rhyne, Mrs. W. O. Metts, Mrs. E. H. Hobbs, Mrs, S. R. Fry, Miss Rachel Whisonant, Mrs. C. C. Moorehead, Mrs. C. D. Scott.

Miss Della Rhyne and other girls made the cloths for the communion service of the church.

Mrs. M. E. Deal, Mrs. W. F. Moore, and Mrs. R. S. Knox were the principal leaders in days gone by to keep the work going. Now there is much less of single leadership and more of the whole society going abreast.

In former days, also, Mrs. Albert Whisonant, Mrs. A. Urquhart and Mrs. R. E. Knox were the only ones to audibly pray—now all of the members lead in prayer.

In the summer of 1922, a building lot was purchased large enough to provide for both church and manse—the prettiest corner lot in Blacksburg. A manse costing more than $4,000.00 has been erected, and both manse and lot have been paid for in full, the ladies assisting very materially in this undertaking, and in the praying that God would wipe out the debt. The lights and the water were put in almost wholly by the ladies.

During this past year, 1923-1924, this society has reached the Gold Circle standard.

Probably the feature of this year's work that brought most blessing to the society was the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Prayer has been a constant characteristic of the society, but this Week of Prayer was especially helpful in many ways.

God's hand has ever been manifest since the organization, and to Him we would render praise and ascribe all of the glory.

BLACKSTOCK

Blackstock Presbyterian Church unfortunately had its records of Woman's Work burned. Blackstock was a branch of Concord Church until 1915.

In 1882, there existed two societies, a Ladies' Aid and a Missionary Society. Mrs. Wade Brice, of a sister church, the Baptist, was the first president of the Ladies' Aid, which did fine local work, such as repairing, completing and painting church and manse, caring for the

cemetery and giving a communion service to the church, besides helping with the pastor's salary.

The Missionary Society was reorganized in 1894, by the pastor, Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, who was its first President, with Mrs. Fanny M. Caldwell, Vice President; Mrs. Susan H. Craig, Secretary, and Mrs. M. E. Faulkner, Treasurer. This was a Foreign Missionary organization, and both men and women were on its roll. Mrs. W. S. Hamiter (née Miss Janie Blain) was president for ten years, and began in 1916 to support a native evangelist in Africa, as a memorial to her first born son, whom she dedicated to this work and who died at the age of fifteen.

Mrs. M. J. Craig was president in 1921-22. In 1922-23, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. L. Ragsdale; Vice President, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy; Secretary, Mrs. J. J. Craig; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Mobley. The amount raised in this year for all the causes of the church was $271.00.

Officers for 1922-23 were: President, Mrs. Annie Smith; Vice President, Miss Jennie McDonald; Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Ragsdale; Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy. $257.00 was given this year for all the causes. There were twenty-four members each year. $51.00 was contributed for the Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage at Thornwell.

A Bible Study class has been organized, and a greater number of the women will lead in prayer, showing spiritual development.

One of the greatest blessings that has come to Blackstock Church in recent years was the volunteering for life service of one of its young men, Mr. Malcolm Macdonald.

Miss Emelyn Craig, in 1903, was a bright star in Blackstock's crown of rejoicing, going to Cuba as a teacher-evangelist.

Miss Margaret Douglass, who is a missionary to Brazil, while not a member of Blackstock Church, attended it for years, so Blackstock takes a pride and part ownership in her.

In 1920, through the encouragement of the pastor, Rev. G. G. Mayes, both societies united in the Woman's Auxiliary, with Mrs. H. A. Holder, President; Mrs. James Ragsdale, Vice President; Mrs. M. J. Craig, Secretary, and Mrs. Alex Macdonald, Treasurer.

Mrs. A. Mayo McKeown is the only charter member of the first organization of Woman's Work now living.

OFFICERS FOR YEARS 1920-1928

1920: President, Mrs. H. A. Holder; Vice President, Mrs. J. E. Coker; Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Craig; Treasurer, Mrs. Alex Macdonald.

1921: President, Mrs. J. L. Ragsdale; Vice President, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy; Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Craig; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Mobley.

1922: President, Mrs. J. L. Ragsdale; Vice President, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy; Secretary, Mrs. M. J. Craig; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Mobley.

1923: President, Miss Annie Smith; Vice President, Miss Janie McDonald; Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Ragsdale; Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy.

1924: President, Miss Annie Smith; Vice President, Miss Janie McDonald; Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Ragsdale; Treasurer, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy.

1925: President, Mrs. S. L. McDonald; Vice President, Mrs. M. J. Craig; Secretary, Mrs. A. N. Littlejohn; Treasurer, Miss Annie Smith.

1926: President, Mrs. S. L. McDonald; Vice President, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy; Secretary, Mrs. A. N. Littlejohn; Treasurer, Miss Janie McDonald.

1927: President, Mrs. J. D. Mobley; Vice President, Mrs. E. M. Kennedy; Secretary, Mrs. K. E. McKeown; Treasurer, Miss Janie McDonald.

1928: President, Mrs. J. D. Mobley; Vice President, Mrs. S. A. Ewart; Secretary, Mrs. K. E. McKeown; Treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Holder.

BOWLING GREEN

The Bowling Green Presbyterian Church was organized in the year 1895. Though a very small church the following women were listed as members: Iva Adams, Jennie Adams, Maggie Adams, Kate Clinton, Delia Carroll, Orlie Flanagan, Katie Flanagan, Clara Jackson, Emily Patrick, Lizzie Patrick, Vaughn Riddle.

However, this church had no woman's organization until the year of 1918. In the month of August a Woman's Missionary Society was organized consisting of the following charter members: Miss Bertie Petty (now Mrs. Edison Forbis), President; Mrs. W. B. Flanagan, Vice President; Miss Margaret Riddle, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Ben Adams, Mrs. G. D. Flanagan, Miss Mary Adams, Miss Ida Flanagan, Miss Fannie Flanagan, Mrs. R. M. Dulin, Mrs. D. M. Ford, Miss Merle Riddle, Mrs. B. G. Petty, Mrs. E. G. Petty, Miss Eva Petty.

At first, this band of faithful women met in the church once a month, and in an earnest way attempted to do the work that was be-

fore them, in each meeting realizing more and more the greatness of the task that confronted them as the women of their church.

The Woman's Auxiliary, as it is now known, consists of twenty-eight members, and for some time it has been their custom to meet regularly once a month, in their respective homes.

Faithful among the presidents were Mrs. E. G. Petty and Mrs. Bessie J. Riddle. It may be said of Mrs. Petty that she did a real and lasting work and so served, till she moved from our bounds.

Mrs. Riddle has served for almost four terms and is still the very live president. It was during her presidency and through her untiring efforts that the Auxiliary has achieved its largest success, having recently been listed as a Gold Seal Auxiliary.

The Young People's Work has been emphasized under Misses Wilma Adams, Ellen and Fannie Flanagan (now Mrs. W. B. Riddle) and Miss Ida Flanagan working with Miss Mary Adams. Much interest is taken in Thornwell Orphanage, with Mrs. G. D. Flanagan as earnest and consecrated leader.

The first two years have seen an awakened interest in Spiritual Life: the Prayer Band and Bible Class have been the very life of the Auxiliary under Mrs. J. N. Wilson, Spiritual Life Secretary.

Rev. H. O. Corbett makes especial mention of the part played by the women in the building of the attractive new church. The women were the first to vote "yes" when the building question was brought up and they pledged $1,000.00 toward the church debt. Each year they pay a part of this pledge by giving club dinners or suppers in nearby towns and all this without cutting their contributions to Assembly causes.

Among the officers for the last three years are: Mrs. Bessie J. Riddle, Mrs. N. B. Dulin, Miss Wilma Adams, Mrs. J. R. Cox, Miss Rebecca Adams.

CATHOLIC

The following interesting data concerning its Woman's Work is given:

In 1879, Rev. J. L. White organized a Ladies' Aid, which was afterwards reorganized in 1889 by Rev. J. L. McLin, with a membership of fifteen. Mrs. Susie Robinson was President; Mrs. Fannie Thorn, Vice

President; Miss Minnie Boulware, Secretary, and Mrs. Janie Ragsdale, Treasurer.

Three objects interested the organization: Home and Foreign Missions and Pastoral Aid. The society gave substantial aid to churches at Clio, Heath Springs, Boonsboro, Ark., two churches in Texas, and one in Mexico. It contributed to Fredericksburg College, Virginia, for the education of ministers' daughters.

Each year the society made donations to Missions, to Thornwell Orphanage and other causes presented before it, such as furnishing clothes to poor children to enable them to attend Sunday School and church.

Different methods for raising money have been tried: making quilts, bonnets and other garments for sale. Some years the members would each have a little cotton patch, dedicated to the Lord's work.

In May, 1919, the society suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. E. L. McCrorey, who had been its consecrated president for a number of years. Mrs. J. M. Boulware is at present its able leader. This society joined the Presbyterial Auxiliary in 1914, but has never found the Circle Plan of Auxiliary work adapted to its scattered membership.

BULLOCK CREEK

While Bullock Creek Church has the distinction of being one of the oldest churches in Bethel Presbytery—and is rich in history, the story of organized Woman's Work is of recent date.

They were always active in any good work of Church or State—but they were true home-mothers, rearing their children according to the scriptural injunction, going with them to church and Sunday School, and teaching in the Sunday School. They were strict about observing the Sabbath as a Holy Day—on Saturdays all preparations were made for Sunday, so that the day might be observed, not alone as a rest day. There were many strong Christian women whose influence is still felt.

Many boys who grew up in Bullock Creek went into the ministry, as a result of this influence of a godly home. Rev. W. A. Hafner, who has been a successful pastor for many years; his brother, Mr. John Hafner, who has done fine work as a Christian layman; Rev. Charles Ratchford and Rev. Wm. Ratchford, were children of old Bullock Creek; also, Rev. Luther Latham was born and reared at Bullock Creek. Our beloved missionary, Mrs. Ella Davidson Little, who gave her life for China, was

born in sight of the church, and was a member of it until she was seventeen years old. Mrs. R. D. Bedinger, of our African Mission, spent several years of her young life at Bullock Creek, while her father was pastor; Mrs. R. P. Smith, her mother, was a great force in leading the women of the church in all their activities, and under her and Rev. Mr. Smith's guidance, the Sunday School was in a flourishing condition. Thus there was naturally always a deep interest in the hearts of the women in Missions, and they responded to every call, but it was not until 1884, that they formed a separate organization to do church work.

"The Ladies' Aid Society" was organized in 1884, when Rev. R. E. McAlpine, who soon afterwards went to Japan, was serving as a supply. Some of the members of this were: Mrs. Andrew Hafner, Mrs. D. J. Good, Miss Alice Inman, Mrs. Mary Sherer Inman, Mrs. Mary Parks Hafner, Miss Hailie Hafner, Mrs. Jno. M. Sherer, Mrs. Angelina Parks, Miss Perla Inman, Mrs. Letitia Good Sherer, Mrs. Phemie Good Ratchford.

Later, in 1894, when Rev. J. B. Swann was pastor, this society was reorganized, and known as "The Woman's Missionary Society".

Mrs. J. B. Swann was a great help in this organization. This society continued under this name until they joined Bethel Presbyterial.

The objects for which they worked have always been practically the same—Thornwell Orphanage, Local, Home and Foreign Missions, and they now have a well organized Auxiliary.

Their contributions for all benevolences go through the church budget, and they have both a Home and Foreign Mission Study class each year.

In Bullock Creek Church, as almost all our churches, the women supplied many needed things for the church comfort—hymn books, etc., and among the individual gifts to the church by her women are a handsome silver communion service, by Mrs. Mary Davidson McNeel, a table by Mrs. John Sherer and a chair by Mrs. Andrew Hafner. The table and chair are still in use.

CEDAR SHOALS

This church in days gone by was a very center of the county's Presbyterianism, but time and removals have reduced its membership to a very few families. One of its zealous members, Miss Mary Buford Gaston (1841-1924), used to tell of the "cotton patches" the women

owned and dedicated to the Lord. They thus raised funds for the care of the church and its graveyard.

In recent years its pastor, Rev. George Irby, has greatly encouraged Woman's Work, and in 1928, his mother-in-law, Mrs. Minna Love, assisted in forming an Auxiliary. In 1927 the women of the church entertained the Chester Group Conference under the historic old trees of the church lawn.

CLOVER

Being unable to find the very earliest records of the Woman's Work of Clover Presbyterian Church, the sketch is, of course, incomplete, but those women now living who were charter members of the earliest organization known as the "Ladies' Aid Society", have given facts and names of charter members, from well stored memories.

The first pastor of this church was Rev. M. R. Kirkpatrick, who came in the year 1883 and remained until 1891. A few years after his coming, in 1887, this organization was effected, with the pastor serving as president, his wife being actively interested in same.

This plan was followed during the next pastorate, that of Reverend S. H. Hay. As one woman says,

The President was the pastor
Reverend Mister Hay
Because at that time,
Not a woman would pray.

We read in one month's minutes that once, in his absence, his wife actually conducted the Bible reading, another good woman, Mrs. Matthews (W. M.), sharing the responsibility of the devotional by leading in prayer.

Upon the arrival of the succeeding pastor, Reverend H. J. Mills, the members of the society looked to him for leadership, only to have him say: "I will *not* be President of the Ladies' Aid Society". Thus the responsibility of leadership must needs be assumed by one of their own members. The honor of being chosen the first woman president of the Aid Society was conferred upon Mrs. F. E. Clinton, now of Rock Hill, S. C. Her ability was recognized, as upon her leaving Clover, the minutes at that time contained kindest words of appreciation of her service.

It is evident from the minutes that attendance upon the meetings was not all that might be desired as Mrs. Clinton, at a certain meeting, suggested, and the society voted affirmatively, that each absentee be fined a penny for every meeting missed. The attendance seemed to have improved somewhat, but not permanently.

The purpose of this society, as indicated by its gifts and activities, as recorded in minutes beginning with August, 1899. Monthly meetings were held in the homes of the members with marked regularity. The "collections" seemed to have been free-will offerings mostly and used largely for local work, such as painting and repairing manse, carpet for church, helping needy families in the community. Numbers of quilts were made for Thornwell Orphanage, some for sale, and a few for the manse. Not only were quilts sent to Thornwell Orphanage but boxes of clothing and eatables, and occasionally, cash contributions.

The charter members of the Ladies' Aid Society were as follows: Mrs. W. M. Matthews, Mrs. Martin Dickson, Mrs. Dave Fitchett, Mrs. Jane McFadden Smith, Mrs. John Knox, Miss Lizzie Currence, Miss Amanda Adams, Mrs. Emily Adams Currence, Mrs. S. A. Smith, Mrs. Reuben McCall, Mrs. Alice Lawrence, Mrs. Mary J. Campbell Jackson, Mrs. Amanda Adams, Mrs. E. P. Smith, Mrs. Lorena Adams Currence.

In 1909 the Ladies' Aid Society was changed by vote of its members to a Missionary Society. This seems a natural development, as the minutes tell that at many meetings, articles from "The Missionary" were read. After this change, or rather enlargement of work, took place, the minutes include such items as these: Contribution of money, also Sunday School books sent to a mission school in North Carolina; a gift to help build a church at Iva, S. C.; cash contribution to assist a weak church at McClennansville, S. C.; two gifts to Columbia Seminary; $10.00 sent to assist with mission work in Brazil; also to China sufferers.

At meeting of the Missionary Society in 1905, a Cemetery Association was formed, to look after the up-keep of the cemetery and to beautify it by planting flowers. All denominations were included in this, hence, its name, "The Ladies' Cemetery Association of Clover".

In September, 1912, an invitation was extended this new Missionary Society by Mrs. Wood of Chester, to send a delegate to the Missionary Union convening in that city in October.

In 1913, the society divided into two organizations, one called the Ladies' Aid, the other retaining its original name, the Missionary Society.

One of the last good works done by the Ladies' Aid Society, with

some financial assistance from the deacons of the church, was buying an individual communion service for the church. Also a pulpit Bible, both of which are used regularly and appreciated by the congregation.

About 1917, the "Ladies Aiders" decided to be included in the newly organized Woman's Auxiliary, this ending their good deeds done in the name of the Ladies' Aid, but continuing splendid service on an enlarged plan.

The fourth pastor, Reverend A. A. McLean, came in the fall of 1913 with wonderful zeal and inspiration. Being in full sympathy with the new Auxiliary Plan for Woman's Work in the church, he secured Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon of York, S. C., who had charge of that line of work in Bethel Presbyterial at that time, to come to our church and effect such an organization.

This was done in the spring of 1914 with Mrs. M. L. Smith elected first president. She served two years and during the time the work grew, under God's blessing. All the church causes were contributed to and in addition to these gifts, the Auxiliary began giving a partial scholarship to a deserving student in one of our mountain mission schools. Much appreciation is due the earnest efforts of the first president to put the work on a firm basis. As a means of information and inspiration Bethel Presbyterial met with this new Auxiliary in the spring of 1915.

At the close of the church year of 1916, Mrs. R. A. Jackson was elected president and served two years. In the spring of this same year the new Auxiliary sent its first delegate to Presbyterial.

In the latter part of 1918 plans were made for all women of the church to be grouped in circles and announcement was made on a certain Sunday in October or November that these circles would meet next afternoon, but on account of an epidemic of flu becoming so severe, the Board of Health ordered all public meetings discontinued indefinitely. In a few months the pastor left and the Circle Plan was left open until another pastor should come.

In 1918, Mrs. Minnie Morton was elected president, serving only one year. The work made good progress under her leadership.

The next president was Mrs. J. A. Page, Sr., who was elected in 1919 and served into the second year; for providential reasons she resigned, the Vice President, Mrs. S. J. Clinton, filling out the unexpired time with her characteristic earnestness and sincerity of purpose. The Circle Plan was put into effect about this time, due in large measure to the inspiration gotten by many of our women hearing Mrs. Wins-

borough's talk at Presbyterial which convened with Ebenezer Church, near Rock Hill, S. C., during this period of our work. A few months before the Circle Plan was put into effect, a Young Ladies' Missionary Society was organized by Mrs. J. E. Beamguard and others, with Mrs. O. A. Niell, President. Later, they decided to become a circle, therefore a part of the Auxiliary, continuing their missionary work.

Mrs. C. N. Alexander served most faithfully and very successfully as president from 1921 to 1923.

The women of the Auxiliary decided that with a few hundred dollars help from the men of the church, they would purchase and install a pipe organ. Our part was $4,000.00, to be paid in four years,—but paid in three.

After the beginning of the church year of 1923, Mrs. J. A. Page, Sr., was again elected president of the Auxiliary, serving two years in a most efficient way. Being church organist, naturally her interest in the pipe organ was exceedingly strong and her enthusiasm awakened interest in others. Free-will offerings and other approved plans for raising funds for local work were employed in cancelling this debt, which was finished in 1925-1926. Although undertaking this large work, the Auxiliary did not allow the church causes to suffer.

In 1925 Mrs. O. A. Niell was elected president, serving two years with much enthusiasm and ability.

During this time the Auxiliary received much inspiration and spiritual uplift by having Mrs. Fraser James, of Spartanburg, S. C., Secretary of Spiritual Life at that time, teach our Foreign Mission Study class in an all-day session. Also a visit from our Field Secretary of Home Missions, Miss Nancy White, added interest to the work. Our Auxiliary entertained Bethel Presbyterial in the spring of 1926, which brought pleasure and profit to the work.

In the spring of 1927, Mrs. R. A. Jackson was elected president, and is the present incumbent. Our work received new impetus by the coming of a strong pastor and wife, Reverend and Mrs. W. S. Patterson, in the fall of 1927, having been without for many months.

Our work was greatly blessed by having Mrs. J. S. Moffatt of Due West, S. C., teach our Foreign Mission Study class in January, 1928, in an all-day session. Miss Julia Lake Skinner of Louisville, Ky., put on a special program for our August Auxiliary meeting this year, presenting the cause of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief in pageant form.

At the close of the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, an offer-

ing of $240.00 was made as our part in preventing "The Cut", this being the largest offering ever made by our Auxiliary to any church cause, indicating their deep interest in Foreign Missions.

The Auxiliary is looking forward now with keen anticipation to having Reverend E. B. Paisley, our Educational Secretary of Home Missions, teach the Home Mission book on November 14th, 1928.

Since the organization of the Auxiliary, Home and Foreign Mission classes have been reported yearly, special offerings during week of prayer for same. For several years the Auxiliary has sent one or more colored women to the Conferences at Columbia; has conducted a Bible class for these women every Friday afternoon here in one of their churches.

Our Auxiliary stresses Bible Study by meeting monthly in a separate class at the church, as well as studying the Bible at the circle meetings. Each circle also constitutes a Prayer Band and does what it can to promote family altars and tithing.

Several members of the Auxiliary have evidenced special interest in Foreign Missions during the past few years by supporting Bible women or native workers, in some of our fields. Special contributions of money and clothes for lepers.

The partial scholarship to a mountain mission school has been changed to assist a deserving ministerial student in one of our own institutions, Presbyterian College at Clinton, S. C.

Recently the Auxiliary adopted every fifth Monday as "Visiting Day", especially looking after any unchurched people of the community, also the sick.

As an evidence of God's blessing upon the work of this church, note the following:

> August, 1899: At this meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society, a collection of $1.90 was received. Further records show that whenever these good women received as much as $5.00, the President (their pastor) kindly relieved them of the responsibility of taking care of it by keeping it for them. Charter members of the Ladies' Aid Society numbered seventeen.

The Auxiliary budget, local and benevolent free-will gifts for this year, 1928-1929, is $1,500.00 pledged and extra money to be made for local use by approved means which heretofore, for several years, has

increased local side to over $1,000.00. Our large local work for some time now, is helping pay for a beautiful brick manse.

Our Auxiliary reports every woman on the church roll to Bethel Presbyterial, and for the past two years it has been 153.

Those who enjoy the successful work of the Auxiliary, should think very gratefully of the early efforts and prayers of those faithful women who, undaunted by obstacles, pressed forward, faithful to duty, serving their Master with loving hearts and hands, thus preparing the way for greater blessings to come upon the Presbyterian Church of Clover, and the entire community.

Clover Auxiliary put on a most successful School of Missions in February, under the able leadership of the pastor, Rev. W. S. Patterson. This was the first attempt to put Foreign Missions before all departments of the church. At the close of the church year this Auxiliary's rating, according to the standard, was the Gold Seal.

OFFICIAL BODY OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF CLOVER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR 1928-1929

President, Mrs. R. A. Jackson; Vice President, Mrs. W. S. Patterson; Secretary, Miss Annie Sifford; Benevolent Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Moore; Local Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. Jackson; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. O. A. Niell; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. S. P. Beamguard; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Miss Ella Youngblood; Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions, Mrs. R. M. Robinson; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Della McCully; Secretary Sunday School and Young People, Mrs. Jeff Clark; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. G. W. Pleasants; Secretary of Social Activities, Mrs. R. L. Wylie; Secretary of Pastor's Aid, Mrs. T. M. Campbell; Secretary Christian Social Service, Miss Lila Jackson.

CORNWELL

The Auxiliary of Cornwell Church was organized at the Cornwell school building in the summer of 1919, three months after the organization of the church, with six charter members: Mrs. J. E. Cornwell, Mrs. H. T. Boyd, Mrs. T. J. Boyd, Mrs. W. O. Cunningham, Miss Esther Boyd, Miss Myrtle McKeown.

At the following meeting the number was increased to fourteen, these being all the ladies and girls in the church.

There were members enough for only one circle, so they met as a circle once a month, and as an Auxiliary once a month. This plan has been kept up, meeting at the homes for the circle, and at the school building for the Auxiliary. They have had a Foreign Mission and a Home Mission Study class each year, also a Bible Study class.

The chief objective of the society since its organization has been to help raise funds for their church building. This they did by making and selling quilts, having ice cream suppers, oyster and hot suppers and bazaars, and added over two hundred dollars to the fund.

The church lot was given by one of the members of the Auxiliary, Mrs. M. E. Cornwell.

Beside meeting their apportionment for the Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage at Thornwell, buying one-fourth of a share in the Church of the Pilgrims in Washington, contributing to Miss Dowd's School in Japan, the Mexican Girls' School in Texas, and Assembly's Training School, they contributed to the benevolences of the church, sent several bags of clothes to Crossnore School, paid half the expenses of a delegate to the 1924 Colored Woman's Conference in Columbia, bought a communion service for their church, and paid part of the pastor's salary at one time.

The work of this energetic little Auxiliary has gone forward in 1925-28 under the leadership of the following officers: Mrs. J. T. Boyd, Miss Grady Castles, Miss Lucile Boney, Mrs. H. J. McKeown, Miss Myrtle McKeown, Miss Margaret Cornwell (present president), and Mrs. O. D. Love.

DOUGLAS

Douglas Church, like so many of our flourishing churches, has suffered from many members moving to towns and cities, and leaving very few Presbyterians in the community.

They have a Sunday School, which is composed largely of children of other denominations, as there are few children in the Presbyterian Church. Many of the members live in Lancaster or nearby towns and cannot attend regularly.

Rev. Mr. Jopling holds services once a month. One thing that Douglas has to be proud of is that Rev. W. B. McIlwaine, of our Japan Mission, was reared in this church, his parents being charter members.

FISHING CREEK

The first Woman's Society, know as "The Ladies' Aid," was organized in 1893, with fourteen members, as follows: Mrs. J. M. Saye, Sr., Mrs. J. M. Saye, Jr., Mrs. Poag, Mrs. Shaw, Miss Iola Wherry, Miss Mildred Lynn, Miss Mary Lynn, Miss Maggie Lewis, Miss Anna Poag, Miss Lou Poag, Miss Annie Gaston, Mrs. Stultz, Sr., Mrs. Stultz, Jr., Mrs. Lynn. The President was Miss Mary Lynn; the Secretary, Miss Maggie Lewis.

Mrs. J. M. Saye, of Rodman, is the only charter member now in the society, the others having moved away.

The next year, Mrs. J. C. McFadden became a member, and has been since, a faithful one, holding different offices during the time.

In 1900, Mrs. W. W. Gaston joined the society and has been an interested member.

The society met each month until 1905. For some reason it discontinued for two years, reorganizing in 1907. During this time, boxes were sent to Thornwell Orphanage. Birthday parties, hot suppers and sock parties were held. Quilts were made and sold, each member making a square, then some one would put it together, and then at an appointed day, the ladies would meet at one of the homes and quilt it, and many a merry day was spent in this way, and the proceeds used for some good cause. Mrs. Saye, Mrs. Gaston, and Mrs. Steele are the only members of the old society left in Fishing Creek. They are still faithful and cherish all that is good and noble in the church of their birth.

In 1922, the Woman's Auxiliary was organized at the home of Mrs. J. C. McFadden, with fourteen members, as follows: Mrs. J. P. Carpenter, Mrs. W. W. Gaston, Mrs. J. C. Hicklin, Mrs. Eddy Hicklin, Mrs. J. M. Saye, Mrs. J. C. McFadden, Miss Sallie Gaston, Miss Margaret Saye, Miss Essie Carpenter, Miss Janie Carpenter, Miss Mattie McFadden, Mrs. Harry Hicklin.

The officers in first Auxiliary year were: President, Mrs. Harry Hicklin; Vice President, Miss Janie Carpenter; Secretary, Miss Sallie Gaston; Treasurer, Mrs. J. C. McFadden.

Having so few members and being so widely scattered, they do not have circles, but meet once a month as an Auxiliary, following the Year Book. Many members take "The Missionary Survey", and read some of the Mission Study books.

In 1923, $80.00 was sent to the different causes of the church.

They had the Mexican Fiesta, to raise money for the Mexican Girls' School in Texas, sent a contribution for the Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage at Clinton, and always send money to the Orphanage each year.

The congregation of Fishing Creek is not large, but these faithful women are doing their part to uphold the high ideals of the past.

EBENEZER

Ebenezer, formerly known as Indian Land, was presented by the State of South Carolina on the 29th day of December, 1842, to Mr. E. Huey and Mr. J. Garrison, Trustees for the Ebenezer Church and Academy and their successors. The grant of land contained twelve acres and some fraction of an acre.

The first church, in which the ancestry of the present Auxiliary worshipped, was a typical log house of pioneer construction, of the early forties. As time passed and development was made, the old log house was replaced with a second, a frame building, in which the congregation worshipped, until 1890, when the present handsome brick church was built and dedicated October 6, 1890. The women did their part in making Ebenezer what it stands for today.

There was no record kept of women leaders of the church, as they were willing to do their part in the home and for their church in a quiet way; but there is a record of some mother's golden hearted son alone contributing one thousand dollars to a great cause, and we well know from whom the inspiration of such a deed came.

The Ladies' Aid and the Missionary Society were merged into the Woman's Auxiliary in 1919, with Mrs. Carlisle Ragan, President; Mrs. W. T. Nichols, Vice President; Mrs. R. T. Fewell, Treasurer and Secretary.

Local work has been done—Thornwell Orphanage remembered with clothing, etc., and all the church causes contributed to.

Officers for 1922-23 were: President, Mrs. S. J. Kimball; Vice President, Mrs. J. M. Salters; Secretary, Mrs. M. B. Ketchen; Treasurer, Miss Margaret Massey. Officers for 1923-24 are the same as those of 1922-23, with the exception of Mrs. F. D. Frisselle as Treasurer, and Mrs. Earle P. Steele, Historian.

The membership of 1922-23 was sixty-five; amount contributed to all causes $550.00.

In 1923-24, the membership shows a decrease to fifty-three, on account of removals and death, with amount contributed showing an increase, being $661.00, also an emergency call in former for $18.00, and in latter $20.00, making a total for the two years of $1,250.00.

The special work undertaken for the home church was the remodeling of the primary room and the renovation of the church.

From 1925-28, the women who have held official position have been: Mrs. R. F. Bankhead, Mrs. S. J. Kimball, Mrs. J. C. Hayes, Miss Julia Plexico, Mrs. R. T. Fewell, Mrs. T. E. Cato, Mrs. W. B. Ketchen, Mrs. J. J. Brown and Miss Ruth Williams.

FORT LAWN

This is one of the many rural churches almost disrupted by removals. The church and the Woman's Work have had to struggle for an existence.

In 1912, the women re-organized as an Aid and Missionary Society; there were eight women on the church roll and eight charter members of this society. What a record! This organization raised the money for a church carpet, communion service and collection plates. It has always contributed to Missions and to Thornwell Orphanage.

In 1927, the Chester District Group Conference was delightfully entertained by this society. Mrs. Mary S. Kell was its president and most active in church affairs.

GREAT FALLS

The First Presbyterian Church at Great Falls is of so recent origin that the woman's organization could not report anything previous to the Auxiliary of October, 1920. Rev. W. L. Lathan was at that time the pastor, and Mrs. Lathan organized the Auxiliary. The first officers were: President, Mrs. Lathan; Vice President, Mrs. J. B. McKeown; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Reynolds.

Their first objective was Home Missions, but since that time the society has taken over the partial support of a foreign missionary, Miss Irene McCain, in China. This zealous little band also supports a

girl at Thornwell, and pays for the musical education of another girl at the Orphanage, and clothes a boy there.

The officers for 1921-22 were: President, Mrs. C. E. Reynolds; Vice President, Miss Loana Logan; Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Clary; Treasurer, Mrs. McKeown.

Officers for 1922-23, same as last year; for 1923-24, were: President, Mrs. S. M. Neal; Secretary, Mrs. Clary; Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Reynolds; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. Clary; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. H. B. Mebane; Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. C. E. Reynolds; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. F. M. Sistwick; Secretary Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work, Miss Loana Logan; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. L. B. Thompson; Secretary Literature, Mrs. M. A. Fewell; Secretary Social Life, Mrs. R. S. Mebane.

Officers for 1924-25 are: President, Miss Claudia Fraser; Vice President, Mrs. H. B. Mebane; Secretary, Mrs. Asa Lee; Treasurer, Mrs. R. C. Mallison; Secretaries of Causes, same as last year.

The Auxiliary had twelve members in 1922-23; fourteen last year. Contributed in 1922-23, $500.00; in 1923-24, $600.00. Gave to support of orphan, and worked according to regular Auxiliary Plan.

Church was burned in 1922, and Auxiliary helped on a fund for new building.

Mrs. H. B. Mebane gave the communion service. Ladies of church gave $1,000.00 organ. Republic Cotton Mills gave ground for church.

While the number of women is not large, they are earnest and enthusiastic in their work.

HEATH SPRINGS

Heath Springs Church was organized in 1892, and, to the credit of its women, that same year saw a live Ladies' Aid formed, with Mrs. Alice Horton, President. For twenty years she held that honorable office. A Missionary Society was organized in 1897, by Mrs. Chalmers Moore, wife of the pastor.

These two societies were vital forces in the life of the church, and in 1920, were organized into the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Etta M. Hayes, of Kershaw, the consecrated president of Bethel Presbyterial Auxiliary, presided at this meeting, and was an inspiration to them.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Nellie Baldwin; Vice President, Mrs. C. C. Maynard; Secretary, Miss Lizzie McIlwaine; Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Moore.

An inspiring fact is characteristic of the society's history. When the Auxiliary was formed, only *two* women would lead in prayer; two years later, only *two* would not,—a splendid commentary upon the Auxiliary Plan and the spirit of the women of Heath Springs Church.

HEBRON

The Ladies' Aid Society of Hebron Church was organized on September 13, 1896, Hebron Church being organized June 6, 1896. Of the fifty-three charter members of the church, thirty were women, whose names on the church book are: Mrs. Margaret Austin, Miss Lizzie Austin, Miss Wilmuth Austin, Mrs. Martha McD. Bankhead, Miss Mattie E. Bankhead, Miss Irene Bankhead, Miss Mary Brown, Mrs. Betsy Caldwell, Mrs. Minnie M. Dixon, Mrs. Mollie L. Grafton, Mrs. Minnie E. Gladden, Miss Mattie R. Gladden, Miss Janie M. Gladden, Mrs. Rosanna Harvey, Mrs. Eunice McDonald, Miss Jane A. McDonald, Miss Louisa McDonald, Miss Loula H. McElduff, Miss Mary G. McDonald, Mrs. Alice McDonald, Mrs. Mary E. Ragsdale, Miss Mary Ragsdale, Mrs. Sallie Stewart, Mrs. Rebecca Stewart, Mrs. Mary A. Thorn, Miss Mattie Thorn, Miss Delilah Thorn, Mrs. Ellen H. Yongue, Miss Janie Yongue, Mrs. Sarah S. Yongue.

Mrs. W. L. McCrorey, of the Ladies' Aid Society of Catholic Church, presided over this meeting of the ladies who had met together for the purpose of organizing a society to help in the work of the church. The following members were enrolled: Mrs. H. C. Grafton, Mrs. S. D. Black (of the M. E. Church), Miss Mary Black (of the Methodist Church), Mrs. W. S. McDonald (of the M. E. Church), Mrs. J. T. McDonald, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Louise McDonald, Miss Jane McDonald, Mrs. J. W. Bankhead, Miss Mattie Bankhead, Mrs. G. W. McElduff and Mrs. J. P. Ragsdale. The names of Mrs. J. H. Gibson (of the Baptist Church), Mrs. J. F. Gladden, Mrs. W. B. Dixon and Miss Maggie Douglass (of Catholic Presbyterian Church), were added to the roll at the next two meetings of the society.

The following officers were elected to serve for the first year: President, Mrs. J. P. Ragsdale; Vice President, Mrs. H. C. Grafton; Secretary, Miss Mary Black; Treasurer, Miss Louise McDonald.

The monthly fee of ten cents was required of each member. The following names were added to the membership of the society at various times: Mrs. A. J. McCrorey, Mrs. J. S. Carter, Mrs. Jabez Sexton, Mrs. D. McDonald, Mrs. R. L. Anderson, Mrs. J. M. McCrorey, Mrs. J. A. McDonald, Mrs. W. B. Dixon, Mrs. B. S. Bankhead, Mrs. Neely Bankhead.

Many valuable members were lost by removal to other communities and churches.

The following ladies are serving as officers now: President, Mrs. J. A. McDonald; Vice President, Mrs. J. F. Gladden; Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. McDonald; Secretary, Mrs. Neely Bankhead.

It is hoped that within a short while the Ladies' Aid Society of Hebron will be merged into the Ladies' Auxiliary of Hebron, as we are considering it very seriously now. We also hope to add new members by organizing a Young Ladies' Circle to the Auxiliary. We hope then to have two circles and a larger membership than we have now. Our plan for the past few years has been to have meetings in the church on Sunday afternoons after church service. This does not permit time for a program, thus very little interest is taken in the meetings. We hope by the new plan to have meetings of the Auxiliary at least once a month in the homes of the members and use the Auxiliary programs.

The Ladies' Society has from its organization until the present time received into its treasury and disbursed $623.59. The amount on hand now in the treasury is $23.90.

This amount, with the exception of yearly dues, was raised in various ways, such as hot suppers, oyster suppers, cotton patches, sale of quilts made and quilted by the ladies of the society, and by each member taking a special sum of money, such as twenty-five cents, and causing it to grow in various ways.

This money has been spent mostly in home work, such as helping pay for building and painting the church, repainting and reshingling the church, pulpit furniture, carpet for the church and pulpit, stoves, cloth for the communion table (this church still communes at the table), gifts to the pastor at various times and on one occasion, helping out with the benevolences of the church, and at other times with the pastor's salary.

Mrs. Eliza Grafton, an aged member of Catholic Church, presented the church, upon its organization, with a handsome Bible for the pulpit, and Mrs. W. B. Dixon gave the appropriate table which

stands just below the pulpit and is put to so many uses in church and Sunday School. The substantial collection plates of oak were presented by some of the young ladies of the Young People's Missionary Society. This society, which was composed of young men and young ladies, too, helped out in various ways, such as gifts to the pastor, to the church in helping buy the sweet toned organ used in its worship, to the Foreign Mission causes of the church, as well as sending off gifts in its own name for the cause of Foreign and Home Missions.

Miss Mary Ragsdale, a young lady of sainted memory, organized the Young People's Missionary Society during the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Hall, whom we so reluctantly gave up that he might go as a missionary to Cuba. The Y. P. M. S. flourished from that time on through the pastorate of our beloved Rev. C. G. Brown, who remained with us for twelve years.

Through the efforts of Rev. R. Roy Brown, whom we so enjoyed having with us for several years, the Y. P. M. S. was merged into a Mission Study Class, which met in the homes of the members. This was a very helpful adjunct to the church, as through the programs carried out more workers were being trained to take part in church work, as well as receiving valuable religious information and spiritual help.

And now, through the urging of our present beloved pastor, Rev. B. H. Franklin, we hope to reorganize our Ladies' Society into a flourishing Auxiliary that will do much good in the church, the community and the world at large.

KERSHAW

The organization of Woman's Work has been in operation since 1893, soon after organization of the church. The following women were charter members of the church: Mrs. John R. Ashe, Mrs. George W. Peters, Mrs. Jesse Pearce, Mrs. Fred Niels Stevens, Mrs. Amanda Truesdale, Mrs. Almeta Welch, Mrs. Ella Welch, Miss Laura Trantham, Mrs. D. K. Hough.

For a number of years the Woman's Society functioned as a Ladies' Aid Society, doing the various and numerous things in a small town church that were typical of a Ladies' Aid. It was always their pleasure to contribute to and solicit funds regularly for Thornwell Orphanage, but, aside from this, their work and gifts were confined almost exclusively to the home church, giving pulpit, furniture, carpet, bell, communion service, electric light fixtures and piano.

After a few years they had a broader vision and decided to "lengthen their cords", and give more of their means and thoughts to "others".

Miss Sallie Gibson, of Rock Hill, the visitor for the Woman's Missionary Union, organized a Missionary Society, to be held in connection with the Ladies' Aid.

The work was rather discouraging at first, and so few took an interest in the missionary feature, but the faithful, zealous few kept working, and eventually having an unanimous vote, united with the Presbyterial Auxiliary. In 1920, they organized, on the Auxiliary Circle Plan, and the increase since has been always the line of so many others—progress in interest, gifts, efficiency, and spirituality, besides more active in local work, furnishing of a new church.

The interest of the pastors in all their work was an encouraging feature.

The Auxiliary has a membership of thirty, and in 1922-23, they gave $677.00, and in 1923-24, $1,113.00. Also gave $34.20 to an emergency call for Cleveland School Fire Relief Fund (in South Carolina).

Names of officers for 1922-23 were: President, Mrs. F. E. Culvern; Vice President, Mrs. B. J. Truesdale; Secretary, Mrs. D. P. Dye; Treasurer, Mrs. F. C. Stevens. For 1923-24; President, Mrs. F. M. Hawley; Vice President, Mrs. B. J. Truesdale; Secretary, Mrs. D. P. Dye; Treasurer, Mrs. John F. Stevens; Historian, Mrs. J. A. M. Caskill.

The Woman's Work received great impetus and enthusiasm from one of their most capable members, Mrs. I. R. Hayes, who has done such fine work in her own church and in Bethel Presbyterial, serving as president for four years. She is now the efficient and progressive president, filling the unexpired term of Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, who removed from our Presbytery and State.

Kershaw has reason to be proud of her women. Besides Mrs. Hayes holding Presbyterial office, Mrs. Culvern and Mrs. John Stevens served as recording and corresponding secretaries, respectively.

LANCASTER

The women of the Lancaster (then the Lancasterville) Presbyterian Church were between the years 1835 and 1837, during the pastorate of Dr. J. H. Thornwell, Sr., formed into a Benevolent Society with twelve charter members: Nancy Witherspoon who married Dr. J. H.

Thornwell, Sr., Elizabeth Sadler, Elizabeth Dunlap, Mary Dunlap, Mary Gill, Eliza Gill, Mary Jones, Mary Gill (Lewis), Anne Crawford and Olivia Hotchkiss. These ladies must have kept up their society for many years, no record of any special work is found in church reports.

About the year 1870 the ladies formed a Sewing Society, making garments for sale, the proceeds to go for local needs and Foreign Missions. Through the efforts of this organization the congregation was enabled to build its first manse in 1883.

Among these devoted handmaidens of the Lord stands out the loving zeal of Misses Jane and Lizzie Stevens, Mrs. B. J. Witherspoon, Mrs. William Moore, her sister, Miss Lizzie Ross, Mrs. T. H. Davis, and her sister, Miss Eliza Price, daughters of a former pastor, Rev. Price, Mrs. J. N. Crockett, Mrs. Callie Lindsay, Mrs. George and Miss Annie Witherspoon, Miss Olivia Emmons and Mrs. Elizabeth Crawford, the last two the only surviving members of this society.

During the pastorate of the late Rev. Chalmers Fraser, 1897-1909, through the interest of his beloved wife, Mrs. Mamie Kirkpatrick Fraser, the younger married women and the young ladies were formed into a band doing good work, and with the Ladies' Aid Society giving to the church causes and assisting in local work, such as carpeting the aisles of the remodelled church, giving pulpit Bible, and individual communion service.

After Dr. Fraser's death the society changed its name to the Mamie Fraser Society, and a very active band they were, both in local work and in systematic benevolences, making good reports at our Presbyterials. They gave two beautiful chairs to the church, installed a bronze memorial tablet to Dr. Fraser, did charity in the county home and distributed baskets at Christmas to needy families.

In 1920 the two societies were merged into the Woman's Auxiliary, with all its departments, and since then, though they have not increased much in members, they have grown in spirituality and liberality.

The ladies spent over three hundred dollars in painting and decorating the walls of the church injured by storm. They also assisted in late renovation of church and assisted the Sunday School to buy a piano.

The Auxiliary has this year pledged $450.00 per year for five years, as their part on the projected new church and Sunday School building. We have had four presidents since the forming of the Aux-



LANCASTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Lancaster, South Carolina

iliary: Mrs. John H. Poag, Mrs. R. T. Beaty, Mrs. R. E. Wylie, and now are under the efficient leadership of Miss Maude Moore.

Our church was presented several years ago with a handsome baptismal fount by Mrs. Odell of Concord, North Carolina, in memory of Mrs. Grace White Springs, who was a faithful and beloved member. Of hallowed memory in our Woman's Work, we should mention Mrs. W. McD. Brown, Mrs. Eliza Price Beaty, and Miss Annie Witherspoon, through the zeal and love of the latter for Missions was formed a mission band among the children of the church, which still continues under the name of the Annie Witherspoon Mission Band, they contribute generously to Home and Foreign Missions.

The Auxiliary is divided into five active and one home circle, all of which contribute to all the causes of church membership. About ninety members. This does not include yearly free will offerings to Home and Foreign Missions.

They have sent several bags of clothing to Mrs. Sloop and the Thornwell Orphanage and until this year (when we had so much to do at home) for several years have sent $135.00 a year to support an orphan.

Bids for building a new up to date church and Sunday School room on site of present manse, which will be removed to the rear of the present lot, will soon be sent in and we hope before the year is out to be worshipping in a new church with adequate equipment for carrying on the work of the Sunday School and ladies' societies as well.

We have had the pleasure of visits from Rev. John Knox, of Korea, whom our church partly supports, and Rev. W. B. McIlwaine of Kochi, Japan, who was reared in our vicinity.

We have a Prayer Band and observe Home and Foreign Mission Study in spring and fall.

Our "Teen-Age" Circle and members of Home Circle are urged to attend our Auxiliary. The former frequently taking over the program. They frequently present pageants.

Our Auxiliary has given liberally to all the Presbyterial and Synodical Specials, except to Baby Cottage, and individual members contributed to that, and also to equipment fund and many other special contributions.

This year our budget pledges are divided equally between local and Assembly causes. Many of our members lead in prayer; almost

every one will join in chain of sentence prayer. Several members have given sacrificially toward our church erection fund.

This Auxiliary continues to grow in grace and it is said that the younger women in the congregation are showing such interest in Auxiliary work that it puts new life into every effort. During Mrs. F. G. Cobb's presidency (1926-28) the Auxiliary adopted the plan of meeting every Tuesday and there is always a good attendance. Mrs. Cobb has also made a most efficient district chairman.

Other names on the officers' roll for the last three years are: Mrs. R. C. Broom, Mrs. Harry Hines, Mrs. Joe Coulborne, Mrs. Ernest Moore (present president), Mrs. Boyd Horton (present Presbyterial officer, also).

LIBERTY HILL

The Ladies' Aid of Liberty Hill was in working order long before the war of 1861-'65. The first sewing machine brought to Liberty Hill was purchased by the Ladies' Aid and used to make clothes for the Confederate soldiers. After the war, it was presented to Mrs. J. G. Richards, Sr., the wife of the pastor at that time. Charter members were: Mrs. Mary Perry Matheson, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. William Dixon, Mrs. James Thompson, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Martha Brown.

The first record kept of any organization was in 1875, though not much is known of its work so long ago. They contributed to Foreign Missions, and much local work was done in the form of sewing for the needy and supplying many of the church's needs. The communion service was given to the church before the war of 1861-'65, by Mrs. W. S. Perry, who was a granddaughter of Captain Mollie Starke, of Revolutionary fame. The great Dr. DuBose, of China, of sainted memory, spent a portion of his childhood, and attended school at Liberty Hill. The house his mother lived in is still standing and occupied.

The lot for the church was given by Mrs. John Brown, who ordered the bell which the ladies helped to pay for. The present church building was erected by all the people of Liberty Hill after the war, the ladies doing their full share, and Mrs. John G. Richards was chairman of committee to raise funds, and she wrote to friends in England for contributions.

When the Auxiliary was formed, Mrs. T. W. DeVane was the

efficient and faithful first president, and to her leadership the women owe much of their present enthusiasm and zeal. It is the pride of Liberty Hill that they furnished Mrs. DeVane as one of the fine presidents of Bethel Presbyterial. The Auxiliary organized under her leadership was on the Auxiliary-Circle Plan, and has done good work. Officers for 1922-23 were: President, Mrs. M. S. Richards; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. John G. Richards. Amount given to all the church causes was $134.00, with a membership of nineteen.

In 1923-24, the officers were: President, Mrs. John G. Richards; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Clara Johnson, with a membership of twenty-five, and contributed to all the causes $357.00.

The Woman's Auxiliary gave a new carpet for the church and put in lights. They feel that they have been blessed spiritually, forming Prayer Bands and Bible Study classes. More zeal for the work has been manifested and many have been reached who were never before interested in the work of church and in missions. Mrs. C. D. Cunningham was appointed historian in 1924-25, the first they have had. As a result of fervent prayer for Foreign Missions by the Auxiliary, a son of Liberty Hill Church, living elsewhere and without any knowledge of concerted prayer, sent $20.00 to the church for that cause.

Liberty Hill has furnished twenty-five elders and twelve deacons, five ministers and one missionary, Miss Charlotte Thompson, who served as principal of Golden Castle School, Nagoya, Japan, for seven years. She is now Mrs. McLaughlin, of Marshal, Maryland.

Liberty Hill reports a deepening interest in Woman's Work and the following live officers from 1925 through 1928: President, Mrs. Charles Cunningham; Vice President, Mrs. C. E. Richards; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Louise Jones; President, Miss Clara Johnston, succeeded by Mrs. F. A. Drennan; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. W. S. Richards.

MT. PLEASANT

The Woman's Work in this small but consecrated church is done under the name of the Woman's Society. These Marthas and Marys have painted the church, have presented to it a communion table, pulpit chairs and lamps, and keep the building clean.

Among the names of those whose leadership is valued, are Mrs. W. H. Roddey and Miss Mary L. Love.

OAKLAND AVENUE, ROCK HILL

The Session and Board of Deacons of the First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, S. C., on April 4, 1909, after long and earnest consideration, decided that another church, known as Oakland Avenue Presbyterian Church, should be built. On the 28th of September, 1909, twenty-seven women residing in the Oakland section of the city, banded together and organized a Ladies' Aid Society, at the home of Mrs. E. R. Rivers. The officers elected were: Mrs. E. R. Rivers, President; Mrs. J. R. Barron, Vice President; Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, Secretary; Mrs. Ira B. Dunlap, Treasurer.

The charter members were: Mrs. W. C. Whitner, Mrs. H. M. Dunlap, Mrs. Ethel Nichols, Mrs. J. Wilson Moore, Mrs. Alex Long, Sr., Mrs. E. L. Barnes, Mrs. O. S. Poe, Mrs. R. T. Fewell, Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Mrs. T. B. Craig, Mrs. M. A. Simril, Miss Eva Hughes, Mrs. J. H. Miller, Mrs. W. C. Stewart, Mrs. J. B. Gaston, Mrs. L. Richards, Miss Emily Smith, Mrs. J. P. Kinard, Mrs. Emma Perrin, Mrs. John Kee, Miss Mary Dickson, Mrs. John Roddey, Mrs. W. Boyd, Mrs. Ira Dunlap, Mrs. J. R. Barron, Mrs. Webb Moore, Mrs. Greene Steele, Mrs. I. A. Bigger, Mrs. E. R. Rivers, Mrs. Kate Fewell, Mrs. W. J. Cherry, Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, Mrs. Rosa McLean, Miss Louise Porter, Miss Sara I. Grant, Mrs. D. B. Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Stewart, Mrs. W. J. Roddey, Dr. L. Boyd, Mrs. Lula Hand, Miss Nancy Campbell, Mrs. A. T. Quantz, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. J. R. Stokes, Mrs. W. H. Curry, Mrs. L. D. Pitts.

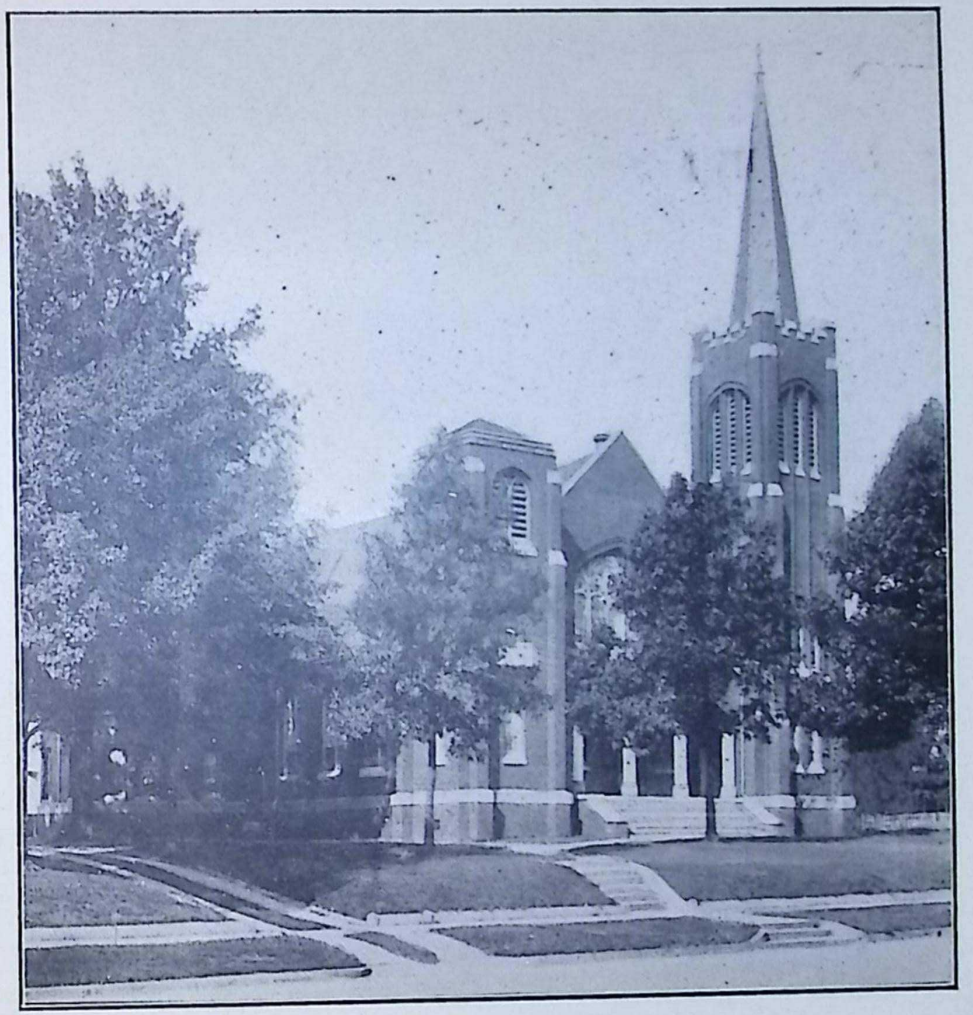
The meetings were first held in the homes, with devotional exercises, the principal object being to raise funds to aid in the furnishing of the new church. The methods used were various. There was a sewing basket, members making and contributing articles to be sold; a committee that baked and sold articles of food; the talent plan, each member taking a dime and seeing how much could be made from it; the calendar plan, and by individual pledges.

After three years of hard work, we celebrated our third anniversary by meeting in our new church building in December, 1912, with forty members present. After an inspiring talk by Dr. F. W. Gregg, co-pastor to Dr. Alexander Martin of the First Church, with thankful hearts, we determined to purchase a pipe organ for the new church. A committee composed of Mesdames J H. Miller, John C. Cork and R. T. Fewell, were appointed to appear before the Session and ask that it take out two thousand dollars more in the Building and Loan



MRS. ALEXANDER MARTIN

Beloved wife of Dr. Alexander Martin, first and only pastor of Oakland Avenue Church. She was a promoter of and a pioneer worker in woman's work in Bethel Presbyterial. Besides her many church duties she is known to her community by her gentle ministry and untiring service.



OAKLAND AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Association, and the Ladies' Aid would be responsible. This was granted. After years of toil, it was with great rejoicing in March, 1920, that the announcement was made that the organ debt had been lifted, and the final payment made. A vote of thanks was given Mrs. T. B. Craig, Mrs. R. S. Adams and Miss Mary Louise Porter for their untiring efforts in wiping out this debt. While this debt prevented their doing a great deal of outside work, it was the aim of the society to be an aid to all charitable calls and *many* such calls were answered.

The officers of the Oakland Avenue Ladies' Aid Society were as follows:

First year 1909-1910: Mrs. E. R. Rivers, President; Mrs. J. R. Barron, Vice President; Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, Secretary; Mrs. Ira B. Dunlap, Treasurer.

1911-1912: Mrs. R. T. Fewell, President; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Vice President; Mrs. D. B. Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Treasurer.

1913-1914: Mrs. J. C. Cork, President; Mrs. T. B. Craig, Vice President; Mrs. W. J. Cherry, Secretary; Mrs. Sidney Adams, Treasurer.

Mrs. Cork resigning on account of ill health, Mrs. T. B. Craig was elected president, and Mrs. P. B. Parks, vice president.

1915-1916: Mrs. T. B. Craig, President; Mrs. Webb White, Vice President; Mrs. W. R. Sims, Treasurer; Mrs. D. B. Johnson, Secretary.

1916, Mrs. J. Thorn Neely elected Secretary, but resigned, and Mrs. W. M. Patrick was elected. Mrs. Sidney Adams, Treasurer.

In 1917, Mrs. Patrick resigning, Mrs. D. B. Johnson was elected Secretary; Mrs. T. B. Craig, resigning, Mrs. J. H. Miller, President.

1918: Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, President; Mrs. R. S. Hanna, Vice President; Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Secretary; Mrs. R. S. Adams, Treasurer.

1919: Mrs. D. B. Johnson, President; Mrs. R. S. Hanna, Vice President; Mrs. M. E. Norris, Secretary; Mrs. R. S. Adams, Treasurer.

At the January, 1913, meeting of the Oakland Avenue Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. J. C. Cork moved that a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be formed; it was seconded and carried. On January 13, 1913, this society was formed, with the following officers: Mrs. E. R. Rivers, President; Mrs. J. C. Cork, Vice President; Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, Secretary-Treasurer.

Charter members were: Mrs. J. C. Cork, Mrs. R. S. Hanna, Mrs. W. W. Moore, Mrs. Ira B. Dunlap, Mrs. Leon Moore, Mrs. M. A. Simrill, Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Mrs. R. S. Adams, Mrs. K. M. Wicker, Miss

Emma Perrin, Miss Laura McAlpine, Mrs. J. H. Miller, Mrs. T. B. Craig, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. E. R. Rivers, Mrs. H. M. Dunlap, Mrs. J. M. Stewart, Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, Mrs. W. R. Sims, Miss Mary Thompson (Mrs. S. R. Spencer).

Dues, five cents, as gifts to the church were to be given through the church envelopes.

In January, 1914: Mrs. H. M. Dunlap, President; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. R. S. Hanna, Secretary.

September, 1914: Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, President; Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Vice President; Mrs. R. S. Hanna, Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Treasurer.

In 1915, Mrs. Hanna was succeeded by Mrs. R. Z. Thomas as Secretary.

1916: Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, President; Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Vice President; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Treasurer; Mrs. R. A. Miller, Secretary.

1917-1918: Mrs. R. Z. Thomas, President; Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Vice President; Mrs. R. A. Miller, Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Treasurer.

1918-1919: Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, President.

The Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed in 1914 with Mrs. J. T. Neely as President, eight charter members. In 1915 Miss Ethel Fleda Steele (Mrs. A. J. Smith) was made President of the Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. 1916-17 Mrs. J. Harry L. Foster, President. 1918-19, Mrs. J. T. Neely, President. 1920-21, Mrs. Alexander Martin, President, Mrs. Orin Hull, Treasurer.

This society, 1920-21, supported Miss Jean McAlpine, missionary to Japan, and was very active in all missionary work. The two missionary societies and Ladies' Aid met once a month. In June, 1914, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Oakland Avenue Church was formed with Mrs. Alexander Martin, the pastor's wife, for the first president. The plan of the work was outlined and discussed.

The first regular meeting was not held until March, 1915, when a constitution was read that had been prepared by Mrs. Martin, the president, to fit the needs of our Auxiliary. The work included the following departments: Ladies' Local or Aid Society, Woman's Missionary Society, Young Woman's Missionary Society, and Junior Department. The officers were President, four Vice Presidents, President Ladies' Aid, Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Secretary of Literature, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. The Auxiliary met twice a year, in October

and March, at which time reports were given from all departments. At the meeting of the Local Aid reports from chairmen of the circles were read. The Circle Plan was worked through the Ladies' Aid, each woman in the church was enrolled as a member and put into a circle with a chairman.

At first in 1915, we had six circles, with sixty-one members; at this meeting each month, varied programs on the three causes of the church work were given, programs on Foreign Missions being studied in the Missionary Societies. Treasurers in each department sent monthly reports to Treasurer of the Auxiliary. Contributions were given through the church envelope system, extra voluntary gifts were given through the different societies. The Secretary of Young People's Work included the Cradle Roll, Children's Missionary Society, Junior Miriams, Senior Miriams and Boys' Missionary Society. A Home Department was formed for ladies who could not attend meetings.

There was opposition to the Auxiliary Plan at first, especially among the Ladies' Aid members, but after March, 1920, this Ladies' Aid Society was disbanded. The Auxiliary was then divided into two departments, Woman's and Young Woman's Departments, meeting four times a year, with reports from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Auxiliary, which included reports from all chairmen. The members of the Young Woman's Missionary Society were reluctant in giving up their separate meetings, but in March, 1921, all Women's Societies disbanded and the Auxiliary Plan proper was organized with twelve circles, each having a chairman. Circles met each month and reported at monthly meeting of Auxiliary. The children were put into two of these circles.

Besides contributing through the church envelopes, a budget was made and voluntary gifts through the circles, amounting to $1,928.00 was raised. The Auxiliary held its meetings from June, 1922, to February, 1924, in the hospitable home of Mrs. D. B. Johnson. This gave us great pleasure, the members became better acquainted, lingering after each meeting over a cup of tea with cakes or sandwiches. In February, 1924, the new Sunday School chapel was completed and the meetings were held there.

The report, March, 1925, is as follows: Ten circles, averaging fifteen members each; secretaries for all causes giving to all causes of church $2,170.00, averaging $15.00 per member, including the support of a native worker in Africa, one in Brazil, one in China, hospital bed in Dr. Bell's Hospital, China; support two children at Thornwell Or-

phanage; one-half support of Miss Margaret Hopper, missionary to Korea; one student volunteer for life service, Miss Elizabeth Crawford Witherspoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, who is now in Training School at Richmond. Reports for March, 1924, and March, 1925, made the Oakland Avenue Auxiliary a Gold Star one, reaching the Standard of Excellence both years.

Officers for the Auxiliary are as follows, beginning 1915:

1915-16: Mrs. H. M. Dunlap, President; Mrs. T. B. Craig, Vice President or President Ladies' Aid; Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss Fleda Steele, Vice President or Secretary Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. Alexander Martin, Third Vice President; Mrs. W. G. Henderson, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. J. R. Barron, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. P. B. Parks, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. A. T. Quantz, Recording Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Foster, Treasurer.

1916-17: Mrs. Alexander Martin, President; Mrs. T. B. Craig, President Ladies' or Local Aid; Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. H. Foster, Secretary Foreign Missions (Young Woman's); Mrs. W. G. Henderson, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. J. R. Barron, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Miss Margaret Koonce, Secretary Young People' Work; Mrs. Herbert Dunlap, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. A. T. Quantz, Recording Secretary Auxiliary; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Treasurer.

1917-18: Mrs. Alexander Martin, President; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Treasurer; Mrs. Ed. Fewell, Recording Secretary; Mrs. T. B. Craig, President Local Aid; Mrs. R. Z. Thomas, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. T. Neely, Secretary Young Woman's Foreign Missions; Miss Mary Moore, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. Rosa McLean, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. W. G. Henderson, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Miss Anna Whitner, Secretary Young People's Work.

1918-19: Mrs. Herbert Dunlap, President; Mrs. J. H. Foster, Vice President; Mrs. Edward Fewell, Secretary; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Treasurer; Mrs. R. Z. Thomas, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. A. T. Quantz, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. J. T. Neely, Secretary Foreign Missions (Young Woman's); Mrs. W. Green Steele, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, President Ladies' Aid.

1919: Mrs. H. M. Dunlap, President; Mrs. W. R. Sims, Secretary; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Treasurer; Mrs. A. D. Gilchrist, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. Alexander Martin, Secretary Foreign Missions

(Young Woman's); Mrs. J. T. Neely, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. T. B. Craig, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. J. Roy Barron, Secretary for Publication and Sunday School Work; Mrs. D. B. Johnson, Secretary Ladies' Aid; Mrs. R. A. Miller, Secretary for Literature.

1920: Mrs. T. B. Craig, President; Mrs. W. R. Sims, Secretary; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Treasurer; Miss Mary L. Porter, Secretary Foreign Missions (Winthrop College); Mrs. Alexander Martin, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. T. Neely, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. J. Roy Barron, Secretary Young Peoples' Work and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. R. A. Miller, Secretary of Literature. Mrs. Neely resigning, Mrs. W. J. Roddey, Jr., succeeded as Secretary Home Missions.

1921: Mrs. T. B. Craig, President; Mrs. R. Z. Thomas, Vice President; Mrs. R. H. Mobley, Secretary; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Treasurer; Mrs. W. J. Roddey, Jr., Secretary Home Missions; Miss Mary L. Porter, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. Alexander Martin, Secretary Young People's Work Band and Bible Study; Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, Secretary Young People's Work; Mrs. R. A. Miller, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

1922: Mrs. Edward Fewell, President; Mrs. J. B. Gaston, Vice President; Mrs. Sadler Love, Secretary; Mrs. J. Roy Barron, Treasurer; Miss M. L. Porter, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. B. D. Roddey, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, Secretary Young People's Work; Mrs. J. H. Miller, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. R. A. Miller, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Secretary of Spiritual Resources.

1923: Mrs. B. D. Roddey, President, Auxiliary; Mrs. J. B. Gaston, Vice President; Mrs. Sadler Love, Secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Ross, Treasurer; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Secretary Spiritual Resources; Mrs. Herbert Dunlap, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss Lou Johnson, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. Sidney Adams, Secretary Young People's Work; Mrs. R. A. Miller, Secretary of Literature; Miss Alethia Fennell, Secretary of Orphanage.

1924: Mrs. B. D. Roddey, President; Mrs. Alexander Martin, Vice President; Mrs. Edward Fewell, Secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Ross, Treasurer; Mrs. P. H. Edwards, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss Lou

Johnson, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. P. B. Hilton, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Miss Rebecca Hicklin, Secretary Young People's Work; Mrs. W. D. Maginnis, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. Orin Hull, Secretary of Orphanage; Mrs. S. R. Spencer, Secretary of Spiritual Resources; Mrs. J. T. Neely, Community Service.

1925: Mrs. J. T. Neely, President; Mrs. Alexander Martin, Vice President; Mrs. J. B. Gaston, Treasurer; Mrs. Edward Fewell, Secretary; Mrs. P. H. Edwards, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. W. Anderson, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. P. B. Hilton, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. W. D. Maginnis, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. Orin Hull, Secretary Orphanage; Mrs. John Simril, Spiritual Life.

The Home Department of the Sunday School has been under the efficient leader, Miss Kittie Dunlap, a faithful worker in every phase of church work. I feel that the women of our church are very faithful and willing, responding to every call, but special mention should be made of our beloved pastor's wife, Mrs. Alexander Martin. Dr. Alexander Martin was called to be our pastor in January, 1914, so Mrs. Martin has been laboring among and leading us for eleven years. She is untiring in her work for the church and her Master, never thinking of self but of others, visiting the sick, the shut-ins, the strangers, and the sorrowing. A teacher in the Sabbath School, Superintendent of the Cradle Roll, often a leader of prayer meetings in the homes, always lending a hand to help the student's and teacher's life at Winthrop College. She is an officer, not only in the local Auxiliary but in the Presbyterial, and yet finds time to ever be hospitable in her home. It is through her efforts that we have such a live Auxiliary!

Mention should be made of one of our dear shut-ins, Miss Emma Perrin, a devoted member of the Ladies' Aid and Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Oakland Avenue Church. Though in feeble health, she has been a faithful attendant until the past few years, and occasionally attends now, in her rolling chair. Always anxious to do her part, both in service and contributions, her life is an example to us. Mrs. D. B. Johnson, wife of Dr. D. B. Johnson, the beloved elder of Oakland Church and president of Winthrop College, was a charter member of the Oakland Church and the Ladies' Aid Society and was an officer in the Ladies' Aid and a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. She was an active, enthusiastic member, but after 1915, her heart was in studying and teaching the Bible, often leading the devotionals in the Auxiliary and prayer meetings held in the homes.

She began her work in the Sunday School in June, 1915, with a class of eight girls, meeting in the tower room. The class grew so rapidly that her class was moved into a larger room, and now it occupies the new chapel room of the Sunday School building, with an enrollment of two hundred, mostly students of Winthrop College. The class has a president and twenty-one captains. A social meeting is held once a month at the home of Mrs. Johnson, of all those who attain the honor roll, which is composed of those who never miss a Sunday during the month. Often it reaches one hundred and twenty. The International Sunday School Lesson is studied. Mrs. Johnson, their leader, is ever ready to meet them in connection with the study of the Bible, or their spiritual welfare. All denominations are welcome, and all are represented on the class roll. Her home is open to all religious gatherings, and true hospitality is ever shown. Her home was the HOME of the Auxiliary for years. May her good work and influence be felt for years to come.

Dr. Martin, the pastor, has also had a large class of college girls until this year.

My list would not be complete without mentioning the Oakland Avenue Church choir leaders. Miss Nancy G. Campbell, of Delaware, Ohio, came to Winthrop College as music director, in 1909. She was a charter member of the Ladies' Aid Society, a member of the Young Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, organist of the First Church until 1914, when she entered upon her duties as organist of Oakland Avenue Church. In June, 1921, when she went to study in Chicago, a platinum and diamond pin was presented to her by her friends in the congregation, as a token of love and esteem in which she was held. On her return to Rock Hill in 1923, she again became organist. In 1924 she was made director of music for the church, and gave up her duties as organist. She has been an interested and earnest worker in the church and community, and her influence is strongly felt.

Mrs. Barron Steele, née Miss Margaret Snader, coming as a student to Winthrop College from Wayland, N. Y., has given her voice to the praise of God, both in the First and Oakland Avenue Churches. In 1913, she became the leader of our choir and her rich, beautiful soprano voice, has led us in solo and chorus singing at church services, social affairs, marriages and funerals, not only in our church, but with all denominations, she has touched hearts as no one else could. In 1921 Miss Christobel Moorehouse, a teacher at Winthrop, became our faithful organist. In 1924 Mrs. E. R. Jeter, née Miss Anna Roddey

Miller, one of our church members and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Miller, a gifted musician, became our organist and is serving faithfully.

The Winthrop College students and faculty have added a great deal to our church life. Special mention is made of Misses Emily Smith and Mary Louise Porter, charter members of our church and faithful workers, both in the Auxiliary and Sunday School. There are two college circles of our Auxiliary. We have two Women's Bible Classes under the leadership of Mrs. Crawford Witherspoon and Miss Lou Johnson. Venerable workers in our church are Mrs. H. M. Johnson, who became a member in 1916, coming to us from Florida, and Mrs. Laura Bailey, in 1922, coming to us from Greenville, S. C.

After the church was dedicated in November, 1913, the following gifts were presented: The Bible for the pulpit by Mrs. W. J. Roddey, Sr.; baptismal bowl by Mrs. J. R. Barron; hymnal rack by Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Setzer; Sunday School report board by Mr. Alex Long, Sr.; communion table by group of college girls; two communion sets by Miss Sara Marcum of Winthrop College; the pipe organ by the women of the church.

In October, 1918, the Session approved the acceptance of a service flag to be made by Miss Maude Barron, now Mrs. Dunlap Roddey, and to be hung in the church. The following names of the boys of our church were enrolled: J. C. Cork, Jr., W. N. Cork, J. Roy Barron, Lyle R. Whitner, W. C. Whitner, Jr., J. H. Miller, Jr., T. E. Downs, R. L. Kerr, Jr., William Knight, W. L. Roddey, B. D. Roddey, W. J. Roddey, Jr., Wardlaw Thompson, W. Speight McLean, J. W. Thompson, Jr., W. C. Wylie, D. A. Bigger, I. A. Bigger, Jr., O. S. Poe, Jr., R. G. Harvey, Peter B. Garrison.

The Oakland Avenue Woman's Auxiliary under the able leadership of Mrs. Webb White for the years 1927-1928, has grown in numbers and we feel, spiritually, the following officers ably assisting: Mrs. R. Z. Thomas, Vice President; Mrs. J. C. Cork, Secretary; Mrs. Gertrude Ross, Treasurer; Mrs. J. R. Williams, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. S. T. McDowell, Secretary Home Missions; Mrs. J. C. Witherspoon, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. W. D. Magginis, Secretary Social Service; Mrs. Alex Martin, Secretary Literature; Miss Aleatha Fennell, Secretary Young People's Work.

Programs on all the causes of the church have been presented at the Auxiliary meetings, and the study of Hebrews, by Dr. Turn-

bull, has been used as a devotional both in the circles and Auxiliary.

Special attention might be called to work of the young people, both in the church and among the Presbyterian girls of Winthrop College, by Miss Fennell, the assistant and secretary to Dr. Alexander Martin, our pastor. She has looked after their pleasures and aided in every way for their spiritual uplift, carrying out the fourfold plan of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Also, mention should be made of the work among the Catawba Indians, near Rock Hill, and among the Negroes, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. W. D. Magginis.

IN MEMORIAM

The first member that death claimed was one of our choicest spirits, Mrs. O. S. Poe, née Miss Anna Lyle Roddey, who died June 20, 1910. She was a charter member of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Oakland Avenue Church, and had been a faithful and devoted member of the First Church.

January 1, 1916, Mrs. Cora Koonce died. She had only been with us a short time, coming to the Oakland Church from Arkansas. She was an active worker in the societies and was sorely missed.

August 9, 1916, death claimed another faithful and energetic worker, Mrs. M. A. Simril, a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and of the Ladies' Aid.

On August 8, 1917, Miss Eleanor Long passed away. Her gentle, quiet, but helpful life was an inspiration to the women of our church. She was a faithful member of the Foreign Missionary and the Ladies' Aid Societies.

August 10, 1917, Mrs. Robert Barnett, who had been a shut-in, and a great sufferer, was taken from us. Her patience and cheerfulness was an example to us. She was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

November 12, 1915, Mrs. Leon Moore, a member of the Bethesda Church, York County, but residing in Rock Hill, became a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and a teacher in the Sunday School of the Oakland Avenue Church. Her life was rich in good deeds.

On September 12, 1917, the Auxiliary lost by death Mrs. J. C. Cork, one who had been a faithful worker in the First Church of Rock Hill, as well as in the Oakland Avenue Church. In both the

Foreign Missionary and the Ladies' Aid Society she was an officer and enthusiastic charter member. During her long painful illness, her cheerfulness and patience showed her great faith and was an example to us.

On October 21, 1919, Mrs. I. A. Bigger died, a valued member of the societies and the church. Her Christian graces were best seen and known in her useful home life.

On December 11, 1922, Mrs. R. S. Hanna, a faithful worker and officer in the societies of both the First and Oakland Avenue Churches, died. Besides her active work in the societies, her heart was in teaching the Bible. She was president of the Woman's Bible Class of Oakland Avenue Church Sunday School, and gave untiring efforts to it. Her long illness, borne with cheerfulness and patience showed her great faith. Her influence is still with us.

On January 19, 1923, Mrs. J. N. Steele (Mrs. Sallie Miller Steele) died. A faithful member of the Auxiliary and of the Oakland Avenue Church, her many acts of kindness and Christian charity endeared her to those with whom she lived.

On Easter morn, April 1, 1923, the gentle spirit of Mrs. J. W. Vick, the beloved mother of our pastor's wife, Mrs. Alex Martin, passed into the great beyond. Although a member of the Methodist Church, she joined the Ladies' Aid Society, October, 1915, and was ever ready to lend a helpful hand in our church activities. Her life in our beloved pastor's home, and our community was a benediction.

A beautiful Christian spirit, in the prime of life, was suddenly snatched from our midst, on August 17, 1923, Mrs. J. Wilson Moore, née Janie Black. She was an active worker and officer in the Auxiliary, a charter member of the Ladies' Aid and Foreign Missionary Societies. Always willing to do her part, she is sorely missed.

Another sweet spirit, Mrs. Newton Snader, on September 27, 1924, was taken from our Auxiliary. The few years she had been a member of the Oakland Avenue Church, coming to us from Wayland, N. Y., she had become active in all the church work. Her heart was in the study of the Bible and she was a devoted member of the Woman's Bible Class. Her long, trying illness was borne with patience and showed how great her faith was. Her life was full of good deeds.

February 12, 1924, after a long, trying illness, borne with fortitude and patience, Mrs. Jesse Moore, née Mattie Bell, was taken from our Auxiliary, a faithful member. Her Christian graces were best known in her useful home life.

OLIVET (McCONNELLSVILLE)

The Ladies' Aid Society of Olivet was organized in 1885, with twenty-five members as follows: Mrs. Sarah Vashti Ashe, Miss Agnes I. Ashe, Mrs. Alice Bailey Bobo, Mrs. Margaret Boyd Burris, Mrs. Julia Killian Campbell, Miss Mary Crawford, Mrs. Sarah Bailey Grant, Mrs. Fannie Burris Harshaw, Mrs. Templeton Lindsay, Mrs. Eudora Love Lindsay, Mrs. Elizabeth Ashe Moore, Mrs. Fannie Davidson Sherer, Mrs. Sarah Jane Ashe, Mrs. Lou Ashe Aycock, Mrs. Mattie Burris Brandon, Mrs. Maggie Lindsay Burris, Mrs. Ellen Ashe Crawford, Mrs. Ella Lindsay Davidson, Mrs. Kittie Lindsay Gordon, Mrs. Mamie Lindsay Huey, Mrs. George Blackburn, Mrs. Dora Davidson Lucas, Mrs. Aggie Burris Scoggins, Mrs. Ida Love Smith, Mrs. Addie Ashe Williams.

The officers were: President, Mrs. Julia Campbell; Vice President, Mrs. George Blackburn; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Crawford.

This society contributed yearly to Home and Foreign Missions, and distinguished itself in local work by buying for the church the pulpit furniture, carpets, lights, collection plates, communion service and organ. It also remodeled the church, provided a janitor, and aided in putting in a furnace. Later the young ladies were organized into a separate society, called "The Young People's Society of Olivet Church".

In March, 1922, both societies were united to form the Woman's Auxiliary, with an enrollment of forty members, with the following officers: President, Mrs. J. M. Love; Vice President, Mrs. J. M. Williams, Jr.; Secretary, Miss Ina Ashe; Treasurer, Miss Violet Anderson. They, at the beginning of their work as an Auxiliary, stressed Prayer Bands and Mission Study, classes being organized.

In 1923-24, the officers were: President, Mrs. J. M. Love; Vice President, Mrs. J. M. Williams, Jr.; Secretary, Mrs. Hugh B. McCleave; Treasurer, Mrs. Sallie B. Mendenhall.

During the two years of the Auxiliary, $1,233.00 was given to all the causes.

A gift was sent to the Texas Mexican Girls' School, Assembly's Training School, Miss Dowd's School in Japan, and the quota, $110.00 for the Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage at Thornwell.

Since 1920, an out-station in Africa has been supported by the Young Ladies' Circle, the fund being called the J. B. Swann Fund,

as a tribute to Rev. J. B. Swann, who was pastor of the church for twenty-seven years.

Olivet Church was organized in 1868, with a membership of twenty-five, including the following women: Mrs. Rebecca Lucas, Mrs. Mary Saraphina Love, Mrs. Margaret Amanda Brison, Mrs. Sarah Jane Lindsay, Mrs. Margaret Hood, Miss Paulina Lindsay, Mrs. Isabella Montgomery, Mrs. Mary Wylie Hafner, Mrs. Margaret Amelia Burris, Miss Eliza Jane Gwin, Mrs. Margaret Moore, Mrs. Rosanna Gourley.

Of the twenty-five members, the only survivor at this time is Miss Paulina Lindsay.

The lot for the site of Olivet Church was bought from Mr. John D. McConnell, for the sum of one hundred dollars. Two women of the congregation, Miss Mary M. Ashe and Miss A. Lou Ashe, gave fifty dollars each to pay for it.

Olivet Auxiliary mentions with gratitude the pastorates of Rev. C. K. Douglas (1925-1926) and of Rev. J. C. Neville (1928-) both of whom showed an especial interest in Young People's Work and in Woman's Work. The Auxiliary minute book carries the names of the following earnest officers for these years: President, Mrs. R. C. Wilson, followed by Mrs. H. B. McClure and Mrs. J. M. Love; Vice President, Mrs. H. B. McClure, Mrs. S. B. Mendenhall, Miss Ina Ashe; Secretary, Mrs. Robert Hanshaw, Miss Aggie Lee Ashe; Treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Love, Mrs. S. B. Mendenhall.

PLEASANT GROVE

Pleasant Grove Church, Chester County, sends an interesting report of its woman's organization.

The first society was formed in 1887, as an Aid Society, but later became both Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. The first officers were: President, Miss Ellen Boyd; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Janie Knox. This church may well be called "The Missionary Church", since it has had as its pastors Rev. J. G. Hall, Rev. C. H. Brown, and now Rev. B. H. Franklin. The consecrated wives of these returned missionaries have ever stood ready to encourage, aid and inspire the workers in the Woman's Society.

The Ladies' Aid gave the communion service, pulpit desk and carpet for the church.

The Woman's Auxiliary has now taken the place of older societies, and both an increased interest in local work and in missions is manifested. Officers for Auxiliary for 1922-23 were: President, Mrs. W. O. McKeown; Vice President, Mrs. B. H. Franklin; Secretary, Miss Margaret Boyd; Treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Bell. The amount raised the first year was $50.45, and in 1923-24 $68.00 was contributed. A gift of $5.00 was sent to Levi Mission School, and box of clothing to Thornwell Orphanage.

PURITY, CHESTER

Purity Presbyterian Church, of Chester, S. C., has some record of work done by its women about 1870. In a yellowed letter of that date, written to Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow by her cousin, Miss Mary Brawley, later the wife of Purity's honored pastor, Rev. Geo. Trenholm, she makes mention of a dressing gown presented by "The Earnest Workers" to Rev. Jas. White, upon his leaving Chester. If "The Workers" lived up to their name, what a masterpiece that gown must have been!

Another record states that in 1873, Mr. and Mrs. Houston, missionaries to China, were entertained in Chester by Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McClure. Mrs. McClure, who was Miss Bettie McIntosh, was one of Purity's most active and zealous members; she was "given to hospitality", and, in the instance of the Houstons, "entertained angels". These visitors so inspired the women of the church that a Missionary Society was formed, called, in honor of the gentle Mrs. Houston, "The Evelyn Houston Missionary Society".

The organization held many of its first meetings in the home of Mrs. James Hemphill, whose Colonial "Parlors" were as stately and beautiful as their owner. Mrs. Hemphill, née Miss Rachel Brawley, was the society's consecrated president for twenty-five years. She reared a fine family, the late lamented Mrs. Stringfellow being one of the daughters, and our beloved Dr. Chas. Hemphill, of Louisville, Ky., one of the distinguished sons.

Miss Mary Brawley was the first secretary, and Mrs. Lizzie McFadden, the treasurer. The Rev. Dr. Flynn Dickson was the pastor at that time and aided the women in every possible way. In this society's fifty years of work, many names "shine like stars in the firmament." Mrs. Mary Melton, godly mother of that Christian educator,

Dr. Wm. Melton, of the University of South Carolina, was one of the early officers and most frequently had its meetings in her home. Miss Mary Gaston was president for several terms, succeeding Mrs. Hemphill. Miss Gaston was born and reared in Chester County, a member of the pious family of Dr. J. B. Gaston. She early took her part in church services, for many years "raising the tunes" in the choir of old Cedar Shoals Church. Later she lived with her brother in Montgomery, Ala., and was wonderfully active in the founding and building of the Second Presbyterian Church, popularly called "Dr. Neal Anderson's Church", because he was its beloved first pastor. Coming to Chester in 1896, to make that her home, she brought many progressive ideas with her, and aided "The Evelyn Houston Society" in a practical manner. She took an intense interest in united work for women, and was one of the leaders in forming "The Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery", which held its first meeting in Yorkville about 1899.

Active in that formation also was Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, born Isabel Hemphill, daughter of James and Rachel Brawley Hemphill, and the wife of J. J. Stringfellow, a godly, consecrated connection of which she was most worthy. Even in girlhood, she took an active interest in church work, and for years filled most acceptably the trying position of choir director and organist. Later she identified herself with every effort of The Ladies' Missionary Society and The Missionary Union. When this latter organization developed into The Woman's Auxiliary to Bethel Presbytery, she held the office of historian.

Even a church sketch of Mrs. Stringfellow would not be complete without some mention of her marvelous civic spirit. She labored faithfully in every movement for the town and county's good, and, by her own personal interest, she saved, intact, some of the county's valued land marks.

In private life she showed that sympathy, patience and courage that rendered her greatly beloved and enabled her to lead many a distressed soul to a Saviour's peace.

She fell asleep January 26, 1922, in the seventy-fifth year of her age.

When the Woman's Work was called "The Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery", Purity Church furnished two of its presidents; Mrs. Hattie Hafner Miller, wife of one of Chester's beloved physicians, Dr. S. G. Miller, and Mrs. A. D. P. Gilmour, wife of Purity's idolized pastor. Purity has no honor it counts higher than

that of furnishing two such capable, consecrated leaders to such a noble cause.

In speaking of the pastors' wives whose family ties enabled them to devote time and talent to church work, the name of Mrs. Chas. Hyde comes to mind. She was Anne Bachman, daughter of *the* Dr. Bachman of Tennessee, and possessed a wonderfully cultured mind, combined with a facile and graceful pen. She became so interested in "Old Purity Church", the mother church of the present Purity, and situated some miles in the country, that she had its old stone steps moved up, and they are in use at one of Purity's side entrances. She wrote a most attractive sketch of the two Puritys, mother and daughter.

No pastor's wife of later years has been more popular or beloved than the charming Mrs. D. N. McLaughlin, née Miss Fannie McFadden, of Chester. Her brilliant husband teasingly styled themselves as "Beauty and the Beast", however hard this was on him, it was certainly only fair to her!

Other bright names in the annals of Woman's Work are those of Mrs. Julia Campbell and Mrs. A. W. Kluttz, mother of Lex Kluttz, who is doing such fine Near East Relief Work.

The young women of Purity first worked in "The Davidson Foreign Missionary Society" in honor of that beautiful Christian, Miss Ella Davidson. Later the younger girls formed "The Ella T. Hill Society", Purity at that time aiding Mr. and Mrs. Hill in Korea, and this organization went into the Woman's Auxiliary as the "Business Girls' Circle". This circle is the Auxiliary's largest, most active and most successful branch. Besides its local work, it supports a woman worker in Brazil for Miss Margaret Douglass.

"The Ladies' Aid Society" was formed in 1906, with Miss Lena Mills as its efficient president. It labored mightily at apron sales, bazaars, ice cream suppers, etc., for the upkeep of the church building, just as the women have been doing ever since the Hebrew women embroidered for the tabernacle in the wilderness and gave their jewels to pay for it. The "Ladies' Aid" joined "The Evelyn Houston" in 1919, in forming the present Woman's Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary's first president was Mrs. M. S. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis was Miss Elizabeth Hall, worthy daughter of those consecrated missionaries, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hall. Being born on foreign soil and reared in a missionary home has given Mrs. Lewis a peculiarly religious out-

look. This, united with a most sensitive conscience and culture not found alone in books has fitted her to an unusual degree for the trying post of "pioneer leader" of the Auxiliary Plan. And those who have tried it know it has its pit-falls and terrors!

Of all Purity's organizations, none had yielded a richer or more plenteous spiritual harvest than "The Seven Stars", seven little girls banded together in 1909, by that Miriam of Christian leadership, Miss Janie Stringfellow. She led her little band into such Christlike service that all developed into fine Christian women, and one, Miss Virginia Lewis, daughter of Mrs. M. S. Lewis, and granddaughter of Mrs. J. G. Hall, is now a student at the Assembly's Training School. The first work this organization did was raising money for Durant College. Later it gave six hundred dollars, for which it had worked in season and out, for Purity's Sunday School Annex. The first Cradle Roll organized in Bethel Presbytery was the work of Miss Stringfellow and her "Stars". "The Stars" have disbanded, but Miss Stringfellow, although handicapped by both blindness and deafness, continues to set a priceless example of cheerfulness, faith and zeal. She is lovingly known throughout the Church as "Little Aunt Janie", and is still the leader of "The Thornwell Orphanage League", one of the Auxiliary's most enthusiastic activities.

The teen-age girls are now cared for in the Auxiliary Plan by "The Orene McIlwain Circle".

The women's record is not complete without mention of four lovely daughters of the church who have sometime called Purity "Home": Mrs. J. G. Hall, before her last work in Cuba, was for two years in Chester, and her saintly presence was felt as a benediction; Miss Margaret Douglas, now sixteen years a missionary to Brazil, gives Purity a part of her furloughs; Miss Emmelyn Craig, the successful head of our large school in Cuba, is now at home in Chester with her mother. Miss Orene McIlwaine did Sunday School work for a season in Purity, and is now that church's much loved representative in China.

Purity Auxiliary is living up to its fine history, and it has many active and capable women in it. The officers for 1922-23, were: President, Mrs. Vance Davidson; Vice President, Mrs. Sadie Bailey; Secretary, Mrs. J. E. Dunbar; Treasurer, Mrs. John Hamilton. Membership for that year was one hundred and thirty-five; contributions to all causes $1,500.00.

Officers for 1923-24 were: President, Mrs. J. E. Dunbar; Vice President, Mrs. R. H. McFadden; Secretary, Mrs. Morris Ehrlich; Treasurer, Mrs. A. B. Craig. Membership for this year one hundred and forty-seven; contributions, $1,460.00. $97.00 was sent to furnish "The Purity Auxiliary Room" in Stuart Robinson School; $25.00 to freshen "The Purity Church Room" at Montreat, in the South Carolina Home for Ministers; $400.00 was given to the "Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage" for babies, at Thornwell. Boxes of fancy work for Miss Dowd's School were sold; boxes sent to lepers in Korea; boxes of clothing sent Near East Relief, and two orphans are supported at Thornwell.

There has been an added interest in colored people and the sending of a delegate to the Colored Women's Conference. A Community Service Secretary has been appointed and a gift of Bibles made to those on the chain gang. More interest is being manifested in the circle meetings, and a greater activity among automobile owners in seeing that members reach these meetings. A most encouraging sign is that women who formerly took no interest in church affairs are waking up and accepting office.

Mrs. Vance Davidson, who was before her marriage Miss Gaston, is a bright and consecrated member of Purity Auxiliary, and has been most active in all the work done by it, holding many different offices, both in her home church and in the Presbyterial, and was Bethel Presbyterial's choice for president, but, on account of home responsibilities, she could not accept. One of the three candidates for the ministry is a son of Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Robert Davidson, showing the influence Mrs. Davidson exerts in her home, besides her live interest in church and community.

Chester has four volunteers for life service, besides her three candidates for the ministry.

Purity has had the honor of furnishing another president of the Presbyterial Auxiliary to Bethel, Mrs. Harper Woods. Mrs. Woods before her marriage was Miss Clara Sledge of Fort Mill. Her family is distinguished for its uprightness and piety and Mrs. Woods, from early girlhood, has been a bright and shining light in church affairs. She has repeatedly held office in her own Auxiliary and besides making a consecrated and capable president of the Presbyterial Auxiliary she has for years served as the beloved head of Purity's Primary Department of Sunday School work.

RAMAH

Ramah Church (York County) reports an organization of women in 1921, with the object of aid to the home church. The church has been without a pastor since that time, and the society has no especial work to report.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. R. R. Brown; Vice President, Mrs. N. N. Brown; Secretary, Miss Lillie Engle; Treasurer, Miss Laura McElroy.

RICHBURG

This fruitful church was organized in 1882 and very soon thereafter the women banded themselves into a "Ladies' Aid", working toward the painting and seating of the church and looking after the sick and needy in the congregation.

Mrs. M. E. Fripp was the first president and of that active little organization only Mrs. Lou Drennan—a real mother in Israel—is yet alive. But their names live on: Mrs. George Gill, Mrs. L. J. Crockett, Mrs. J. F. Atkinson, Mrs. Osborn Barber, Mrs. Kate Wylie, Mrs. M. E. Fripp, Mrs. Lizzie Wylie, Miss Mollie Gill.

These by their prayers and faithful service helped to establish the Presbyterian Church in Richburg.

In 1893 "The Ladies' Aid", under the able leadership of Mrs. J. P. Millard, wife of the pastor, became "The Missionary Society" and lengthened its cords and strengthened its stakes. On its pages are the names of Mrs. W. O. Nesbitt, Mrs. J. R. Bigham, Mrs. V. B. Miller, Mrs. W. G. Agnew, Mrs. J. F. Atkinson, Mrs. F. M. Gale, Mrs. J. P. Marion, Mrs. A. M. Cart, Miss Alma Wylie, Miss Lois Drennan.

This was a progressive band and in 1899 they joined with the First Church of Rock Hill, the Ella C. Davidson Society, of York, and Purity, of Chester, in petitioning Bethel Presbytery that they might form "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery"—a perilously forward step for those days! We honor these onward-going handmaidens and rejoice that such a "Union" was formed on September 14, 1899, in the First Church of York.

In 1920 the Richburg "Missionary Society" became "The Woman's Auxiliary" with Mrs. Roy Brown, the minister's wife, as president. She was followed by Miss Kilgore, Mrs. J. H. Clawson and Mrs. Minnie M. Love.

Mrs. Love held this office until 1928 when her son-in-law, the Rev. George Irby, was regretfully dismissed to another church. Mrs. Love had had special training for church work and under her efficient, consecrated leadership the Richburg Auxiliary made a most enviable name for itself. It did much for both Home and Foreign Missions, repaired and painted the church inside and encouraged and aided the men of the church in installing a Delco system of lighting.

At present, the women of Richburg are: Mrs. J. Kilgore, Mrs. O. M. McGarity, Mrs. W. H. McFadden, Mrs. L. L. McCrorey, Mrs. Ira Hecklin, Mrs. Charlie Hecklin, Mrs. J. H. Clawson, Mrs. A. E. Cleveland, Miss Juliet McCrorey, Misses Alice and Lucy Clawson.

ROCK HILL FIRST CHURCH

From the organization of the Presbyterian Church, in Rock Hill, in 1869, until 1882, there was no organized work among the women of the denomination. In April of that year, the pastor, Rev. James Spratt White, of sainted and beloved memory, called the women to meet in the old session house, adjacent to the church edifice, and organized the Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society, its purpose being to aid in the support of Home and Foreign Missions, Education, the Thornwell Orphanage, and for local aid to the needy of the community, not forgetting the very important purpose, and one very dear to the hearts of the women—improvements on church property and equipment, as might be indicated. For ten years, the society undertook the education for the ministry of a most worthy young man, paying his school, college, and seminary tuition, and besides this, materially assisting several others to enter the seminary. At a little later date, the society contributed to the expenses of preparing and sending out a woman medical missionary, Miss Mattie Ingold, now Mrs. Tate, of Korea, a woman, who in her noble, unselfish, and splendid work, has repaid many fold the amount contributed to her support in the early years of her service. A worthy successor in Foreign Mission service, to go out from this congregation, was Miss Ora Glenn, who several years ago entered service in the Brazil Mission.

In the first formative years, Mr. White was the leader of the society, the women of the church having not then had experience in such matters. Miss Sallie J. Gibson, however, proved a most efficient vice leader, giving of her time and talents, unstintedly, and

serving with the utmost devotion throughout her term of office, to which she was re-elected time and again. The treasurer during this time was Miss Mary White, who served for thirty years, continuously. Still living and the only charter member of this church, Miss Mary's loyalty and self-sacrificing devotion to her beloved church are yet the guiding star of the aspirations for service of many a younger Christian sister.

In 1893, during the pastorate of Dr. Alexander Sprunt, and under his helpful leadership, and that of his gifted and consecrated wife, the society was re-organized, and two separate societies were formed, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Ladies' Aid Society, the first president of the Missionary branch being Mrs. Sprunt. The total membership had now doubled from the twenty-five which the first organization numbered in 1882.

In September, 1899, the societies of this church united with other interested societies in organizing the Bethel Presbyterial Union, of which they were a charter society, and with which they have maintained active and whole-hearted connection down to the present glorious organization known as the Woman's Auxiliary.

In January, 1908, the young ladies of the church were organized into a separate society, by the wife of the pastor at that time, Mrs. Alexander Martin. For eleven years, this organization was the livest among the women of the church, doing a splendid work, and being interested in both Home and Foreign Missions and launching a real campaign of "giving" for such concrete and worthy objects as the support of a girl in the Golden Castle School in Japan, and another in Banner Elk, in the mountains of North Carolina.

In September, 1919, these three organizations, then extant in the congregation, the Woman's Missionary, the Ladies' Aid and the Young Ladies' Society were formally disbanded, to make way for the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary, according to the Assembly's accepted plan. The pioneer in this work, as its first president, was Mrs. James T. Fain, to whose devotion and untiring zeal is due in large measure the eminent success to which the organization has attained. It stands now as one of the leading women's auxiliaries in the Southern Presbyterian Church, and has been commended time and again for its many points of excellence, and has had the attention of the Southern Church centered upon it as one of the very best examples of the carrying out of the Assembly's "Circle Plan." The membership now includes practically every woman in the church,

numbering 300, and is divided into thirteen circles. These circles are recruited from the membership, by lot, and in each are both mature and young women, who are thus given a better opportunity for mutual acquaintance, and each helping the other in inspirational service, as well as in individual growth in Christian living. These circles have each two regular Monday afternoon meetings, one "visiting Monday", and all unite in the regular monthly meeting of the whole Auxiliary. One circle, that of the "Business Women" is of especial interest and importance, in that it gives opportunity to the busy working girls, to meet and learn of the work of their church, trains them in leadership, and in contributing to the causes of the church, which they do in generous sums, unstintingly and regularly. Mrs. James S. White is the present incumbent of the president's chair, and her devotion and efficiency in any line of Christian work are too well known to need comment here. The contributions during the past year have been larger than ever before, one item, for Foreign Missions, amounting to more than $1,000; spirituality is growing daily, and leadership is developing to a remarkable degree, as if the "Holy Spirit" had indeed descended upon these consecrated women, impelling to and leading them in greater and greater service.

Safe to say that the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church, of Rock Hill, is surpassed by none within the bounds of the Synod or the Southern Church.

This Auxiliary has shown continual growth all along the line, in both spiritual and temporal advancement. Spiritual life has shown a definite upward trend, and this has brought about improvement and growth in the things which are a natural result—closer Bible study, broader prayer-life, stricter tithing, more sacrificial giving to all causes.

Bible study has been promoted in the half hour study in the circles at regular meetings. Most of the circles are again using the Bible Study Questions, with profitable result in regard especially to reading the Bible through consecutively.

Mission Study classes have been conducted twice a year, as usual, and the Auxiliary has been privileged to have as teachers, outstanding Bible students, some from distant points, home and foreign missionaries, as well as "home talent", which is always excellent.

Nearly every circle has its own special activity, monthly, or continuing for a long period, such as serving the Business Women's Circle, sending Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes to home and foreign mission-

aries and to Thornwell Orphanage; visiting and sending supplies and gifts to the County Home.

In gifts each member follows the circle plan of special annual pledges, and in addition, individuals have given most liberally to the special calls, such as self-denial offerings for Home and Foreign Missions; to Clemson College Church and the Auxiliary Birthday Offerings.

The Treasurer's report for the year 1928 showed as total receipts the sum of $4,482.50, the Foreign Mission offering reaching the splendid sum of more than $1,200.

Officers for the years from 1923, are as follows:

1923: President, Mrs. C. S. McCrorey; Vice President, Mrs. J. S. White; Secretary, Mrs. J. L. Howe; Treasurer, Mrs. Jas. Huey.

1924-25: President, Mrs. C. S. McCrorey; Vice President, Mrs. A. L. Blake; Secretary, Miss Helen E. O'Neal; Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. McDonald.

1925-26: President, Mrs. D. H. Sadler; Vice President, Mrs. A. L. Blake; Secretary, Mrs. I. B. Cauthen; Treasurer, Mrs R. H. Boulware.

1926-27: President, Mrs. D. H. Sadler; Vice President, Mrs. F. W. Gregg; Secretary, Mrs. I. B. Cauthen; Treasurer, Mrs. D. L. McDonald.

1927-28: President, Mrs. W. B. Meredith; Vice President, Mrs. F. W. Gregg; Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Moore; Treasurer, Mrs. H. H. White.

Of her daughters, the following have gone into life-time work: Foreign Missions—Mattie Ingold Tate, Estelle McAlpine Hamilton, Ora Glenn Roberts.

Two of our daughters are graduates of the Assembly's Training School—Nellie Peck White Douglass and Margaret McElwee Holt.

MISS MARY E. WHITE

A history of the First Church of Rock Hill would be incomplete without a short sketch of Miss Mary E. White, whose life was such an inspiration to all who came in contact with her.

Miss Mary Elizabeth White was born October 23, 1839, in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

She was the daughter of George Pendleton White and Ann Hutchison White. The many virtues centered in this personality belong to a family which has been respected for worth and integrity through many generations.

She was educated in Yorkville, S. C., and finished at Rev. Jacobs' school in Charleston, S. C.

The cause of the South had ever been dear to her, and no Daughter of the Confederacy has ever been more true and loyal to all the principles and traditions of her beloved Southland.

A school teacher once said she liked to visit Miss White just to hear her good English. Her vocabulary is as rich as it is chaste.

She is an earnest Christian woman and faithful to the Presbyterian Church of which she became a member early in life. Her name is on the list of the petitions for the organization of the First Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill, S. C.

Miss Mary White began to teach a Sunday School class in 1861, and taught until 1912. She and her aunt, Miss Mary Hutchison, taught before a Sunday School was even organized in Rock Hill.

Before the day of trained nurses, she helped with the sick, often sitting up all night with them.

In her home there is a room called "The Prophet's Chamber", and, in her mother's life and in her own, many ministers have rested here and enrolled their names on a scroll.

She has a list of all the widows she knows, and prays for them every day. As treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society she served from 1881 to 1912.

To her relatives she is always self-sacrificing, loving and loyal—placing others' pleasures and happiness before her own. Her exemplary life is strongly marked by reverence, humility and abiding faith.

Nine years ago she sustained a partial stroke of paralysis. Since then she has not been able to engage in the church activities, being confined most of the time to her room. As she cannot see very well, the papers are read to her, and she takes a warm interest in all the people in town. She hopes to see the completion of the new Sunday School Building.*

Though kept at home, she takes a delight in exercising the privilege of contributing to all good causes. She never complains, and said not long since, "If I cannot be a cheerful Christian, I can be a patient one".

The life of such a person in our community is a benediction.†

One of her Sunday school pupils,

JENNIE HUTCHISON.

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*Finished 1923.
†Died 1923.

MRS. HELEN MILLS REID

Mrs. Helen Mills Reid was the daughter of Captain E. R. Mills and Mary Jane Crawford, having been born in 1852 in the old Fishing Creek Church community. She was married to James R. Reid in 1878. Her married life was spent in Rock Hill, where she was esteemed and beloved by a wide circle of friends.

Mrs. Reid became a member of the Presbyterian Church in early life and was one of the most active members in the First Church. For years she was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society and a member of the Ladies' Missionary Society until these were merged into the Auxiliary of which she was a most faithful member until her death.

Her husband, who was a faithful and consecrated elder in the First Church, was superintendent of Jennings' Chapel Mission Sunday School for thirty-five years. Mrs. Reid's heart was in this work also, assisting Mr. Reid and teaching a class of boys.

Mrs. Reid helped to organize a Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society among the women of this mission, working with and for them in a beautiful and Christlike spirit for ten years, until her health failed. Mrs. Reid died February 5, 1920.

MISS SALLIE GIBSON

Miss Sallie Gibson was born in Camden amid the surroundings of the ante-bellum days. Her girlhood days were full of "The War" and the controversies of that period. Her mother, sisters and she were alone, except for the Negroes, on the plantation during the dark days of the struggle. The experiences through which she passed developed her innate strong determination, which later made her a leader among her associates.

The family moved to Lowryville, living a few years there, later moving to Rock Hill where she spent the last fifty-two years of her life, dying April 30th, 1921.

She was a teacher of young ladies, both in the First Church Bible School and the Mission School.

For many years she was the president of the Ladies' Missionary Society, also an active member of the Ladies' Aid. She was the first vice president of the Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery and the second president. She was an ardent worker in the Union, filling various positions, and in the Presbyterial until health failed.

Amounts bequeathed by Miss Sallie J. Gibson to churches and other institutions in her will:

Nacoochee Institute	$ 500.00
Leas McRea Institute	500.00
Plumtree Mission School	500.00
Foreign Missions	2000.00
Thornwell Orphanage	1000.00
Presbyterian College	1000.00
Home Missions	1000.00

In addition to the above she provided that her home in Rock Hill be sold, and the proceeds divided between the Presbyterian College of South Carolina and the First Presbyterian Church in Rock Hill. Under this devise each of these beneficiaries received a sum in excess of $5,500.00.

In addition to the above Miss Gibson provided that her residuary estate be distributed by her executors to certain charitable institutions. Under this devise the following institutions received these sums in addition to those above mentioned:

Presbyterian College	$ 5,500.00
First Presbyterian Church of Rock Hill	5,500.00
Presbyterian College	1,000.00
Foreign Missions	2,000.00
Home Missions	1,000.00
Total	$32,500.00

SALEM

Salem, like so many of our fine old country churches, suffers in their report on account of so many changes in the personnel of membership and all are so scattered, located on two sides of Broad River, increasing the difficulties, making it hard to have regular meetings, and thus to keep up interest.

They have a good Sunday School and Christian Endeavor Society, which shows that they are not neglecting that important part of their membership, the young people and children.

The Woman's Society was organized in 1914, with the following charter members: Mrs. N. J. Blackwell, Mrs. J. L. Blackwell, Mrs. C. A. Blackwell, Mrs. R. A. Brown, Miss Marie Brown, Mrs. S. F. Estes,

Mrs. T. J. Estes, Miss Marie Estes, Mrs. J. J. J. Robinson, Miss Jennie Robinson, Mrs. J. M. Smarr, Mrs. J. L. Strain, Mrs. S. J. Strain.

They met once a month at the homes of the members until 1920, when they ceased to meet. In 1921, they reorganized on the Circle Plan, having two circles, one on each side of the River. Money was contributed for Foreign Missions, and much interest was shown in Thornwell Orphanage—sending quilts and other things.

SMITH'S TURNOUT

Smith's Woman's Auxiliary organized at the church October 25th, 1920.

The object of the organization was principally for the aid of the home church. They have sent several contributions to the Orphanage, and have given to the Near East Relief Fund, besides improvements made on home church.

Mrs. F. H. Wardlaw was organizer and leader, with Mrs. I. S. Kidd, President; Mrs. J. L. Strait, Secretary, and Mrs. S. G. Strait, Treasurer.

They have increased in membership, ninety-five per cent attendance, and are making plans to adopt the Standard of Excellence.

Both pastor and wife have been helpful and encouraging in this work.

TIRZAH, LANCASTER COUNTY

The first organization of the women of Tirzah Church (Lancaster County) was called "The Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society". This society was organized in 1887, by Rev. G. W. White, pastor of Tirzah at that time.

The following were officers: President, Mrs. Sim Huey; Vice President, Mrs. G. W. White; Secretary, Miss Willie Walkup; Treasurer, Miss Maggie White. The charter members were: Rev. G. W. White, Mrs. G. W. White, Miss Maggie White, Miss Mattie White, Mrs. T. W. McMurray, Mrs. J. C. Nelson, Mrs. W. W. Walkup, Miss Daisy Walkup, Miss Willie Walkup, Mrs. Sim Huey.

According to the constitution of the society, each member was to pay regularly every month "as God had prospered her", and the money collected in this way must be used exclusively for Foreign Missions.

The society met regularly every month for many years, in fact, until it was reorganized in 1920 into the present Auxiliary. The members were very much interested in missions, gaining information from "The Missionary", to which many subscribed. The Foreign Missionary Societies met in Lowryville, S. C., in 1892, to discuss the question of forming a Presbyterian Union. The Tirzah Missionary Society sent a delegate to this meeting.

The ladies of Tirzah Church were called together May 24, 1891, by their pastor, Rev. J. R. Millard, for the purpose of forming an Aid Society. The following were members: Mrs. R. J. Belk, Mrs. Sims Caskey, Miss Sudie Craig, Miss Maggie Davis, Miss Jennie Davis, Miss Emma Davis, Mrs. N. Dulin, Mrs. Addie Faulkner, Miss Maggie Hood, Miss Ida Hood, Mrs. R. E. A. Huey, Mrs. J. R. Millard, Mrs. L. G. McCain, Mrs. S. E. McDow, Mrs. Mary Neill, Mrs. T. R. Nesbit, Mrs. J. C. Nelson, Mrs. R. S. Sistare, Mrs. Hugh Norwood, Mrs. J. J. C. Steele, Mrs. W. W. Walkup, Mrs. Ellen Walkup.

The Ladies' Aid Society met once a month. Its primary purpose was to aid with local church work. Some of its accomplishments follow: In 1892, the society furnished funds to ceil one room of the manse; in 1893 and '94, a carpet for the church, and pulpit furniture were bought. In 1895, the inside of the church was painted. Plans were formed to place a fence around the cemetery in 1898, and realized in 1899. A stove was bought for the manse. Mention, too, may be made of contributing to the Orphanage and to Home Missions and painting the church on the outside, all through the Ladies' Aid.

There was also a third organization, called "The Busy Bees". This was for training the young people of the church, and was formed in 1890. A few words of explanation may be made here. The Foreign Missionary Society did not cease to exist when the Ladies' Aid came into being. The two societies ran as separate organizations, meeting at different times, the one sending all funds to Foreign Missions, the other aiding in local work and Home Missions, until they, with "The Busy Bees" were merged into the present Woman's Auxiliary in August, 1920.

The Woman's Auxiliary is worked on the Circle Plan, which is familiar to all. They meet in a body once a month, and have quarterly social meetings. The work is carried on with enthusiasm and much has been accomplished for an auxiliary of few members. The Woman's Auxiliary is nobly filling the place of the former organizations, for all the church causes are in its budget and the local work is not

neglected. All the church "Specials" are contributed to, and the May meetings are given to this purpose. The Auxiliary built new Sunday School rooms to the church and repainted the inside of the building.

They have Home and Foreign Mission Study classes. The Auxiliary, together with the congregation, studied China this year (1925).

The pastor, Rev. J. B. Hillhouse, and Mrs. Hillhouse are teaching these classes, and great interest is being taken in the study.

This Auxiliary continues to show its faith by its works. Under the officers of 1926, '27, '28—President, Miss Alice Ratchford, followed by Miss Hattie Davis; Vice President, Mrs. E. E. Huey; Secretary, Miss Willie Glenn; Treasurer, Miss Alice Ratchford—the organization took especial charge of the grounds around the church and manse. These were the years when South Carolina seemed to awaken to "shrubs", "landscape gardening" and such terms, and the fine women of Tirzah saw to it that the Lord's House had its beautiful setting.

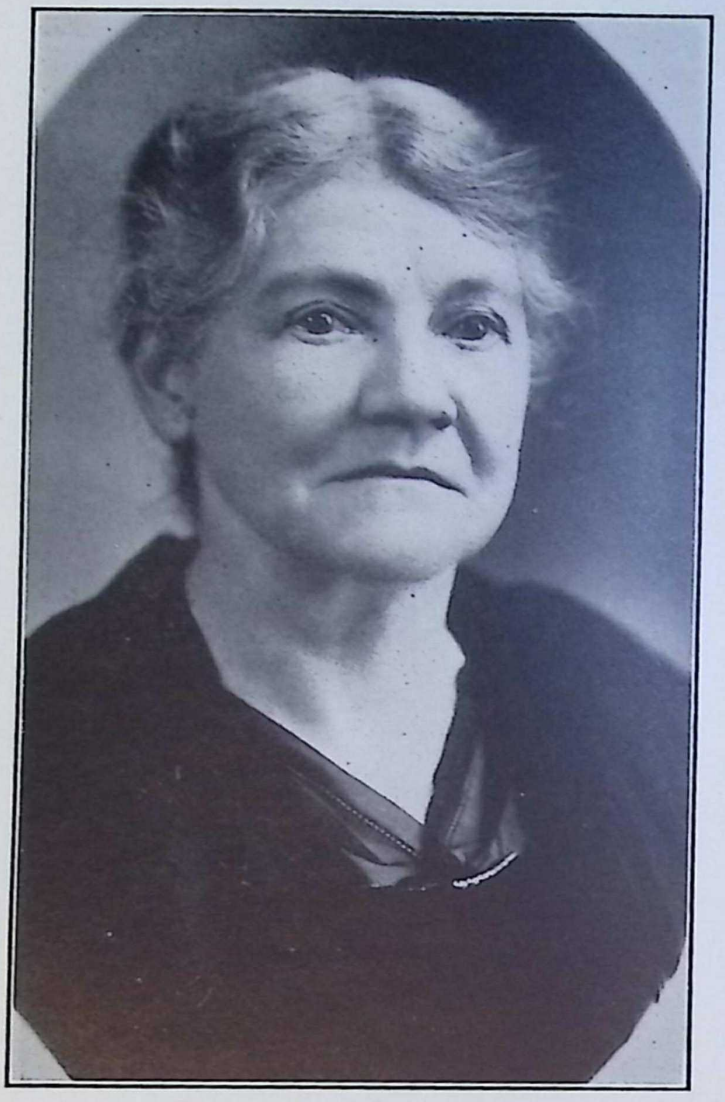
TIRZAH, YORK COUNTY

The Tirzah Church had an Aid Society in 1915. This band bought the pulpit furniture, lights and communion service for the new church. The money for this was made by collecting hens from the members and selling them.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. F. E. Clinton; Vice President, Mrs. Jno. F. Gordon; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Nellie Allison.

Charter members: Mrs. F. E. Clinton, Mrs. J. M. Shillinglaw, Mrs. J. S. Sadler, Mrs. R. R. Allison, Miss Nellie Allison, Mrs. J. M. Campbell, Mrs. Jno. F. Gordon, Mrs. J. A. Campbell.

Mrs. F. E. Clinton, the first president, was a woman of unusual consecration. No one in distress ever called on her in vain. She ever responded with a willing hand. On one occasion when a neighbor had typhoid fever, she carried her little baby home with her and cared for it until the mother recovered. Every woman of the congregation will go to a neighbor in distress, sit up all night if necessary. One morning Mrs. W. E. Gettys was baking her Christmas cakes, the children were all coming home, when her new neighbor, who was seriously ill, sent for her to come at once. She immediately went, leaving the Christmas cakes to the tender mercies of the "gude man" of the



MRS. J. B. MACK

Daughter of Rev. William Banks, once pastor of Unity Church; wife of Dr. J. B. Mack, pastor of Unity; and mother of Dr. Edward Mack, of Union Seminary. At eighty-four years old she is one of the most active and regular members of Fort Mill Auxiliary.

house, to be gone all day and night. Needless to say the cakes turned out beautifully, and the children enjoyed the holidays the more for having such a mother.

There were eleven members in 1922-23, and they gave $28.00 to all the causes. In 1923-24, there were seven members, and the gifts were $113.00.

Officers of Auxiliary in 1922-23 were: President, Mrs. W. E. Gettys; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Campbell; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Oates. In 1923-24: President, Mrs. Jno. F. Gordon; Secretary, Mrs. W. E. Gettys; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Oates.

Mrs. Jno. F. Gordon is now historian of the Auxiliary.

The work of the women has increased in all lines since the Auxiliary was organized under the leadership of their first president, Mrs. W. E. Gettys. Every woman will lead in prayer; also the Budget System is adopted, giving in this way systematically to all the causes of the church.

UNITY, FORT MILL

The first missionary society of this church was organized in 1879, with Mrs. F. L. Leeper as president. This society existed only until 1881.

In June, 1886, Dr. Davis, a missionary from China, visited the church, and not only presented the cause of Foreign Missions from the pulpit, but accompanied by Mr. William H. Stewart, he made a house to house canvass of the congregation, and presented the work so forcefully that a flourishing society was formed, called the "Foreign Missionary Society". Several gentlemen of the church were honorary members, and the monthly contributions of these honorary members were most helpful at that time, when the monthly dues of the lady members were ten cents per month. This was the beginning of men's interest in missions in this church.

The first president was Mrs. M. E. Banks, wife of the Rev. William Banks. Two of her descendants who were charter members are now active workers in the Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. H. Thornwell was the second president, and during the long pastorate of her husband, the beloved Dr. Thornwell, she served five years as president. Mrs. Samuel E. White served first as secretary, and afterward as president. Mrs. J. B. Mack, Mrs. J. M. Spratt,

Mrs. J. H. McMurray, Mrs. A. O. Jones, and others also served faithfully in this office.

In November, 1896, when Miss Claude Grier, now Mrs. Mercer Blaine, went as a missionary to Japan, this society contributed the sum of $50.00 to defray her expenses. Liberal gifts were also made to Toji Tokada, a native Japanese, in addition to its regular work. This society has always given liberally to the support of Thornwell Orphanage.

In 1904, Mrs. J. H. Thornwell organized a Home Missionary Society to do charity work in the town. In a few years they assumed the Home Mission work of the church. "The Sunbeams", organized by Mrs. Brevard D. Springs, was the first organization for the children of the church. Later Mrs. R. F. Grier had charge of the "Grier Mission Band" for many years, and Miss Nan Thornwell, now Mrs. J. K. Roach, did excellent work with the "Covenanters".

In 1911 the society celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday, and Mrs. A. O. Jones read an interesting history of its past work. Since coming into the Presbyterial, we have celebrated all the Auxiliary birthdays.

In 1918, during the pastorate of the Rev. R. K. Timmons, we joined the Presbyterial, and took the name "Woman's Auxiliary". Mrs. R. F. Grier was the first president of the Auxiliary, and since then the following ladies have served faithfully in that office: Mrs. J. B. Elliott, Mrs. C. S. Link, Mrs. T. B. Spratt, Mrs. O. T. Culp. Mrs. Elva Harris was elected president in April, 1928, to serve two years.

Collections and attendance have increased fifty per cent since we adopted the Auxiliary Plan, and at this time the society is doing better work than we have done in the past. We send delegates to the Young People's Conference in Clinton, and also defray the expenses of a Negro woman to the Colored Woman's Conference in Columbia.

Our greatest work was installing a pipe organ in our church. It was bought, paid for and installed within a period of three months at a cost of $1,300.00. All other obligations were also paid in full.

Compare this with the first year's collection of $32.75. We also did our share in building and furnishing our new, modern manse. We are now carrying building and loan shares to erect much needed Sunday School rooms. In the past we have given liberally to others, but now we have reached the place where we must use every effort for better equipment for our church, or our own work cannot go forward.



MRS. R. F. GRIER

Consecrated member of Fort Mill Auxiliary,
and its president.

URIEL

At Uriel Church, Lewis' Turn Out, in 1888, was organized a Missionary Society under the leadership of Rev. Grimes White.

Rev. William White had lately gone to China as a missionary—after serving this church for a season—and the woman's organization took an especial interest in Foreign Missions on his account. Mrs. William Stringfellow was the first president, and the record of this society is a story of zealous guidance and effective co-operation.

Uriel was among the first of the Auxiliaries to hit upon the happy plan of carrying the Auxiliary to the women when the women couldn't be carried to the Auxiliary! This church, being rural, had the usual difficulty of its members being scattered and therefore uninterested. Finally, a consecrated circle chairman would be given these scattered members as her "circle"—she visited them every month with programs from The Year Book and additional literature; she is being repaid by an awakening interest and an improved attendance at regular meetings. 1926-27, '28, saw this plan in practice with Mrs. A. H. Wherry, president, followed by Mrs. L. A. Wooten. Other officers and consecrated workers for this period were: Mrs. W. M. Wooten, Mrs. R. E. Jones, Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Mrs. W. B. Stringfellow, Mrs. H. B. Pope, Mrs. J. F. Wherry, Mrs. R. J. Huey, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Mrs. W. M. Stringfellow.

WAXHAW

Dr. Howe's History, referring to Old Waxhaw, lays a wreath of immortelles upon the name of the woman, the pastor's wife, Jane Miller. Dr. Howe relates that Pastor Miller and Jane transferred a tract of land of four and a half acres to the trustees of the church, said land to be used for church, cemetery and spring. A feature of the gift was "that the minister's stipend was to be raised on the seats, the trustees to pay the same as others. (Perhaps that was Jane's idea, ministers' wives are often quite canny!) The same high authority says that old Waxhaw, next to Orangeburg, was the first to have "full gospel ordinances".

Well, there are still consecrated Janes in Waxhaw and since 1887, some record of Woman's Work has been kept. But no consecutive history is on hand until 1923, when the Woman's Auxiliary was organ-

ized under the inspiration of Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse. The first officers were: President, Mrs. R. C. Crockett; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Hudson. The other charter members were: Mrs. Chalmers Hudson, Mrs. H. D. Smith, Mrs. Will Beck, Mrs. Bernice Thomson.

This Auxiliary continues small but is "fervent in spirit, serving the Lord"; the members had the church painted, bought a piano, sent a gift to Dr. J. Sprole Lyons, Jr., as an expression of their appreciation of his splendid work in their midst. They also installed lights in the church, purchased a table and answered the challenge of their beloved Mrs. Hillhouse, that they should raise an additional fifteen dollars for benevolences to match her gift of the same amount.

They hold their meetings in the church building and take that opportunity to keep the church clean and arranged for the next service.

Among their officers for the last two years are: Mrs. R. C. Crockett, Mrs. J. T. Carter, Mrs. W. C. Hudson, Mrs. Lee Craig.

VAN WYCK

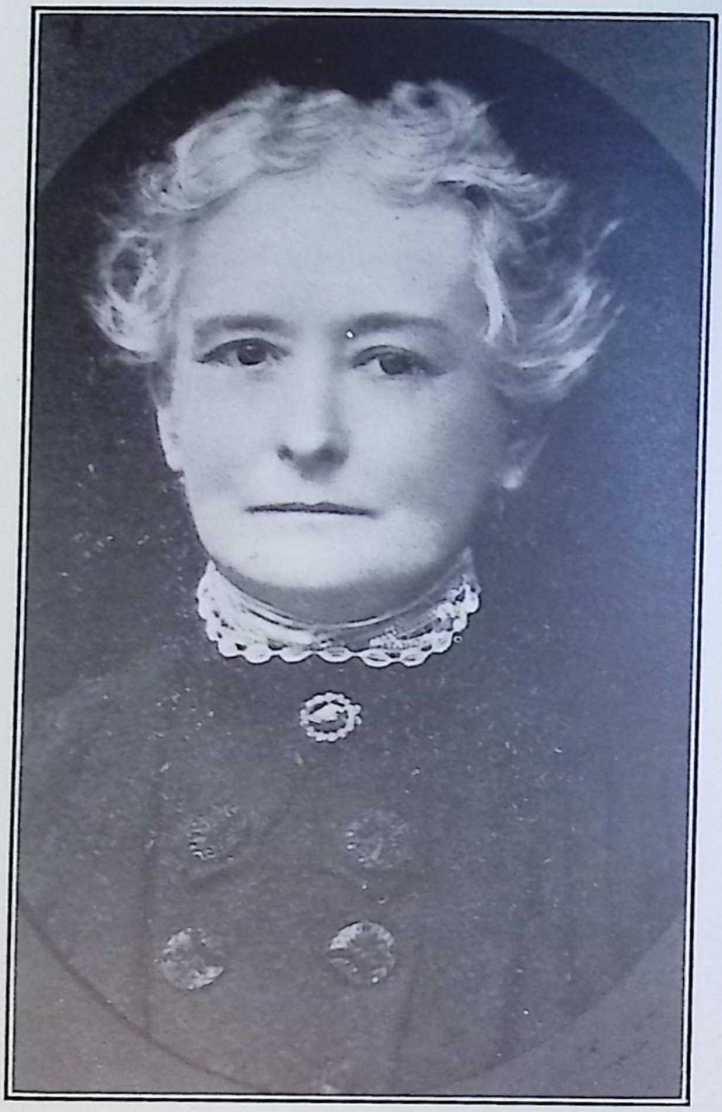
The Van Wyck Ladies' Aid was organized at the home of Mrs. R. H. Massey in 1909, with Mrs. R. H. Massey, Mrs. Sallie Stewart, Mrs. T. W. Plyler, Mrs. S. W. Vaughan, Mrs. W. N. Ashe, and Mrs. J. E. Nesbit charter members.

This society was largely instrumental in building and furnishing the Van Wyck Presbyterian Church. Although a small band of workers, the society has accomplished some splendid work, and will become a member of Bethel Presbyterial Auxiliary this spring (1925).

WOODLAWN, SHARON

Woodlawn Church's first Woman's Society, "Willing Workers", was formed in 1889, after preaching services by Rev. Mr. Cork, an evangelist. Eleven members enrolled, with following officers: President, Miss Mary Russell; Secretary, Miss Mollie Hope; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Byers.

The society was organized to raise funds for the church then being built. It did its work nobly, and has, at different times, contributed two silver communion services (the last one an individual service), communion linen, Bibles, hymn books, three pulpit suits, two carpets and two organs.



MRS. J. H. (FLORENCE EARL)
THORNWELL

Wife of Rev. J. H. Thornwell and second president of Foreign Missionary Society, Fort Mill.

The church has four times changed its lighting fixtures, and three times the Woman's Society installed them alone.

The women also helped with funds for the manse.

Later, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Hamiter, introduced the missionary feature, and the society became "The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society", contributing to Foreign Missions and Thornwell Orphanage.

In 1921, Woodlawn's Woman's Auxiliary was formed with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. Lon Plexico; Vice President, Mrs. W. L. Hill; Secretary, Miss Minnie Palmer; Treasurer, Mrs. C. O. Burris. In 1923-24, the same President and Vice President were elected, with Mrs. S. D. Good, Secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Plexico, Treasurer.

There were fifty-seven members the first Auxiliary year, with forty-six the next year. New members were gained, but many of the young women, members of the Auxiliary, were off in business, and some of the older members were unable to attend.

The first year $930.00 was contributed to all the causes, and the next year, with a smaller number, $1,020.00 was collected.

Liberal contributions were made to Miss Dowd's School in Japan; to the Stuart Robinson School; to the school for Mexican girls in Texas, and the Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage at Thornwell.

Many Bibles, tracts, catechisms and other religious literature have been given to colored people. Five Testaments have been awarded colored children for reciting the Child's Catechism, and a Bible awarded a colored boy for reciting the Shorter Catechism to Mrs. S. T. Ferguson, Jr.

In 1921 seventeen members pledged themselves to do what they could toward teaching at least one colored woman or child the Catechism during the year. They also organized a Bible class for colored women, and sent a delegate to the Conference for Colored Women in Atlanta, and in 1923 sent two delegates.

Earnest effort has been put forth to get a family altar in every home, also to increasing the circulation of church papers. The women are helping in a campaign for building a new church in the near future, and cheerfully responded to an appeal from the Methodist ladies to aid them in rebuilding their orphanage that had been destroyed by fire.

The women of this church report a deep and increasing interest in the Lord's work since the adoption of the Auxiliary Plan (about 1921). They were gratified to have Presbytery meet in their church,

1923, and in the same year they entertained the Woman's Institute of Western York. On this occasion they greatly enjoyed Dr. Kellersberger, of Africa, and Miss Mabel Hall, of the Home Mission field.

In the fall of 1925 the manse was completely destroyed by fire—the pastor, his family and guests barely escaping with their lives—and this called for redoubled efforts by the congregation. A fund for building a new church was already being raised; the women added their might and mite. In October, 1926, a handsome brick veneer church was completed, much of the material and labor being freely contributed. Soon a handsome manse, of the same construction, was added. These two edifices are regarded as memorials to the pastor, Rev. C. W. McCully, whose leadership and consecration made them possible.

It is easy to believe that the women of this brave little church more than did their share, and bright in this list of faithful workers and unselfish contributors shine the names of Mrs. J. A. Shannon, Mrs. J. H. Saye and Mrs. Sue Shillinglaw.

Among the officers serving terms appear Mrs. W. L. Hill, Mrs. C. W. McCully, Mrs. J. C. Gourley, Mrs. L. H. Good, Mrs. H. W. Shannon, Mrs. Charles Bankhead, Mrs. Lon Plexico (repeatedly Presbyterial officer).

Mrs. Mary O. Shannon was appointed a member of the Building Committee for the new church.

Mrs. S. T. Ferguson, Jr., in 1917, organized a Bible Study class, which has become a permanent feature of Woodlawn Woman's Auxiliary. Another band, The Young Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, was organized in the manse in 1906. The pastor's wife, Mrs. J. A. McMurray, assisted these young ladies in every possible way. Miss Minnie McMurray was the first President, and Miss Annie Plexico, Secretary and Treasurer. Their number was that perfect Biblical number seven, and three of the charter members are now members of the Auxiliary.

This society contributed to all the causes of the Church, and also presented the church with collection plates and helped with the purchase of the communion service.

These societies had the pleasure of entertaining the Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery in 1916. The two societies combined to form the Woman's Auxiliary in 1921, and in this their first year together became a Blue-Seal organization, and in 1923, were a Gold Star Auxiliary, coming up to the Standard of Excellence, which is a difficult achievement.

YORK FIRST

In the Service of Men in the Name of Christ

"On the street flanking the new court house is an old gray church with tall spire, brick, stuccoed and blocked, except about four feet of the foundation walls of rough hewn granite. Elm trees surround it. It is a great towering church with high arched windows, standing in a cool restful spot, quiet, stately in its dignity, and unlike the other church buildings that one sees in other up-country towns and cities. One might almost say that its noble lines reprove the modernity of the new style red brick churches, with their corner towers, sloping floors and recessed and multifarious 'conveniences'. The new churches, most of them costly and very fine of their kind, that one sees in the up-country have replaced coop-like little houses that were as good as their congregations could afford to build 'before the war'. But this old Church of York is not smaller and not less costly than the best specimens of the later school of ecclesiastical architecture. It seems conscious of strength and beauty and would not compare itself, if it could, with the buildings whose fashion proclaims somewhat stridently the newer times. One may see such churches in Charleston and two or three in Columbia, but in upper Carolina perhaps there is not another of its type." Such is Mr. W. W. Ball's appreciation and description of our beloved church.

The First Presbyterian Church of York was organized June 10, 1842. There were fifteen charter members, eight of whom were women. They were Mrs. Amelia McFadden, Mrs. Eliza Simril, Mrs. Rachel Cooper, Mrs. Margaret E. Crenshaw, Mrs. Mary E. Jacobs, Miss Elizabeth Trott, Mrs. Eliza Thompson, and Mrs. Caroline Boggs.

Sometime between the years 1855-'60 a Sunday School was held every Sunday afternoon in the Presbyterian Church of (then) Yorkville. It was taught for the instruction of the Negro children, whose parents were members of that church. The superintendent was the pastor, Rev. J. H. Mc. Adams, the teachers the older members of the congregation, with some of the young girls to help with the little children. In his "Reminiscences of the York Church", writing of the work for the Negroes, Dr. T. M. Lowry says: "The text-book was Jones's Catechism for the colored folks. I recall this distinctly for at my father's home my oldest sister, Lizzie (later Mrs. J. A.

Baldwin of Atlanta), on Sabbath afternoons would catechize and teach Jones's Catechism to the females of the house and the place."

Again Dr. Lowry writes: "Any word in regard to the history of this or any church would be incomplete without some reference to the godly women, silent, hidden, yet essential factors in the planting and growth of Christ's body in every age and every country."

He mentions a few of the Sunday School teachers whom he knew: "Mrs. Susan Johnston, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister, sister of the pastor, Rev. Jas. McH. Adams, the widow of Rev. Wm. P. Johnston, she certainly from all sides belonged to the Levitical tribe of the household of faith. Like Hannah of old she was truly a woman of prayer; thoroughly versed in the Scriptures she was one of the most capable and popular teachers in the Sabbath School, teaching a very large class of young ladies, and winning the love of her pupils. With a gentle and wise spirit like her Master's, it was only a step to lead them to accept the Saviour.

"Another Sunday School teacher was 'Miss Fannie Witherspoon'. Everyone knew her by that name. She later became the wife of the pastor, Rev. H. R. Dickson, and after his death she became Mrs. Dr. Mason, of Brooklyn, N. Y. I was in her large class of boys. When it was divided I fell to Mr. Schorb. Among those left to her were S. L. Miller, Chestnut Miller, Spencer Currell (now Dr. Currell of South Carolina University), Charlie Dixon and many others. All of her boys esteemed and loved her for she was one of the very best of teachers.

"Miss Amanda Moore was one of those gentle-spirited, tender-hearted, spiritually-minded handmaids of the Lord, who serve and love Him. Wonderfully gifted as a teacher, she made her pupils love her, and through that love led them to the Saviour. She taught a class of young boys. One of her pupils, Mr. Joseph Maclean, became distinguished as one of the most eminent musicians of the South, as he was also eminent for his love and loyalty to the Master in the work of the church. Miss Amanda Moore married Mr. McKinney, and removed to Marshall, Miss., where she died, many years ago."

Another Sunday School teacher was Miss Fanny M. Miller, who died November 3, 1897. Dr. T. R. English, her pastor, writes of her: "Highly gifted by nature, she was all her life a diligent student, and easily ranked as the most cultivated woman in the community in which she lived. A considerable portion of her life was spent in

teaching, and her native town was never blessed with a more capable and successful teacher, as scores of her former pupils can testify. Thoroughly self-reliant, independent in thought, and literary in her tastes, she was nevertheless characterized by a womanly modesty which enhanced her virtues and made her the very opposite of 'the new woman'."

One of these whom Miss Fanny taught both in private school and in the Sunday School class was your historian, who owes that teacher a debt of gratitude she is glad to acknowledge. Miss Fanny was a born teacher, one who awakened her pupils' minds and inspired an interest in the best books. In those days, the eighties, Scott, Thackeray, Dickens, George Eliot and Tennyson, with our own Longfellow and Hawthorne, were read voluntarily for pleasure, not parallel readings!

Miss Fanny was the first who impressed upon the writer's mind the importance of studying the Bible as earnestly and diligently as she did Shakespeare or English history. Miss Fanny was the first to introduce the Quincy methods into the York schools. She read widely and deeply, with a critical and discriminating taste, but her faith was that of a little child.

There were many other faithful Sunday School teachers in those early days, notably, Mrs. Lise Moore, Miss Sue Boyd, Mrs. L. W. Perrin (Miss Mary McCaw), Miss Lilla C. Crenshaw, Miss Maria McPheeters, Mrs. McPheeters, Miss Minnie Rawlinson.

The first organization of the women of the church was a Ladies' Aid Society, during the pastorate of the Rev. Henry R. Dickson, D. D., about 1873-74. Mrs. J. J. Hunter remembers a meeting at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. F. Lindsay. They cut out and made a set of shirts for the pastor, each woman taking one home with her to make. They also made and gave to Dr. Dickson a lavendar dressing gown, with slippers to match. Mrs. Hunter stitched and padded the collar and cuffs. When Dr. Dickson thanked the ladies he said "they had clothed him in purple and fine linen."

The first Missionary Society in the Church was organized November 10, 1875, during the pastorate of Rev. Luther Wilson. Mrs. A. H. McPheeters was elected president, Miss Elizabeth Ross, secretary and treasurer. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Resolved: 1. This society meet at the Presbyterian Church on the second Monday in each month at 4 P. M.

"2. To be opened with the reading of a chapter from the Scriptures and prayer.

"3. The roll to be called and absentees noted and called on at the next meeting for their excuse.

"4. There shall be a mite box and each person shall put therein any amount they think proper and feel able.

"5. That at each meeting some one be appointed to read something in relation to Missions, etc".

The charter members of this first Missionary Society were: Mrs. McPheeters, Mrs. Adickes, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Currell, Miss L. E. Crenshaw, Miss Lilla Crenshaw, Mrs. Clawson, Mrs. Hart, Mrs. Mason, Miss Agnes Moore, Miss Amanda Moore, Mrs. Miller, Miss Fannie Miller, Mrs. Lise Moore, Miss Lizzie Lindsay, Mrs. McLean, Mrs. McCorkle, Miss F. McPheeters, Miss M. McPheeters, Mrs. O'Leary, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Witherspoon, Miss Mattie Wilson, Mrs. Steele. Members added later were: Mrs. Jones, Mrs. McCaw, Mrs. Mary Lowry, Mrs. Thomas Lowry, Mrs. Lindsay, Miss Annie McPheeters.

At their first meeting, December 13, 1875, the sum of $7.85 was collected. The first year's contributions amounted to $53.45. This society was kept up with more or less regularity and interest until 1880 when it was given up. In these five years the sum of $198.93 was sent to the treasurer, R. McIlwaine, in Richmond, Va. It is interesting to note on one receipt card he adds "and one subscription to the Missionary".

One of the members of this first Missionary Society, Miss Agnes Moore, deserves special mention. When the first manse owned by the church was bought in 1881 from Mrs. James Mason and Miss Agnes Moore, the latter donated her half interest in the house to the church. She was a devout Christian who walked humbly with her God.

The present church was completed in 1862 during the War between the States. Owing to the unsettled condition of the country when the church was finished,there was a considerable debt hanging over it which was not finally paid until 1877. The women of the church helped to pay the architect's bill of $520.00. They made the money by giving a bazaar and hot supper at the old Female College. They netted a nice sum from a cake which was raffled off for them by Dr. J. R. Bratton.

THE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Early in the eighties, during the first years of Dr. T. R. English's pastorate, there was formed in the First Presbyterian Church of York, S. C., a Ladies' Aid Society, for the purpose of keeping the manse in repair, helping with any work at the church which might fall within the province of women and answering the call of any urgent need for charity work in the congregation.

The dues of the society were ten cents per member monthly, augmented largely by work of various kinds, sewing, ice cream festivals, hot suppers, occasional lectures, etc. The funds of this organization were used entirely at the discretion of the society and never passed through the channels of the church.

After twenty-five years of active service the organization was absorbed into the Ladies' Missionary Society. As nearly as can be recalled the following women were charter members: Mrs. W. Adickes, Mrs. A. Y. Cartwright, Mrs. T. R. English, Mrs. R. H. Glenn, Mrs. J. M. Hope, Mrs. J. J. Hunter, Mrs. J. F. Hyndman, Mrs. W. C. Latimer, Mrs. J. R. Lindsay, Mrs. S. R. Moore, Mrs. B. N. Moore, Mrs. H. A. D. Neely, Mrs. G. H. O'Leary, Mrs. J. A. Ratchford, Mrs. G. T. Schorb, Mrs. D. A. Watson, Mrs. J. F. Wallace, Mrs. I. D. Witherspoon, Mrs. E. J. Peck, Mrs. W. H. Herndon, Mrs. J. M. Clark, Miss Annie Bludworth, Miss Hattie Crenshaw, Miss Maria McPheeters, Miss Sue Watson, Miss Fannie Miller.

THE LADIES' FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

As a result of a visit of Dr. H. C. DuBose, of China, to Yorkville during the meeting of the Synod of South Carolina, thirty-four women met at the Presbyterian manse the first Monday afternoon of November, 1890, and organized the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church of Yorkville. Dr. T. R. English, the pastor, was most helpful in the organization, and under his guiding hand, the infant society grew in vigor and spirituality. Meetings were held at the homes of the members the fourth Monday afternoon of every month, and at each meeting one of the foreign mission fields was the topic for study and discussion. In addition to this, each member was supposed to "adopt" a missionary as her special object of interest, and from correspondence with that missionary and all other available sources, she gained a more intimate knowledge of her protégée and his or her field of labor, giving the society the benefit of this information.

Some idea of the spiritual atmosphere of these early meetings may be gained from a study of the minutes. At the first meeting, the members pledged themselves to spend five minutes daily, in prayer for our Foreign Mission work, and a little later on, we find a request from one of its members, Miss Ella C. Davidson, that the hour from five to six o'clock Sunday afternoons be observed as an hour of prayer. At first the members were very reticent in leading in prayer, and the pastor was accustomed to open the meeting with prayer and a Scripture reading and then retire, leaving the ladies to conduct the remainder of the meeting. However, a faithful few, Misses Maria and Annie McPheeters, Miss Bessie Mason and Mrs. J. M. Starr, were from the first always ready and willing, in the absence of the pastor, to make known our petitions to the Throne of Grace, and these earnest prayers brought a spiritual blessing to the society.

Monthly dues were collected, the members contributing as they felt able, the minimum sum being not less than ten cents. At first these collections were forwarded quarterly, to missionary headquarters at Nashville, but later, when one of our members, our beloved Miss Ella C. Davidson, went to China as our own missionary, the funds were turned over to the church treasurer as part of the fund pledged for her support.

At the suggestion of Miss Maria McPheeters, mite boxes were introduced, used as "thank offerings", and supplemented the general fund. One month after organization we find the members soliciting subscriptions for the "Missionary Magazine" and from that time until the society was merged into the Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary it assumed responsibility for the annual canvass for the magazine and the Prayer Calendar.

The outstanding date of the society was August, 1891, when Miss Ella C. Davidson, one of its charter members, went to China as a missionary, and the Yorkville Church had the honor of assuming her support.

As a member of the society Miss Davidson was its greatest inspiration, as the church's own missionary she became the strongest link of the missionary chain which bound both church and society to the Foreign Mission work, for now both claimed a definite share in the work of winning China for Christ. Our love and interest followed her to her new fields of labor, throughout the twenty-five years of faithful, consecrated service in her beloved Master's work. Feeling her work was our work, at each of our meetings earnest prayer was offered for her



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and that she might be the means of bringing many souls into the kingdom.

In 1892 a letter was received from Miss Mattie White, president of the Lowryville Missionary Society, asking the society to send a delegate to a meeting to be held at Lowryville for the purpose of forming a "Presbyterian Union". After much discussion, the society declined the invitation to send a delegate to the meeting. This decision evidently had its root in the ultra-conservatism of the majority of the members who regarded this movement with suspicion. The records do not show whether or not this Lowryville meeting was held (without the approval of the Yorkville Society), but in the conception of the idea, the seed was planted which, years later, brought forth fruit in the formation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery, which later on evolved into Bethel Presbyterial.

In November, 1894, the society held an anniversary meeting, to which all of the ladies of the congregation were invited, and an interesting program carried out. Mrs. J. J. Hunter, the president, read an interesting and carefully prepared paper giving a history of the work of the women of the church for the cause of Foreign Missions, from the formation of the first society, during the pastorate of Rev. Henry R. Dickson, to the time of the organization of the present society.

In February, 1895, our first "praise" meeting was held with Dr. Alexander Sprunt of Rock Hill as speaker. This was the first of a series of praise meetings—with distinguished missionary speakers.

The year 1898 brought happiness to the society in the return of our missionary, Miss Ella C. Davidson, from China on her first furlough. We counted it great joy to have her with us once more, and her presence at our meetings during her stay in the homeland, and during her two subsequent visits, inspired us with greater zeal and a stronger desire to have a share in the reaping of the field which was so white unto the harvest. Our hearts burned within us as we listened to her account of the splendid work done for China's redemption, and the wonderful opportunities for reaching the still untouched millions, if we only had men and money to send them.

It was during Miss Davidson's first furlough and at her suggestion, that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery was planned and carried out. The history of this Union is written elsewhere, but it is fitting that mention should be made of the part played by this society in its organization. An invitation was extended to all missionary societies within the bounds of the Presbytery to unite

with us in an overture to Presbytery for permission to form such a union. Permission being granted, the next step was to invite every society in Presbytery (and churches where there was no organized society) to send delegates to a meeting held in Yorkville for the purpose of organizing this union. It was at this meeting that this society had the pleasure of helping launch the Woman's Missionary Union upon its useful and successful career, and had the honor of having one of its members, Mrs. J. R. Lindsay, made the first president. A few years later another member, Mrs. W. H. Herndon, fillled the same high office.

There is a shadow upon the year 1906, the shadow of death, for in March of that year, our beloved president, Mrs. Willie McCorkle Moore, was called to her heavenly home. Mrs. Moore was an efficient and inspiring leader, and the society mourned with deep sorrow the loss to the society, the church and the community. As a memorial to this beautiful, consecrated life, the society joined with the Ella Davidson Society in giving the necessary funds to establish a Bible Woman's Training School at Kiangyin to be in charge of Mrs. Ella Davidson Little, the said school to have Mrs. Moore's name.

Our first Mission Study class was organized in 1907, and since then, every succeeding year we have had a Foreign Mission class, and for the past five years a Home Mission class also.

With the passing of years, there was a broadening of vision and an awakening to the needs of the homeland and to the opportunities for service at our own door. The records show frequent Home Mission meetings. Two of our members, Miss Margaret A. Gist and Mrs. S. M. McNeel, organized a Bible class for colored women, the object being to train leaders to teach in their own Sunday Schools. The influence of this Bible class has been felt in the community. For several years, individual members of the society have paid the expenses of two of these colored women, who have proved themselves leaders of their race, to the conferences held for Negro women in Tuscaloosa and Atlanta, and the excellent reports brought back from these conferences have fully justified the expenditure.

Miss Gist and Mrs. J. R. Lindsay, for several years with the assistance of other ladies of the congregation, have held religious services at the jail for the prisoners every Sunday afternoon. At Christmas they see that each prisoner has a Christmas box, and each one is given a Bible. Also the members assist in religious services at the County Home Sunday afternoon. Two members, Mrs. McNeel and

Miss Witherspoon, have assisted Miss Ada Saunders in teaching in the Sunday School at Cannon Mill for five years. The society has given proportionately to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension, and always, its donations exceeded the budget.

Whenever there was a call for funds for a worthy object the society has responded generously.

In 1916 the society sustained a deep personal loss in the death of Mrs. Little. This rarely gifted woman had given the best twenty-five years of her life to the Master's work in far-away China, where she did splendid work and was beginning to reap the harvest of her faithful seed-growing. Just when the work seemed to need her most, and great things were being accomplished in the name of Christ, "God's finger touched her and she slept". She died as she had lived, triumphant in the love of Christ, and while we mourn her passing, we know for her there is no death. As we claimed her in life we claim her in death, and accept as a priceless heritage the memory of her pure and beautiful life.

In closing the record of the society's life and work, the historian feels compelled to pay a tribute of love and appreciation to that noble company of women who have made the society what it has always stood for—a power for righteousness.

This history would not be complete without a brief mention of a few who have rendered peculiar service to the society.

The names of Misses Maria and Annie McPheeters were closely identified with it. They loved, worked and sacrificed for it. Many of our best laid and executed plans had their birth in the active brain of Miss Maria. She was always alert to forward its interests. Many years ago she had a Sunday School for her little ragged, neglected Negro children. Miss Annie was, for years, our devoted and efficient treasurer and, like her sister who passed on years before, was "faithful unto death".

Mrs. T. R. English and Mrs. W. G. Neville, the wives of our former pastors, gave themselves unsparingly to the work and interests of the society.

To our pastors, Dr. T. R. English, Dr. W. G. Neville and Dr. E. E. Gillespie, we owe a debt of gratitude for their unfailing help and encouragement in every forward step.

Among those worthy of special notice in the history of our Missionary Society is Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon. She was a charter

member, and though one of the younger members, at the time, she was from the first one of the most enthusiastic. Her true missionary spirit was an inspiration to all. She it was who first of our number went to Montreat and came back to impart some of her zeal and enthusiasm to the rest. Her home was ever the home of our missionaries on their visits, where she and her mother, Mrs. I. D. Witherspoon, truly kept a "prophet's chamber" for ministers and missionaries. For many years she was our faithful president, and her home was our meeting place, and her love for and intimate association with our returned missionaries kept us in touch with them long before we had so many opportunities to know and love them.

THE ELLA C. DAVIDSON SOCIETY

The women of our church were organized and active in mission work, but, for some time the need of a society for the younger women had been apparent. So, the visit of that "Mother in Israel", Mrs. Mary H. Stuart, seemed a fortunate time to inaugurate such an undertaking. Accordingly, on November 25, 1895, Mrs. Stuart gathered around her, in the church, twenty girls and organized them as the Ella C. Davidson Missionary Society. The officers elected were: President, Miss Georgia Witherspoon; Secretary, Miss Annis O'Leary; Treasurer, Miss Daisy Hart.

In 1891, Miss Ella C. Davidson, a young woman of radiantly beautiful face, gifted in mind and heart, of tactful, loving, helpful manner, had left our church to go to China as a teacher in the Hangchow School. Mrs. Stuart, so closely associated with her there, said of her when on July 7, 1916, her work in this world was completed, "Of the many women who have wrought for China, few have entwined themselves more tenderly in the hearts of her fellow workers or left a more enduring record of loving, faithful service to the Master".

And so this society honored itself in taking this beloved name and cherished the name as its dearest treasure. Each visit from this lovely woman gave us renewed vision of God's glory and the beauty of His service.

The first work undertaken was a yearly contribution of $15 for the support of a Chinese girl in the school of which Miss Davidson was principal. When she became Mrs. Little and moved to Kiangyin she established the Willie Moore Training School for Bible women, the first school of this kind in our China Mission. This school received our enthusiastic support.

This society has been notable for an eagerness to learn; a willingness to take the forward step; a wide sympathy, a warm loyalty to the society and to the church. From the beginning Bible study and voluntary giving has been stressed.

In 1897, the Ella C. Davidson Missionary Society joined with the Ladies' Missionary Society in our church and ten others in forming the Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery, and has taken an active part in the work of that organization, under its old and its new names. Twice it was named the banner society of that body. One of the members, Mrs. M. L. Carroll, was president of Bethel Presbyterial 1919-1920.

In the early days of Mission Study this society had a class and has continued to study each year since. Programs have been carefully arranged and faithfully followed. These things widened our horizon and soon the Foreign Mission contribution was much increased, doubled, tripled, quadrupled. A Memorial Student Loan Fund was given. Thornwell Orphanage has had loyal support. Work was begun for a mountain school girl, then mountain schools in general. The Negro work has claimed our help, the Indians and every needy class. In fact, we soon had a budget in which every department of our Church's work had its share.

As soon as Secretaries of Causes were recommended they were appointed and played a large part in this development.

For five years the first Standard of Excellence set by the Woman's Auxiliary was attained by this society. Then with unfailing loyalty to our church and her committees, with regret for association grown so dear, with high hopes for usefulness in a larger sphere, we were, in 1920, merged into the Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary. Thus a quarter century of learning, loving, praying, working was completed by the Ella C. Davidson Missionary Society.

THE WILLING WORKERS

During Dr. English's pastorate, at the suggestion of Mrs. Jennie Cody Timme, January 8, 1889, a group of young women of the First Presbyterian Church of Yorkville, S. C., met at the home of Judge I. D. Witherspoon and organized themselves into a society, first called the Young People's Aid Society, later the Willing Workers. Their object was "to raise funds for church work, and to engage in any Christian work in the community that may properly fall within the scope of Christian women and girls". The charter members were: Miss Lesslie

D. Witherspoon, Miss Ella C. Davidson, Miss Bessie Gist, Miss Jeannette Davidson, Miss Daisy Hart, Miss Lila Peck. The officers were: President, Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon; Vice President, Miss Ella C. Davidson; Secretary, Miss Lila Peck; Treasurer, Miss Jeannette Davidson. The meetings were opened with prayer by the pastor, Dr. T. R. English. In his absence the Lord's Prayer was said in unison. The monthly dues were ten cents. The records were carefully kept until 1896. The membership grew rapidly and much good work was done. Money was made by giving entertainments (a famous one being the Martha Washington Tea Party), making and selling fancy work, etc. Prof. Robert Herndon once gave a concert for the benefit of the society. They gave regularly to the Thornwell Orphanage, contributed to the Cemetery Association, had the walls and blinds of the church re-painted, they bought the three pulpit chairs and table now in use. A tenth of their annual dues was given to Foreign Missions; they made comfort bags for sailors of the Seamen's Bethel in New Orleans; they defrayed Dr. English's expenses to Kansas City, to which place he had accompanied Miss Davidson on her way to China; they started the taking of a Christmas dinner to the inmates of the County Home, which has been continued to this good day. A new carpet for the church was bought and put down. Sometimes these very willing and energetic workers swept the church and washed the windows! They painted and papered the hall and the two front rooms of the old manse. They took a share in the Congo boat. They sent the Century Magazine to Drs. English and Neville and to Miss Davidson in China. They remembered the sick with flowers and fruit; they helped to defray funeral expenses when needed. A gold watch and a silk dress were given Miss Davidson. They bought the two chandeliers formerly used to light the church. They helped to buy the present communion set.

The membership roll was: Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon, Mrs. D. E. Finley, Miss Jeannette Davidson, Miss Daisy Hart, Miss Lila Peck, Miss Maggie Moore, Miss Claude Moore, Miss Mattie Spencer, Miss Florrie Allison, Mrs. S. M. McNeel, Mrs. C. E. Spencer, Miss Jennie Cody, Miss Kate Cody, Miss Annie Steele, Mrs. Sam Inman, Mrs. W. G. White, Mrs. J. M. Starr, Mrs. C. G. Parish, Mrs. R. J. Herndon, Miss Rosa Lindsay, Miss Annie Gordon, Miss Lillie May, Mrs. W. M. Propst, Mrs. W. M. Allison, Miss Daisy Gist, Miss Mary Allison, Miss Dolly Miller, Miss Bessie Mason, Miss Mary O'Farrell, Mrs. W. F. Marshall, Mrs. Horace Beard, Mrs. J. L. Houston, Miss Kitty Dickson, Miss Nettie Dickson, Mrs. A. R. Banks, Mrs. T. F. McDow,

Miss Mary Clark, Miss Ella Cody, Mrs. Brooks Inman, Miss Georgia Witherspoon, Miss Louisa B. Steele, Mrs. Eliza Riddle. Honorary members who paid dues were: Mr. Jno. A. Latta, Mr. J. M. Starr, Mr. Hayhurst, Mr. J. S. Brice, Mr. R. J. Herndon, Hon. D. E. Finley, Mr. T. F. McDow, Mr. S. M. McNeel, Mr. C. E. Spencer, Mr. W. M. Propst, Mr. J. Riddle.

THE CHRYSANTHEMUM SHOW

In the fall of 1901 Mrs. R. T. Stephenson (now of Abingdon, Va.) with the Ella C. Davidson Missionary Society gave a chrysanthemum tea in Mrs. Stephenson's home. Her magnificent flowers were on exhibition (a small fee was charged). From this the Flower Show was organized and all the ladies of the church were considered members. Each fall for twenty years there was held a Chrysanthemum Show including all flowers then in bloom. Dinner and supper were served to the public. The proceeds which amounted to quite a nice sum were used in improving the church and manse. Mrs. J. J. Hunter was the first president, then Mrs. W. G. White, Mrs. B. N. Moore, Miss Rose Lindsay, Mrs. S. M. McNeel, Mrs. S. C. Ashe.

In 1922 for various reasons the organization decided to disband.

THE COOK BOOK

It had long been the dream of many of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church to have a pipe organ in our church, but where were we to get the money? In the summer of 1905 two of the members, Mrs. Willie McCorkle Moore and Mrs. S. M. McNeel, decided to publish a cook book for this cause, and in September they began collecting material for it. Miss Hulda McNeel assisted them and Mrs. I. D. Witherspoon, one of our most notable housekeepers, was a most able assistant. She and the other housewives of York supplied all needed material. The last of December we had from the press one hundred copies ready for the Christmas trade, attractively bound in red, with the name "All Through the Year" in old English letters. These were immediately sold, and in January, 1906, six hundred other copies were ready. We thought we had books enough to supply any demand, but in a short time all were sold, and we had many calls for more. Those who bought them almost invariably became our agents, and they were sent to almost every state in the Union, and many copies to Paris, Berlin, China and Japan.

We cleared $379.00 from them which encouraged us so much that in a short time we had $1,000 in the bank, and then we called on the

congregation to help and we soon had a beautiful organ in our church, from this small beginning.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS

The Missionary Sunbeams

The Missionary Sunbeams was organized in 1880 soon after a visit from our beloved missionary, Dr. H. C. DuBose. While here he preached a sermon, appealing for workers in the Foreign Field, and it moved the heart of the first leader, Miss Bessie Mason, to organize this society. Mrs. Little (Miss Ella C. Davidson), who at that time volunteered for the Foreign Field, united with the leader in the work and was of invaluable assistance before leaving for China. There was an enthusiastic group of children, ten and twelve years old.

The meetings were held monthly. Missionary programs conducted by one of the children were used. No dues were required, but freewill offerings were given through mite-boxes. Later a prayer band was organized in connection with the meeting, held at the close and attended by those who were willing to take part. It continued under its first leader for several years. Later it was under the leadership of former members, Mrs. J. L. Houston (Miss Bessie Williams), and Miss Rose Lindsay, and during their leadership the work of the society was similarly conducted.

When Mr. Gillespie began his pastorate in 1905 the Sunbeams were divided into the two bands, the Miriams and the Covenanters, and in these organizations a fruitful work was carried on for several years. Then the work for the young people was again united under the name of a Christian Endeavor with their splendid leader, Miss Ada L. Saunders, in charge.

The Miriams and Covenanters

Among the first organized Young People's Work were the Miriams and Covenanter Bands. These societies were for the training of the boys and girls of our congregation. The girls belonged to the Miriams and the boys to the Covenanters. These societies were organized as early as 1907. The women who did most of the work with these societies were Miss Rose Lindsay, Mrs. T. F. McDow, Miss Annis O'Leary and Mrs. W. H. Fowler.

There was also a little band out at the York Cotton Mill called the "Sunshine Workers." Miss Bessie Williams, now Mrs. J. L. Houston, had charge of these little folks. Before our church at large

and our own session had seen the good of an organized Sunday School class Mrs. W. H. Herndon organized her class in 1907. They had a president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and met every Sunday afternoon at her home, and she usually gave them light refreshments. They sang, read the Bible, learned to lead in prayer and recited the catechisms. This organized class was called "The Seven Stars" and for several years reported regularly to "The Woman's Missionary Union."

Out of this society grew the "Camp Fire Girls" of which Mrs. W. H. Herndon was Guardian for two years. To the "Camp Fire Girls" was added girls from the other denominations of the town and there were about fourteen in all. It would take too much space to tell of all the activities of the "Camp Fire Girls." The most interesting trip they had was the two weeks spent at Montreat, N. C., where two days and one night was spent on a hike to Mt. Mitchell. The girls slept in real tents at Camp Alice and rose early enough to see the sun rise over Mt. Mitchell.

The Christian Endeavor Societies

On February 2, 1916, Rev. E. E. Gillespie, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of York, S. C., organized the young life of his church into graded Christian Endeavor. There were six divisions, Cradle Roll, Beginners, Primary, Junior, Intermediate, and Young People. The Junior section included all the young people between the ages of 9-13, and were a most enthusiastic organization. They were trained to give to, to work and pray for, all the causes of the church. Their gifts and prayers gave help, comfort and joy to missionaries in both Home and Foreign fields, the information received from Mission Study being in a large measure responsible for their interest.

When we consider the important part Junior Endeavor plays in developing efficient leadership in the church and in cultivating and deepening the spiritual life of young members, we feel that its value cannot be overestimated. As a concrete example of this, we have a Junior superintendent now, a young girl barely sixteen, Janet Mackorell, who was herself a member of the Junior Society from its organization. Miss Margaret Glenn is superintendent of Young People's Christian Endeavor.

These Christian Endeavor Societies were first taught and trained by Miss Ada L. Saunders, a gifted church worker.

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THE LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Realizing the importance of regular, systematic study of the Bible and the short time possible for this in the Sunday School, in January, 1915, Miss Margaret A. Gist suggested to Mrs. S. M. McNeel that a week day class for Bible study be organized. Mrs. McNeel offered to provide a home for the class if Miss Gist would lead it.

The home has been provided, a warm sunny drawing-room in winter, and a cool, shady, roomy porch in summer. The organized class was Mrs. S. M. McNeel, Miss Margaret Gist, Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon, Miss Mary E. Hughes, Mrs. J. R. Lindsay, Miss Rose Lindsay, Mrs. G. H. O'Leary, Miss Bessie Mason, Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, Mrs. W. H. Herndon, Mrs. B. N. Moore, Mrs, T. F. McDow. Many of these ladies were Sunday School teachers in the First Church and at the mill, so it was decided to study the regular Sunday School lesson for the Sunday following. Question and answer is the system of teaching. Miss Gist has devoted herself to the work of the class, and from her wide reading both in sacred and profane literature has brought help and inspiration to the class. The class takes no vacation, and when the leader has been ill the members lead in turn. Those who teach have found this Study Class most helpful and go to their Sunday School classes thoroughly prepared. Many have joined but the number has never been large. The class is delightful from a literary standpoint and of untold good spiritually.

This class is distinctive in the following respects: There is absolutely no organization, not even a list of membership is kept, no constitution, no fees, no money ever asked for, and never any refreshments. The class is held together by the simple desire to study the Word, and has not missed half a dozen meetings in thirteen years.

HISTORY OF THE ELLA C. DAVIDSON AUXILIARY

On March 12, 1920, in the Ladies' Parlor of the McNeel Memorial the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Ella C. Davidson Society were consolidated into the Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary. The name was unanimously decided upon in loving memory of our dear friend and missionary, Mrs. Ella Davidson Little.

Officers for 1920-21 were: President, Mrs. E. E. Gillespie; Vice President, Mrs. G. H. O'Leary; Secretary, Miss Margaret Gist; Treasurer, Miss Rita Witherspoon.

In September Miss Gist resigned and Miss Annis O'Leary was elected in her place, also Mrs. Mason Bratton was elected chairman of Circle No. 7 to take Mrs. J. S. Jones' place.

Chairmen: Circle No. 1, Mrs. S. M. McNeel; Circle No. 2, Mrs. M. L. Carroll; Circle No. 3, Mrs. R. M. Bratton; Circle No. 4, Mrs. H. E. Neil; Circle No. 5, Mrs. T. F. McDow; Circle No. 6, Mrs. J. H. Carroll; Circle No. 7, Mrs. Mason Bratton, Circle No. 8, Mrs. John E. Carroll; Circle No. 9, Miss Bessie Mason; Circle No. 10, Mrs. B. N. Moore.

Secretaries: Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. S. Mackorell; Assembly Home Missions, Mrs. W. H. Herndon; Local Home Missions, Mrs. J. S. James; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Fannie Wardlaw; Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work, Mrs. J. L. Houston; Orphanage Work, Miss Mary E. Hughes; Prayer Band and Bible Study and Literature, Mrs. Kate Black.

The first step this organization took was toward the establishment of Church Day. After a conference with the ladies of the other church societies it was agreed that all Society, Circle or Auxiliary meetings should be held on the first Tuesday of each month, which day was to be known as Church Day and to be kept free from all social engagements.

The regular Auxiliary Circle Plan was adjusted here and there to suit the needs of our own local work. From the very beginning of this organization a spirit of interest and enthusiasm for the work was manifested and through this means of organization many heretofore indifferent to the women's organizations were brought in, and became even the first year active members and the second year filled acceptably offices in the Auxiliary.

The first year the Auxiliary and circle meetings were held alternately each month. The interest increased to the extent that the second year the Executive Committee recommended twelve circle meetings and four of the Auxiliary. At the close of that year the interest continued with the result that the Auxiliary acceded to the advice of the committee and voted twelve circle and six Auxiliary meetings, all Auxiliary meetings being held in the evening. It is truly evident that the women increased in leadership, prayer life and Bible study. Particular mention should be made of Mission Study which flourished since the year 1920, with splendid classes and enthusiastic teachers.

At the Auxiliary and circle meetings the social hour added much

of cheer and good fellowship to members otherwise unacquainted and this healthy spirit grew and developed until no one was a stranger to the other.

All the work carried on by the two former societies was continued and to the one scholarship given by Mrs. J. S. Mackorell in memory of her sister, Mrs. Ella Davidson Little, added two others. One a memorial, given by Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon in loving memory of her mother, "The M. E. Witherspoon Scholarship", the other given by the Auxiliary to be called "The Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary Scholarship".

The budget raised by the two societies amounted to $1,156. The report sent to the Presbyterial at the close of the first year of the Auxiliary showed the total amount given for all causes to be $2,407 and a decided increase in membership, the membership being 150, and at the close of the following year our membership numbered 174.

At the close of the year 1921 a Home Circle was formed and the "Shut Ins" were gladdened by visits and many little kindnesses.

The organization of the Young Ladies' Circle this same year proved a success and is worthy of note. The inmates of the County Home were provided with religious services on Sunday afternoon and the secretaries of Local Home Missions touched the lives of these people through thoughtful attentions.

The Business Women's Circle under the leadership of Mrs. S. M. McNeel was truly an inspiration to the Auxiliary, and it was with interest and enthusiasm that they went forward in their work. They held each year a class in Home and Foreign Missions conducted by their chairman. The circle meetings were made attractive with interesting programs on the various causes, and realizing the lack of the social life of these women this feature was emphasized and an appetizing supper was served at each meeting.

In 1922 the financial budget raised was $2,075. The election of officers for 1922-23 was as follows: President, Mrs. W. H. Herndon; Vice President, Mrs. J. R. Hart; Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Bratton; Treasurer, Miss Margaret McCorkle.

The Secretary of Foreign Missions appealed to the circles to either support or contribute towards the support of an "Out Station" in any country designated by them. The deep interest in this work was shown in six "Out Stations" being provided for, one member each of two circles assuming the support of two "Out Sta-

tions'' respectively. The Young Ladies' Circle assumed a second year the support of a Bible woman in China.

Mrs. Jeannette D. Herndon (Mrs. W. H.) succeeded Mrs. E. E. Gillespie as president of the Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary. She served two terms, 1922-24. Mrs. Herndon is a sister of Mrs. Ella Davidson Little, and her church work is her first love.

There was expansion along all lines of work. Miss Margaret A. Gist was elected our first Historian.

Our total budget for the first year was $1216.25. We raised $2,-138.06. For 1923-4 we pledged the same as the year before and raised $3,214.59.

Every circle was supposed to be a Prayer Band, and most of our women will now lead in prayer, or take the lead in whatever they are asked to do.

In our Local Home Mission work the Auxiliary has taken over the Negro Bible Class started by Miss Margaret A. Gist and Mrs. S. M. McNeel, also the work at the County Home and the jail.

In the Foreign Mission work we assumed the support of many out-stations, gave a partial support to a missionary in Africa, $65.00 to Mrs. McCormick's work in China.

In Christian Education and Ministerial Relief we had, besides the regular contributions, three scholarships given and supported. To these a new one was added, the T. R. English Scholarship, given by Mrs. S. M. McNeel.

In Orphanage Work, besides sending jars of fruit, quilts, aprons, and shirts, we sent more than 100 well-filled stockings at Christmas. The Auxiliary's contributions to the Baby Cottage, the ''Louise Mayes Memorial'', amounted to $561.00. One of our members, Mrs. S. M. McNeel, gave the money, $3,500.00, for the furnishing of the Baby Cottage.

In Assembly's Home Mission work we have assumed the support of a Negro girl, Mary Florence Simril, at the Training School, and we sent delegates to the Synodical's Negro Conference.

We celebrated our first ''Birthday Party'' in May, 1922, and the contribution, $95.26, was given to Miss Dowd's School in Japan. The next year the ''Birthday Party'' money, $163.41, went to the Tex-Mex. School for girls.

Boxes and bags of old clothes were sent to Mrs. Sloop's school in the mountains. Mrs. Hulda McNeel Moore had charge of this work. The ''White Cross'' work was started. She began the custom of giv-

ing a blue ribbon to the circle having the largest number of members present at each Auxiliary meeting. Mrs. Shillinglaw's circle won the first blue ribbon.

A handsome new rug was bought and placed in the Ladies' Parlor. One of the most beautiful celebrations we enjoyed during these two years was the evening of March 11th, 1924, when we had the pleasure of assisting our church in celebrating the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary.

We send our president or a substitute to the Montreat Conference each year, also a delegate from the Senior C. E. Society to the Clinton Conference for Young People, and when possible, to the district and township conferences. We have had two banquets for our young people, the first was given by Mrs. S. M. McNeel, and the second by the Auxiliary. Reverends Parks Wilson and A. W. Dick and Rev. William Neville were the speakers. The men of the church gave a banquet to the women of the church.

The missionaries visiting the Auxiliary during these two years were: Mrs. Ella Graham of Kuangji, Korea; Rev. Darby Fulton of Japan; Rev. Geo. Hudson of China; Miss E. V. Lee, of Texas and Mexico; Rev. William Neville, now missionary to Brazil; Miss Muriel Boone of China. The Auxiliary much enjoyed the visit and address of Mrs. Copeland of the Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. C.

CONDENSED REPORT FOR 1925-6

By the President

The year 1925-6 has truly been a successful year. Faithful, prayerful work has been done, and a general quickening of interest in all spiritual matters has been manifested. A splendid feeling of comradeship, and a hearty co-operation in all work undertaken, has made the atmosphere of our Auxiliary delightful. We have kept up our record of being well represented at church gatherings. Several of our members attended different conferences at Montreat, and brought us inspiring messages from that wonderful consecrated Presbyterian camping ground. We were well represented at Presbytery and Synod. A good report from the colored conference in Columbia was brought to us by our delegate, Janie Burt.

The General Conference for Young People, held in Atlanta was attended by Sue Meek Allison and Gladys Neil; the fine reports given us by these two young delegates is still fresh in our minds.

Recently we had the pleasure of entertaining the Conference of

Presbyterial and York County Auxiliary Officers. A pleasant and profitable day was spent, with lunch served at the noon hour. Our two Mission Study classes were well attended. Splendid programs were given, and real interest manifested. A good study on stewardship brought us face to face with our responsibilities for all that the Master has entrusted to our care.

Our educational institutes have received our prayers and aid. We sent $50.00 to the Columbia Theological Seminary to freshen up two rooms. A large number of books were sent Chicora College. The usual donation was made to the Ella Little Memorial Fund used for the education of a Chinese girl. Through the generosity of one of our members, a new scholarship has been given in loving memory of Hulda McNeel Moore, the faithful member whom God saw fit to transfer to a Heavenly home, March 21st, 1925. "To live in the hearts she left behind is not to die".

The Colored Bible Class continues to be one of the outstanding features of the Auxiliary. The room in the court house occupied by this class has been improved by maps and additional seats. We gave a number of well made benches to a local Presbyterian colored church, a welcome addition to the meagre equipment. Needed clothing and other supplies were given to Nettie Love for the benefit of her colored school.

Mary Florence Simril, whom we sent to Stillman Institute, graduated in June. She personally expressed her appreciation to the Auxiliary, and is now teaching at a nearby school.

Several bags of useful things have been sent to Crosnore.

The interest in Foreign Missions is one of the outstanding features of the year's work.

Our special work was in responding to the appeal for funds for sleeping sickness and aiding the lepers. Twelve well-filled boxes were sent to the leper colony.

A shower for White Cross work resulted in a large collection of needed supplies.

During the year we have had delightful visits from Miss Douglas of Brazil and Miss Lee of Mexico. An important action has been our co-operation with the church in supporting definite missions in the Foreign Field, our choice resulting in Rev. and Mrs. Wm. G. Neville, and Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Logan. By way of a constant reminder of our personal interest, we ordered one of the standard magazines sent to them monthly.

We have done our usual work for Thornwell Orphanage. Well filled Christmas stockings, spring and fall outfits for our adopted children, and gifts of various sort, show the never ceasing interest in this institution.

Under the new heading Christian Social Service, comes our work at the County Home. This is regularly carried on, and does much to brighten the days of God's unfortunates. Our members have been alert to carry sympathy, flowers and dainties to the troubled and sick, and to relieve in a more substantial way where misfortune befell. This is work not measured by dollars and cents, neither told to the world, but the record is kept by God's hand. The Sunday afternoon service at the County Home was first suggested by Mrs. H. E. Neil.

It was our pleasure to contribute to the placing of an electric stove in the manse; also, to stock the pantry and hang new curtains and shades previous to the arrival of our new pastor and family.

The treasurer's report shows our quota fully paid to each cause of the church. We have met every obligation assumed by ourselves, as well as several unexpected requests, and close the year with a good balance in bank.

The following itemized statement shows how our funds were distributed:

For sleeping sickness	$134.00
Leper Fund	37.00
Bible Woman in China	60.00
Ella Little Memorial Fund	50.00
Birthday Offering	100.00
Auxiliary Offering	288.75
Home Missions	269.00
Sunday School and Publication	17.00
Delegates to Conferences	90.00
Educational & Ministerial Relief	65.00
Schools and Colleges	197.00
Bible Society	5.00
Training School	5.00
Loyalty Week Offering	480.00
Local Benevolences	60.00
Thornwell Orphanage	631.00

In concluding this, my final report, I thank this splendid body of women for giving me the privilege of being the president of this Auxiliary for two years. It is a privilege, first of all, to serve the Master

in this capacity, and then by reason of the office to become more in touch with the workings of our splendid woman's organization; and last, but not least, to be brought into the more intimate relationship with the officers and members of our own Auxiliary, for whose support and co-operation I am deeply grateful.

VIRGINIA MASON (MRS. R. M.) BRATTON

Mrs. Bratton brought to the office the gifts of wide experience and unusual executive ability, which told greatly in the two years' work.

(HISTORIAN.)

REPORT OF ELLA C. DAVIDSON AUXILIARY FOR THE YEAR 1926-1927

Mrs. T. F. McDow, President

During the past year the Auxiliary has made marked progress. There has been a fine spirit of co-operation in all phases of its work, and the attendance at the monthly Auxiliary meetings has been the largest we have ever had, with an average attendance of 70 7/12.

Assessments to all Assembly's causes have been paid in full, and many other appeals have met with a generous response.

The Auxiliary initiated the "dollar-a-member" canvass in the church for the Foreign Mission debt fund.

Tithers have increased from fifty-six last year to eighty-one this year.

The Auxiliary was represented at the Montreat School of Missions by its president, Mrs. T. F. McDow; the Secretary of Literature, Miss Hughes; the Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. Herndon, and one other member. The Secretary of Home Missions, Miss L. D. Witherspoon, attended the Home Mission Conference.

Two boys, Jake Mackorell and Herbert Ferguson, were sent to the State Christian Endeavor Convention, and two girls, Gladys Neil and Sarah Harrison, to the Young People's Conference at Clinton. These young people brought back from the conference such fine reports, and so much enthusiasm for the work, it is planned to send a larger delegation next year. An "Echo Conference" was held in our church just after the Clinton Conference, and many of the young people of this Presbytery who attended this conference gave reports of the work accomplished and inspiration gained at this gathering.

Through the generosity of a member of our Auxiliary, two paid workers have been secured to take charge of the Young People's work.

Two delegates, Janie Burts and Hannah Argyle, were sent by the Auxiliary to the Colored Women's Conference at Columbia. These conferences have proved to ge a good training school for Christian leaders among the colored people.

Each of the Assembly's causes was presented at an Auxiliary meeting during the year, by a speaker invited for that purpose. Mr. Charles Douglas, pastor of the McConnellsville Church, was the speaker at the Young People's meeting.

Mrs. Cockerham, one of our Home Mission workers, told, in her own bright and interesting way, of the splendid work being done among the mountaineers in Kentucky. She also taught, in two night sessions, the Home Mission text-book: "The Land of the Saddlebags". Knowing her subject first-hand, she gave us a clearer, more sympathetic understanding of work among the mountain folk, with its lights and shadows, than we had ever had before.

For one of our Foreign Mission meetings we had with us our own Mrs. Neville, the wife of a former beloved pastor, who told of a recent visit to her missionary daughter in China, and of the mission work in that field.

At another meeting, Miss Susan Currell, of Japan, gave an interesting account of the work being done in her mission field.

The cause of Christian Education was ably presented by Miss Charlotte Jackson, one of Dr. Sweet's assistants, who stressed the urgent need of Christian schools and colleges.

Mrs. A. M. Copeland, of Thornwell Orphanage, touched a responsive chord in every heart in telling of the daily life of the boys and girls at the Orphanage, particularly of the Baby Cottage and the happy little tots whom it shelters. During the past year, seven orphans were clothed by circles of the Auxiliary and, according to our custom, at Christmas a box of Christmas stockings was sent to the children.

A different plan was tried this year for the study of the Foreign Mission study book. At three prayer meeting services our pastor, Dr. Harrison, gave to his congregation lectures on the text book, "An Open Door in Brazil".

The young people and juniors studied their respective mission books under their own leaders.

One meeting was given to a study of "Stewardship".

The Auxiliary continued its annual contribution to the Ella C. Davidson Memorial Fund. A scholarship is given one of our mission schools by one of our members, as a memorial to Mrs. Hulda McNeel



MRS. MARGARET E. CRENSHAW
Charter member of York Church.

Moore. The Auxiliary has assumed a definite share in the support of the missionaries to whom the church has pledged its support: Rev. William Neville, a child of this church, and his wife of Brazil, and Dr. and Mrs. Charles Logan, of Japan.

Our secretaries of the different causes have been faithful in their duties. Under the direction of the Secretary of Foreign Missions, the Auxiliary has clothed little Wilbur Hunnicut, of Brazil, from overcoat to gloves. Money and clothing have been sent to the lepers of Korea, a Bible woman in China has been supported, and the White Cross work has gone forward.

Under the head of Home Mission work: Our birthday offering to Oklahoma College was $151.00. Boxes of clothing were sent to Stuart Robinson; to Mrs. Patsy Bratton Turner, at Canoe, Ky.; to Banner Elk and to Mrs. Sloop, at Crossnore. A donation of $10.00 was made to the South Carolina Home for Ministers at Montreat.

The usual visits were made to the County Home and jail, and at the Christmas season a dinner is given the inmates of the County Home and Christmas boxes sent to the prisoners in jail.

Flowers and fruit have been sent to the sick in our congregation, and flowers and messages of sympathy to those in sorrow.

Each circle has a "blessing box", which has made these donations possible.

The Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. McNeel, has collected and sent a good number of books to Chicora College.

The Secretary of Literature, Miss Hughes, has increased the number of subscriptions for the church papers and the Prayer Calendar. Through her efforts, Miss Margaret Engle, Extension Bible Teacher of the Assembly's Training School, was secured for a week's course in intensive Bible study.

The two subjects most stressed in circles and Auxiliary during the year, were the need of Bible study and prayer, and one of the goals set before us was "a family altar in every home".

Special emphasis has been put on Bible study. Two white and one colored Bible classes are conducted by members of the Auxiliary, outside of the regular Sunday school classes.

Each circle is a prayer band, and the Executive Committee is also a prayer band.

The outstanding facts in the 1927-1928 chapter of the history of the Auxiliary are:

The birthday offering to the girls' school at Kwangu, Korea, which amounted to $213.00;

A contribution of $300.75 to the building of a Presbyterian Church at Clemson College;

Two delegates were sent to the Conference for Colored Women in Columbia, and one delegate to Clinton, the Sunday School sending another;

In response to appeals to the Auxiliary, a contribution of $10.00 was sent to Mr. McGill for the vacation fund for Home Mission workers, and $7.00 to the State Tuberculosis Association;

A child of one of our African missionaries, returning to the United States on furlough, was given a complete outfit;

The Auxiliary assumed the responsibility for an annual contribution of $25.00 to the Ella C. Davidson Little Memorial Fund, which goes to the support of a child in one of the schools in China;

The Self-denial offering for Home Missions during the month of November amounted to $135.28. During the month the Home Mission Study class was held, and during January the Foreign Mission class was conducted by Mrs. J. S. Moffatt, of Due West;

Dr. Walter L. Lingle, of the Assembly's Training School, in his own delightful way, gave a series of talks on the History of the Presbyterian Church, which were highly instructive, and intensively interesting;

Mr. Wade C. Smith, in his lectures, gave a resume of his recent book, "Come and See!"

150 well filled Christmas stockings were sent to Thornwell Orphanage;

The World's Day of Prayer was observed in February, the Auxiliary inviting the other denominations of the town to unite with us;

The amount contributed to all causes by the Auxiliary during the year was $3,167.00;

$200.00 was given to Foreign and Home Missions (according to the Assembly's ratio) over and above the regular budget and special offerings, as the final offering of the year, in view of the great need of these two departments of the church's work.

Mrs. McDow put all of herself into the work of the Auxiliary, and her efforts were crowned with rich results.

The present officers, 1928-'29, of the Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary



ERNEST EUGENE GILLESPIE, JR.

January 12, 1912-March 25, 1914

In loving memory of whom the organization of the First Presbyterian Church of York, South Carolina, furnished the Primary Departmental Room, 1924.

are: President, Miss Rose Marie Lindsay. Miss Lindsay is a great-niece of Miss Elizabeth Trott, a charter member of the York Presbyterian Church. Mrs. J. R. Lindsay, her mother, a consecrated Christian and Presbyterian true blue, was the first president of Bethel Missionary Union, and her daughter is worthily carrying on the tradition of service. Vice President, Mrs. W. W. Harrison; Secretary, Miss Annis O'Leary; Treasurer, Miss Margaret McCorkle.

MISTRESSES OF THE PRESBYTERIAN MANSE OF THE YORK CHURCH

The York Presbyterian Church has been fortunate in the mistresses of the manse. Special mention is made of those who have taken part in the organized work of the church.

Mrs. T. R. English, granddaughter of Dr. Thomas Peck, was a devoted wife and mother, but embraced every member of her husband's congregation in her interest and affection during Dr. English's pastorate of thirteen years. "His great pastorate in York", Dr. Walter Moore calls it.

For many years Mrs. English and her sister, Miss Lila M. Peck, Mrs. Jacob Muller, had charge of the primary Sunday School class, and dearly did the little tots love Mrs. English and Miss Lila. Very handsome, she always wore black, because Dr. English liked it, his Quaker blood preferring simplicity. Bouyant and bright, with a liveliness of mind and conversation united to true piety, Mrs. English was much loved.

Mrs. W. G. Neville, daughter of the late Congressman D. Wyatt Aiken, was indeed a helpmeet to her husband in all the days of the eleven years Dr. Neville was pastor of the York Presbyterian Church. The mother of eight children, all of whom have risen up to call her blessed, she yet found time to take an interest and part in all of the church's activities. Lovely in person, strong in Christian character and convictions, she has won and kept a warm place in the hearts of this people.

What words can express what Mrs. E. E. Gillespie was to the York Church? She came to us a young bride from North Carolina. Four beautiful children were born to her and Dr. Gillespie in our manse. Lovely and attractive in appearance, magnetic in manner, prudent but sympathetic in conversation, of high intelligence, a sweeter woman ne'er drew breath than our Mrs. Gillespie. We watched her grow from youth into a matured, high-bred woman, every year

adding to her charm, and to the love we bore her, during Dr. Gillespie's pastorate of nineteen progressive, fruitful years.

She was first of all wife and mother, and until her youngest, Mattie Lee, was at school, would accept no office in the church's societies. But when she became the first president of the Ella C. Davidson Auxiliary she made an ideal head, presiding with such dignity, judgment and tact one would have thought she had served a long apprenticeship. She has left a fragant memory.

In the four years Mrs. W. W. Harrison has been the mistress of our manse she has endeared herself to her husband's people by her many fine, attractive qualities, and has taken an active part in all church work.

MRS. I. D. WITHERSPOON

Mrs. Margaret E. Witherspoon (1839-1920) was one of the most devoted members of the York Presbyterian Church. In her earlier life she always took an active part in the work of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, and though unable for several years before her death to leave her home, her interest in all that pertained to the church was unabated. Mrs. Witherspoon was a sincere, consistent Christian, who showed her faith by her abundant works. Throughout an unusually long and useful life she was absolutely loyal to the Presbyterian communion in which her husband, Judge Witherspoon, and her son, William I. Witherspoon, had been ruling elders, often quoting this admonition to the younger generation, "Touch not my anointed, and do my prophets no harm".

MRS. SAMUEL MCGOWAN MCNEEL

One of the most useful and beloved members of the First Presbyterian Church of York is Mrs. S. M. McNeel. Mrs. McNeel was before marriage Miss Theodora Hughes of Union County. Her parents must have named her prophetically, "Theodora—the gift of God", for that is what she literally is to her family, her friends, and her church.

Mrs. McNeel comes of patriotic Revolutionary ancestry. Colonel Joseph Hughes, her great-grandfather, fought at King's Mountain and was one of the leaders who helped to redeem upper South Carolina from British rule. William Giles Hughes, Mrs. McNeel's father, was a captain of the Reserve forces C. S. A. and was engaged



MRS. I. D. WITHERSPOON, SR.
One of the early members of York Church.



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Member of York Presbyterian Church.

also in active service. Elizabeth Morgan Mayhew, her mother, was a kinswoman of General Daniel Morgan of Cowpens fame. So that Mrs. McNeel is naturally an active member of the King's Mountain Chapter D. A. R. and the Winnie Davis Chapter U. D. C. Mrs. McNeel inherits her Presbyterianism from her paternal grandmother, Jane Giles, wife of William Hughes of Union County, S. C. Mrs. McNeel was educated in the common schools of Union County, and at the Academy of Miss Hattie L. Young in Union. Miss Young was a woman of brilliant mind. She had graduated with first honors from the McCandlass School in Camden and Miss Murdock's School in Charleston, after which she became a student in Mrs. Emma Willard's famous school at Troy, N. Y., where she graduated in 1861. In 1866 Miss Young established a private school for girls at Union, S. C., which was patronized by the representative Union families: Judge W. H. Wallace's three daughters, Fanny, Mrs. James Maxwell; Madge, Mrs. Victor Gage; Helen, Mrs. J. C. Shepherd; Cynthia Gibbs, Mrs. Mac Sloan; Addie Herndon, Mrs. Will Thompson; Carrie Boyd, Mrs. Columbus Robinson; Addie Stedman, Mrs. James Thorpe; Eunice Gist, Mrs. James Fleming, and Miss Minnie Gist.

Mrs. McNeel's bright, sunny nature and a natural gayety made her popular with both sexes. In 1885 she became the wife of Samuel McGowan McNeel of the Bullock's Creek section of York County. As the name signifies, Mr. McNeel was of rock-ribbed Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock and was a deacon in the York Church. For twenty-nine years the two walked hand in hand and heart to heart, and as one they were united in the work of Christ's Kingdom as represented by the historic Presbyterian communion. Mr. McNeel died December 14, 1914. He had talked with Mrs. McNeel and with their pastor, Dr. E. E. Gillespie of building a much needed Sunday School Annex to the church, so that Mrs. McNeel felt she was carrying out her husband's intention when in 1917 she erected the McNeel Memorial Sunday School Building to the glory of God and in memory of the husband whose ideal of womanhood she was.

Mrs. McNeel has found "surcease of sorrow" in forgetting self and in ministering to others with her strength, time and means.

In thinking of this period of Mrs. McNeel's life, these lines from Wordsworth's poem, "The Force of Prayer", always come to my mind. The poem begins: "What is good for a bootless bene?" and the answer:

"Long, long in darkness did she sit,
And her first words were, 'Let there be
In Bolton on the field of Wharf,
A stately Priory!'

"And the Lady prayed in heaviness
That looked not for relief!
But slowly did her succor come
And a patience to her grief.

"Oh! there is never sorrow of heart
That shall lack a timely end
If but to God we turn, and ask
Of Him to be our friend."

The McNeel Memorial is connected with the church by a cloister. It is of similar architecture, Gothic, with every modern convenience. It is a perfect building of its kind, and its usefulness as a social and religious center for not only the church, but the community, grows every year. Recently Mrs. McNeel has added to the back of the church two departmental rooms, which are models of beauty and convenience. The furnishings of these rooms are memorials to two little children, Ernest Eugene Gillespie, infant son of Dr. and Mrs. E. E. Gillespie, and Laura McGill Cannon, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cannon. Beautiful pictures, comfortable, even luxurious furnishings, every device of modern equipment, all have been devoted to the Master's service.

Mrs. McNeel is attractive in appearance, sympathetic and magnetic in manner, with a strong well poised mind and sound judgment. In her stately colonial home Mrs. McNeel, assisted by her sister, Miss Mary E. Hughes (who is one with her in interest), dispenses a delightful hospitality. She has executive ability in a high degree, and while she is true and loyal to the past she is always ready to take the forward step. Of a rarely unselfish nature she always shares her "good things". To see a need is to relieve it. Every cause of the church to which she is so wholly devoted is sure of her munificent support. Her study of God's Word is for the purpose of learning to do God's will, and that study has borne fruit an hundredfold in a life hid with Christ in God.

M. A. G.

The Laura McGill Memorial

In May, 1919, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ross Cannon of the First Presbyterian Church of York, S. C., remodeled and enlarged one of the rooms of the McNeel Memorial to be used as a Beginners' Department of the Sunday School. Mr. and Mrs. Cannon furnished the spacious room with exquisite taste and filled it with everything that could be desired in the way of equipment, making it a veritable Room Beautiful for the little ones of the church.

This was done as a memorial to their eldest child, Laura McGill, February 26th, 1915—September 14, 1917.

Little Laura was one of those of whom the Saviour said: "Of such is the kingdom of heaven". She started to Sunday School on her second birthday, and she loved her class so dearly she was never willingly absent. The memory of her short life lingers like a delicate perfume and consecrates the beautiful apartment used by the little ones of Christ's kingdom.

Note: Later the Laura McGill Memorial was included in the enlarged Ladies' Parlor, and one of the departmental rooms of the Beginners became the Laura McGill Memorial.

Special Mention

Mrs. Hulda McNeel Moore, a devoted Presbyterian and active church worker, who died March 21, 1925, left a legacy of $1,000.00 to be used for the benefit of the church organ.

The Neely Mill Sunday School was organized April, 1923, by Dr. E. E. Gillespie and Mrs. Kate C. Black. The attendance was good from the first, and much good has been accomplished. After Dr. Gillespie resigned his pastorate the work was carried on by the following women: Mrs. Kate C. Black, superintendent; teachers, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Ed. Shillinglaw; Miss Nannie Shillinglaw, assistant superintendent and organist. It is now called in memoriam the "Gillespie Sunday School". The work is entirely self-supporting.

The Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church of York has a teaching force of twenty-eight, of which twenty-four are women. Mrs. G. H. O'Leary, one of the "elect" ladies of the church, is a veteran Sunday School teacher, being for many years the beloved teacher of the Women's Bible Class. Miss Daisy Gist was superintendent of the Home

Department from 1906-1924. Mrs. J. C. Wilborn is now the head of this department. Miss Annis O'Leary has been a teacher in the Sunday School since 1905. She was elected superintendent of the Primary Department in 1912, and continues at this date, 1928, to be a most devoted and efficient head. She has six teachers under her in the department.

Mrs. K. H. White, Miss Georgia Witherspoon and Mrs. W. B. Williams (a member of the Methodist Church), taught a Sunday School for the children of the Tavora Mill for about two years. Mrs. White carried on alone four more years, until she succeeded in getting all the pupils to come uptown to church and Sunday School.

Misses Mollie Bludworth, Sue McFarland and Willie Williams have been rarely successful teachers of boys' classes in the Sunday School. Miss Willie Williams has been teaching for thirty years.

Miss Margaret McCorkle has been a capable and efficient treasurer of the Auxiliary since 1922.

Miss Fanny Wardlaw was for many years librarian of the Sunday School. Misses Annie Wallace and Mary E. Williams have served as treasurer of Bethel Presbyterial, Mrs. M. L. Carroll also.

One of the 149 members of the church of sixty-four years ago is a Negro woman, Louisa Sandifer, who was received into the communion of the church July 30th, 1864. On her marriage she joined her husband's church, the Methodist. For thirty-seven years Louisa was the cook of Mrs. S. M. McNeel. Louisa's daughter, Julia Adams, was for seven years a member of the Sunday School class taught by Mrs. McNeel and Miss Gist. Julia's daughter, Lee, also a member of the class, has graduated at Hampton Institute, and is now a teacher in the colored graded school of York, a shining example of Christian heredity and training.

THE FIRST SERVICE STAR

God gave His only Son. And in the East
Burned a new star. Fear shook both king and priest,
While wise men guided by its light divine
Left home and ease to worship at its shrine.

By the light of a million service stars,
In the name of Christ who made us free,
We are blazing a path that no tyrant bars,
The right of the world to liberty.

AGNES M. SPENCER

York, 1917.

ZION, LOWRYVILLE,

organized its first Woman's Missionary Society in 1887, at the school house, by Dr. S. P. Fulton, beloved missionary to Japan. This loyal group was called "The Ladies' Band of Workers", and worked for evangelistic and charitable causes. It aided in outfitting Dr. Fulton for Japan, and did local work.

The first officers were: President, Mrs. D. H. Steele; Vice President, Mrs. J. S. Guy; Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Abell; Treasurer, Mrs. J. A. Hope.

One of the Band's charter members, Mrs. M. P. McCormick, has for years been a valued missionary to China.

In this church, in 1893, an effort was made to organize the Woman's Work, and a meeting was held under the guidance of Mrs. McRae, of North Carolina. This plan was bitterly opposed by Rev. Grimes White, of this church, and enthusiastically upheld by his sister, Miss Maggie White, who was a most capable worker.

The Zion Auxiliary was organized in 1920, with the following officers: Mrs. C. B. Abell, President; Mrs. T. M. Darby, Vice President; Mrs. Robert Sandifer, Secretary; Mrs. S. S. Abell, Treasurer.

In the days of the "Ladies' Aid" and "Missionary Society", the minutes report twelve or fifteen as a "full meeting"; since the Auxiliary Plan has been adopted practically every woman in the church is "with one accord in one place" on Auxiliary day! It was formerly most difficult to get leaders of the programs, now *all* take whatever parts are assigned, and each does her best to make it interesting. Every year shows more members leading in prayer, teaching mission classes, etc.

This organization has contributed to all the Assembly's causes, and has bought a piano and book-racks for the church. We paid the larger part of the expense of cleaning and repainting the church and repairing the manse.

These achievements have not made "vision fail"! The Auxiliary carries a savings account and looks toward the building of a much needed Sunday School room in the near future.

BETHEL PRESBYTERIAL

To be historian of Bethel Presbyterial seemed rather a pleasant office to me as it called up the days of enthusiastic work with the finest women in Bethel Presbytery. I for one, though, did not go into it with enthusiasm, but was sent a delegate to the very first "Missionary Union", which met in Yorkville, and I was the first recording secretary for "Bethel Foreign Missionary Union". In the first place I had the account of important moves in our Woman's Work to write up for the published minutes. So I wrote to Dr. Sprunt, who was in sympathy with the movement and very capable of giving the needed information. I then wrote the following "History of the Beginning of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery, South Carolina":

"The Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery was organized in the First Presbyterian Church of Yorkville, September 14, 1899.

"To save some from discouragement who may undertake a Union elsewhere, we think it safest to say that this conclusion was not reached without 'let or hindrance'. Presbytery did not see fit to grant the ladies permission to form this Union when first asked for in 1892. We did not complain, but are rather thankful for the conservative spirit which prompted it, for this very conservative spirit of our Southern churches, some of us think 'the safe-guards' of the nation.

"The first overture went to Presbytery from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Zion Church in 1892, then under the pastorate of Rev. Grimes White, and just after a visit from Mrs. McRae, who has done so much in Fayetteville Presbytery, North Carolina. The committee to which it was referred, Rev. D. T. McAlister, chairman, reported favorably and in such a kindly and appreciative paper we insert it.

"'1st. In the paper presented to Presbytery, we find nothing objectionable.

"'2nd. That the end in view and the motives prompting it seem to be the noblest conceivable, viz.: To win souls and to send abroad the gospel for the glory of God.

"'3rd. They recommend that the request of these elect ladies be



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York, South Carolina
First President of Bethel Presbyterial

granted, with such admonitions and warnings as Presbytery may suggest.'

"However, Presbytery was not 'ready for the question' and it was not till the spring of 1899 that they saw their way clear to grant permission.

"In the spring of that year, 1899, the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society of the First Presbyterial Church of Yorkville again moved in the matter. On its invitation the societies of the following churches: First Presbyterian of Rock Hill, Purity of Chester, the Richburg Church and the Ella C. Davidson Society of their own, joined in an overture to Presbytery at its meeting at Ebenezer, April 18th, for permission to form a Presbyterial Union of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies. The Presbytery then granted permission.

In the fall of 1899, letters from the society of the church of Yorkville were sent out to the pastors of the churches in Bethel Presbytery asking that the Foreign Missionary Societies of these churches send delegates to Yorkville, September 13th, to organize a Union.

"Eleven churches sent delegates in answer to this call.

"The first gathering of the occasion was at 4 o'clock of that day in the Presbyterian Church, having an address of welcome from the president of the Yorkville society, Mrs. J. J. Hunter, and the response by Mrs. Sprunt, of Rock Hill, and an address from Miss Ella C. Davidson, whose presence and words are always an inspiration. There was a popular meeting in the evening at 8 o'clock, when Mr. Neville, the pastor of the church, who is very earnest in his zeal for missions, and Mr. Hall, of Bethesda, addressed the meeting.

"September 14th at 10 o'clock, Rev. Alex Sprunt read a carefully prepared paper on the 'Object of the Union and how best to accomplish it', which was of great interest to the delegates, and all present, and had their close attention. The meeting was then turned over to the ladies. The following churches were found to be represented: Allison Creek, Bullock's Creek, Bethel, Beth Shiloh, Hopewell, Heath Springs, Lowryville (or Zion), Purity (Chester), Rock Hill, White Memorial, Yorkville, and twelve societies—Yorkville having two represented, one of young ladies, named for their beloved missionary, the 'Ella C. Davidson'.

"There were eighteen delegates present and several interested visitors from other churches of the Presbytery. With Mrs. J. J. Hunter, president of the Yorkville Society, in the chair, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery was then organized,

adopting a constitution and by-laws and electing the following officers: President, Mrs. Robert Lindsay, of Yorkville; First Vice President, Miss Sallie Gibson, Rock Hill; Second Vice President, Mrs. Julia Campbell, Chester; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, Chester; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Hutchison, Rock Hill; Executive Committee: Miss Ford, Mrs. J. J. Hunter, Yorkville, and Miss Perry, Lancaster.

"We worked hard to win friends for the Union. The following ministers were our helpers: Dr. W. G. Neville, York; Rev. D. N. McLaughlin, Chester; Dr. Alexander Sprunt, Rock Hill, and Mr. J. K. Hall, Bethesda. Those opposed to the Union were Dr. James Thornwell, Fort Mill; Mr. William Hafner, Beth Shiloh; Mr. W. B. Arrowood, Bethel, and Dr. Jordan, Winnsboro.

"The writer has a letter from Miss Sallie Gibson of Rock Hill, reminding the corresponding secretary to be sure to send the report of the Union's meeting to Dr. Sprunt in time to get to Presbytery, as 'we must not give them any reason to complain'.

"Then followed years when the Union struggled for existence. Many questioned the need for it, and then there were some in the ranks who honestly doubted whether the results justified the annual meeting. But there were always a faithful few, who stood by during the period of discouragement, and refused to either leave or to give up the ship. How right they were!

"In October 10-11, 1911, at the meeting in Rock Hill, the name was changed to the Woman's Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery. Later, about 1915, it became the Presbyterial.

"The presidents of Bethel Presbyterial: Mrs. J. R. Lindsay, York; Miss Sallie Gibson, Rock Hill; Mrs. A. H. Atkins, Lowryville; Mrs. W. H. Herndon, York; Miss Margaret Anderson, Rock Hill; Mrs. Miller, Chester; Mrs. James White, Rock Hill; Mrs. A. D. P. Gilmour, Chester; Mrs. T. W. DeVane, Liberty Hill; Mrs. M. L. Carroll, York; Mrs. I. R. Hayes, Kershaw, all consecrated and able women.

"The indifference of the women in the churches and the indifference, and in some cases, hostility of the ministers and officers handicapped the development of the Woman's Missionary Union, but there was growth, slow but steady, and those who had labored so faithfully saw their vision being realized.

"In 1915, with the next change of name (though not because of it), the organization took on new life and began to grow rapidly in influence and numbers.

"In 1919, when the South Carolina Synodical was honored as the only one in which every Presbyterial had reached the Standard of Excellence, Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Secretary of Literature, of the South Carolina Synodical, who had visited them all, said that Bethel Presbyterial was the very best of the eight. At that time, Mrs. M. L. Carroll, of York, was president and to her much credit must be given for the new life infused into the Presbyterial.

"In 1919, at the meeting at Fort Mill, Bethel Presbyterial celebrated its twenty-first birthday. An interesting fact is that the president at that time, Mrs. Carroll, is the daughter of the first president, Mrs. Lindsay.

"The characteristics of the Bethel Presbyterial of today are large attendance at the meetings, loyalty to its officers and programs, intelligence and enthusiasm on the part of the members.

"At the second meeting of the Union the reports showed a contingent fund of $10.68 and contributions to all causes of $409.74. The minutes of the twenty-fourth meeting of Bethel Presbyterial Auxiliary will give a record of marvelous progress, but no figures can show how the women have learned to know the needs of the world, and to pray and work for the coming of the Kingdom through this organization.

"Thirty-three societies belong to the Presbyterial, with a membership of 1,661. Twenty-five are organized on the Auxiliary Plan. There are 554 subscribers to "The Survey", 649 to the church papers, fifty-four Foreign and thirty-eight Home Mission study classes; fifty-seven Prayer Bands, thirty-eight Women's Bible classes, and seventeen volunteers for Life Service.

"1922 contributions to all causes total $16,251, the amount per capita being $9 plus. The special objective is a permanent scholarship fund to the Assembly's Training School at Richmond, Va.

"Two main features are prominent as the objectives of Bethel Presbyterial: a broader and deeper spiritual life and an enlargement of the Young People's Work.

(Signed) "MRS. J. J. STRINGFELLOW,
"Historian of Bethel Presbyterial".

NOTE: The compilers of this history wish to leave the above just as it came from the gifted pen of Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, lamenting the fact that death stilled the loved hand ere the record was complete. How happy would that sainted leader be to write of Bethel Presbyterial's onward march, its zealous workers, its high goals—set and won!

Mrs. I. R. Hayes set a new high record during her consecrated and efficient presidency. During that time the local Auxiliaries numbered thirty-five; work among the young people was stressed and Mrs. Hayes herself rendered valuable assistance at their conference and at the "Efficiency Conferences", held for Auxiliary officers.

Under Mrs. E. E. Gillespie's able leadership the Presbyterial reported seventeen candidates for the ministry and twenty-eight volunteers for life service. Her term saw also the payment of $3,000 toward the Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage at Thornwell Orphanage.

Mrs. Harper Woods brought a keen conscience and a high sense of duty to bear upon her presidential work. She made soul-winning the key note of her fruitful term, emphasizing Bible classes, Prayer Bands, family altars and personal evangelism.

Then the mantle of office fell upon the shoulders of Mrs. C. S. McCrorey ((Mrs. J. T. Neely having resigned); it found a worthy and faithful bearer, albeit a surprised and dismayed one! She has gone forward most capably and cheerfully and has proven herself a very Miriam for leadership.

Her report of 1928 shows a Presbyterial with thirty-nine Auxiliaries with a total membership of 1,882, a total gift of $23,965, and therein a decided gain over the previous year. There were eleven blue, ten silver, and three gold seal Auxiliaries. Lancaster-Kershaw District has an Auxiliary in every church. There are only seven churches in Bethel without an Auxiliary. Much interest was shown in the conferences. Thirty-three young people attended the conference at Clinton, eighteen women being sent to the Colored Conference, and twenty-nine women attended the Summer School of Missions at Montreat. This year also saw great activity in the department of Social Service. Also an increase in the Prayer Bands and Bible classes.

"Move on and up, oh soul of mine!
No road so rough, no prick so fine,
But that His grace shall last the day!"

MRS. I. R. HAYES (ETTA MURCHISON)

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was born in Gulf, N. C., of Scotch and Scotch Irish ancestry. These ancestors having come to America in the early part of the eighteenth century and settling in North Carolina; have been prominently connected with the history of the State from that time until the present.

From these sturdy forefathers have come a long line of public spirited men, from whom Mrs. Hayes has inherited a remarkable capacity for leadership and executive ability. Coupled with these qualities has been a devoted and consecrated spirit toward the affairs of her Master.

Mrs. Hayes' active participation in the affairs of the Presbyterian Church began in 1893 when she identified herself with the woman's organization of the Presbyterian Church at Kershaw, S. C. It was she who helped to foster the Woman's Work in this infant church, and who later was the guiding spirit in making the change from the Ladies' Aid Society to the Woman's Auxiliary. She has been honored by being elected to fill every position in her local Auxiliary, and has done more than any other woman in it, to make it a live and progressive part of the church.

In 1919 Mrs. Hayes became Synodical Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, which place she held only one year, resigning in 1920 to become president of Bethel Presbyterial and serving in this capacity until 1923. After this she was elected vice president, but this she relinquished at the end of a year to again become president of Bethel Presbyterial, serving one year. In 1925 Mrs. Hayes was elected to the highest place of honor and service that lies in the hands of the women of the church to confer upon one of their number—that of South Carolina Synodical President. The one phrase that will best express the conducting of the affairs of this office, as well as all others which Mrs. Hayes has held, is contained in the following verse—"He must increase, but I must decrease". To the great regret of all concerned she was able to fill this place only one year, owing to illness in her family; her zeal and devotion to her Master's cause being equalled only by that of her devotion to her family. The regret with which Mrs. Hayes' resignation was received is evidenced by the following taken from a resolution entered in the minutes of the South Carolina Synodical 1925-1926:

"Whereas, Mrs. I. R. Hayes having served the Synodical as President for the past year with charm and efficiency, but now finding it necessary to give up the work, we, the members of the Synodical, in appreciation of the strength of her lovely character, knowing the value of her wise counsel, loving her for her co-operation and her friendliness and for her sweet graciousness, wish to thank her for her year's work and to assure her that our love and prayers will follow her.

(Signed) "MRS. ANDREW BRAMLETT
"MARY STEWART AYCOCK"

The love and esteem in which Mrs. Hayes is held in Bethel Presbyterial is shown by the fact that she has been made Honorary President for life, an honor to which no other has attained, and which she so richly deserves on account of her remarkable ability, her unfailing courtesy and consideration for others and her deep spiritual interest in every thing pertaining to the work of the church.

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MISSIONARIES

MRS. MARY LAND LEWIS

was born January 30, 1888, five miles west of York, S. C., in the Cotton Belt section. She was the fifth child of James Davidson Land and Frances Brown Land. At an early age she became a member of the old Beersheba Presbyterian Church.

Being a member of a large family on a small plantation Mary did not always find life so easy, but she always kept pressing toward the accomplishment of her girlhood dream, that of being a nurse and going as a missionary to China. After finishing the High School at York she entered Chicora College, Greenville, S. C. Her genial spirit and happy disposition endeared her to the faculty and student body alike. In her senior year she was elected president of the student body. In the spring of 1913 she was graduated.

In the fall of the same year she entered Johns Hopkins Hospital to train as a nurse, and finished the prescribed three year course. Then for a year she did private nursing in the institution.

To better fit herself for the work on the Foreign Field she went to Dr. White's Bible School in New York for a year's work in Bible study. It was while there she met Stephen C. Lewis, a medical missionary to China, home on furlough. The brief romance ended in marriage on July 24, 1918. The honeymoon was a trip to Grove City, Pa., the home of the groom, and the voyage to China.

Her husband was a member of the Northern Presbyterian Board and she was transferred to that Board and accompanied him to the work which he had established in Chenchow, South Huncen Province, China. Her work was mostly evangelistic and with the little children. After six years in China she returned in a very deplorable physical condition. Two years of rest at home, in hospitals and sanitariums did not restore her to her normal condition, so the idea of returning to China was abandoned. Dr. Lewis resigned from the Foreign Mission work and was assigned to a hospital on an Indian reservation, called Indian Wells, Arizona, and they are there now serving the Master in the Home Mission work.

MRS. L. B. TATE

Mrs. L. B. Tate, who before her marriage was Dr. Mattie B. Ingold, was born in Hickory, N. C.

A young girl of fifteen, she came to Rock Hill to be a helper in the home of Dr. T. A. Crawford. Her bright mind soon drew the attention of those in the home and she was offered the opportunity of study in the schools and to remain a helper in the home.

After graduating from the high school she gave herself for life service in the Foreign Field. She took a medical course and hospital work at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore.

In September, 1897, she joined the workers in Chunju and opened up her medical work in a little native house using Smith Cash Store boxes for shelves and Eagle Condensed Milk boxes for drawers. Her treatment of women and children was of incalculable help for removing prejudice and misconceptions, and in securing a hearing for the Gospel. The little dispensary with its tender, consecrated doctor, was soon "A light set on a hill", and many who sat in darkness saw its gleam from afar and were led to the Saviour.

After her marriage to Mr. Tate, one of our pioneer missionaries to Korea, she devoted her time to evangelistic work and Bible conference for the women.

She translated the CHILD'S CATECHISM which has been memorized all over Korea. She edited the Women's Column in the CHRISTIAN MESSENGER, published weekly and edited by Rev. Kim, one of the first Seminary graduates, reaching many of the country churches.

In 1927, having suffered for years with an Eastern disease, sprue, she and Mr. Tate resigned the work in Korea.

Coming back they have made their home in Frost Proof, Florida, where the climate is beneficial to them.

MRS. ESTELLE McALPINE HAMILTON

In 1912, Dr. and Mrs. R. E. McAlpine, our veteran missionaries to Japan, established a branch home in Rock Hill for the education of their daughters. In this home, presided over by Miss Laura McAlpine, were Jean, Anna, Estelle and Grace. They all became a part of

First Presbyterian Church, a very vivacious and attractive part. Estelle and Jean sang in the choir, their voices blending sweetly in the Songs of Zion.

Estelle is still a member of our church; though she was with us only a short period, she is now a part of the tradition of our church. During these years Estelle grew in beauty as well as in wisdom and stature. Her vivid brunette beauty and her lovely Christian character enriched the lives of all who came in contact with her.

When she finished Winthrop College she entered the Assembly's Training School to prepare to answer God's call which she so urgently felt. Here she met Rev. E. H. Hamilton who was a student at Union Theological. Two hearts strong for a great purpose, became as one, and in 1923 they sailed away to China, their port of dreams. On the way they stopped over in Japan and were united in marriage by Her father.

They are now stationed in Suchowfu, China, where the light of the glorious gospel shines through their lives to dispel the darkness of heathenism.

MRS. JANIE O. LAND GARRISON

was born February 7, 1896, being the eighth child of James Davidson and Frances Brown Land. At the age of ten she became a member of the Presbyterian Church. She attended the country schools until she was ready to enter the high school at York, where she finished in 1915 with a good record. On account of conditions at home she only spent one year in Winthrop College. On January 14, 1918, she was married to Samuel Clyde Garrison, who lived only three years. After her husband's death she entered the Assembly's Training School at Richmond, Va., to take the training for the position of a pastor's assistant, and was graduated in 1924. In the senior year she was elected vice president of the student body.

In the summer of 1923 she went to the mountains of Virginia and did some mission work at Ocala, Va. She was associated with Dr. Geo. Gilmer, Superintendent of Home Missions in Abington Presbytery. The next summer she went to Holston Valley, Tenn., where she was engaged in another form of Home Mission work, that of Daily Vacation Bible School and Leadership Training.

In the fall of 1924 she accepted the position as assistant to the

pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Rock Hill, S. C. She is still engaged in the same work.

Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Garrison were members of the York Presbyterian Church.

MISS MARGARET EMELYN CRAIG

No page of service could show a more faithful or Christ-like record than that of Miss Emelyn Craig. Born in Blackstock, S. C., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Craig, she was reared in a home of Christian piety and from early childhood declared her intention of being a missionary.

She graduated from Converse College and offered herself to our Foreign Mission Board. She taught school for a year or two until the Board was able to place her; she was sent in 1902 to Cardenas, Cuba, to assist Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Hall in their work there.

This was in September, *1902,* and in the same month, *1927,* she was made an honorary member of the Board of National Missions, recognition of twenty-five years of distinguished service in Cuba. During these years she had rendered noble aid to the Cuban school, "La Progresiva", first, as a teacher and later, as principal. She found it a small, struggling organization; it is now a large, successful one, meriting its name. She has also labored most abundantly in the Sunday School, where she has established a splendid normal class.

To the mission she has rendered golden service by her Spanish text-books and her Biblical dramatizations. Best of all, her personal piety and beautiful example have influenced many of her beloved Cuban girls to say: "We would see Jesus".

MISS MARGARET MOORE DOUGLAS

This lovely daughter of the manse was born in White Oak, S. C., and evinced her innate piety by early joining the Mt. Olivet Church, where her father was the beloved pastor.

That her mind was in keeping with her physical and spiritual development was shown by her record at Winthrop College, where she graduated with honor. After teaching at Ebenezer, she accepted a place as mathematics instructor in her alma mater and was fillling this difficult post when called to her work in Brazil.

She entered the Agnes Eskine School first as an assistant to Miss Reed, but upon Miss Reed's death she became the head of the school. For some twenty-odd years, she has been known throughout the Church as an efficient and successful educator, throwing herself heart and soul into her chosen task of bringing to Brazilian girls a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus, and an enriching Christian culture.

MRS. AMMIE BARRON HOPPER

Ebenezer, South Carolina, merits its quaint, Biblical name. As Ebenezer, of the Holy Land, indicated God's signal grace, so has *our* Ebenezer been signally favored of the Lord—'twas the birthplace of one of our most consecrated and faithful missionaries: Mrs. Ammie Barron Hopper.

Mrs. Hopper was born July 19th, 1893, daughter of Alexander A. and Mary R. Barron. She early became a member of the A. R. P. Church in Rock Hill, in which city she also completed her education. Graduating from Winthrop College in 1914, she, several years later, entered Dr. White's Bible School in New York City. This splendid training so deepened her already strong religious convictions that we are not surprised to find her marrying Rev. Joseph Hopper in 1919, and in 1920 going with him for life service on the Foreign Field. For one year they were stationed at Kwangju, but since that time they have labored earnestly and fruitfully at Mokpo, Korea.

In 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Hopper and their three attractive children were at home on their first furlough.

MRS. LACY L. LITTLE

MARCH 25, 1867. JULY 7, 1916

Seldom in the history of our church has there been such an outburst of sorrow as was caused by the news of the death of our dear friend and sainted missionary of the Cross, Mrs. Lacy L. Little, née Miss Ella C. Davidson, who entered into eternal life on July 7, 1916, in the Red Cross Hospital at Shanghai, China, after more than a quarter of a century of missionary work in China.

York County, S. C., is proud of the fact that Mrs. Little was born

within its borders, in the Bullock's Creek neighborhood, March 27, 1867. By a happy coincidence that was the same year in which the Southern Presbyterian mission was founded in the city of Hangchow, the scene of Mrs. Little's first missionary labors. In 1900 she became the happy wife of Rev. Lacy L. Little, and thenceforward her home was at Kiangyin.

Our missionary was descended from a long line of God fearing Scotch Irish Presbyterians, men and women who in their day and generation served faithfully their country and their God. Her heart was early given to the Saviour, and at the age of thirteen years she was received, by the Rev. W. W. Ratchford, into full communion of the Bullock's Creek Presbyterian Church, one of the oldest and most historic strongholds of Presbyterianism in South Carolina. In 1846 Mrs. Little's paternal grandfather was one of its ruling elders, and her father, Mr. S. L. Davidson, also served as an elder for many years. In this neighborhood Dr. Alexander had his famous school, from which many young men entered the ministry.

Mrs. Little received her early educational training in the neighborhood schools—the teachers generally boarding at her home. At the age of fifteen she entered the Wesleyan Female Institute, at that time one of the best schools of Staunton, Va. After a three years' course she was graduated from there in 1885. It was as a school girl that the writer first knew her, and the intimate friendship formed then, continued through life, untouched by time or distance, and still survives. She was such a sweet, modest, attractive young girl, yet with a selfpossession and quiet dignity even then remarkable. In the school she was quickly recognized as a thorough student, of fine ability, with a most winning, lovable personality. Later she became a very successful teacher in the Yorkville Graded School. She possessed in an eminent degree the gift of awakening interest and imparting knowledge, and her pupils dearly loved "Miss Ella". At the same time she was an earnest and active worker in the Yorkville Presbyterian Church, of which the late Dr. T. R. English was then the pastor. Dr. English was a profound student and a man of the most perfect consecration, with a burning zeal for missions, and his influence was deeply felt by the future missionary. At a meeting of Synod in Yorkville in 1890, the young teacher resolved to consecrate her life to mission work, and under the powerfully persuading and eloquent preaching of the veteran missionary to China, Dr. H. C. DuBose, she chose that country as her field of labor.



MRS. ELLA C. DAVIDSON
(MRS. LACY L.) LITTLE

When her decision was made known it created the most wide-spread interest in the entire community. The truth that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country was not verified in her case. There was not a dissenting opinion as to her perfect fitness, physically, mentally, and spiritually for the high and holy vocation she had chosen. The people of York loved Mrs. Little with an affection which never wavered, and I am so glad to remember that it was so often expressed to her on her last visit home. We were proud of her too, proud of her charm, her grace and her beauty, as well as her saintliness.

I shall not try to retell the history of her twenty-five years of service as a missionary, not only in China, but in the homeland; for after brief rests she gave her time and her strength to answering the invitations which were showered upon her from South Carolina to Texas, to holding and addressing societies and conferences, trying to arouse interest in the work she loved so dearly. Mrs. Little was a delightful speaker, her charming manner, full soft voice, intense earnestness, and a memory overflowing with interesting material, made her as attractive as a magnet. I have seen in private conversation, men of affairs, and intellect, sit at her feet as learners. Mrs. Little was one of the founders of this Presbyterial, for while at home on her first furlough in 1899, she was present at the organization of the Ladies' Missionary Union of Bethel Presbytery, and helped greatly by her suggestions and sympathy. So that it is peculiarly appropriate that we pause awhile today to honor her memory.

Many and beautiful have been the testimonials, appreciations and letters written concerning Mrs. Little's life and labors by her friends and co-workers at home and on the foreign field. They all express the highest praise of her work, appreciation of her character, and love for her personally. No doubt they have been read by all of you, so I shall not repeat them here. But I cannot refrain from quoting from the aged missionary, Mrs. Mary H. Stuart, who was as a mother to Mrs. Little. She writes: "She came to us with the zeal and enthusiasm of one who was consecrating her young life to China, and to the end she never lost her first love. Of the many women who have wrought for China, few have entwined themselves more tenderly in the hearts of her co-workers or left a more enduring record of loving service to the Master. We cannot call her back, but we can catch the inspiration of her beautiful life, and try to carry out the ideals which she gave us."

I shall touch briefly upon some of Mrs. Little's characteristics as

we, her homefolks, knew her. She had, by inheritance, a bouyant, optimistic temperament, which strengthened by faith and tempered by sound judgment, was a source of power in her work, making her strong to plan and originate. She always cheered, stimulated and encouraged. A younger friend once said, "Miss Ella brightens everybody by just walking into the room".

Though a woman of the strongest and most decided convictions, yet such was her perfect tact and courtesy that she never antagonized or wounded the feelings of another.

> "She never found fault with you, never implied
> Your wrong by her right; and yet men at her side
> Grew nobler, girls purer, as through the whole town
> The children were gladder who pulled at her gown."

Like another unequalled teacher, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, Mrs. Little seized as by instinct on what was good in one and cultivated and cherished that. I have heard so many say, "She makes me want to be good." And once a lively lady supplemented, "Better than that she makes me feel that I am good!"

A friend who wrote her a steamer letter to be opened on the voyage "home", as she called the land of her love, closed with the Pauline message, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Mrs. Little was an all around woman, for though at the head of the Leola Murchison Sprunt Academy of the Willie Moore Bible Training Home for Women, co-operating with Dr. Little in extensive evangelistic work, she yet found time to do bits of dainty needlework to make a perfect home and to entertain delightfully. To our mind Wordsworth's lines seem to have been written to describe this remarkable woman:

> "A creature not too bright and good
> For human nature's daily food,
> The reason firm, the temperate will,
> Endurance, foresight, strength and skill,
> A perfect woman nobly planned,
> To warn, to comfort, to command,
> And yet a spirit, still and bright,
> With something of angelic light."

I believe I am safe in saying that Mrs. Little is the only person

I have ever heard discussed and analyzed without any one ever adding an "if" or a "but".

A co-worker and friend of twenty-five years, Mrs. Hugh W. White, agrees with me. She writes: "The missionaries are very closely thrown together in any station or mission. Foibles as well as virtues stand out in bold relief, and sometimes the former seem more pointed than the latter. So in those days I heard various criticisms of various persons, but I never heard Miss Davidson criticised. I have often thought of her as the perfection of a woman."

She seemed to us in those last days to be in the full flower of her matured womanhood, but the body was already frail, and though she cared for it intelligently and conscientiously it was so completely ruled by the indomitable spirit that we could not realize that her earthly life was so near the close. While speaking freely of her health she never dwelt upon sickness, her mind was too sane for that. But ah! with what interest and kindly attention she would listen to you! I asked Mrs. C. E. Spencer, of York, who loved Mrs. Little and who appreciated her rare quality, to give me her thought of her, and this is what she sent me: "It is most unfortunately as difficult to describe the charm of a personality as it would be to describe a flower to one born blind. Yet as the memory of the flower lingers to charm 'that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude', so to one who had long known and loved 'Miss Ella', the memory of 'the white flower of her blameless life' will always be an inspiration and a delight. Her supreme earnestness was one of her leading characteristics. Early one could see that her life on earth was a 'mission'—not merely a life. God's will was in her character and career also. She came 'not to be ministered unto but to minister'. Added to this pure purpose of her mind and soul was a delightful personality so unselfish that it never sought to impress itself. Indeed it was her divine forgetfulness of self that enabled her to come among us so unaware that her unveiled face told us that she 'had been with Jesus'. For she 'wist not that it shone'. In one of the larger cities of the South where a representative reception had been held in her honor it was noted with some surprise, that the devotees of pleasure, avowedly with no interest in the religion which was her life, felt to an even greater degree than others, her inspiring charm.

"Always, too there was the interest so freely given to all, and the perfect courtesy of a heart at leisure from itself which made a

meeting with her a delight, both then and afterwards. She was unforgetable."

Some even of the ripest Christians have spoken of her death as premature and untimely. Such a problem has fascinated and mystified the human mind of all ages. But the only perfect life ever lived on this planet numbered just thirty-three years. Not quantity but quality is what matters.

In her last message to her loved Kiangyin people she said, in reference to her approaching transition: "Tell them the Father never makes any mistake in placing his workers. And tell them never, never to doubt God. I long for each one to be able to say, 'For me to live is Christ and to die is gain'."

And further: "Tell them I long for them to be active as soul winners and for them to be liberal givers to His cause. Tell them to live in love and helpfulness and never to forget the many who know not about Jesus Christ."

And she being dead yet speaketh.

M. A. G.

MRS. JOHN HALL

"Our Mrs. Hall" is the beloved subject of this little sketch. Bethel Presbytery has an especial claim to this possessive since Mrs. Hall was for years its active, capable and consecrated worker, at home and afield.

She was born in Charleston, West Virginia, and upon marriage to Mr. Hall, their honeymoon trip carried them to Colombia, S. A., where the Southern Presbyterian Church then had a mission in Bogota under Dr. H. B. Pratt. Here Mr. and Mrs. Hall began their married life by opening a mission in the small town of Barronguilla. They had been there about three years and were mastering the language and reaping some harvest from their earnest sowing when our Board decided to relinquish this field to the Northern Presbyterians and to send Mr. and Mrs. Hall as pioneers into the Mexican work at Brownsville, Texas.

This was just across the border from Matamoras, Mexico, where there was a church and a girls' school under Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Graybill and Miss Annie E. Dysart. For awhile there was a branch of this school in Brownsville where Miss Janet Houston did admirable work

nobly assisted by Miss Laughridge (who afterwards became the second Mrs. Graybill).

Here the Halls led a busy, varied life. Mr. Hall did the usual evangelistic duties of a missionary and Mrs. Hall was often acting-head of the mission, teacher in the school, musical director, and organist, of the services and all the while running her own household and mothering the children given them there.

When these mission churches were firmly established to be organized into a Presbytery, the Halls felt that their duty to their younger children demanded a retirement from the Foreign Field. For three happy years they became the loved occupants of the Pleasant Grove manse but at the end of that time the Board called them to Cuba.

Mr. Hall went first—immediately after the Spanish American war, when God's opportunity beckoned—and Mrs. Hall joined him a year later. These two devoted workers saw the beginning and establishment of our work in Cardenas and the John Hall Memorial Church stands there in testimony of untiring labor in the Master's cause.

After Mr. Hall was called to a heavenly reward Mrs. Hall tarried in South Carolina with her children for about a year. However she ever felt a heart-hunger for work among those who so sorely needed her and in 1895 she returned to Cuba.

God gave her her soul's desire—an active, helpful, fruitful life in her chosen mission until the very time of her death; which occurred in June, 1916.

Probably no missionary in the field held a larger share of that spirit which bestows the "will and to do" of Christ's service. Mrs. Hall combined rare spiritual zeal and faith with a capacity for forceful labor. She was further enabled to do this by an ever abundant sweetness of disposition coupled with great strength of character. It was hers at all times to differentiate between the sin and the sinner and, while reproving the former to draw and hold the latter. The brown mothers and children of Mexico and Cuba found in her the same understanding love that we, of the home church, had many times proved to be hers.

As the years passed an inward grace made soft and radiant her voice, face and eyes. We were impressed that she "had been with Jesus" and

"To see her smile was to feel the brush of an angel's wing."

MRS. HATTIE JONES McILWAINE

Harriet Meade, third daughter of Thomas Thweatt Jones and Margaret Ann Bolling, was born at "The Oaks", in Brunswick County, Virginia, on August 10, 1864. Her parents were blessed with piety, education, and culture. After their marriage in 1858 they began a private school at the ancestral home, which drew a large patronage from the country side. But the war came on, the young husband and father marched away, and the subject of this sketch was born in 1864, when the fortunes of the South were at the lowest ebb.

The girlhood of Harriet Meade Jones was therefore one of hardship. She grew up among the simplest of rural scenes, and always assumed burdens beyond her strength. Mr. and Mrs. Jones for years conducted a home school, and her parents were her only teachers. This was a fortunate circumstance, for both were unusually endowed with mental gifts.

Hattie graduated with honors from Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C., about 1884, and taught for several years in the home school. This period was a fruitful one; her influence over her brothers and sisters and the other young people of the neighborhood was so great that consternation reigned when she announced her purpose to become a foreign missionary.

She sailed as a missionary to China in 1889, and was stationed at Soo-Chow for a year of language work. On January 1, 1891, she was married at Soo-Chow to William Beaureguard McIlwaine, of South Carolina, then a missionary to Japan. The young couple returned immediately to Kochi, Japan, where Mrs. McIlwaine has spent a lifetime of faithful service as wife, mother, and missionary.

No better index to the character of this faithful couple can be given than to say that they continue to live by choice in a native house, since they feel that in this way they can get nearer the real life of the Japanese people.

MRS. ORA GLENN ROBERTS

The subject of this sketch was born in the Bethel community, York County, October 19, 1893, into the Christian home of Mr. and Mrs. D. Lee Glenn. When she was still quite young her parents moved to Western North Carolina and she was fortunate in being sent to the

Lees McRae Institute, Banner's Elk, N. C. She was a member of its graduating class (1909) and joined the church there under the guidance of her beloved pastor, Rev. Edgar Tufts.

She completed her splendid education at Flora McDonald College and at Agnes Scott, graduating from the latter in 1916. For two years she taught in Rock Hill and Georgia in 1919. The Foreign Mission Board sent her out as teacher of music in the Charlotte Kemper Seminary, of Lavras, Brazil. In 1921 she was happily married to Dr. G. A. Roberts, of Raleigh, N. C., who is connected with the science department of the Agricultural school of Lavras.

Dr. and Mrs. Roberts came home on a brief honeymoon but returned to Brazil to resume the work they loved and for which each was so well fitted. Their influence for Christian living is given wide scope by their important position as heads of a dormitory for small boys.

Mrs. Roberts is much enjoyed by women's organizations when on her furloughs, since she combines a most attractive personality with a telling zeal in her Master's cause.

MISS CLARIBEL WILLIAMS

Purity Church has another winsome daughter who is giving full time service to the Lord: Miss Claribel Williams.

Miss Williams was born into a consecrated home in McConnelsville, S. C., early moving to Chester, where she joined the church. She graduated from Winthrop College and taught school for several years until she entered the Assembly's Training School. After her graduation here, she became the pastor's assistant at St. Andrew's Church, Wilmington, N. C.

Although she had to combat ill health for a year or more, she is now fully recovered and is the brilliant and consecrated editor of the "Program Builder", published by our Committee in Richmond, and is herself responsible for the major portion of our Young People's programs.

MRS. LEE WILLIAMSON

Virginia Lewis Williamson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Lewis, of Chester, S. C., was born not only of consecrated parents but had a rich heritage of piety from her maternal grandparents: Mr. and Mrs.

J. G. Hall, for years beloved missionaries of our Church. Mrs. Williamson, as a child in Sunday School, was a member of Miss Janie Stringfellow's zealous little band, "The Seven Stars", and was such a "bright particular star" that "Aunt Janie" referred to her as "my little missionary star". That she would not disappoint this tender and loving sponsor was soon assured by her Christian activities at Winthrop College—where she graduated—and by her entrance into the Assembly's Training School at Richmond. After her graduation from this school, she did religious work in Florida, while awaiting the Mission Board's ability to send her out as a missionary. That same year she was happily married to Rev. D. Lee Williamson, himself awaiting the Board's plans. The two did Home Mission work in the North Carolina mountains until 1927, when they were sent to our West Brazil Mission, thus entering a busy, consecrated life.

Mrs. Williamson is loved for her staunch character, bright disposition and charming sense of humor—a valuable asset in any field!



MRS. SAMUEL GAILLARD STONEY

Historian Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of South Carolina.

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Mrs. Stoney was elected
Synodical Historian in 1928

"I must be about my Father's business."—Luke 2:49.

OUR FOUNDATIONS

It seems appropriate to open this brief account of the work of the women of Charleston Presbytery with Dr. White's definition of Presbyterianism, as it is good from time to time to go back to the basis of our faith, the reason for our holding to this branch of the Holy Church Universal.

In his address in 1911, at the centennial of the erection of the present building known as the First, or Scots', Church of Charleston, Dr. Henry Alexander White,* Professor of History in Washington and Lee University, defines the Presbyterian government, and goes on to say: "But Presbyterianism is more than a system of government; it includes fundamental features of doctrine and worship, according to the declaration of a Presbyterian Assembly in London, held at a time when the Presbyterian System was established in England by act of Parliament".

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"The Presbyterian system exalts the inspired word of God above the Church, and holds this word before men as the only infallible rule of faith and practice."

It may be added that Presbyterianism is an attitude of mind; the most intellectual form of orthodox Christianity with the least appeal to the emotional or the esthetic instincts.

The first body of Presbyterians within the geographical confines of this Presbytery belonged to the French Protestant Church. The French Protestant Church was established by Zwingli and Calvin, and known as the Huguenot Church. All students of French history

*Dr. Henry Alexander White, Professor of History in Washington and Lee University; Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis in the Columbia Theological Seminary from 1902 until his death and author of many authoritative books. His address at the centennial exercises of the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston is the best authority on early Presbyterianism in Charleston, as his research has been thorough. Other authorities consulted by the the present writer are: Dr. George Howe's "History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina"; the recently published "Presbyterian Church in South Carolina Since 1850"; Dr. Ramsay's "History of the Circular Church"; Dr. Dalcho's "History of the Episcopal Church in South Carolina"; and Records of the Huguenot Society; Records of Sessions and Deacons of Church Societies; old letters and traditions; all carefully scrutinized.

are familiar with the outlines of the Huguenot story and but a few details will recall it. This "New Religion", as it was called in France and Switzerland, helped by the French Bible translated by Jacque Le Fevre in 1522, appealed strongly to the more intelligent, so that it spread among the nobility, one-third of these being at one time in this Church, as well as the gentry and those known as the bourgeois, comprising merchants, manufacturers and craftsmen. Silk weavers and jewelers made up a considerable portion of these Protestants. In the days of Henry II, Anthony Bourdon, King of Navarre, was one of them, and his great son, Henry IV of France, returned to the Roman Catholic Church for political reasons only.

During the reign of Francois I, real tortures of Protestants began, burning them at the stake or roasting them over a fire, very slowly. Of course, persons of quality were not so treated, but they rallied to the defense of their poorer brothers and civil war resulted. It was then that the name of Huguenot became current; it is defined by some as "Bound together by oath", again as Flemish, "Huguenen", a Puritan; again, "Hobgoblin", as given purely in derision about 1545. The leaders, finding conditions increasingly outrageous, cast about for some place of refuge. Admiral Gaspard de Coligny, that great Huguenot, in 1555 sent a colony to South America which failed. So he despatched in 1562 an expedition under Captain Jean Ribault which first touched in Florida, but continued northward to a beautiful harbor which they named Port Royal, and on what is now Parris Island they built Fort Charles, the site of which was recently marked by the government. The name and that of Carolina which they gave to the country in general, were in compliment to the King of France, Charles IX, whose weakness and superstition permitted in 1572 the terrible massacre of St. Bartholomew's Day, when beginning with Admiral Coligny himself, every Huguenot that could be found in Paris was put to the sword and many were killed throughout the provinces.

Ribault and his Lieutenant, Rene de Landonniere, returned to France for further aid and additional colonists, leaving a garrison under Captain Albert in Fort Charles. As they found France torn with civil war, Ribault, in danger as a Huguenot, fled to England. Coligny despatched colonists under Landonniere in April, 1564, who, stopping first in Florida, heard from Indians of the loss of their colony, which reduced to extremity, had set sail in small boats and were almost all lost. A new fort, Fort Caroline, was built on the

River May (now the St. John's), but the colony was soon massacred as "Lutherans", by the Spaniards.

Under Henri IV, who continued, in spite of nominal change of religion, a friend of the Huguenots, there was peace, and in 1598 he issued the Edict of Nantes which guaranteed religious freedom, but his son Louis XIII renewed persecution and took possession, after an historic siege, of the great Huguenot city, La Rochelle. Louis XIV, his grandson, continued this treatment which culminated in his Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

During this time Huguenot marriages were declared unlawful, and the Dragonnades began, bodies of Dragoons being quartered on the people, taking possession of their women, their property, their homes. Children were torn from their parents' arms and placed in convents to be educated as enemies. Families were hopelessly scattered. In Meaux fourteen of the leaders of a large congregation, interrupted at communion service, were burned at stakes placed in a circle in the market place. In the Tour de Constance, the women's prison for the south of France, were incarcerated little girls, old women, and brides dragged from the marriage service. In 1768, in a "spacious round chamber, deprived of air or light, fourteen women were languishing." The youngest, who was fifty, was first imprisoned there at eight years of age, having been arrested on her way to service with her mother. The others had been there between thirty and forty years; one had gone mad and been released.

Such suffering resulted in wholesale emigration. As many weakened before the terrors of persecution, only those who were strong enough for the "Conscience Test" came to America. Dr. Gabriel Manigault says that a larger number came to South Carolina than to any other colony, attracted by the description of the climate and soil. France lost her best citizens. They were of many strains of French descent, Breton, Norman, Flemish-Walloon, Basque from Languedoc —some carried valuable property with them, though most fled almost naked.

The Huguenot settlement next in date after Ribault, sailed from England in 1630, in the ship "Mayflower" for Carolina, but through the hazards and uncertainties of a sea-voyage at the time, found themselves in Virginia and there remained. Owing to the almost universal neglect of records, some of the earliest Huguenot settlers at the time of the final establishment of the colony in 1670, may be traced only by grants of land in 1677, though French names are

found as early as 1672. A shipload of Huguenots from England arrived on the "Richmond" in 1680, another ship following immediately, some Swiss Presbyterians among the French.

These, with later immigrations following the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, settled in Charles Town; in Orange Quarter, later and still known as the Parish of St. Thomas and St. Denis on French Quarter Creek in Berkeley County; near Ladson Station in Goose Creek, also Berkeley County; and in St. John's, Berkeley, near Pinopolis. Some under the Reverend Pierre Robert, settled French Santee, from Eutawville to Wambaw Creek, along the Santee River in 1685; others in 1732, with some Swiss among them, established Purrysburg in Jasper County; the last regular settlement being New Bordeaux in McCormick County, in 1764.

Of these French wanderers, most were in great poverty, having been forced to leave all behind for their dear Lord's sake, so that while a very few among them had means, as communities they were unable to support pastors. This ended in their absorption, in the case of the first settlements, as churches, by the Church of England, the dominant branch of the Church in the colony, with the condition that their own pastors, reordained by the English Church, should minister to them and that the English liturgy should where possible be read to them in the authorized French version. Many Huguenot families went into the Presbyterian Churches that were also being established and into the Congregational Church.

The Huguenot Church of Charles Town was able to prolong its independent existence as a French Protestant congregation, and so continues to this day, the only Huguenot Church in the United States, preserving its original form of government and using the Liturgy of the French Church, published in Neufchatel in 1737. Their earliest pastor was the Reverend Elias Prioleau, a descendant of a Doge of Venice and of a family which gave several pastors to the French Church. With the Reverend Florente Philippe Trouillard, he established a congregation certainly sometime before 1687, as the land deeded for a church was of that date. The first church was destroyed with records in 1740 by fire, and the second met a like fate in 1796. Though rebuilt in 1797, the congregation had fallen away, but was revived in some measure in 1845, when the church was enlarged and remodelled. But most of those who had transferred their membership to the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches never returned, and the congregation never regained its strength. It continues an independent church, working for

Home Missions, through a benevolent society connected with it, and for the Protestant Church of France.

To show what they were forced to endure as emigrants, the celebrated letter of Judith Giton is given in part: She was a native of Voute in Dauphine, and after reaching Carolina married Noe Royer of Tours. After his death she became the wife of Pierre Manigault of La Rochelle and the mother of many children.

Extracts from Judith Giton Manigault's letter follow, taken from Dr. Ramsay's History. Her age at the time of the journey was twenty.

"During eight months we had suffered from the contributions and the quartering of the soldiers, with many other things. We, therefore, resolved on quitting France by night, leaving the soldiers in their beds and abandoning the house with its furniture. We contrived to hide ourselves at Romans, in Dauphigny, for ten days" * * * "He (her brother) went to Madame de Choiseul's * * * She was dead * * * Her son-in-law had the command of everything. Moreover he gave us to understand that he perceived our intention of quitting France and if we asked any favors from him, he would inform against us. * * * We passed to Holland, to go from thence to England. * * * It was the year in which King Charles of England died (Feb. 1685). We remained in London 3 months waiting for a passage to Carolina. Having embarked, we were sadly off; the spotted fever made its appearance on board our vessel, of which disease many died, and among them our aged mother. Nine months elapsed before our arrival in Carolina. We touched at two ports, one a Portuguese, and the other an island called Bermuda belonging to the English, to refit our vessel, which had been much injured in a storm. Our captain, having committed some misdemeanor, was put in prison and the vessel seized. Our money was all spent and it was with great difficulty we procured passage in another vessel. After our arrival in Carolina, we suffered every kind of evil. In about eighteen months our elder brother, unaccustomed to the hard labor we were obliged to undergo, died of a fever. Since leaving France we had experienced every kind of affliction—disease—pestilence—famine—poverty—hard labor. I have been for six months together without tasting bread, working the ground like a slave, and I have even passed three or four years without having it when I wanted it. * * * Let it suffice that God has had compassion on me, and changed my fate to a more happy one."

It must be remembered that the death rate among these and other Colonists was tremendous and that the French were hampered by

poverty and foreign customs. But their frugality and excellent business ability and their mutual help, "living like a tribe, like one family", "craving only to breathe one air and see one sun" conquered in the end. From them has South Carolina inherited her love of liberty; in religious life, her independence, her gaiety of spirit and her habit of tempering the severity of puritanism with a recognition that God made happiness and gave us all innocent means of enjoyment. A large proportion of our most prominent citizens are of this blood.

Judith's own son, Gabriel Manigault, was a most distinguished man, and from his large fortune lent $220,000.00 to the American Congress to carry on the War for Independence. General Francis Marion was of Huguenot blood, and so was Hugh Swinton Legare, statesman and scholar; Culebra Cut of the Panama Canal was renamed in honor of Col. David DuBose Gaillard. It is impossible to list the descendants of Huguenots or of those other Presbyterian settlers who have by their sterling qualities helped to make and keep South Carolina's standard high through the centuries.

In 1764, about 600 Palatines (Huguenots who had earlier fled to Germany) reached England and were there abandoned by their leader. Some clergymen plead for them and the King gave transportation for them to Carolina in two ships with arms and provisions. They arrived in 1764, and settled in one township around Orangeburg, intending as did many others to raise silk and wine.

At the same time that the final act of the drama of the Huguenots was enacted, the Scottish, English and above all, North Irish Presbyterians were suffering intense persecution. While we have all heard of the Scottish maidens drowned for their faith, of the Covenanters hiding in the mountains and moors, and the ministers imprisoned on the Bass Rock, there was with them much less bodily suffering than in France, although 2,000 ministers in England, ousted from their livings, were reduced to pitiful beggary. The Roman Catholic Church and the Episcopal Church claimed all church property, and James VI of Scotland, I of England, encouraged persecution of Presbyterian Independents. James had continued the plan begun by Queen Elizabeth, of settling the Northern Counties of Ireland with Scotch and English Protestants, and upon them the burdens were very great. After the restoration of the Stuarts in 1660 there was not only religious oppression in North Ireland, especially to all who with Scotland had sworn to the Solemn League and Covenant and were disqualified as citizens in every way, but the jealousy of England had cut the linen and wool

business to starvation point, so that thousands (3000 in one year alone) from Ulster emigrated and spread through the colonies of America, giving backbone to the population and a stern reverence for the truth and the rights of the individual, one of the chief contributory causes of the American Revolution.

Some of these men were among those who settled Charles Town in 1670, under Governor Sayle, Elder in a church in Bermuda; while many from England were with the party under Benjamin Blake who arrived in 1682 and settled Wiltown. A large body from the West of Scotland where the Presbyterians were suffering grievous persecutions, came under Lord Cardross to Port Royal in 1683 and took over a grant of 12,000 acres, calling the settlement Stuart's Town. With them was the Reverend William Dunlop, who is spoken of by Dr. White as the founder of Presbyterianism in South Carolina, although before that had come the Reverend Francis Makemie from North Ireland to Virginia in 1682, who speaks of Presbyterians in Carolina needing a minister. The Reverend Thomas Barret is mentioned as living on Ashley River as early as 1685 and is reckoned as the first pastor of the White Meeting House in Charles Town.

In 1686, the Port Royal colony was massacred by Spaniards and Indians from Florida, save only those who fled to Charles Town. William Dunlop was one of these; he had already become a member of the Governor's Council and was possibly the only minister in Charles Town for a time.

To the present generation it may bring a more vivid idea of the conditions under which these forefathers of ours established themselves in Carolina if a few extracts from the ancient records are given. The first settlers were Englishmen sent by the Lords Proprietors under Govenor William Sayle, a Presbyterian, and furnished with arms, supplies, and money, and with grants of land. These men brought with them various followers of adventurous spirit while others were gathered in groups by agents or hired themselves as indentured men for a period of years. Negroes were brought as slaves almost immediately. The first settlement on the site called Old Town, on the West bank of the Ashley, was not satisfactory and Oyster Point was taken instead, the old site being given up as the new developed. At first, Charles Town was built of wood but bricks were brought from England or made by the Colonists. Tabby or coquina must have been used later, for the fragment of the old boundary wall still standing on Marion Square is of that material. Beaufort later had many important tabby

buildings. From the little city of Charles Town the wealthy land owners went out to take up their grants and build their houses. There was little agricultural development at first, hunting and fishing fed them, when they did not starve. Peltries and lumber were the first exports. Later, a little rice was grown, and later still came hemp, indigo and cotton. A settler would (probably in March) take wife and children, a few animals, tools and supplies into the wilderness, building his log cabin with a greased paper window, his only light of pitched torches, then clear, plant, and trap. They were always in danger from Indians, and Spaniards from the South. During the first eighty years of the Colony, settlements were made inland about eighty miles, divided into four counties, Berkeley (in which was Charles Town), Craven to the northeast, Colleton containing Port Royal and islands, and Carteret to the southwest; but at the end of the following half century the colony had reached the mountains. Landgrave Smith, who died in 1694, recorded of the customs of the early days:

"The young girls received their beaux at three o'clock, having dined at twelve, expecting them to withdraw about six o'clock, as many families retired to bed at seven in the winter and seldom extended their sitting in summer beyond eight o'clock, some of their fathers having learned to obey the curfew toll in England. In those days * * * their rooms were all uncarpeted, the rough sides of the apartments remained of the natural color or complexion of whatever wood the house chanced to be built of. Rush-bottomed chairs were furnished."

Mrs. Flud, the chronicler of the Legare family, gives this picture of a slightly later period (1723): "The white inhabitants lived frugally, as luxury had not yet crept in among them, and, except a little rum and sugar, tea, and coffee, were contented with what their plantations afforded." "In those primitive days it was customary for families (in Charleston) to dine at 12 o'clock, and take their tea at sunset; after which the old folks sat around their street doors; or like good old-fashioned neighbors, exchanged kind greetings with each other from house to house, while the young people assembled in groups to walk or play about the streets. It is said that on summer moonlight evenings, the grown girls and young men amused themselves after this fashion, in playing 'Trays-Ace', 'Blind Man's Buff', etc., and doubtless enjoyed these rural sports quite as much as our more refined modern belles and beaux enjoy the Battery promenades of the present day. But the fathers and mothers of that day had greater regard to regular and early hours

than their descendants have; for it was considered a great breach of family discipline for a child to stay out after nine o'clock at night, when the house was closed and all its inmates assembled round the family altar to unite in the devotions of the evening, after which the little community was soon wrapped in slumber, thus preparing themselves for an early start on the duties of the following day."

Mrs. Flud records also this anecdote of the Reverend Archibald Stobo, of the White Meeting House, and Mr. Solomon Legare:

"Among Mr. Stobo's eccentricities, his services were entirely too long. Mr. Solomon Legare of the White Meeting House, was strict in observance of regular hours and to his great annoyance the Reverend Mr. Stobo, who preached at one time at the Congregational (then Presbyterian) Church, gave sermons of such unusual length that they often interfered with the dinner hour. At length Mr. Legare was determined to submit no longer to such irregularity, and the next Sabbath he got up with his family, in the midst of the discourse, and was about to leave the church when the Reverend Scotch gentleman, perceiving his intention, called out from the pulpit: 'Aye, aye, a little pitcher is soon full', upon which irreverent address the Huguenot's French blood became excited, and turning himself about in the middle of the aisle, he still more irreverently and not altogether to his credit, retorted 'And you are an auld fool'. He then quietly went home with his family, ate his dinner, returned with them to the church and then listened to the balance of the discourse as gravely as if nothing had happened."*

The many Negroes, largely outnumbering the whites, some from the West Indies but the majority savage Africans, were a constant danger. The Spaniards in St. Augustine attracted them with promises and formed a regiment of runaway slaves, officered by Negroes. There was ever-present fear of insurrection. In 1740 a rising occurred at Stono, "a little north of the road to Jacksonboro ferry", with a Negro named Cato for captain, the mob burning, pillaging, and murdering, for fifteen miles through the country. A Mr. Golightly, traveling on horseback, saw them coming, and turning, rode hastily to Wiltown Church (where Benjamin Blake had in 1682 settled 500 Presbyterian dissenters and where there was a fort) where there was service going on. According to the law of that time, the men were all armed and hurried at once to check the advance of the Negroes, then about eight miles away, while the women left behind trembled and prayed. Captain Bee, in command of the militia, had also been reached and col-

*From Mrs. Flud's Ms. History of the Legare family. Howe.

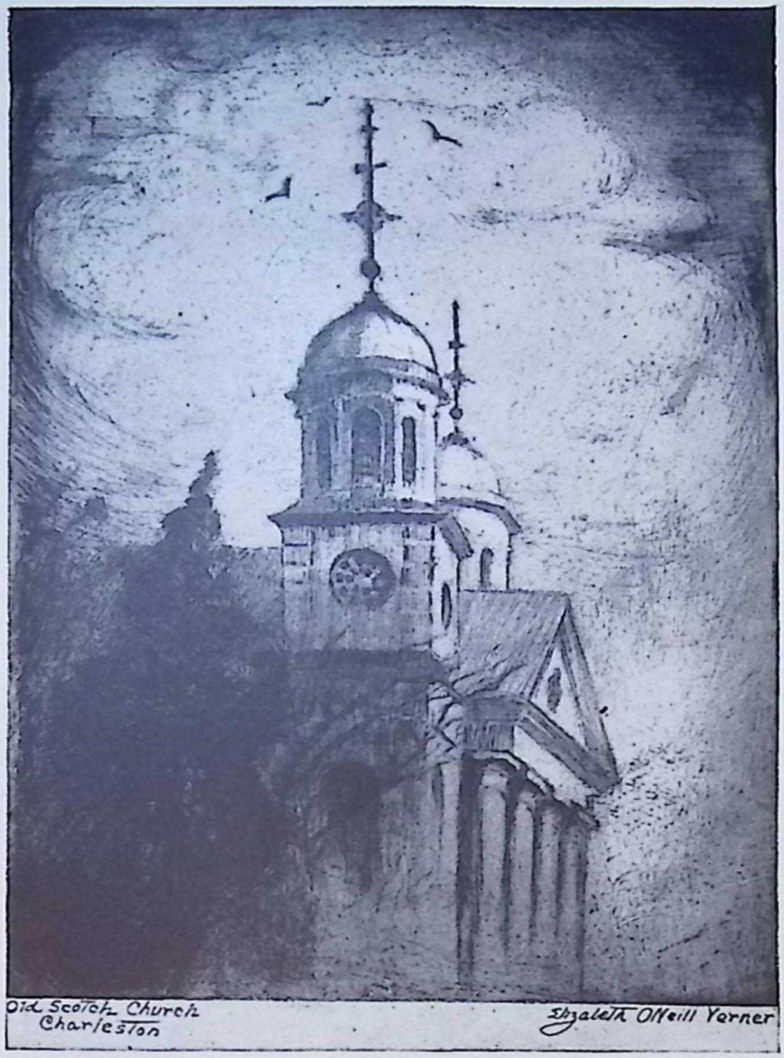
lected more troops as they went, so that the incendiaries were easily overcome at a plantation where they had camped, called for many years after, "Battlefield".

There were also Indian risings; the deadly malaria and yellow fever; but the colony not only lived but made progress. They sent to England wool, cotton, beaver skins, naval stores, indigo, hemp, and raw silk; there was also trade with the West Indies. For local transportation, in addition to coaches and wagons of all sorts, ox-drawn tilt topped "schooners", there were along the coast boats for every man, enormous dugouts and small ones; larger vessels for the plantation owner's use. In 1740 Charleston was burned in great part, but better houses took the place of those destroyed, the English Government sending relief. Some were of brick made near Charleston, and some brick from England, brought as ballast. Of course a large number were of wood. Pirates came to the town but were conquered. Stede Bonnet and his crew, nearly fifty, were hanged and buried at White Point (now the Battery) below high-water mark. Other evil men took refuge then, as some do now, in the swamps.

The colony was on the whole well governed as the restraints put on the Northern Colonies were not imposed on us, and after the Proprietary Government gave way to direct control from the English Crown, this colony was in all things carefully fostered. By 1710, Charleston had free schools; grammar schools and newspapers by 1730.

Both Presbyterians and Huguenots, in common with other Nonconformists, having left their homes for conscience' sake, were more earnest in their religious lives than most of the members of the Church of England. It was required by law that a man over seventeen years of age should be of some church to claim the rights and protection granted to a citizen, and one governor endeavored to restrict full citizenship to members of the Church of England, but was over-ruled. It was required that a freeman be one who believed in God, and decided that Dissenters were to be tolerated.

When the first churches, Presbyterian, Huguenot, Episcopal, Baptist, Quaker, were built, is a mooted question, but it is certain that the White meeting was organized before 1695 and built as a Presbyterian Church. Preserved in its records is a bond of Governor Blake, June, 1695, and there is mentioned "a piece of ground * * * on which the Meeting House is built." Many Congregationalists, who were known then as Independents or Separatists, worshipped with the Presbyterians, although we read that the Reverend Archibald Stobo, a Scottish



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (SCOTS')

Charleston, South Carolina

minister, became pastor in 1700, found the congregation Presbyterian, and bound them to remain so and to be governed by the laws of the Kirk of Scotland. The original map of Charleston of 1711 calls this the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Stobo's arrival in Charleston is worthy of notice. He was on board a ship bearing a discouraged Scottish colony returning from the Isthmus of Darien, and which anchored off Charleston Harbor over the Sabbath. The Presbyterians of Charleston, hearing of this minister, sent a boat out to the ship to beg him to come and preach for them that day. Mr. Stobo came and preached in the Meeting House, but a storm arose and wrecked the ship with all hands lost. He remained in Charles Town as pastor of the White Meeting, but left in 1707 and took the church at Wilton. He also founded the Walterboro Church "Pon Pon Bethel" and is believed to have been instrumental in organizing the James Island Church in 1706 and also the church at Cainhoy. John's Island Church dates back to 1710; Edisto claims to be older still, founded about 1695, but all documentary proof is gone.

Jews were admitted early in our history, the city of Charles Town being (in the words of a learned Rabbi) "one of the only places on God's earth that opened its gates to the persecuted and hunted Jew".

The local "Commons" or representative body were not satisfied however and a measure was forced on the dissenting members establishing the Church of England in the Colony. This meant the payment of all expenses, Church and parsonage, glebe and stipend in all parishes, continuing for seventy years until the Revolution stopped it. Most of the parishes were also helped by the Society of the Propagation of the Gospel, an English mission. This explains the action of the impoverished Huguenots in the country districts.

Late in 1722 or early in 1723 the Presbytery of Charles Town was established by Archibald Stobo, Hugh Fisher and other ministers with two elders, Joseph Stanyarne and Joseph Blake.* The Presbyterian Church at Cainhoy had for pastor the Reverend Josiah Smith from the Bermudas. He was the grandson of the first Landgrave Thomas Smith, who was Governor of the Province of Carolina.

But the Presbyterians had their disagreements among themselves. They were divided on the Westminster Confession, which was held by some in Ireland and England as a "human formula". These were

*See Dr. Henry Alexander White's address at First Church, Charleston.

called "Non-Subscribers", who maintained the Scriptures as the only rule.

By 1728-29 this discussion about the subscription by individual members to the strict interpretation of the Confession became acute. Those who considered this too severe a test, led by the Reverend Nathan Basset of the White Meeting and the Reverend Josiah Smith constituted a majority of the members of the White Meeting, but were outvoted in Presbytery. The minority of the congregation, casting their lot with Presbytery, withdrew from the old church and by 1731 had organized the First or Scots' Presbyterian (so-called from their adherence to the rules of the Kirk of Scotland) building a church on Meeting Street, just south of Tradd Street. The White Meeting or Circular Church later became definitely Independent, with a Congregational government, but very strong affiliation with the Charleston Presbytery, of which in later years its pastors were sometimes members, and pastors of the Presbyterian churches assisted in ordinations or other services in the old Church. The Church of Dorchester, settled by a colony from Dorchester, New England, at the end of the year 1695, was also Congregational, and also most fraternal in its relations with its Presbyterian neighbors.

The present First Church of Charleston is, therefore, really a part of the congregation of the earliest church, and while the date of its founding is strictly 1731, it maintained the Presbyterian influence and tradition which began with the settlement of the colony.

The visit of Whitefield, the great revivalist (still a clergyman of the Church of England in 1743, when he preached in the White Meeting House, now the Congregational Church) encouraged this movement of Independence or Congregationalism. This, added to the individualism for which South Carolina is still known, brought it about that often congregations holding strictly to Presbyterian tenets, with ministers more often than not members of the Presbytery, refused organic union with Presbytery themselves. They would come in for a time and then declare themselves "Independent". Presbytery itself was changed in name and geography as the growth of the church required. At the time of the Revolution everything like organization was for a time suspended and later organization was a change. But Whitefield brought two other messages both of grave importance. He advocated the preaching in pulpits of other denominations and he urged the Christianizing of the slaves. This of course had been already going on, but the Reverend Wm. Hutson, inspired by Whitefield, made it a special duty. The

Independent spirit of the congregations continued in some sort, until a real secession in 1838, following the division of the General Assembly into the Old School and New School Churches. In Charleston Presbytery the breach was healed in 1853.

To those who are accustomed to think history in terms of men and kings, this may seem strange as an introduction to an account of Women's Work in Charleston Presbytery, but where men settled, the women went and in all this they were active. They held no offices and we have no account of societies earlier than the beginning of the nineteenth century, but they were most zealous. There is no register of what they did in those earliest days, except for a few gifts to that very first Presbyterian Church, when in 1704, Frances Simonds, widow of Henry Simonds, gave a lot of land on which the first building had been erected and the second building (called the White Meeting, a white Church) was put up, 100 by 130 feet, adding to her gift in 1707 with another plot of garden ground adjoining, and a large silver cup. In 1730, Lydia Durham bequeathed to this church "a moiety of yearly rents", and as the colony prospered, this church (our Mother, but then become Congregational) received, 1761, a bequest from Theodora Edings, of 200 pounds. From Anne Mathewes, 500 pounds. In 1770, Mary Heskit left 200 pounds. During and after the Revolution came other gifts, from Sarah Stoutenburg in 1779, $1,905.00; in 1777, from Mrs. Mary Lamboll Thomas, 2660 pounds to purchase another lot and tenement. Mrs. Mary Ellis bequeathed 3000 pounds in indents; in 1799, from the widow Ruth Powell 100 pounds sterling. In 1801, Mrs. Francis Legare bequeathed a house in Tradd Street, subject to the claim of 100 pounds to the Baptist Church fund, for the education of pious young men for the ministry. In 1807, one hundred and forty-seven ladies gave towards building the pulpit in the third building (the Circular Church), $2,063.00. All these details are taken from Dr. Howe's "History of Presbyterianism of South Carolina". From him is this further quotation:

"FEMALE BENEFACTORS"

We add to the list of benefactors a number of Marys of this church —of that sex who were "last at the Cross of the crucified Redeemer, and first at the tomb of the risen Saviour", and who, all having, in life, chosen "that good part which shall not be taken from them", have all gone to their heavenly reward.

1. Miss Elizabeth Huxham, who bequeathed a legacy of $1,000 to

the church, appropriating the income for the relief of the poor females of the congregation, who receive pecuniary relief on Sacramental occasions; besides leaving $1,000 to the Ladies' Benevolent Society.

2. Mrs. Eliza Lucilla Simons, who bequeathed a legacy of $2,000 to the church, directing the income to be applied to the repairs of the church; besides leaving $5,000 to the Theological Seminary in Columbia. On this donation, we learn that "Simons Hall" was constructed, in connection with the Seminary.

3. Mrs. Jane Keith, who bequeathed a legacy of nearly $10,000 to Miss Sarah Stevens, to be appropriated for the promotion of the spread of the Gospel Kingdom of Jesus Christ and the glory of God. She also, in her lifetime, made many munificent donations to the Church. Among the latter, was a donation of $2500 towards the purchase of the (then) magnificent organ of the church increased by a legacy of $2,000 for the same purpose under her will. She also presented the church with an elegant baptismal font.

4. Miss Sarah Stevens, who bequeathed much the larger portion of Mrs. Keith's legacy to the Pastor and Deacons of the Circular Church, to be appointed by them to the preaching of the Gospel to the poor of Charleston. The fruit of this munificent donation is thus described in the "Southern Presbyterian".

5. Miss Rebecca Barksdale, who was in her lifetime, an annual benefactor of the church, in the way of voluntary contribution.

6. The late Mrs. Dr. Francis Y. Porcher who was also in her lifetime, a liberal donor. (Dr. Ramsay's "History of the Independent Church", 1815, and that of Richard Yeadon, Esq's. "History of the Circular Church", 1853.)

The gifts of the churches of the Presbyterial will be given with each church. These have been mentioned as a proof of what the women did. Think then, of the women of the old congregations working under these conditions, training their children in the fear of God and in reverence to the Ministers and Elders. Of course the Larger and Shorter Catechisms were taught, the Twenty-third Psalm, and the rest of the Bible studied in the little Town, the scattered plantation homes, the tiny hamlets, and the lonely pioneer cabins. If those women had not been faithful, earnest, and devout, their men could not have carried on, and the church would have vanished. So as you study the meagre outlines which are all that can be obtained in this war-ridden district, remember that the women worked always.

THE WORK OF EACH CHURCH

As this volume is to be used in connection with Synod's History it would be best to avoid all duplication of information, but the women's history needs to stand on its own feet and to do so it needs bones and sinews of fact. Some of those facts will perforce be found in both books. But there has been another difficulty, the modesty of the women of Charleston Presbytery is excessive; they are not only modest about their personal work, but about the work of their Auxiliaries. There will be found strange blanks that cannot be filled. But besides, this section has suffered terrible destruction by war both during the Revolution and the War Between the States, when many records were destroyed and lost. And many of the old churches no longer exist.

CHRONOLOGY OF CHARLESTON PRESBYTERIAL

Presbyterian Meeting House, congregation soon after 1680. Became Independent and Congregational.

Huguenot Church, 1686 or before. Not connected with Synod.

Edisto, about or before	1695	Mt. Pleasant,	1852
James Island,	1707	Rockville, about	1855
Wilton,	1707	Summerville,	1859
John's Island,	1710	Harmony,	1870
Cainhoy,*	1727	Ebenezer, about*	1870
Walterboro,	1728	New Wappetaw,	1872
First Church (Scots)	1731	Allendale,	1878
Stoney Creek,	1743	Corinth,	1891
Salkahatchie,*	1760	Bamberg,	1893
Second Church,	1809	Denmark,	1894
Beaufort, (1775?)	1813	Estill,	1898
Westminster,	1823	Blackville,	1913
Boiling Springs,	1824	Williston,	1920
Orangeburg,	1835	North Charleston,	1921
Barnwell,	1835	Branchville, Auxiliary,	1926

*Churches marked by a star no longer exist.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

ALLENDALE

The Allendale Church was organized on July 7, 1878, with nine members, and the church was built in 1890. The congregation was always small. At the death of Miss Kate Hay, in 1904, an annuity was bequeathed by her to the church as long as it existed.

In 1910 Mrs. Will Hay established a "Ladies' Aid" which became the "Missionary Society" in 1915. But Home and Foreign Mission work is reported as beginning in 1908. In 1916 Mrs. B. J. Hammett was elected president, served until 1923, the membership being seven. In 1924 Mrs. Brooks Lawton became president. "Our membership increased to nine. That year we painted the church and bought the individual communion set." Mrs. Marion Walker was elected president in 1925, serving until 1927.

The Auxiliary supports an orphan at Thornwell. There are now ten members with a per capita of $12. It is a Silver Cross Circle Auxiliary. They conduct two Mission Study classes and have one volunteer for life service. They have contributed to the Plumtree School and Clemson Fund and give help to local Negroes. The Christian Social Service Secretary has "turned the tide of a young man's life" to Christ. All are willing to pray in public and to give of their time and means. The present officers are: Mrs. R. B. Cunningham, President; Mrs. B. J. Hammett, Vice President; Mrs. Marion Walker, Secretary and Treasurer, Secretary of Young People and Sunday School Extension, also Historian; Mrs. R. B. Vance, Secretary Spiritual Life and Secretary Christian Social Service; Mrs. Clarence Carter, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss Lena Williams, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions and Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. Brooks Lawton, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. J. B. Warren, Secretary Literature.

BAMBERG

The church of Bamberg was organized on June 5, 1893, following a revival that had its beginning in the preaching of a seminary student, Mr. W. E. Beattie, who made his headquarters at Bamberg

for his preaching through the country. The Rev. Mr. McLees of Orangeburg assisted during the special week of preaching at the end of which the Rev. John Dow, evangelist, organized the church of twelve members; Mr. A. V. Eaves was ordained elder and Mr. Johns as deacon. For some years Mr. Hugh R. Murchison served the church as a missionary and in 1898 the church building was erected at a cost of about $2,500.00, chiefly given by Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Eaves. Mrs. Eaves especially kept the church together for many years. Other pastors had charge more or less as the years passed, but in 1923 the Rev. E. A. Dillard began to preach and was installed in 1924. Under his care the congregation increased to about forty-two members in 1925. In 1924 a manse was bought, costing $5,500.00.

The original church is still in use. The organ, part of the first gift, was exchanged for a piano in 1925, and a new pulpit Bible was given by Mrs. E. H. Henderson and Mrs. George Smith, who also made a velvet cushion for the Bible.

In 1922 there were only about twenty members of the church. The Auxiliary was organized in March, 1920, by the Presbyterial president, Mrs. N. E. Aull, with eleven members and a president, Mrs. J. A. Klein. In 1922 the Auxiliary gave a total of seventy dollars. By 1925 the Auxiliary was reorganized on a modern basis; they had carpeted the church, raised $33.00 on the manse debt, and bought a piano; they reached in 1924 an eighty percent Standard of Excellence. They also gave a party to seventeen boys. There was also a union Bible Study class. The church membership had grown to forty, with forty-five in the Sunday School. Mrs. E. A. Dillard was president in 1925-1926 and also historian. For 1924-1925 Miss Sallie Owens was president. The Auxiliary entertained the Denmark Society that year. Mrs. E. A. Dillard was district chairman in 1926-27 and also Presbyterial Secretary of Spiritual Life. She is much missed since her removal with Mr. Dillard to Greenville. The warmth of Bamberg's feeling for her was shown in one of their gifts, an electric waffle-iron, in 1926.

In that year (1925-26) a delegate was sent to the Young People's Conference in Atlanta and $110.00 was raised on the piano fund.

The report for April, 1927, shows Mrs. E. H. Henderson, whose work and influence have been important, as president of the Auxiliary, and thirteen members reported. They were a Silver Circle Auxiliary. In April, 1928, three-quarters of the members are tithing, there is an active Prayer Band. Fourteen members are on the roll,

all the women of the church. They have divided into circles. Foreign and Mission Study classes have been held. The per capita gift is $19.00, and $275.00 have been given to mission causes. They have helped the island work under Sara Gray and also contributed to the expenses of a young woman at the Colored Conference. In 1927 a young lady was sent to the Clinton Conference. They have also sent literature to a colored school in Bamberg. The present officers are: Mrs. F. S. Irwin, President and Historian; Mrs. J. J. Smoak, Vice President and Secretary Literature; Mrs. F. B. McCracken, Secretary; Mrs. C. O. Kirsch, Treasurer; Mrs. H. L. Hinnant, Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. G. S. Smith, Secretary Foreign Missions and Secretary Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. E. H. Henderson, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions and Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. Robt. Peters, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. Henry Hill, Secretary Christian Social Service.

BARNWELL

The Church of Barnwell is closely linked with the old settlement of Boiling Springs and with the sister church of Orangeburg. Mrs. Pearle Hagood Harvard gives the date of the building as before 1835. This building was desecrated by the Military Government imposed on South Carolina after the Confederate War. It was used at that time as a court house.

In 1922-24 Mrs. J. B. Armstrong was president of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Harvard, Secretary. The membership was six. By 1925 it was twelve, with two circles, all offices filled and total gifts amounted to $69.38.

The following account of the women of the church is by the Historian, Mrs. Pearle Harvard:

"I have often heard my father tell of his early Sunday School days with Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Carr and Mrs. Hagood, dear old ladies of long ago, trying to keep things going, and he stated that Mr. Palmer, Dr. Girardeau and many grand old ministers used to hold service, and how the church would be packed to overflowing, the galleries being used for the slaves. This church was built directly in front of my grandmother's old home and she told me that after the war, when we were having so much trouble with the Negroes, court was

held in this church and a white man was being tried by Negro jurors, and the citizens were so incensed that they went to remove the prisoner and a riot occurred; there are today to be seen bullet holes through the panels of the door.

"During the early sixties Mrs. James O'Hear Hagood and daughter, Miss Augusta Hagood, were the most earnest workers in keeping up church service and Sunday School. After the death of Mrs. Hagood, Mrs. Isaac Hudson, daughter of Rev. Ed. Palmer, of Tennessee, moved to this point, and was a great help in its upbuilding. Mrs. Hudson was a very gifted musician, and in that way made the church attractive to the young people. The only wedding during the war was held in this church, that of Mrs. Hudson's daughter, Mamie, to Mr. Colcock.

"Then came Mrs. Hay, and took up the work of Mrs. Hudson, and was a power for good. Mrs. Hay had one daughter, Susan, who married Mr. Townsend, moving to Aiken, and reared a small family; after the death of Mr. Townsend the family returned to Barnwell. It was through the efforts of Mrs. Townsend's son and daughter, Judge Willie Townsend and Miss Edith Townsend, that a flourishing Sunday School was organized, and for some time the church was opened for Sunday School work every Sunday morning. Later we began to have church service once monthly. Then came the storm that almost ruined our building and it was closed for ten long years. In the meantime I married and left home. After a couple of years I lost my husband and returned to our old home and determined we should hold service, even though to a very few, so my mother, Mrs. E. V. Hagood, and myself began to raise funds to get the building in shape in order to hold service. We began small but somehow, God seemed to be our help and guide as always, and we, in a a little while, were all fixed. Mr. Lewis T. Wilds, then a student, came down once a month and held service for us. For many years there were only three active ladies, Mrs. E. V. Hagood, Sr., Mrs. James B. Moore and I. However, we have added in the last two years, eight live women and this year I feel that we are doing things worth while and it is great to know you can touch elbows with interested ones and feel there is wonderful support from them, doubly fine it is after laboring so long almost entirely alone."

Mrs. Harvard reports that the Secretary of Christian Social Service has done most effective work. In 1927-28, ten members are reported in one circle, with a Prayer Band and Bible class. Mission

Study classes were conducted and help has been given to Clemson. They have bought a much needed piano. A Negro Bible and sewing class has been fostered and encouragement given to a delegate to the Colored Conference. Among other social service work, they have helped a needy Confederate widow. They pray for a pastor. Their per capita offering was $20.00. The present officers are: Mrs. P. H. Harvard, President, also Secretary of Literature and Historian; Mrs. T. M. Boulware, Vice Pesident and Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. A. A. McAllister, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. H. P. Compton, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. J. B. Armstrong, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Miss Martha Moore, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. Perry A. Price, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. A. M. McAllister, Secretary Christian Social Service; Mrs. Johnson Hagood, Chairman Home Circle.

BEAUFORT

The first recorded attempted settlement in North America was a Spanish expedition in 1520 followed by another in 1525, both in the immediate neighborhood of the city of Beaufort. The cruelty of the Spanish to the Indians was such that almost all of the settlers were massacred. But Spain, already in possession of part of South and Central America, claimed North America from that date.

The next settlement on this continent was that of Jean Ribault, who, under the patronage of Admiral de Coligny, was sent out from France in 1562 with two ships of the Royal Navy, a company of veterans and several gentlemen, all Huguenots. Dr. Howe tells us that "After landing first in Florida, he sailed northward for four weeks till he came to a deep and spacious bay, forming an entrance to a noble river, which he called Port Royal". Here, on Parris Island, "he built a fort which he called Fort Charles, the traces of whose entrenchments are yet to be seen, and, having supplied it with tools, provisions and war-like stores, he left in it a small garrison of twenty-six men".

Returning in January, 1665, with four vessels and a large company and many women and children, he was attacked by Spaniards and the settlement was blotted out, only a few escaping to tell of their disaster.

After the English under the Lords Proprietors had settled Charleston in 1670, Henry, Lord Cardross, a Presbyterian of the Kirk of Scotland, brought the next colony to Carolina. He had suffered imprisonment and outlawry in Scotland for his resistance to Episcopacy, and with thirty-five other prominent Scots, he secured from the Lords Proprietors 384 acres at Port Royal with special immunity from possible oppression and independence of the older colony, Charleston. In 1683 he established Stuart's Town. With him came the Reverend William Dunlop, a licentiate of the Kirk of Scotland, liberal in his views of church and doctrine; there came also a number of Scottish colonists and other persecuted and banished men, some Welsh Baptists.

Mr. Dunlop, as the leader of his colony, was appointed one of the Governor's council in Charleston. In 1686 a party of Spaniards from Florida with Indian allies destroyed the colony, though some escaped to Charleston and Edisto.

On July 23, 1756, the Reverend Archibald Simpson, of Glasgow, Scotland, who preached for many years in the country between Savannah and Charleston, "went over to Port Royal Island, to preach at Beaufort to the remains of a Presbyterian Church. Lord's Day 25th—was much pleased with the solid appearance of the congregation, which was pretty numerous as there was no preaching in the (Episcopal) Church".

From 1760 to 1772 Beaufort continued to be supplied occasionally by Mr. Simpson. In 1770 Mr. Simpson planned with Dr. Cuthbert the erection of a new meeting house there. The old church was hopelessly out of repair. Mr. Bowman had charge of the subscription list. Young Mr. Hutson, from near Indian Town (now Stoney Creek) gave seventy pounds.

But the church was not built, and on December 23, when another attempt was made to organize a church they did not succeed in building.

In 1832, Dr. Daniel Baker, an eloquent Presbyterian minister, after converting sixty persons at a protracted meeting at Gillisonville with others at Grahamville and the river May, was invited to extend his ministrations to Beaufort. There he found no Presbyterian Church, but was offered the use of both the Baptist and Episcopal Churches. Eighty persons of every age were converted, but no Presbyterian Church resulted. Of these converts, one became a Baptist minister, one a Bishop of the Episcopal Church, five, Episcopal clergymen, one, President of the South Carolina College and one a Congressman.

As records have disappeared and the population changed constantly of late years, not even tradition can give an earlier date than 1912 for the first woman's organization, a Ladies' Aid and Foreign Missionary Society. These women purchased the communion service and baptismal bowl.

In 1921, a bright outlook was reported. The president in 1923-24 was Mrs. Hal Politzer and all offices except historian were filled. The membership was thirteen, and the amount given to all causes was $110.00. They pledged themselves to raise for the building fund $100 annually. In 1924-25 the meetings were regular and a combined Bible Study class and Prayer Band met weekly. Eleven members were reported. Help was given to the Thornwell Orphanage. A piano was bought for the church and services were held in the school auditorium. By 1926 a building fund of $3,000 had been gathered, lost in the failure of a local bank and the piano burned in the house of one of the members. The Synodical deciding that definite help was needed to enable the women to minister to the Marines in training-school on Parris Island, recommended that an historical pageant be used by the Auxiliaries. Many adopted this suggestion and the offerings amounted to more than $426.00, for the Building Fund.

No biographical sketches are obtainable. It is reported that "All our women have been good workers. The need is great; as our pastor, Rev. A. P. Toomer, reported, 'the need is greater than in the mountains of Kentucky'."

The membership of this Auxiliary reported in 1928 is seventeen, without circles, a good Bible Study and Prayer Class. Two Mission Study classes have been held and help has been given to Clemson and to the work on the Islands. There is an Intermediate Christian Endeavor. The local Negro hospital is helped and other work done through the Benevolent Society and by individuals. $275.00 has been added to the Building Fund. The present officers are: President, Mrs. W. B. Harvey; Vice President and Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. Jessie C. Toomer; Secretary, Mrs. H. B. Senn; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. J. C. Scott; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. H. R. Politzer; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. McTrenan; Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions, Mrs. Sam Paul; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. W. M. Steinmeyer; Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. W. L. Carson; Secretary Literature, Mrs. Trower Cravens.

The women in the Beaufort Church work together as a body.

There are so few of them to work, however, it is thought that Mrs. Trower Craven's name stands out as being very faithful and untiring in her efforts to build a church and keep the women's courage up with her continued interest and activity in all branches of church work.

BETHEL, WALTERBORO

When the people of Carolina in common with their fellow citizens broke the chains which bound them to Great Britain about the year 1700, a new order of things took place.

While the established Church of England was chiefly confined to the sea coast the Presbyterians (then considered dissenters) formed congregations not only in Charleston but on three of the maritime islands and at Wilton—Jacksonboro, Indian Land, Port Royal and Williamsburg. These were maintained by contributions of their members. And it is of this Jacksonboro Church, our Mother church of nearly 200 years ago, that I now speak.

This, Bethel Presbyterian Church of Pon Pon, Jacksonboro, St. Bartholomew's Parish, Colleton County, *now* Bethel Presbyterian Church, Walterboro, was founded and a Church built, at Pon Pon in the year 1726-1728. (In two years we will celebrate our second centennial.)

The first pastor of this church was Archibald Stobo, some of whose descendants are still numbered among the congregation. In 1746 a new church was built of black cypress near the Town of Jacksonboro, and at that time Isaac Hayne, the father of Colonel Hayne (of Revolutionary history) was one of the elders. It is almost impossible to secure statistics, complete and accurate of this period of Southern history. During the War Between the States records were lost, and in this long interim, over 150 years, every vestige of this Mother Church has passed away, only its cemetery remains amid the mighty trees, and as the traveler today motors by on the Atlantic Coastal Highway the white grave stones alone call up reminiscences of the sacred past and seem to whisper invitations for inquiry of its history.

Before the War Between the States, however, when many of this congregation moved to Walterboro, a church building was erected there, and its pastor, then the Rev. Edward Palmer, the father of Dr.

B. M. Palmer, one of our noted Southern divines, served the two congregations for a period of over fifty years. While the one in Walterboro grew the one in Jacksonboro weakened because of the migration, from the low country to a more healthful locality. This church building at Jacksonboro was destroyed by forest fires, leaving our present organization and building in Walterboro which bears the name of the Bethel Presbyterian Church of Walterboro. This organization grew and maintains its personality to the present day.

In 1879 the building was destroyed by a tornado which visited Walterboro, leaving great loss of life and property in its track. The pastor of the church at this time, the Rev. J. B. Dunwody, lost his home, while the town lost every church building. But by the help of God, and under the supervision of its officers, this, the Presbyterian Church, was the first one re-built, and at its dedication opened its doors to all the other denominations of the town to use as God's House of Worship, when not used by its own congregation. It was then that Dr. B. M. Palmer of New Orleans, a child of this church, sent several hundred dollars from his church and a personal gift to our aid, and through Miss Clara Bruns, an earnest Presbyterian of Charleston (altho an invalid in New York City at that time) there was solicited and sent another large gift.

Our members have maintained a spirit of loyalty to this church to the present time, and altho our number is small the offerings are sincere, and especially with the women of the church who adopt and cooperate in the new methods of work of this period.

Of our women, in our early life: it was from this church Miss Eliza Burr went as a missionary to the Choctaw Indians, in the then "Far West", early in the nineteenth century. There she worked many years, but when her health failed she returned to her church work here, until her death.

For many years after the War Between the States, when all was confusion, Miss Sallie W. Henderson organized and conducted a Sunday School, until relieved by her brother, Campbell G. Henderson, who, then an elder, continued until his death in 1913 a consecrated worker in all phases of church life and work.

In this Sunday School we had such efficient Bible class teachers at different periods as Miss Lilly Dunwody (later Mrs. Waddell of Staunton, Va.), Mrs. Ina Dunwody Savage, Mrs. Carrie W. Behre, and Mrs. Mary Love Fraser in the infant department; while Miss Charlotte Henderson conducted the Children's Missionary Society.

It is a fact worthy of note that until the last two years our church music has been entirely a work of love. For many years Mrs. Jessie Henderson and Mrs. Robert Campbell conducted our choir and later were succeeded in turn by other daughters of the church, namely: Miss Maud Lucas, the Misses Izard, Miss Lilly Henderson, Miss Kathleen De Treville, Mrs. Alex Henderson, and others. It was during this period that through the women of our church "The King's Daughters" first organized here, just two years after its birth in New York, Mrs. J. D. Edwards, Mrs. C. G. Henderson and Miss Lilly Dunwody, the leaders, being efficient active Presbyterians.

In all periods of our church life we find our women giving freely their time and talents,—not only as teachers and musicians, but as leaders in organizations of women.

The Foreign Missionary and Ladies' Aid Societies for many years have been earnest and liberal—not only by united but in personal work. Through the Ladies' Aid a comfortable and fitting manse has been built, and stands by our church. Personal gifts also have been given, among them our pulpit Bible by Mrs. Clara McBride Paul, which, though somewhat injured when our church fell in the tornado, was restored and is still in use. The pulpit hymn book, a gift from Mrs. Jessie M. Henderson; the stained glass window (a memorial to her husband) was a gift from Mrs. Amanda B. Wichman and our offering plates a gift from Mrs. Josephine P. Lucas.

The Auxiliary Plan of service was adopted in 1921 under the leadership of Mrs. J. C. Lemacks. Her thorough organization made this a success in the beginning and it is now doing efficient work under our second leader, Mrs. H. Elliot Savage. We have three adult and a junior circle. Bright and energetic girls attend our Clinton Conferences and absorb all the new ideas and plans that they in turn may carry on this work in years ahead.

Following the ordered plan for all that is human, as many of our co-workers pass on to their service in eternal life, our ranks have been ably filled by others. Many from distant homes and churches, but uniting with us in that spirit which is only the outcome of a true and consecrated heart. We are laying aside a fund for a new church or to remodel this present one. But in whatever we succeed in doing, there is no part of our heritage that we cherish more and will endeavor to preserve than this possession of "Our Old Bell", the same which called our forebears to worship in years so long ago, and which, although it fell in the storm of 1879, remains as a sacred souvenir of our

past loyalty as we work on and pray for a continuance of that loyalty to God, to fellow man and to our Presbyterian creed.

MRS. GEORGE R. FRASER,
Auxiliary Historian.

As a postscript to the above history by Mrs. Fraser, those who are interested in congregational management may care to know that in 1742 Bethel Pon Pon divided its people into five geographical sections to be visited by the elders and deacons. This was one of the many churches which owned slaves, whose hire went to the minister's salary, at that time 600 pounds or $3,000. A new meeting house was finished in 1746 at a cost of 2,228 pounds and the neighborhood was so thickly populated that the little old church bell "could be heard by upwards of sixty families", Dr. Howe says.

Mrs. George Fraser (Carrie Henderson) has every right to speak as historian. She is of the third generation of both her own and her husband's family in the church, they go back to the days of the Jacksonboro Church. Among other women connected closely with the past of the congregation are Miss Waddell, Mrs. C. G. Henderson, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Henderson.

As Mrs. Fraser's excellent account was written in 1926, additional data is needed. The report to the Presbyterial of 1928 gives twenty-six members with all resident women on the roll and seventy percent attendance. The Circle Plan is used and delegates attended the Group Conference. They have two Prayer Bands and two Bible Classes. Foreign and Home Mission Study classes were conducted and a special interest taken in the Clemson College work. The Sunday School and Christian Endeavor have done well and help has been given to the Colored Work on the islands. A number of church papers are taken. Delegates were sent to the Young People's Conference and receptions are given to the young people going off to college.

Bethel's Social Service Work included care for a youth in the county jail, whom they later placed in a receiving home until he could be transferred to an orphanage. The Auxiliary women visit the sick in homes and hospitals, and the jail and chain gangs.

The per capita subscription was $23.00.

Bethel's Auxiliary officers for 1928 are: Mrs. John Graham, President; Mrs. Henry Rankin, Vice President; Mrs. R. M. Jeffries, Secretary; Mrs. A. F. Henderson, Treasurer; Mrs. George R. Fraser, Historian and Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. H. S. King, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. Henry Koger, Secretary Assembly's Home Mis-

sions; Mrs. W. W. Smoak, Jr., Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. R. L. Sullivan, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. R. L. Fraser, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. J. M. Moorer, Secretary Literature; Mrs. C. H. EsDorn, Secretary Christian Social Service; Mrs. J. C. Lemacks, Chairman High School Circle; Miss Ruby Murray, Chairman Junior Circle.

BOILING SPRINGS

Dr. Howe gives a letter from the Rev. S. H. Hay, dated 1878, telling of an early church organization at Boiling Springs, of about 1827 or 1828, with no regular minister, but that congregation disintegrated, most of them going to Barnwell.

Re-organized by Dr. J. H. Thornwell in June, 1842, there was at first no regular pastor, but in 1846 the Rev. S. H. Hay took charge, Messrs. F. J. Hay and W. A. Hay being the elders in charge. The War Between the States left the settlement in ruins. The congregation had already been connected with the church at Barnwell. Services were occasionally held from 1883 to 1886, but in 1896 Mr. Hay Gantt and Rev. F. L. Leeper, the latest pastor, with Mr. Oscar P. Hay and Mr. John C. Fowke, revived the little congregation and by the personal labour of the young men of the community a simple church was built on the site of the former house of worship.

Seminary students later supplied the church and still later the Rev. S. H. Hay, the younger, took charge until his death in 1923. Since then the small group has been without a shepherd and has no present history for the Auxiliary.

The person who figured most prominently in Woman's Work here was Miss Olive Hay, who moved into the community in 1905. She was very active in religious and church work and organized and vigorously supported a Christian Endeavor Society; she was instrumental also in the organization of a King's Daughters' Society about 1905. This society contributed regularly to the Thornwell Orphanage, the Sheltering Arms and St. Margaret's Home for Incurables. Miss Olive Hay organized and led a Mission Band among the children. She worked in the community from 1905 to 1912, when she married and moved away.

There has never been a Woman's Missionary Society, as it was

never thought worth while, on account of the fewness and weakness of the people.

The church here has through all its history consisted principally of the Hay family. The whole country around is well churched by other denominations.

CAINHOY

The Presbyterian Church at Cainhoy, founded about 1727, had for pastor in 1728 the Reverend Josiah Smith. Dr. Howe's history says the church existed until probably 1808, and speaks of the building having been used as a hospital for the American forces during the siege of Charleston at the time of the Revolutionary War.

CHARLESTON, FIRST

The First Presbyterian (Scots') Church (so called because they were organized under the rule of the Scottish Kirk and were all Scots) of Charleston has for regular date of foundation 1731, but that body of people who organized it were the more orthodox Presbyterians from the Old White Meeting House who had founded that church in the beginning. Until the Revolution the congregation was a part of Charleston Presbytery, but afterwards, until 1882 this church remained independent, connected by no official tie with the Presbyterian Church of the United States, and therefore was not conspicuously connected with the advance of the American Church. But as the only Presbyterian Church in Charleston for seventy-eight years (though the White Meeting or Circular Church continued in close touch with the Presbytery), it took part in the movements which were affecting the Christian world, bringing such wonderful growth in Home and Foreign Missions in the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The records of the church were unfortunately burned in Columbia in February, 1865, during Sherman's raid, but undoubtedly the women of the congregation formed a part of the "Female Missionary Society' in which Presbyterians and Congregationalists joined and of which the first recorded gift is dated 1815. Contemporary letters show also the "Monthly Concert" of Missions of the latter eighteen-twenties meeting with "the Scots", and they also took part in the "Con-

gregational and Presbyterian Society'' which presided over Domestic Missions. They may have joined in the ''Charleston Juvenile Missionary Society'' which had its headquarters at Second Church.

But the records show no definite work until 1843, through the ''Ladies' Sewing Society'', Mrs. John Forrest, the wife of the Scottish pastor who came to the church in 1832, was the President; Mrs. Mackenzie, Vice President; Miss E. Brown, Treasurer; Mrs. Dunbar Paul, Secretary, and Miss Spears and Miss A. Knox, Work Directresses.

In 1897 this name was changed to ''Ladies' Aid Society'' and its constitution amended to broaden its activities beyond its own congregation, to raise funds for worthy causes outside the individual church, especially orphanage and educational work. This organization was a source of help in all the long existence which only ceased when it was merged in the Auxiliary. In 1846 through this society the pulpit was altered; in 1853, they secured the money to build a lecture room, and afterwards repaired the church, including a new pulpit, in 1859. During the Confederate War the members did relief work, but they came together again in 1867 and continued their work for the church, with repairs after earthquake and cyclones. From 1843 to 1861 they gave contributions amounting to $7,827.29; from 1867 to 1920, to $23,471.94.

Educational work began in 1891 and help was given to sixteen students by 1920, expending thus $5,940 of total sum mentioned above. At this time the retiring officers were Mrs. F. D. Bell, President; Mrs. G. W. Sprague, Vice President; Miss Welch, Treasurer, and Miss Mure, Secretary. In its life of seventy-seven years, it was served by only six presidents, three secretaries and two treasurers, and it celebrated both its golden and diamond anniversaries. Its delightful meetings are a very pleasant memory.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized on November 22, 1847, by Dr. John Forrest; President, Mrs. Bennett; Vice President, Mrs. Sinclair; Treasurer, Miss Chisolm; Secretary, Miss Agnes Bates. The first money collected was sent to the Choctaw Indians and to Canton, China. The society contributed liberally also to the Evangelical Society of France and to the Waldensian Churches. During the War Between the States its activities ceased, but the society was reorganized in 1881 with Mrs. A. J. Johnston, President; Miss Charlotte Smith, Vice President; Mrs. R. B. Dowie, Secretary, and Mrs. John Paul, Treasurer.

The independent work of the society closed when in 1920 it was enrolled into the circle of the Auxiliary. Its work of late years has

centered on the support of the following missionaries: Miss Charlotte Kemper, Lavras, Brazil, undertaken by the church in 1902; Miss Sophie Peck Graham, 1916, Hangchow, China; Dr. L. S. Morgan, 1904, Tonghai, China; Mrs. David G. Armstrong (Harriette Taylor), 1908 (second appointment but now retired), Brazil; Mrs. Nelle Sprunt Little, 1911, Kiangyin, China; the Reverend C. K. Cumming, Toyohashi, supported for a short time by one member; Miss Cassie Martin Arnold, Africa, 1918, retired.

From 1847 to 1861, total contributions from this society amounted to $1,400.00, and from 1881 to 1920 to $4,843.33.

Officers in 1920 were Mrs. C. B. Jenkins, President; Mrs. J. Robertson Paul, Secretary; Mrs. J. L. David, Treasurer.

The "Christian Workers Society" was formed by Dr. W. T. Thompson in 1888 with Mrs. J. Lamb Perry as President, the object being to relieve the sick and help the needy, and to welcome strangers. In 1920 the officers were Miss Douglas, President; Mrs. G. Frazer Wilson, Vice President; Mrs. J. G. Gordon, Secretary; Mrs. J. Macmillan, Treasurer. Owing to the loss of the treasurer's books, it has been difficult to ascertain that the society gave, up to 1920, at least $2,296.28.

The following is from the hand of Miss Margaret B. Mure, Historian of this congregation:

WOMAN'S WORK

RECORD OF THE FIRST (SCOT'S) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

In a church which has been in existence since 1731 there should be a long record of noble lives of noble women, but alas! the whole record of the years between 1731 and the 60's was, with the exception of one small Session Book, lost during the burning of Columbia in 1865 by Sherman's Army.

From 1731 to 1843 there are no facts that can be obtained but most assuredly there were godly women doing work and giving of their means if not in this particular church at least jointly with other good women of other branches of the Protestant Church.

In 1843 there began a record of Woman's Work in our church—two societies being started—the Ladies' Sewing Society, 1843, and the Ladies' Missionary Society, 1847. Always most conservative, the management of these two societies remained for years in almost the same hands and the changes very few. Perhaps it will be best to divide our record into periods, naming only a few in each, not that

the many willing workers should not be recorded, but on account of space alloted to us. We know their work and service are recorded where their reward awaits them.

1843-1880.—Mrs. John Forrest, wife of the pastor, Dr. Forrest, was the guiding hand in all things of interest in the church and when, owing to the shelling of the city and the scattering of the congregation, the weekly meetings of the different societies had to be given up, Mrs. Forrest, Miss Brown and several others spent the time in ministering to our soldiers, particularly in the hospitals. Mrs. Forrest was a very quiet, gentle-mannered woman of deep piety, her advice when given was always gladly followed. For forty-five years the president of the Ladies' Sewing Society, she remained president until her death at a ripe old age, as active as possible to the end.

Mrs. Dunbar Robb, one of the gentlest of women, always active in good deeds, and though compelled by ill health to give up active work, she always kept in touch with the church and its interest.

Miss Elizabeth Brown, a native of Scotland, who, coming to Charleston about 1843, cast in her lot with this church. A woman of positive character, and adviser often sought, a zealous, interested party in all things pertaining to the church interests. Her long life was spent in deeds of kindness to the poor and the needy, and her long years of service in the Sunday School only ceased at her going to her heavenly home.

Miss Charlotte Smith—every one loved "Miss Charlotte". Her activity in church work continued to the end of her long life, but it was in the Sunday School she was most loved, and the children her greatest interest. Her love for the young was great and there was sorrow in many young hearts when, over eighty years of age, her useful life terminated.

Miss Margaret Robb—there has never been a more faithful, conscientious woman in all matters, with clear views and wise judgments; her advice was often sought and appreciated by the young people. The work of the church was her greatest pleasure and to every cause she gave generously of her time and means. For very many years she was secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society, even from its beginning almost, and only ceased to serve in that capacity when, over eighty, she was released from her earthly life.

1880-1920.—About this time there came changes in our church. Dr. Forrest, having died in 1879, our new minister, Dr. W. T. Thompson, on taking charge very shortly brought the church into member-

ship in the Southern Assembly; up to this time the church was independent, getting ministers from Scotland. Our work became more extended, not only providing improvements for our own church, but extending the work now on educational lines, and helping orphanages, and missions—Home and Foreign.

In the latter years of Mrs. Forrest's life her work was partly taken by Mrs. Robt. B. Dowie, who on Mrs. Forrest's death became leader in the Woman's Work. Mrs. Dowie had the experience of some very trying days when the earthquate debt had to be met and with infinite tact and wisdom the matters were carried on and the work accomplished. Mrs. Dowie has always been active in all things pertaining to the church, an inheritance from generations of elders, and is still always ready and willing as far as age will permit to "carry on".

Miss Carrie M. Welch—If ever there could be found a more faithful treasurer than Miss Welch it would seem impossible. Always during the years of service, from early maidenhood to the merging of this work into the Auxiliary, the Ladies' Aid Society funds were in her capable hands. Miss Welch has always had the happy faculty of making and keeping friends and is still an active teacher in the Sunday School, where she is much beloved.

Mrs. Samuel Wiley, a leader of our work for many years until ill health compelled retirement, of a happy temperament, she interested many in the work of the church.

Mrs. C. B. Jenkins is an outstanding figure in all the activities, having given of her time, talents and substance to all needed causes and now most active in the newer organization. Mrs. Chichester, for several years, was most active, and only severed her interest by removal from the city.

Mrs. Chas. Robertson, young and enegetic, gave good service to the societies until change of methods.

Mrs. F. D. Bell is one of our earnest active women, on whom the leadership fell at the time of the forming of the Auxiliary, as a circle leader Mrs. Bell continues her good influence among us.

Mrs. M. E. Baker served with zeal and great interest the Missionary Society.

Miss Virginia Douglas, Mrs. D. C. Robertson, two earnest workers, long held the guidance of the Christian Workers and Woman's Missionary Society.

Miss E. G. M. Mackenzie for fourteen years guided the missionary work also, many more served short terms.

Though, during the years 1860 to 1880 the meetings of the Missionary Society were not held, it was not from lack of interest, for the Sunday School was doing missionary work, supporting children in Mrs. Randolph's school in China and also two in Thornwell Orphanage. The old leaders having retired from active work, Dr. Thompson reorganized the society and it resumed its work. The officers were often changed and I can only mention by name: Mrs. A. S. Johnston, Miss Ogier, Mrs. John Paul, Mrs. J. F. Corcoran.

On the coming of Dr. Alexander Sprunt to the pastorate the leadership most acceptably fell on Mrs. Sprunt who has with great devotion led in the missionary cause, with twenty years of service before it changed into the larger work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Sprunt's example and efforts have gained a great forward step in the work of the women. Through her zeal and endeavor the forming of the Woman's Auxiliary gave work for all members and the sacrifice of time and self makes Mrs. Sprunt the greatest of our present workers.

1921.—This year marks the entrance into the Woman's Auxiliary work and the younger members of the church became the leaders and so our first president was Miss Jean D. Robb. From her earliest youth a great worker for missions, she brought to this much larger work all her zeal and energy but greatly to our sorrow her life was taken away while so acceptably serving her church.

Mrs. Sprunt was our guide until our present president, Mrs. F. A. Bailey, 1925, became our most efficient leader. The church now has fully two hundred interested women and it will be impossible to do more than mention our secretaries: Miss Elizabeth Sherfesee, very devout and earnest in her activities; Mrs. Stuart Cooper, a conscientious worker of the Auxiliary and Sunday School; Miss Lucille Finley, now serving her time in the most efficient way; Mrs. H. Gardner Gordon, holding the confidence of all in her able manner of handling the various causes to which she gives her faithful attention; Mrs. David, our Treasurer of Auxiliary Funds; Mrs. Meyer Frank, the much loved president of the Woman's Bible Class, and our Secretaries of Causes: Mrs. J. R. Paul, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Legerton, Mrs. J. Arthur Johnston, Mrs. H. R. Walker, Mrs. J. C. Tiedeman, Miss Agnes Paul, Mrs. Alex. Sprunt, Jr. Circle leaders for 1925: Mrs. J. B. Finley, Mrs. H. R. Walker, Mrs. J. E. Lockwood, Mrs. J. Gardiner Gordon, Mrs. F. D. Bell, Mrs. Alex. Sprunt, Mrs. Emmons Welch, Mrs. D. C. Robertson, Miss Virgina Douglas, Mrs. Geo. Sprague.

The names and deeds of so many crowd before the page that it is with reluctance that more cannot be written, but any deed of love and service performed here, though perhaps forgotten by many, will most surely not be lost in the records that never perish, eternal in the heavens.

There are three periods: the formation of the "Aid" and Missionary Societies under Dr. Forrest; under Dr. W. T. Thompson the Christian Workers; Dr. Alexander Sprunt organized the Missionary Union of Charleston Presbytery in this church in October, 1907. This is now the Charleston Presbyterial, a very active and successful organization.

The Auxiliary method of organization has succeeded greatly, the Circle Plan reaching the individual. The number of women who are members of our Auxiliary is commensurate with the church membership. And contributions have trebled.

There are still in the possession of some of the older members a few of the tokens formerly used. Few people now know what a "Token" is—used in connection with the communion service. The Session of old, in all Presbyterian congregations, had very great power over the conscience of the individual communicant and kept a strict oversight as to his behaviour. When the time for the quarterly communion came, only those were permitted to partake whose conduct had been satisfactory to the Session or, in the case of the colored members, their representatives, the "Class-leaders". This custom was continued with the colored members of other churches until the Confederate War, but in the First or Scots' Church, it was continued for the white congregation until the Confederate War.

Alice Morse Earle, in an article on "Church Tokens" in the "Atlantic Monthly" of August, 1894, gives an account of the First Church tokens (with some errors corrected below) as follows:

"The wealthy church of Charleston, S. C., had cast in the early part of this century (1800) beautiful silver tokens, almost as large as a silver half dollar, bearing on one side the design of a table with chalice and paten, and the text 'This do in remembrance of Me'. On the other side, the Burning Bush and the legend, 'Nec Tamen Consumebatur'; on the edge the words 'Presbyterian Church, Charleston, S. C.'

"Though white and black members sat at the same table in the church before the late war, and communed from the same vessels, the church provided tin tokens for its Negro members. During the Civil War, Northern troops looted the church property, and may

have thought the church tokens Confederate money. Mr. Shields of Neenah, Wisconsin, has a large collection of church tokens."

The above account has several errors which require correction. The Negro communicants did not commune at the same table at the same time with the whites, but after all the white congregation had communed, the colored people came forward and as there were four hundred Negro members at the beginning of the War Between the States, they filled and refilled the long table across the church; their tokens were made of pewter, not tin. The silver tokens were lost in Columbia, together with the records, etc., during the burning of the town by Sherman's army.

On the walls of this church are many historic and valued tablets. Among these, on the eastern wall to the right of main doorway, is one in honor of Lady Anne Murray, which is surmounted by the coat of arms of the Cromarty family, and is one of the most artistic pieces of workmanship in this country, there is no other tablet like it in America. The inscription is neatly executed on wood, and is surrounded by an elaborately carved oaken frame. It was visited by the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise, Queen Victoria's daughter, in 1883, and by the Duke of Sutherland, a relative of Lady Anne Murray, in 1886.

The inscription thereon is:

In this Cemetery lie the Remains
of
The Right Honourable
Lady Anne Murray
Third Daughter
of George, Earl of Cromarty,
a young noblewoman as
conspicuous for Piety & Virtue
as she was for
High Birth & illustrious descent—
She died the 17th of January 1768
much lamented.
Near her lies the body of Geo.
Murray, Esqr., deputy Secretary
of So. Carolina, A Gentleman of
rigid honesty and inflexible
integrity; who died on the
24th of September 1772.

The beautiful solid silver communion service of the First Presbyterian Church consists of two tankards, two large and two smaller plates and four cups with covers.

One tankard, one large plate and two cups bear the date 1789 engraved upon them. The donor and history are unknown.

One tankard, one large plate and two cups, bearing the date 1854, were donated by Mr. Robert Downie, one of the elders of the church.

The two smaller were presented to the Session by Miss Mure, a granddaughter of Mr. Robert Downie, in 1886.

All of the above mentioned articles have the emblem of the church, the "Burning Bush", and, with the exception of the two smaller plates, were saved during the Confederate War by Mr. Alexander Gordon, one of the elders of the church, who refugeed in Camden, S. C.

The name of the giver and the history of the baptismal font were lost with the other records in Columbia, also the old baptismal bowl.

The present bowl was given in 1866 by Mrs. Sarah J. K. Forrest, wife of Dr. Forrest, and made of several silver cups given to her children who had died in infancy.

The silver collection plates were given by Miss Christina Chisolm, about the year 1881.

The service of preparing the communion table has, as far as this present historian knows, been the loving work of the pastors' wives. Mrs. Forrest, during her long life and as long as health permitted, always attended to linen, bread and wine, but for a period of eight years to aid Mrs. Forrest, the wife of one of the elders, Mrs. Robt. B. Dowie, took that work, also caring for the silver service and keeping it in their home. For good reasons a change was made to the home of another elder, Mr. John Paul, Mrs. Paul taking the care of these matters, but on the coming of Dr. Alex. Sprunt as minister to this church, Mrs. Sprunt made it her loving duty and has continued to serve all the years that we have been privileged to have her with us. This arrangement has continued, though the office of deacon has been made in our church since entering into the General Assembly of Southern Presbyterian Church.

MARGARET B. MURE, *Historian.*

In 1924-25 the total of special benevolences of the Auxiliary was $2,534.73. This included the Building Fund, $427.14, which, with a special gift of $210.00 added, rose to $637.14. Help was given to the

Presbyterian Homes, to the colored missionary, Mrs. Sara Gray, and other causes, foreign and local. Mrs. F. A. Bailey was President. Special blessings were the opening of the well-equipped new Sunday School Building and the departure for Japan of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rees Jenkins. Gifts received were a large silver vase from Mrs. C. Bissell Jenkins and a silver collection bowl from Mrs. Emmons S. Welch in memory of her daughter. The attendance from October to June averaged seventy, but the year's average was fifty-four. There were ten circles. Mission Study classes were good, and the lectures given during her visit to her sister, Mrs. Sprunt, by Mrs. James R. Graham of China were attended by many. A reception was given for Mrs. Graham whose influence was felt throughout Charleston. An entertainment was also given to the students entering the church for the time of their stay in the city, while letters were written to members away at college. The membership for the year was 190, and the per capita gift $12.00, total $2,534.73.

In 1925 Mrs. Bailey was re-elected and in May Miss Charlotte Kemper appeared at a reception given in her honor. As the Charlotte Kemper Institute was receiving the birthday offering of that year, the presence of this venerable and honored missionary was a most touching scene. Another important event was the unveiling in the Sunday School Assembly Room a tablet to the memory of J. Pettigrew Verner, whose work as superintendent had been remarkable for its scope. The Pettigrew Verner Students' Loan Fund was also established. Another tablet was placed in the Bible Class Room in memory of a gift of a generous member, Mrs. Margaret W. Stone. The Auxiliary acted as housekeepers for the congregation at the reception given to Dr. and Mrs. Sprunt on the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate, when a gift of silver and a radio were presented to the pastor and his wife. Another important event was the return of Mrs. D. G. (Harriette Taylor) Armstrong from Brazil on account of ill health. For this year of 1925-26, work was well done and offerings were generous. The church cooperated with the other congregations in the Mel Trotter meetings.

In 1927, the charter of the church which had been granted in 1784, the early days of the United States, to "the Presbyterian Church" was amended to read "the First Presbyterian Church". And the gift of a beautiful etching of the church was received from Mrs. E. Pettigrew Verner. This etching is now used on the church calender and on a small historical leaflet, the work of Dr. Sprunt,

which is distributed to visitors. Mr. J. C. Dillingham of Westminster Church, some of whose forbears had been members of First Church, repaired and beautified the old font in memory of Dr. Forrest. The name of the original donor was lost with the other records during the burning of Columbia by General Tecumseh Sherman. Mrs. Arthur Johnston was chosen president, a new secretary was appointed for Christian Social Service, Mrs. John King. Miss Margaret B. Mure was formally confirmed in her office of historian, which she fills so ably. She prepared at this time an excellent paper on the history of Women's Activities in the First Presbyterian Church from 1844 to 1926. Mrs. Armstrong of Brazil spoke often during the year.

A School of Missions for the whole congregation was conducted by Mrs. C. B. Jenkins, Secretary of Foreign Missions. Home Mission Study was conducted and all the pageants and programmes carried out. Mr. Hunnicut, at home on furlough, visited the church. The pageant for the Beaufort Church was performed most successfully at the Y. W. C. A. in cooperation with Second and Westminster Churches. Subscriptions were made to all causes and innumerable minor gifts were also made. Mrs. H. R. Walker ably conducted the Bible Class. The whole year's subscriptions amounted to $2,008.15. Mrs. J. Arthur Johnston was reelected President for 1927-28, the other officers for this year being Mrs. F. A. Bailey, Secretary; Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. David; Historian, Miss M. B. Mure; Secretary of Foreign Missions and Vice President, Mrs. C. B. Jenkins; Secretary Home Missions, Mrs. R. H. Phoenix; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Stuart Cooper; Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. Alex. Sprunt, Jr.; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. H. R. Walker; Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial, Congregational Missions, Mrs. Alexander Sprunt; Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. J. G. Gordon; Secretary Literature, Mrs. David Armstrong; 210 members and ten circles. The Sunday School has continued to make progress with an attendance of 200 and more from an enrollment of 253. The library is under Mrs. Cullen, assisted by Miss Sarah Silcox, and Miss Lucille Finley has charge of enrollment. Mrs. Cooper has conducted entertainments for young people. Mr. Cooper's business has removed them from Charleston and Mrs. Cooper will be greatly missed. The Women's Bible Class, with an enrollment of fifty, has almost perfect attendance. In addition to their pledges to the Sunday School, they have shown sympathy to the sick and bereaved, supported two children in the Near East, helped the Pres-

byterian Home and T. B. Association, sent four bundles of clothing to the Near East Relief and 250 garments to Roper Hospital Auxiliary, contributing $144.87.

MISSIONARIES OF FIRST (SCOT) PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C.

By Miss M. B. Mure

On his coming to the church in 1901, Dr. Alexander Sprunt so engaged the interest of our church in Missions that, although we had, in various ways, helped missionary causes, we now definitely undertook to care for one missionary, and at his suggestion that wonderful woman of deep piety and consecration, Miss Kemper, was put in our care. During all these years our church has rejoiced in her work and service. The whole Southern Church knows about Miss Kemper, and it need only be mentioned here of her early desire to be a missionary and her repeated rejections by the Board of Missions on account of her frail health, her perseverance and the final granting of her prayer, her wonderfully preserved health even down to extreme old age. The lovely story of Miss Kemper's life as told by Mildred Welch, and the beautiful tributes in the church papers tell the story of her wonderful work and life in Brazil.

Miss Cassie Martin of McPhersonville, S. C., a member of this church, went on her marriage to Mr. Arnold to the Africa mission, but on account of failure in health returned to this country and is now living in West Virginia.

Miss Nelle P. Sprunt went out to China in October, 1911. She was born February 22nd, 1882, when her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Alex Sprunt, now of this church, were at the old Augusta Church, Staunton, Va. She had always wanted to be a missionary and in 1911 became one of the station at Tsing-Kiang-Pu in evangelistic work until her marriage to Rev. Lacy L. Little, when she removed to his station at Kiangyin.

Miss Sophie P. Graham was born in China October 2, 1893, the child of Rev. Jas. R. and Mrs. Sophie P. Graham. On one of their furloughs home she was brought to this country when about twelve or thirteen years old for her education, and made her home with Dr. and Mrs. Sprunt (her aunt) for most of her time. She returned to China as a missionary. Her first work was teaching music in the Girls' school in Hangchow, but she soon entered into more definite

work among the girls; she was removed to Haichow to fill an important and responsible position in the girls' school there, and remained until driven out by recent troubles. She is now safe in Shanghai with her parents.

Mrs. C. R. Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Simons, is a member of this church now on the mission field in Japan with her husband, Mr. C. B. Jenkins. These good people began their life work among the mountain people doing Home Mission work, but the Foreign Work had always appealed to Mr. Jenkins and they gladly entered work in Japan in 1925.

For eight years A. T. Corcoran (Bert) was engaged in Y. M. C. A. work during the World War and afterwards in Russia, Finland, and Korea, returning to America in 1926.

The president of the Auxiliary of this church in 1927-28 is Mrs. J. Arthur Johnston (Kate), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKenney of Peper City, who came to Charleston on her marriage. Always under religious influences at home Mrs. Johnston early became a worker in her own church, a student of Moody Bible Institute; continuing her interest in church work on coming to this city, she did faithful work in Westminster Church until a few years ago when the family became communicants of this church. As officer in the Woman's Missionary Society, teacher in Sunday School, Circle Leader in the Auxiliary, the highest honor, that of President of Auxiliary, was gladly bestowed upon her. For two years the Auxiliary has been led by her with tact, ability and consecration.

Mrs. Ellen Richardson Sprunt (Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, Sr.) was born in Baltimore, Md., and was reared and married at Hampden Sidney, Va.

Her parents were the Rev. Thos. E. Peck, D. D., L. L. D., and Ellen Richardson Church. Her father was born, reared, and educated in Columbia, S. C. He was a pastor in Baltimore for some years, and afterwards professor in Union Theological Seminary at Hampton Sidney, Va. He occupied the chair of Church History for years, and afterwards that of Theology in this institution. Dr. Peck died in the midst of his usefulness at Hampden Sidney in 1892. Mrs. Peck survived him many years, making her home with Mrs. Sprunt in Rock Hill and Charleston, S. C. She died in January, 1908. Mrs. Sprunt was the second daughter of her parents. Her elder sister is the wife of Rev. J. E. Booker, D. D., and they are living at Hampden Sidney.

One other sister is the wife of Rev. James R. Graham, D. D., they have spent thirty-nine years as missionaries in China.

Mrs. Sprunt's married life has included her husband's pastorates of Augusta Church near Staunton, Va., familiarly known as the Old Stone Church; at Henderson, N. C.; Rock Hill, S. C., and Charleston, S. C. She has been a leading spirit among the women in each congregation. She has done most effective work in the First Presbyterian Church of our city where she has been active in the Ladies' Aid Society, the Woman's Missionary Society, the Auxiliary, of which she was organizer, and has held office as President, Vice President, Honorary President of the different societies and has been a circle leader each year. She has also held office at various times in the Synodical and Presbyterial. She was a member of the Jubilee Missionary Union and a charter member of the Young Woman's Christian Association. She was also a charter member of the Amelia Pride Book Club of Rock Hill thirty years ago.

She is an ideal pastor's wife and a most efficient pastor's assistant; a mother of rare devotion to the sacred trust committed to her in her six children, who are one and all bearing rich fruitage in their lives of influence in the Master's Kingdom on earth, while one has joined the Host above. As a friend Mrs. Sprunt has never been known to turn a deaf ear to any call, but is always ready with practical aid and sympathy and the old and the weak, and suffering have had for her always a special appeal.

Mrs. F. A. Bailey, Secretary and former President, has served with great good our work, and in the community is known and honored by her influence and work for the Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. J. L. David, our Treasurer, is very willing and ready to do her part in the Auxiliary work, having served as officer in the old Missionary Society; the finances have been for two years in her care, her reports most interesting and all advice gladly given.

Mrs. C. B. Jenkins, Sr., Secretary of Foreign Missions, is well known in all branches of our church work and holding office in all our former societies. Mrs. Jenkins is now deeply interested in her present office, long a subject dear to her; the fruit of those prayers for this cause were answered in the sending to the foreign field of Japan of one of her own sons, the Rev. C. R. Jenkins.

Mrs. R. H. Phoenix, Secretary of Home Missions, comes to us from North Carolina; of a most quiet and retiring nature, it is difficult to know all that Mrs. Phoenix is doing, but the mountain schools

and gatherings of boxes and barrels for them have been most carefully looked after, and pageants to increase interest in them given.

Mrs. Stuart Cooper from New Jersey, Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, takes the greatest interest in her work and whenever possible gives very suitable articles and helpful talks. Unfortunately Mr. Cooper's business has just removed them from Charleston.

Mrs. Alex Sprunt, Jr., Secretary of Young People and Sunday School Extension, being a daughter of Dr. Vardell, would most naturally be alive to work among young people. Always trying new things to interest the young people and being young herself, she can enter into them with ardor. The work in her hands has grown and we feel it a privilege to have her in this office.

Mrs. H. R. Walker, Secretary of Spiritual Life, came into our communion a few years ago; we have been blessed in a teacher full of the Spirit of love to God and love to man. Mrs. Walker is the Bible teacher of the Auxiliary and all her addresses are full of help and good to all who are privileged to attend.

Miss Agnes Paul, Secretary of Christian Social Service, following a long line of ancestry in this church and reared in love for it, has entered into this new office with zeal and earnestness, trying to educate the members to the new requirements. She is trying to bring the work into more prominence and it is slowly gaining interest.

Miss Helen Finley—under the capable hands of this fine church worker, the Auxiliary is kept well informed on all subjects and the literature table is very carefully prepared for each meeting and all circle leaders furnished with all needed tracts and helps.

Miss Mure (Margaret B.), Historian, long identified with this church and serving in many varied offices, considers it a privilege to be intrusted with the records of the deeds of all these good women.

These named above are the officers for 1927-28, but there are so many quietly doing deeds of kindness and love that I cannot make a record of them all, but add to the officers of this year our splendid circle leaders: Mrs. J. B. R. Finley, Mrs. Henry F. Welch, Mrs. Henry Townsend, Mrs. Meyer Frank, Mrs. J. E. Lockwood, Mrs. J. Robertson Paul, Mrs. Emmett Johnson, Mrs. Edmund P. Grice, Mrs. J. Gardiner Gordon, Mrs. Geo. S. Holmes.

In the Auxiliary there are the following women doing definite Christian Social Service work: Three workers in the management of Y. W. C. A., one president of the King's Daughters, one officer of

the King's Daughters, one group leader of King's Daughters, one member of Board of Red Cross, two members Interracial Committee, one teacher at Star Gospel Mission, one officer of the Fuel Society, one teacher at the Florence Crittenden Home, six members of the Board of the Benevolent Society, one vice president Fuel Society, one worker in the Near East Relief.

The president's report at the end of the year, April, 1928, gives 221 members with an average attendance of sixty-two, a seventy per-cent Standard of Excellence, help given as always to the colored work under our missionary, Mrs. Sara Gray, church papers taken, fifty; "Survey" subscribers, thirty-eight; the Auxiliary programs and literature used, forty Prayer Calendars taken and thirty members who will lead in prayer.

The article given in Synod's recent History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina since 1850, gives a full account of all the pastors and of the congregation since its earliest days.

CHARLESTON, SECOND

The Second Presbyterian Church was organized in 1809, the first pastor called in 1811, and from those opening years of the nineteenth century, the women of that organization have carried on with a courage and a loyalty well worth recording.

Previous to the nineteenth century, woman, as an individual, was not seriously considered outside of the home; and the cooperation of women in behalf of any special cause was practically unknown. The first woman's associations in this country were for religious and charitable purposes, the earliest one being formed a little over a decade before the organization of the Second Presbyterian Church.

It should be a source of pride to us today, that the women of Charleston had the strength and the initiative to launch out at once into this broad path of service which was then so new and untried.

In the early years of the last century, the important work of assisting in the education of candidates for the ministry was being carried on by an inter-church organization of women, known as "the Congregational and Presbyterian Association", and the Second Presbyterian Church participated in this work from 1815 to 1821, probably earlier.

THE EDUCATION SOCIETY

When Mr. Boies, the second pastor, came in 1821, he advised the women of the church to withdraw from the general Association, and form their own society. This withdrawal was accomplished in such a pleasant manner that many of the general Association became members of the new organization also.

This new organization began with thirty members and an income of $150.00. It was known at first as "2nd Female Education Society"; later, "Female Education Society of 2nd Presbyterian Church"; then simply "The Education Society", as we know it today.

The object of this organization has remained unchanged throughout the years. In its earlier days it assisted theological students at Princeton, later at Columbia Theological Seminary and, at times, the beneficiary has been helped in preliminary college work. Many men of prominence in church work, the missionary field and in higher education have received such help.

The income of the society is derived from membership fees, from proceeds of sales by the "Basket" and from the interest on three legacies left by liberal members in the past: Miss Sarah Arms, in 1855 left $1,000.00; Miss Annie R. Robinson, $737.36 in 1897, and Miss Agnes K. Irving, for many years superintendent of the Orphan House, $1,000.00 in 1910.

Mrs. Alexander Black was the first president of the Education Society, serving from 1821-24. She was succeeded by Mrs. Charlton Henry, wife of the third pastor of the church, with Mrs. John Robinson, vice president, and Miss Elizabeth Robertson, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Benj. Gibbs then served two years. It is to be regretted that we know so little of the individual history of these women, but we realize today that they were women of strength and zeal in their work of laying the foundation of the society in those early years of its existence.

Mrs. Isaac A. Johnson, nee Janie Hayward DuPont, succeeded Mrs. Gibbs as president. She was born in 1791, died in 1873. She was an active member of the society for many years, holding the office of second vice president in 1825-26, then that of vice president until her election to the presidency where she served 1832-40, with the exception of two years.

Mrs. Thomas Smyth, who had acted as secretary-treasurer since 1830, was the next president, and served until her death in 1884. Mrs.

Smyth (Margaret M. Adger), daughter of James Adger and Sarah Ellison, was born in 1807. She was one of the first teachers at the Charleston Orphan House, founded 1830. She had intended to go as a missionary, but in 1831 she met the Rev. Thomas Smyth. He, also, had thought of the mission field, but his health prevented. In March, 1832, she writes her brother, John B. Adger, with whom she had planned to go, apropos of certain "proposals" made to her by Mr. Smyth:

> "I told him candidly that I felt it my duty to engage in Foreign Missions, and had determined to go with you; this did not satisfy him. He has examined the subject in all its bearings, and concludes my influence with him and through him exerted for the heathen would be more than I could exercise alone."

Miss Adger had much to do in the founding of the Junior Missionary Society in February, 1832. Later on, as Mrs. Thomas Smyth, she taught the Female Bible Class in the Sunday School. In 1830 she was elected secretary-treasurer of the Education Society, which position she held until 1840, when she was made president, and continued in office until her death in 1884.

Mrs. Samuel Robertson, who had been vice president when the society was organized, was re-elected to that office when Mrs. Smyth was made president, and Miss Susan D. Adger, secretary and treasurer. Each of these served as officers of the society for fifty years.

During the War Between the States the work of the society was suspended, but many members did valiant service in the Soldiers' Relief Association, of which Mrs. Geo. Robertson was the first president. Other women of our church who worked in this organization were: Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Carrere, Miss Whilden, Mrs. C. H. Simonton, Mrs. Isabella S. Snowden, Miss Ann Robertson and her sister, Mrs. James K. Robinson. Of the latter, an incident is told which shows her alert and forceful character. Shortly before the war, the Board of Deacons of Second Church had decided to help the "needy females" of the congregation, who were assisted by the church, in a very practical way, as they thought; they bought a sewing machine—quite a novelty in those days—which they planned to lend to each "needy female" in turn, so that each might earn enough money to buy a machine. The money so earned was to purchase a new machine, thus inaugurating a circulating medium of help. The plan was excellent, but it didn't work

smoothly. One "female" was afraid to use it, another added to her personal income by renting it out, so finally the men sent out an S. O. S. call which brought Mrs. Jas. K. Robinson to the rescue. The War had begun by that time, so she mobilized the "needy females" into a sewing unit, and put them to work so successfully at making clothes and uniforms for the soldiers that it was necessary to buy *four extra machines!*

After the War, through the assistance of Mr. J. N. Robson, who contributed generously for several years, the society resumed its work. In 1884, when Mrs. Thomes Smyth died, Mrs. Gilbert R. Brackett, wife of the pastor, became president, which office she held until 1902, when she removed from the city after the death of her husband. Miss Jane A. Adger was secretary-treasurer until her death in 1889, when Miss Sarah A. Smyth was elected to fill her place.

When Mrs. Brackett resigned as president in 1902, Mrs. J. Ellison Adger (Susan Cox Johnson) was electd to that office. She was born in 1825, and was the daughter of Mrs. Isaac Johnson, one of the early officers of the society. She was always deeply interested in the education of young men for the ministry, and had been a member of the society for many years. Her term of service was short—less than three years, her death occurring in January, 1905.

Miss Sarah A. Smyth, who had been secretary-treasurer since 1889, was then elected president. She is the daughter of the Rev. Thomas Smyth and his wife, Margaret Adger, and was born in 1846, in Charleston. She was a member of a family party which went abroad during the upset conditions of city and state, after the war. This seems to have started her love of travel, which stayed with her always, and which she was, fortunately, often able to gratify.

During the active years of her life, she was a very prominent figure in the work of the church and of the various women's organizations throughout the city. In the church, besides holding the office of president of Education Society she was teacher of the Woman's Bible Class, also female superintendent of the Sunday School when that office was revived in 1894. In community work, she was on the board of the Ladies' Benevolent Society, the Woman's Exchange and the Daughters of the Confederacy, being chairman of the Confederate Museum for many years. She was always a willing, faithful worker, doing what was to be done with her whole heart, and doing it well.

Mrs. J. E. Edgerton served as vice president for two years while Mrs. Adger was president, then Miss Elizabeth J. Adger became vice

president, thus succeeding to the work of her mother and her grandmother.

The same officers, viz.: Miss Sarah A. Smyth, President; Miss Elizabeth J. Adger, Vice President, and Miss Sarah R. Smyth, Secretary-Treasurer, have carried on the work of this organization up to date, with a fidelity and an energy worthy of special notice. The President and the Secretary-Treasurer are daughter and granddaughter, respectively, of the Rev. Thomas Smyth. Sarah R. Smyth and Elizabeth J. Adger have both been actively engaged in the work of the Sunday School also, for many years in supervision of the infant class.

When the Auxiliary was formed in 1920, strong influence was brought to bear to submerge the Education Society in the new organization, as had been done with the other societies. The whole situation was thoroughly discussed, a vote taken, and the society overwhelmingly decided to retain its organization and individuality. It was the concensus of opinion that a society which had devoted a century of successful effort to the education of the ministry with such singleness of purpose should be allowed to carry on. Over one hundred young men have been assisted—many of whom became ministers of prominence, missionaries in the foreign field or professors of note.

Time has justified the decision then made, for the society still functions, and is counted an integral and most valuable factor of woman's activities in our church, and is now carrying the full financial burden of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, not only for the Auxiliary, but for the entire Second Presbyterian Church.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School of the Second Presbyterian Church was the second venture in that line in Charleston, and comes naturally into the realm of "Woman's Work" because of their untiring zeal in its behalf.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Hahnbaum organized a Sunday School at the Circular Church about 1816. This aroused a great deal of interest and in 1818 an invitation was extended to Mr. and Mrs. Hahnbaum to start one in the Second Presbyterian Church.

Missionary interest was aroused early in the history of this school, for contributions to the "Heathen School Society Fund" are listed in 1820-21.

An Indian boy was adopted by the Sunday School, and funds

were sent regularly for his education. In one of the quarterly addresses given to the Sunday School, Mr. Hahnbaum says:

> ". . . . this youth has been educated by your attention to your own improvement by having meritted tickets of approbation from your teachers and generously having applied the value of them in aid of the 'Juvenile Heathen School Fund'. . . . You have heard that your little beneficiary is a smart and promising child. . . ."

The Indian boy had been renamed "Andrew Flinn", after the first minister of Second Presbyterian Church, and we may be quite sure that the memory of that concrete mission work influenced those children in after years, and very probably carried lasting effects into the life of the church itself.

Many names upon the official rolls of the Education Society appear in the annals of the Sunday School as faithful teachers and officers during its years of existence. In the year 1838, there were thirteen male teachers and twelve female, and many of them had served for years, probably since the organization. Mrs. Isaac Johnson was "Female Superintendent", with Miss Ann Caldwell as assistant. The duties of the "Female Superintendent" were to keep the enrollment, see that the classes were kept up in number, and to look after the general order of the school.

Miss Susan Ruberry was teacher of the infant class; later, Miss Susan Vardell took this position and remained in charge of the class for many years. Among the names listed as teachers of the other classes at that time we find: Miss Margaret Bennett, Miss Hannah P. Raymond, Miss Eliza Auld, Miss Gardenia Gibbs, Mrs. S. Robertson, Miss Phillipa Burney, Miss Susan D. Adger, Miss Mary A. Stillman, Miss Anthony, Miss Susan Bell, and Miss Ursula Nell.

A little later in the century, about 1847, there was a teacher who began a long service in the Sunday School, during which time she left a wonderful impress upon the young people with whom she came in contact.

Miss Gracia Lanneau (born December 16, 1833; died August 27, 1916) at the age of fourteen became assistant to the teacher of the infant class Second Presbyterian Church Sunday School, and later took charge of the class as teacher. She was gifted as an instructor, and had a peculiarly keen and delicate appreciation of child nature, winning the affections of the small members of her class by her

bright manner and warm sympathy. Bonds of love were thus established that, in many cases, remained unbroken until that day when she "passed from length of days to immortality."

It was during her active work as infant class teacher that the first fund for building a "New Sunday School" was started. That "new" building materialized, has been succeeded by another, but there are, no doubt, many living today who will remember the little device that was brought to the class to interest the children. Each Sunday, when the regular collection was taken up, a little iron bank, in the shape of a man with a movable arm, was passed around. The children placed their contributions in his hand, and, by moving the arm, the money was deposited in the bank.

For over thirty-five years Miss Lanneau dedicated her boundless energy to this work, in which her heart was bound up. Reluctantly, then, she gave up her work as teacher, for she felt it her duty to devote herself more entirely to her aged, invalid father. From that time onward, she was a pupil in the school where she had been, for so long, a beloved teacher.

At the time of her resignation, she was presented with a silver goblet bearing the following inscription:

Presented to
Miss Gracia Lanneau
by the
Sunday School of the 2nd Presbyterian Church
as a token of love
and appreciation of her service
as Infant Class Teacher
June 8, 1884

Although the years of her decline were passed away from Clarleston, her affections clung tenaciously to her old home. Her funeral services were held in the church she loved, and she lies buried within its shadow.

A Church Manual, published in 1854, gives names of Sunday School teachers and lists "Misses C. Johnson and Gracia Lanneau" as infant class teachers. The "Female Vice Presidents" were Mrs. Isaac Johnson and Miss Susan D. Adger, while the "Female Bible Class teachers" were Mrs. Thomas Smyth and Mrs. S. J. Robinson. Others named are: Mrs. Geo. H. Moffett, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Rebecca Lanneau, Mrs. Peter Lanneau, Mrs. Steedman, Miss Mary

Brown, Miss Anna Simonton, who was the first woman principal of Memminger High School, Miss Louisa Dukes, Miss Jane A. Adger, Miss Mary Moffett, Miss Louisa Smith, Miss Mary Fanning, Miss Eliz. H. Dewees, Miss Ann Robertson, Miss M. Dewees, Miss Sarah Steele.

Miss Gracia Lanneau's sister, Mrs. Mary S. Whilden, followed her, as infant class teacher, and served for many years. Her assistants were Miss Mary Whilden (Mrs. C. E. Milling), Mrs. Sarah Gardner, later, Miss Carrere. Mary Stephens Whilden was born in Charleston, S. C., January 7, 1834, daughter of Fleetwood Lanneau and Grace Windsor Lanneau. Early in life she became a Christian, uniting with the Second Presbyterian Church during Dr. Thomas Smyth's pastorate. She was married in 1853, reared a family of five, losing two others in infancy. Always active in church duties she took great interest in the Education Society, in which she continued her membership until she died. Her chief work, however, was in the Sunday School as teacher of this infant class; she visited the homes of every member, knew the parents, and succeeded in having a membership of 125 children.

She formed a Union Bible Study Class for the preparation of the Sunday School lessons; this class met every Saturday afternoon, was composed of teachers from various churches of all denominations, and was carried on successfully for years.

The last sixteen years of her life were spent in Darlington, S. C., in the home of her daughter. She made many friends there, and was always active in the Sunday School Association of the State, attending several of the general conventions.

A consistent Christian, her life ended peacefully in Darlington, June 23, 1916, in the eighty-third year of her life. Her influence for good was felt wherever she was. Her great suffering was borne with perfect patience and wonderful fortitude, and she met death without a fear.

The office of "Female Superintendent" seemed to lapse for several years, but was filled again in 1894 when Miss Sarah A. Smyth was elected to that position. For many years Mrs. Geo. H. Moffett, Miss Jane Ann Adger and Mrs. Mary R. McD. Stickney taught the "Female Bible Classes", and later, when the office of "Female Superintendent" was discontiued, Miss S. A. Smyth took charge of the Woman's Bible Class.

Miss S. R. Smyth took charge of the infant class after Mrs.

Whilden's removal from the city, and is still in office. In the list of teachers given in the Anniversary Manual of 1909, Miss Elizabeth Adger and Miss Florence Bolger (Mrs. Edward Harleston) are named as assistants. Miss Adger is still at work in that capacity, but the class has grown so that several other assistants are necessary. Among other teachers listed in 1909, many of whom had been in service for years preceding are: Miss Mattie Knox and her cousin, Miss Mary Brailsford, each of whom served at least a quarter of a century, whose mother and aunt, Mrs. John Knox, taught twenty years, Mrs. J. K. G. Fraser, wife of the pastor, Mrs. Stickney, Miss J. A. Prince, Miss M. C. Mustard, Miss Marion Steinmeyer (Mrs. O. B. Tisdale), Miss Helen McIndoe, Miss Fannie McNeil, Miss A. N. Allan, Miss Jessie Bolger, Miss Lillie Fogartie, whose three aunts, Miss Sarah, Miss Caroline and Miss Esther, were identified with the Sunday School in the past (the latter had played the organ for prayer meeting for many years, too). Miss Janie McCormick, who began teaching in 1900 and who became the teacher of the Gilbert Brackett Bible Class, in 1911,—when it was organized—and is still doing excellent work in that capacity; Miss Eva McNeil, who was a teacher for many years, and Miss Susie McGee. Susan T. McGee took charge of her first class in Sunday School in 1887, and continued her work as teacher until the time of her death in 1926. Unless she was sick or out of town, she was never absent during her service of thirty-nine years. For a long time she conducted a series of normal classes, the members of which were always prepared to act as substitute teachers during their period of training, and many of these pupils later took up regular work as teachers in the Sunday School.

Miss McGee was president of the Missionary Society for two years, and later acted as treasurer of the Presbyterian Home. Her devotion to her church and Sunday School was never failing.

In the early part of the twentieth century, the Cradle Roll, under the supervision of the Primary Department, and the Home Department were added to the Sunday School. Miss Margaret Timmons was the first chairman of the Home Department, later succeeded by Mrs. J. W. Weeks, who is still in charge.

Many of the Sunday School teachers on duty in 1909 taught for several years thereafter, and, in fact, some are still on the rolls, while new names have appeared and vanished. It is a matter of sincere regret that we are unable to give a full roster of teachers throughout the years.

In 1921 the grading system was adopted in the school, and Miss Hariotte McGee was appointed Superintendent of Grading. In 1922, Miss Susie Roberson became her assistant. Before 1921, the collections for alternate Sundays went to support of School and Foreign Missions. Since that date, the financial plan has been to carry the expenses of the school through the year, then give the surplus to selected church causes.

The women teachers on the roll in 1921 were: Misses Jessie Bolger, Elizabeth Mather, Frances McNeil, Susie McGee, Amey Allen, Cecile Edgerton, Helen Clark Martin, Claire Jones, Alma Duke, Mrs. H. D. Shackleford and Mrs. N. F. Smith. Miss Sarah R. Smyth and Miss Elizabeth J. Adger were in charge of the Primary Department, assisted by Miss Julia Legare and Miss Beulah Wright.

In 1927-28 the following were enrolled as teachers or special officers: Misses Susie T. Roberson, Jessie Bolger, Helen Clark Martin, Kathleen Hay, Elizabeth McKnight, Amey N. Allan, Janie McCormick, Elizabeth Mather, Mrs. Geo. Buell, Jr., Mrs. Creighton Likes, Mrs. R. W. Claus and Mrs. A. W. Blount.

Primary Department: Miss S. R. Smyth, President; Miss Elizabeth Adger, Assistant Boys' classes; Mrs. H. C. Hetzel, Mrs. Colin Martin, Misses Freda Jordan and Hettie Colcock, Girls' classes; Mrs. Adele Trenholm, Mrs. H. D. Bell, Mrs. J. K. Davis, Mrs. Woodford, Misses Elizabeth Harleston, Frances Patton and Katie McCarrell.

When we look back upon that little Sunday School of the last century, meeting in the gallery of the church, learning hymns, Bible verses, the Catechism, and listening to Bible stories, we may measure the progress through the years in policy, equipment and organization, but it is interesting to note that the school is still true to the mission impulse given to it by its founders in those far off years, and it is to be hoped that the boys and girls of this century may carve their impress upon the history of the church as did those who lived and worked in the days that are gone.

AFTER THE WAR

The War Between the States certainly speeded up the development of woman's co-operative work in the church; the women, during that war, had tremendous responsibilities thrust upon them in the management of their homes, their plantations, and in the other lines of business which the men of the family had ben compelled to put aside for that period. Women, thus, came back to the regular

church work after the war with broader vision, clearer judgment, and a higher class efficiency. As a result of this awakening, many important lines of women's work were begun in the church other than the Education Society and Sunday School.

Among societies which came into existence after the War may be mentioned: Missionary Society, Manse Society, Sunday School Workers, Society of Christian Endeavor and later on, the Threadneedle Society and Earnest Workers.

MISSIONARY WORK

In the annals of the Second Presbyterian Church we read of offerings from the "Female Missionary Society" early in the nineteenth century, of important "Juvenile Missionary" work in the '30's and '40's and continuous missionary contributions throughout the succeeding years, but it was not until 1876 that the women became thoroughly organized for such work; for, up to that time, mission work in the church had been largely congregational in character, the collections from certain services being set apart for that work. For many years before the organization of this regular society, missionary interest was fostered and stimulated by Miss Susan D. Adger Smyth, who was also prominent in Sunday School work. She was the daughter of the Rev. Thomas Smyth and his wife, Margaret Adger, and was born in Charleston May 17, 1844. In 1868 her aunts—Miss Jane Ann and Miss Susan Adger—left for Europe with a large party of young people, nieces and nephews, and Miss Smyth went with them. She remained one year, returning then because she felt she was needed at home. Later in 1879, she obtained a position as teacher in Memminger Normal School. This position she held until her death, October 22, 1886. In the church her zeal for missions was effectively demonstrated by her work and interest in the Missionary Society. When this was re-organized by Miss Smyth, Mrs. Brackett was elected president, Miss Smyth became secretary-treasurer and was responsible for the program at each meeting. In the Sunday School she was for years the greatly beloved teacher of the Female Bible Class, and the influence of her work lives after her.

The first Woman's Missionary Society, organized in 1876, had the following officers: President, Mrs. Gilbert R. Brackett; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss S. D. A. Smyth; Recording Secretary, Miss Margaret C. Adger. The work and interest of this society for many years cen-

tered around Mrs. Randolph's School in Hangchow, China, and Mrs. DuBose's School in Soochow.

This society started its work—urged to it by the earnest appeals of Mr. and Mrs. Houston, returned missionaries—for missions in China. At first $100.00 was promised for the work, but so much interest was aroused that more than twice that amount was raised. The second year $150.00 was sent to Mrs. Randolph's School and $100.00 to Mrs. DuBose's School. In May, 1878, there appears an entry concerning a contribution from a society of little girls called "Little Gleaners". In 1878 the adult society assumed entire responsibility for Mrs. DuBose's School, and interesting correspondence ensued.

In 1887 Miss Louisa C. Smythe (Mrs. Samuel G. Stoney) was elected president and Miss Sarah R. Smyth, secretary-treasurer. Later Miss Amey N. Allan became recording secretary. Mrs. Stoney is the daughter of Mr. Augustine T. Smythe and the granddaughter of the Rev. Thomas Smyth. She edited her grandfather's autobiography which touched intimately and constantly upon Second Church history, and her father was a prominent official, so her acquaintance with vital matters of the organization has been exceptional. She has taken a wide interest in community affairs, especially in Y. W. C. A. work and in efforts toward better understanding in inter-racial affairs. She is known to the Presbyterian Church at large in connection with historical work she has done. She has served as Presbyterial Historian, and is now Synodical Historian.

In 1888, Miss Essie Wilson (Mrs. P. Frank Price) a member of Second Presbyterian Church, offered herself for the work in China. The interest of the society increased tremendously, concentrating upon the work of this one whom they knew and loved.

Essie Wilson Price was born in Sumter County, S. C., April 8, 1866. She is a grand-niece of the Rev. John Leighton Wilson, D. D. She went to Charleston in 1883, and was graduated from the Memminger High School in 1885. While living in Charleston, in company with Miss Anna Simonton and Miss Maggie Timmons, she attended the Second Presbyterian Church, and was in Miss Sue Smyth's Bible Class.

While living in the home of her uncle, Dr. Leighton Wilson, when only a child, the desire to be a missionary was born in her heart, and later the influence of her beloved Sunday School teacher, Miss Sue Smyth, strengthened this desire. In the fall of 1888 she

realized her ambition—went to China, and for four years was a teacher in the Girls' High School in Hangchow.

In 1892 she was married to the Rev. P. Frank Price and with him went to open up a new field, doing pioneer work for years in Sinchang, China. There were no trained nurses in those days—so she studied medicine and became a doctor's assistant. Later for fifteen years she ran a clinic for two hours each morning—doing her evangelistic work every afternoon.

In 1900—during the Boxer troubles—Mr. and Mrs. Price were forced to leave their work and refugee in Shanghai for eight months. In 1912 they were transferred to Nanking, where Mr. Price became Professor of Theology in the Theological Seminary. Mrs. Price's principal work in Nanking has been in connection with the Union Woman's Bible School. She was one of the first teachers, and for ten years was co-principal. Their students now number 130.

Mr. and Mrs. Price have four sons: Francis Wilson, Philip Barborn, Julian Pleasants and Henry Baynard. The two older sons are married, and are working in China. Before the recent trouble Frank was Professor of Religious Education in the Theological Seminary in Nanking. Philip was surgeon in the hospital in Soochow. Julian is resident physician in Bellevue Hospital, New York, specializing in pediatrics. Harry is completing his preparations and both of the latter are planning to return to China as missionaries.

The local society has kept in constant association with Mrs. Price in her work in China, sending funds which she has used in various ways: in fitting up a dispensary in connection with her medical work; in establishing an industrial school for boys; in purchasing a house boat, which Dr. and Mrs. Price used for evangelistic work, and for founding out-stations. Mrs. Price is still supported by this church, and is lovingly counted "our" missionary.

Mrs. Stoney continued in office until 1899. One of her yearly reports bears eloquent witness to the fact that human nature is a constant quantity, and one part strikes a sympathetic chord in the heart of many a modern Auxiliary officer. She says in part:

> "There are many of us who do all we can, and I do not speak to them—but to the noble army of shirkers. There are several classes—headed by those who *won't*. Then come those who say they are too tired—or too stupid—or too poor—or too busy—or too old—or too young—or those who *aren't interested;*—but, the worst of all are those who undertake zealously, and—*don't do it!*"

After Mrs. Stoney's resignation she assisted Miss Amey N. Allan in organizing a Junior Missionary Society, which aroused much interest among the children. This organization gave regular reports at the various anniversary meetings of the adult society through 1911. During those years it was under the special guidance of Miss Allan.

The officers elected in 1900 were: President, Miss Susan Smythe (Mrs. John Bennett); Vice President, Miss S. A. Smyth; Treasurer, Miss S. R. Smyth; Recording Secretary, Miss Elizabeth McCarrell. A year later Miss Isenhardt was elected Recording Secretary, and served until 1910. In 1903 Mrs. Geo. McDermid followed as President, Miss Susie McGee as Treasurer; Mrs. J. K. G. Fraser became President in 1905, and served until 1910. Unusual missionary activity characterized her administration, and the society opened up new paths of service. In December, 1906, a *Home* Missionary Department was formed, having the same officers as the Foreign, with the addition of a new Vice President and a separate Treasurer, and alternate meetings were given over to Home Mission topics and business. Miss W. W. King was the first Vice President for the new department, and Mrs. J. B. Morris, Treasurer. In those days every church cause sported an envelope with a color all its own, so the new department added *its* tone to the rainbow effect on the collection plate. Every Sunday the Foreign and Home Treasurers went forward after service, claimed their respective colors, went home, duly credited the amount received from the various donors, and forwarded specified sums to the proper persons or officials. Later on, when the sensible "duplex envelope system" was adopted, a fervent—even though wordless—Hallelujah of thanks and relief went up from those faithful treasurers' hearts!

In February, 1907, the Home Mission Society became strong enough to assume responsibility for a missionary in Oklahoma, pledging $300 per year. This additional missionary effort did not weaken the interest in Foreign Missions, for in 1908 that department decided to take care of a missionary in Cuba. Three missionaries were thus being supported—Mrs. Price in China being already under our care.

Home Mission interest seemed to extend into various lines. The Mission at Graniteville Mills was assisted materially for years. Knox Chapel Mission was helped in many ways: by teaching in the Sunday School and forming week day classes of various kinds. An interesting social welfare note was struck in January, 1908, when it was decided "to see what could be done in the matter of assisting with the

support of a woman in Y. W. C. A. work who will look out for young girls who come in by train". Travelers Aid received contributions from the Home Missionary Society for several years, then the cause was included in the regular church budget until about 1920. The Auxiliary is now including that cause in its work for 1928.

In the records for 1907 we find the first suggestion of forming a Mission Study class. Inspired by reports of delegates to a "Convention of Missionary Leaders" held in Asheville, several classes were formed. The first mention of the "Missionary Union" is also found in records of about the same time. In 1908 we find Miss Elizabeth J. Adger, President, and Miss Jessie Bolger, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Department.

Missionary officers elected in 1910 were as follows: Foreign Department: President, Miss Susie T. McGee; Treasurer, Mrs. John Bennett; Home Department: President, Dr. S. C. Allan; Treasurer 1910-12, Miss E. J. Adger; 1912-17, Mrs. R. W. Hutson.

In 1917 the "duplex envelope system" was inaugurated by which all funds for all causes were collected and disbursed by the one church treasurer, so the work of the missionary societies became entirely educational from that time on until the society merged its identity in the Auxiliary, 1920.

In connection with the missionary work of the church, it is interesting to note several legacies which have been received. A most unusual donor of two gifts was Mrs. Maria Moore, colored. In 1848 she gave eight shares of Bank of South Carolina stock, and in 1849 she gave three lots of land. The income from the first gift was to go for African Missions; from the second to Foreign Mission work in general. In 1911 Miss Agnes K. Irving, for many years the Superintendent of Charleston Orphan House, left a legacy of $1,099.00 to the cause of missions.

MANSE SOCIETY

The Manse Society was organized about 1875 by Miss Margaret and Miss Agnes Adger who became Mrs. W. S. Manning and Mrs. H. E. Ravenel, of Spartanburg, S. C. By 1905 the fund thus begun amounted to $2,685.00 and was used in the purchase of a manse on Pitt Street. When Dr. and Mrs. Fraser moved into this manse another "Manse Society" was formed to look out for the repairs and up-keep of the property. Miss S. A. Smyth, Mrs. Jane Robin-

son, Mrs. H. D. Shackleford, Miss Mattie Knox and others were faithful workers.

Miss Irving and Mr. Augustine T. Smythe in 1909, cleared the manse of all indebtedness, and the Manse Society was disbanded.

"SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS"

In 1881, a society was organized to procure funds for a new Sunday School building. It was called "Sunday School Workers" and Mrs. James K. Robinson was president. She was very active in the work of the "Fuel and Garment Society" of Charleston, also, and took great interest in the work of Thornwell Orphanage, where a room has been dedicated to her memory. Her death occurred in the midst of her devoted labors for the Sunday School building, and Mrs. James Allan succeeded her as president, with Miss Isabel Allan (Mrs. Willis F. Wilson), secretary and Miss Amey N. Allan, treasurer. The zealous work of the society culminated in the dedication of the new building in May, 1887.

Mrs. Allan organized a society among the children to aid in this work. It was called "Little Helpers" and it continued its work after the new building was occupied. Mrs. James Allan, nee Amey S. Hobcraft, was born in London, England, in 1835, and was married in Charleston, S. C., in 1856. Until her family of eight children grew up, she was unable to do much work for the church, though her membership in the Education Society dates from 1869, and she was identified with the Fuel Society and Ladies' Benevolent Society as a director for many years.

Her chief bit of work in the Second Presbyterian Church was the carrying on of the Society of Sunday School Workers for three years, until the erection of the building. For twenty-five years she was president of the Presbyterian Home Society, showing her vigorous personality and tenacious hold on what she considered justice through a long, tedious lawsuit by which the Home, 108 Beaufain St., became the property of the three Presbyterian churches in this city as willed by Miss Mary Campbell.

During her presidency Mrs. Arthur Pelzer donated her mother's (Mrs. Kinloch) old home in Summerville to the Presbyterian Home Society, to be used as a permanent or a rest home for Presbyterian women and children.

Mrs. Allan's declining years were free from pain or suffering;

she grew old gracefully, laying down her cares, one by one, until, at the ripe age of ninety years she "fell asleep".

Faith was the keynote of her Christian character. In time of severe trial her text was: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him", and the calm serenity of her last years was due to her loving trust in her Heavenly Father.

SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

"The Society of Christian Endeavor" was organized in October, 1893, with Jas. R. Williams, President, and Miss Jessie Allan (Mrs. A. G. C. McDermid) Secretary. This organization flourished for several years, but it was not in existence when Dr. J. K. G. Fraser became our pastor in 1903. He brought the young people together in what was known as "The Young People's Club". Among the names of women mentioned in its official roll we find: Miss Marion Seabrook (Mrs. P. E. Connor), Secretary; Miss Amey N. Allan, Chairman of Visiting Committee, and Mrs. Richard W. Hutson, Chairman of Social Committee. It is interesting to note that our own missionary, L. Cheves McC. Smyth, headed the devotional committee. In the year 1907-1908 there were eight large committees listed, showing the extended interest in the club.

In 1915, under Dr. Clark, the young people were again enrolled as a society of Christian Endeavor. When Dr. Hickman came, the society was again reorganized with the help of Miss A. N. Allan and Mrs. H. H. O'Brien, the latter of whom had taken special training in Young People's Work. As present Secretary of Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work, she continues in touch with the society, which is stronger today than it ever was, due to the trained workers developed through the Young People's Conferences.

THREADNEEDLE SOCIETY

The Threadneedle Society, composed of young girls, was organized on February 14, 1907, to make garments for distribution by the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Charleston. At first, single garments were made, then complete layettes, three of each garment, were assembled for the use of the visiting nurse on her rounds among the very poor of the city.

The first president was Miss Lida King (Mrs. Tiedeman) and the secretary-treasurer was Miss Jessie Bolger, who afterwards became

president and served as such during the remainder of the time until the formation of the Auxiliary.

This work was continued through the circles after 1920 and Miss Bolger was chairman in charge.

THE EARNEST WORKERS

This society was composed of two Sunday School classes taught by Miss Fannie McNeil and Miss Elizabeth Mather. It was quite active in its service for the Sunday School and for the church, seeing that the former was kept in good condition and furnishing flowers for service in the latter. They did work for the soldiers on the Mexican border and later furnished comfort bags, etc., for the men overseas during the World War. When the grading system was adopted in the Sunday School the girls were scattered and the organization was given up, but many of these "Earnest Workers" later became members of the Business Girls' Circle of the Auxiliary.

THE FEDERATION AND AUXILIARY

In the spring of 1915 six societies of the church formed a federation under the name, "Woman's Auxiliary of Second Presbyterian Church", with Miss Sarah R. Smyth as president, and the presiding officers of each separate society acting as vice presidents of the new organization.

This method of bringing the various individual societies of the church into closer co-operation was simply one of the preliminary movements leading up to the organization of the regular Auxiliary, with the Circle Plan later on.

Miss Sarah R. Smyth was president of the Federation 1915-1918; Mrs. Fred Patton 1918-1919; Mrs. Geo. R. Lunz became president in 1919, and it was largely through her influence that the regular Auxiliary formation, with Circle Plan, was adopted in 1920.

Mrs. Lunz (Miss Lofton) was born in McClellanville, came to Charleston as a bride, and has been prominent in the work, not only of Second Church, but of Presbyterial and Synodical. She has also done important work through the Parent-Teachers Association of the State.

Mrs. Lunz served as president until 1923, when she was succeeded by Mrs. J. W. Hickman, wife of the pastor, who served until 1925. Dr. Sarah C. Allan followed as president, and she, in turn, was fol-

lowed by Mrs. Lucas Aimar. In 1928, Miss Amey N. Allan became president of the organization.

Dr. Sarah C. Allan and Miss Amey N. Allan are daughters of the late Mr. James Allan, an elder of our church for many years. They have both taken an active part in every form of Woman's Work in the church, and are prominent in many civic movements for the betterment of the community. Dr. Allan was one of the early presidents of the Y. W. C. A. and continues her interest in that work. Miss Amey N. Allan has held various offices in the Synodical and Presbyterial work, and has acted as pastor's aid for several years.

The present officers of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Second Presbyterian Church are as follows: President, Miss Amey N. Allan; First Vice President, Mrs. H. C. Hetzel; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. K. Davis; Secretary, Mrs. A. W. Blount; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellen M. Pope; Historian, Mrs. R. W. Hutson.

In viewing the activities of the women of our church for the past one hundred and twenty years, we are conscious of a romance and a drama, culminating in a wonderful development, typical not only of our history, but of church women in general, during that period. At the time our church was organized, the Sunday School was a new department in the work of the church, and was still looked upon with grave suspicion. In fact, two years after our Sunday School was organized, a similar venture in another part of our country was opposed effectively by the church authorities, and the ones promoting it were characterized as "imps of Satan, doing the devil's work"!

Missions, at that time, were something to look at askance, a new step which many churches and individuals did not welcome.

Instrumental music in church service was taboo, and many acrimonious church discussions centered around a proposition to install an organ as late as 1850.

The ancient and honorable "Ladies' Aid Society" blossomed into multitudinous societies covering every cause.

In due time, the Sunday School became the potent handmaiden of religious instruction and advancement of the church today, a powerful recruiting station for the future.

Missions—Home and Foreign—have widened the outlook and extended the work of the church immeasurably, and to the Women's Missionary Societies must be given the credit for wonderful educational work along these lines.

The praise of God through music—instrumental as well as vocal—has taken its lawful place in our services, and women are largely responsible for this.

And now, through the development of many societies for many ends in the years that are gone, women have learned that efficiency and concentrated effort, marshalling the combined force of *all* the women for *all* the causes of the church, can be most successfully employed through the agency of this *one* twentieth century society—the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

(MRS. R. W.) MYRTA J. HUTSON.

CHEROKEE PLACE MISSION

On April 16, 1922, a Mission Church and Sunday School was opened in its own building in Cherokee Place, near Charleston, by a committee from Second Presbyterian Church consisting of three elders, Messrs. W. S. Allan, J. W. Robson and Major N. F. Smith. There were sixty pupils in the Sunday School under Mr. Robert C. Lebby as superintendent. The Presbyterian ministers of Charleston hold services in turn. Among the women of the mission were Mrs. F. M. Williamson, Mrs. Hunter Ferren, Mrs. W. B. Stansbury, Mrs. Herbert Ridgeway and Mrs. W. G. Taylor. This mission has been discontinued.

CORINTH

No information has been obtainable as to possible Woman's Work in the tiny group known as the Corinth Church. It was organized in 1891 with seventeen members.

No women have been reported as taking part in the church work but of course there have been the cleaning and the painting and the precious ointment of woman's love in the church. But no reports have been received.

DENMARK

This church was organized on November 18, 1894, with only six members. One, Dr. B. F. Wyman, was ruling elder; Messrs. J. S. J. Faust, Wm. J. Gooding, Jr., and Dr. J. W. Wyman were the deacons. Growth was slow until, in 1923, the Rev. Mr. E. A. Dillard began his

pastorate. In 1925 the church became self supporting and a new church has been built. Mrs. J. K. Mayfield, historian, here takes up the tale.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE AUXILIARY OF THE DENMARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Back in the spring of 1919, at four o'clock on a Monday afternoon in April, eight women met in the little chapel that was so long the home of the Presbyterian Church, and organized the Auxiliary. In those days there was no regular pastor. Twice a month a student of the Columbia Theological Seminary preached. And so, when the church was both in point of size and organization a mere infant, this handful of loyal women, of their own accord, united themselves into a band of Christian workers, known as the Auxiliary.

It was fitting that Mrs. J. W. Wyman, a charter member of the church, one who out of loving interest went almost daily to witness the building of the little chapel, should have been elected the first president of the Auxiliary. With her served Mrs. T. P. McCrae as secretary and treasurer. Mrs. J. S. J. Faust was elected the first vice president. The other charter members were: Mrs. Say Hope, Mrs. E. A. Ennis, Mrs. R. C. Hardwick, Mrs. J. K. Mayfield and Mrs. C. E. Humphries.

To be sure, the early years were years of struggle. Sometimes it seemed as though the breath of life were almost completely extinguished. Mrs. Faust and Mrs. Hardwick were not members of the Presbyterian church and in the course of time they found that their time was inadequate to serve both the organizations of their own churches and of ours. While the Auxiliary was still gasping for the breath of life Mrs. Humphries, a devoted member and a worker, moved away. Later, but not until she had rendered several years of splendid service, Mrs. Say Hope moved away. Mrs. Calhoun of Greenwood was also an active member of the Auxiliary during its struggling period. She, too, moved away. It seemed to us, the few remaining members, that all the people who moved from Denmark were Presbyterians, and we needed them, oh, so badly. However, in spite of the "slings and arrows of outrageous fortune" the Auxiliary lived on. Faced with similar discouragements any worldly club would have died a natural death. But the Auxiliary represented God's work and it lived on.

Shortly after its organization, in conjunction with Mr. Frank V. James, the Auxiliary undertook the support of little seven year old

Cynthia Donohue, an orphan at Thornwell. We made clothes for her with our own fingers and at our own sewing machines, we purchased shoes, we sent money, and at Christmas time she was nearly always remembered with a box calculated to make a little girl comfortable and happy.

Cynthia must by this time be quite a large girl. But she is still at the Orphanage, and the Auxiliary is still loyal to her. In February of the present year, Mrs. P. D. Buie, the present efficient treasurer, mailed a check of $25.00 to be used for Cynthia's needs.

The year 1925 was a banner year for the Auxiliary. It had by this time increased in members and had a strong hold on life. While on a visit in Hendersonville, N. C., in the summer of this year, Miss Clara Wyman discovered that an excellent pipe organ in the Presbyterian Church of that place could be purchased for a song, for an amount representing about one sixth of its value. She had a vision of the organ as it would appear when installed in the little chapel at Denmark. As soon as she reached home she told of the wonderful organ—wonderful because, in the first place, it is really a good instrument, and, in the second place, because it was within the financial reach of our Auxiliary. Mrs. T. P. McCrae, the church organist, made a special trip to Hendersonville to try out the organ. Her report was no less enthusiastic than that of Miss Wyman, and the vision became a reality when the organ with its visible golden pipes was installed in the little chapel at Denmark.

Last August, upon the completion of the splendid brick church which is a successor to the little chapel, the organ was moved to its new home, and an electric motor installed. Both the organ and the motor have been paid for by the Auxiliary, small in numbers though it still is. The ladies did not run their hands down into their husbands' pockets and scoop up the bills that purchased the organ. Not a bit of it. They worked and through their own efforts earned the money. To Mrs. W. D. McIver belongs the credit of suggesting the sale of Christmas greeting cards and of holding a Christmas bazaar as means of making money, means that have proven successful beyond our expectations.

During the past four years the Auxiliary has reached an average of above seventy percent according to the Standard of Excellence. The Auxiliary has during the past several years supplied a generous budget and has not failed to contribute to all the various causes. And this is true in spite of the fact that we have here at home a new church as

yet unpaid for which stands in need of pulpit furniture, pews and a carpet. The filling of these latter mentioned needs is the work that the Auxiliary plans to start upon in the immediate future.

On the 14th and 15th of the present month (1927) the Presbyterial will meet here. Under the competent direction of Mrs. R. A. Easterling, the president of the local Auxiliary, plans have been made which are sure to contribute to the splendid success of the meeting.

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The Presbyterial met most happily and successfully. All the plans of the Auxiliary were successful and there was a large attendance.

Denmark's report for 1928 gives twelve members. They have a Silver Star Auxiliary and their per capita is $13.00. They have a Prayer Band of twelve and all have studied both Foreign and Home Missions. They are an active group. The Christian Endeavor Society and Sunday School work with the young people. They give to Sara Gray's work and help their local Negroes, as well as any others who need assistance. They have finished paying for the motor and have helped to buy a furnace.

Their present officers are: Mrs. A. J. Richards, President and Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. J. W. Wyman, Vice President and Secretary Christian Social Service; Mrs. J. K. Mayfield, Secretary and Historian; Mrs. T. P. McCrae, Treasurer and Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. W. D. McIver, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss Rebecca Finch, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. Fred Carty, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. P. D. Buie, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

EBENEZER

This church, no longer in existence, is significant as the first of a line of missions. It was founded about 1870 by Glebe Street Church and after Glebe merged into Westminster, this mission was continued. It began and continued on Nassau Street, was put under the care of a Presbyterian Board of City Missions, and finally tried independence. At this time the Board took charge of a mission Ebenezer had started, the North West Mission on Ashley Avenue, with Mr. Dunbar Robb as superintendent. Ebenezer was served by missionaries, among them the Rev. Messrs. Trenholm, T. P. Burgess, and Lapsley.

In 1901 the church failed, and the property was sold, but a Mrs. Maree continued to carry on a school and another was struggling for existence in upper Meeting Street. Mrs. James Allan brought about the engagement for the summer of the Rev. Mr. C. P. Coble, who came in 1903 and took charge for the time of the N. W. and N. E. Missions.

The Ebenezer fund was then invested in Fishburne Street, where a small church, named in 1906 Knox Chapel, was established. This developed into Knox Church and has now become part of the new Westminster congregation, in their well established church in the new section of the city.

Mr. Dunbar Robb was long a faithful superintendent of these missions. The women chiefly active were Mrs. Maree, Miss Adger, Mrs. J. E. Coker, wife of the pastor of Knox, Miss Isabelle Allan, Miss Marianne Paul, Miss Amey Allan.

EDISTO

Edisto is generally conceded to be older than any existing Presbyterian Church in this Synodical. The date of organization is, according to tradition, 1695. Dr. Howe could find no proof as all of its records were destroyed during the Revolution. But at the bi-centennial exercises, held with great success on April 28-29-30, 1911, celebrating the entrance of the church into its third century, there was very important history given by the pastor, the Rev. S. C. Caldwell, in an address delivered on the thirtieth, Sunday.

Mr. Caldwell calls attention to the statement of Dr. Howe that there were at least five churches of British Presbyterians in 1710, the year that John's Island and Wadmalaw Church were founded. Both Dr. Howe and Nevin's Presbyterian Enclyclopedia consider that Edisto was one. Henry Bower's gift of a tract of three hundred acres, conveyed in 1717 to "certain persons" for the benefit of a Presbyterian minister on Edisto Island would argue a long established church, Mr. Caldwell claims. Also the presence on Edisto, which was settled from 1686, of Baptists who had reached Carolina with Lord Cardross' ill-fated colony of Presbyterian emigrants from Scotland and Wales in 1683, and who worshipped for years with the Presbyterians who composed the bulk of the population of Edisto. Mr. Caldwell points out that the church would have been Baptist if

organized originally by them, but that they retired to a newly-built church of their own when the Presbyterians, under the leadership of Mr. Stobo, in 1722, decided to end the united services, proving conclusively that the church was Presbyterian in origin.

The greatest difficulty of all churches for a long time was to obtain suitable ministers and the Presbyterians suffered with the rest. The first recorded minister of Edisto was the Rev. Mr. Moore, who died in 1733. This is the only record of his pastorate. In 1732 certain Negro slaves had been conveyed by deed of gift to the church for the support of a minister and a valuable deed of land was made by Mr. Waills. In 1737 Mr. Paul Hamilton paid to trustees for this land, 2,500 pounds, the interest to be for the support of a pastor. The gift of slaves required that the minister should own "the Holy Scripture for his only rule of faith and practice", and should "Own the Westminster Confession of Faith with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms" as a test of his orthodoxy, "and that before the Session".

Other gifts at unknown dates, were as follows: "Paul Hamilton, 322 pounds, 10 shillings, and two silver tankards for sacramental purposes; James Lardant, 100 pounds; Wm. Cummings, 94 pounds, 12 shillings; James Clark, 100 pounds; Mrs. Mary Bee, 100 pounds; Mrs. Mary Russell, 100 pounds of the then currency".

In 1741 the Rev. John McLeod of the Isle of Skye came from the charge of a settlement of Scots at Darien, Georgia. He had been sent to them by the Scottish Society for Propagating Religious Knowledge, but the colony had been almost wiped out by an Indian massacre and he came to Edisto, where he served until about 1754; he continued to reside on the Island, but was succeeded by the Rev. Archibald Simpson (who kept a careful diary), who was licensed on May 15, 1754, by Charleston Presbytery to give Wilton three Sundays and Edisto one monthly. But he left and settled at Stoney Creek on June 16, 1756. The Rev. Thomas Henderson, who had been chaplain to the Royal Scots, stationed at St. Augustine, came about 1770, but later went to Wilton.

On March 26, 1784, the church was incorporated and chartered, all male members of the congregation, even though non-communicants, having votes. The property trust had increased so much that no tax or contribution was necessary for the support of the church. This was the contemporary custom. Edisto has preserved a part of these lands and funds, but the congregation is in spite of it most generous in contributions.

After other ministers, the Rev. Donald McLeod took charge. He was also from Scotland, and remained from 1793 to his death in 1821, with an interval of only one year. He was much beloved. After him came the Rev. William States Lee.

The present building was finished in 1831 and improved in 1836, there being money left over from the first contract. Existing records begin from the next year and show splendid work among the Negroes and a large congregation. The names of the present congregation are the names of the congregation of over 130 years though many earlier names have vanished. The name of Edings survived from the earliest days but has recently become extinct.

This history and more was given at the bi-centennial celebration. Other names mentioned during the period covered as laymen deserving honor are: William Edings, Ephraim Mikell, Joseph J. Murray, Edward Whaley, Thomas Baynard, Daniel Townsend, William Seabrook.

The later book of the Corporation was left on Edisto Island during the War Between the States and fell into the hands of the Negroes who then organized themselves into "The Edisto Union Church". Later the book was carried to the North, but at the close of the war a letter reached the old church stating that the Session Book would be returned if wanted. It was thus recovered. The church building was reclaimed in most dramatic fashion. Refugees found most of their homes in possession of their former slaves and in some cases regained them only by orders from the United States Army authorities in Charleston, as the district was under martial law. The church was also held by the Negro organization previously mentioned, who constituted in themselves a majority of the old congregation. They offered to admit the white people as members under their colored minister and church officers and would not give up the property until orders came from the military authorities. Then by appointment, the Rev. Wm. States Lee in his Geneva gown with the few who had then returned of the white congregation advanced into the church at the close of a hymn, and at the pulpit presented to the colored pastor, the Rev. Hodges, the necessary papers. The Negroes unwillingly but quietly left. They were invited to continue their membership, but few did. Even these soon left and joined their Presbyterian Church organization under the Northern Church. Synod's recently published history quotes a full account from Mr. I. Jenkins Mikell's book, "Rumbling of the Chariot Wheels".

The church bell had been taken to Edings Plantation, Bay View, and buried in the shadow of the house before the whites were forced to abandon their homes. Though the house was burned the bell was finally exhumed years later and is in use now. The pipe organ was stolen by the enemy, but paid for later, is the tradition. The old spiral pulpit was removed in 1873.

The Rev. William States Lee was pastor through these troubled times. He died in 1872, having had charge since 1821.

The old building is in good condition having been well cared for. The galleries were formerly used by the slaves. There are mural tablets and monuments of great interest. One tall shaft commemorates the wreck of the steamboat Pulaski, sunk by an explosion in June, 1838. Eight persons of the congregation were drowned.

Members still gather around the communion table to receive the sacrament and the offering is still collected in a bag at the end of a long pole. A bi-centennial service was held about 1911, but the earlier date of foundation is claimed.

The women first formed a Sewing Society about 1875, headed by Mrs. Susan Jane Murray (J. J.), the others being probably Mrs. Townsend Mikell, Mrs. D. J. Pope, Mrs. John Townsend, Mrs. Caroline Murray (Wm.), Miss Rholine Murray, Miss Julia Hopkinson (now Mrs. J. M. LaRoche), Mrs. Mikell Whaley and Mrs. Sarah Lee (Jenkins) Mikell, daughter of the Rev. States Lee, who died 1907. Mrs. Susan Jane Murray (born 1832, died 1917) is believed to have been first president and served many years. Materials were cut out and distributed at meetings and sewing done at home. The garments made were sold to the Negroes and all profits went to the Thornwell Orphanage.

Miss Lily Mikell (daughter of Mrs. Townsend Mikell) was the next president and was the first who attempted to pray at the meetings. She served until her marriage to Mr. T. Allen Legare of Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston. Mrs. D. T. Pope succeeded her and under the guidance of the pastor, Rev. Hugh Murchison, they reorganized as the "Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society".

Mrs. E. Mitchell Seabrook (daughter of the Rev. James McDowell, D.D.) served as president probably 1906-1913. Then the society was urged by the pastor, Rev. C. E. Caldwell, to join the Presbyterial. After this reorganization, presidents were as follows: Mrs. D. T. Pope, Jr., 1913-1915; Miss E. Marion Seabrook (now Mrs. Parker E. Connor, President Charleston Presbyterial), 1915-16; Mrs.

J. G. Murray, 1916-19; Mrs. D. T. Pope, 1919-20; Mrs. J. G. Murray, 1920-21; Mrs. G. L. Mikell, 1921-23; Mrs. F. W. Johnstone, 1923-25; Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, 1925.

To Mrs. Wm. Murray, Mrs. G. L. Mikell, Mrs. F. W. Johnstone and Mrs. P.-E. Connor, historians, thanks are due for all history given.

From reports we find Mrs. F. W. Johnstone president 1923, Bible and stewardship study earnest. These members were Presbyterial officers: Mrs. J. G. Murray, Vice President; Mrs. P. E. Connor, Recording Secretary, and Mrs. G. L. Mikell, Secretary of Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work. In 1923-24 each local secretary was responsible for her own programme and for a free will offering. One member supported Mrs. Sarah Gray during her time on Edisto. Each year more history sent in; 1925-26 their budget was exceeded. Mrs. Mitchell, as president, combined spirituality and common sense. The pageant for Chorlotte Kemper School was used. A boy was sent to the Young People's Conference and four members attended the Summer School of Missions.

In 1926-27, delegates attended the Efficiency Conference (May, 1926), two attended the Young People's Conference with expenses partly paid by the Auxiliary; two members were at Summer School of Missions. The Group Conference was entertained in October. The church was painted by the corporation and the women made the cemetery beautiful with new trees and plants. Prayer service for Foreign Missions was held with the Episcopal Auxiliary.

A linen shower was held for Thornwell Orphanage in February. The White Cross assessment was met; so was the budget. At the March meeting a constitution was adopted following the draft suggested by the Auxiliary with a few changes. A member, Mrs. Parker E. Connor, is now president of Charleston Presbyterial. The officers at present are Mrs. J. M. Pope, President; Mrs. E. M. Bailey, Vice President; Mrs. G. L. Mikell, Secretary; Mrs. J. G. Murray, Treasurer; Historian, Mrs. D. A. Stevens.

Edisto sent delegates first to the Presbyterial in 1913, Miss Caroline Caldwell and Miss Esther Marion Seabrook (now Mrs. P. E. Connor).

In this year of 1927 three young people have been sent to the Clinton Conference. The first delegate from Edisto to the Colored Conference was sent, Julia McClair, with financial help from the colored people. Two members attended the Montreat School of Missions. A Korean pageant was given for the birthday and a farewell

Beach Party with an Edisto supper was given to the young people who left for college in September.

The Auxiliary has contributed to the Beaufort Church and members have canvassed for Clemson College. An entertainment, a bazaar and supper, is planned for November.

The officers 1928-29 of the Edisto Auxiliary are as follows: President, Mrs. Edward Bailey; Vice President, Mrs. William E. Seabrook; Secretary, Mrs. G. L. Mikell; Treasurer, Mrs. J. G. Murray; Historian, Mrs. Parker E. Connor; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. D. T. Pope; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. M. Pope; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. W. B. Hills; Secretary Literature, Mrs. C. E. Robertson; Secretary Local Home Missions, Mrs. D. A. Stevens; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. J. L. Seabrook; Secretary Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. G. L. Mikell; Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. F. W. Johnstone; Secretary Orphan Work, Mrs. James Hopkinson.

The Edisto Auxiliary has had a successful year's work. The disbursements have amounted to $322.00, which is good. A bazaar was held in the fall which helped greatly in a monetary way. Many have, in the past, objected to church bazaars, but there can be no denial of the fact that a bazaar brings in the money. Few of the women have any personal income and there are few ways for them to make money. At the bazaar fancy work and supper were sold. Edisto Auxiliary met the budget; also paid the full quota asked for the Clemson Church campaign, $46.00. In May, 1927, Edisto put on the Korean Birthday Pageant. We have had both Home and Foreign Mission Study classes, had one Bible class, one Prayer Band meets after church every Sunday. The Auxiliary had a farewell party on the beach in September for the young people going off to college. Observed prayer for schools and colleges February 26th; fourteen family altars and eleven tithers reported; an Interdenominational Junior Christian Education Society is carried on successfully.

The annual meeting of Edisto Church Corporation takes place the Wednesday following March Communion Sunday. The Corporation granted permission to one of the church members to install a memorial stained glass window behind the pulpit. The Corporation has just paid for repairs on the parsonage interior. Preparatory Service is always held on the Friday preceding communion. During this meeting, the ladies planted azaleas, oleanders, etc., in the cemetery surrounding the church.

The Auxiliary contributes material and supplies to Mrs. Sara Gray's work and helps to send a delegate to the Colored Conference. One member teaches a class of colored pupils.

MRS. EDWARD MITCHELL SEABROOK

Hess Witherspoon McDowell's name should be Esther. That is positive. She was named for Esther Witherspoon, but as this grandmother's name had degenerated into "Hester", the namesake was christened "Hester". Why will parents mutilate famly names in that way? As a child, she became "Hessie", and in womanhood she has grown to be "Hess".

She was a child of the manse, her father being the Rev. James McDowell, whose name is closely woven into the history of Harmony Presbytery. For very many years he was pastor of the Manning Church, but he also served in Brewington and other old churches of that Presbytery. His wife was Mary Pauline James, whose James and Witherspoon forbears played so important a role in the history of old Williamsburg. Both, Mr. Wardlaw's and Mr. Boddie's books of this section (referred to in Synod's History) read like romance. They are romance! To quote from the former, page 206:

"Hessie Witherspoon McDowell, daughter of Mary Pauline James, etc., born in Sumter, S. C., June 21, 1868, married Hon. E. Mitchell Seabrook on December 28, 1887. He is a sea island cotton planter and legislator.

"Children: 1. Esther Marion. 2. Mary Pauline. 3. Hessie McDowell."

Mrs. Seabrook was a graduate of "The Sumter Institute". She came to Edisto to visit former class mates, Sue Mikell and Lilla Murray (Mrs. F. M. Mitchell), and there met her future husband.

She served as president of "The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society" probably 1906-1913.

Mrs. Seabrook is quite unlike any of the other members of her family. She is calm, composed, modest, gentle, quiet, dependable; and she has the Scottish blue eyes, bonny curls and coloring. She is one of whom the word "lady", with all its finer meanings, can be used most accurately.

MRS. F. M. MITCHELL (LILLA MURRAY)

has been president of Edisto Auxiliary from April, 1925 to 1927. She was born on the 16th of April, 1866, in the home of Mr. Robert Bee on Legare St., Charleston, S. C. Her parents were making their way back home from Orangeburg where her mother and her two elder brothers were refugeed during the War Between the States.

Until Mrs. Mitchell was fourteen she attended the school on Edisto Island, which was taught by Mr. Robert Seabrook; she was then sent to Sumter where she attended the "Sumter Institute", a small boarding school, and united with the Presbyterian Church while there under Dr. Edmunds. On leaving school she brought her letter of membership to the Edisto Island Church. Mrs. Mitchell married in March, 1889, and had six children, five boys and one daughter.

Mrs. Mitchell was quite a young girl when the Ladies' Missionary and Sewing Society was first organized, but joined it then and has been a member ever since. Since the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary she has held the office of treasurer for several years at two different times. Her special work accomplished in the Auxiliary was, with God's blessing, to get a much fuller and more regular attendance of the members at the monthly meetings.

MRS. D. T. POPE (SARAH M. MURRAY)

was born on Edisto Island, on February 11, 1876.

She became a member of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church at the age of eleven years, and a member of the Auxiliary of this church as soon as she returned home from college.

Mrs. Pope attended the Presbyterian College for Women (now Chicora) and Winthrop Training School.

As a girl she taught a Sunday School for Negroes on the plantation every Sunday afternoon for several years prior to her marriage.

She was married in December, 1904, to Mr. Daniel Townsend Pope of Edisto Island. There were three children of this marriage, Susan Murray (deceased), Sarah Mikell and Daniel Townsend, Jr.

Mrs. Pope has taught in Sunday School constantly except for a few years of her early married life.

During the World War with others Mrs. Pope did some religious work among the Negroes on Edisto Island, also taught the women canning, sewing, etc.

She has held the offices of president, secretary, treasurer and

Secretary of Spiritual Life in the local Auxiliary and Presbyterial Secretary of Home Missions.

MRS. G. L. (JULIA P.) MIKELL

was born in Laurens County in 1884 and graduated at Newberry College. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church, Edisto Island, and was president of the Auxiliary for two years and Secretary Young People's Work. She is also the president of the Parent-Teachers Association.

MRS. F. W. JOHNSTONE

was born in 1875 on Edisto Island. She was Mary C. Townsend, and was educated at Mary Baldwin Institute, Staunton, Virginia, and at the College for Women, Columbia, S. C.

She is a member of Edisto Island Presbyterian Church. She was married July 17, 1912, to F. Winthrop Johnstone of Brevard, N. C., and is the mother of two girls and one boy. Mrs. Johnstone has held the office of Auxiliary president for two years.

MRS. JOHN GIRARDEAU MURRAY

was Mary, youngest daughter of Dr. D. T. Pope and Sarah Mikell. She was born on Edisto Island July 26, 1879, and left the grammar school on Edisto for the College for Women. There she remained only one term, going instead to Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C.

She was married in 1906 and has three children, Sarah Elizabeth, John Girardeau, Jr., and Mary Pope.

Mrs. Murray has served three terms as President of the Edisto Auxiliary, was Vice President for Charleston Presbytery 1923-24, and Corresponding Secretary for the Presbyterial, 1925-1926, retiring in April, 1927. Mrs. Murray is, in her quiet, unassuming way, a most efficient officer, and a very pleasing personality.

MRS. JENKINS M. POPE

was the daughter of Samuel Edgar and Charlotte Thompson Nelson and lived in Statesburg, S. C. She was born on December 11, 1888, and confirmed in Church of the Holy Cross in 1902. Mrs. Pope was educated in Statesburg and Sumter schools and also attended the Memminger High School of Charleston. On July 5, 1911, she married Jenkins Mikell

Pope, M. D., at the Church of Holy Cross, Statesburg, and has six children. Mrs. Pope became a member of the Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island in 1912. She has been secretary for two years, vice president two years, and president of the Auxiliary for two years. She is now Secretary Foreign Missions.

The following is a copy of the inscription on a tall shaft in our churchyard:

"To the memory of the following persons who perished on the wreck of the steamboat Pulaski which was lost by the explosion of her boilers on the night of the 14th of June, 1838, off the coast of North Carolina forty-five miles south of Cape Lookout. (Eight names are given, four Murrays, one Seabrook, one Mikell, two Edings.) As a feeble testimonial of the sacred tie which bound them to the deceased this monument is erected by their nearest kindred."

MRS. PARKER E. CONNOR, *Historian.*

ESTILL

The Presbyterian Church at Estill was organized on May 29, 1898, with eight members. Dr. E. H. Wyman and J. L. Clarke were ordained elders. The small group used the school house for its services until July 25, 1909, when the new building was dedicated.

The congregation was always interested in missions, and a Woman's Missionary Society was organized in June, 1908, by Mrs. R. L. Clarke at the home of Mrs. S. M. Clarke. There were four members, all the women of the church, the other two being Mrs. E. H. Wyman and Mrs. John Lawton. Each member was required to subscribe to the "Missionary Survey". In 1922 Mrs. E. W. Morrison reported eighteen members contributing to all causes. Every woman in the congregation belongs to the Auxiliary. Mrs. Walter Theus was president in 1922-23 and Mrs. Julian Rhodes in 1923-24. Mrs. W. A. L. Clarke is the historian.

Mrs. John Lawton was elected president in 1925, succeeding Mrs. W. A. L. Clarke; there were among the members a former Presbyterial president, Mrs. N. E. Aull, and two Presbyterial officers. In 1922-23 with sixteen members, $65.00 was given to all causes, and in 1923-24, the amount was increased to $340.00 with $31.00 given to the Baby Cottage.

The women also paid $5,000 of the debt on the manse which was built in 1920. In 1924-25 $250.00 was given and $16.00 to an emergency call. The Presbyterial met on April 7th, 1925, with the Estill Auxiliary and were most hospitably welcomed. For 1926, the report from Mrs. Clarke tells of Mission Study classes and baby caps sent to a hospital in China, also contributions to Sara Gray's fund; and in 1927, with Mrs. Clarke as president, subscriptions were sent to the flood sufferers through the Red Cross; there were sixteen members. Two Mission Study classes were held, and there were one Bible Class and one Prayer Band. The Christian Endeavor is active among the young people, and the hands of the women find Christian Social Service work to do. The present officers are: Mrs. W. A. L. Clarke, President and Historian; Mrs. W. H. Wyman, Vice President; Mrs. D. E. Wyman, Secretary; Mrs. A. W. Baker, Treasurer and Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. T. D. Wertz, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. F. W. Lykes, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. S. M. Clarke, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. John Lawton, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. E. W. Morrison, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. J. F. Wyman, Secretary Literature; Mrs. Walter Theus, Secretary Christian Social Service.

BLACKVILLE

The church at Blackville owes its existence to Mr. and Mrs. David Briggs of Maine, who moved to Charleston in 1840 and to Blackville in 1870. Mrs. Briggs, having been brought up as an orphan by a Presbyterian minister, was most earnest. They brought prominent Presbyterian ministers to preach in Blackville until Mr. Briggs' death in 1888.

In 1893 when the church was organized on November 14, with eight communicants, Dr. David K. Briggs, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Briggs, was first ruling elder, the other being Mr. H. S. Cunningham, with Mr. Henry J. Hammett as deacon. Mrs. Henry W. Briggs was one of the members.

Nothing has been reported about early Woman's Work but the historian gives the following sketch:

About 1913, Mrs. Belle Briggs, Mrs. D. K. Briggs, Mrs. Jud. Matthews, Mrs. Minnie Merchant, Mrs. Ninestein and Mrs. C. Risher

composed the Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church of Blackville, South Carolina. Mrs. Ninestein resigned, Mrs. Merchant left town and Mrs. Belle Briggs died.

They agreed to meet, alphabetically, once a month at the homes, meetings to last only about three-quarters of an hour; dues ten cents a month, to be used first at home, then abroad. The women, also, alphabetically, were to see to heating of church, ringing of bell, cleaning church before the Sunday worship, furnishing of flowers for decoration and entertaining minister for week-end.

The Auxiliary ran for awhile, then discontinued until September, 1916, when it was reorganized by the following women: Mrs. Jonas Barclay, president; Mrs. Baisden, Mrs. D. K. Briggs, Mrs. Bob Dodenhoff, Mrs. Jud. Matthews and Mrs. C. Risher, secretary and treasurer. The Auxiliary ran four months in 1916 and two in 1917—six months.

No more meetings until March, 1919, Mrs. Briggs, president; Mrs. Edgar Allen, vice president, and Mrs. Bob Dodenhoff, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Sam Lowe and Mrs. Allen, new members. The Auxiliary ran ten months, excluding summer months.

In 1920 the Auxiliary ran twelve months with Miss Harris and Mrs. Wardlaw new members. Mrs. Allen left town and later Mrs. Wardlaw and Miss Harris left. Mrs. Lowe resigned.

In 1921 the Auxiliary ran five months with Misses Mirian and Loretto Baisden new members, also Mrs. Harry Dodenhoff. Mrs. Bob Dodenhoff left town. Mrs. Matthews, president, and Miss Mirian Baisden, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Harry Dodenhoff also left town.

In December, 1922, the Auxiliary again reorganized with Mrs. Risher, president, and Mrs. King, secretary and treasurer. Mrs. King a new member, left town soon after.

In March, 1923, in addition to president and secretary and treasurer, the following secretaries were appointed: Secretary Prayer Bands and Bible Study, Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. Briggs; Secretary Assembly's Missions, Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Missions, Miss Mirian Baisden; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Secretary Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work, Miss Loretto Baisden; Secretary Literature, Mrs. Jud. Matthews.

Also Presbyterial and Synodical dues of $1.50 were forwarded.

The following subjects have been studied: Bible Questions and

Answers, Korea, Cuba, Brazil, Unfinished Tasks, Sunrise in Aztec Land. Year Books were used one year, material from "Missionary Survey".

In January, 1920, there was $8.00 in treasury, with six members. December, 1922-May, 1923, $6.96, spent $2.90, on hand $4.90.

Delegates attended Charleston Presbyterial April, 1920.

An Institute of Charleston Presbyterial, comprising Barnwell, Blackville, Bamberg, Denmark, was held in Blackville April 21, 1920. Blackville Woman's Auxiliary responded when called upon; subject: "Sunday School Work—Duty of the Church—Responsibility of the Mother". Dinner was served at the Rush House to about forty visitors and morning and afternoon sessions held in the church.

MARGARET CLARKSON RISHER,
Historian.

Miss Risher has also been active in Sunday School work and organization.

The Blackville Auxiliary president for 1925 was Miss D. K. Briggs. In 1926 a partnership was effected with the Auxiliary of Williston Church to the great advantage of both. Mrs. Briggs is historian for Blackville.

WILLISTON

This church was organized on September 21, 1920, with ten members. J. A. Latimer and W. E. Cunningham were ordained ruling elders with J. W. Odiorne and W. C. Cunningham ordained deacons. The church has paid its expenses from the beginning. A Ladies' Aid was formed in November, 1920, but reorganized in 1925 with broader plans and six members. Mrs. W. E. Cunningham was one of the presidents.

Mrs. J. W. Odiorne was a leading woman also. She reported for the Auxiliary in 1925 when Mrs. Cunningham was again President. Mrs. W. E. Prothro was Vice President; Mrs. J. W. Odiorne, Secretary; Mrs. Q. A. Kennedy, Jr., Treasurer; Mrs. M. F. Weatherbee, Secretary of Literature. The membership was six, the total subscription $23.00. It was the first year they had given to each cause. The church had one volunteer for Life Work (Mr. Richard Langdon Odiorne, a candidate for the ministry). Their attendance was perfect.

In 1927 the new combined Auxiliary of Blackville and Williston was functioning well with Mrs. J. D. Whittle of Blackville as president. Mrs. Odiorne reported that the meetings were regular and systematic.

The Sunday School was organized in Williston in 1927 with five members. The catechisms are taught and Testaments and prizes offered for correct recitations. Of course the membership has increased.

Mrs. Odiorne, who was Harriette Thornton Harvin of Manning, has been a constructive member of Williston Church, and is historian for Williston.

The report of the joint Auxiliary for 1928 gives twelve members, a monthly meeting and a per capita of $5.00. There have been a Bible Class and a Home Mission Study class, White Cross work was undertaken and liberal aid was given to Thornwell, one child to be clothed during this year.

The present officers: Mrs. Q. A. Kennedy, Jr., President; Mrs. Sam Lowe, Vice President and Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. W. R. Kennedy, Secretary and Treasurer and Chairman Junior Circle; Mrs. Whittle, Secretary of Spiritual Life and Chairman Business Woman's Circle; Mrs. J. W. Odiorne, Secretary Foreign Missions, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension and Williston Historian; Mrs. W. C. Cunningham, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. D. K. Briggs, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions, Chairman Home Circle and Blackville Historian; Mrs. W. E. Prothero, Secretary Literature; Mrs. Ray, Secretary Christian Social Service; Mrs. Judson Matthews, Chairman High School Circle.

BRANCHVILLE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Branchville Presbyterian Church was organized Wednesday, March 31st, 1926, by Mrs. E. A. Dillard. Mrs. Dillard presided over the meeting, and Mrs. J. A. Buie was elected President; Mrs. B. J. Bazemore, Vice President and Secretary Literature; Mrs. W. C. Martin, Secretary and Treasurer. The Auxiliary was organized with six members.

Delegates attended both the Efficiency Conference held in

Charleston and Group Conference held in Barnwell, S. C. Total contributions for all causes for 1926-1927, $25.40.

During 1927 the Auxiliary entertained the Group Conference.

Total contribution for all causes for 1927-1928, $6.80.

The church itself was organized in February, 1926, with fourteen charter members, under the leadership of the Rev. E. A. Dillard, pastor of the Bamberg and Denmark Churches. The officers of the church are J. A. Buie, T. V. Neal, J. B. Weatherspoon, Elders; B. J. Bazemore, A. J. Steedley, J. B. Turner, Deacons.

MRS. J. A. BUIE, *Historian.*

HARMONY

The first record of Harmony Church at Crocketville bears date of April 23, 1870, and Foreign Mission work was begun at the same time. The Sunday School was the only organization prior to 1912. Mrs. W. J. Gooding, Sr., was superintendent for a number of years. The membership includes the Presbyterians of Hampton.

An Auxiliary was organized in 1918 and has contributed and held programmes on Foreign and Home Missions, Sunday School Extension, Christian Education, Ministerial Relief and the Orphanage. Harmony claims to be the "mother" of two or three other churches established by members who went out from this church.

Synod's History attributes the organization of this church to the "Spiritual devotion and untiring energy of a great and godly woman, Clementina Hay, the wife of Dr. Joel W. Wyman. She had the devoted spirit that has sent many of her kinsmen, the Hays, into the ministry. All of her sons and nearly all of her grandsons and great-grandsons have been officers in the Presbyterian Church, most of them physicians."

The first church was a small one near Whip Swamp, built by members of several denominations. The present church grounds were the gift of W. J. Gooding, Sr., and the present building erected about nineteen years ago. A former member, Mr. Frampton, since of Charleston, gave the pews, piano, lights and fixtures. The congregation built the church and the women completed the furnishing. Mrs. W. J. Gooding, Sr., Mrs. W. J. Tuten and Miss Sue Lightsey were good leaders in the early days of the church.

In 1922-23, Mrs. A. K. Lightsey was president, succeeded in 1923-

24 by Mrs. John A. Hiers, who has also been historian and added the office of Secretary of Spiritual Life to her other work in 1924-25. They contributed to the Tuberculosis Association and to the Island Work among the Negroes.

In 1925 they reported eight members, one a Baptist, and eleven offices filled; their per capita gift $11.00. They were "an interested little band or circle. Mission Study was carried on and White Cross work done. They have a Christian Endeavor Society also. In 1926, nine members are reported and a good Bible class. The Christian Social Service Work was good. In 1927, the present president, Mrs. Henry Lightsey, Mrs. John Hiers, treasurer, Miss Beatrice Kearse and Mrs. Addie K. Lightsey are reported as the prominent women "who do things".

In 1928 there are ten members, per capita $9.00, and they register as a Blue Circle. A Prayer Band, Bible class, two Mission Study classes. Their work for Young People is through the Christian Endeavor Society. They always have a Literature Table at their meetings. They most successfully entertained their Group Conference and raised their contingent fund.

Their present officers are: Mrs. Henry Lightsey, President, Secretary of Christian Social Service, Chairman of the Circle and Historian; Mrs. John Hiers, Vice President, Secretary Spiritual Life; Miss Beatrice Kearse, Secretary and Secretary of Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. Frank Rivers, Secretary of Foreign Missions and Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Miss Addie Lightsey, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions and Literature; Mrs. J. L. Sample, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension.

History is something we do or say,
As around the world we go;
Some do little, some do much,
Now isn't this so?

I am appointed to write the history
Of Harmony Auxiliary,
It may be little it can't be much,
Which depends upon our work and such.

First of our year, which in April starts,
Our reports are made and gone
Now this year what concerned us most
Was will they have to make the cut?

After a while the General Assembly met,
'Twas here it was circulated
That money had come in from good hearted folks
Until sailing was smoothly slated.

Now in our little Auxiliary,
Members are few but true;
And everything the church maps out
We always try to do.

First came the Birthday Party
With thought for our colored neighbors;
In dear old Alabama,
Where Stillman Institute labors.

We put on the playlet in June,
At our church one Sunday night;
'Twas interesting, instructive and an inspiration,
To all who came that night.

Next the Colored Conference,
To which we rallied quite,
We sent a colored woman
To see and hear what's right.

Then the Young People's Conference,
With its attractions we could not resist;
So we sent two girls with our preacher
To *listen, study,* absorb, and not miss.

In the mean time we had a sociable,
To help along the Beaufort Church;
We love these folks for some are ours;
So we can't do too much.

Then our "Social Service" program
We gave this afternoon
After which comes Foreign Missions,
Home Missions, self denial,
And all will be here soon.

We are trying not to miss a meeting
Or a cause which is outlined;
And when another year rolls around may we feel
"We have been about our Father's business."

Crocketville, July 9, 1928. MRS. JOHN A. HIERS.

Mrs. Addie Lightsey, whose maiden name was Kearse, married Jacob A. Lightsey and is the mother of four children. She is a good woman and an active worker. She was Harmony Auxiliary's first president and is now Secretary of Literature and of Assembly's Home Missions. Mrs. Lightsey is very quiet and conservative but is a good prayer leader. She teaches the juniors in Sunday School.

Mrs. John Hiers was Pattie Ferry and is the mother of eleven children. She is a good, cheerful worker and Sunday School teacher of the seniors. She is loved by all her pupils. She fills three offices, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary of Spiritual Life, and is a splendid woman.

Mrs. Henry Lightsey, born in 1879 in Virginia, was Virginia Hatcher, a teacher. She was married in 1903 and has no children. She now holds office as President, Secretary of Christian Social Service, Chairman of Home Circle and Historian. Mrs. Lightsey conducts a Bible class every Wednesday night and teaches the Bible class on Sunday. She is an efficient woman of real influence. She is a member of the Red Cross.

JAMES ISLAND

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was founded by the Rev. Archibald Stobo according to the rules of the Church of Scotland in 1706. This church was a member of the First Charles Town Presbytery established by Mr. Stobo in 1722 or '23. The others were Charles Town Church (White Meeting), Edisto, John's Island and Wiltown (Wilton). The Rev. John Deane became pastor at this time, followed by the Rev. John Witherspoon or Wutherspoon in 1727. In 1750 the pastor, Rev. Thomas Bell, was moderator of Presbytery. The Rev. Patrick Kier was pastor in 1760 and was later followed by the Rev. John Allison or Alison, succeeded in 1770 by the Rev. Hugh Allison. Dr. Howe speaks of the church as Presbyterian still. The Revolutionary War dissolved the old Presbytery and the records were lost. From 1790-1799 the newly-founded Presbytery of South Carolina supplied James Island. In 1800 Rev. T. H. Price, a Congregationalist, is mentioned in the congregational records as the pastor of "the Presbyterian Church of James Island". 1808-10 Dr. Ramsay calls it Independent. Elsewhere it is called

Presbyterian. An important service in 1814 was given up, the inhabitants having removed because of an incursion of British cruisers. The Rev. Aaron Leland, Presbyterian, was pastor in 1819. It continued this irregular relationship. In 1833 Presbytery ordained the Rev. E. T. Buist in this church, but it was commonly called Congregational. In 1838, schism in Charleston Union Presbytery cut off this and several other churches into a new Charleston Presbytery. Rev. T. H. Legare was pastor. The two sections were united 1853-54. Elder Edward Freer sat in Presbytery in 1853. The Rev. John Douglas was their pastor. These notes are taken from Dr. George Howe, Dr. Thomas Smyth, and Dr. H. A. White. A church with elders is Presbyterian.

During the War Between the States the second church built on the present site was destroyed. The manse at Secessionville was saved.

Of this second building, Dr. John L. Girardeau writes: "There had been a revival of religion (about 1829) on the Island and many made a profession of religion". "Prayer meetings were held at night from house to house. The room used to be filled. The yard filled with horses and gigs. All this under Dr. A. W. Leland." "That old sounding board attached to the low ceiling with a large star of different colored wood let into it." "The gentlemen used to stand under two large red oak trees and talk before service and make curious figures on the ground with their sticks."

A small frame church was put up by the returning refugees. In October, 1909, the present church was dedicated under the pastorate of the Rev. N. Keff Smith. The building committee was: Croskey Royall, second chairman; Thomas J. Hamlin, Anna Royall.

The James Island Church has been unfortunate in twice losing the minute book of the session. About forty-one years ago the Rev. F. L. Leeter, then pastor, on his way to Presbytery left the session books on the train. Dr. Wm. Seabrook, then clerk of the session, started a new book in his remarkably beautiful handwriting. This was burned in Stono Plantation house in 1918.

During the War Between the States a skirmish took place very near the church and a shell from a battery in Stono River struck the monument to Sarah Hinson Lockwood, breaking the top. The church was used for a time as a soldiers' hospital but was too exposed, therefore abandoned. The next church was used for years by the Episcopal congregation with the Presbyterians. The happiest relations always exist between the two churches.

The first organization of women reported is the Ladies' Cemetery Association, founded in 1896 by Mrs. Horace J. Walpole. She was also organist for many years and teacher in the Sunday School. This society improved the cemetery and cleaned the church twice a year; it developed into the Ladies' Aid and later into the Auxiliary. Miss Julia Bee Lebby was a president also. The society was interested in Foreign Missions from the beginning. In 1908, while Miss Lebby was president, she and Miss Nelie Rivers were sent as visitors to the Charleston Missionary Union at the Summerville meeting. In 1909 the Society joined the Union, Mrs. Keff Smith, the pastor's wife, attending as delegate.

During 1909 a great deal of local work was done as the women helped to build the new brick church, carpeted it and gave a new organ as a memorial to Mrs. H. G. Walpole. A font was given by the Misses Lil and Julia B. Lebby in memory of an infant brother, Walker Lebby. Mrs. Edwards gave the communion table and the desk was a memorial by Mrs. Robert Lebby to her husband. The family of the Rev. W. G. Vardell gave three pulpit chairs in his memory. A gas plant was appropriately given by "the Sunbeams", a Sunday School class of four young girls whose teacher was Miss Julia B. Lebby.

Since entering the Presbyterial James Island has contributed to the various causes, helped to support the work among the Negroes of the Sea Islands, and clothed an orphan girl at Thornwell. The relation of the members of the Auxiliary to "their orphan" is very close, as she is their guest during the summer at their own homes.

The President when the society became an Auxiliary in 1920 was Mrs. W. F. H. Glover; in 1923-24 Mrs. T. C. Welch. Miss Josephine B. Seabrook has been historian since 1923 and president for the last three years. To her, Mrs. J. Boyd Coker and Mrs. States Lee Lebby thanks are due for historical information.

The policy of the Auxiliary has continued to develop. Family worship has increased. In 1924 there were six members of the junior society able to lead in prayer. In 1925 regular meetings and payment of all pledges were reported. Mrs. Sarah Gray, our colored missionary to the Sea Islands, visited the Auxiliary the following year.

A biographical sketch of Mrs. States Lee (Anna Royall) Lebby, first president of the Synodical, has been secured. The church is under the care of the Rev. T. A. Beckett.

The officers of the James Island Auxiliary for 1928 are: President, Mrs. Elias Rivers; Vice President, Miss J. B. Seabrook; Secretary, Mrs. Park Mikell; Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Seabrook; Historian, Mrs. W. F. H. Glover; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. T. A. Beckett; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. T. C. Welch; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. F. P. Seabrook; she is also Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Louise Royall; Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. C. F. King; Secretary Literature, Mrs. J. B. Coker; Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. J. H. Clark.

James Island has twenty-four members with an average attendance of twelve, and is not divided into circles. The Auxiliary has a definite object in Foreign Missions with special prayer and undertakes White Cross Work. There has been a Home Mission Study class. Work for the Young People is carried on through the Sunday School and an Interdenominational Junior Endeavor Society, which they conduct. They have met all pledges.

MRS. MARTHA LOVE SEABROOK (MRS. H. G.) WALPOLE

Born on James Island September 13, 1848. Died on James Island August 4, 1905. Her parents were Wm. B. Seabrook and Elizabeth Mary Royall. She was educated on James Island by a governess.

Before 1880 the Ladies' Sewing Society of the James Island Presbyterian Church was organized. Mrs. Walpole was an active member of this, which was reorganized into a Cemetery Association about 1896, with Mrs. Walpole as secretary and treasurer. She continued to hold these offices until her death. After 1897 the society was called The Ladies' Association. She was always active and interested in all church work, was a Sunday School teacher and organist for years and until her death. Those who knew her affectionately called her "Sister Faithful".

MISS JULIA BEE LEBBY

Born on James Island December 5th, 1859, the daughter of Dr. Robert Lebby and Mary Eliza Bee. She was educated in Charleston, at the Memminger School. About 1887 Miss Lebby joined the Ladies' Sewing Society of the James Island Presbyterian Church, which later became the Ladies' Association, and in 1911 Miss Lebby was elected president, serving about four years, until she moved from the

Island in 1915 to Mt. Pleasant, where she is now serving her church and Auxiliary most faithfully in every way possible.

MARY LIEZE LEBBY KING

Born on James Island June 23, 1884, was the daughter of J. Hinson Lebby and Lillie Baynard. She was educated at the James Island graded school. In 1910 she joined the Ladies' Association of the James Island Presbyterian Church.

About 1917 Mrs. King was elected secretary of Young People's Work and has served as such ever since except during the years 1922 and 1923. In 1925 Mrs. King was appointed chairman of District Five of Group Conferences of Charleston Presbyterial, and still serves most efficiently. She is delightful in her home life and in her work.

MRS. J. B. COKER

of the James Island Auxiliary, was born in Abbeville County, the daughter of Tavel and Elizabeth King. She attended the Confederate College in Charleston and lived in Charleston after her parents removed to that city. Her marriage to Mr. Coker took her to James Island where she has been prominent in the work of the Auxiliary. Mrs. Coker's quality is also shown in the happy family growing about her.

JOHN'S ISLAND

John's Island and Wadmalaw Church was founded in 1710, and claims, on the authority of Dr. R. C. Reid of the Seminary of South Carolina, to be the oldest bona fide Presbyterian Church in South Carolina. As your historian has no data on this question she can give no opinion. It may have reference to the division between the Old and New School Presbyterians which occurred in 1837 and was healed in this section in 1852, but probably refers to the strong tendency to Independent or Congregational ways shown at various times by the older churches. Mrs. F. Y. Legare, Historian, reported that the first organization of women was the Ladies' Working Society in 1887, the Ladies' Aid in 1890, the Children's Society in 1899, and the Missionary Society in 1906.

The Working Society, Mrs. J. E. Fripp, president, Mrs. F. Y.

Legare, Sr., treasurer. After Mrs. Fripp's death, after 1890, Mrs. Legare filled both offices. They sewed, and sold to Negroes chiefly. Their work has been to repair the Church, furnish it, keep and fence grounds and cemetery, mark all unmarked graves with marble head and foot stones, and to raise two memorial tablets. Before other organizations were founded, they gave to Home and Foreign Missions and helped with the pastor's salary in times of financial depression. They helped to educate the Rev. T. A. Beckett. Total receipts to 1912, $2,140.69. Average membership ten or twelve. The Rev. W. G. Vardell helped them to organize.

The Ladies' Aid, Mrs. J. B. L. Walpole, first president, followed by Mrs. J. B. Walpole, worked for the pastor's salary, paying monthly.

The Children's Missionary Society, Miss C. C. Carrere the first president, until recently in the hands of Mrs. F. Y. Legare, Sr., has raised to 1925, $411.00; they meet after church every second Sunday, and have a picnic for the children when their mite boxes are opened. When older they go into the Endeavor Societies. Their Birthday boxes go to Ministerial Relief.

The Missionary Society was founded in 1906, Miss Lida Beckett, now Mrs. John Andell, president; Mrs. F. L. Seabrook, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. E. G. Hay, Secretary of Literature.

The Auxiliary was founded in 1920 with three circles and twenty-six members. Mrs. John Andell, President; Mrs. G. S. Legare, Chairman Circle No. 1; Mrs. G. A. Beckett, Chairman No. 2; Mrs. F. Y. Legare, Sr., Chairman Circle No. 3 (the old Working Society); Miss Rosa Hay, Vice President; Mrs. R. L. Grimball, Treasurer; Mrs. George Brown, Secretary of Foreign Missions; Mrs. L. H. Hay, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions. They give to all the Assembly's plans and are now buying a manse. All their pastors have encouraged them. The present and largest church membership is fifty-seven. (This was written in earlier years by Mrs. F. Y. Legare.)

In 1923 the second historian, Mrs. J. E. Andell, reported a well organized Christian Endeavor and joint meetings with the Episcopal Auxiliary. The women raised money in 1922 for a new roof. Mrs. F. Y. Legare having moved to Charleston, Mrs. Andell succeeded as historian. In 1924, there was marked interest in two Bible classes and an interdenominational Bible class was conducted. Help was given to a young man of the church at college and to an orphan at Thornwell. In all Auxiliary homes there were family altars. John's Island

supports Mrs. Sara Gray for one month. In 1925 the Auxiliary gave thanks for a resident pastor, Rev. T. A. Beckett, Jr., "whose wife is as much of a blessing" as he. In 1926, John's Island changed its name by the omission of "Wadmalaw". They rebound their Bible, helped Negroes and bought linoleum for the church; 1927 tells of a new chimney for the church, the support of Sara Gray and the dressing of a girl at Thornwell. The Christian Endeavor has become a Young People's Society with members from other churches. They had a Luther League, three Prayer Bands, two Mission Study classes, active Christian Social Services and a thriving Sunday School.

In 1928 the women are helping a second colored worker, Juanita Grimball, as well as Sara Gray. Other social service work consisted in taking sick Negroes to the hospital and one member was teaching a little white girl to read. These women continue in the spirit of the past, to serve in every way. The music is now helped by a good pipe organ but immediately after the War Between the States, the only musical instrument available was a small melodeon belonging to Mrs. J. B. L. Walpole. On every Sunday morning that melodeon was driven in a cart to the church and in the afternoon brought back. The case of the old melodeon is still in existence, in use as a piece of furniture.

There are now twenty-seven members in the three circles, with three Prayer Bands and two Bible classes. They carry out all the program, work for the Negroes and the sick and poor. They pray especially for a missionary in Japan. The officers for 1928 are: Mrs. T. S. Legare, President; Mrs. Kenneth Leland, Vice President; Mrs. J. E. Andell, Secretary and Historian; Mrs. J. F. Limehouse, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. L. H. Hay, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions and Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. W. B. Seabrook, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. W. C. Hills, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. J. L. Seabrook, Secretary Literature; Mrs. J. B. Walpole, Secretary Christian Social Service.

The per capita gift is $16.00. A Group Conference was held in the old church on September 24, 1927.

MRS. F. Y. LEGARE

of John's Island, who was Kate Seymour Walpole before her marriage, tells us that she was born in Charleston, S. C., "moved to South Mulberry on Dr. Sanford Barker's Plantation on Cooper River

during the war, had a special little closet I used to go in and pray when the Yankees were coming, in which I ever felt safe. Moved to Mobile, Ala., directly after the war. When fourteen years old, I worshipped for the first time in the John's Island Church, the church of my fathers, riding about four or five miles in a cart behind a wagon, carrying the little organ belonging to Mrs. J. B. L. Walpole in order to have music, and my whole heart went out to it in its hardships and the noble efforts made by Capt. Walpole and his wife, who played for service, then the organ came back for sacred music at home at night. My heart went out to the old church in love and loyal allegiance, that has ever been a part of my life, my very soul and heart-life. These Sundays at the old church and efforts made to have things smooth, made a lasting impression. It was lovely in after years to go there a bride, and take up work for the Master with my honored husband who was then a deacon and gladly did I give my life work to it. After Mrs. Fripp's death I was made president (had always been treasurer for convenience) of Working Society, which ever did good work. After Miss Lily Carrere's removal to Mississippi was made president of Children's Missionary Society. Was always a teacher in Sunday School, and in every way helped and worked as God gave me opportunity gladly, loving the privilege, with heart and hand and purse. Going ever with my husband to Presbytery when his health got bad, gave me an insight into the workings of the church events and general committees and was of great value to me and helped much the old church after his death, as there was but one elder in the session and he had never attended Presbytery up to that time, and with the knowledge gained I could 'help him very materially and did',—his words."

MRS. T. A. BECKETT

Mrs. T. A. Beckett was born in Fairfield, Rockbridge County, Virginia, January 18th, 1853. Reared and educated near and in Lexington, Va. Maiden name Margaret Elizabeth McClung, daughter of Charles Beale and Mary Moffett McClung. Descended from a long line of Presbyterians; her father, grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great-grandfather being elders in the church. Married to T. A. Beckett near Clearwater, Fla., August 31st, 1877. Moved to John's Island, S. C., November, 1880. Joined the John's Island and Wadmalaw Presbyterian Church in 1881.

Mrs. Beckett has engaged in all of the activities of the church

and has taught for years in the Sabbath School. Has a son, T. A. Beckett, Jr., and grandson, Theodore Beckett Hay, in the ministry. She is the mother of eleven children, nine of whom are living and all members of the Presbyterian Church. Has thirty-odd grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; celebrated golden wedding August 31st, 1927.

Mr. Beckett, who wrote this, has not stressed what many consider the key to all their spiritual success, the family altar. Every morning, regardless of pressing duties or pleasures, the family gather in the sitting room just before breakfast for "prayers", as the children all call it. When Mr. Beckett is at home he leads, when he is not Mrs. Beckett does. Now that the children are grown, sometimes it's only the two old folks. Then around Christmas time, there are between thirty and forty children, grand- and great-grandchildren, all assembled for worship. I have been present many, many times, and it's just too sweet.

Mr. Beckett is an elder in our church, and a splendid Christian character, but let us give "Mama" the credit. It has been her stability, through trials of every kind, earthquake, storms, poverty, that have made that large family a wonderful asset to their community.

LILA BECKETT ANDELL, *Historian.*

Mrs. John E. (Lida W. Beckett) Andell reports that she is a "Jack of all Trades", but has done nothing worth writing about. As she has no children nor housekeeping, she has "nothing to do," but was the first president of the Foreign Missionary Society and first president of the Auxiliary. Since then she has been secretary, treasurer, historian and district chairman. One would judge that she gave satisfaction.

Mrs. T. S. Legare has been president and is now Presbyterial chairman of Colored Work on the Islands. She has a very successful childrens' Missionary Society. She always represents the Auxiliary at conferences.

Mrs. J. B. Walpole is a faithful Sunday School teacher and organist. Mrs. E. V. Legare is a coming leader and has taught the infant class happily.

The present Presbyterial Treasurer, Mrs. Clark B. Seabrook (Laura Habenicht of Charleston), has also served most acceptably as Presbyterial Recording Secretary. Her quiet pleasantness lends itself well to business. She is the mother of two sons and a daughter, Laura, who also has a daughter.

MOUNT PLEASANT

The Mount Pleasant Church began as a "Chapel of Ease" to the very old Wappetaw Congregational Church, further notes of which will be found in the story of New Wappetaw. Sometime before the War Between the States, this congregation had been drifting in the two opposite directions, and about 1852 the present church in Mount Pleasant was organized in the chapel which is still their church. During the war the building was used first by the Confederate forces as a hospital and later by the Federals for the same purpose, the inside woodwork still showing the scars of this occupation. Some twelve or fifteen Federal soldiers were buried in the yard.

About 1888, under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Chichester, a strong movement among the women resulted in the launching of the Earnest Workers, with Mrs. J. A. Leland as president and the following members (according to the memory of survivors): Mrs. Magwood, Mrs. J. Y. DuPre, Miss Sue Jervey, Miss Julia Whitesides, Mrs. A. T. Whitesides, Mrs. Ollie Leland, Mrs. J. B. Morrison and Mrs. Sarah Whilden Williams (in 1925 the sole surviving charter member of the sister church of New Wappetaw). This society lost ground in later years and was revived in 1906 as the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. A. T. Whitesides as president, which office was held by her in 1925, the secretary-treasurer being Mrs. Roy Hamlin. Women prominent in the organization of the present society were Mrs. Alexander McElroy, Miss Adelaide Ferguson, Mrs. Choate, Mrs. A. W. Baker, Mrs. Lee Royall and Miss Julia Whitesides. The membership of 1925 was fifteen and their work was entirely local, as they did not see their way to adopt the Auxiliary methods until 1926 when they sent two delegates to Presbyterial at Orangeburg. One delegate was sent to Denmark in 1927. Mrs. O. D. Hamlin reported that year total gifts of $151.00.

Mrs. T. Roy Hamlin reports in 1928 that they have eighteen members and meet monthly; a Birthday Box is prominent at each meeting for a repair fund for the church. Both Foreign and Home Mission study was carried on and a Prayer Band was conducted for the first time. The expenses of a delegate to the Young People's Conference were paid and a second delegate was sent by the Christian Education Society which is composed of twenty-three young people of all denominations in the town, under the leadership of the Auxiliary's Young People's Secretary (Mrs. T. Roy Hamlin).

Donations of clothing have been made to Stuart Robinson School

and a needy family at Saluda, N. C. A concert was given for funds and "Plum Blossom's Visit" was presented in May and a good offering made for the Kwangju School. An entertainment was given successfully in cooperation with others for the Mississippi flood sufferers.

Three members attended the Group Conference in October, 1927, at Westminster Church. A little girl at Thornwell was given $20.00 for clothing, and a contribution sent to Clemson. Seven patchwork quilts were made during the year and sold to colored friends. The per capita gift for all causes was $10.

Six of the Auxiliary women are active members of the King's Daughters. The sick and strangers are visited, also aged colored people, while others are helped to better ways of living.

The present officers are: Mrs. M. L. Ellis, President; Mrs. Wm. J. Knox, Vice President and Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. Frank Boyd, Secretary; Mrs. Lee Royall, Treasurer; Mrs. T. Roy Hamlin, Historian and Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. Frank T. Boyd, Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. W. W. Oliver, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. Horace Leland, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. S. T. Donaldson, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. Legare Coleman, Secretary Literature; Miss Julia B. Lebby, Secretary Christian Social Service.

ORANGEBURG

The Church of Orangeburg was organized by a meeting of Presbytery on Sunday afternoon, May 2, 1835; the ministers present were Dr. Post of Circular Church (the pastors of this and the other Congregational Churches were almost always members of Charleston Presbytery), and Dr. W. C. Dana of Third Church, as well as Dr. Benjamin Gildersleeve. On May 3, the Reverend I. S. Keith Legare was ordained and installed as pastor with Dr. Thomas A. Elliott and Dr. James W. Taylor as elders.

Dr. Elliott was ruling elder for nearly fifty years, and during the first forty years of that time was absent from session but once. He is remembered as a model elder. Services were for some years held in an old Revolutionary building which had been used for a British prison and a courthouse. The church when built had galleries for Negroes. The first colored communicant was Clarissa, admitted with her master and mistress.

The Rev. I. S. K. Legare was followed after ten years by his brother, the Rev. T. H. Legare, for six years. Then came the Rev. D. X. LaFar for four years. After him Dr. B. M. Palmer, one of the future giants of the Southern Church, served briefly, followed for another short period by Dr. George Howe, the historian and teacher.

After other changes the Rev. John L. McLees became the seventh pastor, installed in 1889. Through him the flourishing church of St. Matthews was established. The present pastor is the Rev. Louis B. McCord.

A Ladies' Aid Society was begun about 1850, their first work, the buying a site for the church. They have always worked for Foreign Missions.

After the close of the war, in 1866, an attempt was made through a meeting, to bring back to the church the sixty-six colored communicants, but the few who were willing were intimidated by the unscrupulous leaders, who, under the guise of religion were using them politically, as well as drawing incomes from their superstition. In 1874 a more successful effort, the establishment of a Negro Sunday School in the basement of the church, resulted in the formation of a Presbyterian Church by the Negroes themselves. Henry Dickson, colored, gave great help in this.

The work for the Congo Mission was under Mrs. A. M. Rankin, and that for the Thornwell Orphanage under Miss May Salley. Mrs. Riggs is mentioned as a faithful old member.

The work of the women has been organized under the Circle Plan, though in 1922 some still preferred the Ladies' Aid. The officers of that date of the Auxiliary were: Mrs. T. A. Salley, President; Mrs. J. L. McLees, Vice President; Mrs. E. R. Paulling, Secretary; Miss May Thompson, Treasurer; Mrs. Julian A. Salley, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. V. J. Hill, Leader of Circle No. 1; Mrs. Annie Williams, Leader of Circle No. 2.

There were about seventeen members in each circle and better work was done after the reorganization.

Orangeburg has not always had an historian but Mrs. Mortimer Glover has held the position or acted in that capacity. She was president in 1924, succeeded by Mrs. R. S. Williams, with Mrs. Thomas A. Salley as vice president and forty members. They supported an orphan and gave $72.00 for hospital work. In 1926 Miss May Thompson was appointed historian but circumstances prevented her acting. The Presbyterial met with the Auxiliary in April and held a most successful session.

Under the new department of Christian Social Service, Mrs. W. L. Moseley, president, reported in 1927 that Mrs. S. A. Dantzler, Mrs. Rodgie Dantzler, Miss Ethel Bennett, Miss Lou Bragaw and Miss Eugenia Burney were all officers of the King's Daughters. Miss Emily Dantzler was a Y. W. C. A. officer at Winthrop. Mrs. George Truluck, Mrs. D. Moseley, Mrs. Clarence Williams and Mrs. A. B. Salley were reported as doing good work among the colored factory girls, teaching music, sewing and other branches. In 1927, sixty-four members were on the roll, some were visiting the jail and almshouse; there is one volunteer for life service and their per capita offering was $10. The circle system was used.

In 1928 the per capita offering amounts to $13.00, with sixty-two members. Foreign and Home Mission classes were held, and the Auxiliary contributed to Colored Work and to Clemson. They have given $244 to Foreign Missions and sent delegates to Young People's Conferences, some visit the colored church. They care for two orphans at Thornwell and one Near East orphan and are helping to pay for a charity room at the hospital. They are a Silver Circle Auxiliary. The present officers are: Mrs. W. L. Moseley, President; Mrs. Mortimer Glover, Vice President; Mrs. W. J. Wannamaker, Secretary; Mrs. A. J. Thackston, Treasurer; Mrs. J. L. McLees, Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. Harry Pitts, Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. Dwight Moseley, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Miss Elizabeth Baskerville, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. C. F. Williams, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. J. B. McMichael, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Miss May Thompson, Secretary Literature; Mrs. J. E. Salley, Secretary Christian Social Service; Miss Ruth Manning, Chairman Business Woman's Circle; Mrs. R. S. Williams, Chairman Home Circle.

Mrs. Mortimer Glover is still referred to for history, though she will not admit that she is historian.

ROCKVILLE

The Rockville Church, at Martin's Point, began its history as a mission of the church of John's Island and Wadmalaw (a Chapel of Ease) and was built some years before the Confederate War by an elder, Dr. Daniel P. Townsend. One tradition in connection with this old landmark is that the steeple was used by the Confederate Signal

Corps men as a watch tower to command the enemy fleet in the North Edisto River. At one time the village was shelled and a hole blown in the steeple, but it survived until the storm of 1893, when it was blown down and the church partly destroyed. In 1909 the church was organized as an independent unit by the Reverend P. S. McChesney, the pastor of the John's Island Church, who then resided at Martin's Point, under the name of the Rockville Church. Mrs. McChesney, Mrs. Claud Townsend and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins then founded the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society with eight members, working chiefly for the church and local needs, interest in Foreign Missionary work becoming active in 1913; after this other lines of activity were taken up. This year marked the coming of the Reverend and Mrs. M. R. Kirkpatrick, which was a great stimulus to the work of the women of the whole Presbyterial. An Auxiliary was formed before 1915 by a committee headed by Mrs. Kirkpatrick and including Mrs. H. E. Townsend, Mrs. J. B. Bailey and Mrs. W. E. Jenkins. These drew up a constitution on the Circle Plan suitable to the very small membership.

The first Young People's Work was a Union Christian Endeavor with Mrs. Kirkpatrick leading, but this was abandoned. A Girls' Working Society was organized in February, 1918, by Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, and came into the Auxiliary as the Girls' Missionary Society or Junior Band. In 1921 Miss Annie M. Jenkins reorganized it as a Union Christian Endeavor Society.

The officers in 1922 were: Mrs. Reynolds Jenkins, President; Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, Vice President; Mrs. J. B. Bailey, Secretary and Treasurer; while Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, Mrs. J. C. Townsend, Mrs. C. F. Davis, Miss Annie Jenkins and Mrs. B. C. Seabrook filled the other positions. They then gave to all causes, to Sara Gray's work and the Thornwell Orphanage. The membership was eight and total amount given was $104. In 1923-24 total $145.

In 1924-25 free will offerings (with no entertainments) to all causes amounted to $137. The membership was eight. Mr. C. B. Jenkins gave the church a new roof and flue. The Reverend T. A. Beckett took charge of the congregation and Mr. J. C. Townsend was elected to the eldership with Mr. W. E. Townsend chosen deacon.

Mission Study, Bible Study and Prayer Band were all used and a special self-denial offering made for Foreign Missions. The Young People's Union was very active and great interest was shown in White Cross Work. In addition to money, materials were sent to the com-

munity worker for Wadmalaw Island. In 1926, a Group Conference was held in the church on September 25th.

The report in 1928 gives nine members and a per capita of $10. They conducted a Prayer Band and Bible class and also studied Foreign Missions. The chief work of the Auxiliary was help given to Juanita Grimball, assistant to Sara Gray, the original community worker on the Islands. Rockville and John's Island sent Juanita Grimball to the Colored Conference, supplied her sewing class with materials, and clothed four needy children of the class. They also supplied religious literature for the Negro Work on the Islands, which was first planned after Synodical met at Rockville.

The present officers are: Mrs. J. B. Bailey, President; Mrs. C. F. Davis, Vice President and Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. T. A. Beckett, Jr., Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. W. E. Jenkins, Secretary Spiritual Life; Miss Patsy Davis, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. Edmund Seabrook, Secretary Literature.

SALKAHATCHIE

The church at Salkahatchie, established in 1760, ended its work as a white congregation in 1846. It was founded by the Reverend Archibald Simpson, and later enlarged at a cost of 900 pounds. At the time of the Revolutionary War, there were about eighty white communicants, but the population was scattered during the conflict and Mr. Simpson returned to Scotland. Later Mr. Simpson deposited in the hands of the Commissioner of Equity for Beaufort District a fund for the religious education of the Negroes, who continued to be a large majority of the congregation; after this the ministers' salary was partly derived from this fund. About 1845, Daniel Blake thoroughly repaired the church. In 1846, Presbytery set it aside as a mission station for the colored people, the Rev. Edward Palmer to be missionary and all salary to be paid from the fund.

The varying forms of this old Indian name are interesting. Dr. Howe gives it as Salt Ketchers; a record of 1838 spells it Salt Catchers. The present pronunciation is Sawlketchie, with the "l" almost elided.

The Reverend Mr. Henderson, pastor of Salt Ketchers and Willtown, died in January, 1786, from a nervous fever contracted by crossing Pon Pon River to marry Miss Glover.

STONEY CREEK

The Stoney Creek Church was founded in 1743, as the Independent Church of Indian Land, and became the Independent Presbyterian Church of Stoney Creek.

The earliest account of Women's Societies that can be found is about 1845, under the pastorate of the Reverend James B. Dunwody. Both Mr. Dunwody and his gifted wife, Laleah Pratt Dunwody, took a great interest in mission work.

The first work undertaken by the women of the church was the support of two children in the Indian Mission School. Assistance was also given in support of missions to the Indians, carried on by the Reverend Mr. Wright and Harriet Wright, his wife. Mrs. Wright was the sister-in-law of the Rev. Edward Palmer and a frequent visitor to the town. The tradition is that the society contributed also to Foreign Missions and conducted something like the modern Mission Study class. Certainly Mr. Dunwody gave lectures on missions and distributed missionary literature. (Reference to account of work in Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston would suggest that these were called "Monthly Concerts of Missions.")

As far as can be ascertained, this work continued until the outbreak of the War Between the States., when all such activities perforce ceased. In addition to the work already noted, the women of the congregation, as a matter of course in the plantation life of the South, supported their pastors, the Reverend Edward Palmer and the Reverend J. B. Dunwody, in earnest work among the slaves in Sabbath School, and in other Christian work.

The first missionary society subsequent to the Confederate War was formed by the members of the Sabbath School in 1884, Miss A. C. Hutson, President, Miss M. McL. Martin, Secretary. For twelve years they supported a girl in the Boarding School at Hangchow.

In 1898 there was formed the Women's Society of Stoney Creek Church, with Mrs. S. L. Kerr as president, which subscribed to the different causes of the Assembly. This organization continued, though much crippled by loss of members by death or removal from the neighborhood. It was called the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society and was one of the original organizations which founded Charleston Presbyterial, but did not adopt the Auxiliary organization until persuaded to do so by Mrs. Aull in 1919.

Stoney Creek women are among those inspired by the wonderful

grace of persistence. Owing to the conditions familiar to all women in this section of South Carolina, in this little village there is no room for youth, no opportunity in business nor in life. Boys and girls are sent away to be educated and go away to work, so that there are left of the Presbyterians and Episcopalians in the village only a few families and practically no small children. The Presbyterians and Episcopalians of Stoney Creek have each one regular church service in the month. This they all attend. On the other Sundays, Miss Mary McL. Martin conducts a reverent Bible class for any who wish to attend.

The communion silver dates from 1753 and the linen from 1825.

This old congregation was founded in "the Indian Land" by the already mentioned Rev. William Hutson, of whom the great English Methodist, George Whitefield, speaks in 1740-41 as "a young stage-player, convinced when I was last in New York, and who providentially came to Georgia when Mr. (Hugh) Bryan was there" and who "is to be their first teacher" of a Negro school Mr. and Mrs. Bryan were establishing in Charleston. Mr. Whitefield also says of Mr. Hutson that he was "lately a player in New York" and that "he designed for the ministry". Dr. Howe in his History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina says that Mr. Hutson was born in England in 1720 and was entered by his father at the Inns of Court in London to study law. But he had a "great repugnance" to this profession and ran away to America, bringing little but his mother's picture. One form of the tradition is that possibly it was in London that he heard Whitefield preach, but the common version in the family is that this event was in Charleston and that he attended the service as a scoffer. After his conversion, with the approval of Whitefield, he endeavored to carry out his contract with the players but could not bring himself to it. After this, destitute, he was found strolling about the bay of Charleston by Mr. Hugh Bryan, who, interested in his appearance, entered into conversation, and finally took Mr. Hutson to his home at Indian Land, where he became tutor to the family and also taught the school. At some time in 1743 he began to preach and was called to Indian Land in 1743 and remained until 1756. The church was then and until recently Independent Presbyterian. Work for the Negroes continued actively.

The church was taken under the care of the Rev. Archibald Simpson in 1756. A fatal epidemic had sadly reduced the congregation. Among other property about ten Negroes were owned by the church, and the money earned by hiring them out went towards the minis-

ter's salary. Mr Simpson continued in charge of this and other churches until 1772 when he returned to Scotland.

Reference to the recent history of the Synod of South Carolina will give the later story of this church.

The Rev. Edward Palmer Axson was pastor of this church at one time, and his daughter, Ellen Lou, afterwards the wife of President Woodrow Wilson, was born then in McPhersonville. And on the books of the church is the marriage of the parents of President Roosevelt. This marriage took place at Roswellville, Liberty County, Georgia, but the officiating minister was the Rev. J. B. Dunwody, then pastor of Stoney Creek, who entered it as part of his records.

The report of Stoney Creek Auxiliary for 1928 is of the work of sixteen members without circle divisions. Thirteen offices are filled by ten women, almost all of whom have rotated in office for years. Seven delegates attended their Group Conference. Home and Foreign Mission Study classes have been held. They have helped the colored work on the islands, and the work at Clemson College. Sixteen "Surveys" and church papers are taken. Christian Social Service work covers individual cases chiefly among the Negroes. Their per capita gift is $12.00 and they have earned a Silver Star.

The present officers are: Mrs. O. M. Read, President; Mrs. W. W. Colcock, Vice President; Miss Mary McL. Martin, Secretary and Historian; Miss A. C. Martin, Treasurer and Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Miss T. C. Hutson, Secretary Spiritual Life; Miss J. L. Glover, Secretary Foreign Missions and Secretary Literature; Miss M. A. Hutson, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Miss E. H. Glover, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Miss Emily Caldwell, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Miss Louise Hutson, Secretary Christian Social Service.

MISS MARY MCLEOD MARTIN

of Stoney Creek Church, McPhersonville, is the daughter of John McLeod Martin and Martha Colcock. She was born at Limestone Springs, Gaffney, in 1862, as her family was living there during the war. Among her earliest recollections is the lack of food from which practically all Southerners suffered during 1864-65. Her parents returned to McPhersonville in 1867 and Miss Martin has always resided there. She has taught in Sunday School and Bible class for forty-five years and helped with the Missionary Society. Her Bible class

takes the place of morning service when the pastor is on duty elsewhere. Miss Martin has been District Chairman for three years.

MISS J. LESLIE GLOVER

of Stoney Creek Church, McPhersonville, S. C., is the daughter of Sanders Glover and Emily Hutson. She was born in Orangeburg in 1866, but has lived all her life in McPhersonville. For many years she has taught the Bible class in Sunday School and has worked in the Missionary Society since its organization in 1887. Miss Glover has served most efficiently as Presbyterial Secretary of Literature from 1924 to 1927 and is earnestly interested in such work, especially as she writes for the Young People's Department in religious magazines, and is the author of children's books. Miss Glover was elected Secretary of Spiritual Life in April, 1928.

MISS THEODORA HUTSON

is the daughter of Charles J. C. Hutson and Theodora Colcock. She was born in McPhersonville and has lived there except for school days in Charleston. Miss Hutson has been organist in her church ever since she grew up as well as treasurer in the Sunday School. She has served the Presbyterial as Secretary of Spiritual Life and of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregatonal Missions. Miss Hutson is lineally descended from the Rev. William Hutson, the first pastor of Stoney Creek Church.

SUMMERVILLE AND OLD DORCHESTER

While the Summerville Church dates officially from June 10, 1859, when it was received into the Presbytery, it is really the successor in fact and in law of the Dorchester Independent (or Congregational) Church. This original church was founded in December, 1695, by a colony from Dorchester, Massachusetts, with its pastor, the Reverend Joseph Lord, who established the settlement on the northeast bank of the Ashley River and named it for their old home. On the 2nd of February, 1696, the Lord's supper was administered under the spreading branches of an oak. A house of worship, the ruins of which are still standing, was built and called at that time the Independent White Meeting. It is presumed that this name was

given in memory of the Reverend John White of Dorchester, England, under whose influence the body of 140 Independents from that town settled first Dorchester, Mass., in 1630, and their descendants, Dorchester, South Carolina. Dr. White was a leader of Puritanism and Vice Chairman of the Westminster Assembly, by which body our Presbyterian faith and Church Government were formulated. He was also a great-grandfather of John Wesley.

With these people came their own New England customs, and a drum was used to call them to prayer. A guard, armed with a matchlock, sat on either side of the door. Sabbath began at Saturday's sunset and the old "blue laws" were supreme. By 1717, the town contained 1800 inhabitants, of which 500 were white. In 1752, the town being found unhealthy, a large part of the population removed to Georgia, settling about thirty miles southwest of Savannah, and calling the new town "Medway". This is now known as Midway, in Liberty County. Dorchester was gradually abandoned, though religious services were kept up partially.

On July 19, 1794, repairs were made to the church, which had been desecrated, dismantled and partially burned by the British, and the remaining members and attendants called together. There was great effort made to re-establish the prestige of the church. In 1771, one of the two communion cups was presented by a son of the last Landgrave Smith and the other some years later, by Mrs. Richard Waring; the oldest Bible dates from 1793.

In 1831, another church was built in Summerville, although services during the winter were chiefly held in Dorchester, until 1861 or 1862. By the end of the War Between the States the old church was abandoned, and the earthquake of 1886 brought its ruin.

On June 10, 1859, the Presbytery of Charleston, in organizing the church thereafter known as the "Summerville Presbyterian Church", adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas, It appears that there are several persons belonging to what has been known as the 'Dorchester Church' in this vicinity, who signify their desire to be united with the church now to be organized in connection with the Charleston Presbytery.

And, Whereas, It appears that there is no body, court or officer connected with the Dorchester Church from whom said persons can obtain certificates of dismission, therefore,

"Resolved, That the persons above mentioned may be admitted as members of the church now to be organized by the Presbytery, upon

their giving satisfactory evidence that they are in good standing in Dorchester Church, and declaring their wish to be enrolled as members of the Summerville Presbyterian Church."

The names of the white members admitted at this time from the Dorchester Church were: Mrs. Martha Waring, Mrs. Mary S. Waring, Mrs. M. E. J. Boyle, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hutchinson and Mrs. Martha Smith. At the same time there were also received from other churches Mr. Arthur Fogartie and Dr. F. J. Hay; all of these being the first members of the Summerville Church. The first pastor was the Rev. A. P. Smith, followed in the summer of 1861, by the Rev. Charles S. Vedder, who was ordained in this church the next year.

Dr. Vedder remained during the Confederate War and speaks with his own poetic vividness of that period, when many refugees took up their abode in Summerville and temporarily swelled the number of the congregation, when the Episcopal and Presbyterian ministers became captains of the night and day guard, organized for the protection of the little town against Federal deserters and desperadoes and the "male worshippers, pastor included, coming full armed to service in the church, and leaving the larger weapons at the door, in the hands of a trusty sentinel."

After this time the church was much reduced numerically and financially, and was helped by outside benefactions, especially from Mr. George E. Merriam of Springfield, Mass. The services were led by the evangelists of the Presbytery or the elders. In 1882 the Legislature vested in the Summerville Church all the property of the Dorchester congregation.

As is too common, the records of Women's Work are most deficient. There was, certainly before 1885, a sewing society and workers for the care of the church combined in a Ladies' Aid Society. They worked for the church and the manse, the cleaning and repairing, and the poor of the community. At one time they gave $100.00 yearly towards the pastor's salary. The officers for 1924 were: Mrs. Sam Hughes, President; Mrs. Tom Finucane, Vice President; Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson, Secretary; Miss Emma J. Ladd, Treasurer.

Foreign Missionary work began about 1875 and was followed by the organization of a society which gave half of its receipts each to Foreign and to Home Missions. The society was indebted to Miss Angie C. Wing, of New York State, now deceased, for bringing it into energetic life during her residence in Summerville, some twenty years ago. She was vitally interested in missions, but as ill health prevented her serving, she sent her substitute.

The society was small, but held regular meetings. The officers of 1924 were: Mrs. A. M. Schroder, President; Miss Julia Welch, Vice President; Mrs. J. H. Spann, Secretary; Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson, Treasurer.

There was a Junior Society formed under the pastorate of the Rev. N. M. Phillips, by his wife. Mrs. J. H. Hutchinson has been the leader, and the society has equipped the church with electric lights.

A few names of women prominent in the past work of the congregation are: Mrs. William G. Vardell, Mrs. Ladson Webb, Mrs. Starling Lebby, Mrs. J. Hamilton Freer, Mrs. William Howell Taylor, Mrs. Alexander Martin, Mrs. H. G. Gilland.

The Presbyterial report for 1925 gives as Summerville officers: Mrs. A. M. Schroeder, Miss Ida Thompson, Mrs. Joseph Hutchinson, and each society gave $25.00, total $50. 1926 showed no report, but in November, 1926, Summerville organized its Auxiliary with Mrs. W. J. Gibbs as president and the pastor's wife, Mrs. van der Erve, vice president. Their total donations were $340, their per capita $10, membership reported as thirty-two. But 1928 reports a membership of twenty-one and a per capita of $17.00. They have given especially to Sara Gray's Island work and to the Mission Church at Jedburg. They have a budget and raised their contingent fund. Foreign and Home Mission Study is carried on.

The present officers are: Mrs. Macbeth Smith, Jr., President and Secretary of Spiritual Life; Mrs. Jos. Hutchinson, Vice President and Secretary Foreign Missions, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. Legare Walker, Secretary; Mrs. J. Fraser Cocks, Treasurer and Secretary for Assembly's Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. Robert R. Hall, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, also Secretary Christian Social Service; Mrs. Robert Parsons, Secretary Literature.

To the geniune interest of Miss Carrie T. Ladd is due all the history obtained from Summerville.

WAPPETAW, OLD AND NEW

The history of old Wappetaw Congregational Church of Christ Church Parish begins with a shipwreck, when fifty-two emigrants from New England were cast away at Cape Fear, and brought thence to Charles Town through the kindness of Governor Archdale. They settled in what was afterwards Christ Church Parish in 1695 or 1696. The

church was probably organized by the Reverend John Cotton in 1697. He was then pastor of the White Meeting, at that time and for years after a Presbyterian Church, but old Wappetaw was Independent. The building stood about seventeen miles from the city, and three miles from Sewee Bay on Wando Neck. When a colony of French essayed to land at Sewee Bay a few years later, the New England men beat them back with bloodshed. Much later they lent money to the church in Charles Town to help them build.

About 1777 the pastor became a chaplain in the Revolutionary Army and was captured and held on a prison ship, and the church was occupied as barracks by the British and burnt by them with surrounding dwellings at the time of their evacuation of Charleston, in 1782. All records were destroyed. In 1786 the church was incorporated under the new government.

Many prominent names are found among the clergy who supplied this church. Among them were Dr. Edward Palmer, father of the great Dr. Benjamin Palmer. He preached in many churches of the islands. Dr. Girardeau was at this church for six months as a licentiate, when the white congregation was large and the colored dense, the old record says.

In the Confederate War, as during the Revolution, the ministers went as chaplains and the men as fighters. And their descendants have fought in the World War.

The church was used by the Union soldiers in 1865, the pews torn out for firewood and the whole building left in bad order. It finally crumbled away from old age, falling in 1897.

At the close of the Confederate War the remaining members of the congregation met in the chapel building at Mount Pleasant and made division of the property, the building being the share of the Mount Pleasant people, already occupying it. The site of the manse, a little bank stock and the communion service were given to those members living at McClellanville. The service consisted of table linen over ninety years old in perfect condition; two old silver cups, two old silver plates and one large silver pitcher. The old burying ground is at the head of the Wando River, on the highway leading from Charleston through Georgetown to Wilmington. The day will come again when this coast country will be resettled and there will be a new church on the old site.

The New Wappetaw Church was organized, three of the four members were descendants of the old congregation: Mrs. Sarah C.

Whilden, Mrs. Priscilla Morrison, and Mrs. H. M. Lofton. Mr. H. M. Lofton was the fourth member. This church has given two to the ministry, Dr. Peter Walker and the the Reverend L. A. Beckman.

The report of the New Wappetaw Church comes from Mrs. R. V. Morrison, one of the very oldest members, and still an active worker as Secretary of Auxiliary Circle No. 2. She must speak for herself. The church was founded on August 23, 1872, by Dr. G. R. Brackett of Second Church, Charleston, assisted by the Reverend Peter Gowan, "in th old School House where all denominations worshipped together". In 1875 the church was built and dedicated, the services conducted by Dr. Girardeau. "Woman's Work too started in that old school house. Miss Mary Pinckney organized a Ladies' Sewing Society in 1868. We all worked and worshipped together, sewed and had entertainments to raise money. Did local charity, bought an old organ, also a lot of Sunday School books. When we went into our new church in 1875, the Episcopalians bought one-half of the organ and gave us one-half of the books. They still had services in the old school house." Then the women worked for the new church, but "always tried to help the needy. The first real Home Mission work of any consequence we did was to send a bright boy to Clinton; * * * he has done some noble work for the Master, * * * he is now a D. D., God bless him! Missionary work went on very slowly for a long time. Mrs. Sadler, our pastor's wife about 1905, started a Missionary Society, separate from the other society, with a regular constitution and by-laws. She was very enthusiastic about the work. Since then we have kept it up, and now as you know, the Spirit of Missions is a living spirit, almost every one now joins heart and soul in the work". The Reverend Daniel P. Junkin, the pastor in 1925, was a missionary and his sisters also. One of them, Mrs. Vincent, has given lectures on China and Mrs. Junkin conducts the Mission Study class. "Mrs. C. L. Kirkley has been the President of our Missionary Society, Mrs. J. B. Morrison is now President. We still have the Ladies' Aid Society, with Mrs. Junkin as president, Mrs. W. L. Morrison, treasurer and Mrs. R. V. Morrison, secretary and historian; we call the two the Auxiliary as the rest of folks do, though it took us some time to do it. Our society has improved wonderfully within the last few years, both in numbers and means. Our Ladies' Aid Society opens with the Prayer Band service, for prayer is the most vital power and most needed force in this Woman's Work. We all love to follow Mrs. Junkin." Thus far was the report in 1925. The names

of other women who have been prominent in the church are Mrs. R. T. Morrison, Mrs. Emma Baker, Miss M. E. Leland, Mrs. Harris, Mrs. E. A. Beckman, Mrs. L. C. Kirkley and Mrs. J. J. Murray.

Wappetaw entertained the Presbyterial in 1928 with the cordiality inherent in her atmosphere. They try to carry out every department of the work. There are twenty-five members, one of whom, Mrs. J. B. Morrison, holds the office of Presbyterial president, having been an officer in the Presbyterial for several years. The per capita gift is $9.00 and they are a Silver Circle Auxiliary. They have two Prayer Bands, a Bible class, two Mission Study classes, two candidates for the ministry, a Girls' Circle and a Christian Endeavor. Their present officers are: Mrs. G. T. Pace, President and Chairman High School Circle; Mrs. W. L. Morrison, Vice President; Mrs. R. B. Leland, Secretary; Mrs. L. A. Beckman, Treasurer; Mrs. R. V. Morrison and Mrs. J. D. McIntosh, Historians; Mrs. J. B. Morrison, Jr., Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. G. E. Beckman, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss M. C. Leland, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions; Miss Jane Taylor, Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Miss Edna Morrison, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. H. B. Hill, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. J. T. Hills, Secretary Literature; Mrs. J. A. Meldau, Secretary Christian Social Service.

Mrs. J. B. Morrison, Jr., of New Wappetaw, has succeeded Mrs. P. E. Connor as president of the Charleston Presbyterial. As Lillie Ervin of Florida she began church work and has always been prominent. She has held office for years in both Synodical and Presbyterial, and her only fault is a lack of strength which is more than counter-balanced by ability.

Mrs. C. L. Kirkley of McClellanville was formerly a good worker in New Wappetaw, where she served as president for many years and showed genuine capacity for office. She was Bessie Leland, daughter of Aaron Leland, an elder for a long time. Mrs. Kirkley now lives in Georgetown.

WESTMINSTER

Westminister was organized on July 13, 1823, by a colony chiefly from Second Church. They purchased a building which had been erected by a colony from First Church on the north corner of West and Archdale Streets, and which had been called St. Andrews. This

had been abandoned and the new organization was known as Third Church until the early part of 1850, when the congregation moved into the Meeting Street building, just above Society Street and changed its name to Central Church. This was during Dr. Dana's pastorate.

Glebe Street Church was settled in 1847 after a most fruitful season of revival at Second Church, by the erection of a new building (now the property of a Negro Methodist congregation) and the establishment there of those who felt it their duty to organize a new centre of Presbyterianism, and to them in April, 1866, came Dr. Girardeau and his devoted officers and the white members of the congregation from Zion (Negro) Church. The name of Zion Church was added to the former name, but seldom used. Dr. Girardeau still continued as pastor of the Negro congregation in the old church, having as assistant the Reverend Peter Gowan, ordained there for that service on November 20, 1870. This arrangement seems to have held until 1876, when a colored minister from the Northern Church was put in charge. Another attempt was made at a white pastorate under the Reverend D. X. LaFar in 1878, but it was not successful.

Dr. Girardeau was succeeded in Glebe Street by Dr. W. F. Junkin, and during his partorate the congregation was united to that of Central Church, on April 1, 1882, and the name of Westminster Church was finally adopted by the resultant congregation.

Most of the records were lost in the earthquake of 1886, so that many details cannot be given, but the earlier history of the three congregations has already been touched on in the accounts of the other Charleston churches.

It is to be presumed that the women of these churches worked with the other Presbyterian women of the same periods for Education and Missions, Home and Foreign. Central Church enjoyed the long pastorate of Dr. Dana while Dr. Forrest was at Scotch Church and Dr. Smyth at Second Church.

In the Third Church, the Woman's Sewing Society was organized in 1824 or 1825 and did most wonderful work in helping in the education of young men for the ministry and in accumulating funds for the building of the larger church. It is told that they were willing workers, never seeming to tire in their work of love and service.

The Woman's Sewing Circle of Glebe Street congregation was organized under Dr. Girardeau on March 30, 1870 (this was probably a reorganization of an ante-bellum society), and had a large membership. The name was soon changed to the Ladies' Educational

Society, as their work was concentrated on the training of young men for the Presbyterian ministry.

Many ministers in the history of the church owe much to the work of these faithful women of the two societies which later joined in the present society of Westminster Church.

Foreign Mission Work was established as an independent society about 1882, under Dr. Junkin, Miss Susan R. Adger being the first president. Their first work was for Mrs. Randolph's School in Hangchow, where they supported twelve girls for many years. They have always worked for this school.

In the old Central Church, among the prominent workers who are remembered were Miss Kate Lanneau and her sister Miss Mary Lanneau, Mrs. Joseph Caldwell and her daughters, Misses Emma and Martha, Miss Clara L. Bruns, Misses Mary and Ina Caldwell. The Ladies' Society then worked to assist in church expenses. Miss Ellen Leitch was also a devoted worker. After the union with Glebe Street Church, among the Westminster Group Mrs. Ellison Adger, who afterwards went to Seeond, was president of the Ladies' Aid and they worked for Education of young men for the ministry. This was a very successful organization and did excellent work. Mrs. Joseph Caldwell succeeded Mrs. Adger as president. Later on Mrs. Finley was president and as the congregation was smaller, the women helped young men through college who wished to study for the ministry. Mrs. Johnston, the Misses Finley, Mrs. Booth, Mrs. Zernow, were all earnest workers. The Missionary Society was also very efficient. Miss Susie Adger was president, later Mrs. Jamison. Mrs. Kent and the Misses Lanneau were also prominent in this work, as have been Mrs. O. H. Bissell and Mrs. Don Smith, Miss Clotworthy, Miss Sheppard and others.

A legacy of $2,000.00 was left to the society by Miss Ellen King and with it has been established the Ellen King Memorial Fund, of which the income goes to the Hangchow School.

Home Mission work was also carried on by this society.

An Auxiliary was formed in 1912 and the Circle Plan adopted. The officers of 1923 were: Miss Clotworthy, President; Mrs. Whitsitt, Vice President; Miss Zernow, Secretary; Mrs. Leathers, Treasurer, with a membership of 132. Mrs. Mary H. Matthewes was historian and gathered all the story of the women of the congregation up to that time. Miss Clotworthy acted as historian in 1924-25.

Miss Margaret Sheppard was president in 1922-23 and Mrs. Orville Bissell, vice president.

In 1923-24, Mrs. Frank Beaty was president and Mrs. J. Don Smith, vice president. Membership 101.

A centennial celebration was held in 1923. In February, 1925, under Mrs. Frank Beaty as president, a union was effected between Knox Auxiliary and Westminster, Knox Circle preserving the identity of this group. At this time Westminster had a Prayer Band in the Executive Board. The women had the church cleaned and celebrated the twelfth anniversary of the Auxiliary. Seventy-six members were reported. Miss Margaret Sheppard was then Presbyterial President.

The Christian Endeavor is active in promoting friendly meetings with oyster-stews and games, as well as with prayer and song.

1926-27 found the Knox women thoroughly absorbed, some of them officers. Delegates were sent to Clinton and to the Conferences. The District Conference was held at Westminster in 1927.

Knox Church, which has joined Westminster in building a new church at the corner of Rutledge and Maverick Streets, was organized on April 26, 1914, with a membership of sixty-two. A new church was built in 1923 on King Street but this has been sold. Their first pastor, the Rev. J. E. Coker, was followed by the Rev. Alexander Sifton. The women of the church were always active in Auxiliary work and were cordial hostesses to the Presbyterial in 1924. During the following year eleven meetings were held, several entertainments given, classes for Foreign and Home Missions were conducted with a membership of fifteen, and a Bible class for young people was under the leadership of a member of the Auxiliary. Sixteen members were reported in 1924 and fifteen in 1925, and all active. The per capita in 1924 was $32, in 1925, $11. The Secretary, Miss Allen, acted as historian. Mrs. W. H. Price was president in 1922-23, Mrs. E. P. Bayles in 1923-24.

Community Presbyterian Church was founded on May 8, 1921, as a mission church, with thirty-six members. A Ladies' Aid Society was immediately formed. Its important work was the Sunday School, badly needed in an unchurched neighborhood. Elder H. E. Wright took charge and was ordained in the following October and served as pastor for one year.

The women continued their excellent work in the Sunday School until 1927. Six members are reported in 1925, and a per capita of

$25. In June, 1924, this congregation agreed to combine with that of Westminster as soon as the new church building was ready. On April 13, 1927, the church was dissolved by act of Presbytery and a legal transfer of the property was made to Westminster Church.

The building formerly used by Community Church has been converted into a manse for the pastor of the consolidated Westminster Church. A vacant lot on the corner of Rutledge Avenue and San Souci Street was purchased with Miss King's Fund of $2,000.00 by the Westminster Missionary Society as a beginning of work in the Rose Garden neighobrhood, which developed into Community Church.

In the spring of 1926 the old Westminster Church building and property on Meeting Street was sold to Trinity Methodist congregation, and plans were immediately begun for a new building including Sunday School rooms, auditorium, pastor's study and other departments on a large lot at the corner of Rutledge Avenue and Maverick Street. The officers of the church, with Mrs. J. M. Whitsitt and Mrs. D. E. Friar from the Auxiliary, served as building committee; the corner stone was laid on April 30, 1927, and the building first occupied for services on December 1, 1927. On December 9th the building was first opened to the public with a reception in the evening, at which the church and Auxiliary officers served as a reception committee, the Auxiliary having decorated the rooms and serving refreshments in the social hall of the building. The large lot vacant towards Rutledge Avenue will afford ample room for the building of a larger church in the event of the growth of the congretion requiring additional room. The Rev. George A. Nickles continues as pastor.

In 1928, the Auxiliary reports 100 members, all of the women on the church roll. There is a Business Woman's Circle. There are four Prayer Bands and a Bible class, Foreign and Home Mission Study has been carried on. The Auxiliary has been especially interested in the Charleston Church Home, the Clemson College Fund and the Community Worker on the Sea Islands, Sara Gray.

They have helped to send a delegate to the Colored Conference. The per capita offering was $6.00. At the spring elections, Mrs. W. H. Price succeeded Mrs. D. E. Friar as president. Mrs. O. H. Bissell, the vice president, has been a Presbyterial officer for a long time. She is a daughter of the Reverend D. X. LaFar, a Presbyterian minister.

The present officers are: Mrs. E. C. Miller, Secretary; Mrs. W. W. Keith, Treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Dillingham, Historian and Secretary of

Spiritual Life; Mrs. Frank Beaty, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss M. B. Zernow, Secretary Assembly's Home Missions and Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions; Mrs. W. B. Herrington, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. D. E. Friar, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. G. J. Fritz, Secretary Literature; Miss Sheppard, Secretary Christian Social Service; Miss Corinne Spruill, Chairman Business Women's Circle.

WILTON

Wilton (old Wiltown) *Church* has a most interesting past, but nothing remains but a membership of three or four persons, a few chimneys on the old site, and the name of Wiltown Bluff for a plantation. It was settled by the colony of Presbyterians under Benjamin Blake who arrived in 1682. A full plan of the place had been made like those of a real estate development of today, the streets were named, a lot for the church and lots for the school and college designated.

It was called at first New London, but then named William Town for King William (of Orange) of England.

The will of Theodora Edings of Charleston, widow, "leaves a legacy to "Pres. Ch. at Willtown, otherwise New London, January 19, 1760."

In 1707 the Rev. Archibald Stobo became pastor. Any previous history is lost. A new church was built in 1721. In 1728 there were four elders and six deacons. Its later history is confused. After 1754 the Rev. Archibald Simpson served for a time, and Rev. Thomas Henderson, a Scot, during the Revolutionary. After 1790 the church was rebuilt. It continued its activities and in 1850 Dr. John L. Girardeau was ordained there as pastor to the congregation of both races. With the decay of the neighborhood the church died. The last church building, the fourth, was still standing in 1870.

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERIAL

begins in the Sabbath School room of the First Church of Charleston on October 16, 1907, with Dr. Alexander Sprunt as its Godfather, if it is permitted to a Presbyterian organization to have one. Dr. Sprunt had performed the same office for an older South Carolina Presbyterial, Bethel, and now gave his help to the youngest. This first association, the Missionary Union, brought together a small band of women from ten churches, timid and shrinking at the thought of taking part and responsibility in this new undertaking, but at the same time earnestly determined to fall in line with the other churches of the Synod.

Their object was the promotion of the Spirit of Missions at home and abroad, the diffusing of missionary intelligence and, with the consent of pastors, to encourage the formation of Women's Missionary Societies in the churches of the Presbytery. There was some opposition to meet, but all tact and care have been exercised, and there is cause for thanksgiving that this is long past, and the Presbyterial is sure if its welcome.

From the beginning, the best of speakers have been secured, and the Presbyterial has been peculiarly blest in the presence of missionaries, to give the women the vision of the duty and privilege of carrying out the great commission.

At this meeting, a constitution was adopted, providing for an annual meeting, the purpose already defined, officers and necessary rules. The first officers chosen were: Mrs. Thomas D. Johnston, Summerville, President; Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, First Church, Charleston, Vice President; Miss Amey N. Allan, Second Church, Charleston, Recording Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Sherfesee, First Church, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Adger, Second Church, Charleston, Secretary Young People's Work; Mrs. Arthur Johnston, Secretary of Literature; Mrs. T. D. Lebby, Summerville, Treasurer. The members of the Executive Committee were: Mrs. J. Keir G. Fraser, Second Church, Charleston; Mrs. James Scott, Westminster, Charleston; Mrs. D. F. Henderson, Aiken. The following delegates were present: First Church, Columbia, Mrs. Cathcart and Mrs. N. G. Gonzales, as visitors; First Church, Charleston, Miss M.

B. Mure and Mrs. Stone; Second Church, Charleston, Miss Elizabeth J. Adger and Miss Amey N. Allan; Westminster Church, Charleston, Mrs. James C. Scott; Aiken, Miss Dessie Hutson; Stoney Creek, Miss Martin and Miss Hutson; Walterboro, Mrs. G. Fraser, and Mrs. Wickman; Edisto, Miss Caldwell; John's Island, and Wadmalaw, Mrs. F. Y. Legare; Summerville, Mrs. Lebby and Miss Ladd.

At the first directors' meeting it was decided to appoint a Visitor and Mrs. N. G. Gonzales was named for the position.

The second annual meeting was opened on October 13, 1908, in Summerville, with new societies added, Rev. T. D. Johnston, pastor. As the years have passed, almost all the churches of the Presbytery have joined the Presbyterial. At this meeting it was decided to appropriate $95.00 to the debt of the Board of Missions. Young People's Work was discussed and the need of literature to interest and instruct the women. The meeting was addressed by the Reverend Maxcy Smith, of Dongsheng, China, and by Miss Ervin on Mountain Work. The Reverend S. C. Caldwell urged the need of help in the development of Home Missions. Mission Study classes were planned and work in mill villages. It was decided that the president appoint a Committee of Investigation on the possibilities of Settlement Work. Later on, work was begun at Graniteville.

After several directors' meetings, the third annual meeting was held in the First Church, Columbia, Dr. Samuel Smith, pastor, October 27-28, 1909. As Miss Jean Robb was unable to be present, Mrs. H. H. Wyman of Aiken, Vice President, elected at the Summerville meeting, presided. The meetings were addressed by the Reverend and Mrs. Tate of Korea; the Reverend J. P. Hall of Plum Tree, North Carolina, and Miss Barnara Lambden of the "Home Mission Herald". The Reverend Mr. Caldwell was also present at the deliberations. Reports were made of the good work of Miss Nelle Sprunt as Visitor and Secretary of Literature. Young People's Work was presented, papers were read on Scriptural Giving and other subjects. Reports of the Graniteville work were given; the authorities had lent two cottages and given $50.00 to pay a trained nurse, while the Synod was paying matron and school teacher. The constitution was amended, providing for two additional vice presidents and another Visitor, Mrs. J. Arthur Johnston of Charleston.

The meeting of 1910 took place at Westminster Church, Charleston, October 25-26, and was presided over by Mrs. J. Arthur Johnston. The pastor, the Reverend T. S. Knox, conducted devotional services,

and the meetings were addressed by Dr. and Mrs. P. F. Price, then of Hangchow, China, to the great interest of all. Mrs. Price having spent so much of her youth in Charleston, they have many personal friends, but the value of such a visit lies in the great work which they have done in China. Home Missions were presented by the Reverend Mr. Caldwell and Dr. McMillan of the Home Board. Mrs. B. R. Thornbury, of Chicago, also spoke on Home Missions of the United States. The president's report stressed the need of literature, the importance of the program for study classes and of a closer union in the Master's business. A round table was conducted and papers read on "Our Vision" and "Missionary Literature", by members of the Presbyterial. Mrs. J. Arthur Johnston was re-elected president.

The fifth meeting of the Union was held at Orangeburg on October 24, 25, 1911, Mrs. Johnston presiding. The pastor, Mr. J. L. McLees, conducted the opening service of praise and intercession. The meetings were addressed by the Reverend W. H. Hudson of Kashing, China, and by Mrs. Reavis, who gave a vivid account of some of the experiences of Dr. Reavis and herself during their journey to Africa. A very fine paper prepared by Miss Hawkins, of the North Carolina Mountain Mission, was read, and a report of the proceedings of the Missionary Jubilee, which had just been celebrated throughout the United States, one focal point having been Charleston. This celebration was commemorated in Charleston by the formation of a Jubilee Union of the missionary organizations of the Evangelical Churches. A new feature of this meeting of the Union was the Young People's Hour, at which Miss Amey N. Allan, Chairman, presided. Mrs. T. S. Bryan, of Columbia, was elected, but was not able to serve, and Mrs. Johnston was again chosen president.

The sixth meeting of the Union took place in Aiken on October 17-18, 1912, presided over by the president, Mrs. J. Arthur Johnston, and opened with services by the Reverend T. D. Johnston, pastor of the church. The president reported vital growth of missionary interest in Sabbath Schools and the formation of several new societies among the women, while old societies not in touch before had joined the Union. The most important feature of this meeting was the presence of Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, Superintendent of the Woman's Auxiliary, the new organization of the women of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, or the Southern Church. Mrs. Winsborough spoke of the three-fold character of the work—inspirational, educational, and executive. The name of the Union was changed to Charleston Presby-

terial, and it was decided to enter the Synodical. Mrs. A. C. Bridgeman also spoke on the new organization and on the Montreat Conference, to which it was decided to send a delegate. A School of Missions was conducted by Mrs. Sprunt and Miss Allan presided over the Young People's Hour. The Reverend Eugene Bell of Korea spoke of the work there. The work of the Presbyterial Visitor was especially commended, Mrs. Reavis having spoken on Africa before many societies. A visit to Graniteville was an important feature of this meeting, as it enabled the delegates to examine the work of the church in the mission there. Mrs. A. C. Bridgeman of Columbia was chosen president.

The seventh annual meeting of the Presbyterial took place on October 16-17, 1913, in New Wappetaw Church of McClellanville. The Reverend E. E. Erwin welcomed the delegates and opened the meeting with prayer and reading of the Scriptures. Mrs. Bridgeman presided and reported that the Mission Study classes were bringing the women more closely together. The regular business was most interesting, but much discussion was given to the best plan for an Auxiliary organization for congregations. A committee was appointed on the revision of the constitution, to report at the next annual meeting. The Reverend H. M. Parker of Georgetown presented the needs of the low country, and Mr. Donald N. Richardson spoke of his work in China. Mrs. B. R. Thornbury of Westminster, Charleston, was elected president.

The eighth meeting of the Presbyterial was the first to be held in the spring, the dates being May 5-7, 1914, and the place the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia. Mrs. Thornbury presiding, twenty-six societies reported, total contributions having been $2,748.43. The president recommended in part the sending of the report of the Presbyterial to Presbytery, to be read before that body, and the organization in each church of a central society with many branches, which were favorably received. Denominational Activity was discussed by women of seven churches. The routine business was carried out, with other interesting discussions, and Dr. Reavis addressed the meeting. The Reverend and Mrs. Lacy L. Little of Kiangyin, China, and the Reverend F. H. Wardlaw, formerly of the Cuban mission, were the missionary speakers for this meeting. This was the last meeting of Presbyterial as originally constituted, for it was divided after this into Congaree and Charleston Presbyterials. Mrs. Thornbury was re-elected.

On April 1-2, 1915, at the Rockville Church, Martin's Point, the eighth meeting of Presbyterial was held. The pastor, Rev. M. R. Kirk-

patrick, conducted the opening exercises. Mrs. Thornbury having resigned in December, the unexpired term was filled by the election of Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, who presided. Mrs. Winsborough, who was present, recommended careful reports and explained the duties of departmental secretaries, Synodical recommendations as to uniform minutes, and the disposition of dues and the necessity for statistical reports. Mrs. David G. Armstrong spoke of her work in Brazil and Mrs. Motte Martin of Africa added an eloquent appeal for our own colored people. Her little African maid, Bakumba, sang in her native dialect. Mrs. Winsborough presented the emigrant problem. Mrs. Sprunt was re-elected.

But this meeting was not yet at an end; possibly the most important action was that taken by an adjourned meeting on the S. S. "Bailey" where almost all of the delegates were gathered on their way to Charleston. Mrs. Sprunt gives the following account: "There had been a storm of wind and rain. We made the return trip to Charleston on a tug. It was very rough indeed, the waves were so high that they came over the deck and poured into the little cabin (about 6x5 ft.) where eighteen of us stood tightly packed, with two inches of water on the floor. Here we had prayer about the pressing need of the colored people of the Sea Islands, and each one promised to do her part". This was followed by an overture to Presbytery which resulted later in the engagement of the Reverend W. A. Young, colored, to work on the Islands, and later still to the Presbyterial's work through their colored missionary, Mrs. Sarah Gray, the widow of a Presbyterian minister of their church on John's Island. Mrs. Sprunt long continued as chairman for this work, with the most encouraging success. Larger contributions are needed.

Mrs. Alexander Sprunt succeeded herself as president. She presided at the next meeting of Presbyterial, in Estill, on April 13 and 14, 1916. Devotional services were conducted by the Reverend W. V. Dibble. The Montreat Summer School of Missions was presented and Dr. Byrd, of Chicora College, spoke on Christian Education and spoke of the claims of the College. The new work of the women of the Southern Church, the school planned for colored girls at Abbeville, South Carolina, was discussed. A round table on Home and another on Foreign Missions were held, and Young People's Hour included a pageant and an address from Mrs. James R. Graham of China. A twilight Prayer Band was formed by women of the Presbyterial. Greetings were received from sister denominations.

On April 12 and 13, 1917, the eleventh annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held at the First Church of Charleston, Mrs. Sprunt presiding, and Dr. Melton Clarke, of Second Church, in Dr. Sprunt's absence, leading the opening service. Addresses were made pressing the importance of the four causes, and reports of regular work were made. Mrs. S. P. Fulton, of Kobe, Japan, added much to the importance of the meeting. The Negro work was stressed, reports being made of the Abbeville School and the colored missionary to the Islands, the Reverend W. A. Young. Subscriptions were made to send a representative to the Conference for Colored Women at Stillman Institute, Tuacaloosa. Mrs. N. E. Aull, of Estill, was elected president.

Presbyterial met for the twelfth time on April 30-May 1, 1918, in the James Island Church, Mrs. Aull presiding and Dr. Alexander Sprunt conducting the opening service. The theme of the meeting was "Stewardship". Greetings were extended by the women of the Episcopal Church. The president announced that the special work was to be that among the Negroes on the Islands, and also urged that all war work be done but church work not neglected. Miss Nelle Sprunt, now of Tsing-Kiang-Pu, spoke of China. Mrs. Archibald Davis of Atlanta spoke on the importance of the Summer Conference for Negro Women at Stillman Institute, and for Young People's Work. After all reports, the War Work of the Presbyterial was discussed in all branches of this service. It was decided to ask Presbytery to assist in securing the services of the Reverend W. A. Young, colored evangelist, for a series of meetings on each island to prepare the way for the real mission work of an educated colored woman, whom the Presbytery was to finance. This was the beginning of the work of Mrs. Sara E. Gray, colored missionary, work that cannot be too much stressed. In the elections, Mrs. N. E. Aull was again chosen president.

The thirteenth meeting of the Presbyterial, Mrs. Aull presiding, was held in the Edisto Island Church, April 2-3, 1919, the theme being "Prayer and the Word". The opening prayer was made by the Reverend C. E. Robertson and all reports were encouraging. Foreign Missions were represented by the Reverend S. D. Winn, of Chanju, Korea, and Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Synodical Secretary of Literature, was also present. The Tuscaloosa Conference was reported by Mrs. Sara E. Gray, the colored missionary. She had been engaged by the Presbyterial for four months during the preceding year, going from

house to house on the four large Sea Islands, John's, Wadmalaw, Edisto and James, teaching Christianity, prayer, cleanliness, sewing, care of children and the sick. She says, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Mrs. Aull retained the presidency.

In 1920, the Presbyterial met on May 26-27 in the Second Church of Charleston, Mrs. Aull presiding, the theme being "Information". Dr. Melton Clarke, the pastor, was present at the later session. Mrs. F. Louise Mayes, Synodical President, spoke on the County Institute and the new Circle Plan. The Reverend Daniel P. Junkin, Presbytery's Chairman of Foreign Missions, and the Reverend R. D. Bedinger, of the Belgian Congo, also spoke, the latter emphasizing the need of nurses and hospitals for the missionaries as well as the people. Mrs. Sara Gray made an admirable report. The Thornwell Orphanage was represented by a student, Miss Caroline Dugan. Mrs. N. E. Aull was again elected president.

The theme of the next and fifteenth meeting was "Personal Evangelism", and the sessions took place on April 5-7, 1921, in the Walterboro Church. Mrs. Sprunt presided in the absence of Mrs. Aull, and the Reverend S. R. Hope offered prayer. Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Synodical Secretary of Literature, was among the speakers, telling of Mrs. Winsborogh's address on Japan. A gavel made from an old tree in John's Island churchyard was presented by Mrs. F. Y. Legare. Estill Church reported the development of a Mission Study class into a much-needed Negro Sunday School, a civic committee and a district nurse for Negroes. The Circle Plan has been adopted by the churches. The Reverend L. C. M. Smythe of Nagoya, Japan, addressed the meeting. Contributions from Fourth Church, Greenville, for the Negro work were reported. Miss Amey N. Allan, of Second Church, Charleston, was elected president.

In Beaufort, on April 4-6, the meeting of 1922, the sixteenth of the Presbyterial's history, was held, the Reverend A. P. Toomer leading the opening service. Miss Allan presided. The Reverend Lacy Little of Kiangyin, China, and Miss Mabel Hall, of the Mountain Missions, addressed the different sessions. The members of other denominations were most interested and kind, the Baptist Church being lent for the large evening meeting. Every officer's report showed faithful service, without apology, and the Island Colored Work and work of the Southern Interracial Commission were especially emphasized. Miss Allan was re-elected president, the other officers being at present: General Secretary, Mrs. P. E. Connor,

Edisto; Treasurer, Mrs. O. H. Bissell, Charleston; Historian, Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Charleston; Departmental Secretaries: Foreign Missions, Mrs. C. B. Jenkins, Charleston; Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. F. Y. Legare, John's Island; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. J. S. Wertz, Estill; Sunday School Extension and Young People's Work, Mrs. G. L. Mikell, Edisto Island; Synodical, Presbyterial, Congregational Missions, Miss Theodora Hutson, McPhersonville; Spiritual Resources, Mrs. W. S. Hay; Literature, Mrs. E. H. Wyman, Estill; Executive Board: Mrs. John Andell, John's Island; Mrs. C. B. Seabrook, John's Island; Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, Charleston; Mrs. C. L. Kirkley, McClellanville.

Of the twenty-eight churches in the Presbytery, twenty-one were in the Presbyterial. Of the others, some thought they were too small and too old, the rest too small and too young; both classes were wrong, none are too small and weak to give and receive strength by sisterly affiliation.

Regular meetings of the Executive Board have always been held at the proper time. The Standard of Excellence was used and the four causes and the Thornwell Orphanage contributed to.

The seventeenth annual meeting of Charleston Presbyterial convened in Harmony Presbyterian Church, Crocketville, S. C., on April 3, 1923. The Rev. A. P. Toomer prayed for God's blessing on the meeting. Miss Allan presided; Mrs. J. G. Murray responded to the greetings. A service in memory of the Synodical President, Mrs. Mayes, was held. Miss Ruth See of Brazil made an address. An enlarged committee on Colored Work on the Islands was asked, also that this work be placed on the Auxiliary budgets. The proposed Baby Cottage (Louise Mayes Memorial) at Thornwell was endorsed and the Presbyterial was informed by letter of Mrs. Bramlett of a proposed Colored Conference at Claflin. The president's report mentioned improved methods, especially in Young People's Work.

Mrs. F. Y. Legare urged more help for the Negroes. "Must we Southern people leave them alone? God forbid!"

Miss Amey Allan continued president.

The eighteenth annual meeting of Charleston Presbyterial Auxiliary was called to order at 11 o'clock on Tuesday, April 8, 1924, at Knox Church, Charleston. Miss Allan presided. Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, Synodical President, and Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Synodical Secretary of Spiritual Life, were guests. Mrs. Bramlett spoke of the White Cross Work, the making of surgical dressings and other necessities

for the mission hospitals in China. She also spoke of the Young People's and Bible Conference to be held at Clinton. Mrs. J. R. Graham of Tsing-Kiang-Pu, China, "made a heart-burning address". The four district chairmen reported on the newly arranged conferences: Mrs. W. E. Prothero, No. 1, November 1, Blackville; Mrs. J. C. Lemacks, No. 2, November 6, Beaufort; Miss Margaret Sheppard, No. 3, November 13, New Wappetaw; Mrs. J. E. Andell, No. 4, November 8, John's Island. All conferences proved the experiment successful. The community work on the Islands is good. Mrs. Sara Gray attended and made an address at the Woman's School of Missions, Montreat, in July. Miss Margaret Sheppard of Westminster Church, Charleston, was chosen president.

The nineteenth annual meeting of Charleston Presbyterial Auxiliary met on April 7, 1925, at Estill. Miss Sheppard presided. Mrs. Cockerham, Home Missionary of Kentucky, led the period of devotion and later gave a stirring address and a Bible Study. Mrs. W. T. Aycock, Synodical Representative, and Mrs. N. E. Aull, a former president, were guests. Mrs. McIntyre, Synodical Secretary of Christian Education, appealed for books for Chicora College. After due discussion it was decided that a Secretary of Christian Social Service be elected. The Historian, Mrs. Stoney, begged for greater understanding by the Auxiliaries and the appointment of historians.

Mrs. Sara Gray's letter, signed "Yours for His Cause and my people", reported better homes and care of children, better canning, better sewing. She asked for relief remedies and tooth brushes.

Mrs. Margaret Sheppard resigned the presidency and Mrs. Parker E. Connor of Edisto Church, was elected.

The twentieth annual meeting of Charleston Presbyterial Auxiliary convened in the Orangeburg Presbyterian Church on April 8, 1926, Mrs. Connor presiding. Rev. M. McCord, pastor of the church, led in prayer and discussed "Prayer Life". There were fifty-one delegates and officers present. The president reported that Branchville and Mt. Pleasant had joined the Presbyterial. The four district meetings were reported. Mrs. E. A. Dillard for Group No. 1, Miss Mary McL. Martin No. 2, Mrs. J. W. Kohli No. 3, Mrs. J. E. Andell No. 4. These conferences had proved a most excellent way of reaching the Auxiliaries. The Executive Committee later made a new division of our territory into five districts. Missionary addresses on Kentucky Mountaineers and Korea were made by Mrs. Turner and Miss Winn. Eighty-five officers and delegates were present. In the

elections, Mrs. Connor having completed Miss Sheppard's unexpired term, was elected for the usual term of two years.

The twenty-first annual meeting of Charleston Presbyterial was called to order in the Denmark Presbyterian Church on April 14, 1927. Mrs. Connor presided and the Lord's prayer was repeated in unison. Mrs. Crouch, of the Fort Hill Church, made an earnest plea for help in building a church with proper accommodations for our students at Clemson College. Mrs. Brownlee, Synodical President, conducted an open forum on "Local Auxiliary Problems". The Rev. J. M. Sydenstricker of Oliveira, Brazil, made a stirring address. The president reported the success of the first Efficiency Conference held on May 14, at Second Church, Charleston, also that Summerville had joined the Presbyterial. Twenty-eight young people and two councillors had attended the Clinton Conference. The Group Conferences have become a necessity. Twenty-three Auxiliaries are now in the Presbyterial with a membership of 862. Six colored women were sent to the Conference in Benedict College, Columbia. Six Daily Vacation Bible Schools were conducted at six points by two Assembly's Training School students.

The twenty-second annual meeting of Charleston Presbyterial convened in New Wappetaw Church, McClellanville, on April 12, 1928. Dr. G. T. Pace led in prayer. Mrs. Connor was in the chair. Miss Florence Nickles, of Nanking, China, led a series of Bible studies and Miss Natalie Moffet, of China, spoke on the work in that distracted land. Mrs. Brownlee spoke impressively. Fifty-five delegates were present. A most interesting report on Young People's Work, Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, Jr., Chairman, told that in 1921, one delegate went to the Clinton Conference; in 1925, twenty-seven delegates, ten of them boys; in 1927 there were twenty-six girls and thirteen boys from twelve churches. Mrs. O. H. Bissell presented the report on nominations and Mrs. J. B. Morrison, Jr., of Wappetaw Church was elected president for two years.

The Presbyterial reported twenty-two Auxiliaries, 884 members, total denominational benevolenees, $5,910; total local church work, $2,666; per capita $11. Eight Auxiliaries had achieved Silver Stars and six, Blue Stars.

In 1927, the membership was 815, the grand total of gifts was $8,284, and the per capita $12.

PROMINENT WOMEN

MRS. ANNA ROYALL LEBBY (STATES LEE)

First President of the South Carolina Synodical

Anna Royall Lebby was born on James Island, S. C., April 27, 1884. Two years later her parents moved to Georgia, so that most of her schooling was received in the public schools of Atlanta and Americus, Ga.; with two years in Normal Training at the Confederate Home College, Charleston, S. C. During her first year in this school, a Y. W. C. A. was organized under the direction of Miss Annabel Williams and Miss May Snowden. Anna Royall had the privilege of being President for two terms, of conducting the "sun-rise" prayer service daily, and the Bible Study Hour on Sunday afternoon.

Being one of ten children, her opportunities for a higher education were decidedly limited by the moderate income of her home. But there were other blessings to compensate for this lack: chief among them were her godly parents, and the influences of a pious home. To these she gives all credit for her interest in the work of the Master's Kingdom.

For two years after graduation she was governess for a family of six children in E. Orange, N. J. This afforded her first opportunity for travel beyond the Southern states. And much pleasure and information were derived from visits to Washington, D. C., New York City, and surrounding places of interest. For four years she taught in the graded school on James Island. These six years of teaching were, in her estimation, the most beneficial training that she ever had to prepare her for future service, because a teacher must of necessity be a leader, and a sympathetic understanding of children will also enable one to better understand any people, for—as another has aptly said—"Adults are but children grown up".

In February, 1913, Anna Royall was married to States Lee Lebby, and moved to Charleston, where she lived for seven years.

In October, 1913, while attending a meeting of Charleston Presbyterial Auxiliary, she was appointed, with the President, to represent this Presbyterial at the organization meeting of South Carolina

Synodical Auxiliary, in the First Presbyterian Church, Bennettsville, S. C.

It was the wish of the Synodical to elect Mrs. J. O. Reavis, of Columbia, President. But she was unable to serve, and Mrs. Lebby was elected instead. During the early years of this organization the President found it necessary to visit Presbyterial and local auxiliaries to answer the oft asked question: "Why the Synodical?" And to make known to them all the ways in which the state organization could be of assistance to them. Then, as never before, the women throughout the church were enabled to look beyond the bounds of their local church, and to realize that they were a vital part of the great Presbyterian branch of Zion, that was working for the benefit of man and the glory of God.

Among the first projects launched by the Synodical were the furnishing of the South Carolina Home for Ministers, at Montreat; and the establishing of a School for Negro Girls somewhere within the bounds of the Southern Assembly.

In the midst of her second term as President, ill health forced Mrs. Lebby to resign. For the next five years her only activities, outside of her home, were teaching a Sunday School class, and conducting Mission Study Classes in various churches.

She lived in Savannah, Ga., for two years, and from there moved to Corning, N. Y., in 1922. Her health having greatly improved, she is again privileged to assist in the various activites of the First Presbyterian Church of the above city. This church conducts a week day School of Religious Instruction, and Mrs. Lebby teaches the fourth, fifth and sixth grades of boys and girls. In Sunday School she has a large class of junior high school girls; and is Assistant Superintendent of the Junior Christian Endeavor. All of this work keeps her in touch with the children whom she loves; for having been denied the blessing of children in her own home, she finds her greatest pleasure in serving others.

For two years she has been President of a Young Woman's Missionary Society. This society used to think that they had to "raise" their missionary money by having sales, suppers, and bazaars. Their President persuaded them to try the plan of "systematic giving". It worked so well the first year, that they were eager to continue it; and with this church-year only half gone, they have already "given" as much as was "raised" in any previous year. This success is not due to the leader but to systematic giving.

By virtue of her office as First Vice President of Steuben Presbyterial, she is Secretray of Stewardship, and has been privileged to visit many of the local societies and present "Stewardship of Life". Another subject that is of great interest to almost any Northern audience is the "Southern Negro", and Mrs. Lebby is often asked to give her interpretation of their lives and needs to churches and societies who have given "men and money" for the benefit of these "other sheep" which also must be saved.

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ANNIE RAYMOND STILLMAN OR "GRACE RAYMOND"

Any history of the outstanding women of Charleston Presbyterial is incomplete without some mention, however brief, of the author of "How They Kept the Faith". The daughter of Alfred Raymond Stillman and Amelia H. Badeau, Annie Raymond Stillman was born on January 25, 1855, in Charleston and in the congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church, of which her father was an elder. During the latter part of the Confederate War the family refugeed in Summerville, but Miss Stillman received her education at the Memminger Normal School of Charleston, from which she was graduated in 1870.

Miss Stillman had begun to write before that time, but her first published work was a memorial poem to her pastor, Dr. Thomas Smyth, in 1873. After that many of her poems and children's stories were written for the "Southern Presbyterian", always under the name "Grace Raymond", while she wrote for the Charleston "News and Courier" a story of the Confederate War called "Palm and Pine". Her mother, through whom came Miss Stillman's Huguenot blood and spirit, suggested the book which brought her into prominence as an author. "How They Kept the Faith" is an important contribution to the history of the martyred Huguenots and of Christianity. Mrs. Stillman also instilled in her daughter an enthusiasm for Foreign Missions.

The gradual failure of Miss Stillman's sight delayed the completion of her book and prevented all reading, but it never was allowed to cloud her cheerful spirit or her heavenly vision. No photograph of her is available, but none who knew her in youth may forget that exquisite regular profile, the blond hair brought down, madonna-wise,

on each side of the delicate face, the eyes veiled against the light, and the intent interest in sermon or talk.

Miss Stillman later resided in Tuscaloosa, near the institute founded by her distinguished uncle, Dr. Charles Stillman, but as with all good Charlestonians, her heart lived in Charleston and Charleston was the better for it. She lies with her people in the old burying-ground in the shadow of Second Church.

MRS. THOMAS S. SILCOX, (AGNES IRVING MISCALLY)

was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miscally of Second Presbyterian Church. Before her marriage she was an especially capable teacher. After her marriage she joined First Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Silcox is a member.

Her work has been distinguished in Christian Social Service. Mrs. Silcox joined the King's Daughters as a little girl in the Sunday School class of Mrs. Henry Robertson, and was given some old ladies, mostly bedridden, to brighten and cheer. Later, she was for many years leader of the circle, organized by Miss Louisa Buist. Then from 1910 to 1915 she was president of the Charleston City Union of the King's Daughters, which, during that period, set in motion the machinery for a combined Social Service Exchange, which they for a time maintained until it was established independently. They also petitioned City Council for Commission of Philanthropy to supervise all the social agencies of the city and see to the proper administration of funds as well as to prevent overlapping in aid of many cases. This was appointed by Council in 1918 and Mrs. Silcox was the first secretary. Later, under a new administration, it was abolished, but the seed had been sown for the splendid Commission (with paid workers) which we now have. During this period (as President of City Union) Mrs. Silcox became deeply interested in the work of Travelers' Aid and attended the Southern Sociological Congress in Atlanta, 1912, in that interest. Later the King's Daughters, with the Y. W. C. A. and a few others, organized the Charleston Society of Travelers' Aid, now under the control of the Y. W. C. A.

In 1915 Mrs. Silcox was called to the presidency of the State organization of the King's Daughters and held that post until 1919 when she became member of the International Council of the Order, representing South Carolina at their General Convention in 1924,

when she was elected International Secretary, which post she still holds.

Meanwhile, she had also been a member of the Y. W. C. A. and most clubs and organizations doing philanthropic work in the city (Hospital Association, etc.), and supported especially those helping women and babies, or doing scholarship work.

Mrs. Silcox says: "The list looks meagre enough for twenty-five years of service, but represents much hustling for funds, much advertising of the causes, much plowing of ground in Charleston, and much pioneer work, which may bear fruit when I am gone."

MRS. F. E. BARRON

Mrs. Frank E. Barron, formerly Etta Trott, born in Charleston in 1881, now of Columbia but formerly of First Church, Charleston, has been prominent in Christian Social Service for many years. From 1904 to 1906 she served on the State Board of the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons, was Recording Secretary of the State Board for one year and in 1907 became State President and Central Council member from South Carolina and served as such till 1916. She continued on the Board and has since served as Vice President. Mrs. Barron served as Secretary and Vice President of the Red Cross of Charleston. In the Charleston Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Barron served as President 1918-21 and on the Board of Trustees 1921-23.

Mrs. Barron helped to organize the Roper Hospital Auxiliary and was Secretary and member of the Executive Board. She was also Secretary of the Charleston Missionary Union and of the City Federation of Women's Clubs, and chairman of the Woman's Division of the Charleston Interracial Commission for two years.

She is now in charge of Young People's Work in the Shandon Presbyterian Church of Columbia, Superintendent of the Junior Department of the Sunday School, Leader of a Circle of King's Daughters, has been Chairman of the City Union of King's Daughters and is a member of the Social Survey Club, which is studying "Social problems of South Carolina as compared with those of other States."

Mrs. Barron is not only of unusual ability but is a woman of many loyal friendships, a companion to her husband and children and unselfish in her wise energy.

MRS. FRANK A. (ALICE M.) BAILEY

was born at Meadville, Pa., and educated at Buffalo State Normal University, New York. She married in 1895. Her children are Lynn Hamilton and Emma Louise Bailey.

Her activities—President Bay View Reading Club, Columbus, Ga., 1906-10; President and organizer New Era Club, Camden, N. J., 1912-15; District Chairman Committee to secure admission of girls to Rutgers, State College of New Jersey, 1912; District Chairman and organizer Suffrage Campaign for Southern New Jersey, 1914; Member State Board of Directors New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, 1913-19; Member Committee for securing social worker in Pine Belt of New Jersey, 1914; Member State Federation Committee for managing canteen service at Camp Merritt 1917-1918; President Woman's Club, Leonia, N. J., 1916-19; Chairman Liberty Loan Committee, Leonia, N. J., 1917-18; Assistant Director Red Cross, Leonia, N. J., 1917-18; President Woman's Auxiliary First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, 1922-25; Chairman Girl Reserve Committee, Y. W. C. A., Charleston, 1920; Vice President Y. W. C. A., Charleston, 1922; General Secretary and Cafeteria Director, Y. W. C. A., Charleston, 1923-28.

MISSIONARIES

HARRIETTE TAYLOR ARMSTRONG

the daughter of Frank E. and Clara Wilson Taylor, was born in Charleston, S. C.

The early years of her life were spent in this city where she attended school, finishing at the Misses Masters' School at Dobbs' Ferry on the Hudson. After her return home she continued her study of Music, Art and French. How little she then dreamed what a help these things were to be in after life!

Three years after leaving school, in July, 1891, she was married to the Rev. David Gibson Armstrong of Salem, Virginia, and the following September set sail with him for Brazil to engage in missionary work in that land, under the care of the Southern Presbyterian Church. Campinas, in the State of San Paulo, was their first location and here they studied the language, Portuguese, and began their missionary career.

In August, 1892, a little boy came to gladden their hearts and home and after lingering three short months went away. Then, a few weeks afterwards, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong removed to Lavras, Minas, where pioneer work was begun. After two years in this field, ill health obliged her to return to the United States. She was very frail for some years and a long hospital experience made it seem most inexpedient that they should return to Brazil. Mr. Armstrong entered the active pastorate: first, in Albany, Ga., and later in Atlanta. It was while he was the pastor of the Inman Park Church, Atlanta, that "the higher call" came to him, and upon her fell the most crushing blow she had ever known. With his loss went all that had made life so full and happy. After his death, which occurred in Salem, Virginia, at the old home, she returned to her father's home in Charleston, to begin life over again. Sometime afterwards she took up various lines of work and identified herself with church and city organizations. About this time the Y. W. C. A. came into being and she became a charter member, on the Board of Directors, and later its second president, which office she held for a couple of years.

However, the real work of Foreign Missions was the one which lay closest to her heart.

A few years passing, a visit to her brother, Dr. James H. Taylor, then in Macon, Ga., and afterwards pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church of Washington, D. C., led to a change of service. In returning to the interests of the manse and the pastorate—interests which had occupied earlier years—it had not required a great amount of persuasion; but, always and in everything, there had been running as an undercurrent, an almost passionate desire to return to the work "at the front", which time had not dimmed or dulled. Now, in Washington, it blazed afresh, ending in an application to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions for a regular appointment as missionary. This was granted; a waiting time followed; then Potomac Presbyterial Auxiliary awoke to action. The earnest women of this Auxiliary pledging themselves to "hold the ropes", she sailed for Brazil in the summer of 1908, as their representative after fourteen years' absence from that land. With her was Miss Ruth See, returning after a year's furlough in the homeland, and who was afterwards to become her co-worker and close friend throughout her missionary life. Together they labored in Lavras in the schools there, and five years later branched out into pioneer work, going to the town of Bon Successo, where a school and a church was established. It was in this place that the enemies of the Gospel tried to blow up the school with dynamite bombs and by a miracle the lives of all teachers and pupils were spared. God made the "wrath of men" to praise Him and after this experience the work went forward in almost "leaps and bounds", two nephews and a niece of the priest who was the instigator of the plot even coming into the school. He, himself, was run out of town. Bon Successo in years past had been famed for earthquakes; now they broke out afresh and continued for some time. It was impossible to find teachers who would come to this place and parents too, who would send their children to such an unsafe locality. These reasons led to the transfer of the school, after seven years, to Campo Bello, where it has become the center and heart of a most encouraging evangelistic work. Mrs. Armstrong and Miss See were also pioneers here, founding this work in 1920 which now flourishes and which has given abundant evidence of the favor and blessing of God upon it.

In 1925 Mrs. Armstrong suffered a serious breakdown and was ordered home by the mission doctor and her own Brazilian physician

for absolute and prolonged rest. With only three years of the fourth term of service completed, this came as a sore disappointment and a very deep sorrow. After twenty years of such happy and heart satisfying work the withdrawal could mean nothing else. It had all become her very life.

A wonderfud farewell meeting, the believers, the boys and girls, the friends in the town, all mingling their tears with hers and then all was ended. But the love, the prayers, the happy memories and dreams of that dear land, Brazil, and her people—will *go on* for all time. With sweet comfort we may remember our obedience to His command: "Go ye, etc.," and rest upon that precious promise: "And, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

THE REV. JOHN BAILEY ADGER, D. D., AND MRS. ADGER

This son of James Adger and Sarah Elizabeth Ellison, born in 1810 in Charleston, left wealth and worldly opportunity to go as a missionary to the Armenians in Smyrna and Constantinople.

He was ordained in his own church, Second Presbyterian of Charleston, in April, 1834.

On June 29th, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Keith Shrewsbury, of Circular Church, Charleston, at Second Presbyterian Church. After the regular afternoon service, the persons to be married were asked to come forward, whereupon he, from his pew, crossed the aisle to hers and led her to the pulpit. On the 2nd of August they sailed in the brig "Padang" from Boston to Smyrna, in company with other missionaries to Persia, Greece and Cyprus, all under the management of the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions. The ship had only three staterooms round one central cabin and the voyage lasted sixty-four days. Poor young Elizabeth was very seasick all the time.

The two young people took up the study of Armenian and of Modern Greek, and Doctor Adger proceeded to the translation of the ancient Armenian New Testament into Modern Armenian, also the Shorter Catechism, etc., especially a simple catechism prepared for the Negroes of Liberty County, Georgia, by the Rev. C. C. Jones. This was his work, but Dr. Adger always preached to such small groups as could be gathered together. Two sons were born to them

and died, then a daughter. This child was carried by them to England in 1838, as several of the Adger family were to meet them, and there that baby died. It was thought best for Mrs. Adger to return with the family to Charleston, where another son was born. When she returned in 1840, she brought her sister as companion. Before their final return to the United States, in 1846, three daughters were born, the sister and little boy had both died, and Dr. Adger's sight, seriously taxed by the unceasing work of translation, was almost destroyed by small-pox.

In 1846, the family went to London, Dr. Adger expecting to represent their mission at an experimental meeting of an Evangelical Alliance of all Christian believers. But he discovered that the Abolition party was so strong that he would not be permitted a seat because, in South Carolina, were a small number of Negroes, inherited by Mrs. Adger as slaves. Dr. Adger wrote to the Shrewsbury family, renouncing all right or title to these slaves, and Dr. Thomas Smyth, pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, husband of Dr. Adger's sister, Margaret, being also in attendance on the Alliance meeting, urged him to take part. There were only four Southerners in all present, but the rest of the American delegation, about sixteen, joined in protest against making slavery an issue. The extreme report was modified, but the Adgers, sailing immediately for New York, were joined there by members of the Adger family with whom Mrs. Adger returned with her children to Charleston. Dr. Adger went to Boston and, after reporting on his work, broached the question of his nominal ownership of slaves through his wife. The Board had refused some years before to give up the great missionary to Africa, Dr. John Leighton Wilson, who had retained one slave in the service of his family when he had freed the others and sent them to Liberia. So the Board, at any cost of persecution to itself, would stand by Dr. Adger.

But he, returning home, studied the religious need of the Negroes and resigned his Armenian Mission to take up work for them, according to his original desire. He found some three hundred colored members in Dr. Smyth's church (Second Presbyterian) while in First Church there were about five hundred. So he wrote to the American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions that he would give up the Armenian work as he felt called to "preach the gospel to the blacks". And in his memoirs he says that life in Turkey "had been a very happy life, both for me and my wife". Elizabeth left no

memoirs and it is doubtful whether she would have troubled to suggest to John's mind that the happiness was not unalloyed. She was a very wise wife. And life was easier for her for some time. Dr. Adger's father gave them a comfortable house and in a year or two she bore her last child, John.

Dr. Adger then began to devote his time to Dr. Smyth's colored people. Second Church had a lecture room in Society Street and in the basement the mission was begun. This is reported in the story of Zion Presbyterian Church. From Society Street Mission the Anson Street congregation was formed and the chapel built. It was doing well when Dr. Adger turned it over to Dr. Jacobs in 1851 and moved to Pendleton, S. C., where he purchased a plantation. In 1857 he accepted the chair of Church History and Church Polity in the Theological Seminary, his eyesight having improved, and moved to Columbia. During the Confederate War he sent his family to his home in Pendleton, a second plantation (the first having been sold to his youngest brother in 1858), depositing his and a brother's library with other possessions, in a storehouse behind the residence of his cousin, Mrs. Nancy Law, and shipping his necessary furniture to Pendleton. Not long after Sherman's army entered Columbia, old Mrs. Law and her sister obtained a guard who were civil all day and appreciatively ate the food offered them. But when night came and the three rocket signals went up, the rioters came to the house and her guard joined them, taking the candle from the table to help in starting the conflagration which consumed house, warehouse, everything. Old Mrs. Law had already sent away her sister, niece and grandniece. She fled from the threats of the soldiers through the streets and found shelter for a while. But on the second or third day she was found wandering and alone in her ruined garden and taken to the Seminary, where she ended the very brief days remaining to her in Law Hall, the building her own generosity had erected.

Dr. Adger's family and others were at Boscobel plantation when raiders went through Anderson County. One peculiarly offensive man stole the watches and jewelry of Dr. Adger and the ladies of the household, telling one who appealed to his mother's memory that he had no mother, he was the son of his aunt! Dr. Adger followed him from the house, saw him mounting, and turned away to be startled by the explosion of the man's gun which sent its full load through the raider's throat. The other raiders returned and without sympathy for their fellow proceeded to empty his pockets. Dr. Ad-

ger clapping his hands over their heads, said "The hand of God is on you, men. Give me back my watch". They gave it in terror and his daughter's also, leaving the dying man to be cared for and buried by Dr. Adger.

The rest of Dr. Adger's long and influential life belongs to the Presbytery of Piedmont as he ended his days as pastor of the Church of Pendleton in 1899, Mrs. Adger having died in 1890.

THE REV. LANGDON CHEVES McCORD SMYTHE, D. D., AND MRS. SMYTHE

L. C. McC. Smythe, son of Augustine Thomas Smythe and Louisa McCord, was born in Charleston on February 7, 1883, and baptized on the birthday of his great-grandfather, Langdon Cheves, in the Portman Shoals house, near Pendleton, by Dr. John B. Adger, his father's uncle.

His education was under tutors at private schools and in old Second Church, in Charleston, and later at the University of Virginia, where he graduated, with distinction, at an early age. He had already decided to be a missionary but, agreeing with his father that a very young man needed greater experience of life before entering the ministry, he taught in Charleston until he entered Princeton Seminary. Up to this time he had planned to go to China but a group of Japanese students so influenced him that he left the decision to the Mission Board who preferred to send him to Japan. On graduation in May, 1912, he was ordained in the Second Presbyterian Church, Charleston, on June 14 (in company with the Rev. S. H. Wilds, for Africa), and sailed for Germany; having won one of two fellowships awarded by the Seminary to the graduating class, he studied for a year at the Universities of Heidelberg and Marburg, taking his lectures in German.

In October of 1913, Dr. Smythe went to Japan, entering the Language School at Tokio. Here he studied and at the same time taught English and Christianity to students of the universities desiring lessons in English. In the spring of 1915, Dr. Smythe went to the Mission Station of Toyohashi, where he worked under the Rev. C. K. Cumming.

Dr. Smythe married Miss Mary Irwin Fletcher of Accomac, Virginia, on July 20, 1916. In 1917 they were transferred to Nagoya where Dr. Smythe became treasurer and missionary adviser of the

Golden Castle High School for girls. As a member of the faculty, he has taught Bible and English. He has been the representative of the Japanese Government on the Board of the School. He not only has been an important factor in the development of this school but has carried on evangelistic work, acting as visiting pastor for several Japanese churches and teaching Bible and English to large classes of young men. In the autumn of 1918 he went to Siberia as Y. M. C. A. Secretary with the Japanese troops and remained for six months. With this exception, he has continued at Nagoya.

Dr. Smythe's policy has always been one of confidence and fraternal friendliness with the Japanese Christians. The ultimate end of successful mission work is the establishment of an independent, self-conducting, native church, strong enough to advance its hosts against unbelief with no outside aid. To that end there is to his mind but one path, the living and preaching of Jesus Christ and Him crucified for the salvation of souls.

Mrs. Smythe has been his able and unfaltering assistant. Their first meeting was in Karuizawa, in 1914, where she was visiting her cousins in the mission, Mr. and Mrs. Myers. Mrs. Smythe is the daughter of Judge James Henry Fletcher who was a most consecrated Christian man, an elder in the old Makemie Church of Accomac, Virginia.

Mrs. Smythe was educated at Mary Baldwin Seminary and Randolph-Macon Woman's College, graduating there in Music and taking honors in all her work. Her music has been of the greatest service as an introduction to cultured Japanese, in training her kindergarten workers, in her kindergarten itself and in training her husband's young men's classes in hymn-singing. Mrs. Smythe is organist at two churches, teaches girls' Bible classes, teaches church music, and taught for one year at school during Dr. Smythe's absence in Siberia. In addition to her intellectual and religious work, Mrs. Smythe is well trained in practical things and instructs classes of ladies in American cooking and sewing, provided her pupils give an equal time at each lesson to the study of the Bible. She has made many delightful friendships with congenial women, both Japanese and foreign, is unconquerably hospitable and most patiently cheerful under the opinions of others; in short, a perfect missionary wife.

REV. AND MRS. C. R. JENKINS

The Rev. Charles Rees Jenkins is the son of C. B. and Lula T. Jenkins and was born on January 30th, 1897.

He graduated from the Porter Military Academy in 1912, at Davidson College in 1917 and at Columbia Seminary in 1923.

Mr. Jenkins spent one year in Mountain Missions work and then, after some months at the Biblical Seminary, New York, he sailed for Japan. From early boyhood this baptized child of the First Church, Charleston, decided to give his life in the service of the Master, and has been, and that most signally, led to go and preach the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth. On February 9th, 1925, he and his wife left Charleston for Japan.

Mrs. Jenkins was Elizabeth Simons, daughter of Theodore and Caroline Simons, born in Charleston, but she lived in Columbia, S. C., before her marriage. She is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Charleston, S. C., and is truly a help-mate in the work of the Master to her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins are stationed at Tokushima, under the Rev. A. F. Hassell. They are still studying the language. Mr. Jenkins teaches classes of students and assists Mr. Hassel in itinerary work. Mrs. Jenkins teaches in the Sunday Schools. They have two children.

THE REV. JOHN LAFAYETTE GIRARDEAU, D. D.,

was one of the strongest factors in the Southern Presbyterian Church, in the Synod of South Carolina, and the Presbytery of Charleston of his time, because he was filled with unquestioning enthusiasm for his work, because he had the charm of personality, but more than all because he had the gift of tongues and consecrated it with the rest to the service of God.

Born of Huguenot ancestry on James Island in 1825, in his only account of his youth he tells of his first memories of that old church, then of his education in Charleston. In a history of his Life and Work compiled by his son-in-law, George A. Blackburn, D. D., we read of his first church, old Wappetaw, where he preached to large congregations of Negroes after the white people's service, of his marriage and removal to Wilton where he was ordained on June 9, 1850. There Dr. Girardeau again chose the colored people as his

especial charge and was persuaded to leave Wilton only by the call to take charge of the Anson Street Chapel, a mission for Negroes established by Dr. John B. Adger and the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston. Here Dr. Girardeau labored, establishing the independence of the church in 1855 and attracting a large group of white attendants who used the "Amen" pews. From this grew in 1859 Zion Church, with white officers and members of both races, where he ministered until the Confederate War. He served as Chaplain, then returned to his divided congregation, the Negroes continuing in Zion Church. By act of the General Assembly in 1874 the Negroes were cut off to form their own organization. He opposed this, as he recognized the Negroes' need of the white man's leadership. He was assisted by Dr. J. B. Mack from 1867 to 1869 and the Rev. Peter Gowan ordained in Zion, November 15, 1870, ministered to the congregation as evangelist till April, 1873, with Dr. Girardeau's oversight; after which the responsibility again devolved upon Dr. Girardeau. In the minute book of Zion the last entries of the church as connected with the Presbyterian Church of the United States are in Dr. Girardeau's hand, signed by him "Clerk pro tem". He closed his formal connection with them in July, 1874, but presided occasionally until December, 1875.

His white congregation, on leaving the church on Calhoun Street to the Negroes, had joined with the Glebe Street Congregation, as Zion Church in Glebe Street. Here Dr. Girardeau ministered. In 1875 he was elected to the chair of Didactic and Polemic Theology in Columbia Theological Seminary. His services there are well known, as also is his pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Columbia on Arsenal Hill founded under his preaching. He died in 1898.

It has been requested that the writer should give some personal recollections of Dr. Girardeau. So many think of him as the preacher of the famous "Last Judgment" sermon, of the dignity of the learned Professor, of his severity as ecclesiastic, and so few know the lovable man. The writer, as the daughter of Augustine T. Smythe, was thrown into affectionate intimacy with Dr. Girardeau in early life. He came to Hot Springs, Va., to be with "Gus Smythe" and adopted the children as his special charge. We three would troop over to his cottage from ours and, hearing us, out he would come, pulling down his long upper lip and looking severe while we looked expectant. After a few introductory criticisms of children who expected things, he would say "Well, if you will answer a question in the Shorter

Catechism, I will tell a story. 'What is Effectual Calling'?'' The two eldest were sufficiently proficient to answer glibly and then the Doctor would tell ''B' Rabbit Stories''; usually his favorite tale of how B' Deer and B'Coutah run race for de N'yung Gal. Remember, he was born on James Island. And after stories, if he was pleased with us, up would go his long, black, clerical coat-tails under his arms and off he would frog-jump at ''Shoo-ducky-shoo'' with a string of little Smythes ''shooing'' behind him. On one occasion various Smythes on horse back were bound for an exploration of a mountain top. He was urged to ride, but insisted on walking to the top of the ridge, when, spying a wild turkey running from us down the steep slope, he ''opened'' like a fox hound, and continuing to ''give tongue'', took after the wild turkey until out of breath. Some years after the Smythes were in deep sorrow. One of those children had followed the grandmother to heaven and the loneliness was almost too heavy for faith. Dr. Girardeau made a trying journey to our summer home and there, one blessed evening, he talked to the grown people while the writer sat, as a young thing should, upon the piazza steps. He gave us his own experiences as a pastor with the dying, his own certainty of the presence of our Lord and of his saints about the deathbed, of their recognition by the passing spirit; of the immortality certainly awaiting those of us who were living, attained already by those of us who had died. And that talk, with a sermon by him heard later in Columbia, ''Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen'', has grown to be a part of me, ''and shall be 'till I die.''

MRS. SARA GRAY

CHARLESTON PRESBYTERIAL, COLORED MISSIONARY TO THE NEGROES OF THE FOUR SEA ISLANDS, EDISTO, JOHN'S ISLAND, JAMES ISLAND AND WADMALAW

''Sara Gray came from Baltimore, Maryland, having married (her second husband) Rev. Alonzo Gray, a Presbyterian minister, who was born on Wadmalaw Island, S. C., and though educated in the North, was never satisfied, until he came back to South Carolina, where he did a big work among the colored people on John's and Wadmalaw Island. Sara was always a wonderful help to him, and after his death, though urged to return to Baltimore, continued to work among his people as teacher and friend, especially in times of

trouble, faithfully and earnestly, free of all charge, though the church owed her husband much money on account of the cyclone that swept our coast. These were dark days for Sara, with two children to care for, but she longed to help where her husband worked. When the question came up for a woman to work among the colored women, I recommended her to the committee of which I was a member, and was appointed by the committee to see her. She gladly accepted, and has been no disappointment, faithfully and prayerfully discharging her duties, as she had done for years without even regular pay. Before she took the position, she had the highest regard of the people, many loved and esteemed her, that has grown with the years, and no easy task has been hers, to show and suggest to people the right way to live, keep house and care for their children. No ordinary woman could have handled the situation, but she has, and helped conditions immensely. I have seen it in their homes and surroundings. Both my husband and myself (after Mr. Legare's death) often loaned Sara and her husband money when in special trouble, and it was always paid back, and Sara, little by little, paid all of her husband's debts, which were incurred of necessity after the cyclone and a long expensive sickness whereof he died; this could not be forced upon her, but she wanted to and when I last talked with her a few years ago, more than half his debts had been paid. Her son, Alonzo Gray, was, when I saw him last, a very promising lad, now a young man". (This comes from Mrs. F. Y. Legare.)

Mrs. T. S. Legare of John's Island writes: "Sara Gray is a Northern woman, educated in Boston; she has been well educated, writes fluently and is a good speaker. I know very little of her past life. Her husband was pastor of one of the Presbyterian churches for colored people for several years, a good man, well thought of by everybody. I knew them for years but did not come in personal contact until I was appointed chairman of Colored Work. I have found Sara a good, conscientious, Christian woman, making her home on these islands, in poverty, when she could go North and live with her children in comfort, simply because she loves her people. She says she can't leave them in such need of Jesus and Christian training and a more sanitary mode of living. She is faithful in her work for us among her people and is trying conscientiously to uplift them. The territory in which she works is large for one worker, which makes the results slow. She is a colored *lady.*"

OTHER MISSIONARIES

Other missionaries are referred to as follows:

By Bethel Ponpon and Stoney Creek, Miss Eliza Burr.
By Charleston First and Stoney Creek, Mrs. Cassie Martin Arnold.
By Charleston First, Miss Charlotte Kemper.
By Charleston First, Mrs. Motte Martin.
By Charleston First, Mrs. Nelle P. Sprunt Little.
By Charleston First, Miss Sophie P. Graham.
By Charleston First, Charleston Second and Westminster, Mrs. Randolph's school.
By Charleston Second, Dr. and Mrs. P. F. Price and sons.
By Charleston Second, Dr. and Mrs. Houston.
By Charleston Second, Dr. and Mrs. Dubose.

ITEMS OF NOTE

THE COLIN McK. GRANT HOME

Mr. Colin McK. Grant and his wife, Jane Carolina Wilson Grant, determined to found a home for aged Presbyterians, who are residents of Charleston, and to this end, they obtained a charter from the Secretary of State creating the Colin McK. Grant Home into a corporation, and made plans to erect a home upon the property which they owned at the corner of Meeting and Huger Streets in the City of Charleston.

Mr. Grant died in the year 1921 before the plans were completed. By his will, he left one-third of the residue of his estate to his widow, and two-thirds to the Colin McK. Grant Home. After the death of Mr. Grant, Mrs. Grant completed the plans, engaged an architect to put these plans in shape and awarded a contract for their execution. Mrs. Grant died in the year 1923 before the buildings were erected. By her will, except for some small legacies, she devised and bequeathed her entire estate to the Colin McK. Grant Home, and the buildings were completed by the executor. By the terms of the will of Mr. Grant and the rules adopted for the management of the Home, no persons can be received into the Home unless they are forty-five years of age or over, have an income of twenty-five dollars a month, are Presbyterians and have resided in the City of Charleston for five years prior to their admission into the Home.

There are six brick buildings at the Home, each containing four apartments of two rooms each. Each resident is entitled to an apartment, water, light and heat. The Home was opened in October, 1924. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grant were all their lives devoted members of the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston, S. C.

THE ARGYLE LOUDEN MEMORIAL HOME

The Argyle Louden Memorial Home for needy Presbyterian and Huguenot women of Charleston is the concrete evidence of a dream fulfilled.

The need for such a home was recognized forty years ago, and

on March 13, 1888, at a meeting held in the Second Presbyterian Church, an organization was effected to work to that end. Twenty-five members selected from the churches interested formed the Board of Managers, and the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. G. R. Brackett; Secretary, Miss H. W. Lanneau; Treasurer, Mrs. Henry Welch.

This organization worked faithfully for many years, but it was not until 1904 that any positive step could be taken. At that time, Mrs. James Allan, who had succeeded Mrs. Brackett as president, announced that Miss Mary Campbell had bequeathed her residence on Beaufain Street, to be used as a Home for Presbyterian and Huguenot women, in memory of her father, mother and sister. Owing to various legal difficulties, the society did not obtain control of the property until 1908. Since that time it has been filled with those to whom it was designed to minister.

The Home furnishes light, water, use of telephone and services of a caretaker, but residents provide their own board.

The interest on several small bequests forms a very inadequate income, which has to be supplemented by yearly dues from those interested and special efforts to raise money to meet expenses, but it is a worthwhile work of women for women. These officers have served: Presidents: Mrs. G. R. Brackett, Mrs. James Allan (twenty-four years), Mrs. Alex. Sprunt, Mrs. J. C. Dillingham, Mrs. C. B. Jenkins, Mrs. J. M. Whitsett; Secretary: Miss H. W. Lanneau (twenty-five years); Treasurers: Mrs. Henry Welch, Mrs. M. Mathewes, Mrs. O. H. Bissell, Miss Susan McGee.

The present officers are: President, Dr. Sarah C. Allan; Secretary, Miss Elizabeth C. Mackenzie; Treasurer, Mrs. R. W. Hutson.

THE UNITED COMMUNION OF CHARLESTON

During the year 1877 the pastors of the Presbyterian churches of Charleston, Rev. John Forrest, D. D., of the First Church; Rev. Gilbert R. Brackett, D.D., of the Second Church, Rev. Wm. C. Dana, D. D., of Central Church (afterwards named Westminster); Rev. Wm. F. Junkin, D. D., of Glebe Street Church; the Rev. Mr. Cunningham, of Ebenezer, held several conferences on the subject of the more hearty co-operation and fellowship of the several congregations, the result of which was an agreement to hold a united communion ser-

vice on the first Sunday of the following year. On the first Sunday of 1878 (January 6th) all of the Presbyterians of the city assembled in the first Presbyterian Church and were welcomed by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Forrest.

Dr. Junkin preached an eloquent sermon, Dr. Dana administered the communion assisted by Drs. Brackett and Forrest, Rev. Mr. Adams and Rev. Mr. Cunningham. This service has been held continuously, the only break being the first Sunday of 1887 following the earthquake of August, 1886, by which all the Presbyterian churches were so seriously damaged that there was not one in which the service could be held. On the first Sunday of the present year, January 1st, 1928, fifty years after, the communion was again held in the First Presbyterian Church. Present: Rev. Alexander Sprunt, D.D., of the First Church; Rev. J. W. Hickman, D.D., of the Second Church; Rev. Geo. A. Nickles, of Westminster Church, and Rev. L. C. M. Smyth, D.D., of the Second Church, missionary from Japan on furlough, with the elders of the several churches.

Of those officiating at the first communion all have gone to their reward, save one elder of the First Church, Mr. S. E. Welch.

MARGARET B. MURE.

TO PIERRE LA NOUE

Born in France, 1647

To thee, great-great-grandsire, Pierre La Noue
I bring the homage that I long have felt,
And thank thee for the spirit of the Celt
That breathes through all I've done or *hope to do.*
Thy name was borne by no ignoble crew,
And if it has come down to me misspelt,
Time has with other names more harshly dealt.
Snoaks' acorns on the limbs of Seven Oaks grew.
What if my Saxon strain has made me sturdy
And given this mortal frame its fibre tough;
Thy blood has taught my muse to sing and dance.
What if my viol be a hurdy-gurdy!
My steps a shuffle,—voice now thin, now rough,
The music of my life I owe to France!

This poem is in the handwriting of A. W. Lanneau, who says it

was sent him by Basil Lanneau Gildersleeve at the age of ninety-two, and written by him; also that Dr. Gildersleeve's handwriting was difficult to decipher. The fourth line was certainly wrong as it marred a sonnet.

The change of "felt" to "hope to do", making the rhyme and rhythm correct is the suggestion of Dr. C. J. Milling, of Darlington, a descendant of Pierre La Noue.

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Mrs. Col. Lehre,
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Miss Rachel Parker.

This Society endowed a scholarship at Princeton before the establishment of the Presbyterian Seminary in Columbia, S. C., but worked afterwards for the Southern institution.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Congaree Presbyterial

HISTORIANS

Mrs. J. B. Zemp
Mrs. W. L. Dunovant
Mrs. A. P. Davis
Mrs. C. J. Hill

Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.—Eph. 5:2

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

AIKEN

The Aiken Presbyterian Church was organized August 28th, 1858, with a membership of fourteen. A lot sufficiently large for a church and manse was given by Elder W. P. Finley, and an excellent frame building was erected and dedicated in 1859.

The work of the women of this church was not begun until 1877, though the women helped in many ways, even acting as sexton by ringing the bell and building fires.

A small melodeon belonging to the Rev. John R. Dow's family was taken to the church each Sabbath to furnish the music. This was played by Miss Videau Kirk, a returned missionary from Brazil, who not only was organist, but organized a children's missionary society, and taught a class in Sunday School in later years. The first organized work was the Sewing Society in 1877 with sixteen charter members, as follows: Mrs. John R. Dow, Mrs. William Wyman, Mrs. H. G. Raworth, Mrs. L. Bradwell, Mrs. L. Williams, Mrs. J. Palmer, Mrs. P. A. Emanuel, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Bell Morris, Miss Mary Dow, Miss Katie Dow, Miss Retta Dow, Miss Dessie Hutson, Miss Florence Wyman, Miss Maggie Carson and Mrs. E. C. Legare. The first officers were: Mrs. E. C. F. Jones, President; Mrs. B. F. Wyman, Directress; Miss Louisa Jones, Treasurer and Secretary.

This society was very strict in the duty of its members, as each was required to make one garment per week, or pay a fine of five cents. These garments were sent out and sold by the colored members of this church, and the money used for local work of the church and charity.

In 1883 a Foreign Missionary Society was organized. As the early records of this society were burned when the home of Mr. Holbrook Wyman was destroyed, only a few names of the charter members can be secured. They are: Mrs. E. C. F. Jones and daughter, Miss Louisa Jones, Mrs. Ben Wyman, Miss Florence Wyman, Mrs. Katie Dow Ligon, Miss Dessie Hutson, Miss Videau Kirk, Miss Mary Dow, Miss Retta Dow, Mrs. Palmer, Miss Maggie Carson, Mrs. Emanuel, Mrs. Laura Turner, Mrs. James Powell, Mrs. Robert Powell, Mrs. L. Bradwell, Mrs. D. S. Henderson, and others.

Later on the younger women of the church were formed into an Aid Society through the efforts of Mrs. Howard Vincent, née Miss Patty Wyman. It was the aim of this society to help with the local work of the church, and to give aid to the needy.

In 1918 after the meeting of Presbyterial in this church, it was decided to combine the Foreign Missionary and the Ladies' Aid, and form the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. John Eadie Henderson, the wife of our beloved pastor, was the first president, and Mrs. Grace Powell Henderson, vice president. Mrs. J. E. Henderson, by her sweet personality and executive ability, did much to promote a desire for greater service for the Master.

During the World War our members were earnest in their labors for the great cause.

Secretaries of all causes of the church were elected and programs given following the year Book of Programs, and contributions made according to Assembly's plan. Each year two or three Mission Study classes are held. Since organizing on the Auxiliary plan, the work has gone forward, the number of members willing to take active part and lead in prayer has increased.

The presidents serving faithfully since the organization of the Auxiliary are as follows: Mrs. J. E. Henderson, Mrs. Jenny Wyman, Mrs. Hattie Powell Hill, Mrs. Hattie Roland McNair, Mrs. Carrie Robinson Pardue, Mrs. Geneva Murray Sanders.

In 1924 the wooden building was taken down and a modern brick church was erected, containing Sunday School rooms and kitchenette, and a new pipe organ was installed. The Auxiliary raised money for the carpet and gave a piano to the Sunday School, and money contributed to the church debt each year.

For years an orphan at Thornwell has been clothed, besides helping in other ways.

Contributions were given for the brick homes for our missionaries in Africa, and the Baby Cottage at Thornwell. Each birthday party of the Auxiliary has been celebrated and an offering given. The Auxiliary counts all members of the church as members, and is striving to interest the indifferent ones. One missionary has gone from this church to the Foreign Field, Miss Edmonia Martin, who is doing a great work in Brazil.

The free will offering is the only method used for raising funds in this Auxiliary.

The following Presbyterial officers have been furnished by this Auxiliary: Miss Lula Switzer, Mrs. E. S. Henderson, Mrs. David Inglis, and Mrs. C. J. Hill.

AIMWELL

Aimwell Presbyterian Church is perhaps one of the oldest Presbyterian churches in the State. While records obtainable are very incomplete, it appears that the church was organized about the year 1798 upon a tract of land donated by Francis Robinson for that purpose. Membership supposed to be about thirty included a few colored members. Mr. and Mrs. Reid H. Brown came to this church on August 4, 1883, and immediately gave their lives unreservedly to its service, he as a ruling elder and she as one of the pillars of the church for twenty-five years. She has taken up the work of her sainted husband and it would be hard to visualize Aimwell Church without her. She is president of the Auxiliary and has been for years.

Mrs. W. C. Edmunds has also given gladly her services as Bible teacher and her beautiful voice has been of untold help in the song services.

Mrs. C. M. Kay, Foreign Mission Secretary in the Auxiliary, considers it a privilege to teach a class in the Sunday School and serve the Auxiliary, besides being a tither.

Other women whose faithfulness, self-sacrifice and service have been an important factor are: Mrs. W. B. Kennedy, Mrs. S. C. Starnes, Mrs. F. P. Hinnant, Miss Eugenia Rosborough.

ARSENAL HILL, COLUMBIA

Beginning as a mission in one of the State Fair Buildings on Elmwood Avenue, Columbia, S. C., the Arsenal Hill Presbyterian Church has had from its founding in 1886 a unique position in the Southern Church. It grew from a mission into a church under the leadership of Dr. John L. Girardeau, at that time Professor of Theology at the Columbia Seminary. Its foundation aim, aside from its fundamental purpose of soul saving, was to bear witness to the great principles of the Church of the Reformation. Fearing the drift of the church in a period of prosperity, it stood for absolute simplicity of worship, strict Sabbath observance, opposition to worldly amusements, support by the tithe, and

a complete dependence on the power of the Holy Spirit. Its firm adherence to the principle of the Divine Warrant as interpreted by the reformers and by the outstanding leaders in the Southern Church in its early history gave it the reputation of being narrow. In spite of this it grew steadily.

One of its undertakings that stands out was the establishment of the Presbyterian High School by the church's second pastor, Dr. George A. Blackburn. Under the control of the session, the young people of the church and others were trained daily in the study of the Scriptures and the doctrines of the church as a fundamental part of the curriculum.

This church also instituted the movement for annual union services of all denominations of the city. These meetings were held for a time on the open square equipped for services across from the church. Pastors of the different churches conducted the services in turn. The result was a deeper fellowship and harmony among the various denominations.

The third and present pastor of the church is Rev. Wade H. Boggs, in whose pastorate the Auxiliary was formed.

Before the development of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies into the Auxiliary, the women's work had followed closely the program of the church. Beginning with its inception the little band of women instituted the first society, supported the pastor in his work, visiting and ministering to the sick and poor, among whom this church sought to render special service. The few who are still living tell of faithful work in those days when they actually fed the hungry, clothed the needy, nursed the sick, and personally served in the homes where death had come. At that time there was no organized relief agency in Columbia.

A new form of work was undertaken by them in meeting the social needs of the young both in the school and the congregation. Many children who had never had any social advantages were made happy by the many social gatherings planned and executed by these women. In this way it was easy to handle the amusement problem and counteract vicious influences of worldliness.

They further assisted in the local mission work of the church, teaching and working in missions that later grew into churches. A limited amount of Foreign Mission study was done. One of the members became a missionary. Prayer Bands were stressed from the first.

The growth into the Auxiliary and Circle Plan was one of natural development. There have been only three presidents. The work is prospering with a division of five circles, one meeting in the evenings for the business women. Throughout the history of women's work in this

church, a successful stand has been made against any method of raising funds other than by voluntary contributions.

Our objectives this year are more intensive Bible Study and Prayer by every member and more personal service and interest in the saving of souls in our city as well as in foreign lands.

Presbyterial officers and secretaries are: Mrs. R. H. McDonald, Mrs. Irene Hudson, Mrs. William Barron, Mrs. R. C. Bolick.

October, 1927.

The first meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Arsenal Hill Church was held March 18, 1919, in the little chapel on Arsenal Hill where services had been held when the chapel housed the little mission church known as the Second Presbyterian Church of Columbia.

The chapel had cradled the church, the Sunday School, the Young People's Society, and the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies. When the Young People's Society had grown into a Christian Endeavor Society and the Missionary Society into an Auxiliary the little building was discarded and the growing organizations moved into the new Sunday School annex of the church.

The Auxiliary consisting of twenty-seven members, formed from the existing organization of women under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Wade H. Boggs, grew very slowly until the instituting of the Circle System in 1921 when a decided increase in attendance and leadership was noted. Since then there has been no similar increase and the leaders are anxious for a movement that seeks and works for spiritual power as earnestly as we sought the perfection of our machinery for reaching and developing members.

The first president of the Auxiliary was Mrs. W. D. Brandenburg who had been so faithful in the Ladies' Society. Mrs. Brandenburg's death in 1921 was a great loss to the Auxiliary. Miss Mary Frazee, at that time matron at the Theological Seminary, now librarian at Chicora College, was elected vice president. Mrs. E. C. Barnard was secretary and Mrs. N. A. Shields, treasurer.

Among those who appeared in the first programs were Mrs. Alexis Love who moved away later, Mrs. Julia Warren Gelston and Mrs. L. P. Bush, who have since passed away.

Miss Mary Frazee became the second president; Miss Mary Holmes, assistant superintendent of the Door of Hope, vice president, and Mrs. Wade H. Boggs, secretary. The term of office was six months.

It is interesting to note that those who were active in the period of the Auxiliary's life are still leaders in the work.

The third president was Mrs. Wesley Frost; Mrs. L. P. Bush was vice president and Mrs. Boggs, secretary, Miss Jennie Innes, treasurer.

In 1921 the Auxiliary adopted the Circle System. The new officers elected were Miss Chauncey Blackburn, president; Mrs. J. A. Hancock, vice president; Mrs. Cornelia Cole, secretary, and Miss Innis, treasurer. Mrs. N. G. Gonzales, later the effective secretary of the Auxiliary and still later the chairman of its business woman's circle, was chairman of the constitution committee that worked out the details of the new plan. Thanks to the more intensive work in the circles and the rallying of the members to the support of the president who had a traveling position with the South Carolina Tuberculosis Association and was working under difficulties, the Auxiliary developed wonderfully. Along with the other circles the Business Women's Organization started its history with a group of about twenty business women at the Y. M. C. A. building for supper and program meetings. The circles of the Auxiliary in turn prepared the suppers until the business women became self supporting. With Mrs. Gonzales as leader, this circle subdivided into three groups, has become a tower of strength in the Auxiliary.

By joint meetings of the business women and the other circles two evenings a year a delightful fellowship has developed. A Sunday School Bible class of business women is the last movement promoted by this circle. The accomplishments of this circle have been encouraging. Miss Flo Gary, secretary of the director of the Department of Rural Sanitation of the State Board of Health, led the blue ribbon group of business women last year. One of the beloved members of this circle who has passed away was Mrs. Fannie Allen, one of the charter members of the church.

In 1922, after the installation of the circles, the same president served under a different name, Mrs. D. McL. McDonald, and continued to thrust responsibility on her executive committee as she continued her field work with the Tuberculosis Association. Mrs. R. A. Chandler, Jr., was vice president, Mrs. N. G. Gonzales, secretary, and Mrs. L. P. Geer, treasurer.

In 1923, Mrs. W. R. Barron became the fifth president. During her term the Auxiliary's machinery ran smoothly and more time was given to the work of the secretaries of causes. Under Mrs. N. A. Shields, the sixth president, Mrs. H. W. Desportes, the seventh, and Mrs. J. D. Anderson, who is still in office, the work has gone forward. Other officers in

these terms not named previously are Mrs. Weir and Miss Estelle Smith, both secretaries.

The names of many loyal workers and secretaries of causes have not been called but mention must be made of the beneficent influence of Mrs. W. H. Hudson, our ex-missionary to China.

The Bible Study classes, taught by Miss Irene Hudson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Hudson, have been an important part of the Auxiliary's life. Another spiritualizing force has been the Prayer Band organized in 1922, that meets before services every Sabbath morning.

There is nothing unusual to tell of the consistent program of the organization, which is based on the points contained in the "Standard of Excellence" with many "specials" and local undertakings. There is still a decided flavor of the old Ladies' Aid in the Auxiliary as can be seen by the zeal with which a new church carpet was put down in 1923; by the continued interest in helping with the building and furnishing of the Sunday School building, and by the personal service in homes where there is need.

BATESBURG-LEESVILLE

In June, 1923, the Presbyterian women of Batesburg and Leesville met after Sabbath morning service in the Batesburg Theater for the purpose of electing officers preparatory to organizing a Woman's Auxiliary. Mr. A. W. Dick, who was then a student in the Seminary in Columbia and our stated supply, presided over this meeting. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Lillian Gaines Leatham, President; Mrs. Mabel Harris Shillito, Vice President; Mrs. Annie Teague Fulmer, Secretary; Mrs. Ida Johnson Brodie, Treasurer.

Following is a list of charter members: Mrs. Ida Johnson Brodie, Mrs. Annie Teague Fulmer, Mrs. Lillian Gaines Leatham, Mrs. Mamie Malloy Reid, Mrs. Mabel Harris Shillito, Mrs. Daisy Pierce Towill, Mrs. Mamie Branch Whitten, Mrs. Beulah McCall Yon.

Mrs. Daisy Pierce Towill is vice president of Presbyterial.

After getting a church building the principal financial efforts of Auxiliary were directed toward helping to pay off our church debt. This has been accomplished. We are now interested in church furniture.

One of our members contributed pulpit furniture and we have started a pew fund. We use the budget plan and contribute toward all causes as directed by Assembly.

Mission Study and Bible Study classes have been regularly held, also Prayer Bands. Group Conference met with us in 1926.

MRS. IDA J. BRODIE, *Historian.*

BEECH ISLAND

The Presbyterian Church of Beech Island, since its founding, has been peculiarly supported by the lives and works of its women. In the earliest days of the church, Mrs. Axson, one of the two daughters of the founder of the church, Dr. Nathan Hoyt, and the mother of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson and wife of Dr. Axson, who was pastor of the church during the Civil War, was one of the most consecrated and devoted workers—about 1850 to 1865. Other saintly women were Mrs. Mary Ann Mills, who was blind, but never missed a service of the church, also her daughter, Mrs. Ann Helen Poag. They had to have especial seats built in the church, because of their great size, being very large women, and the seats remain to this day—1855-1870.

Perhaps the woman who did most for the church, because the church's need was so great at this time, was Miss Catherine Spann Hyde of Charleston, who made her home in this community, with her cousin, the sainted Mrs. Catherine Fitzsimmons Hammond, wife of Governor Hammond of South Carolina. This gentlewoman, who at a time when all were so impoverished in the days following the Civil War, sold beautiful pieces of hand work for which she was famous, and taught a large class of piano pupils, for she was an accomplished musician, and with the proceeds of her labor bought the much needed small organ, to replace the one completely obsolete, which had been purchased by the efforts of Miss Elizabeth Miller Cook years before. She also secured suitable lights for the church. Mr. John R. Dow, during his pastorate, called her his "little elder".

No mention of the women of the Beech Island Presbyterian Church could possibly be complete without the names of Mrs. R. Walker Meyer and Mrs. Martha Mills. These saints of God worked side by side for many years when the church was at its really lowest ebb, spiritually and financially. At this time the membership had dwindled by death and removal to fifteen, mostly women, and two young people in the church. We all remember with amusement the prayer of a minister in the Baptist church at this time, who prayed for the success of "Our sister church with its godly women and four men", which was sadly true. By the

efforts of Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Mills, assisted most ably by Mrs. William Davant, the church building, which was badly decayed and in need of repairs, was partially rebuilt, painted inside and out, heated, etc. But most important, these women worked for the upbuilding of God's kingdom. They went out into their world and won souls; they, by the beautiful example of their lives, brought men and women to God. Too early was Mrs. Meyer called to her reward, and dear old "Grandma Mills" became an even more familiar figure with her old horse and buggy going up and down the county roads about her Master's business. The beautiful flowers in the yard she tended daily will ever be a monument to her love for the house of God. When a few years ago after a life of ninety-five years she passed away, the younger women of the church inspired by her example formed a woman's society, the first in all the long history of the church. This did not at first aspire to be an Auxiliary but called itself the "Ladies' Aid". Our first able president was Mrs. Thomas W. Davies, and under her guidance the society has grown in strength and numbers, until it now is a full fledged Auxiliary, with all officers and secretaries of causes.

Many names must surely be mentioned in any history of the women of the church, among them: Mrs. William Davant, Miss Julia Clark, Miss Hattie Galphin, Mrs. W. L. Davies, Mrs. B. D. Lamar, Mrs. Julian Atkinson, Mrs. Thomas W. Davies, Mrs. H. L. Lake, Mrs. J. B. Howard and Mrs. Hayne Lamar, have for years given liberally of their time and means to its upbuilding.

BETHUNE

Sooon after the town of Bethune was located a number of citizens petitioned Harmony Presbytery to organize a church; this was in 1900. On September 29, 1901, the commission met, organized and named the Bethune Presbyterian Church with a membership of eighteen. This little band of members went to work to erect a church building, three years later this building was blown down. The people, however, were not discouraged and proceeded at once to the erection of another building.

In 1923 the old church was torn down and replaced by a commodious brick building with modern Sunday School rooms. This church now has a membership of 110 in 1928.

Very little is known of the part women had in the organization of this church as no report was sent in. But the Presbyterial Minutes reveal a well organized Auxiliary.

BETHESDA (CAMDEN)

It is impossible to say just when the First Presbyterian Church was built in Camden. Some of the earliest settlers were Presbyterians, and most likely held services among themselves. It is one of the oldest churches, as it dates back to 1771, when mention was made of a Meeting House of some sort.

The present building was erected in 1822 and was at that time one of the finest in the State. It is treasured by the congregation and is full of interest to the outsider. Directly in front of the building, under a stately monument, lies the body of Baron DeKalb.

The earliest reference to the work of the women of this church was found on a tombstone where a Mrs. Smith had made a donation of $1,000.00 toward the erection of a church building. In 1828 we find, among those who were admitted to the church membership, the name of Miss Mary Cox Chestnut, whom so many of us remember and love as Mrs. George Reynolds. She was devoted and active, always in her place in church, and a Sunday School teacher for many years. She died at the age of ninety after a long life of good works. Her sisters, Miss Sallie Chestnut and Mrs. Hall McGee, united with the church at this time.

Of the woman's part in this church, it is hard to say just how much they have done, for in the old days there was no record kept of their work. We are sure, however, that the Christian women of those years long ago, were as active in good works as they are at the present time. In 1806 the first mention was made of mission collections, and for some years the names of the contributors for this cause were given and certain amounts subscribed. Among these names we find DuBose, Whitaker, Brevard and others are familiar to us in these days. Quite a number of these contributors were women. In 1834 the women were first credited with a part in the work. The record said they gave to education. With such women as Mrs. Daniel DeSaussure, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. McDowell, Mrs. Burwell Boykin, Mrs. McKain, Mrs. McDonald and many other saintly women like these in the church, we may know that much good work has been done, and done well.

The Ladies' Aid Society undertook the education of a young man for the ministry, and several hundred dollars was raised for this purpose by sewing and otherwise. Under the leadership of Mrs. A. M. Kennedy, Miss Harriet Lang, and Miss Sallie Chestnut, and more of their kind, the work of the Lord was carried on. In later years there were such workers as Mrs. Scotta Salmond, and Mrs. E. B. Cureton, Miss Emily Smith,

Mrs. Mills, Miss Sue McDowall, and Mrs. I. H. Alexander, Miss Ellen Tweed. Many of these have gone to their reward. We wish to make special mention of Miss Tweed, who was organist and leader of the choir. She was never weary in well doing. She could indeed have said, "I love Thy Church, O Lord." She was ever ready for any work for the good of the church so dear to her heart. The rose bed in front of the church, and hedge around the yard are a living monument to it. Of her, it can be said, "She hath done what she could." Our books show that the Ladies' Aid Society helped at times with pastor's salary, did much for repairs of the church and Sunday School building, also the manse; hired a nurse for months for the sick members of the church, bought new carpets, helped to buy new pews and install lights; gave $600.00 toward organ fund, and many other things too numerous to mention for the uplift of the church. Our books show that several hundred dollars were raised each year for various causes. The Thornwell Orphanage work has for many years been one of great interest. There were contributions of money, clothing and quilts, for during our meetings, fingers worked while affairs of the church were discussed. We have provided clothing for one orphan for many years. Mrs. F. Leslie Zemp has been for twenty years past the faithful and efficient president. The Missionary Society, also, has been faithful in contributing to the support of missionaries in foreign fields, as well as at home, and also giving to other various causes. Mrs. J. B. Wallace, Mrs. Wm. King and Mrs. G. H. Lenoir were the wide awake presidents of the past few years.

The Young Women's Auxiliary, under the leadership of Miss Agnes Corbett was, from its first organization, a real live wire, and these young women deserve great credit for their zeal for the Master's cause and the amount of work they accomplished. No church has ever had a finer band of young women than Miss Corbett had in the Young Women's Auxiliary. We would like to give the names of them all, but for lack of time. Last September the three societies decided they would try the Auxiliary Plan, forming into circles, of which we have six. It has far exceeded our expectations, both in a spiritual and financial way. Mrs. W. J. Dunn has been the loved president of the Auxiliary and has been an earnest, faithful leader, counting her strength and time as nothing. Her whole heart has been in the work. A greater degree of Christian love and fellowship has existed in the church, more of our women have been interested than ever before. They are willing to lead in prayer, and, last but not least, our contributions have greatly increased. We have been able to do more for the different causes of the church. In November, we had our week of

prayer. Also in February, with the Week of Prayer and Self-denial, we had a Mission Study class. As outside work, we are striving to raise money for a new Sunday School building so greatly needed. The Ladies' Aid Society and Young Women's Auxiliary had, for the past few years, been working for it, in addition to other contributions, and both have a nice little sum to their credit for this purpose. We hope soon to see the building begun.

Mrs. Palmer DuBose (Miss Elizabeth Zemp) was born and raised in Camden, S. C. She was formerly a member of the Methodist Church but joined the Presbyterian later. She is now a splendid worker in Soochow, China.

Mrs. E. E. Sills' grandparents were charter members, and she grew up as a child of the church. She was at one time historian of Congaree Presbyterial. She is a woman who has served well, and her labors have borne much fruit.

Camden Church has furnished the following officers to the Presbyterial: Mrs. J. B. Zemp, Mrs. William King.

During the past year, 1927, one of the many special objects that the Auxiliary works for, is to do its part in paying off the debt on the new Sunday School building.

COLUMBIA, FIRST

The aim of this Presbyterial to preserve the histories of some of the women members of our church, has prompted the following sketch. This fragmentary record cannot be said to be a special sketch of any one, but rather simple annals that have been treasured in our First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S. C. To more clearly understand these incidents, a short account of our settlement will be interesting.

COLUMBIA

The capital of South Carolina was established by an act of the Legislature, a site was chosen, a town laid out, the State records were removed from Charleston to Columbia in 1789, and the Legislature met for the first time in 1791, in the new capitol.

The annual meetings of the Legislature, the meetings of the State courts, the establishment of charitable and educational institutions, together with the Theological Seminary brought to Columbia and especially to the First Presbyterian Church a favored class of citizens, men and women of the highest type.

The capital soon grew into a town of exceptional advantages and became the center of political, educational, and religious endeavor of South Carolina.

In the year 1794 the Presbyterians of Columbia called their first pastor, Rev. David Dunlap, who served until his death in 1804. Mr. Dunlap died aged thirty-three years, and his wife Susannah aged thirty years. Both died on the same day, September 12, 1804, and are buried in one grave in the southeastern corner of the church yard. The sorrow for the deaths of these young people stretched over the century. Tradition says they died of "membranous croup", what today we would call diphtheria.

In this sketch of woman's history we should note that our people lived in an era in sharp contrast to that of the years stretching from 1865 to the present date. The thought of woman doing special work was not developed, neither did the times demand it. That we have no special record of woman's work, does not mean that woman's work was negligible but proves that the work of the church was broad in that it knew no line of division between man and woman, it was like Adam and Eve—"one flesh". Christian work from the beginning in all our churches necessarily bore no mark of gender, so much so that in that standard "The History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina," by Rev. George Howe, D. D., only a few references are made to woman or woman's work. On page 447, Volume 2 we read **** a comment upon the work of the "Independent Church" of Charleston: "The ladies of the Church have zealously engaged from early times in every good work, their aims and prayers have gone up as a memorial before God." This quotation will express the work done by women in all our churches, they were co-workers with Christian men, and shall continue to be until time shall end.

When we review the work of the women from the beginning of this Church for seventy years it is well to contemplate the manner of womanhood of those years. Woman of whatsoever class of society was industrious, capable, modest, a keeper at home, one who looked diligently after the ways of her household. It is a fallacy that these were years of Sybarian ease. To those of us who have inherited the knowledge of these women, we know that it was a dispensation of grave responsibility to the women of the household.

The duties were manifold, the management of the home so different from that of today; every garment made at home, all food produced at home, the care and the education of the family, and the care of the

servants. The responsibility of the servants devolved upon the woman, their physical well-being, industrial training, and their religious instruction, was looked upon as an obligation from God by the Christian woman.

In reviewing the history of these Christian women, our grandmothers, we stand beneath the vaulted roof of a glorious cathedral, and the names of some of these women are wafted down to us not as the doers of notable deeds but as an incense of sweet smelling savor. Our women were ever interested in all good works. The earliest chartered societies of Columbia bear the names of members of this church. The Ladies' Orphan Society founded in 1830 and still in existence; the Ladies' Benevolent Association, founded in 1832 which was merged into the Associated Charities in 1900, taking into that Association $8,000.00.

The Theological Seminary has from its beginning in 1830, been a special object of work for the women of this church. The Law Building of the Seminary was named in honor of Mrs. Agnes Law, who was the chief contributor to its construction. Mrs. Law was a member of this church. The work done by these women cannot be traced as Woman's Work. All records, if any were kept, were destroyed when Sherman burned Columbia in February, 1865. The church books were kept in the Old South Carolina Bank, by Mr. John Crawford, who was a ruling elder.

The epoch of church history, especially concerning woman's part is marked by the war between the States, from 1861-1865. It was the mature woman (women above fifty years of age) who bore the brunt of sorrow—and destruction—church work became work for Church and State, the war called every woman to action of highest endeavor. Some of these names are treasured in our history: Mrs. Sarah Howe, Mrs. Catherine McGregor Macfie, Mrs. Sarah Peck, Mrs. Franklin H. Elmore, Mrs. Julian Selby, Mrs. Campbell Bryce. The greatest work of the women of this church and community was "The Wayside Hospital", a hospital where hundreds of wounded soldiers were brought from distant battlefields.

Mrs. Howe was a foremost leader in this work, and as long as she lived she was honored and admired for her patriotic work.

Mrs. Macfie was born in England and came to Columbia in 1827 as the bride of James Macfie. Courageous and capable, she was a volunteer nurse in the South Carolina Hospital in Richmond, Va., in 1863. She told me (her granddaughter) she had helped search a battlefield for the living, and prayed with many a poor fellow. Mrs. Virginia Lee McMaster Foard, her granddaughter, served eighteen months as a Red Cross nurse in France, 1917-1918.

Mrs. Peck, a woman of great loveliness, worked in this hospital. She was a most remarkable Christian teacher. It is said of her that she taught three generations of Columbians to read and write.

Mrs. Julian Selby, Mrs. Campbell Bryce, Mrs. Franklin Elmore were noted for their work in this hospital—all were members of this church.

Three widows met for one hour every Tuesday when they were in Columbia, and asked God to spare their sons in battle. Each had a son in the army, two of them "only sons". These young men went through the war unscathed. They are Maj. William D. Peck, Capt. James P. Macfie, and Lieut. John T. Rhett.

On the northwest corner of Lady and Marion Streets was the home of Mr. Andrew Crawford, an elder, and because of his nearness to the church he was the custodian of the silver communion service. The night before Sherman entered the city, Mr. Crawford assisted by his wife, Mrs. Mary Crawford, dug up the fire place in their dining room, which was on the ground floor, and buried this silver. The home was looted and burned. When it was safe to do so, the silver was salvaged, unhurt except for a few blisters on the goblets caused by the heat. Some pious soul had these "done over" a few years ago to remove these marks. This service consisted of four large goblets and two silver bread baskets. The goblets were used until in Dr. Blackwood's pastorate the individual cups were introduced; the bread baskets are still in use. Mrs. E. P. Davis gave hemstitched linen for baskets and cloths for tables in 1927.

Mrs. Clara Leland, the wife of Dr. Aaron Leland of the Theological Seminary, came into our church a few years prior to 1860, an English woman, a woman of rare culture and a worker in Church and State, used to be urged to tell of her "fall from grace" during the burning of Columbia. Mrs. Leland stated that the first knowledge she had of the Yankees being in Columbia was that a soldier burst into their dining room where she and her helpless, invalid husband were sitting, and rushed to the sideboard and grabbed a glass decanter; she pitched at him and a tussle ensued—each clinging to the questionable article—when they were both startled by an authoritative voice, "How dare you attack a lady?" The soldier sung out in his own defense, "But she *cussed* me, sir, she cussed me". The officer who had heard the commotion, entered, arrested the soldier and placed a guard over the home. In reply to the request which my father never tired of asking—"But, what was it you said to the soldier?" She always replied "I will not tell you. I did not know I knew such words."

There is interred in an unmarked grave in this church yard Mr.

Cohen, a converted Jew, and the professor of Hebrew at the Theological Seminary—his child's grave is marked. His wife had died a short time before his death from accident occurred. The body was forwarded to Columbia and was met by Dr. Howe. The train was behind time and Dr. Howe buried him at midnight, there were present the Negro men holding lightwood torches—and four good women—Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Macfie, Mrs. Peck and Miss Marjory Bollinger. I heard my grandmother say, "Dr. Howe said we will bury him tonight, for tomorrow we will get the news of the battle in which our South Carolina troops are engaged." My grandmother used to speak of Dr. Howe's wonderful prayer in that hour of sorrow for Church and State.

So these stories drift down to us and become history.

The year 1860 marked a change such as few people have ever undergone; an upheaval in home life, a change of inherited customs. It was to the church women of the older régime that the State owed its rehabilitation. Through the courage, calmness, and faithfulness of these Christian church women was the light of faith in future years kept alive. The church was the strong tower, and what these women did is recorded only by Gabriel. Now came years of penury and want. Every one divided with the other. She who had half a loaf divided with her who had none. The widows and orphans were cared for. A lady who had been very wealthy said, "I never doubt God takes care of me. On one occasion when I lacked, I earnestly prayed, and upon going into a vacant room I found food—coffee—sugar—flour. An angel brought it." My father's comment when this was repeated to him was—"Yes, and old Mrs. Howe was the angel".

Right here it is of interest to note that the year of 1865 was a gift of God to a stricken people. I heard my mother say: "It looked as if God opened the windows of heaven and showered food for all, black and white."

In speaking of our grandmothers, I do not under-estimate the work of our mothers, but they were the young mothers, the home keepers, and were not so free to come and go as the older generation; they made the clothing and prepared the food, while their mothers were the public administrators. *Woman's* sphere was clearly defined. Mrs. Franklin Elmore sent her daughter, Miss Ellen Elmore, to Mrs. Macfie for advice about being a nurse for the soldiers. Miss Elmore was then thirty years of age. Miss Elmore told me Mrs. Macfie's reply was: "It is no place for a young woman, but I say to you, prepare yourself for this war will come to your very door steps".

Here it is not amiss to place another Christian duty, before and after the war, and which is still in service in our more secluded communities: that of nursing. The members of the church went gladly to the care of the sick, and a certain man or woman earned the reputation of being "a great nurse". I have known, in my childhood, more than once, a doctor to drive up to our home and beg my mother, a tender, loving mother of many children, to go with him "to look at a little sufferer", where she would remain for some hours. On one occasion she visited in the evening an apparently dying baby, the mother and aunt watching it. The doctor said: "You can only make it comfortable". My mother looked at the baby, and said: "I never give up a sick baby." She began a course of treatment. Dr. A. N. Talley coming back in the early dawn, raised his hands and exclaimed, "What miracle is this?" That baby was known as Mrs. McMaster's miracle, and is today one of our deacons, Crawford A. Clarkson.

Thirty years ago a Columbia lad needed sorely a place to make a living. My father wrote to a distinguished railroad magnate in Washington, asking him if he could give him something to do. The reply came "Gladly. His grandmother left her own children and came to my mother's house and helped her nurse us through scarlet fever. She was a rich woman and we were poor people. It was a month before she could return home, because of the contagion."

The present era was inaugurated by the reorganization of all church activities. The sewing societies and mission societies were revived and woman's work began to be formed as the times demanded. The older women did this at first, then they ceased from their labors, and the younger women took their places.

The ladies' societies, as they were termed, struggled at first for existence, grew and flourished. It was a time when a mickle was a muckle, and the proceeds were expended for church at home and abroad.

In 1868 there came to our church Mrs. Douglas Plummer, the daughter of Dr. William S. Plummer, of the Theological Seminary, a woman of ten talents, an invalid whose bedside became a Mecca for all in the church. She held Bible classes, sewing societies, and prayer meetings. She anticipated almost the twentieth century—so aggressive, so businesslike, so brilliant was she in her intercourse with the church. She knew how to work and did so. She encouraged and directed, in bed most of the time. She began the building of the Lecture Room, the building which preceded the Smith Memorial Chapel, which was given to the Eau Claire Presbyterians when the Smith Memorial was built. This building

was begun by giving a well planned public bazaar—called the George Washington Tea Party. $999.00 was realized. Then our pastor, Dr. Bryson, said, "I'll give one dollar to make it an even one thousand". The next week the great tornado blew down the steeple of the church. Then the good women said, "It is a providence that we have money enough to repair the church," so the one thousand dollars went to the steeple, but in time the chapel was built.

To Mrs. Plummer is due the inauguration of the social meetings of the church—the Dime Readings. Do not smile at the name. These were held weekly during the winter months in the homes of the church. They were wholesome and entertaining, often the only entertainments of the week. The young people eagerly attended where they received the courteous consideration of the best of our church, and respect and good behaviour was exacted. Many a raw youth of the '70's and even into the '90's received his social education at these meetings. The return was generally small, but the benefit was not in money alone. Mrs. Plummer was in our midst eleven years when she died, and was buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Richmond, Va., aged forty-eight years. Capable women have followed her. They have given of their talents constantly. Among them but few can be mentioned.

Among so many capable, unselfish women, all working within and without the gates, we can mention but few: Mrs. M. M. Flenniken came to our church from the Presbyterian Church in Winnsboro, endowed by nature with remarkable executive ability, she became leader in all good works, and served for many years as president of the Woman's Society. She was foremost in abetting the building of the Smith Memorial Chapel. From every department of the church she zealously encouraged and directed every measure for good. Due to Mrs. Flenniken's courage and conception, many public good works are in our midst, notably the Columbia Hospital. It was she who first said, in a Circle of King's Daughters convening in our chapel: "We need a Hospital." At this meeting the committee and Miss I. D. Martin, who was president of the circle, was named president of the Columbia Hospital. Mrs. Flenniken directed, planned, and brought to maturity, this wonderful work, until it was given to the hands of a capable body of physicians. Miss Martin served seven years as president of this remarkable work. Mrs. Flenniken served nine years. Mrs. Flenniken gave of her ability every day, until the whole community felt the necessity of such an institution. At the head of all good works she still guides and guards our aspirations.

Mrs. Felie Baker Woodrow contributed to every good cause in the

church, and for many years was an active member. One thing specially worthy of note is the building of the Woodrow Memorial Church in Waverly. She deeded the lot for our present Y. M. C. A. building. In olden times, the streets were dark near the church, and when electric lights came into use, she caused a light to be placed at the northwest corner of the church yard. Now that she is a shut-in, and has been for many years, she smiles and says: "I am so glad my light shines to light other people to prayer meeting, and I have made provision in my will that it shall shine for many years to come." Light not used now, 1927.

Other loved and leading women are with us. Mrs. Samuel M. Smith, wife of our loved pastor. She has been unselfish in serving the congregation that loves her.

Below we include some of the names of mothers of preachers. One of the mothers that I knew many years, Mrs. Nancy Witherspoon Thornwell, noted for her common sense (and her great husband, James Henley Thornwell noted for his uncommon sense). Mrs. Thornwell was the mother of the Rev. Jas. H. Thornwell, a loved preacher.

Mrs. Virginia Melton Clark (Mrs. W. A. Clark), the mother of the Rev. Melton Clark, now our stated supply (1922).

Mrs. William Lecky, the mother of the Rev. William Lecky, who laid down his life so soon after graduation.

We have also Mrs. Jennie Woodrow Woodbridge, the daughter of Mrs. Felie Woodrow, who went in her youth to foreign lands as the wife of a missionary to China, and served a life time.

Mrs. Edwin E. Muller—an ideal woman—calm, sweet, capable, is the mother of Rev. Edwin J. Muller, pastor for many years at Lexington, Kentucky, and now at Camden, S. C., also the splendid mother of ministers' wives, each woman a gem of womanhood: Mrs. Emma Muller, wife of Dr. J. C. Hemphill; Mrs. Lucy Muller, wife of Dr. Thornton Whaling, Mrs. Elizabeth Muller, wife of Rev. Dan Brimm.

In speaking of Mrs. Howe, her hospitality was unbounded and charming, of a quiet elegance, her home and roof is one of the hallowed spots of our church. It has entertained and housed (I do not suppose it is an exaggeration to say) every missionary of our Southern Church from 1832 to 1880; also a host of intellectual giants of the day: notably Dr. Leighton Wilson, Dr. Thomas Goulding, so dear to the hearts of generations of children as the author of "Young Marooners"; the distinguished son-in-law, Dr. B. M. Palmer; the brilliant scholar, Dr. Joseph P. Wilson, and his son Woodrow Wilson; and the crown of the household, the distinguished son, Dr. George Howe, M. D., who served

God and his fellow men. It was a meeting place for loved women. Mittie Bullock, mother of Theodore Roosevelt, was a distant relative and often a guest at this hallowed house, now 1500 Blanding Street.

We have that noble young missionary now at work—Miss Genevieve Marchant, who is teaching in Brazil, and Miss Susan Currell, whose work will be chronicled by some future pen.

Many splendid workers are unnamed, Bible and Sunday School workers, but this altogether too long paper must close. Believe me, my dear chairman, it has given me unlimited pleasure to give in a small degree some of the memories of things past and present, and that I know are true.

HELEN G. MCMASTER.

Columbia, S. C.

In the spring of 1917, after much discussion and considerable opposition, it was decided to disband the existing women's societies of the church (the Church Society and the Foreign Missionary Society) and to organize the Woman's Auxiliary of the church, after the Assembly's plan which took in all phases of the church work. Mrs. J. O. Reavis was the first president of this organization.

Mrs. N. G. Gonzales was president from April until December of 1918, but gave up her office in order to go into Y. W. C. A. war work, and since her return to Columbia has moved her membership to the Arsenal Hill Presbyterian Church.

In December, 1918, Mrs. O. Y. Owings was appointed leader of the Auxiliary until the regular time to elect officers, in March, 1918. At this time she was made president. This was during the period when the World War was at its height, and the Woman's Auxiliary became quite active in Red Cross work, and social work among the young soldiers at Camp Jackson. One phase of the activity was the adoption of a Y. W. C. A. Hut at the camp as a special object of interest and work. There the women of the church met and talked to the soldiers while they did mending and wrote letters for any that needed such work done.

During this year the Westminster Society (the young ladies' society) became affiliated as a chapter of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. G. A. Wauchope became president and served ably and acceptably 1919-20. The Auxiliary, after a visit from Mrs. W. C. Winsborough, decided to re-organize on the Circle Plan. To this end the Woman's Auxiliary (the Westminster Society and the Sewing Circle, chapters of the Auxiliary functioning under their own officers) decided

to disband and to re-organize on the Circle Plan. Mrs. J. H. Dudley was made president of the new organization and served with great tact and ability during a difficult period of re-adjustment. 1920-21.

1921-22 Mrs. H. S. Macglashan served as president, and her term of office was marked by great growth in numbers, increased efficiency and a fine spirit of Christian giving.

P. J. O.

Presbyterial officers and secretaries of causes from this church are: Mrs. J. H. Dudley, Mrs. Wyatt Taylor, Mrs. W. T. Aycock, Mrs. Hal Dick, Mrs. W. K. Snelgrove, Mrs. R. A. Lapsey, Mrs. J. M. Ray, Mrs. H. S. Macglashan, Mrs. E. S. Cardwell, Mrs. S. R. Spender, Mrs. L. K. Singley.

SPECIAL GIFTS TO THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEAR 1927

Bryan Memorial Chimes presented by Mrs. T.S. Bryan, in memory of her husband, Thomas S. Bryan, who had served the church faithfully many years as elder and superintendent of the Sunday School. This is the most magnificent gift ever made to the church, exceeding the cost of this original building.

From one hundred to five hundred dollars from a few members, which was applied to the church debt.

A handsome mahogany table from Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dunbar, and another mahogany table from Miss Anna Moore, an heirloom.

Hemstitched linen table cloths and napkins for table and bread plates used at communion service, from Mrs. Edmund P. Davis.

Beautiful flowers are placed on the altar each Sunday morning, by the Misses Love and Mrs. J. Caldwell Robertson. Time and talent by the volunteer choir.

RECOLLECTIONS

Mrs. E. P. Davis has asked me to give some account of my recollection of and connection with the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia.

I was not a charter member. My connection with the society dates from the year 1888, when I came to Columbia to live. I have always been much interested in Missions, and always belonged to the society in my home town, wherever that happened to be, but I did not join this society at first, for I had a large young family to look after, and so "Home

Missions'' claimed my attention for awhile, but I did attend the meetings often enough to show my interest, and to become acquainted with the members. So it came about that I was asked to join.

At that time the society was a sewing society, and either took orders or made things to sell, which were sent around in a basket from time to time. I do not know how successful that plan was, but it was abandoned about the time I joined the society, and then pledges or voluntary gifts were made. This kept up until we became interested in a young Japanese (Takada) who came to the Seminary for training. Our society adopted him and looked after him in many ways, and after his return to Japan we contributed fifteen dollars a month for his support. This continued for sometime, until the Executive Committee in Nashville decided there was something irregular about it, and that we must send our contributions direct to the office to be distributed at their discretion. We obeyed orders, but at the time of Takada's marriage, we sent him and his bride an extra wedding present. They were stationed at Nagoya with the soldiers. His wife contracted T. B., and died early, and he did not long survive, dying of the same dread disease. Since then our society has no ''special object''.

I recall almost with reverence some of the older members, who have long since passed on and received their reward. Mrs. Muller, Mrs. McMaster, Mrs. Duffie, Mrs. Withers, Mrs. Squire, Miss Fannie McCants and others, then later Mrs. Heise, Mrs. Morris, Misses McKensie, Mrs. Lathan Bryan, Mrs. Cardwell, Mrs. S. M. Smith, Mrs. O. Y. Owings, Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Jake Muller, Mrs. Tom Bryan, Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. Kansom, Misses Kinard, etc. I do not remember them all. Forty years is a long time to hold names and faces in our memory. A few of the old guard are left, including Mrs. Tom Bryan, Mrs. Gus Walker, Mrs. S. M. Smith, Mrs. O. Y. Owings, Mrs. Verner, and Mrs. Flenniken and Miss Mary Bryan. A few more very faithful members come to my mind: Mrs. Clarkson, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Land, Mrs. Wing, Mrs. Gray, Mrs. C. M. Smith, and Mrs. W. A. Clark, the Second.

The society was rather slow about changing its name and adopting the Auxiliary plan. The old people are apt to be cautious, but the change was made and the young people have put life and vim into it, and the comparatively small Missionary Society has grown into a large and flourishing Auxiliary, fully organized after the Assembly's plan, contributing to all benevolent causes of the church.

When I was asked to join I resolved not to refuse to do whatever I was asked to do, and I was secretary for a term, and then when elected

president, I told the ladies that I had never presided over anything but my own dining table, but they insisted, and I did the best I could, and they were very lenient.

MARY C. VERNER (MRS. JOHN S.)

MRS. THOMAS S. BRYAN

No history of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia would be complete without a mention of the work of Mrs. Bryan.

Mrs. Bryan is a daughter of the Rev. D. E. Jordan, D. D., of revered memory in the Synods of North and South Carolina. She came to Columbia from Winnsboro, S. C., where her father was pastor about the middle of the '80's.

Even before she came to Columbia as a young teacher, she was interested in mission work, and had reorganized the Missionary Society of Sion church.

After her marriage, and with increasing means and leisure, she busied herself increasingly about the Master's business. She organized the children's society in the First Church, and almost, during her whole life in Columbia, she has taught in the Sabbath School. She organized the effort to build Smith Memorial Chapel.

Many missionaries have been entertained in her home, and many times the women of the church have been invited there to hear missionaries speak.

In 1904 the Rev. Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McAlpine came from Japan on a furlough. When they went back at the end of their holiday two of their daughters found a home with Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, and later a third daughter lived with them for a year or more.

In the summer of 1919, in Montreat, N. C., she heard a returned missionary tell of the discomforts that they suffered in the matter of suitable housing; not that this was a complaint, but a fact. Someone suggested that this could be remedied by the Church building suitable and sanitary homes in this field. A resolution was introduced and Mrs. Bryan elected financial secretary of the Congo Building Fund. She was instructed to do all she could to raise a suitable amount to build modern homes to conserve the health and strength of our missionaries. This she did by writing to the different societies and individuals throughout the Church. Almost entirely by her personal efforts she has turned into the treasury of the Southern Presbyterian Church such a fund that the officials of the Church requested that no further contributions be made for this cause. Though no effort is being made to swell this fund, yet

the momentum of this splendid work is felt, and money has come in since last January (1922). The amount collected to date is over $40,000. The amount asked for was $35,000. God blessed the work, and we honor the worker.

Last year she conducted a mission normal class composed of the mission study leaders in the circles and set a new mark for the missionary life of our church.

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MRS. WILHELMINA COZBY BYRD

Mrs. Wilhelmina Cozby Byrd was born in Cuthbert, Ga. Her father, the Rev. James S. Cozby, D. D., was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Cuthbert and was one of that large number of ministers who was born in Liberty County, Ga. Her mother was Miss Mary Louisa Law, the daughter of Judge William Law, of Savannah, Ga.

When she was only three years of age, the family moved to Sumter County, S. C., where her father became the pastor of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church. Here her childhood years were spent and her early education secured in the old-time country school of the community, which had for its teacher during all of these years, a niece of the honored Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, Miss Sallie Lou Wilson. It was under Miss Wilson's instruction that she was prepared for college. At the age of thirteen she and her older sister, Alethea, were placed in the Augusta Female Institute, Staunton, Va., and which is now known as Mary Baldwin Seminary, in honor of its founder. She remained in this school for four years, pursuing mainly classical studies. During these years she won five medals: one for general scholarship, two for proficiency in Latin and two for proficiency in French; and prizes for general English essay writing and in Mathematics.

After completing her course of study at the Seminary she was for the next year a tutor in the family of Captain S. B. Alexander, Charlotte, N. C. The following year she remained at home in Newberry, S. C., to which place her father had recently moved to become pastor of the Presbyterian Church there. During this year she was the principal and teacher of an academy for boys located in Newberry. At this time the Presbyterian Female Seminary was founded and opened in Columbia, S. C., with Dr. William R. Atkinson as its first president and Wilhelmina Cozby as its first professor of Latin. In this College she taught until the time of her marriage, three years later. On October 3, 1893, she was married to the Rev. Samuel Craig Byrd, who had been a student and

professor in the Columbia Theological Seminary. Soon after their marriage Mr. Byrd was invited to become assistant pastor to the Rev. B. M. Palmer, D. D., in the First Presbyterian Church of New Orleans, La. To this field the young minister and his wife went and there remained until he was called to become the pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church of New Orleans. It was in this city that their two children were born, Evelyn, who died in infancy, and James Cozby, who is at the time of this writing a senior in the University of Pennsylvania, completing his course in the School of Architecture.

In 1898 ill health necessitated Mr. Byrd's resigning the pastorate of his large church and returning to Columbia, S. C., where he resumed the work of teaching in the Theological Seminary and where Mrs. Byrd again taught for two years in the Presbyterian College. In 1903, the health of Mr. Byrd being sufficiently restored for him to resume pastoral work, they moved to Winnsboro, S. C., where Mr. Byrd became the pastor of the old Sion Presbyterian Church and where they remained until May, 1906. During the years of her husband's pastorate Mrs. Byrd was active and devoted in all the work of the church, teaching the Sunday School, instructing and guiding both the old and the young women of the congregation and visiting and ministering to all who needed her, both in the church and in the community. Mr. Byrd was elected to the presidency of Chicora College, a new college for women, to be founded by the Presbyterian Church in the Synod of South Carolina. This position he accepted and in June, 1906, moved to Greenville, S. C., where the College was to be located. To the position of Dean of Women and Professor of Bible in this college of the Church, Mrs. Byrd was at once elected, and the duties of which she has efficiently and successfully discharged from that time to the present.

In 1915 Chicora College was moved to Columbia and consolidated with the Presbyterian College for Women in the beautiful and historic buildings and campus of the old Preston estate. Here in addition to her work in the College she conducts classes for Bible study in the First Presbyterian Church of the city and in other organizations, and lectures on Bible and religious themes throughout the State.

Mrs. Byrd is the author of books titled "Christ's Lily", published by the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, and "Outlines of Bible Study", also of many poems, short stories, dialect stories, satires and plays which have been printed in various publications, such as, the Christian Observer, The Southern Presbyterian and the College Magazine.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MRS. ELISE KENNEDY DOBY ENGLISH

I was born in Camden, S. C., October 5, 1862, the only child of Elizabeth McMillan Kennedy and Alfred English Doby. I was born while my father, who was aide-de-camp to Gen. Joseph B. Kershaw, was fighting around and in Winchester, Virginia. I was several weeks old before my father could obtain a furlough to come home and see his young wife and baby. He never saw me but three times, as he was killed at the second battle of the Wilderness, 1864, when I was only eighteen months old. Of course, I never remember seeing him.

My mother, who was only twenty-three years old when she was left a widow, always made her home with my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony McMillan Kennedy. From my earliest recollections I was taken to afternoon service in the dear old Presbyterian Church of Camden, where my sainted grandfather was elder for fifty years. Of course, I grew sleepy and can well remember my mother putting her pocket handkerchief on her lap and placing my little nodding yellow head on the handkerchief. Then I would sweetly sleep, never heeding cold or heat or a long sermon.

It seems to me that no girl ever had more people to love her or more nice cousins to play with than I, and although I was the only child in my grandparents' big four-storied house, yet I never was lonely or never a day passed without my having two or three little cousins or friends coming to spend "all day" or just to play a "teeny while".

My school days were passed under the care of three of the most highly educated ladies in the town. Just to be with such women as Mrs. Bruce Davis, Miss Emma Reynolds and Mrs. Mackay (all sisters), was in itself a wonderful training, not only for the mind but the manner of conduct and deportment.

At the age of twenty-three I married my fourth cousin, Beverley Means English. We lived for awhile on his plantation on the Wateree and I could write a very interesting account of my first years of plantation life, but must hurry on to the time when Mr. English and I, with our three children and my mother moved to Columbia. The children, Elizabeth Doby, Maria Means, and Beverley Means, had reached school age, and we had to come to the city to put them in school.

As soon as we got settled my husband and I got our letter of dismissal from the dear old Camden Church and joined the First Presbyterian, under the much-beloved pastor, Dr. Samuel Smith. All of my children attended Sunday School and all of them joined the church under Dr. Smith.

For several years I was an invalid and could take no active part in the work of the church. The first work I did was helping Mrs. Latham Bryan in the Home Department that was in the time of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Missionary Society. After these societies wese formed into the Woman's Auxiliary I have three times served as circle leader and have always enjoyed the fellowship, cooperation and "brotherly love" that has been shown me, and I feel truly thankful that God has spared my life to have done some little thing for His church on earth.

ELISE DOBY ENGLISH.

MRS. GUSTAVIA T. GRAY

known to her girlhood friends as Gussie Jones, was born in Pendleton, S. C., December 27, 1862. She was the daughter of Cornelia Whitner Symmes and William Robertson Jones, then a major in the Confederate Army. Her father was born in Abbeville and was a graduate of the University of South Carolina in the class of 1851. In days of peace he was a teacher of rare ability and charm. In his early days before his marriage he taught in the famous Thompson School for boys in Columbia, located where the Taylor School now stands. After the war, having lost both money and property, he moved with his family to York where he became the head of the "Female College". It was in this school that he conceived the idea of grading his classes and here at one time he was visited by Col. Fitzhugh McMaster of Columbia, to observe how the grade plan worked, and to whom so much credit is due for establishing the graded schools of our city. The graded system later spread over the State.

Realizing even in my childhood that my mother was a woman of unusually strong qualities and characteristics, it has been of some comfort to me since her death to spend some time in the study of her family history and to trace her Puritan ideals and principles to their source. She held strictly to ideas of conversation, behaviour and dress that are rapidly being considered out of date by some people, which she most certainly came by honestly. Her standards were not based on the fickle changes of times or seasons but on the Book itself, taught by her mother, a very pious woman who began the religious training of her children in early life. Her knowledge of practical affairs was gained in the hard school of necessity just after the war when her family, reduced from affluence to poverty in a few short years, had a real struggle to make both ends meet.

Gustavia T. Jones was married to Jacob Thomas Gray, a Virginian, and the first few years of their married life were spent in Spartanburg.

They soon moved to Columbia, however, and for thirty years she was a faithful and loyal member of the First Presbyterian Church in this city. Her service was always cheerfully given and though she preferred to work "in the ranks", there were a few times when she was prevailed upon to take an office. Her first affiliation with the Women's Work in the church was in "The Ladies' Church Society", but when this was merged with the other societies to form the Woman's Auxiliary, she heartily approved of this progressive step and was one of the charter members of that organization. I believe she was the first Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions under the new order. I know that it was early in the life of the Auxiliary when they began sending boxes of old clothes to Mrs. Sloop for her work in the mountains, and I know that she had entire charge of packing and shipping these boxes. Many times would our hall and back porch be filled with bundles and bags of clothing brought by the ladies to be sent to Crossnore, and it was a pleasure to her to secure the barrels and boxes and to pack them herself. She also arranged with the freight department of one of the railroads to transport them free of charge. This was a big undertaking and took at least a week or more each time to complete, but it was a joy for her to serve in that way. However, I think what she loved most was her work as Cradle Roll Superintendent in the Sunday School. She began this in the days when it was all done outside and there was no place in the regular Sunday School for very young children. When a new baby was born she was an early visitor carrying love and greetings from the Sunday School and church. She was always a sympathetic listener and many a young mother found an understanding friend to advise her in her new responsibilities. She loved all babies sick or well, clean or dirty, rich or poor, pretty or ugly, and her quick perception and winning sincerity gave her a hearty welcome to any home. Even during her last illness she did not neglect her work, and I shall never forget the last Cradle Roll Certificate she filled out as she sat proped up among her pillows. Until the last she thought of others and nearly every day she had us 'phone to inquire about some child or some friend who was sick. Just a short time before she became unconscious she was planning a remembrance for Mrs. William Sloane whose eighty-second birthday came a few days after my mother's death.

Her life was truly spent for others. The heights to which she attained with such unassuming grace, of unselfishness, love, honor and faithfulness to duty, will be reached by few who come after her.

"And when my work on earth is done,
And my new work's in heaven begun,
May I forget the crown I've won,
While thinking still of others."

MISS DORA GRAY,

daughter of J. T. Gray and the late Gustavia T. Gray, is a graduate of the city schools and of the College for Women in Columbia, at that time under the presidency of Miss McClintock. In childhood she joined the First Presbyterian Church and has been all her life an attendant of the Sunday School, first as a pupil, then as a teacher and as Superintendent of the Beginners' Department. She was also Superintendent of the Junior Christian Endeavor for several years. She is now a member of Dr. Currell's Bible Class and is chairman of the Business Women's Circle of the Auxiliary. This circle has more than a hundred names on its roll, and holds meetings once a month which are well attended.

Dora Gray has also had considerable experience in social work. During the period when she was a teacher in the city schools she spent her summers in some useful way. On one occasion she and her sister and Mamie Wilds spent ten weeks in voluntary service in the mountains of North Carolina under the direction of the Lees-McRae Institute at Plumtree. Two other summers were given to a summer home connected with the Spring Street Presbyterian Church in New York. This home was called Bates House and was located at Long Branch, New Jersey. It was managed entirely by girls from Bryn Mawr College and was for the under-privileged children of Spring Street Church and surrounding territory.

MRS. AURIE HOLLINGSWORTH LANCASTER MONTGOMERY

was born in Gainesville, Florida, on August 28, 1895, the eldest daughter of Robert Alexander Lancaster of Virginia, and Ola Hollingsworth Lancaster of Pickens, S. C. Her father was a devoted Christian and a truly Christ-like physician, unselfishly living for others in his home and in his practice. He realized the spiritual as well as the physical privileges of his profession and never considered his duty discharged until he had made sure of the spiritual welfare of his patient. He was a faithful elder in the Presbyterian Church. His constant companionship and beautiful character were strong influences in forming his daughter's ideals of life.

Her mother is an unusually charming and intelligent woman, a constant Bible student, and much given to hospitality, especially to such as are of the household of faith. To a remarkable degree she is broad in her sympathies and appreciative of all kinds and conditions of people. The friends and guests constantly in her home have been an educative and formative influence.

Grown up in the shadow of the church with parents, grandparents, relatives and friends whose Christian character expressed itself in everyday living and in practical service, a life of Christian service was a normal development. Dr. Reavis came to Columbia in 1910, enlisting the young people in church work, making them feel that they had a definite place in the Kingdom and that the Kingdom was of world wide extent. In 1913 a Missionary Education Movement Conference brought a definite appeal, and the decision that her life was God's for His use abroad, if He desired it. She became a student volunteer in 1914, feeling that the association with other volunteers would be helpful.

Her academic education consisted of one year in the third grade of the city public schools, two years in Miss Annie Bonham's private school, seven years at the College for Women in Columbia, S. C., under the presidency of Miss E. E. McClintock. Here she received an A. B. degree. In 1914-15 she had a summer school and a year's work at Teachers' College, New York City. The time was filled with many experiences and people calculated to enlarge the sympathies and outlook. She received a B. S. degree in Religious Education.

She taught for one year in the Primary Department of Kentucky College for Women, living in the dormitories and having a part in the life of the students.

On June 14, 1917, she married James Nelson Montgomery who had been a good friend since coming to the Seminary in the fall of 1913. The missionary appointment was not secured until after this engagement took place.

They had a delightful summer in Lexington, Va., where Mr. Montgomery supplied the Presbyterian Church.

They left home in Columbia on Thanksgiving Day, 1917, and sailed from Vancouver on December 6, arriving in Shanghai on the day after Christmas. In Nagasaki, they had the privilege of meeting Dr. Ballagh, the pioneer missionary, and of being shown the city by him.

In China they lived for six months with the Leighton Stuarts in Nanking while attending the Language School. Mother Stuart was a valued member of the household for most of that time. In Nanking

many lasting friendships were made. A glimpse of the numerous institutions gave an idea of the many sidedness of missionary work. Sophie Earle, the oldest daughter, was born on May 29 in the foreign hospital.

After the summer at Kuling, they had the experience of being two of the five grown up Americans among the 150,000 Chinese of the city of Hwaianfu. They could already begin to take a little part in the work of the station, helping with English classes, managing the household, etc., as they worked on the language in preparation for the direct telling and teaching of the Gospel, and the multitudinous contacts with the Chinese that make the opportunities of missionary life.

The summers at Kuling have been pleasant and valuable times. The yearly meeting of the North Kiangsu Mission, the association and conferences with other missionaries have been times of inspiration and helpfulness. She had the honor of serving as Secretary of the Woman's Conference of Kuling for the summer of 1923.

The coming of two other little daughters has made her work in and through their Chinese home the chief delight and opportunity of this greatly blessed woman. She has been able to help in the work of the station by a few outstation trips, some teaching of Bible classes, some leading of women's services, helping with teaching English at different times in the Girls' and Boys' Schools, helping with the beginnings of an industrial work and in other activities.

MRS. PAULINE JAMES OWINGS

Mrs. Owings is a native of Williamsburg County, having for her ancestry Maj. John James of Revolutionary fame, and the Witherspoons. She is of a long line of worthy and godly ancestors, and has worthily upheld the standards of her forebears. She became a communicant of old Indiantown Church early in life and has been in vital touch with the work of the church ever since.

She was active in the formation of Congaree Presbyterial Auxiliary, and has held some one of the offices continuously up to the spring meeting of 1922, when she insisted upon retiring in favor of newer members.

Mrs. Owings has written several books on widely different themes which have been very favorably received, and is vice president of the Quill Club of Columbia and an officer in the New Century Club, besides her many activities in the work of the church.

She has an interesting family, one son, Capers, a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; one daughter, Mary Mitchell, a student at the University of South Carolina, and a second son, Osmond, still

in high school. She is a most attractive woman of rare gifts, deeply spiritual, and wholesomely humorous, and withal a most charming companion.

She was married in 1895 to Osmond Young Owings, and has spent her life in Columbia, S. C., where he has been in the drug business, and also interested in farming operations near the city. Dr. and Mrs. Owings are members of the First Church, Columbia, both actively engaged in the Sabbath School and other forms of church work.

Her efforts were chiefly responsible for the sending of Miss Marchant to Lavras, Brazil, as "a special" of Congaree Presbyterial Auxiliary, and for the raising of the salary each year, which has been a great blessing to the Auxiliary, serving as a vital point of contact with the mission fields for the members of the local societies.

MRS. JENNIE WILSON WOODROW WOODBRIDGE

Jennie Wilson Woodrow was born September 8, 1858, finished special two-year course at Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va., in 1879; while there received a certificate of graduation in the School of Modern Languages of the University of Virginia, 1879; was one of the first, if not the first woman student admitted, by special vote of the Board of Trustees, to the South Carolina College. She was married September 8, 1884, in Yokohama, Japan, to Rev. S. I. Woodbridge, then of Chinkiang, China; translated many books from English into Chinese (stories and school books for children); was assistant editor of the *Chinese Christian Intelligencer*, of which her husband was editor. She died in Baltimore, Md., January 22, 1913.

All of her eight children, five sons and three daughters, are members of the Presbyterian Church by profession of their faith, and all are living not only godly, but successful, lives. The oldest daughter is now working in China (being a teacher in Nanking University), and several of the others hope soon to be there, one as a medical missionary, one as a preacher, and the third (the youngest daughter) as a teacher.

MRS. B. L. PARKINSON

Mrs. B. L. Parkinson (Dora Ashleigh Dry Parkinson) was born in Albemarle, North Carolina. She was educated in private schools and in city schools of Albemarle and in the following institutions from which she holds degrees: A. B., Flora McDonald College; B. S., George Peabody College; A. M., and Ph. D., University of South Carolina. Mrs.

Parkinson has also studied at Columbia University and is a member of the Alpha Chapter South Carolina, Phi Beta Kappa.

Mrs. Parkinson has taught in elementary schools, high schools, and college as well as in the primary, intermediate and adult departments of Sunday Schools.

At Flora McDonald College, she was president of her class during her junior and senior years, editor and business manager of *The Pine and Thistle*, an officer of the Epsilon Chi society and also representative of that society in one of its annual inter-society debates. At George Peabody College, Mrs. Parkinson was president of the Home Economics Club.

Since leaving college, Mrs. Parkinson has held office and membership in a number of organizations, some of which are: Secretary of the Grammar Teachers' Department of the North Carolina Educational Association; Secretary of the Laurens, S. C., Chapter A. R. C.; Secretary Woman's Auxiliary Laurens Presbyterian Church; President of the Service League of Laurens; member of the Wednesday Club of Laurens; President Woman's Auxiliary, First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, S. C.; President Columbia Unit American Legion Auxiliary; Chairman of Woman's Division in the First Community Chest Campaign for Columbia; charter member Columbia Chapter American Association of University Women; member of Advisory Committee for Town Theater of Columbia; member Columbia Better Films Committee; member Drama Club of Columbia; member of New Century Club of Columbia; member University Alumnae Association; member Auxiliary to Faculty University of South Carolina; Secretary Columbia Chapter American Red Cross; member of Advisory Committee for High School Girls' Y. W. C. A. Club; one of the organizers of the Woman's Club of Columbia, being at present a member of its executive committee; official representative of University of South Carolina to National Convention A. A. U. W.; Chairman Press and Publicity South Carolina Federation Woman's Clubs; Chairman Legislation South Carolina Federation Woman's Clubs; Chairman Americanization South Carolina Federation Woman's Clubs; member of Finance Committee and member of Americanization Committee for the South Carolina Department American Legion Auxiliary; State Chairman for South Carolina Christmas Seal Sale; member of Legislative Committee of the South Carolina Citizens' Educational Association and also member of committee from the same organization to prepare bulletin for American Education Week; judge in Statewide Drama Contest staged by *The State;* judge in Statewide Essay Contest

conducted by the American Legion; member of joint committee from American Legion and Legion Auxiliary to inspect conditions at the state penitentiary. Mrs. Parkinson has been interested in the social, religious, civic and educational life of South Carolina and has regretted that lack of time has made it impossible for her to identify herself with some of the older patriotic organizations to whose membership she is eligible.

Mrs. Parkinson has made health talks before the summer schools of Clemson College, Winthrop College, and Furman University; has addressed county teachers' associations, departments of the South Carolina Teachers' Association, county federations of women's clubs, individual clubs, and the Farm Women's Council of South Carolina.

Mrs. Parkinson is author of "A School Program for South Carolina," and "A Statistical Study of the 1926-27 Freshman Class of the University of South Carolina." She has contributed articles to South Carolina Education and to Vocational Education Magazine.

CLELIA GRAY TAYLOR (MRS. WYATT A. TAYLOR),

daughter of J. T. Gray and the late Gustavia T. Gray, and a member of the First Presbyterian Church. She was educated in the city schools and is a graduate of Converse College in Spartanburg. She was a teacher in the city schools until her marriage. Has always attended Sunday School as pupil or teacher, and is now Superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department in the new Sunday School, having taken up the work on the death of her mother who had held this office for so many years.

Before the Auxiliary was organized she was a member of and held various offices in the Westminster Society. Upon the consolidation of all of the Woman's Work into the Auxiliary she became its Secretary of Young People's Work. At different times she has been president and vice president of the Auxiliary, and has also held offices in the Presbyterial and Synodical; was for years treasurer of the All-South Committee of Christian Endeavor, and for several years treasurer of the South Carolina Christian Endeavor Union.

MRS. ELLA NISSEN KEELS

was born on the old Hunter place about twelve miles from Florence at Claussen, S. C., near Hopewell Church. Her mother, Milly A. Hunter, died when she was about six years old, leaving six children. Her father, John Theodore Nissen, was born in Hamburg, Germany.

He received his education at a university there and studied two years for the ministry (Lutheran), but having fought in the Franco-Prussian war, and his family losing the bulk of their fortune, he came to America as so many of his family and friends had already done. They settled in New York, but he didn't like city life, so came to South Carolina and settled on a farm, near an old college mate of his in Hopewell community.

Two years after his wife's death he married again—Mamie McQueen, daughter of the late Rev. Donald McQueen, D. D., of Sumter. She lived only six years after her marriage and was an invalid most of the time, but her sweet Christian influence will live forever with those she left behind. She was well educated, being a teacher, and taught the children in the neighborhood, as well as their own, when she was well enough. Her father was very strict and impatient, which she inherited. They were always sorry when their father had to teach. One day Ella didn't know her geography and he was teaching. She knew "something" was coming, so she prayed that *something* would happen so she wouldn't have to say that lesson and *it did!* The house caught on fire, but *it* was saved and *she too!* She has always believed in prayer ever since. The children went to school at Hopewell Academy also, but it was three miles away, which Ella walked every day after her mother's death.

She determined to go on to school and to college, and was so persistent that every sacrifice was made in order to send her. She finished at Hopewell Academy and then stood for scholarship for Winthrop and won it. She was there four years and graduated with an A. B. degree. She taught school at home as her sisters had married and she didn't want to leave her father. It was the same school she left and some of her old schoolmates were her scholars.

She had met her step-mother's nephew, Inglis McQueen Keels, many times since they were children together. They were married October 17, 1906, and went to Columbia to live. Inglis McQueen Keels descended from Scotch Presbyterians on his mother's side, who was Laura Inglis McQueen, and from men of Revolutionary fame on his father's side, who was Theodore McFadden Keels, an elder in old Elan church in Williamsburg County. He fought in the War Between the States. His grandfather, John Keels, fought with Jasper, and his name is on his monument in Charleston.

Ella's father died three months after her marriage. Five sons

were born to them—only two lived, John Theodore Nissen Keels and Inglis McQueen Keels, Jr. Both are at "P. C.," Clinton, now.

Her husband helped to organize Eau Claire Presbyterian Church and has always been a deacon and treasurer. Ella always loved church work and "meetings", and when she moved to Eau Claire she organized a Benevolent Society and a Book Club as there was no church there. She and her husband's family were members of the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, before Eau Claire Church was built. The Eau Claire Church was built in 1912 and the women organized a society immediately with Mrs. Keels, president.

The society went into Presbyterial in 1921 and she was made Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Secretary for two years; vice president two years, and president two years. She has always taught a Sunday School class, but has said that she never had a real missionary spirit until she taught Sunday School in a colored mission Sunday School of First Church, Columbia, every Sunday afternoon for one year. She has told, when moved to express some of her Christian experience, that she prayed a long time for some *real work* to do for her Master. One Sunday the minister of the First Church called for volunteers to teach in mission Sunday Schools, and she knew her prayer was answered and responded to the call. Since then she has had to pray for strength and guidance to do the work that has been given her and feels that God would not have given her other work to do if she had not obeyed His first call.

Ella's father left his children a rich heritage of a pure, honest, and temperate Christian life. The whole family were members of Hopewell Church. Ella joined at thirteen and recited Shorter Catechism that same year, besides many chapters in the Bible. The thirteenth Chapter of First Corinthians is her favorite chapter. Her father always had family prayers and she still remembers the lovely and feeling expressions he made in prayer when she was only a child. She says the sweetest remembrance of her child life at home centers around their family altar in their home.

EAU CLAIRE

In the spring of 1912 the old Sunday School building of the First Church, Columbia, was torn down and rebuilt in Eau Claire by the First Church on a lot given by Mr. L. T. Wilds and was known as the "Eau Claire Presbyterian Mission Chapel". In January, 1913, the Ladies'

Aid Society of the Eau Claire Presbyterian Mission Chapel was organized with eight charter members: Mesdames L. T. Wilds, F. F. Whilden, Howard Beard, N. W. McDermid, N. D. Walker, H. W. McCreight, A. M. Wallace, and Inglis M. Keels. Officers elected were: President, Mrs. Inglis Keels; Secretary, Mrs. N. W. McDermid, and Treasurer, Mrs. F. F. Whilden. Mrs. Keels served three years as president and was succeeded by Mrs. H. W. McCreight and Mrs. N. D. Walker.

The Ladies' Aid was the main up-keep of the chapel, having put a cement walk to the road, a carpet on the church floor, a baptismal bowl, and an individual communion set to be used in the church, etc.

In May, 1916, the Eau Claire Mission Chapel was organized into the Eau Claire Presbyterian Church. In 1920 the Ladies' Aid was changed to the "Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society". Much good was done outside of the church such as sending boxes to the Orphanage at Clinton, contributing to the Door of Hope, Rescue Orphanage, and giving $100 toward the building of brick homes for the missionaries in Africa. This amount was raised at a meeting at the home of Mrs. L. T. Wilds, and paid to Mrs. Tom. S. Bryan, after she presented the cause and need to the society.

In 1921 the Auxiliary Circle plan was adopted with Mrs. T. J. Chapman as president and Mesdames H. W. McCreight, Inglis McQueen Keels as chairmen of the two circles with a membership of thirty in the Auxiliary. At the end of two years Mrs. Chapman was presented with a "Loving Silver Vase" from the Auxiliary as a token of their appreciation for her splendid work in developing the Auxiliary Circle plan while president. She was sent to Montreat Summer School of Missions as well as the succeeding presidents, Mesdames Keels and E. L. Cashion. These two were also presented with gifts from the Auxiliary for the splendid work they did while serving as presidents.

In 1921 the Auxiliary joined Congaree Presbyterial. Since then and the Auxiliary Circle plan, the organization has gone forward in leaps and bounds, showing a steady growth and development of the members in every phase of the work. The Auxiliary was the only Gold Seal Auxiliary in the Presbyterial for four years. Six Presbyterial officers have come from the Eau Claire Auxiliary: Mesdames N. W. McDermid, J. O. Van Meter, T. J. Chapman, H. W. McCreight, A. H. McDermid, and I. M. Keels, who was retiring president of Congaree Presbyterial, April, 1928.

In 1924 the Auxiliary celebrated the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. J. O. Van Meter with a social in the "Recreation

Hall'' in the home of Mrs. T. J. Chapman, where all of the socials and Auxiliary meetings are held. The Auxiliary has always stressed the spiritual side of the work and has always gone over the budget. It owes its success and growth not only to its leaders, but also to the faithful pastor.

In June, 1927, Rev. J. O. Van Meter resigned as pastor of the church and Rev. Geo. A. Hudson, who had to leave China on account of conditions there, was called. He accepted and began his pastorate October 15, 1928.

Officers for the year 1927-1928: President, Mrs. M. E. Wilds; Vice President, Mrs. J. E. Wilds; Secretary, Mrs. R. H. Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. E. L. Cashion; Historian, Mrs. I. M. Keels; Circle Chairman 1, Mrs. T. J. Chapman; Circle Chairman 2, Mrs. Gus Lindfors, Jr.; Circle Chairman 3, Mrs. A. H. McDermid (Business Women).

The Gold Seal was won on the Standard of Excellence and the Auxiliary composed of thirty-eight members gave over $1.00 per member to Foreign Missions during Week of Prayer and Self Denial for that cause. The Auxiliary went several hundred dollars over the budget, as it always has done, and raised her quota for Fort Hill Church Fund.

Eau Claire has three volunteers for life service—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Chapman, a physician and nurse, who will be ready to go to Africa in June or when they can be sent. The other volunteer is still in training.

ELLA N. KEELS (MRS. I. M.), *Historian.*

EDGEFIELD

Back in the years just preceding the Civil War there was a movement on foot to build a Presbyterian Church at Edgefield, there being a scattering of Presbyterians throughout the county, but that movement was not renewed until a few years prior to 1877. At this time Mrs. Martha Wardlaw Hill led a movement that was successful, and in that year it was her joy to see her dream come true. The church was organized with four members only: Mrs. Hill herself, Mrs. A. E. Anderson, Miss Esther Rainsford, and Mr. S. H. Manget. The latter was immediately elected and installed as elder, and Mrs. Hill acted as deacon for some years. So identified was she with the erection of the church building in 1884 that even to this day many of the old Negroes still speak of it as ''Miss Mattie Hill's Church''.

Her wonderful magnetism and beauty of spirit drew many friends to her assistance. She solicited subscriptions far and wide and succeed-



MRS. MARTHA WARDLAW HILL

Mother of Presbyterianism in Edgefield County.

ed in raising something over $3,000.00. Her own contribution heads the list, thus showing her own faith in the enterprise. From Schenectady, New York, she received a donation of $115.00 through Miss Maria Bacchus which was immediately invested in a handsome pulpit set. Mrs. Hill organized a Sabbath School, and when no man was available, she was her own superintendent, her own organist, and at times her own janitor, not to mention her work as the whole board of deacons!

She secured supplies from Charleston and South Carolina Presbyteries and May, 1882, she caused to have called the first pastor, the Rev. S. L. Morris, now Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions.

As soon as she lifted all debt from her church she began to dream of a manse. Miss Esther Rainsford, now Mrs. Bunyan Norris, gave the lot for the manse as well as the communion service. Mrs. Hill began teaching music and doing everything she could to begin a manse fund.

She borrowed the amount from the Building and Loan Association. By sheer pluck and abiding faith she met the monthly payments unaided until there were men added to the communion, some of whom assumed a part of the amount each month. The church stands as a memorial to her, and upon its walls there has been placed by the women of the church a tablet to her memory, on which she is called "the Mother of Presbyterianism in Edgefield County".

Martha Wardlaw Hill was born in Edgefield January 15, 1842. She was the daughter of Francis H. Wardlaw and Anne Gresham Lamar. Her maternal grandmother was Martha Carey of Virginia. She was married to Dr. Walter Hill, leaving no children and dying at the age of fifty-three. One adopted daughter, Mrs. J. H. Cantelou, of Edgefield, survives her.

E. A. D.

THE FIRST CHURCH SOCIETY

In October, 1901, at the home of Mrs. W. W. Adams, Sr., the first church society was organized. It was known as The Foreign Mission Society. Mrs. Emma Buist Anderson was its first president and Mrs. W. L. Dunovant was its first secretary and treasurer. This organization had its ups and downs and on account of the paucity of leadership, and women who would lead in prayer, the monthly programs were usually the work of one or two.

In 1916 they "joined the Presbyterial" and became an Auxiliary. One of their number at this writing is president of Congaree Presby-

terial Auxiliary. As an organization this society is taking a vital part in the annual meetings of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Kate Holstein Lynch has since the death of Mrs. Hill been what we may call "The Mother Guardian" of the church, caring for and keeping bright the communion service, seeing to the arrangements for the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the care of the grounds and the overlooking of the janitor. Her interest and zeal have ever been a support to the pastors and her home is ever open to the ministers and others who come to our town in the service of the Lord.

Miss Mary Abney for many years has led the music and has ever been faithful. While she was not a charter member, she was one of the first to join the infant organization. In every undertaking for the advancement of the church she has ever been foremost and given liberally of her time and means for its support. She is the great granddaughter of James and Anna Berwick Morrison, native Scotch people, of high standing and great culture, who lived and died many years ago in Charleston, and she also is a descendant of the D'Aubignes.

MRS. W. L. DUNOVANT

Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, Edgefield, S. C., the E. A. D. so well known to the readers of the Clubwoman's page in *The State* (Columbia, S. C.), was born Emma Anderson.

Her ancestors on her father's side were among the makers of the State, coming to South Carolina and settling on Tyger River in Spartanburg County in 1742. Her maternal great-grandfather was Rev. George Buist, who came from Edinburg to Charleston to become the pastor of the Scots' Church. Later Dr. Buist was the first president of Charleston College. Rev. E. T. Buist of Greenville was her grandfather. All Scotch and Scotch-Irish and Presbyterian from the foundation of the world!

Mrs. Dunovant spent her childhood in the wholesome company of eight brothers and sisters, and loved and played with every animal on the Tyger River farm. She was educated at Reidville Female College, a school of high grade maintained by the Nazareth congregation, Spartanburg County, of which she was a member.

She was married in 1888 to William Lowndes Dunovant, a merchant of Edgefield. They have four children, a daughter and three sons.

Mrs. Dunovant began to write for the papers in 1919 on the affirmative of woman's suffrage. She is an effective speaker and organizer as the Auxiliaries and Leagues can testify.

She believes the best kind of Christian fruit is vital interest in the maintaining of a reign of righteousness and the securing of the best results in the application of tax money, in other words, injecting the principles of the Lord Jesus into the minutiae of daily living. She claims the right to do her part toward making this world a fit place for the children to live in, and is more than willing to do more than her part if necessary to obtain results.

She was elected president of Congaree Presbyterial Auxiliary in 1919, and was re-elected in 1921.

In her home church, Edgefield, Mrs. Dunovant plays the organ and teaches the babies, while her husband, an elder in the church, is the superintendent of the Sunday School.

MRS. EMMA BUIST ANDERSON

Mrs. Anderson was born near Greenville, S. C., at her father's home known as Somer's Hill. She was the oldest daughter of Rev. Edward T. Buist and Emma Hornby. She was educated at the Laurensville Female College, of which institution her father was then president.

She early showed signs of musical talent, and was able to sing little ditties taught her by her talented mother as early as three years of age. She often spoke with pardonable pride of the remembrance of her vocal eloquence from her perch upon her father's knee, and of her father's confession that she was his "right hand man" when he went out on preaching trips—to "raise" his hymn tunes in the days when forks took the place of organs. She was the first organist of the First Church of Greenville, and played its first little organ.

In February of 1866 she was married to John Crawford Anderson of the Nazareth congregation in Spartanburg County, and immediately took charge of the music there—playing the organ and leading the singing. This she did whenever it was possible for twelve years or more, when failing health and increasing family cares compelled her to give up the work.

After the death of her husband in 1892 she went to Edgefield to live with her eldest daughter, Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, where she was able to put the three younger children in school. Here she went into the little church and organized its women into a Mission Society and became its first president.

She passed away in Edgefield in November, 1918, and all that is earthly now rests in the family plot in the Nazareth cemetery.

She was one of those earnest, faithful workers whose work was never known except to a few close friends and her family, and these have often paused to wonder just how many of the things that have come to pass were in answer to her earnest prayer from her couch through long years of weakness and pain.

HOPKINS

In 1921, while Mr. H. B. Dendy was supplying the pulpit he persuaded us to organize on the Auxiliary Plan. The executive committee from the Shandon Church came down to help us, and Mrs. Thomas Hopkins was elected president. In 1923 Mrs. John W. Gorman was made president. We have always had such a small membership it has been impossible to do all that is required. In the fall of 1925 the Eastover Auxiliary asked us to join them in the Home Mission Study class. We did so, and the result was so beneficial to both Auxiliaries that the practice is being continued; each entertaining the other. A girls' circle was organized in 1925, with Mrs. John W. Gorman as leader. This functioned irregularly on account of their school work. They put on several birthday pageants and helped in other ways. We as an Auxiliary contribute to all causes of the church and try to answer all calls that are made. The past two years we have taken one-half of the church's benevolent budget and in this way the assessment has been made. This Auxiliary furnishes a Presbyterial officer, Mrs. Gorman, and the fact that she is the only woman in her Auxiliary who was born a Presbyterian, to emphasize the fact that the church has been a church that has grown from the outside.

The years 1926 and 1927 were the banner years in the history of the Hopkins Woman's Auxiliary. The attendance was better than it had ever been and greater interest shown.

1927-1928

The Hopkins Woman's Auxiliary held twelve meetings during the year with an average attendance of eight. We gave $77.00 to the various causes and calls of the church and used $13.00 for ourselves. For the past two years we have helped the church raise its benevolent budget. All money was raised by self denial offerings.

The Home Mission Study class met with the Eastover Auxiliary at

Eastover and the Foreign Mission class of Eastover met with us. Rev. George Hudson of the Eau Claire Church helped us with the study of the book and was an inspiration to all.

MRS. JOHN W. GORMAN, *Historian.*

JOHNSTON

The Presbyterian Church of Johnston was organized in 1883. The names of the women that stand out prominent as early members of this church were Mrs. E. M. Hicks, Mrs. T. J. Teague, Mrs. Nora Dunlap Lott, Mrs. Margaret Dunlap, Mrs. Amelia Lattimer, Miss Nannie Dunlap, Miss Georgia Williams and Mrs. J. W. Simmons, Mrs. Annie Gomillion Harrison.

In 1907 The Ladies' Aid was formed with the following members: Mrs. A. B. Harrison, Mrs. Alice Cox, Mrs. George Landrum, Mrs. J. W. Simmons, Mrs. J. W. Marsh, with Mrs. Marsh as president.

It met once a month at the home of the members, but finally the members lost interest, and were not reorganized until 1918, through the efforts of Mrs. W. L. Dunovant and Mrs. P. P. Blalock of Edgefield. We now have eight members and secretaries of all the causes as suggested by our Presbyterial, and contribute to each. The society meets twice a month, once as an Auxiliary and once as a circle. At the Auxiliary meetings we study the Foreign Mission program given in the *Survey*, and at the circle meetings, we use the Home Mission program. All of our members take the *Survey* and six will pray in public. Though few in number the Lord' work has always been first with them as shown by their fine reports for 1927. This society led Congaree with the largest per capita gift of $20.44. Mrs. J. W. Marsh is the Presbyterial officer.

LEBANON

The first society for the women of Lebanon was organized by the Rev. H. B. Garriss in 1886, and it was called "The Ladies' Aid Society". Later it was known as the Ladies' Missionary Society, then it was changed to the Auxiliary, when that name was generally adopted by the churches.

The original members were: Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Mrs. Robert Herron, Mrs. James Turner, Mrs. Elizabeth Turner, Mrs. D. L. Stevenson, Miss Ellen Stevenson, Mrs. Sarah (David) Milling, Miss Lenora

Milling, Mrs. Robert Russell Milling, Miss Alice Gladway, Mrs. John Montgomery Lemmon, Mrs. James Thomas Lemmon, Misses Janie, Belle, Sue and Mamie Lemmon and others.

The society has not been active all through the years.

Much stimulus was given by the following pastors' families: Mrs. W. G. White and daughters, Mrs. J. R. Millard, Mrs. Laura Kirkpatrick, and Mrs. W. H. Chapman, while they were with us. Since the Auxiliary plan has been in use the following ladies have been leaders: Mrs. John Turner, Mrs. William James Turner, Mrs. James Young Turner, Misses Daisy and Lillie Lemmon, Miss Bessie Turner, Mrs. William Kennedy Turner, Mrs. John Young Turner, Mrs. Pierce C. Turner, Mrs. William James Stevenson and Mrs. Haskell Carroll. The five last named are the most active members and leaders at present. We try to have one meeting each month, and collect the monthly fees all right, and have the birthday party each year, but we do not make much money in other ways. A few of our members will lead in prayer.

This church was organized between 1770 and 1780 on Jackson Creek. First meetings were held in the home of John Robinson.

NEW BROOKLAND

This Auxiliary was organized in January, 1927. It has been in operation only a few months, beginning with only twelve members, which have been increased. The charter members are: Mrs. C. C. Medlin, Mrs. E. M. Fraley, Mrs. L. E. Krepps, Mrs. Laura Butler, Mrs. Essie McGinn, Mrs. Seibert, Mrs. Annie Joye, Mrs. Jennie Joye, Mrs. Holloman, Mrs. Ed Shull, Miss Elizabeth Seyle and Miss Sallie Garrett. The first officers of this Auxiliary were: Mrs. C. C. Medlin, President; Mrs. E. M. Fraley, Vice President; Mrs. L. E. Krepps, Secretary; Miss Essie McGinn, Treasurer.

Mrs. C. C. Medlin was born near Raleigh, North Carolina; her father was the oldest son of Joseph and Mary Broughton; his name was Gaston and the mother was the only child of Lorenz and Katherine Franks. They had eight children. Her high school education was obtained in the city schools of Raleigh, and she had two years in Peace Institute, Raleigh. To her were born nine children; six are members of the Presbyterian Church. She was not a speaker, but always tried to do what she could for the Master.

Note: Contributions were given to Foreign Missions, Home Missions, pastor's and church workers' salary, and church improvements.

PINE TREE

As no report from the Auxiliary was sent in, it might be interesting to add the following sketch of the founding of this church taken from Dr. F. D. Jones' "History of the Presbyterian Church".

Pine Tree Church was founded about 1812 by pioneer settlers of Scotland. The first place of worship was a brush arbor on Caney Branch. In 1820 a small log structure was built on Georgetown Hill. The logs and benches were hewn by the members of this church. The pastors were Mr. Frazier, and Rev. John R. McFarland of Scotland.

Rev. McFarland preached two sermons one in English and one in Gaelic for the benefit of those who did not understand English. In 1907 it was decided to build two churches instead of one; one was built at Bethune and one at Cassett. These were supplied by the same pastor.

Very little is known of the part woman had in the organization of this church as no report was sent in. Surely they played an important part as the Presbyterial minutes reveal a well organized Auxiliary functioning in all the departments. This was in the year of 1927.

RICHLAND (EASTOVER)

Richland Church dates back for its beginning to the year 1873, when two Seminary students, T. L. Haman and James Russell, began preaching at this point. After sometime a church organization was effected, and a neat house of worship erected. Through the untiring efforts of the women numerous improvements were made and the church was made more comfortable. They supplied the organ, the chandeliers and the communion service. Mrs. Joyner gave the land for the cemetery. A Sunday School and Ladies' Society were both organized and their success and fruitfulness is due to the women. Both organizations are flourishing. A new brick church has been built.

The Woman's Auxiliary is going forward in a remarkable way. Its officers are all wide awake and intelligent women. Mrs. R. C. Hamer has been its president for several years. The new president is Mrs. Alfred Scarborough, daughter of Mrs. R. P. Hamer, president of Pee Dee Presbyterial.

The Presbyterial officers from this Auxiliary are Mrs. Alfred Scarborough and Mrs. R. C. Hamer.

Date, 1927.

ROSE HILL, COLUMBIA

The Rose Hill Presbyterian Church was organized by Congaree Presbytery on October 31st, 1919, the Rev. Milton F. Daniels as pastor. The church was organized with thirty members. Mr. Daniels served until January, 1920, and was succeeded by Rev. E. S. Campbell. Under his preaching the church enjoyed a period of growth. During the pastorate of Rev. Campbell the Woman's Work was organized. On January 28th, 1922, six women, Mrs. E. S. Campbell, Mrs. R. F. Crowder, Miss Fannie Lou Gordon, Mrs. W. N. Hudson, Mrs. H. W. Pratt and Mrs. Auburn Woods met at the church and organized the Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. Pratt was elected president. Upon her removal from our community Mrs. Auburn Woods was elected to fill out the unexpired term. Then Mrs. J. C. Husbands served most faithfully for one year. She was followed by Mrs. D. S. MacRae, who is now our president.

Although young in years we have grown in numbers and our spiritual life has been greatly strengthened. We have met our financial obligations; sent delegates to Montreat to the summer conference; served as a Mothers' Club to our Scout troop, and have striven to do our part as a unit in the whole plan of work for the women of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

In 1927 this Auxiliary furnished Mrs. Auburn Woods as Presbyterial officer.

ROWAN CHAPEL (LUGOFF)

Rowan Chapel is one of the younger churches, having been organized in 1916.

Mrs. John L. Gettys began this work by holding a Sabbath School in the school house at Lugoff. She worked up a number of regular attendants and then she decided a church she must have. Rev. J. C. Rowan, the beloved pastor of the Camden church, of which she was a member, helped her in her enterprise by holding services for her twice each month.

She went to work to get contributions, her own family being the largest contributors, she herself furnishing the lumber from her own trees. She organized an Aid Society and they did everything they could think of to turn an honest penny. The church has been a reality now for some time and was named for Mr. Rowan. Mrs. Gettys had the great satisfaction of seeing her husband and one son elected elders and another

as deacon. One of her great admirers says, "But Mrs. Gettys is still the moving spirit." They now have a nice piano and every Sunday night she has a full house at her song service. They have enjoyed greatly the Billy Sunday Club and with their assistance have secured regular supply. The men of the community loyally supported Mrs. Gettys in all her undertakings. When the organization was perfected there were fifteen members received, five men and ten women. At the spring meeting of the Presbyterial Auxiliary Mrs. Gettys was present and applied for membership for her society.

The prospects of this little church are very bright under the guiding hand of its godly founder.

SALEM (LITTLE RIVER)

Salem in Fairfield County is among the oldest churches in the Presbytery, having been organized in 1812. The records of the activities of her women are very meager but there is an occasional reference to activities on their part in the session's book. Also the fact that they were of Huguenot and Scotch ancestry is evidence enough to suspect that they were the powers behind the thrones.

As far back as 1817 it is recorded that the women of Salem joined with the women of Sion (Winnsboro) in making their pastor, the Rev. Anthony W. Ross, a member for life of The American Bible Society.

These two churches being grouped, it is believed by the women of Salem that their women's societies began their existence about the same time, and, since Sion organized in 1819, in all probability, Salem did also. This is supposed to be the earliest organization of church women in the United States.

The earliest record of their organization to be found dates back only to 1893, although there was an organization long before that time. At this time Mrs. Robert Martin was made president, and Miss Chanie Coleman, secretary and treasurer.

About this time under the ministry of Rev. G. T. Bourne a manse and new church were built. We get another glimpse of the "ladies" in an aid society which worked earnestly to carry this project to completion. The record says modestly that they "rendered valuable service", and, no doubt, they did. They were active in a great revival in the study of the catechism.

Just one hundred years after its probable organization the Salem Society, in 1920, became the Woman's Auxiliary. Immediately the in-

creased interest and effectiveness of the organization was evidenced by its many activities. In the fall of 1921 they held a Bible Institute using local talent, almost every woman within the bounds of the congregation showing a willingness to do what is asked of her.

Miss Annie Coleman, the president, is preparing for all time Christian work. Her sister, Miss Elizabeth Coleman, is secretary of the Presbyterial Auxiliary. Mrs. M. B. Martin is Secretary of Spiritual Resources of the Presbyterial Auxiliary. Thus we see that Salem's womanhood is the peer of any, and gives promise to wield a powerful influence upon the activities of the Auxiliary.

The Auxiliary of Salem Church has four circles in widely separated communities. They study the Home Mission program and meet regularly each month. The outstanding events of the past year, 1927, were the meeting for the birthday, and the Group Conference in September.

Another feature enjoyed by the three circles was making and quilting three quilts for Thornwell Orphanage. Our little people took charge of the Christmas meeting, and we had a shower for Thornwell Orphanage. With the help of Mr. R. L. Alexander, of the Seminary, Annie, Helen and Betty Coleman and Mrs. Ladd conducted a most successful Daily Vacation Bible School. On August 30th, 1927, the church building was struck by lighting and burned. Plans are being made to rebuild at once. In the meantime services are being held under the oak tree by the side of the ruins. Two representatives were sent to the Young People's Conference at Clinton. A most helpful echo meeting was held at this church.

The Presbyterial officers are Miss Betty Coleman and Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse.

SHANDON, COLUMBIA

A vision is necessary before there is an undertaking of any kind.

In the year of 1913 a number of Presbyterians living in Shandon, a growing suburb, had a vision of a church in their community. Messrs. Henry C. Davis, Professor of English in the University of South Carolina, and Thomas M. Glenn, whose earnest, faithful, and loving services for the Master were ended when God called him into Higher Service October 31, 1925, were the pioneer leaders in the movement. Dr. J. O. Reavis, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, encouraged and helped in this undertaking, and those of us who were among the earlier members have not forgotten his earnest Gospel sermons.

Doctor Grinnan, who had been for years a missionary in Japan, became pastor of this little mission into which he infused his enthusiasm and love for the Master. Much of the success in later years is due to his efforts, prayer and leadership.

Soon after the movement began the women of the congregation felt the need of an Aid Society to further the spiritual and financial growth of God's work. Accordingly, on November 13, 1913, a group of women numbering thirteen (note the conspicuous *13*, the latter growth of this undertaking proving absolutely the fallacy of this old superstition), comprised this group, which met at the home of Mrs. Henry C. Davis, were: Mrs. M. B. Brooks, Mrs. S. A. Caldwell, Miss Fannie Caldwell, Miss Sadie Caldwell, Miss Ruth Craig, Mrs. W. M. B. Davant, Mrs. Wm. Maxwell, Mrs. D. W. McChesney, Mrs. D. K. McDuffie, Mrs. Henry C. Davis, Mrs. M. M. Smith, Mrs. T. M. Glenn. Mrs. R. B. Grinnan was an honorary member. Of the original number only four remain with the congregation, the others having moved to other fields of labor. Mrs. William Maxwell was made our first president.

Thus, in a small way, was begun a work which since has enrolled so many capable and consecrated women who have gone forward in spite of many discouragements in the work for the Master. From time to time new names were added and among those earlier earnest helpers was Mrs. D. P. Duncan who became a member in 1914. She was a stalwart, earnest Christian. Her knowledge of the Bible and her consecrated leadership did much to forward the work. She always maintained that upon the growth of the Sunday School depended the future of the church and, although in failing health, she taught in the Sunday School until the time of her death.

Another most valuable member who joined the Aid in 1915 was Mrs. J. H. M. Beaty. She brought fresh zeal, courage and faith when it was sorely needed. Her husband was made one of the elders. His health failing him, they moved to Chester, S. C., where a few years ago Mrs. Beaty received the summons to the eternal home.

Late in 1915 beloved Miss Mary Ingram joined our ranks. Faithfully she has stood with us ever since, serving in many capacities. It is she who for so long has beautified the church with flowers for services.

This earnest band of women paid the greater part of the five hundred dollars, the purchase price of the second lot for the church. These payments extended over several years.

Mrs. Maxwell served efficiently as president from 1913 to 1915, at which time Mrs. W. M. B. Davant became president and served for two

years in that office. She was conscientious and loyal to every duty. It was during her term as president that we moved into the present church building, and it was she who placed the record of the Aid in the corner stone of the church.

About this time Mrs. Glenn suggested that some missionary work be undertaken, which work was begun in a small way. In July, 1916, however, Miss Marchant, a missionary to Brazil, then on a visit to her home land, met with the Aid at the home of Mrs. Davis. Thus began the real impetus to the work which has since been an important part.

At the expiration of Mrs. Davant's term as president Mrs. Henry C. Davis was elected president. She gave untiringly of herself and was efficient in every way. During the next two years the pews, the pulpit, the pulpit rug, the carpet strips for the aisles, and the primary chairs were bought and the floor painted.

In 1919 Mrs. W. B. Marion became president and served most capably and effectively for one year. The Aid took on new life. The name "Ladies Aid" became the Woman's Auxiliary during her term, and the budget plan was adopted. The first budget was three hundred dollars a year. The Auxiliary at this time joined the Presbyterial, thereupon sending delegates to each convention.

In April, 1921, Mrs. J. P. Elliott was elected president and we were made to realize more than ever that our Auxiliary was composed of capable material, for Mrs. Elliottt showed wonderful interest and executive ability throughout her term. At this time the drive for "Greater Chicora" was made and to this cause the Auxiliary subscribed $150.00.

During the years when the World War was on our women were praying and doing their bit at home in every way. Now, "the boys" were coming home. Mrs. Chas. Suydam was made chairman of a committee to serve lunches to the returning Eighty-first Division. She was tireless and whole hearted in the work and was most competent. During this time shades were put in the manse and a hot water heater installed. It was during this time that Mrs. H. T. Timmons, a returned missionary from Korea, joined our ranks. Indeed we secured a most valuable member and she has helped in many ways during the years and has added much to our spiritual growth.

Another year rolled around and Mrs. J. P. Elliott was again elected president. It was during this term of office that the Circle Plan was adopted, the Auxiliary having grown to such an extent. This plan enrolled in its membership all the ladies in the church. The budget was increased this year. Our Auxiliary had now reached an

accredited place through the untiring efforts of the officers and the cooperation of its members.

In May, 1921, the "Pipe Organ Fund" was started, and Mrs. Bessie D. White was elected treasurer.

Mrs. M. M. Freeman became our president in 1922. Her capability and executive ability were brought out when our Standard of Excellence showed such a wonderful improvement, also the treasurer's report had never shown such large figures. Increased interest in Foreign Missions was manifest, our own Mrs. H. T. Timmons having returned to Korea. The Young People's Work, begun during Mrs. Elliott's term of presidency, was now alert and alive under the splendid management of our pastor's wife, Mrs. W. S. Harde.

The year 1924 began with Mrs. J. C. Copeland at the helm. A most noteworthy fact during her term of office is that a greater number of our members were willing to lead in prayer and take part in the programs. Also, there was manifest a greater desire for knowledge of the Word. Several Bible classes were organized during the year. There was also an increased interest in the study of Home and Foreign Missions. The five circles met easily their required part of the budget and a beautiful spirit of co-operation prevailed throughout the year. Through Mrs. Copeland's efforts the Church Building Fund was begun, though it was agreed to add this money to our Pipe Organ Fund, and in the future to let our Auxiliary Church Building Fund be our Pipe Organ Fund. It was with sincere regret that we gave up our all-sufficient, all-round good president, Mrs. Copeland.

1925-1926 finds the historian for the year saying: "We have made another step forward". And, indeed, such a record was made under the leadership of two wonderful women. First, our consecrated, earnest and faithful Mrs. G. M. Nolen, who served until July when she moved to Atlanta. Then Mrs. E. C. Beaty was unanimously elected to take her place. She served conscientiously and well. The most outstanding features of the work that year were the organization of a weekly Bible Class taught by our pastor, Mr. Riddle, the organization of a Business Woman's Club, the fine work done by the secretaries of causes, especially the many beautiful, Christlike deeds of service done by our Social Service Secretary, Mrs. Geo. T. McGregor.

It is fitting that here we pause to pay a short tribute to our beloved friend and sister-in-Christ, Mrs. G. M. Nolen, who left this earthly tabernacle in May, 1926. She gave herself unreservedly in the Master's service, in the church, in the Sunday School, in the Auxiliary

and in the homes wherever she was needed. We shall have her influence among us always.

Mrs. E. C. Beaty was re-elected for the year 1926-27. The record for this year shows an increase in attendance, also an increase in the number of family altars. The outstanding feature of the work was the earnestness of spirit and true co-operation that has been shown in every circle in the Christian Social Service Work. It is with regret that we were called upon to give up Mrs. Beaty to other fields of labor. The Central Presbyterian Church of Anderson, S. C., is indeed fortunate to have as one of its members our Mrs. Beaty.

The present year, 1927-28, finds Mrs. W. E. Boyd as our President, Mrs. R. F. DesChamps, Vice President, Mrs. S. L. Jackson as Secretary, and Mrs. W. D. Barnett as Treasurer. This is Mrs. Jackson's second year as secretary, which fact speaks for itself. Her faithful, cheerful service is recognized by all. Mrs. Boyd is giving her time, her strength, herself to the Master's cause, and this year's work promises to be the best yet. Mrs. Barnett's splendid work as a financier is not only recognized by us, but others have taken note of her ability. She is Presbyterial Treasurer and Synodical Treasurer for the church to be built at Clemson. She has been our faithful and never-erring treasurer for about seven years. Mrs. F. E. Barron's work among the young people is meeting with encouragement and interest. She is admirably and peculiarly fitted for this work, winning the love and confidence of our young people.

Mrs. W. A. Harrison is also a worker among the younger children, and a faithful teacher in our Sunday School. Her unusual taste and originality in arrangement makes her indispensable in all our pageants and social affairs.

This history will be incomplete without a mention of the work done among our young people by Mrs. W. S. Harden. It was she who organized the Young People's Societies, taught the Primary Sunday School class and gave herself unsparingly to that work, especially among the younger set. She and her good husband, our former pastor, are continuing their service for the Master in Greenville, N. C.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the music of any church. Although our choir has met with its ups and downs, our choir director and accomplished pianist, Mrs. H. E. Gooding, steers ahead, and she is due much credit for the lovely music we have, not only for

services but on all public occasions and entertainments, which we have from time to time.

It was Mrs. Olivia Kelly, our beloved and venerable member, who made the first contribution towards the new church which we hope to have in the near future. It was not her happy privilege to worship in the new building, for her sweet, gentle spirit winged its flight Heavenward on March 20, 1927.

Since the organization of our church, the following have been our pastors: First, Dr. R. B. Grinnan, who is now pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Norfolk, Va., as he was pastor of Woodrow Memorial Church also. Rev. Neil McInnis ably assisted him. On October 8, 1916, Rev. W. S. Harden was called to the field, in which capacity he served until April 1, 1923; he resigned to accept a call to the Presbyterian Church in Greenville, N. C. On September 30, 1923, Rev. F. Ray Riddle became our pastor. Our work has gone forward until our resident membership now numbers 300.

The Presbyterial officers of the Shandon Church are: Mrs. M. M. Freeman, Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Mrs. J. P. Elliott, Mrs. H. T. Timmons, Mrs. George McGregor, Mrs. W. B. Marion. The president, Mrs. Ethel Beaty, was sent to Montreat in 1926. A delegate was sent to the Colored Conference.

(MRS. T. M.) LUCY GAMBRELL GLENN.

ST. MATTHEWS

A MONUMENT TO THE WORK OF THE WOMEN

It is a blessing when a church in any community can be planned, erected and paid for by a congregation without a struggle. But a church that is a monument to the sacrifice, self-denial, and continued effort of a little band, gives still a greater blessing to its members. The Presbyterian Church of St. Matthews, S. C., is one of these.

The first movement leading toward the formation of this church began in the spring of 1905, with the formation of a Ladies' Aid Society. The first members of this organization were: Miss Ella Salley, Mrs. C. R. James, and Mrs. W. W. Oliver. The society immediately began to raise funds by making and selling aprons and other articles, having in view the formation of a Presbyterian Sunday School, and, later on, of a church. Very shortly after the society was formed, Mrs. J. Skottowe Wannamaker, Mrs. R. D. Zimmerman, and Mrs. Olin Dantzler joined it, and the work went on actively and steadily.

In a few weeks it was decided to organize a Sunday School, which was first held in Cain Hall, and the first superintendent was Major W. S. Murray, who continued to preside over it until his death, some three years later, in 1908.

This work soon bore fruit, and on December 16, 1906, a Presbyterian Church was organized in St. Matthews, by Rev. J. L. McLees, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Orangeburg, S. C., with the following seventeen members: Miss Ella Salley, Mrs. C. R. James, Major W. S. Murray, Mr. Macauley Murray, Mr. and Mrs. John Peterkin, of Fort Motte; Mrs. and Mrs. Robert Adams, Fort Motte; Mrs. R. D. Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Oliver, Mrs. Olin Dantzler, Miss Julia Thomas, Miss Adele Thomas, Mrs. Susie Beckham, Mr. F. B. Dantzler.

Dr. McLees volunteered his services to preach for the new church and his offer was accepted. He would take no remuneration for his labors, but insisted that the congregation bank their contributions for the church they hoped to build some day. He was ever faithful, driving with horse and buggy thirteen miles in sunshine and in rain. Some Sundays it would rain so hard that the people would say, "Surely our pastor will not come today", but he did come, and Mrs. Wannamaker would send some one with her old gray horse and phaeton to notify the people that there would be preaching. Donning "rubbers" and coats, all would go to "preaching".

This faithful service, and the ten years of effort, were rewarded on July 19, 1916, by the burning of a mortgage, and the dedication of a building, simple but beautiful in design. It was complete and ready for use, and represented a cost of $3,800.00, raised almost entirely by the women.

Rev. Daniel Iverson was called as pastor. For some months previous to the dedication of the church he had acted as supply, though at that time a student in the Seminary at Columbia, S. C. It was due in large measure to his energy and enthusiasm that the final efforts to build the church were crowned with success.

In January, 1920, Mr. Iverson was succeeded in his pastorate by Rev. H. D. Corbett, who served for two years and built worthily on the foundations laid for him by Mr. McLees and Mr. Iverson.

In February, 1922, Mr. Corbett left to accept another pastorate, and at the present time the church is without a regular pastor; but Mr. H. N. Alexander, a student in Columbia Seminary, is spending the summer with us as temporary pastor, and a full schedule of ser-

vices is being maintained, with encouraging attendance on the part of all.

Due to the removal of a number of members out of our community, our resident membership is only about fifty at the present time, but we are especially hopeful that our Sunday School will enable us to add others from time to time, and with the recent completion of a handsome new manse, we feel encouraged to go forward with larger hopes. We have now six elders and three deacons.

The faithful work of the Ladies' Aid Society for the local needs has not blinded them to the work of the church at large. The original society chose as its first president Mrs. H. R. Thomas, who soon removed to Clinton, S. C., and was succeeded as president by Mrs. J. S. Wannamaker who served in this capacity continuously for about fifteen years, with Mrs. J. R. Paulling as secretary and treasurer, until April, 1921 when it was reorganized on the Auxiliary Plan. With every secretary of a cause interested and at work, a fruitful future is anticipated.

TRENTON

The Presbyterian Church of Trenton, S. C., is the oldest of the four churches in Edgefield County. This little house of worship was dedicated in December, 1881. Before the erection of this church the Methodists of the town offered their little church to the Presbyterians for an occasional service. For a long time there were only five members, four of these being women, namely: Mesdames Esther Rainsford Norris, Emma Brown Horde, Emily Hughes Wise, and Callie Mayes Wise.

The church was built by contributions from Presbyterians throughout the State and which were solicited by these women. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was organized in May, 1906, by Rev. T. P. Burgess, pastor, in the home of Mrs. G. W. Wise. Charter members were: Mrs. Eva Miller Jones, Mrs. G. W. Wise, Mrs. T. J. Hunter, Mrs. Albert Miller, and Miss Ruby Miller. Mrs. Eva Miller Jones was elected president, and Miss Ruby Miller, secretary and treasurer.

The ladies, by hard work and perseverance, remodeled the interior of the church, putting in a nice carpet, a new organ, and handsome pulpit furnishings. It is now a very attractive and comfortable little church.

During the World War the women of this church opened its doors and it was there that the women of all denominations assembled to make plans. The first box of pillow cases and bandages that was sent from Edgefield County to France was packed in this little house of God. And it was, also, within these walls that the Red Cross met to raise funds for our boys who were suffering and dying on foreign soil. The ladies of this church erected a service flag in honor of her boys.

In August, 1920, the Woman's Auxiliary was organized in the home of Mrs. Albert Miller. Mrs. Miller was elected president, Mrs. G. W. Wise, vice president, and Miss Sabe Miller, secretary and treasurer. At the next meeting, in September, the ladies decided to extend an invitation to the Presbyterial to hold their annual meeting in this church. The invitation was accepted and the Presbyterial Institute was held in October, the only meeting of this kind ever held in Edgefield County.

This is a summary of Woman's Work in this church.

October, 1928, Presbyterial was entertained by three churches, Edgefield, Trenton, and Johnston. In April, 1928, Mrs. A. H. Day was elected Foreign Mission Secretary of Congaree Presbyterial.

SION, WINNSBORO

The first society to be organized for the women of the Sion Presbyterian Church was in the year 1819, when a female missionary society was started. It was called the Missionary Society of Sion Church, and was constituted an auxiliary to the "United Foreign Missionary Society". Its first president was Margaret McCreight, who held that office for eight years until her death in 1827. She was a most zealous and successful presiding officer, and gave liberally to the cause.

In October, 1886, a Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society was organized, of which Miss Fannie T. Jordan, now Mrs. T. S. Bryan, was the first president. It continued as a Foreign Missionary Society until May, 1891, when the members decided to give a portion of its funds to other causes, and consequently changed its name to the Ladies' Missionary Society.

A few years later the young ladies of the church banded together to form the Young Ladies' Aid Society, and these two or-

ganizations served the women of the church until the Woman's Work was organized under the leadership of Mrs. Winsborough.

Our church did not adopt the Circle Plan entirely until the year 1922. Since then five circles have been organized, including a Business Woman's Circle, which meets at night. We have adopted the budget system and contribute to all causes. Much interest is shown in the Bible Study class which is conducted by our efficient president, Mrs. G. G. Mayes, wife of our pastor. Our meetings are well attended, especially the circle meetings, where the social feature is much enjoyed.

The Presbyterial officers from this Auxiliary are Mrs. G. G. Mayes and Mrs. T. K. Elliott.

This church like many of the early Presbyterian organizations in South Carolina was composed of people of Scotch and Scotch-Irish descent.

As early as 1778 we find a charter being applied for, but no church was built until 1809. This church is still in use with only slight changes having been made in 112 years.

There seems to be absolutely no records anywhere of the part taken by the women in all this time except that, in 1819 the Female Missionary Society of Sion Church was organized as auxiliary to the Foreign Missionary Society, presumably a male organization composed of the elders and deacons and other spiritually minded male members. This organization elected Margaret McCreight its first president, who served most acceptably for eight years or until her death. She was most zealous in the work of the church and gave liberally of her means.

Evidently at this time there must have been a band of most worthy and devout women in the Sion congregation, for we have record of still another auxiliary, the Auxiliary Bible Society of Fairfield District.

From this time until 1886, more than sixty years, there are no records available of any women's activities, although there were always zealous, earnest, prayerful women who kept up the missionary spirit in the church.

In October, 1886, there was a revival of the missionary organization known as the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society. Miss Fannie T. Jordan, daughter of the minister of Sion Church, was its president. Miss Jordan is now Mrs. T. S. Bryan of Columbia and has ful-

filled her early promise in many activities both in the local and the church at large.

This organization broadened out into the Ladies' Missionary Society in 1891, and in 1919 was reorganized into an Auxiliary with two circles and a combined membership of seventy-one. Mrs. G. G. Mayes was the Auxiliary's first president; Miss Anna McCants, secretary, and Mrs. E. H. O'Bear, treasurer.

MRS. CATHARINE ELDER MOBLEY

Among the outstanding women of Sion Church, the subject of this sketch is prominent. In her early days she was a member of the Mt. Olivet Church, seven miles northeast of Winnsboro. A part of her married life was spent in Mississippi, and she came to Sion mature in character, and with a rich experience.

Her family was of the staunch old school type of Presbyterians, and she remained true to her ancestry. She was no "Modern Woman". The fancies and the fads of the passing day made no appeal to her. With idle dreaming and new doctrines she had little patience. The old paths and the old truths were to her far better.

Her life was one of many sorrows and severe trials. Not one of her five children did she see reach their majority. In infancy or early childhood they were taken, one after another. Her husband, a man of brilliant intellect and commanding appearance, was stricken in the prime of his manhood with a malady that never released its grasp and for more than forty years he lingered with reason dethroned. To these afflictions were added in latter days impaired eyesight and cancer of the face. One would have thought that such trials would have crushed her; certainly alienated her from all outside interests, but not so. Hers was an indomitable will and a spirit truly heroic. She thought of others, and lived to serve. Her influence over the young men of the town was great. For many years she boarded quite a number of them in her home, and many are they today who pronounce her memory blessed. For many years she had a circle of young women whom she taught and trained in Christian service, and though she has been gone to her reward for more than two years, yet she lives in her work a mighty factor in the lives of her church and community.

It was not known except to the inner circle that she kept up a Prayer Band in the church. Those whom she knew to be discreet

and possessed of the spirit of prayer, she invited in. When the writer became her pastor, he was taken into this secret, and there learned one of the reasons why it is such a pleasure to serve with this congregation. She felt a deep interest in every one, and especially was a friend of the weak. Eternity alone will reveal the reach of her life and influence. She was a strong, independent mind, a natural leader, and with it all one with whom others could work. She knew how and when to praise the good in others. She was just such a person as one would instinctively go to when he had a problem pressing for solution. In the death of this elect woman, truly the Church Militant has lost a valued member, and humanity a true friend.

A FRIEND.

WOODROW MEMORIAL

In the spring of 1903 Dr. R. C. Reed and Mr. D. W. Robinson opened a mission in the Waverly school house. A Sabbath School was taught and a mid-week prayer meeting was maintained.

In the summer of 1904 Charleston Presbytery accepted the mission as part of its home field, and employed Mr. James Bradley, a seminary student, to serve it. He resigned in the fall but the work went on under the faithful supervision of Mr. Robinson who, through all changes, was the one constant factor in the support of the mission.

In October, 1906, the session of the First Presbyterian Church took control of this work. A lot was bought and plans were drawn for a neat and convenient Sunday School building of moderate cost. Hearing of this and satisfying herself that the mission gave promise of growing into a great blessing to the community, Mrs. James Woodrow offered to erect a substantial brick building on the lot provided she be permitted to name it the Woodrow Memorial Church, in honor of her husband. Her offer was accepted, and on the tenth day of May, 1908, the little church was dedicated to the worship of God, the sermon being preached by her son-in-law, Rev. Melton Clark.

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

On the twelfth day of December, 1909, Rev. S. C. Caldwell preached to the congregation and at the end of his sermon he announced that the Presbytery of Charleston at its regular fall meeting had received a petition from a number of persons in the community

desiring to be organized into a Presbyterian Church. He further stated that the Presbytery appointed an adjourned meeting to be held at this place on the eleventh of December to consider and answer the petition; that the Presbytery met on that date, considered carefully the petition and decided to grant the same; and that he was present by order of the Presbytery to effect the same.

Fifteen answered the roll. Dr. Caldwell pronounced the usual questions. The first act of the newly organized church was to adopt the name of the Woodrow Memorial Church. Two elders, D. W. Robinson and J. W. Stork, and three deacons, A. P. Richardson, R. S. Marks, Jr., and W. A. Harrison, were then elected.

On September 28, 1910, the women of the Woodrow Memorial Church met at the home of Mrs. D. W. Robinson and organized the Ladies' Aid Society, twelve members being present. Mrs. C. A. Herndon was the first president and Mrs. C. A. McIntosh, secretary and treasurer. This little society has been faithful. A few years ago it was merged into the Woman's Auxiliary. Of the twelve charter members only one is still with it, Mrs. Robinson. Church disbanded May 1, 1923.

CONGAREE PRESBYTERIAL

Shortly after the forming of Congaree Presbytery Mrs. J. O. Reavis called a meeting of the Presbyterian women to meet in the Woodrow Memorial Church to plan for the organization of an Auxiliary. Mrs. Hal Dick, Mrs. N. G. Gonzales, Miss Clelia Gray (Mrs. Wyatt Taylor) and Mrs. O. Y. Owings responded to the call, together with the members of the Woodrow Memorial Society.

Soon after, on April 11th, 1915, the first meeting was called, and some nine or ten organizations were represented. Seven of these were from the Columbia churches. Aimwell (Ridgeway), Bethune, and Camden were the out of town churches represented.

We record here for the information of future generations the names of these twenty-five first representatives: Mrs. J. O. Reavis, Miss Margaret Yarborough, Mrs. J. M. Forbis, Mrs. H. W. McCrieght, Mrs. McDermid, Mrs. T. H. Dick, Mrs. J. H. Dudley, Mrs. James Verner, Mrs. J. J. Robb, Mrs. Hugh Macglashan, Miss Mamie Evans, Miss Susan Currell, Miss Shaw, Mrs. McChesney, Mrs. W. M. B. Davant, Mrs. R. B. Grinnan, Mrs. D. W. Robinson, Mrs. J. H. M. Beatty, Mrs. N. G. Gonzales, Miss Mamie Wilds, Mrs. O. Y. Owings, Miss Clelia Gray, Miss Cora Richey, Mrs. R. H. Brown, Miss Eugenia Rosebourough.

The officers elected were: President, Mrs. R. B. Grinnan; Vice President, Mrs. J. H. M. Beatty; Secretary, Mrs. N. G. Gonzales; Assistant Secretary, Miss Mamie Wilds; Presbyterial Visitor, Mrs. J. O. Reavis; Foreign Mission Secretary, Mrs. O. Y. Owings; Secretary of Young People's Work, Miss Clelia Gray; Secretary of Ministerial Relief, Miss Mamie Evans; Treasurer, Miss Cora Richey; Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. J. B. Zemp; Secretary of Local Home Missions, Mrs. J. M. Forbis; Secretary of Literature, Miss Margaret Yarborough. Thus we see that the infant Presbyterial Auxiliary got immediately on its feet with a full corps of officers, and all of them capable and efficient. A bright prospect seemed to be looming up before it, but before the end of the second year both the president and the vice president had left the Presbytery, shifting the responsibility upon the shoulders of the secretary, who, however, with characteristic bravery, assumed it as though nothing unusual had happened.

At the end of the first year the annual meeting was held in the Camden Church.

This meeting was essentially the first inspirational meeting, since that in Columbia was largely devoted to organization. The key notes of the Camden meeting, for there were two, were organization, and Young People's Work. Mrs. Grinnan, the president, laid particular emphasis upon the necessity of co-operation, and Mrs. T. H. Dick upon the work among the young people. It was at the Camden meeting that Mrs. O. Y. Owings, the Secretary of Foreign Missions, made her first appeal for Miss Genevieve Marchant as a "special". Miss Marchant was especially prepared for the work in Brazil, having lived in that country from childhood, but returned to the States at the death of her father. The Foreign Mission Committee could not send her out, therefore the appeal to the Auxiliary to undertake her support.

It was here also that the first appeal was made that the Auxiliary become interested in the Negroes of the State. Here, too, the Auxiliary definitely decided to stress the study of missions and the forming of Prayer Bands. Mrs. Grinnan, the president, led the discussion on the power of prayer which resulted in a covenant between the members to pray each day at a set time for certain definite things. Among these were, that they might be able to send out and maintain Miss Marchant in Lavras, Brazil, and that the organization would grow in usefulness and spirituality.

At an executive meeting, just at this stage, the officers decided to call the attention of the Presbytery to the Woman's Work and ask for cooperation. Accordingly a communication to this effect was prepared and approved and turned over to Mrs. Grinnan for delivery.

Later she reported that the paper had been received favorably, but no action taken, meaning that it had been received as information and laid on the table. We would like to be able to give that paper verbatim, but so far as we can ascertain there is no copy except the one that was "laid on the table".

Mrs. Owings undertook the raising of the money to maintain Miss Marchant in Brazil the first year and met with marvelous success, for which she is due unstinted praise. Miss Marchant was sent out by the Committee in 1916. This has been quite an undertaking and was especially difficult when the organization was small, but at

this writing it has a membership of twenty churches which enables it to raise the amount more easily.

The third annual meeting was held at Aiken in April, 1917. Two Synodical officers, Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, president of South Carolina, and Mrs. Rush Thornbury, of the Georgia Synodical, brought messages to the Auxiliary that were very valuable. So many of our women knew so little about the government of the Church that Mrs. Bramlett's message was especially timely, being a concise outline of the Synodical and Presbyterial Auxiliaries with their relationship to each other. There were some local organizations who had "voted" to go into the Presbyterial Auxiliary but not into the Synodical Auxiliary! In some, we might say all, there were a few doubting "Thomasines" still as to the advisability of joining either. After her elucidation of the matter the difficulties were removed and that particular brand of ignorance has given us no further trouble.

Mrs. Thornbury was very earnest on the subject of Mission Study classes, and as a result each Auxiliary represented at the Aiken meeting organized study classes.

New officers for the year 1917-18 were elected. Mrs. W. F. Madden of Columbia was elected president, and Mrs. N. G. Gonzales retained as secretary.

The meeting for 1918 was in Edgefield with four officers present. Mrs. T. S. Bryan of Columbia gave two fine Bible talks on Stewardship and Mrs. O. Y. Owings and Mrs. J. O. Reavis greatly assisted the president in making it a very profitable meeting.

In the spring of 1919 the Woodrow Memorial Church of Columbia was hostess. In this meeting there was a distinct note of progress. Many of the church societies had consolidated into Woman's Auxiliaries and other churches had enrolled. Mrs. Bryan conducted the Bible hours with great profit to her hearers, her subject being "The True Church".

Officers were elected at this session. Mrs. W. L. Dunovant of Edgefield was elected president, Mrs. Blakeney Zemp of Camden, vice president, and Mrs. R. C. Bolick, secretary.

In 1920 the meeting was held in Aimwell, Ridgeway. The representation was good and there was much enthusiasm over our "special", and the fact that we had never failed to reach and even pass the Standard of Excellence. At this meeting we had with us Rev. Yosip Benyamin of Persia, who brought home to us what it means for a woman to live without Christ.

The Shandon Church, Columbia, was the place of meeting in 1921. All the churches were represented and there were many visitors, among them members of the Billy Sunday Club of Columbia. There was marked improvement and increased growth along all lines. Expressions of appreciation and acknowledgments of spiritual benefit were heard on all sides. The study classes and Prayer Bands, copies of *Survey* taken, and Marchant Fund all went "over the top". Mrs. Bryan again gave a thought provoking address on "The Church". The enthusiasm and joy of the women in the work was forever cropping out, and a marked improvement was noticeable among the women in public expression and parliamentary usage. Mrs. S. C. Byrd of Chicora College conducted the Bible Hours provoking much favorable comment. Mrs. W. L. Dunovant was again elected president, and Miss Elizabeth Coleman, secretary.

The completion of the seventh year of growth found the organization back in Camden in April, 1922.

Mrs. W. J. Dunn, the local president, had every detail worked out, and the three days in historic Camden were full of profit and pleasure for the representatives. At this meeting the Presbyterial and Synodical dues were raised to forty cents, just double what they had been for the past seven years.

This Auxiliary is what must be termed a growing institution and again made the Standard of Excellence with a good margin. Already many charts have been procured, and the new Standard will be undertaken with great enthusiasm. There are not a few of the old Presbyterian churches in this Presbytery and there is much fine latent talent within its bounds. To bring this to fruition is the aim of the present administration.

We must make mention of the assistance and great encouragement given by Drs. J. O. Reavis and Andrew Blackwood, without whom organization would have been difficult and growth slow. Throughout the Presbytery there was an ominous silence on the woman question, a silence, we might say, that could be heard. Many of our ministers were not adverse, but on account of some strong opposition, chose to let the women work out their own salvation with fear (of the opposition) and trembling, rather than arouse discussion and perhaps, discord, in the Presbytery.

So far as we know Caesar has none the advantage of the women of this Presbytery for we have conquered all opposition, even that which was based upon "principle".

During the year 1922 and 1923, the following officers served: Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, President; Mrs. J. H. Dudley, Vice President; Mrs. W. T. Aycock, Recording Secretary; Mrs. R. H. McDonald, Treasurer; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. N. D. McDermid; Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. M. M. Freeman; Secretary of Synodical and Presbyterial Missions, Mrs. I. N. Keels; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. Hal Dick; Secretary of Young People's Work and Sunday School, Miss Lula Switzer; Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Alfred Scarborough; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Auburn Woods; Historian, Mrs. J. B. Zemp.

The Presbyterial consists of sixteen organizations, all having the name of Woman's Auxiliary except one, known as Ladies' Missionary Society.

In 1923, the Presbyterial met at Eastover with a splendid, enthusiastic program; hostess Auxiliary being small, showed that numbers do not always count most. The questionnaire on Synodical and Presbyterial facts; report of the Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions Secretary and a playette on the *Presbyterian Survey* by the Shandon Auxiliary showed great progress in these lines. During this year the first group conferences were held, one at Lebanon Church and one at Hopkins, with the Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, as the chief speaker.

Sion Church, Winnsboro, entertained the Presbyterial in 1924. President, Mrs. W. L. Dunovant; Vice President, Mrs. Inglis M. Keels; Recording Secretary, Mrs. W. T. Aycock; Treasurer, Mrs. R. H. McDonald, were elected for the year.

Sion entertained most wonderfully and minutes of the meeting show progress in every department. The Presbyterial Secretaries are: Spiritual Life, Mrs. Hal Dick; Foreign Missions, Mrs. D. W. Robinson; Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. M. M. Freeman; Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Missions, Mrs. T. K. Elliott; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Alfred Scarborough; Young People and Sunday School Extension, Miss Lula Switzer; Literature, Mrs. T. J. Chapman; Publicity Chairman, Mrs. Wyatt Taylor; Orphanage, Mrs. R. C. Hamer; Christian Community Service, Mrs. W. K. Snellgrove.

The vice president was made chairman of the Group Conferences. During this year three conferences were held; one at Johnston, St. Matthews and Union. These Conferences were a great benefit to the

local Auxiliaries, both educationally and spiritually. Miss Genevieve Marchant, our missionary to Brazil, was present at the Presbyterial meeting and the Group Conferences. She told of her work and our work, and the many, many needs in that country. Her consecrated life and appeal to us, who haven't given all to Him, made a great impression on some.

In 1925 the First Church of Columbia entertained the Presbyterial. Mrs. Cockerham, a missionary from the mountains of Kentucky, was the leading light of the meeting in her Bible Hour and talk on her work in the mountains. During the year the president, Mrs. Dunovant, had several misfortunes which kept her from taking an active part, in carrying out her duties, so the vice president, Mrs. Keels, acted in her place. She went to Montreat for the School of Missions, which prepared her for the work that fell on her. This was the first year in which the Presbyterial was divided into four districts, having a group conference in each district. A large map of Congaree with the counties, churches and Auxiliaries on it was made by Mrs. Keels. She had blue prints made by an architect, enough for each church. In the *Presbyterian Progress* Mrs. Dunovant wrote that this year was the best in its history. The outstanding features were, Group Conferences conducted by vice president, Mrs. Keels, and a conference for Spiritual Life Secretaries, by Mrs. Hal Dick.

In 1926 the Presbyterial enjoyed thoroughly the meeting with the Aiken Auxiliary. The theme was, "The Spiritual Foundations", given by Mrs. Hal Dick; and Mrs. H. M. Stuckey of Sumter gave a talk on music as a spiritual force, with illustrations on the pipe organ and piano. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Inglis McQueen Keels; Vice President, Mrs. Daisy P. Towell; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. H. McDermid; Recording Secretary, Mrs. E. S. Henderson; Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Barnett. Mrs. Seldon Turner, Home Mission speaker, by earnest plea, it was decided to take up an offering for her work, and forty dollars was raised.

The District Chairmen were: Mrs. William King, Camden; Mrs. William Barron, Columbia; Mrs. G. G. Mayes, Winnsboro, and Mrs. Daisy P. Towell, of Batesburg.

Secretaries, 1926: Mrs. E. S. Henderson, Recording Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Treasurer; Mrs. R. A. Lapsley, Spiritual Life; Mrs. H. T. Timmons, Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. W. Gorman, Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. E. Z. Truesdale, Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions; Mrs. L. K. Singley, Christian

Education and Ministerial Relief; Mrs. Lula Switzer, Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. T. J. Chapman, Literature; Mrs. J. O. Van Meter, Historian; Mrs. George McGregor, Christian Social Service.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held at the Arsenal Hill Church in Columbia, with Mrs. Keels, president, in the chair.

This was the largest meeting in the history of the Presbyterial. The speakers were: Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, South Carolina Synodical President; Mrs. A. Bramlett, Honorary President of the Synodical; Miss M. White, Home Mission Secretary; Mrs. Sidney Crouch from Clemson College; Rev. J. N. Sydenstricker, Brazil. Mrs. Hal Dick and Mrs. Brownlee gave development on the theme, "We would know Jesus". Visitors and old members of the Presbyterial said of this meeting, that the spirituality of the officers and speakers was most pronounced. Officers elected: Mrs. Keels, President; Mrs. Daisy P. Towell, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. A. H. McDermid, Recording Secretary; Mrs. E. S. Cardwell, Treasurer; Mrs. W. D. Barnett, Spiritual Life Secretary; Mrs. H. W. McCreight, Foreign Missions; Mrs. J. M. Ray, Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. C. D. Brearley, Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Missions; Miss Betty Coleman, Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension; Miss Irene Hudson, Literature; Mrs. McQueen Quattlebaum, Christian Social Service; Mrs. David Inglis, Historian; Mrs. J. O. Van Meter, Chairman of Orphanage Work; Mrs. J. W. Gorman, Mrs. J. W. Marsh, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief Secretaries.

The fourteenth annual meeting was held in Trenton, April, 1928. Officers present: Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, Mrs. Inglis Keels, Mrs. R. C. Hamer, and Mrs. W. D. Barnett. All secretaries answered the roll call. The minutes showed progress in all lines. Two new Auxiliaries were welcomed into the Presbyterial, making a total of twenty-one. Every Auxiliary except one counted every woman on the church roll. This brought down the amount of our gifts per capita. All reports were returned promptly, permitting Congaree to be second in reporting to the Synodical Secretary. Fourteen Auxiliaries reported on the Standard of Excellence. Report showed great increase in family altars, Bible classes, Prayer Bands and tithers. Speakers were: Dr. R. A. Brown, Superintendent of Negro Work in Atlanta; Mrs. Frank Price of China, and Florence Nickles conducted the Bible Hour.

Secretaries for 1928: Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse, Spiritual Life; Mrs. A. H. Day, Foreign Missions, Mrs. W. R. Barron, Assembly's Home Missions; Miss Betty Coleman, Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Missions; Mrs. J. W. Marsh, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief; Miss Irene Hudson, Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. McQueen Quattlebaum, Literature; Mrs. David Inglis, Christian Social Service; Mrs. J. W. Gorman, Chairman of Orphanage.

MRS. CHARLES J. HILL, *Historian.*

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MISSIONARIES

MISS ALICE GENEVIEVE MARCHANT

Genevieve Marchant, born in Abbeville County, South Carolina, August 6, 1883. Early education received in private and public schools in Aiken, Anderson, and Abbeville Counties. Graduated from Winthrop Normal College in 1903. United with the Presbyterian Church in Abbeville July 6, 1899. Taught in public schools in Abbeville, Kershaw, and Lancaster Counties, 1904-7. Volunteered for the foreign field 1905. Sent out in 1907, as teacher in Charlotte Kemper Seminary, Lavras, Brazil, remaining until 1911. Called home on account of illness of father. Taught in Columbia City Schools, 1911-13. Took up office work in 1913, business course in 1914-15, Macfeat Bowen Business College, Columbia, South Carolina. Office work until 1916, October. Returned to Lavras, Brazil, in February, 1917, as business secretary of the Evangelicial Institute. Held this position until 1921. Taught in American Evangelical School, Campo Bello, Brazil, 1921, and in American Evangelical School, Varginha, Brazil, 1922.

It has always been interesting to me to remember that when I went to say good-bye to my pastor, Dr. J. Lowry Wilson, of sainted memory, he told me that he had been praying for years that God would call some member of his church to the foreign field. I was the first answer to his prayer, there have since been others.

MISS EDMONIA RICHMOND MARTIN

was born May 14, 1873, near Peaks of Otter in Bedford County, Va. She was the sixth child of Rev. Roger Martin, D. D., of Richmond, Va., and Margaret Tomlin Martin of Hanover Court House, Va. She was a child of the manse, and early in life reflected her spiritual environment. Her education was in the common schools of the communities in which she lived, mostly in North Carolina to which state Dr. Martin was called in 1877. In 1894, Edmonia entered Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C., from which place she graduated in due time, having won for herself an enviable place in the life of the school and in the

hearts of her teachers and fellow students. After her graduation, she began to teach school and had quite a successful career as a teacher. Some of the places where she taught were: Barium Springs, N. C.; Paw Creek, N. C.; Florence, S. C.; Aiken, S. C. Feeling that her duty was in the foreign field, she offered herself some fifteen or twenty years ago, and was finally accepted by the committee, and assigned to Agnes Erskine College in Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, with which she has been connected during her missionary career.

Miss Martin has spent several furloughs at home, during which she has been in great demand as a missionary speaker. The women's Auxiliaries and other organizations feel that they are very fortunate when they can secure her services. Miss Martin is a member of the Presbyterian Church of Aiken, S. C., and is supported by the First Presbyterian Church of Durham, N. C.

MISS SUSAN McDOWELL CURRELL, Kochi, Japan

When I was a little girl of fourteen, I felt the call to be a foreign missionary. It was because of the prayers and suggestions of the grandmother for whom I am named, that I am on the foreign field.

I fought the call for years, because I hated so to leave home, and felt, too, that if I became a missionary I would have to give up some pleasures which I loved and enjoyed. God led me very gently, but very convincingly, so that I could never forget that He had a work for me to do in a foreign land. I thought for sometime that I should go to Africa, but after much prayer and consideration, I felt sure that I was not strong enough. I really never have had the strength I've longed for to stand the exposure of a missionary's life. God brought me to Japan, and I have lived here through one term of service, five years, and am only a few months now into my second term.

I was in Japan during the Great Earthquake tragedy of 1923. We missionaries were allowed to see God's loving care over us. Indeed, we felt that we were saved in a most peculiar way, as only the lives of two foreign Christian workers were lost in that great catastrophe. Lately, God's most loving and protecting care has come even closer home. In the Carrie McMillan Mission School where I taught, we had a dreadful fire, on December 3, 1927. Though the

fire wrought great havoc to the buildings, and our personal belongings, still not a life was lost; not even any one hurt. The school girls showed great heroism during this fire and afterwards. We know that God never makes any mistakes, and we are praying that this late disaster will in some way reap rich benefits in His cause. There is no part of the mission work that I love or count more precious than interviews with first one person and another, trying to lead them to know Christ, as their own personal Saviour. I had the joy and privilege of leading one of my Japanese teachers to Christ before I went home. She would come five mornings during the week to help me prepare my Sunday School and Bible lessons. I longed from the very first that she would know Christ as her own Saviour. I told her once that the chapel talk which I was preparing was as much for her as for the school girls, to whom I expected to give it. I am rejoiced to see her simple sweet faith and interest in church work. Her younger sister and a friend have also become Christians.

Missionaries' lives are very full of many problems and surprises. We need never get so busy that our prayer time should be crowded out. Our dependence is always and at all times in Christ's strength and only by constant fellowship with Him can we meet the constant demands upon our patience, strength and time.

As our prayers for you and yours for us ascend to our common Mercy Seat, may Christ's Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

Yours in His service,

SUSAN CURRELL.

MRS. RANDOLPH BRYAN GRINNAN (NEE ESTELLE DURYEA)

I was born in Jersey City, N. J., January 3rd, 1866, of French Huguenot and Dutch parentage. After some years spent in father's old ancestral home in the southern part of New York State, and in Ridgewood, New Jersey, my parents moved to Patterson, New Jersey, where I graduated from the Patterson High School, and later, from the Patterson Normal in 1890.

After teaching in Patterson until the spring of 1893, I was appointed through the recommendation of the Rev. J. A. Van Neste of Ridgewood, N. J., under whose ministry I had joined the church, and Dr. Guido Verbeck of Japan, one of its foremost missionaries and

educators, to the position of Missionary Teacher in Sturges Seminary, Nagasaki, Japan.

I reached my new field of labor in the early winter of 1893.

Sturges Seminary was under the care of the Old Dutch Reformed Church, was built on a high hill, and commanded a magnificent view of the lovely Nagasaki Bay, the city, and the encircling hills.

On September 3rd, 1896, I was married to the Rev. Randolph Bryan Grinnan, D. D., who was then dean of the Theological Faculty of Steele College.

This college was also in Nagasaki, and under the care of the Dutch Reformed Mission. We remained two years in Japan, hoping that Dr. Grinnan's two small daughters could join us, but the younger of the two, an invalid, was thought by the doctors unable to stand the Japanese climate, so we returned to the United States in the fall of 1898.

Dr. Grinnan filled the pulpits of the Woodlawn Church, Louisville, the Hendersonville Church, and the Woodrow Memorial Church in Columbia. This was the year that Mrs. Winsborough was made superintendent of the Woman's Work, and every church in the Southern Assembly began to feel the touch of her capable hand.

Even the churches in old conservative Columbia began to wake up, and a Presbyterial was organized out of almost nothing, but pushing the organization were some fine women. They found it very difficult to get some one to act as president. At last my name was suggested, and my husband answered the telephone and talked to Mrs. Reavis, accepted the position for me, and with my scared assent, made me the first president of Congaree Presbyterial. Our first meeting was very successful. It was held in Camden in the spring of 1916. I was nominated for the office of Synodical President, but as we intended to move out of the State, I declined the honor. I nominated Mrs. A. Bramlett for the position. In 1917 I was made Foreign Mission Secretary for Norfolk Presbyterial, serving five years, and historian in 1925.

My history of the Norfolk Presbyterial will be published this spring.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Enoree Presbyterial

HISTORIANS

Mrs. E. L. Hughes
Mrs. B. B. James
Mrs. W. H. Cely
Miss Sallie R. Burgess

"Laborers together with God."—I Cor. 3:9.
"Looking unto Jesus."—Hebrews 12:2.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

CHEROKEE COUNTY

LIMESTONE, GAFFNEY

From the many little rivulets mighty rivers flow;
From tiny acorns mighty oaks will grow.

Dimly now is the beginning of the history of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Limestone Presbyterian Church discernible to the eyes of most of the members, who are at present laboring in the Lord's Vineyard. But bright are its beginnings to the eyes of the loyal members who are spared to look back in retrospect upon the hard and discouraging days when they were so few in numbers and weak in finances.

The Limestone Presbyterian Church was organized in the year 1877, fifty years ago; and six years after that, or fifty-four years ago, there was organized in the church, which is now the McSwain home, the first Missionary Society of the Limestone Presbyterian Church, with the following members: Miss Jane Nott, Miss Mary Lynn, Miss Fannie Jones, Mrs. J. N. Torrence, Mrs. R. C. Thomson and Mrs Lumsden.

The meetings were held in the homes of the various members. The dues were specified as ten cents per month per member. But these dues were augmented by flower bazaars, silver teas, and benefits, and occasionally Mite Box openings. When the first Mite Box opening took place there was found in the boxes the munificent sum of $4.80, all of which was turned over to Mrs. R. C. Thomson, the treasurer, and that sum, together with the sums realized from the benefits, were sent to the poorer families, and to the Orphanage.

The new church was built in 1894, and about one year after its building the Ladies' Aid Society was organized, having practically the same personnel of membership as the Missionary Society, with the addition of Mrs. H. D. Wheat, Mrs. J. C. Ratliff, Mrs. S. B. Sherard, Mrs. Oscar Lipscomb, Mrs. E. L. Eison, Mrs. J. D. Goudelock, and Miss Nellie Wood. Mrs. Goudelock was elected president of this new organization, and Mrs. Ratliff, secretary and treasurer.

These two organizations worked harmoniously, and profitably, for many years, but finally, perhaps from the fact that a great many members of the Missionary Society moved away, that organization died; but a few years later, after Dr. Gregg came as pastor to the church, through the efforts of Mrs. Gregg, the Missionary Society was revived, and again these two noble organizations worked hand in hand, and heart to heart. The designated work of the Missionary Society was that of looking after the poor and the disabled of the community. The Ladies' Aid Society looked after the local needs of the church, and later, the building and furnishing of the manse, which dream was realized in the year 1912.

Six years later, March, 1918, at a meeting held at the manse through the inspiration and at the suggestion of the late and beloved Mrs. Hafner, the two societies were merged into the one now known as the Woman's Auxiliary of the Limestone Presbyterian Church.

The first officers of the new organization were: Mrs. T. M. Caldwell, President; Mrs. S. A. Cathey, Secretary and Treasurer. After the organization was effected the members entered immediately into the work as outlined and directed by the Presbyterial and kept strictly to the directions of that body by carrying out its programs, sending representatives to the Presbyterial meetings, and entertaining the Presbytery when so honored, holding Mission Study classes, and subscribing to all the church papers.

After a full year's work as a full-fledged Auxiliary, we found that "In union there is strength"—and so the Woman's Auxiliary grew in strength, both as to numbers and works, and after four years the organization had grown to such proportions that there began a discussion as to dividing the whole into circles; consequently at a later meeting, the Auxiliary was divided into two circles. This plan, too, proved to be for the increase of numbers, and so other circles were formed until at present, we have four circles, and they are still circling and circling trying to do more and better work each succeeding year.

The year just closed has been one of unusual accomplishment in many ways, and in spite of the general business depression, we have kept the faith, and now, the dream of six years ago, of the new Sunday School room, seems possible of realization through our heroic endeavors to keep up our payments on twenty shares of Building and Loan stock, and at the same time, do our full share and even more, for every call sounded forth from both the Foreign and Home Mission

fields. We have given, worked, and studied together for the one great purpose of all—God and His glorious Kingdom.

This, briefly, is the history of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Limestone Presbyterian Church at it stands today, and we say—seeking God's blessing—"May the tribe increase".

GREENVILLE COUNTY

FAIRVIEW

The Fairview Church was organized in 1786, and six families, the Pedens, the Alexanders, and the Nesbitts composed the membership. Fairview Church has been called the "Mother of Presbyterianism" in Greenville County and of many churches in other states.

There was a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society organized at Fairview Church sometime before 1893. The aim of this society was to obtain and circulate in the church and community such missionary intelligence as would stimulate an interest in the mission cause. The minutes of this society are lost but the constitution and list of members are on record.

On February 19, 1893, the Burwell Aid and Missionary Society of Fairview Presbyterian Church was organized. The following officers were elected at the first meeting: Mrs. J. L. Stoddard, President; Mrs. Lizzie McDowell, Vice President; Miss Janet Peden, Secretary and Treasurer.

The object of the Burwell Aid and Missionary Society is to aid the cause of Christ in both Home and Foreign Missionary Fields. The male members of the church join as honorary members. There were fifty-two members at the time of organization.

The society has aided in carpeting the church, recovering and painting the church, purchased stoves, purchased a tent to be used at the cemetery, and other things needed about the church and parsonage, also painting the parsonage.

The society contributes to Home Missions, the orphanages, and is now supporting three native workers in the foreign field. Both Home and Foreign Mission Study books are used in the society, and there is a Bible Study class.

The meetings are held twice a month and there are about thirty members enrolled at present. This old church, so rich in its history, has weathered many storms, and has bright hopes for the future.

FOUNTAIN INN

The Fountain Inn Presbyterian Church was organized March 17, 1889.

Of the fourteen charter members, nine were women, viz., Mrs. Laura M. Bradley, Mrs. Frances Bryson, Misses N. E. and M. L. Garrett, Mrs. J. K. Garrett, Mrs. Margaret Hitch, Mrs. A. L. Hitch, Mrs. Y. R. Scruggs, and Miss Sarah Stewart.

Three of these, Mrs. Bryson, Mrs. Margaret Hitch, and Mrs. N. E. Garrett McDowell are still living.

This little church was organized by Rev. N. J. Holmes, and in May, 1891, Rev. R. E. Henderlite became its pastor.

On March 20, 1892, immediately after morning service, the ladies of the congregation met to organize a Benevolent Society.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Henderlite. Mrs. Margaret Hitch was asked to preside. Mrs. R. E. Henderlite submitted a constitution, which was adopted.

Mrs. D. M. Garrett was elected President; Miss Sarah Stewart, Vice President, and Mrs. R. E. Henderlite, Secretary and Treasurer.

The society was called "The Earnest Workers" and its object was "to stimulate Christian activity."

This little band was soon joined by others and worked faithfully to help complete the new church and to furnish it with pews, pulpit, chairs, organ, carpet, hymn books, etc. Money for this purpose was raised by monthly dues and voluntary contributions, and a few entertainments.

January 17, 1899, "The Earnest Workers" reorganized and became "The Missionary and Aid Society".

Mrs. Nannie Stewart Peden was the first president of this organization, Miss Erwin, vice president, and Mrs. H. L. Shaw, secretary and treasurer. Rev. T. B. Craig was then pastor of the church.

The dues of the society were divided between Home and Foreign Missions and aid was given in building a new church, the first building having been so injured by a storm that it was considered unsafe. One dollar a year was pledged for this cause, in addition to regular contributions, until the building was paid for. When this was done a carpet, organ, pulpit furniture, communion table, linen, individual communion set and other things were purchased.

This society sent a representative to the first meeting of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Presbyterial Union of Enoree Presby-

tery, Synod of South Carolina'', which met in Spartanburg, February 7, 1899.

The first subscriptions to ''The Missionary'' in this society were solicited by Mrs. T. B. Craig in April, 1900. Mrs. Craig also organized the first Mission Study class.

In February, 1904, the work of the society was separated into two distinct branches—Missionary and Aid—working under the same president and vice president, but each having a secretary and treasurer and different committees.

At this time they had the trees planted on the church lot. The present beautiful grove seems a fitting memorial of their splendid work. In September, 1916, the society took up the various branches of work outlined by Enoree Presbyterial Auxiliary.

Mrs. R. G. Mathewson (the pastor's wife) was then president. She conducted the first Bible Study class. In April, 1917, prayer circles were formed, and in 1919 the name was changed to ''The Woman's Auxiliary''.

The Auxiliary was at first divided into two circles, but to these have been added the Young Woman's Circle and the Home Circle. There are in the first three about forty active members, In the Home Circle are included all the other women of the church who for various reasons do not take an active part in the work of the Auxiliary.

More intensive Bible study and a willingness to lead in prayer on the part of many of the members is a decided step forward. This has grown out of the community Bible class, of which our Secretary of Spiritual Life (Mrs. J. E. Kestler) is teacher. Through this class have come some special blessings. Among them Bible conferences conducted by Dr. Guille, Dr. Miller, and Mr. McQuilken, all of the Moody Bible Institute. Visiting missionaries have also brought blessing and inspiration in their helpful talks. Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Price and sons and Miss Rebecca Wilson have spent parts of their vacations with relatives in this congregation.

The lot on which the church stands was donated by Messrs. J. A. Cannon and J. I. West. These gentlemen (one a Methodist, the other a Baptist) once owned the land on which Fountain Inn is built, and before churches were organized they gave lots to the three denominations represented here—allowing a representative of each to select the lot. Mr. D. M. Garrett made the selection for the Presbyterian Church.

A large pulpit Bible was given by Mrs. Robert Bryson, Sr., and communion silver was given by Mr. Robert Bryson, Jr.

GREENVILLE, FIRST

Presbyterianism in Greenville, S. C., owes its existence to a few earnest women, who sorely felt the need of religious services of their own faith. It is recorded that in 1845 or 1846, Mrs. Sarah C. Stone, who has been called the "Mother of Presbyterianism" in Greenville, persuaded her friend, Dr. B. M. Palmer, to spend the summer here and preach, promising to pay him a small amount, $68.00, for his services.

Dr. Palmer's preaching planted a stronger desire in the hearts of the Presbyterians for a church. At a meeting of South Carolina Presbytery, held in Newberry Court House, October, 1847, a request was read from Mrs. Stone, asking for preaching in "the village" of Greenville, by Presbyterian ministers. This request was ridiculed by some, one minister saying it was "only a woman's idea". However, a committee was sent to investigate, followed by the coming of Rev. S. S. Gaillard to preach, in November and another meeting was held in January, 1848.

During the services, a decision was reached to organize a church and three men and eight women offered for membership. On February 26, 1848, the organization is recorded with the following women as charter members: Mrs. Sarah E. Stone, Mrs. M. C. Cline, Mrs. S. A. Shaver, Mrs. Jane McBee, Mrs. Mariah S. Harrison, Mrs. Margaret Smith, Mary A. McLeod, Mrs. Sarah L. Butler, Mrs. Mary C. Speer, Mrs. Mary A. Adams, and Frances McLeod. These women were received from the original organization of what is now the Greer Presbyterian Church, perhaps the oldest church in our county. For sometime worship was held in different buildings offered for use. In 1850 Mr. Vardry McBee donated a lot for the church (where the present church now stands) and a house of worship was built in 1851, and dedicated in 1853.

The ladies were still untiring in their efforts to assist in the work and soon banded together in a working society, with Miss Lizzie Parker, as president. Their activities consisted in a society basket, filled with useful articles, and carried by a colored woman through the village, soliciting sales. The funds realized were used to improve the church and grounds. This form of work was continued from year to year.

In 1878, the members of Mrs. Mary McKay's Sunday School class, girls from ten to twelve years of age, formed the "Willing Workers

Society''. These girls made and sold various articles, using their funds in purchasing a table for the communion service.

The present church building, now known as the ''First Presbyterian Church'', was occupied January, 1884, but was not dedicated until six years later, when Dr. R. H. Nall, the third pastor, and during whose pastorate the church was built, returned on a visit, and at the suggestion of a *woman*, it was decided to dedicate the church during his stay, and he was invited to conduct the dedicatory service, the fourth Sunday in August, 1890.

Still the faithful women worked in various ways to raise funds for an organ, carpets, and other improvements for the new building. The records show that the first ''Ladies' Aid Society'' was organized in 1892, and perhaps their ''first aid'' was applied to improving the interior of the church. The present beautiful organ was purchased in 1913 at a cost of $5,500.00, a monument to their united effort. During the pastorate of Dr. J. M. Rose, and under his guiding hand, the ''Leighton Wilson Foreign Missionary Society'' was organized in 1886, with Miss Mary McKay as president, and its first gift of $50.00 was sent to Rev. S. P. Fulton, who was leaving for mission work in Japan.

In January, 1917, an appeal was made by our beloved Mrs. G. T. Bryan, for some gospel message to the women in the county jail. This work has been done by the ''Mothers' and Daughters' Bible Class'', a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Bryan, and ''she being dead, yet speaketh''.

On June 5, 1917, there came the first note of war, for the great ''World War'' was upon us, and the bugle call to the Auxiliary was sounded by another beloved member, Mrs. E. L. Hughes. Greenville was soon to be full of soldiers, for ''Camp Sevier'' was at our door, and our responsibility was appalling. There are no words fitting to describe that terrible time when fear and dread filled every heart!

When Camp Sevier was established, a Rest Room was opened in the basement of the church, furnished with rocking chairs, writing tables, reading tables and a large assortment of magazines and daily papers of the principal cities of North and South Carolina, and Tennessee. On Wednesday and Saturday, and often on Sunday evenings, light suppers were served, freely given to all the soldiers who came from the camp. During the existence of the camp, approximately 32,000 meals were prepared and served by the ladies of the church, where heads, hearts, and hands worked with a single thought. And strange sights were seen in that church kitchen, where our own Dr. Sloan not only poured all the coffee, so that he might speak to every soldier, but

also rolled biscuit during an emergency. One of our ladies fried a thousand doughnuts for a supper, while another made biscuit all Sunday afternoon. And this sketch would not be complete without some mention of the young camp pastor, Rev. J. R. Cunningham, who was one of the busiest in the kitchen, so beloved and so capable in every time of need. He and Dr. Sloan "fought a good fight" in that warfare!

The ladies provided entertainments, concerts and receptions in the Rest Room, in the various Y. M. C. A. huts at the camp and in the church parlors. Many of the men were entertained in the homes of our members, especially on Sunday, for homes and hearts were opened to every mother's son. The fathers and mothers were often cared for also in our church homes. During the terrible "Flu Epidemic" many of our women nursed the sick at the camp, and who can tell how many hearts were comforted or how many pains were eased by a woman's sweet ministry. Those were days in which men and women lived "in deeds, not in years"! When our own dear "boys in Khaki" went over, the ladies held a prayer service every day, and surely God heard those prayers, and sent an answer of peace, for the beautiful bronze tablet in our church, with its sixty-three names, shows the safe return of everyone.

In 1919, the Woman's Auxiliary plan was adopted and some of the outstanding points in the work of the Auxiliary are: Every circle has a Bible Study class, studying a prescribed course, a Home and Foreign Mission Study class each year, with special self-denial offerings for both causes, the "Janie Martin Sloan Student Loan Scholarship", as a tribute to our pastor's wife—the greatest asset of the church, Christmas boxes to home missionaries, boxes to Thornwell, mountain schools, leper work in Korea, and service of many kinds to the various charitable institutions of the city. The Auxiliary contributes to the upkeep of the South Carolina Home and also to the Assembly Inn at Montreat.

Delegates are sent each year to the Colored Conference in Columbia, and also helps to support a girl at Tuscaloosa, Ala. Some of our ladies teach a Bible Class at the Phyllis Wheatley Colored Center in Greenville. A Friday afternoon school for foreign children in our midst has been conducted three years by a devoted superintendent and "faculty", where Bible memory work and stories, historic stories, kindergarten, hand-craft, sewing, songs and games are taught.

The "Mothers' and Daughters' Class" have a scholarship at

Plumtree and support a boy. There are many whom we delight to honor, and Mrs. W. H. Cely was treasurer of all the women's work for sixteen years, while at the same time, she was treasurer of Enoree Presbyterial for ten years. Miss Eugenia Hewell was organist for twenty-five years and has been pianist and Sunday School teacher for forty years.

The Auxiliary has been fortunate in its leaders, and feels a pride in that our Presbyterial President, Mrs. M. V. Stribling, is a member of our church.

The two most important events in recent years, have been the celebration in honor of our seventy-fifth anniversary on February 26, 1923, and the reception in honor of our beloved pastor, Dr. T. W. Sloan, on the twenty-fifth anniversary of service, as pastor of our church. In August, 1927, Dr. and Mrs. Sloan were given three months vacation and on their return from Europe, in November, a beautiful reception was held in the church, when addresses of congratulations were made and a gift of silver was presented in behalf of the congregation, as a small token of love and appreciation.

With God's blessing, the result of "only a woman's dream", is shown in the splendid and growing work of four Presbyterian churches in Greenville, while a goodly host of sons and daughters have gone forth to carry the glorious tidings to other fields.

And now as we close this record, on October 23, 1928, the first earth has been turned by our pastor, Rev. T. W. Sloan, for the New Sunday School Building, and quite a group of our ladies were at the service, to wish the work Godspeed.

So, ever looking toward the sunrise, we are working for a brighter day.

MRS. ALICE CLINE FERGUSON

Whereas, God in His infinite wisdom has removed from our midst, our dearly loved friend, Mrs. Alice Cline Ferguson of Greenville, S. C., on July 20, 1928.

Whereas, Mrs. Ferguson was a life-long member of the First Presbyterian Church, being the daughter of one of it founders and elders and the first infant to be baptized in the church; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Woman's Auxiliary of this church: That we do feel a sense of great loss to ourselves and the church in the removal of this beloved woman, who was a faithful and devoted member of the church and the Auxiliary, constant in attendance upon all meetings

and showing an active interest in all its work up to the time of her death.

That we extend our sincere sympathy to her bereaved family, reminding them that "to live in the hearts of those we leave behind is not to die".

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to the "Christian Observer", to the "Presbyterian of the South", and be recorded in the minutes of the Auxiliary.

MRS. JOHN T. WOODSIDE,
MRS. G. W. TAYLOR,
MRS. B. A. MORGAN,
Committee.

GREENVILLE, SECOND

The Second Presbyterian Church of Greenville, South Carolina, owes its organization to the efforts of nine good women.

"From small beginnings expect great endings". "The Ladies' Working Society" was organized at the home of Mrs. R. E. Allen on River Street August 1, 1890, nearly two years before the church was organized. "It is a singular co-incidence that the present church building (1927) was finally located within less than a block of the spot where these ladies who were members of the First Church, first met, organized, and decided to work for a house of worship in the West End of Greenville". (Copied from Church Manual of 1912.)

"On September 18, 1890, eight members were present, and it was decided that what money they raised should be devoted to the erection of a Presbyterian Church. This was done with many misgivings, but faith was strong. Their fondest anticipations were realized; within two years the Second Presbyterian Church was organized by the Evangelist of Enoree Presbytery, March 17, 1892, and he, Rev. N. J. Holmes, became the first pastor. The society furnished the carpet for the church, built a session room, two memorial windows, and gave a liberal donation towards furnishing the manse."

The small church on Wardlaw Street was soon outgrown, so steps were taken toward a larger and more commodious and central building. And in the furnishing of the new building, the most tangible fruits of this society are seen. The first contribution was the beautiful carpet at a cost of $1,200.00. $100.00 was given toward paying for the seats in the Sunday School room, and towards furnishing the pas-

tor's study. In 1912, twenty years later, they gave $1,000.00 to the building fund and at present are directing all efforts towards reducing the church debt. In the interim 1912 to 1919, this society has never rested on its oars, nor deemed its work done; but has toiled on from achievement unto achievement and perhaps the greatest being the beautiful organ so needed for many years.

It passed through the fiery ordeal of the World War, when they became a united band of praying mothers—those with sons going over, and those with no sons of war age, and all the boys came home, not one was lost! They held open house for the boys in cantonment here during 1916-1919, visited the camp, opened their homes, and besides this, gave them reception after reception in the hall of the church 'till Armistice brought disarmament and peace.

From a sketch made by Mrs. J. C. Bailey in 1912: "The infant church, just six months old, struggling for existence with no church building, no manse, and a small membership might have been excused for expending all its energies and resources on its own equipment, but the spirit of evangelism dwelt in that small band and in their beloved pastor. The ladies of the church met on the afternoon of September 27, 1892, and remembering that 'the field is the world', 'The Ladies' Home and Foreign Missionary Society' was organized. This little band of women strong in faith and love, bravely set out on its mission of offering the gospel to every creature as far as lay in their power." One member spent some years in China as a missionary. Another gave her life to Y. W. C. A. work, another to Rescue Work.

The Missionary Society has ever been the loyal hand maiden of the church, devoted to its upbuilding. The funds are divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. The first year's offering in 1892 was $27.00.

Early in 1919, the two societies became interested in the Auxiliary, or Circle, Plan adopted by the Southern General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. In July, 1919, the societies decided to become one Auxiliary, for "in union there is strength". The roll of women in 1919 contained eighty-four available women. In August the Auxiliary was ready to go to active service and in addition to the Assembly's causes it became necessary to add a Secretary of Camp Work, or community work at the U. S. P. H. No. 26 near our city.

Born in the aftermath of the great World War, the spirit of our Auxiliary is militant and spiritually it has done great things whereof we are glad. Financially, we have held strictly to the budget plan,

and have never yet, owing to the Master's help, failed to reach and pass our goal. The Auxiliary contributed liberally to the chimes and bought a piano. The Community Service reaches out to these: Emma Moss Booth Memorial Hospital (Salvation Army), Bruner Home (Salvation Army), Greenacre (Juvenile Protective Association), Hopewell Sanatorium (T. B. Patients). Also, furnishing Bible instruction to the following: Bruner Home, Greenacre, Phyllis Wheatley Center, and City Hospital (Nurses).

The Auxiliary is intensely interested in Mountain Work and is helping several schools among the mountains. The Foreign Mission element in this Auxiliary has always been dominant, but the Home Mission spirit is growing stronger as the days go by.

At the present writing the roll call stands at about 184, two-thirds of whom are active in Auxiliary work. The following have been president during the short life of this Auxiliary—all efficient, loyal, Christian women: Mrs. D. L. Norris, Mrs. A. H. Dean, Mrs. Eugene Carter, Mrs. D. W. Cochrane, Sr., Mrs. M. A. Cameron. The incoming President is Mrs. Earle R. Stall. "Hitherto the Master leads us." Shortly after writing this sketch, "the Master led Miss Ella Hewell home.

GREENVILLE, THIRD

In giving the history of the Woman's Work of the Third Presbyterian Church, we find, in searching the records, that the work began long before the birth of the Third Church—when the "West Street Mission" was weak and struggling, 'twas the faithful consecrated women of the "Young People's Working Society" of the First Church who did the recruiting, by going down into the slums near the depot and beyond—literally into the highways and hedges, and gathering the children—the neglected and the outcasts, into the mission—those whom none of the churches had reached. It was the women who visited the sick in that community, carrying them food and medicine and the "good tidings". Not for an instant would we minimize the splendid work of the consecrated young men who first began the work and faithfully discharged their duties of teaching in the Sunday School and giving the principal support necessary, but we give thanks that God entrusted to the women this special phase of His work and they did not fail Him.

On March 23, 1893, shortly after the organization of the Third

Church, the women organized a "Foreign Missionary Society" with nine members, as follows: Mrs. W. A. Hudson, Miss Myra Lay, Mrs. S. N. Feaster, Mrs. J. W. Goldsmith, Mrs. M. J. Cooper, Mrs. M. L. Martin, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Jennie Moore, and Mrs. Zelina Wells. Two of these—Mrs. J. W. Goldsmith and Miss Elizabeth Moore, now Mrs. J. W. Webster—are still members of our women's organization. This society met monthly at the home of the president, Mrs. W. A. Hudson. The dues were ten cents a month, and for several years the money was given for Foreign Missions in general, later they undertook the definite work of furnishing and supporting a cot in a hospital in China. To make sufficient funds for this, they sold chickens, eggs, and each invested a quarter in some special way for the cause, and by wise methods, a neat sum was raised.

In 1894 the Society of "Loyal Workers" was founded, which was later changed into the "Ladies' Aid". About the same time the young people—both boys and girls—organized the "Cooperative Society"—these two societies worked together in improving the church property, they put down a new carpet, put up new lamps and chandelier, they bought new comfortable chairs to replace the uncomfortable benches, built the church vestibule, bought the bell, raising part of the money for these things by ice-cream suppers, quilting bees, and other entertainments, which added more than just the financial gain, for they brought the people together in a social way—and promoted good fellowship.

The missionary spirit, which has ever characterized the Third Church, gave expression at this time, through the "Cooperative Society" opening a Sunday School at the American Spinning Company.

These three societies worked under separate heads and many were members of two or of all three.

In 1910 the Cooperative Society was changed into the "Christian Endeavor".

In 1911 the young ladies of the church under the leadership of Mrs. Ida Austin organized a Bible class called the "Class in the Corner".

On February 11, 1917, the congregation worshipped for the first time in the new church building, erected on the corner of Buncombe and Echols Streets.

In 1918 the women became interested in the Auxiliary plan, and on December 3, 1919, all the women of the church were called together by the new pastor, Rev. J. G. Walker, when the Auxiliary plan and its

advantages were explained, and it was accepted unanimously. The "C I. C.", the "Ladies' Aid", and the "Missionary Society" were all merged into one organization and the four executive officers elected were: Mrs. J. T. Seowell, President; Mrs. Beattie Smith, Vice President; Mrs. J. H. Price, Secretary, and Mrs. J. A. Bettis, Treasurer. There were 105 women enrolled—these were divided into four circles with a leader of each, secretaries for all causes were appointed. The budget was only $400.00 but at the end of the year, we find that all pledges were paid, and we had gone above our budget! Not until the year 1924-25, under the leadership of Mrs. Alvin Dean, did the Auxiliary adopt the free-will offering exclusively.

Each year the Auxiliary has grown in membership, the subscriptions have increased, new leaders have been developed. It is united in spirit, and its purpose and desire is to be used in larger fields of service for the Master. Besides the regular donations given through the church secretaries, the work of missions at our own door is being forwarded. Five of our number are teaching in our mission Sunday School at Parkway, one conducts a mid-week Bible class at Hopewell Sanatorium, another goes each Sunday to the County Home for the poor and aged, there comforting and cheering them with God's Holy Word, another goes to Greenacre and tells the eager children about Jesus and His love for them, still others are leading Bible classes for the colored women in our community, Mrs. Wilton Hudson has always led in the colored work, and in many other needy places.

For the ensuing year the officers are as follows: Mrs. J. R. Hawkins, President; Mrs. J. A. Bettis, Vice President; Mrs. E. G. McMillan, Secretary; Mrs. H. C. Cosby, Treasurer.

There are 200 members. The budget is $900.00 for the year 1928-29.

We are wonderfully united in our work, "all one body we", about "our Father's business".

MRS. WILLIAM ALEXANDER HUDSON

Mrs. William Alexander Hudson, nee Rosaline McCann, daughter of Major Thomas Hamilton McCann and Narcissa Walker McCann, was born September 29, 1839, at Slabtown, South Carolina. She was educated at the Thalian Academy, taught by Rev. Leland Kennedy, an accomplished educator and pastor of Carmel Church. Later she went to a finishing school in Charleston.

During the Civil War, when all schools were closed, as the teach-

ers who were mostly men, were in the army, she felt keenly the deplorable condition of the little children around with no opportunity of learning—so she fixed over an old house on the plantation and for six miles around, gathered the children in and taught them—free of all charge. Thus began her life of unselfish service for others.

On November 16, 1863, she married William Alexander Hudson, of Greenville, S. C. She united with the Washington Street Church (now called the First Presbyterian Church), and in this church reared their children.

Seeing the need of mission work in the suburbs of the city, the family united with another group and thus laid the foundation of the "Third Presbyterian Church".

In everything that would promote the welfare of the church, she was most zealous. She had charge of the infant department in the Sunday School until the children of those she had first taught, were brought to her class. In the woman's work, she was always an outstanding figure—for years entertaining the Missionary Society each month in her own home. Throughout the whole community, she was known like Dorcas of old, "full of good works and alms deeds". Many were those who came to her for either physical or spiritual help. At her death many said: "She fed me when I was hungry;" "She comforted me when I was broken-hearted"; "She nursed me and cared for me when I was sick"; "She led me to my Saviour". Unto her, we know the Master spoke, "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you".

One son, Rev. W. H. Hudson, of Kashing, China, has been a missionary for thirty-five years.

On July 7, 1918, after seventy-nine years of usefulness, she was called to her home above. All that was mortal awaits the resurrection in Christ Church cemetery, Greenville, S. C.

GREENVILLE, FOURTH

On October 2, 1912, a petition signed by thirty-eight members of the Presbyterian Church was presented to the Enoree Presbytery, meeting in Spartanburg, requesting permission to organize the "Fourth Presbyterian Church" of Greenville, S. C.

On February 12, 1913, the church was organized and Rev. Rollin T. Chafer was the first pastor.

On March 3, 1913, at the home of Mrs. E. A. Smyth on Broadus Avenue, Greenville, S. C., the Woman's Missionary Society of the Fourth Presbyterian Church was organized with the following women as charter members: Mrs. David Cardwell, Mrs. F. J. P. Cogswell, Mrs. John Dickson, Mrs. Guy Foster, Mrs. A. T. Guy, Mrs. John Hudgens, Mrs. F. L. Mayes, Mrs. Wm. Lebby, Mrs. E. A. Smyth, Mrs. J. A. Smyth, Mrs. David Woodside, Mrs. E. F. Woodside.

The officers elected at this meeting were: President, Mrs. F. J. P. Cogswell; Vice President, Mrs. John Hudgens; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. E. F. Woodside.

The object of the society—Home and Foreign Missions. The funds to be equally divided. Our dues ten cents per month. Meetings being held on the third Tuesday of the month. We had no programs for the year, having a committee appointed to be responsible for three months of programs at a time.

From date of organization 'till 1919 we numbered about fifteen. During this period we paid for our organ, which is one of the best in the city, at a cost of $2,500.00.

On September 16, 1919, following the plan set by the Assembly, we reorganized into the Woman's Auxiliary of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. We follow in every detail the Auxiliary plan, using the budget system. Our budget is made up nearly entirely of pledges or free will offerings. The keynote of our organization is co-operation. From the first our women have shown a wonderful spirit of co-operation. The outstanding figure in our Auxiliary was none other than our beloved Mrs. Mayes. To her much is due, as with her wise counsel and great spirituality, instilled into those who were fortunate to be associated with her, a desire to press onward into fields of greater usefulness.

In the fourteen years of our existence we've grown gradually from a weak body of women, numbering fifteen to twenty, into a flourishing Auxiliary, numbering 140. We have five circles for women and one for girls. Of the twelve charter members, six remain on our roll, namely, Mesdames Cogswell, Cardwell, Guy, Dickson, David Woodside and E. F. Woodside.

The outstanding feature and most encouraging is our growth in membership, and a deeper spirituality.

Rev. C. T. Squires is the present pastor and the church is now enjoying great prosperity.

GREER

This church was originally organized on September 6, 1840, and the full organization took place on September 5, 1841.

The name chosen was "Mt. Tabor" and was changed in 1922.

There were twenty-five charter members, and the church was first located about two miles from where it now stands. The following old record is very interesting, and Greer remembers that "Greenville First Church" is her big daughter, though now larger than the "mother church".

"January 9, 1848. A letter from several ladies of 'Greenville village', was presented to the session, desiring letters of dismission from Mt. Tabor Church, for the purpose of uniting with a church to be organized at that place."

The first "Missionary Society" was organized in 1900, during the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Potter, with five charter members: Mrs. W. W. Burgess, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. Bertha Allen, Mrs. J. M. Hill, and Miss Beulah Baker. Mrs. Hill has joined the "Church Above".

During these first years of the organization, Mrs. Burgiss gave a handsome Bible for the pulpit in memory of a son. Silver collection plates were given by Mrs. Burgiss and Mrs. J. E. Smith. Mrs. Smith also educated a student at the Nanking Seminary. Rev. and Mrs. Donald Richardson were so much beloved by the whole church, and when they went to China, as missionaries, the tie was very close to their mission work.

A "Ladies' Aid" was also organized and was associated with the other society.

And if there are real pillars in a church or "mothers in Israel", surely Mrs. Elizabeth Victoria Bailey (isn't that a queenly name?), was all of that in the Greer Church. She was one of the most earnest members, always about her "Father's business", leaving a rich heritage in her sons and daughters.

When the beautiful new church was built in 1912, the women of the church made very liberal contributions, giving the pews and carpet, furnishing the ladies' parlor and kitchen; and funds for the organ, were also raised by them.

During the pastorate of Rev. F. H. Wardlaw, the Woman's Auxiliary was organized, and Mrs. Wardlaw became the first beloved president.

The outstanding features of the years following were a Bible Class

for colored people and sending delegates to the Colored Woman's Conference.

The women helped greatly in paying off the church debt and also beautified the church and manse grounds.

The Auxiliary has grown wonderfully, and with Mrs. Ramsay Allison as president, under her fine leadership, great things are expected.

Rev. W. H. Hamilton is the present pastor, and Mrs. Hamilton is a most capable helper in all the work of the church and the Auxiliary.

LICKVILLE

Lickville Church was organized April 30, 1882. The name "Lickville" is interesting for it is said to have originated from the fact that deer were often seen licking the rock, near where the church now stands. It is supposed the salt in the rock attracted them.

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized with Mrs. Ellen Woodside as president. Some of the charter members were: Mrs. Andy Ramsay, Mrs. R. B. Allison, Mrs. L. C. Garrett, Mrs. C. L. Stewart.

From an Aid Society with a few members, the organization has grown into a well organized Woman's Auxiliary and is doing good work.

Rudolph Stoddard, a member of the church, and a son of Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Stoddard, is studying for the ministry. Miss Sue Scott, one of the daughters of the church, was a Presbyterial officer for some years.

Rev. D. C. Stogner is the present pastor of the church. The present officers are: Mrs. A. W. McDaniel, President; Mrs. J. F. Stoddard, Vice President; Miss Sue McKittrick, Secretary; Miss Pallie McKittrick, Treasurer.

The Greenville County "Group Conference" met at Lickville Church in 1927, and a fine program was enjoyed, while the social part of the meeting was delightful in this live little church.

McCARTER

This church was organized in 1895 with ten charter members.

It had its birth in a Sunday School, and Mr. Miles McCarter gave the lot on which the church was built.

On Sunday, July 11, 1926, Mr. C. T. Squires, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C., with a committee of three women from the Woman's Auxiliary of Fourth Church, namely: Mrs. G. M. Hamilton, Mrs. A. T. Guy, and Mrs. J. M. Webb went to McCarter Church, at the request of the women there, to organize a Woman's Auxiliary.

The mass meeting assembled, was opened with prayer by Mrs. G. M. Hamilton, presiding. Mrs. Guy was asked to read the constitution which, with some few changes to meet local conditions, was adopted. This organization is known as "The Woman's Auxiliary of McCarter Presbyterian Church" located about half mile from Greenville in same county.

Following are the thirteen charter members: Mrs. W. L. Mims, Mrs. Harley E. Jones, Mrs. Edwin Burdette, Mrs. R. E. Watkins, Mrs. C. B. McCarter, Mrs. Arthur B. McCarter, Mrs. W. M. McCarter, Mrs. Sarah Lee Campbell, Mrs. Cleo Adams, Miss Gertrude Bramlett, Miss Josie Bramlett, Mrs. W. R. Jones, Mrs. Clyde Jones. Mrs. W. L. Mims is president of the Auxiliary.

MONAGHAN, GREENVILLE

In August, 1909, a Presbyterian Sunday School was organized at Monaghan Mill, near Greenville, S. C.

The church was organized on October 3, 1909, with fifteen charter members and ten were women.

Rev. Lowry Davis was the first pastor and took up the work in which his father, Dr. E. P. Davis, had been one of the pioneers.

Monaghan Presbyterian Church is in the Parker School District, which has a population of 25,000 and is one of the greatest Home Mission fields.

Misses Fannie Charles and Mabel Wham have done fine work in the Sunday School, and other efficient workers have helped to carry on this and the Auxiliary work.

Rev. C. E. Piephoff is doing a great work in this church and the outlook is bright.

Mrs. Jack Wham is president of the Auxiliary.

NEW HARMONY (Laurens County)

New Harmony Church was organized August 15, 1844, with Rev. John McKittrick as the first minister.

There were thirteen charter members and the next report in 1855 stated there were seventy-five members.

Six sons have gone out from this church to the Gospel ministry, and this speaks of the home influence and its Christian atmosphere.

A group of ladies, led by their pastor, Rev. Ripley Jacobs, organized a Foreign Missionary Society October 14, 1876. The following officers were elected: President, Miss S. A. Stewart; Vice President, Mrs. F. E. Glenn; Secretary, Miss Belle Stewart; Treasurer, Miss Lizzie Garrett. They held their meetings quarterly. Each member pledged forty cents a year as dues.

In 1894 the younger members were organized into a society, during the pastorate of Rev. C. L. Stewart, by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Lida Stewart, and received her name (The Lida Stewart Society). The Woman's Society assumed the name of "Ripley Jacobs" at this time.

In 1900 a society of young people was organized by Mrs. Sallie Templeton; this society bore her name. As special work, this society supported a Bible woman for Miss Rebecca Wilson, in China—later helped to educate a Chinese boy.

These societies continued in this line of work until they adopted the Auxiliary plan March, 1923. The Auxiliary is composed of all the women of the church divided into two circles, having their meetings monthly in the homes of the members, the plan which we think has proved successful.

There are thirty-eight members and Mrs. Robert J. Stoddard is president of the Auxiliary.

Rev. R. C. Morrison became pastor in 1921. A wonderful spirit of hospitality is shown in the fact that this little church has entertained Enoree Presbytery twice, and this tells of "Woman's Work" well done.

REEDY RIVER

The Reedy River Presbyterian Church was organized March 12, 1887, with six charter members; two of these were women—Mrs. Laura Kern and Mrs. C. Ida Charles. Mrs. Kern in a few months was dismissed to another church. Mrs. Charles was energetic and faithful in

the work of the new church. She aided the building committee in soliciting funds for the church building and was for years a teacher in the Sunday School and an officer in the Woman's Society and held her membership in this church until the day of her death, March 12, 1917.

The list of women associated in the work of the Reedy River Church would not be complete without the mention of the work of Miss Nellie M. Stenhouse, who became a member shortly after organization. By nature a gifted teacher, she used this gift in the Sunday School in telling the story of the Master whom she loved and served so devotedly. Though frail in body, she gave of her strength without stint and there are many saved today who were led to take the step through her life and her telling the Gospel story.

The Auxiliary had a great blessing in the life and example of their late president, Mrs. Janet S. Cunningham. She was for thirty-seven years a member of the Reedy River Church and for the entire time was a teacher in the Sunday School. In her teaching she ever stressed the study of the Westminster Catechism. She was for a number of years the capable and beloved president of the Woman's Auxiliary and faithfully tried to carry out the work as outlined by the Woman's Auxiliary. She passed away on December 21, 1926.

There was an organized Missionary Society in the early organization of the church but the records were lost and for a number of years were without an organization for the women, though there was a Missionary Society for the children and we know that the early work was carried on as outlined by the woman's organization.

The present Woman's Auxiliary was organized in 1920 with the following officers: President, Miss Fannie Charles; Vice President, Mrs. J. S. Cunningham; Secretary, Miss Blanch Macaulay; Treasurer, Mrs. Preston Charles.

The membership for these years was sixteen. The contribution for 1923-24 was $101.24.

Donors of the following are: Real estate, Reedy River Manufacturing Company; Communion plates, Miss Julia Charles; Furnace and pews, Mr. T. I. Charles; Curtain rods, blackboards, etc., Mr. W. M. Stenhouse; Books for library, First Church of Greenville; Bookcase, Auxiliary and Sunday School; Hymn books, Mr. Preston Charles; Church Bible was given by the Auxiliary.

On the first Sunday of June, 1925, Rev. C. E. Piephoff was ordained and installed pastor of the church and there seems to be a bright future for the work.

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

ANTIOCH

The original Antioch was an offshoot of Nazareth Church, Spartanburg County, organized 1843, with twenty-three members. Fourteen were women—Elizabeth Pearson, Cathrine Blakely, Sarah Wakefield, Martha Westmoreland, Margaret Coan, Margaret and Mary Peden, Elizabeth Leonard, Elizabeth Anderson, Elizabeth Anderson, Margaret Anderson, Mary Leonard, Nancy Anderson and Rebecca Bennett. The last seven named were of the family of Denny Anderson, Sr., who donated ten acres of land near Cashville for a church and burial ground with condition that when it ceased to be used for purposes indicated, it should revert to his heirs. The church seems to have done good work until changed conditions followed the Confederate war, leaving a weak and struggling congregation barely able to hold a pastor.

The organization, including most of its membership, was removed to Reidville in 1883. About 1899 a union Sunday School was organized in the old church, conducted there in summer, in a schoolhouse near Cashville in winter. Carrie Leonard helped in the Sunday School. This soon enlisted the interest and sympathy of that zealous missionary preacher, Rev. B. P. Reid. "Antioch became his last and greatest ecclesiastical love" with heart and hand already full. For four years he gave a Sunday afternoon each month. "He thought and worked and talked and prayed old Antioch back to life".

In 1904 the church was re-organized with nine members—Mary Leonard, Carrie Leonard, Evelyn Kilgore, Haskal Francis Kilgore and Jessie Kilgore were of the nine and the name selected was "Old Antioch"—the heirs of John Anderson, Esquire, to whom the property had reverted, deeded in perpetuity three acres of land for church and burial purposes. We find no records of women's activities previous to 1919, though we know there was a Missionary Society organized by Miss Belle Craig of Laurens, S. C., previous to 1909, with Mrs. Mary Gaston Anderson, as president.

In 1913, Miss Jessie Kilgore, aided by members of the Woman's Missionary Society, organized the children of the church in the "Palmer Reid Society". It is an active little band today under the leadership of Mrs. Nettie Gresham Kilgore, assisted by Mary G. Anderson.

Young people organized in 1922 under the leadership of the wo-

men of the Auxiliary. Women of the church in 1922 bought the communion service, later a bookcase. The church for years has felt the need of a new building. To arouse interest, a "Home Coming" was held in 1924 at which time donations were made. Among others, Mrs. Margaret Anderson Boyde, Laurens, S. C., who was a member of the old organization, was present and gave liberally. Miss Jessie Kilgore was made treasurer of this fund and gave liberally. She worked faithfully for the needed building until her death in 1926. Mrs. Joe H. Kilgore is now treasurer. Since 1925, sales of second-hand clothes have been conducted by members of the Auxiliary to aid in the building fund which has been our special for two years.

"Surely I will be with thee", is the promise, and we believe that He is faithful, keeping watch over His own.

CAMPOBELLO

North Pacolet Presbyterian Church was organized in 1780, and Rev. Thomas Newton is the first minister of whom we have any record, in 1790. In 1900, this church was moved to the town of Campobello and the name changed to the Campobello Presbyterian Church. They have an Auxiliary of eight members, contributing $44.00 last year. There is a Prayer Band, Woman's Bible class, three family altars, three tithers, a Home Mission Study class and a Foreign Mission Study class. The church is now grouped with Landrum.

GLENN SPRINGS

On May 19, 1883, the Church of Glenn Springs was organized as the outgrowth of a Sunday School begun in 1881, with Col. Glenn as superintendent, hence the name seems most natural.

"The Ladies' Missionary Society" of the Glenn Springs Church was organized about 1888, with eight or ten members. Miss T. Jane Williams was the first President; Mrs. C. Eber Smith, Vice President, and Patra Lee Smith, Secretary and Treasurer. This was reorganized as an "Aid and Missionary Society" in May, 1905. In the beginning the members dedicated their Sunday eggs to the society, and this was quite a source of income, the hens laying as they had never laid before! A Bible woman in China has been supported by an individual member since the date of organization. With the advent of

the "Woman's Auxiliary", Glenn Springs entered the ranks. Steady progress has been made throughout the years.

While it has done no outstanding piece of work, it has never become disorganized and has always met its obligations, with never more than ten or twelve active members. Organized as a Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, it fell in line and changed its name when the Woman's Auxiliary came into being. It has entertained Enoree Presbyterial, and has furnished one Presbyterial president, Mrs. W. F. Smith; two Spartanburg County Institute leaders, Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Lancaster; one Group Conference leader, Mrs. McG. Simpson, and one of the present cause secretaries of the Presbyterial, Mrs. Lancaster; three are the outgrowth of this Auxiliary, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Lancaster, and Mrs. Casper Simpson. Three of the charter members are still in active service: Mrs. L. D. Smith, her daughter (Mrs. W. F.), Patra Lee Smith, and (Mrs. S. T. D.) Ada Smith Lancaster.

INMAN

The Inman Presbyterian Church was organized at Inman in 1926, and soon after this, a Woman's Auxiliary was organized. They reported at the 1927-28 Presbyterial, a membership of eleven, with a Prayer Band, Home and Foreign Mission Study classes, in which all the members are enrolled, eleven Prayer Calendars, ten *Survey* subscribers and three church papers taken. This was their first annual report and Enoree Presbyterial is very happy over such a fine report of one year's work.

LANDRUM

The Landrum Church was organized September 16, 1916, and Mr. A. P. Toomer was supplying at the time of the organization.

The Auxiliary of the Landrum Presbyterian Church was organized in March, 1923, with eight members. Mrs. W. G. Neville, who was elected president at this meeting, served two years, until she left for Brazil. Mrs. H. L. Spears succeeded her. After two years, Mrs. Spears resigned and Mrs. Phillips, our pastor's wife, became president.

The charter members of the Auxiliary are: Mrs. H. L. Spears, Mrs. W. K. Davenport, Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mrs. F. F. Brown, Mrs. John Christopher, Mrs. J. A. Wilson, Mrs. L. Hancock, and Mrs. W. G. Neville.

The Auxiliary aided in the building of the Landrum Presbyterian Church; in White Cross Work, and has contributed in a small way to benevolences.

LYMAN

The Woman's Auxiliary of Lyman was organized by Mrs. F. H. Wardlaw, of Greer, in February, 1926, with eight members. The first year we enrolled ten members, but lost five by removal and gained five, so ended 1926-1927 with ten members. We have two meetings a month, one a circle meeting in the homes of the members. This is a business and social meeting; the other is the Auxiliary Inspirational or Program meeting, and is held at the kindergarten building. From the first we have had a budget, and we contribute to all the church causes. We use the Year Books and Prayer Calendars, and have the regular Auxiliary literature. Our Auxiliary was in existence one year before the church was organized. In 1927-1928 we enrolled fifteen members, but we have only twelve now, having lost some by removal. We have held three society meetings this year, one was a reception for our pastor and wife, another our birthday party, and the other an anniversary party. This year we entertained the Group Conference. Each year we send two delegates to the Presbyterial, the first year sending Mrs. J. H. Madden and Mrs. W. G. Warnock. In 1927 we sent Mrs. Cleo Barry and Mrs. W. G. Warnock. For 1928 the delegates are Mrs. Lewis Cob and Mrs. Frank Norris.

MT. CALVARY

Mt. Calvary Church was organized in 1846 with six members, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Nesbitt, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCarley. They worshipped for four years in the open air and in the home of Mr. Nesbitt, and then a building was erected thirty or forty feet, at a cost of $200.00 in which the congregation worshipped for thirty-five years.

The Woman's Auxilairy was organized by Rev. T. A. Beekett, who served from 1917 to 1920. They reported last year fourteen members. A prayer band of eight members, family altars, five tithers, five *Survey* subscribers, four subscriptions to the church papers, contributing to all causes $84.00. There is one volunteer for life service.

Special attention is shown in the distribution of Christian literature among white and colored people. The little church has been true to the faith, and during recent years, has grown steadily.

The new church was built in 1903, and dedicated on August 27, 1905, and there are at present one hundred and ninety-three members.

NAZARETH

The Woman's Auxiliary of Nazareth Church has an unusually rich heritage, Nazareth being the mother of Presbyterian churches in the upper part of the State. The first church was built of logs in 1765. Between 1785 and 1790 a larger and better house of worship was erected, but not until 1772 was an organization effected.

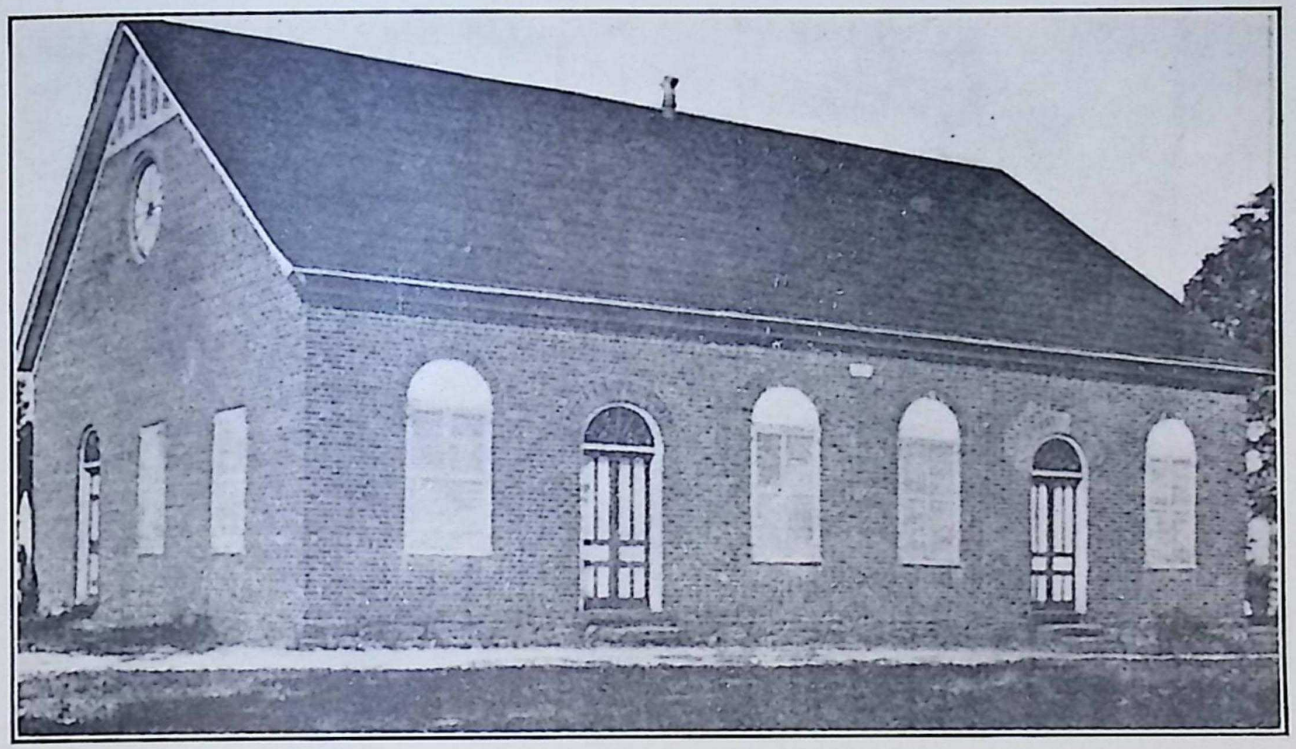
"The first settlers were Pennsylvania Scotch-Irish, and they settled near the present railroad town of Moore, and the town of Wellford, selecting the present church grounds midway between the two. Those early settlers were full of reverence for God's Word and for the institutions of religion, and no sooner had they established their homes in the new world than they made the best arrangements in their power for the worship of the God of their fathers." Both as soldiers of the Cross and as soldiers in defense of the liberties of their country they were sturdy and loyal to a degree. It was in this old church that the "Women Workers of Nazareth Church" met for the purpose of organizing a "Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society" on the first Sabbath in April, 1888, Miss F. E. Miller, presiding, and Miss Emma Anderson acting as secretary. Twenty-five names were enrolled as charter members. For the first few years the money came from the collection of dues, five cents per month. They carried on their "Ladies' Aid" activities by making quilts, two of which were sent to the Seminary in Columbia and two to the Thornwell Orphanage.

The first financial report recorded was the year 1896 and amounted to $23.00, and the end of the year 1920 shows a contribution of $249.00.

The membership in 1922-23 was twenty, and in 1923-24 nineteen. We did not include all the ladies of the church as members of the society until a year ago.

We do not have the circles, as our members are so scattered. We meet once a month at the church, and have only a faithful few who are interested enough in the society to come and give of their means.

A tract of twelve acres was donated for a church and cemetery by a Mr. Caldwell. Mrs. Jamison left a legacy of $1,000.00, Mrs. F. E.



NAZARETH CHURCH

Organized in 1772—Present building erected in 1832. Remodeled in 1903.

Location—In Reidville Township, Spartanburg County, South Carolina, six (6) miles southwest of Spartanburg Court House between North Tyger and Middle Tyger Rivers.

Anderson $500.00, and Mrs. Rosa Wingo $500.00 to the church, the interest of each to be used for the pastor's salary. Mrs. Nannie Coan gave the collection plates, and the lovely individual communion set was given by the Gresham family. Dr. and Mrs. Gresham are our greatest blessing. Relatives of those that are buried there gave an endowment fund amounting to $1,500.00, the interest only to be used for the up-keep of the cemetery.

There is a Prayer Band, in which each member has taken a missionary that she prays for daily. The society usually tries to give something to all causes and to any emergency calls that come up, though it be little. Our band is small, but true and tried and all united in the Master's service.

PACOLET

The Pacolet Church was organized in 1886 with twenty-five members; charter members who were women: Aletha Sloan, Martha Jane Sloan, Dorcas Sloan, Jane Black, Belle Black, Leila Wood, Julia Wood, Annie McDowell and Mrs. A. A. James. The women helped raise the money to furnish the church by hot suppers and festivals. The first Missionary Society was organized about 1901 with ten members. The pastor's wife, Mrs. A. A. James, was president; Mrs. Jane Black, secretary and treasurer. This was a Foreign Missionary Society, dues ten cents a month. This has been a Woman's Auxiliary since 1912 with free will offerings or pledges, contributing to all causes.

Rev. A. A. James was pastor of the church from 1890 until his death in 1910. On that distressing occasion when Pacolet River became a mighty destructive torrent, the church building was swept from its foundation and carried down the river, its spire still pointing heavenward, until crushed by the force of the waters as it went over the dam. A new organization was formed in 1894, known as the "James Memorial", commemorating the memory of the beloved former pastor. A beautiful tribute, and one so fitting, a living monument in the church he loved so well!

REIDVILLE

The history of Reidville Presbyterian Church is a continuation of that of Antioch Church near Cashville, which was organized on the 17th day of August, 1843, in the District of Spartanburg, by Rev. William

Carlisle. For more than forty years, a congregation of earnest worshipers assembled here. About 1884 the organization was moved to Reidville and preaching services were held in the chapel of the "Reidville Female Seminary". The present Reidville Church was built in 1889 on the campus of the Seminary.

Mesdames F. L. Anderson, S. R. Gresham, W. D. Leonard, W. C. Smith, William Brandenburg and Misses Lizzie Ferguson and Fannie Leonard were among the charter members. More than one name deserves to be placed on the roll of honor of this church, but we mention only Mrs. W. C. Smith, one of our greatest blessings, during her life, and her work lives after her.

As early as 1894, the society was functioning under the name of "Pauline Dubose Little Missionary Society" with Mesdames F. L. Anderson and William Brandenburg as officers. The present Auxiliary has a resident membership of forty-two.

A very earnest missionary spirit pervades this church, and it is educating a young man at Nacoochee. The Woman's Auxiliary will entertain Enoree Presbyterial in April, 1929.

Miss Emily Smith was a Presbyterial officer for many years.

ROEBUCK

The Roebuck Presbyterian Church was organized in September, 1891, by Rev. W. L. Boggs, pastor of Center Point Church, Moore, S. C.

The first Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. D. C. Stroble—"Miss Bettie" as she was called—a fine Christian character whose influence will be felt as long as the church stands and longer. After her death the work was taken up by Mrs. E. F. Parker, another woman of fine character; after several years Mrs. Parker moved to Spartanburg, S. C.

The little church drifted without an Auxiliary for several years until Mrs. T. D. Johnston, wife of our pastor, revived the work in 1920. The Auxiliary did very efficient work until, once more, we lost our minister and our president, when Mr. Johnston accepted work in Georgia. In 1923, Rev. R. M. Phillips was called to our church, his wife, a very live church worker, took up the Woman's Work and the following officers were elected: Mrs. R. M. Phillips, President; Miss Nettie Miller, Vice President; Miss Gertrude Daniel, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Switzer, Secretary Literature; Mrs. Lula Wood, Secretary Home and Foreign Missions; Miss Gertrude Edge,

Secretary Christian Community Work; Miss A. McAbee, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief.

The year of 1927 finds us with a few changes in officers, but we are all at work.

SPARTANBURG, FIRST

The First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg was organized April 30, 1843, with eight members, three of whom were women. In the minutes of the organization, their names appear thus: females—M. L. A. Collins, C. D. Poole, Margaret Means. They were, no doubt, the wives of the three "males" of the same names. Stated supplies served the church for the first twenty-six years of its history. We have no record of any woman's organization nor any Woman's Work during this period, but they probably did as much as the men toward furthering the cause of Presbyterianism in Spartanburg. During this period the membership grew to fifty, and it has grown steadily since then until now in 1928 it numbers nearly thirteen hundred members.

During the pastorate of Dr. T. H. Law from 1869 to 1886 and continuing under the pastorate of Rev. B. F. Wilson and Rev. J. M. Rawlings, until 1891, when Dr. J. S. Watkins became pastor, the activities of the women of the church were embodied in an organization called "The DuBose Missionary Society", which ministered to local needs and included in its contributions, $75.00 a year toward Dr. H. C. DuBose's work in Soochow, China. At the same time there was a Juvenile Missionary Society under the leadership of Miss Mary E. D. Lee, which contributed $40.00 a year to keep the street chapel in Soochow conducted by Dr. DuBose open every day in the year. Miss Lee taught the infant class in Sunday School many years. She was a sister of Miss Elise Lee of our mission in Mexico.

In 1891 Dr. John S. Watkins became pastor of the church and that year Mrs. Watkins organized a Foreign Missionary Society with thirteen members. The first year closed with a large membership of earnest, enthusiastic women. A few years later a Home Missionary Society was organized. The two societies functioned separately, each growing as the town and the church membership grew, until in 1917 when the Woman's Auxiliary was organized during the pastorate of Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour.

In 1890 a Sunday School had been started in the Spartan Mill Village, by members of this church, Mr. and Mrs. J. Walter Allen being

two of the prime movers in the work. This soon developed into a church with ten members and two elders, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ravenel giving the lot on which was erected a church building. Members of the First Church continued to conduct Sunday School and church services even after 1908 when the congregation moved to another part of town and the name was changed to the Second Presbyterian Church. This congregation recently built quite a spacious new building and has a growing, active membership. The First Church, which just before this time (1926) had moved into its new building, contributed the carpet, pews, organ, and individual members contributed liberally to the building fund. The family of Dr. Law contributed the pulpit furniture as a memorial to him.

Soon after coming to Spartanburg Dr. Watkins started a colored Sunday School in a section of the town back of his own home. This has been kept up continuously for about thirty-five years and they recently moved into a new building erected by the First Church. Members of the First Church and students of Converse College have served as superintendent and teachers all these years. Members of the Sunday School have been sent to the colored women's conferences in this State and to Stillman Institute in Tuscaloosa, Ala., by the members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Church, and a cooking and sewing school has been operated by Mrs. Sarah Tillinghast Dixon.

Other local missionary work was done owing to the intensive demands of a factory population. This need was met by the employment of a regular worker, day and night schools, Sunday School, preaching services, cooking and sewing classes, the women and girls of the church giving hearty cooperation.

In 1896 Mrs. M. H. Adger, the mother of Mrs. Law and Mrs. Ravenal, organized the "Ladies' Education Society of the Spartanburg Church", which supported a girl in the Assembly's Home and School at Fredericksburg, Va., until 1914.

In 1903 the church assumed the support of Rev. J. Fairman Preston of Greenville, as a missionary in Mokpo, Korea, calling him its "foreign pastor". While on a visit to the home land Mr. Preston told of the need for a boys' school in Mokpo. Mrs. Ravenel felt that this was something so vital to the future growth of the church in Korea that she made up her mind to raise the sum of $2,000.00 for the erection of the school. Her aunt, Mrs. Anna Simonton, gave $200.00, and Mrs. Ravenel started out at once for further contributions and within two days Mr. Preston was told that the money had been raised and that

he could start building at once. Mrs. J. W. Simpson suggested that the school be a memorial to our pastor, and it was named "The John S. Watkins Academy for Boys". Dr. Watkins' son-in-law, Mr. R. E. Boggs, contributed $400.00 for the equipment of the school. Recently, members of the congregation have contributed toward the enlargement of the school and a fund has been started for a dormitory as a memorial to Mrs. Ravenel.

In 1912, during the presidency of Mrs. W. H. Morton, the Foreign Missionary Society undertook the support of its own missionary. Mr. J. M. Wilson of Kentucky, who married Miss Martha Cecil of Louisville, was the first missionary supported by this organization. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson visited our church as bride and groom before leaving for China as Mr. and Mrs. Preston had done nine years before this. After a few years a change was made and the Foreign Missionary Society undertook the support of Dr. Wilkinson in his hospital work in Soochow for a few years, and then, the Woman's Auxiliary, took Nannie Ravenel (Mrs. Darby Fulton), a daughter of the church, as its missionary in Japan, until her return to the home land, Dr. Darby Fulton having been called to the United States by the Foreign Missions Committee to serve as Field Secretary of Foreign Missions. In the meantime, Dr. Fulton had been supported in his work in Japan by a group of men in the Spartanburg First Church, called the "Darby Fulton Association". Since the return of Dr. and Mrs. Fulton, the congregation and the Woman's Auxiliary have undertaken the full support of the work of Rev. D. J. Cumming in Korea; his interest in the John S. Watkins' Academy for Boys has been a tie, drawing him closer to this church. The congregation includes $1,350.00 in its benevolent budget for this work and the Auxiliary has assumed $1,350.00, including $675.00 in its budget and $675.00 in individual gifts.

Mention should be made of the neighborhood circles started *long before* the circle plan in the Woman's Auxiliary! About 1904 the suggestion was made by Mrs. B. King Couper, a daughter of Mrs. Josiah Sibley, of Augusta, who, with Miss Jennie Hanna, was a pioneer in the organization of the work of the women of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Watkins, our pastor's wife, was in hearty accord with the idea.

There were five circles representing different neighborhoods in the city. One, the Saturday Market Circle, took orders for cakes, salads, etc., and had a table every Saturday morning in a store in the town.

One circle had a Baby Basket which it sent periodically from door to door selling baby clothes, caps, bootees, sacques, etc. Another circle made aprons, hemmed napkins and took orders for sewing, busily plying their needles as they met in the homes of the members once a month. Good fellowship prevailed and close friendships were formed, and one can well imagine how hard it was to change from neighborhood circles to the plan of shifting which now prevails in the Auxiliary Circle Plan. A business women's circle was also organized before the organization of the Auxiliary Circle Plan.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized in 1917 in its entirety, with all cause secretaries, and using the Circle Plan. Mrs. T. Frasier James, who was president of the Foreign Missionary Society, was elected President and Mrs. Frank Evans, who was president of the Home Missionary Society, was elected Vice President. The first years of its history the Auxiliary was engaged principally with war work among the soldiers at Camp Wadsworth. Twice a week and sometimes oftener, entertainments were given at the church, refreshments being served by the circles in town. Members of the Auxiliary also met at the church regularly to sew on buttons and mend for the soldiers. The church was kept open all the time and magazines were kept in the reading room for the use of the enlisted men. Many of the members of the Auxiliary also engaged in Red Cross and Canteen work.

The Auxiliary has always made Mission Study one of its special features. For six weeks in the winter we have the Church School of Missions when the men and women, young people, seniors and intermediates meet on Wednesday night for a worship period and then go into separate class rooms for a study of Foreign Missions. In November we study Home Missions in the circles.

More than seventy-five of the women of the Auxiliary are organized into a group called "The Marthas" who serve many suppers and banquets in the course of the year in the large social hall of the church for various groups such as The Men of the Church, the Sunday School Workers' Conference, Young People's Cabinet, etc. The leader of this group is Mrs. Sloan Crawford who for a number of years has given freely of her time and talents.

In 1918 Miss Irene Hudson came to us from the Assembly's Training School as pastor's assistant, although she was also called at different times, Director of Religious Education and Leader of Young People's Work. She has been all of this and more. As organizer of the Daily Vacation Bible School and the Week Day Church School which runs ten

weeks in the fall, ten weeks in the spring, one day in the week and three weeks daily in the summer. As church visitor, superintendent of the Young People's Department in the Sunday School, as wise counselor and friend, she won her way into the very fabric of the church life, and it was with sad hearts that we gave her up a few months ago after ten years of service for a period of rest and study.

On the staff of the week day school are a large group of young and older women of the church and Sunday School who give their services freely. Four girls have gone out from the church as missionaries —Edith Foster, to Brazil; Nannie Ravenel (Mrs. C. Darby Fulton) to Japan; Constance Couper (Mrs. Bolling Reynolds) to Korea, and Ethel Sanders (Mrs. C. B. Dorsey) to the Southern Methodist Mission, in Brazil. Undoubtedly the influence of Miss M. E. D. Lee, Mrs. Ravenel and Mrs. Hettie Lucas was a factor in the making of these missionaries, all of them having been taught in Sunday School by one or more of these women.

Women of the church contributed liberally to the building fund of the new church, which was erected during the pastorate of Dr. Henry Wade DuBose. This is considered one of the most beautiful and one of the most complete church buildings in the country. Two women, Mrs. T. T. Quarles and Mrs. W. R. Crook, served on the building committee. Mrs. J. Choice Evins contributed the pulpit furniture as a memorial to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Twichel. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Avent gave the baptismal font in memory of their son Jack, a member of the Sunday School, who met a tragic death in his boyhood, and Mrs. T. H. Law contributed the communion table and chairs, as a memorial to Dr. T. H. Law, who served the church as pastor from 1869 to 1886. The brothers, J. A. and R. H. F. Chapman, contributed the communion service several years ago. Two legacies have been left to the church, about $15,000.00 by Mrs. E. A. Judd for a fund for needy women and girls, and $5,000.00 by J. Walter Allen, which was used principally in paying off the debt on the manse.

A woman in the congregation has for five years been paying $1,350.00 annually toward the support of Rev. and Mrs. James E. Bear in Chinkang, China. This goes to the church treasurer and not through the Auxiliary.

Mention should be made of the recognition shown by the church and Sunday School to Mrs. Sam Burts three years ago on the occasion of her twenty-fifth year of continuous teaching in the primary department in the Sunday School.

The church contributes to the support of Rev. and Mrs. Cary Blain at Highland School in Guerrant, Ky. For many years they supported Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Guerrant in this work, and the women of the Auxiliary have contributed substantially to the equipment, one year paying for the installation of a heating plant in the Girls' Dormitory. The Auxiliary contributed to all causes last year, about $5,500.00, of this, $3,294.00 to Foreign Missions.

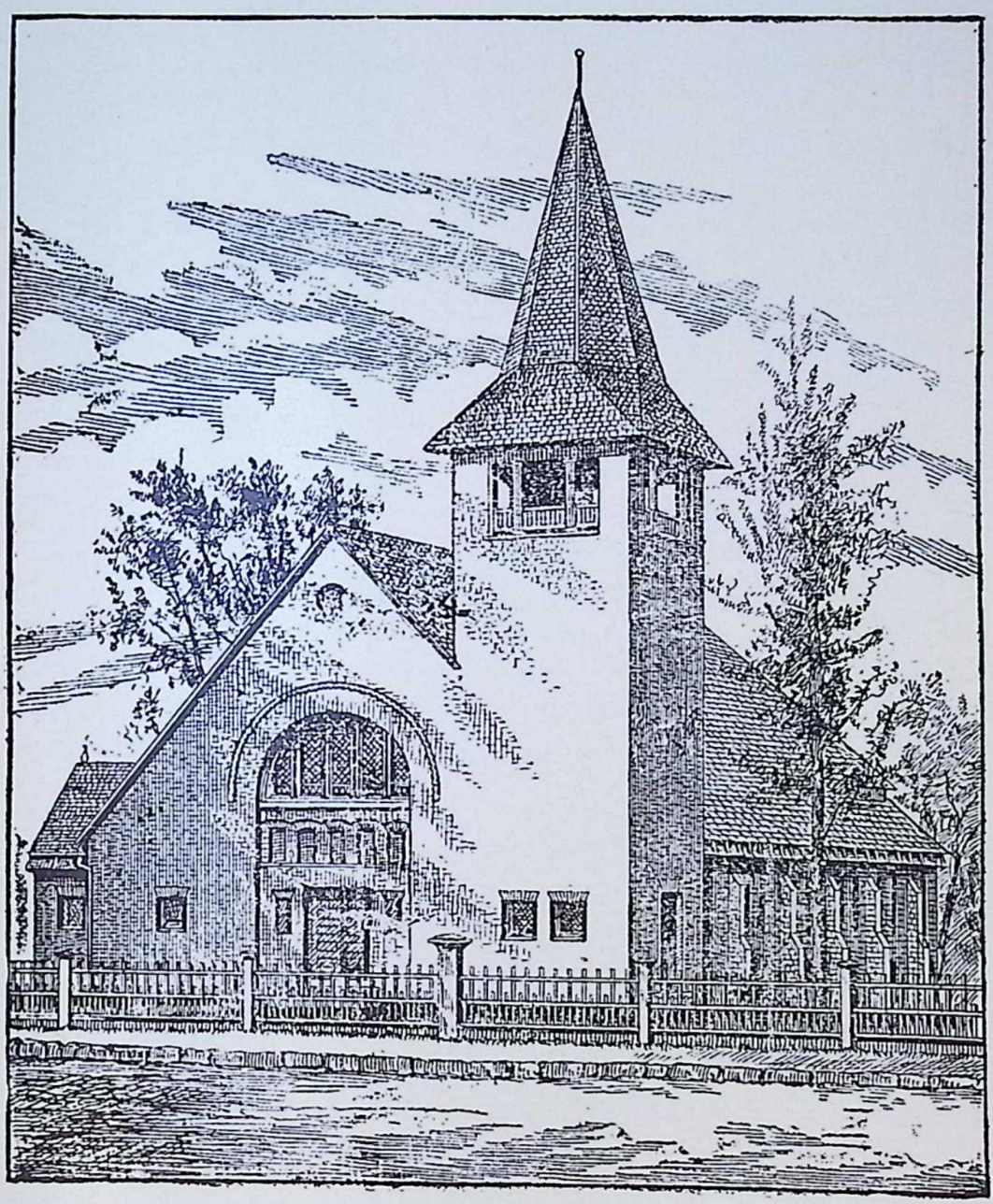
The Enoree Presbytery met in this church, on Tuesday, October 2, 1928, and celebrated the semi-centennial of the organization of the Presbytery, a notable day in our history. The first meeting of Enoree Presbyterial was also in this church, in February, 1899.

A LIFE WORTH LIVING

(Tribute to Miss Mary E. D. Lee, written by Rev. T. H. Law, D. D., January 2, 1915

The passing from our midst to her heavenly reward on Thursday last, of Miss Mary E. D. Lee is worthy of more than passing notice. She was a gentle, modest, shrinking woman who sought no notoriety, but did in her humble way a work which an angel might well covet. She came to Spartanburg just forty-one years ago, January, 1874, and already a trained teacher, opened a little private school in the residence of her cousin, J. Miller Lee, on Pine Street. Shortly afterwards, as her services became appreciated and her patronage increased, she erected, at her own expense, a small schoolhouse on the rear of the First Presbyterian Church lot, where she continued to conduct a primary school until the lot was closed in. Then she removed the building to Kennedy street, where she taught until some six or eight years ago, when advancing age and feeble health induced her to give up her life work. But her thoroughness and fidelity as a teacher, her noble Christian example and influence, and her constant care for the morals and religious training of her pupils accomplished results which eternity alone will reveal. It was an appropriate arrangement that her former "boys" should act as pallbearers at the funeral on Friday last, a service which they all no doubt rendered as a hearty and loving tribute to their beloved and cherished old instructor; while many others, scattered far and wide, will rise up to call her blessed.

Upon her removal to this city, Miss Lee at once connected herself with the First Presbyterian Church, of which I was then pastor, and ever afterwards proved a most loyal, devoted and efficient laborer in Christ's Kingdom, as well as a living example of the Christian relig-



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SPARTANBURG
Dedicated April 14, 1889

This congregation is now worshipping in one of the most modern and handsome church buildings in the South.

ion. For many years she had the infant class in the Sunday School, which she surrendered to younger hands not long ago; and she also organized and led a juvenile missionary society which has rendered valuable service in the Foreign Missionary Work, and still continues in efficient operation.

What a consecrated woman, always feeble physically, but never negligent in business and fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, has done for her generation may well be placed on permanent record. And as on the closing day of the old year, her spirit leaving its tabernacle, winged its flight to the Saviour's bosom just as her pastor, Dr. Watkins, conducted his prayer at her bedside. I could not but think of the precious words of Scripture, "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them".

In the last two years the two oldest members of the church—Mrs. T. H. Law, the widow of the first settled pastor, and Mrs. Hettie Lucas—have gone to their heavenly home. They were saintly women, the beauty and serenity of whose lives rest as a benediction on those who knew and loved them. They were both quiet, retiring women but the gentle saintliness of each was a pervading influence throughout the church and community.

MRS. T. H. LAW

Mrs. Law, who was born in Charleston, came to the church in 1869 as the wife of the pastor. She reared eight children to womanhood and manhood, all of whom have rendered faithful service to the church and the communities in which they live. One son, Thomas H. Law, Jr., was called to the Home above in early manhood.

While Mrs. Law served one year as president of the Foreign Missionary Society, her real Christian service was as a helpmate to her husband in his pastoral work at first, and later in his duties as Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and of the Synod of South Carolina. Mrs. Law always accompanied her husband to the meetings of the General Assembly and knew all the leaders in church work, and she read the church papers diligently. To the very last she never failed to attend all the public services of the church, the weekly prayer meeting and the program meetings of the Auxiliary.

She was conscientious in her benevolences, giving liberally to all

the causes of the church and to all worthy appeals, not letting her left hand know what her right hand did.

Just before retiring on the night before her entrance into the heavenly home, she laid out the garments she was to wear at the church service the following morning. During the night she became ill, and quietly fell asleep about noon on Sunday, December 11, 1927.

MRS. HETTIE BUTLER LUCAS

Mrs. Hettie Butler Lucas came to Spartanburg as a little girl during the Civil War, moving here from Greenville with her grandmother, Mrs. Stone, who had been instrumental in organizing the First Presbyterian Church established in that city. At the age of ten she became a member of the church and through her long life exhibited the true missionary spirit.

In her early girlhood, by her own initiative, she formed a Sunday School class of girls who were unaffiliated with any church. This was the beginning of her Sunday School teaching which continued almost to the close of her life. Her interest in religious education was intense. Her absolute faith in God, her earnest study of the Bible, regularity in attendance and sincere love for the individual pupil, combined to make her more than fifty years of Sunday School teaching successful and happy ones.

At one time there were in the foreign field, four missionaries who had been in her class, and many active in the work of the church and Sunday School.

October 17, 1928.

MRS. J. S. WATKINS
(Written by herself)

As Mary Coleman, of Northern Virginia, she knew very early that she was intended to become the wife of a preacher and help him in his work. As Mrs. Watkins, she set out to fulfil her destiny by starting a Foreign Missionary Society. Volunteers were scarce in the aristocratic neighborhood that had been the home of Patrick Henry and John Randolph, but at last one dear elderly lady was secured as president on the condition that "she shall never have to say anything". Strange to relate, this society did well on this basis of silence, at least one prayer was said and money raised.

Her husband soon became pastor of the old First Church of Ral-

eigh, N. C., where Miss E. V. Penick had long fostered the missionary cause, contributing probably more to this object by her devoted love than any woman before or since. Transferred to her cherishing care, the young wife learned to speak and pray when there was none to do so, and was thus prepared for the new responsibility that became hers when Dr. Watkins was called simultaneously to the churches in Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C. Circumstances inclined him to the latter church and he became its pastor in 1892.

In that far off time, the ladies of this church also practiced the grace of silence, especially when their men were around. They had also been accustomed to one society, giving to various objects through the society.

About this time the congregation was urged by an earnest young preacher to undertake the entire support of a foreign missionary. This met with cheerful response and Rev. S. R. Hope, of Laurens, became the first of a long line of successors.

Soon the ladies decided also on separate missionary work. The discussion partly arose about "praying in public", by which was meant in the presence of men, the very subject now dead and forgotten as the proverbial ghost!

Only thirteen joined at the organization, but the society closed the year with a membership of seventy-five, and has a long roll of useful, active members, who have forgotten the old role of silence, possibly inspired by the preacher's wife, who was naturally not silent.

Home Missions now began to assume a prominent place, and the women, realizing this, were glad to be formed into another separate society which they dubbed, according to proverbial custom, "The Ladies' Aid", giving to this branch of the church with the liberality which has always distinguished Spartanburg women.

About this time some members of the Presbytery thought that the work of the women of the churches should co-operate in order to unify its work, writing to Mrs. Watkins to secure her help.

After grave thought she undertook this, writing to every church in the Presbytery. She met with cordial co-operation and promises of help. Missionaries and some of the more prominent men and women agreed to meet for the purpose of organizing, but this purpose met sad interruption in the fire that destroyed our beautiful little church.

But a certain number came, a constitution was drawn up and the meeting adjourned to meet in Greenville with its first president, Mrs. G. W. Taylor, Mrs. Watkins having long ago decided that it was not

best for a preacher's wife to do more than promote any new movement—without official connection. And so the movement began under the name of "Woman's Foreign Missionary Union", and we now see it in, "The Woman's Auxiliary to Enoree Presbytery".

By this time reports of good accomplished by a system of circles reached us from Georgia, Mrs. King Couper introducing the subject at the annual meeting. This movement was endorsed, and the minister's wife drew up a plan of the entire city, dividing it into sections which she afterwards visited, going from house to house in this campaign and thus succeeded in organizing six circles so that the Circle Plan anticipated the Auxiliary by many years, and prepared the way for its introduction.

Dr. Watkins was emphatically a missionary pastor and his wife took part in his various mission schools, at the mill villages and especially among the Negroes, who were without Sunday Schools or hospital privileges. A good clinic helped the work of the hospital, and early in his ministry, a small preaching place was found near the hospital, being later supplemented by Mr. and Mrs. Morton, who have been efficient superintendents for many years. A more commodious house was found, later superseded by their own permanent house of worship under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church.

The last personal foreign missionary undertaking by the pastor's wife was the formation of a "Foreign Missionary Society" among the highest class in this colored school. It was called "Mutoto", meaning "the star", in honor of Mrs. Morrison, the natives in Africa having given her this beautiful name. This is kept in active service, the class song being the old hymn; "Will There be any Stars in my Crown", contributions being divided between the Bible class and an outlying station in our African Mission.

I cannot close this sketch without a line in acknowledgment of those who have labored so faithfully with me over a long term of years, Mrs. H. E. Ravenel, Mrs. J. Walter Allen, members of the original thirteen.

How gentle and patient was dear Mrs. Ravenel in restraining the more impetuous zeal of a wife who longed to help her husband, a woman who always wanted "something accomplished, something done", to earn each night's repose.

To these, as to all earnest faithful co-laborers in His Vineyard, my grateful thanks are due—shall I say here and hereafter?

The younger and the older generation have vied in kindness, ap-

preciation and love showed in a thousand ways, and as my days shorten to a close I can certainly say from a full heart. "It is a blessed thing to grow old in Spartanburg".

SPARTANBURG, SECOND

The church was organized in 1908, and was the outgrowth of mission Sunday School work, begun in 1890, by a group of teachers from the First Church.

The Woman's Auxiliary of this church was organized in 1924. All the women of the church are members of the Auxiliary but not all are active. We have a membership of about one hundred and two (102) enrolled in four circles.

We contribute to all the Assembly's causes and other benevolences, including a contribution to Clemson College.

We are enjoying many blessings; first, our pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderson; next, our new church, and the remarkable growth of our membership in the past two years, since we moved into our new church building. The First Church contributed the pews, carpet and organ, when they moved into their new church building. The family of Dr. T. H. Law gave the pulpit furniture in memory of Dr. Law, and many individuals contributed liberally to the building fund.

We contributed to all causes and benevolences last year $424.00. We joined with the Glenn Springs Auxiliary in sending a colored woman to the conference in Columbia. We entertained the "Efficiency Conference" in 1927, soon after our new church was completed.

There are thirty-three family altars, thirty-one tithers, and three volunteers among our young people for full-time service, and the spiritual outlook is good.

WELLFORD

The Wellford Presbyterian Church was organized November 21, 1883, with twenty-one members from Nazareth Church.

In 1887 a Woman's Missionary Society was organized with only five members, Miss Florence Moore, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss A. C. Hammond, Mrs. L. E. Query, Mrs. J. J. Vernon. Miss Florence Moore was the first President; Miss A. C. Hammond, Secretary; Mrs. J. J.

Vernon, Treasurer. This society contributed to orphanage work and to Home and Foreign Missions. It grew slowly in numbers as years went by.

In 1914 Mrs. F. L. Mays, President of Enoree Presbyterial, organized the Woman's Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. J. O. Vernon with sixteen members present: Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss Florence Moore, Mrs. L. E. Query, Mrs. W. G. Query, Mrs. R. L. Query, Mrs. J. O. Vernon, Miss Elizabeth Vernon, Miss Lucile Vernon, Mrs. J. J. Vernon, Mrs. T. A. Cole, Miss A. C. Hammond, Mrs. D. F. Moore, Miss Elizabeth Query, Miss Esther Boyd, Mrs. J. C. Oeland and Mrs. S. R. Frey. Miss Elizabeth Moore was first President; Miss Elizabeth Query was first Secretary, and Mrs. W. G. Query first Treasurer. At the time of organization each member pledged ten cents per month and at the present time our budget is $150.00. And we have always greatly overraised our budget. 1926-27, gifts were $35.00 per capita.

The Auxiliary had meetings once a month until the past year, and twice a month since that time.

The Auxiliary has won two gold stars, two years in succession.

Two members have given $3,000.00 to Christian Education. One member, Mrs. A. M. Hastings, has served as president of Enoree Presbyterial two years. Another member, Miss Elizabeth Query, will be graduated from the Assembly Training School in Richmond this year.

The Auxiliary entertained the County Institute, also the Echo Conference for Young People.

The Auxiliary sent a colored woman to the Colored Woman's Conference in Columbia for the past three years. She received her diploma last year, and this year the Auxiliary has voted to send another.

The Auxiliary has built a choir loft, wired and installed electrical fixtures, bought two pianos, painted church, carpeted church, beautified the church grounds, and made up a purse of around $100.00 for the Seminary student that supplied our pulpit in the absence of a regular pastor.

WOODRUFF

The Woodruff Presbyterian Church was organized in 1877 and ten years later in 1887, the "Ladies' Missionary Society" of the Woodruff Presbyterian Church was organized with five members: Mrs. F. A. Kilgore (organizer), Miss Hattie Kilgore, Mrs. Lora Kilgore, Mrs. Butler Chamblin, and Mrs. W. W. Simpson.

In the beginning, the collections called "dues" were ten cents a member. These dues when they amounted to $5.00 were given alternately to Foreign Missions and to Home Missions. After many years they decided to give up the dues and give voluntarily.

In 1911 the County Institute was organized by members of the Woodruff Society. This Institute had four leaders from Woodruff.

"The Woman's Conference", which meets every year at Montreat, was first planned by our beloved Mrs. W. W. Simpson of the Woodruff Society, and this beautiful monument to her memory lives in our whole Southern Church.

Woodruff Auxiliary has furnished two presidents of the Enoree Presbyterial, Mrs. W. W. Simpson and Mrs. L. H. Irby.

From a small beginning, the work in Woodruff has moved on wonderfully, and has grown beyond all dreams, but the first efforts of the women of Woodruff Auxiliary will never be lost nor forgotten. Miss Carrie Kilgore was sent to Brazil from our church. As she grew up here among us, we are greatly interested in her work and follow her with our prayers.

UNION COUNTY

CANE CREEK

Just after the American Revolution in 1784, some Quakers built two churches, or "meeting-houses", "Padgett's Creek" and "Cane Creek" in Union County. In 1805, Cane Creek was sold for a barn, when several men of the community bought the old Quaker church and it became a union church for all denominations until 1850. The history of these old churches reads like a romance during those troubled days, and in some, there was tragedy!

After the War Between the States, the old church barely existed, and was moved to Santuc in 1884, the new church being built of the old material. Rev. J. H. Saye was pastor of the church in 1839, but it is not known just when it was organized.

A band of good women have kept up the Auxiliary, and Mrs. W. M. Butler is President; Mrs. Crocker, Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions; Mrs. L. B. Jeter, Secretary of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Russel Jeter, Secretary of Literature.

Rev. A. R. Batchelor is the present pastor.

FAIRFOREST (JONESVILLE)

Fairforest Church had its birth when some Scotch-Irish Presbyterian families came to South Carolina from Pennsylvania in 1751, and settled along what is now known as Fairforest Creek, in Union County.

This section was then on the frontier of civilization, in the midst of the forest primeval, and history tells us that when the brave pioneers went out to select a site for their church, one of them exclaimed, "What a fair forest!"

And so they built a log "meeting-house" and called it "*Fairforest*", which beautiful name has been preserved, and, though better equipped and far more beautiful houses of worship are now enjoyed, the old name is still rich in memory and fragrance.

The first minister who visited them was Rev. Joseph Tate, in 1754. Dr. Joseph Alexander supplied the church just before and during the Revolutionary War.

The church was formally organized in 1771 and a new church building was erected in 1786. In 1793, Rev. Wm. Williamson was installed first pastor of this church, and Rev. Daniel Gray was pastor from 1805-1816, the only pastor of the church buried in Fairforest cemetery. Rev. Joseph Hillhouse was minister, 1817-1823, and a new brick church was built about two miles west of the original location, the site of the Fairforest cemetery. Rev. Daniel Gray, nephew of a former pastor, was with the church from 1831-1836, and Rev. James H. Saye was pastor, 1840-1851. Much of the church and community history was recorded by "Father Saye."

Rev. A. A. James was ordained and installed pastor in July, 1851, and continued pastor until his death in 1910; never having taken a vacation in fifty-nine years. He served as chaplain in the Confederate Army during the "War Between the States", and visited the church twice a year to hold communion service. (Dates copied from "Presbyterian Church in South Carolina".)

No record can be found of any work done by the women of Fairforest during these early days, except Mrs. Elizabeth L. Gist's gift of a communion service and table linen, which have been in use more than sixty years.

MRS. ELIZABETH LEWIS MCDANIEL GIST

Mrs. Gist was a native of Union District, the daughter of Thomas and Frances Crenshaw McDaniel. Early in life she was married to Col. Nathaniel Gist, and she became the mother of ten children. Mrs. Gist was a lady of great industry. Born in affluent circumstances and always possessed of wealth, she might have excused herself from toil, but she gave diligent attention to the affairs of her large household. The comfort and health of all that pertained to her charge were attended to with such diligence, that the models of a good wife drawn by Homer and Solomon, were illustrated by a living reality. She was a lady of great cheerfulness and high social qualities. Her visits were not confined to a circle of select friends, but wherever distress entered, like an angel of mercy, she found her way. Mrs. Gist was a member of the old Fairforest Church. She gave the silver communion set and linen.

If good wishes and earnest prayers could have perpetuated health and life, Mrs. Gist would be among us today. But God's ways are not our ways, nor His thoughts as our thoughts. She rejoiced in the light of His countenance and the consolations of His grace. She passed to her Heavenly Home at "Wyoming", the family residence, on June 27, 1859, in the sixty-eighth year of her age. She was survived by her husband and nine children. Two of Mrs. Gist's eight sons were Capt. James D. Gist, who died of fever in camp at Morton, Miss., August 24, 1863, and Brigadier-General *States Rights Gist,* who was killed at the head of his brigade, at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., November 30, 1864.

MRS. A. A. JAMES

Sarah Margaret Collins was born in York County September 10, 1832. As there was no school in the neighborhood where this large family lived, Mr. Collins moved to Spartanburg in order to educate his children. There was no Presbyterian Church in the town at the time and Sarah's father and a close friend of his were accustomed to go together to a retired spot in a body of woods and pray for a church. Mr. Collins lived to see his prayers answered. Later, when the old church building was torn down to give place to a more modern edifice, his name was found in the corner stone.

It was in the first church that Sarah received her Christian training and united with the church. On September 13, 1853, she was united in marriage to Rev. A. A. James, who was at that time supply—the Spartanburg Presbyterian Church in connection with Fairforest

Church in Union County. Mrs. James was his faithful helpmate during his entire pastorate of fifty-nine years. His semi-centennial as pastor of Fairforest Church was celebrated in 1901, and in his sermon on that occasion he paid a tribute to his wife which showed his appreciation of the faithful service she had rendered in his great work. As well as I can recall he used the following words in his sermon: "There is one who has stood by my side during the past fifty years whose love, sympathy, and prayers have helped me over many rugged places and who often has had to undergo severe trials but lost sight of self in her unselfish attempts to help me. Always prompt in covering my deficiencies, cheerful in concealing my defects, apologizing for what could not be approved, I say that in that life, I have found the source and cause of all that I have done". "Oh, wife of my youth! Many daughters have done virtuously but thou excellest them all."

Mrs. James had great sympathy for the ignorant and less fortunate class of people—especially the colored race—and embraced every opportunity to speak a kind word to those in distress. At one time during her residence in the country, she conducted a large Sunday School for the colored people in a school house near her home. She was a strict observer of the Lord's day and spent her Sunday afternoons teaching the Bible and Gospel hymns to the ignorant colored men, women and children. She was a regular home missionary of which the church stands so greatly in need today.

Mr. and Mrs. James moved to the little town of Pacolet in Spartanburg County during the year 1880, where they remained until Mr. James' death in 1910. Not long after the church was organized, a Sunday School was opened and it was here that Mrs. James displayed her great ability as a Christian worker. For several years before her death her eye-sight failed, but she didn't give up her church work. She had been such a careful Bible student all of her life that the only assistance she required in the preparation of a Sunday School lesson was to have her husband read the Scripture lesson to her.

On April 28, 1916, she heard the call of God and went to join the loved ones who had gone before. Thus ended a noble and well spent life. Her children 'rise up and called her blessed'.

MRS. SARAH FRANCES GIST

Mrs. Sarah Frances Gist was the oldest living child of Colonel Nathaniel Gist and Elizabeth Lewis McDaniel Gist. She became the wife of her cousin, John Gist, the son of Congressman Joseph Gist,

of Pinckneyville, Union County. After her husband's death she returned to her father's home, where she lived until her death October 31, 1868. Her eight brothers adored "Sister", and looked to her as their patron saint. She was a woman of strong character, yet very gentle and attractive in manner, and a devout Christian. After the death of her mother in 1859, she became the center of the large circle of relatives and friends which came and went at the old Gist homestead, "Wyoming".

Mrs. Gist was born to affluence, and her husband's death left her a very rich woman. Like her mother, she employed her wealth in doing good. She gave the communion service to Grindal Shoals Presbyterian Church. As an instance of the lavish living of those days, an old resident of Union County remembers that when Mrs. Sarah Gist came to church at Mt. Tabor, a one horse wagon brought her contribution to the picnic dinner usually served between the two sermons! These dinners were served out in the grove.

What memories cling to the old churches, and the sermons were never "too long" in those good old days!

MISS ANNA HAMES

Among the many noble women of South Carolina, who have performed a splendid and untiring service for their church, few, if any, have excelled Miss Anna Hames, whose life has been devoted to service for her denomination and her community.

Miss Hames, in countless ways, has done a work that will leave its impress for years to come and inspire many to follow her splendid example in being diligent, active, interested, and wholehearted in whatever pertained to the Master's cause. Miss Hames was born near Jonesville, S. C., in 1859 and united with the Grindal Shoals Church, Union County, S. C., of which the late Rev. A. A. James was pastor for fifty-three years. All her life has been spent in and near Jonesville, where she is known, revered, and beloved by all, for her unceasing attention to those who were sick and in trouble, and in doing all that she could to promote the spiritual life of her church.

MRS. JANE GILES HUGHES

Mrs. Hughes was left a widow very young, aged twenty-five years, with two sons, William and Joseph, a big plantation home, an estate of a thousand acres, and many slaves. She was so capable a manager,

she took such care of her children and her property, that her energy, her executive ability and her courage were the admiration of all who knew her. She was "Aunt Jane" to the entire neighborhood. Her days were filled with acts of kindness to the sick and the poor. Every Sabbath she drove, with her foot-stove in her carriage, to Mt. Tabor Church, near Pinckneyville, of which she was literally one of the pillars. She was the soul of hospitality and always carried the biggest of picnic dinners, which were partaken of between sermons. This "elect lady" had the virtue of humility. She never allowed her coachman to drive ahead of any slowly moving vehicle in front, much to the disgust of her driver and of her two lively young sons. But that was the day of reverence and obedience, and Mrs. Hughes' word was law. She lived to a ripe old age, dying in the Christian faith which she had practiced all her life. Her son Joseph was an elder in Mt. Tabor Church.

EXTRACTS FROM THE DIARY OF REV. J. H. SAYE, "FATHER SAYE," LONG PASTOR OF FAIRFOREST CHURCH, UNION COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

"My mother, MARGARET GARDENER SAYE, enjoyed scarcely any means of education, but she learned to read and write well. Her advantages for improvement were exceedingly limited, as schools were rare, and the teachers poorly qualified. But she was remarkable for industry, discretion, and gentleness. She was the daughter of Christopher Gardener, a brave Revolutionary soldier, who was a member of the Delaware Blues, and fought in the battles of Brandywine and Long Island.

MRS. MARGARET MCJUNKIN, born July 10, 1785, was the daughter of John and Sarah Savage; married to Abram McJunkin 1809. She was one of the charter members of Cane Creek Church, and continued a member till her death. She was also one of the first in that section of country who signed the temperance pledge and kept that pledge. Her funeral was conducted at Cane Creek by Rev. L. W. Curtis from Heb. iv:9.

MRS. THOMAS was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and one of the first members of Fairforest Church. She was devotedly pious, and very energetic, especially in the cause of liberty, and in the cause of Christ.

MRS. ANN MCJUNKIN, wife of the Major, was a very pious,

humane, industrious, persevering lady. She was of an independent spirit, free to speak. When her husband was taken prisoner by the Tories, it was their design to murder him at once. They were probably prevented from doing this by his wife, who clung to him so that he could not be shot without killing her.

MRS. ELEANOR CUNNINGHAM, a member of Cane Creek Church, died October 30, 1847. She became a member of the Presbyterian Church at Brown's Creek, and when Cane Creek became a church, her membership was transferred to that place.

MRS. ELIZABETH CURTIS, wife of the Rev. L. W. Curtis, died at Unionville, S. C., May 6, 1848, at 10 o'clock A. M. She was a native of the town of Lenox, Mass. She was the daughter of Rudolphus and Love Cotton, and brought up under the pastoral care of the Rev. Dr. Shepherd, an eminent minister of the Congregational Church. Of the church under his charge she became a communicant early in life. She experienced in the business of teaching in her native town. On the 8th of September, 1840, she was married to Mr. L. C. Curtis, who was at the time a licentiate under the care of Bethel Presbytery, South Carolina, and an agent of the American Tract Society. They came to South Carolina soon after marriage. Mr. Curtis was chosen principal of the Female Academy in Unionville in the last of 1840. At the commencement of 1841, Mrs. Curtis took charge of the institution. As soon as Dr. Curtis could wind up the affairs of his agency, he took his place in the school. For seven years Mrs. Curtis was only engaged as an assistant in this institution. During the whole time the school prospered, the consent of all concerned awards to Mrs. Curtis a high degree of skill and diligence as an instructor of youth. Sometime after her removal to Unionville, she united with the Presbyterian Church in that village, and continued an exemplary member of this body till the time of her death. She was unquestionably a lady of great moral worth, and a valuable member of society. She was the mother of three children, all sons, two of whom survive her.

MRS. JEANNETTE MORROW, widow of the late Maj. Samuel Morrow, died April 14, 1849, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Smith, on Dutchman's Creek, Spartanburg District, S. C. She was near the close of her eighty-ninth year, having been born in County Down, Ireland, 1760. They were members of Fairforest Church and both were buried there. They were both persons of great moral worth, exemplary and devoutly pious, and Major Morrow was a Revolutionary patriot.

MRS. ANGELICA NOTT, widow of the late Judge Nott, died and was buried at the Fairforest burying ground, September 6, 1849.

MRS. NAOMI STEEN died in Union District on the eighteenth day of May, 1851, at the residence of her husband, Col. G. Steen. She had been for many years a member of the Presbyterian Church at Cane Creek.

GRINDAL SHOALS

Grindal Shoals Church was organized August 26, 1859, through the efforts of Presbyterian women of the community. The members were as follows: Mrs. Sallie Norris, Miss Jane E. Norris, Miss Sarah C. Norris, Miss Julia Norris, Mrs. Jane Sims, Mrs. Sarah A. Sims, Mrs. Sarah Dawkins, Mrs. Caroline J. Nott, Mrs. Jane C. Nott, Mrs. Eliza Wright, Mrs. E. H. Wallace, also Mr. Elijah Wright. Rev. A. A. James was elected pastor, and was the only pastor this church ever had.

The church record gives no special work of the women. Mrs. Frances D. C. Gist was received into this church January 10, 1864. A silver communion service was given to this church by Mrs. Sarah F. Gist. At the same time Mrs. Elizabeth Gist gave one to Fairforest Church, and these are still preserved though not in use.

"No record during the War". This note speaks more than many words could tell of those terrible days! In 1884 a Sunday School was organized by the following women: Mrs. Ann H. Eison, Misses Jennie and Ann Hamilton, and Miss Anna Hames, and at one time sixty-five names were on the roll. On July 7, 1888, Mrs. J. E. Lindsay, Mrs. Ann H. Eison, and Mr. E. M. Penny were granted letters of dismission to unite in organizing a church at Jonesville, S. C. The last record of this church is in 1903. In 1906, Grindal Shoals, Jonesville, and Fairforest Churches were consolidatel; the church to be located at Jonesville, and called *"Fairforest"*. The communion service of Grindal Shoals was given to Pacolet Church.

What was known as the Jonesville Presbyterian Church was organized at Gilead Church, July 7, 1888. Rev. A. A. James was the beloved pastor when the church was organized with nine members: Mrs. Ann Hames Eison, Mrs. Sallie Lindsay, Mr. E. M. Penny, from Grindal Shoals; Mrs. Leila Littlejohn; Mr. H. W. Gossett, ruling elder;

Mr. J. E. Lindsay, baptized and elected elder on that day; Mr. A. C. Lindsay; Mrs. M. E. Britton, and Mr. J. W. Crawford.

There were four ladies in the organization, "to do the work and push the men", so the old history reads, so here is where the Woman's Work begins! While the church was being built regular preaching services were held in the Methodist Church. Building and paying for the church was a severe struggle and the little band of women worked faithfully with their own hands with everything they could make and turn into money. The church cost $1,000.00 when finished and was a great joy to all. Mrs. Ann Eison gave the walnut of which the pulpit and communion table were made. Both are still used in the new building. Mrs. Lindsay bought the paint, then turned painter and painted all of the woodwork on the inside.

The lot on which the church was built was given by Dr. K. M. Littlejohn and Mr. J. E. Lindsay. The new building stands on the same lot. Elder J. E. Lindsay gave a large portion of the lumber and with a carpenter, did most of the work. Miss Anna Hames furnished a part of the lumber. Mrs. Laura Roseborough contributed the Bible, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Means, later of Greenville, gave the chairs for the pulpit. In 1894 the ladies of the church organized a Sunday School under the care of the session. Mrs. Leila Littlejohn served as superintendent and Mrs. J. E. Lindsay Secretary and Treasurer. In January, 1895, these same noble women organized the first Missionary Society, with eight members. Some of the first fruits of these organizations were Rev. Angus Littlejohn, son of Mrs. Leila Littlejohn, and Miss Grace Farr, who is a missionary in China. The membership grew to fourteen and contributions were made to all of the Assembly's causes and to Thornwell Orphanage in particular. White Cross work was done for the "Enoree Special" in the Ellen Lavine Graham Hospital.

In September, 1906, a Missionary Society was organized in the new Fairforest Church, in Jonesville, with fourteen members, four of these being Mrs. Eliott Farr, Mrs. A. H. Eison, Mrs. J. E. Lindsay, and Mrs. John Cunningham, president, which office she has held during the entire life of the organization, 1906-1928.

In 1914, when plans were being made to build a new church, the love and devotion of woman for the Master's cause was shown by the foresight of one who, years before, placed a sum of money in a bank to be used as a nucleus for a new church building. And now, in the well-equipped and beautiful new church, these noble women are "carrying on" the work begun in 1751, the three churches united in

one live organization, and "their prayers have gone up as a memorial before God".

LOCKHART

Early in 1900, there was a well organized body of women in the Lockhart Presbyterian Church, growing out of "two or three gathered together", "In His Name". The Auxiliary supports a child at Thornwell Orphanage and has a share in the White Cross Work.

The Presbyterian Survey is used for programs, and the Bible is still the "Book of books".

Mrs. John Jamieson was president for three years.

Through the various activities of the Woman's Auxiliary the church is now free of debt for all improvements made on the church and grounds.

Lockhart has been on the Presbyterial Honor Roll for several years and reported the largest increase in gifts—$758.00, its gift per capita, $20.00 in 1927.

Mrs. J. S. Hagerty is president of the Auxiliary. Rev. J. Q. Wallace is pastor of the Lockhart Church.

They entertained Enoree Presbytery in April, 1928, and the Group Conference in 1926.

They are "given to hospitality".

MONARCH, UNION

The Monarch Presbyterian Church grew out of a mission organized by Mr. L. E. McAlpine, who still holds the office of superintendent of Sunday School.

On October 31, 1924, the church was organized with twenty-seven members, and there are sixty children in the Sunday School.

The Auxiliary of Monarch Mills Church was organized in 1925. The charter members were six, now they have ten. This society follows the Auxiliary Plan, and though small, is fortunate in having the strong leadership of the Misses McCutcheon, who besides generously supporting the church, have contributed the communion service and church envelopes.

The officers are: President, Miss Martha McCutcheon; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Frank Vaughan; Secretary Spiritual Life, Miss Hattie McCutcheon; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. Hugh Phillips;

Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. H. Wilson; Secretary Synodical and Presbyterial Home Missions, Mrs. Starks Vaughan; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Alexander; Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. John Neville; Secretary Literature, Miss Mannette McCutcheon.

UNION

The Union Church, though not organized so early, dates its planting near 1750. The first settlement was made in 1754 and '55 by emigrants from Pennsylvania, who lived under the ministrations of Rev. Mr. Cathcart. Several heads of families, among whom were the Brandons, Bogans, Kennedys and McJunkins, settled in an uninhabited region, not far from where Union Church afterwards stood. This building was used in common by Presbyterians and Episcopalians, hence the name *Union* Church, and the county derived its name from the church. Subsequent to the war, a building was erected a few miles below the town of Union by Presbyterians, and was known as the Brown's Creek Church. Among the members of this church were the names of Cunningham, Kennedy, McJunkin, and Gen. Thomas Brandon. They endured indescribable hardships from the Indians on one side, and British and Loyalist on the other. Many were truly pious however, and frequently met on the Sabbath to read the Bible, always hoping to be visited by some of their own ministers. Much of the history of this time is lost owing to the disturbance and confusion of the times in which they lived, times which tried men's and women's souls!

The next record comes in 1840. Then eleven members were admitted to the church by certificate and examination. Of these five were women. In 1858 the church was moved from Brown's Creek and placed in what is now known as the "Presbyterian Cemetery". The first work recorded of the women of the church was the buying of a pulpit set and table. Those who took part were Mrs. Wm. A. Nicholson, Mrs. Wm. Perry, Mrs. B. G. Clifford, Mrs. A. H. Foster, Mrs. James Douglas, Mrs. Wallace Robertson, Misses Minnie Gist, Louisly Suter, Emma Brandon, Margaret and Eliza McIlwaine, Janie, Susie, and Julia Scofield. Miss Maggie Nicholson deserves special mention for the beautiful hand-work contributed to a bazaar which was given to raise some much needed funds. Another plan used by the women of the church and Sunday School for securing money was the self-denial jugs. When these were broken, they were found to contain $150.00. From their

various efforts the women raised something over $400.00, all of which was used on the church building.

Much of the Woman's Work of the church is carried on through the King's Daughters, first organized by Mrs. John L. Young. Through them many burdens have been made lighter and sad hearts gladdened. Among their deeds of love and mercy they brightened the declining years of Misses Eliza and Margaret McIlwaine. With grateful hearts the Misses McIlwaine deeded their house and lot to the King's Daughters. This property was sold and with the interest from the money, they cared for two other lonely and needy sisters. These two have willed their home and twenty-two acres of land to the King's Daughters.

The present church building was erected on a lot given by Mrs. Louisa Gist Gage. The first Auxiliary or Missionary Society was organized by a small band of nine women, on the 5th of September, 1893, in the parlor of Mrs. F. M. Farr. The following were the names of the officers and members: Mrs. F. M. Farr, President; Mrs. Sarah Townsend, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. L. Dick, Mrs. A. H. Foster, Mrs. W. A. Nicholson, Mrs. J. O. Posey, Misses Emma Brandon, Connie Johnston, and Minnie Gist. Presidents who have served are Mrs. F. M. Farr, Mrs. R. P. Morgan, Mrs. Ida Perrin, Misses Hattie McCutcheon and Sarah Morgan. The work of this organization was devoted principally to Foreign Missions until it adopted the Auxiliary Plan in 1919 under the leadership of Mrs. C. F. Hart. This plan has developed leaders in a remarkable way. Younger members have developed and become active workers. Union Church, with $18.00 per capita, ranks *third* in gifts in the Presbyterial. Mrs. George Oetzel was organist for fifteen years, leading the music in God's house.

This church is rich in history, and many names are not mentioned whose crowns are only waiting. From her portals have gone out men and women to other churches, always ready and willing to advance the Master's work.

MRS. MARY SCHOFIELD CLIFFORD

Mrs. Mary Schofield Clifford, wife of Rev. B. G. Clifford, who served the Presbyterian Church of Union, S. C., from 1874 through 1885, brought her membership from the Presbyterian Church of Davidson College in 1879, where she had been a faithful worker in all church activities.

She took up the life of a pastor's wife with the deep interest that dominated her life in every line. Her efforts knew no limitations. In

1881 Clifford Seminary was chartered. She was vice president and served church and school for thirty-six years. Pupils were enrolled from a number of states. Her influence in the lives of the children and grandchildren of the girls taught in the church and school, will live on. The girls were taught Bible by Mrs. Clifford. Her example in the Home School was conducive to pure Christian character—always teaching the only perfect pattern—Christ.

Hers was a well spent life.

MRS. HETTIE V. FOSTER

Mre Hettie V. Foster, wife of the late Capt. Alfred H. Foster, ranking captain in the Confederate Army at the time Lee surrendered, has, during her useful life, served as Sunday School teacher in the First Presbyterian Church, and as president of the Cheerful Circle of King's Daughters, in which office she succeeded her friend, Mrs. Rebecca E. Nicholson.

Mrs. Foster is a member of the distinguished Brandon family of Union County, which was outstanding from the days of the Revolutionary War, when one of her ancestors, Col. Thomas Brandon, was a most gallant soldier.

Though of modest and retiring spirit, Mrs. Foster has rendered valiant services for the church of which she was a member, having joined on January 6, 1877, and was interested in many other noble causes to which she contributed liberally; though believing in the scriptural injunction of "Let not your left hand know what your right hand doeth", many of her splendid donations will never be known.

Mrs. Foster continued to a large degree the civic and philanthropic contributions of her husband, and their three daughters, Mrs. L. M. Jordan, Miss Mary Emma Foster, and Mrs. B. F. Kennedy, in the same unostentatious way, are "carrying on" with wide interest, and substantial help for every good cause.

MRS. REBECCA E. NICHOLSON

Mrs. Rebecca E. Nicholson, who for thirty years was the faithful Sunday School teacher and church organist for the First Presbyterian Church of Union, South Carolina, was an English woman by birth, having been born in London.

In early girlhood Mrs. Nicholson, whose parents were Episcopalians, with her sister, later Mrs. James Allan, of Charleston, S. C., attended a Presbyterian Sunday School. Afterwards, when sixteen years

old she crossed to America to be with her sister at Charleston, where she continued her interest in the Presbyterian Church.

In 1862, Mrs. Nicholson, with Mrs. Allan refugeed during the bombardment of Charleston by the Federal Army to Aiken, South Carolina, where on April 21, she was married to the late William A. Nicholson, a native of Aberdeen, Scotland, who came to America when a young man, and located in 1859 at Union, South Carolina. Later, when the War Between the States became a grim reality, he patriotically enlisted with the Macbeth Light Artillery of Union, and after being injured, served as chief clerk at the North Carolina Hospital located at Columbia, South Carolina.

Shortly after their marriage, Mrs. Nicholson came to Union, and united with the Unionville First Presbyterian Church on September 22, 1863. Soon thereafter she became engaged in all of the church activities, being specially interested in Sunday School work. This she continued faithfully for thirty years or more, while her husband served for practically the same period as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Though always frail of body, Mrs. Nicholson was strong in spirit, and gave of her strength unsparingly in doing everything within her power to promote every phase of Christian work. She was widely read, of a cultured mind, an ever cheerful and hopeful disposition, and a sweet, gentle spirituality which impressed and inspired all those who knew her.

Mrs. Nicholson was born February 17, 1842, and lived to be seventy years of age, her husband preceding her to the heavenly home by more than fifteen years. Her translation to the realm of happiness, to which her thoughts so often turned, and for which her noble life so well fitted her, occurred May 23, 1912, after a month and two days' illness, which began on the fiftieth anniversary of her marriage.

Besides her services as church organist and Sunday School teacher, Mrs. Nicholson was president of the Cheerful Circle of King's Daughters, and as her strength permitted was active not only in the work of her own church, but in all phases of interdenominational service.

Surviving her are two sons, Emslie Nicholson and Allan Nicholson, an elder and deacon, respectively, in the First Church at Union, and one daughter, Mrs. Amey Nicholson McWhirter, wife of C. M. McWhirter, on whom the same spirit of deep interest in all that relates to the welfare and deep spiritual life of her own church and churches everywhere has most worthily and conspicuously fallen.

ENOREE PRESBYTERIAL

February, 1899—October, 1928

One rainy day in February, 1899, a few earnest women, representatives of several missionary societies within the bounds of Enoree Presbytery, met at the First Presbyterian Church in Spartanburg, and organized the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Union" of Enoree Presbytery. Prior to the meeting, Mrs. J. S. Watkins, wife of the pastor of the church, had written more than fifty letters to women and pastors inviting a representative from each church in the Presbytery to attend the meeting. The weather had been very inclement for some time, roads were in a bad conditions, and it was impossible for many who otherwise would have come, to meet with us at this time, but there were delegates from Greenville, Laurens, Union, Woodruff, Moore, Clinton and Spartanburg.

We had the privilege of having with us two of our devoted missionaries in China, Mrs. P. F. Price and Miss Ella Davidson, afterwards Mrs. Lacy Little—both of them South Carolinians who, by their wise counsel and their devotion to the cause of Foreign Missions, proved to be a great help and an inspiration.

Mrs. G. W. Taylor of Greenville First Church was elected President and Mrs. W. A. Webb, of Spartanburg, Secretary, and the first annual meeting was called for the following October, in Greenville. In an address of welcome, the pastor of the church, Dr. T. M. McConnell, said, "Enoree is known as a missionary Presbytery. Seven noble men and women represent us in the foreign field. As pastor of this church I give you a most cordial welcome and especially in behalf of the 'Leighton Wilson Missionary Society'. May God preside over all your meetings, guide you in all your deliberations and crown your labors with His richest blessings."

The Union was called to order by the President, Mrs. G. W. Taylor, who, with the Vice President, Mrs. J. C. Bailey, and the Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Allen, occupied seats on the platform. Sixteen delegates were enrolled.

The new officers, Mrs. Atkins, of Moores, President; Mrs. Watkins, of Spartanburg, Vice President; Mrs. Oetsell, of Union, Secretary; Mrs. Fleming, of Lamar, Treasurer, were selected by nomina-

tion, and the invitation to meet in Laurens was accepted. So ended the first meeting of our Union.

A meeting was held each succeeding October until 1914, when the meeting was held in Union six months earlier, in order to make the date correspond with the church year.

When the Union met in Greer October, 1905, the feeling was strong for the women to take up some special work such as the support of a missionary in the foreign field. Now knowing this, the Rev. W. W. Junkin of China, who spoke at the morning session, told of a province in China, called Haichow, in the North Kiangsu field, consisting of fifteen million people, in which (Haichow) there was no church of any kind. This strip of territory had been assigned by mutual consent of all the churches in China to the Southern Presbyterian Church, and we as members of the Southern Presbyterian Church, were responsible for the salvation of these millions of souls. No other church would try to evangelize that territory.

The president of the Union, Mrs. C. E. Graham, in her report, read after Mr. Junkin had left, said in part, "Our Union represents fifty-three churches; how grand a thing it would be if we could send a missionary to China, or if we could raise half of the amount to send a physician to Africa".

At the consecration meeting held before the afternoon session, Mrs. W. W. Simpson proposed that "we plan at once to send a missionary to the Haichow Province in China". Later this question was resumed and Mrs. Graham urged that we aim at $800.00 to support a man and wife. At that time, all that was required from churches, individuals, etc., for the support of missionaries was $800.00 for a man and wife or $450.00 for a single missionary; this meant the actual salary. Since then the Board has learned that it costs the Southern Presbyterian Church more than double that amount for each missionary, on the field, for salary, equipment, traveling expenses, native helpers and other expenses involved in carrying on evangelistic work in addition to his salary.

Rev. and Mrs. Hancock, (née Miss Penick) were chosen for our mission, but were not able to go.

Our pioneer missionaries at Haichow were Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Rice.

During the next year, the treasurer having on hand a surplus of $300.00, she was authorized by the Executive Board to send the amount to the Board in Nashville as a loan. The Board received this

in a time of dire necessity—several missionaries were ready to go to the foreign field and there was no money in the treasury with which to send them.

In 1908, Dr. Reavis and Dr. Chester suggested to the Union that we take ten shares of $50.00 each, the money to be used to build a house for the missionaries at Haichow, the building to be known as the Enoree Home. A letter was read from Dr. Chester telling of the poor equipment of the station (which by this time had six missionaries) and releasing us from the support of a missionary if we would build the home. The Union decided to take ten shares and contribute $500.00 to the Haichow work instead of $450.00.

During the year 1910 to 1911, Dr. and Mrs. Morgan, both medical missionaries in the Haichow station, visited the United States on a furlough and spent a while in South Carolina visiting several of the missionary societies in Enoree Presbytery.

They showed with great pride, pictures of the "Enoree Home" in which they and their little daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Rice and family were living, a comfortable and attractive brick building costing about $3,000.00. They told of the distressing need of a hospital in Haichow, the room they were then using for this purpose, being an outhouse with dirt floor and a rough pine table for operating upon. At the 1911 meeting, held in Clinton, the Union voted to deposit with the committee in Nashville our surplus of $400.00 as a nucleus for a hospital, the amount to be loaned to the Foreign Mission Committee without interest until called for, for a hospital for the Haichow station.

During the next year Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Graham offered to build the hospital and the Executive Committee instructed the treasurer to use the $400.00 deposited with the Foreign Mission Committee to purchase the site. Upon this site today stands the Ellen Lavine Graham Hospital, as a memorial to their daughter. Since its erection, the Enoree Presbyterial has maintained the support of a nurse in it as "Presbyterial Special", and has done White Cross Work also, a most fitting and happy combination of good works.

At the 1907 meeting in Spartanburg, at the suggestion of the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, a Presbyterial Visitor was appointed, her expenses to be paid by the Committee in Nashville. Miss Belle Craig of Ora, was appointed to act in this capacity and she served faithfully for three years, organizing societies in churches where there were none, Mission Study classes, Prayer Bands, etc.,

acting as Secretary of Literature and conducting a missionary exhibit at the annual meetings of the Union. In the meantime, an Institute had been organized in each county in the Presbytery with a leader, whose duty is to push organizations, as well as to help deepen the interest in societies already organized and hold an annual meeting at some church in the county. With the organization of County Institute, the service of a missionary visitor was no longer needed.

With her keen intuition and consecrated head and heart, alert ever for the furtherance of the Master's cause, our lamented Mrs. W. W. Simpson of Woodruff, realized what valuable assets county missionary institutes could be, in quickening missionary zeal, and she left no stone unturned to organize them and promote their growth throughout the bounds of the Presbyterial. It would be hard to estimate the wonderful good done through these organizations. This work was organized in 1909. In 1926, Enoree Presbyterial was divided into four districts, and we now have district conferences instead of county institutes.

With Mrs. Simpson also originated the idea of a "Missionary Week at Montreat" for the women of the Southern Church. What a wonderful monument to the memory of this sainted woman!

This Presbyterial has not been unmindful of some of the many needs at Montreat, as is shown by the work done in the Home for South Carolina ministers, the Brearly Home, and the "Assembly Inn".

In 1909, at Laurens, the name of the Union was changed from Women's Foreign Missionary Union to the Woman's Missionary Union of Enoree Presbytery, and afterwards the sessions of the Union were extended one day in order to give one whole day to Foreign Missions and one to Home Missions.

In 1912, at Jonesville, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church having been organized with an entire change of plan for women's societies, the name of the Union was again changed to the "Enoree Presbyterial". The following year, 1913, the South Carolina Synodical was organized, our beloved President, Mrs. E. L. Hughes, taking a part in the organization.

At our meeting, in 1914, we were saddened by the fact that no longer would the dear friends of Laurens County meet with us, the Synod having decreed that Enoree Presbytery was to be divided and Laurens County to be transferred to South Carolina Presbytery. Some of our strongest women and most consecrated workers belong-

ed to the societies in Laurens County, and it was with geniune regret that we gave them up to the South Carolina Presbytery, which was to be congratulated on receiving them in its fold.

In May, 1916, the Presbyterial met in the Fourth Church of Greenville, and Mrs. F. L. Mayes, as president of the hostess Auxiliary, was most happy in her welcome. Mrs. A. F. Garlington led in a very helpful devotional. Mrs. M. V. Stribling of Seneca, Piedmont Presbyterial, was introduced and graciously responded, giving the palm to Enoree, as being the first Presbyterial in South Carolina. Mrs. Frasier James of Spartanburg was introduced as former president of Pee Dee. She at once became one of our most earnest members, serving so capably in Presbyterial and Synodical. In a discussion on missions, Mrs. D. L. Norris gave eight reasons why missions should be taught in the Sunday School, and Mrs. Libby told of the mission classes in the Spartanburg First Church. She stressed the truth that ignorance is usually the reason for lack of interest. All our hearts were saddened to hear of the death of Dr. E. O. Guerrant, the "Father of Mountain Missions". Mrs. George Stevens was the missionary visitor and told of her work in China.

At the Presbyterial meeting in 1917 in Reidville, Mrs. Mayes announced that Enoree had reached the goal, with ten percent net gain in members and twenty percent in gifts. As our "War President", she appealed for deeper spiritual life and for family altars, as the only hope of a war-torn world, and reminded the Presbyterial that "the God of Battles is the Prince of Peace". Mrs. Fulton, of Japan, and Miss Rebecca Wilson, of China, made thrilling addresses and Rev. Cuttino Smith, so long beloved in Reidville, offered prayer.

Five new Auxiliaries were welcomed at the meeting in Union. Mrs. Leslie Stribling, Secretary of Synodical, reported an increase of $20,000 in contributions and she believed it was the outcome of more mission classes and Bible Study and of course, more prayer. In her message, Mrs. Irby made an earnest appeal for personal evangelism and Mrs. Hafner said our challenge was twenty unsaved persons to one member of our church.

At Fountain Inn in 1923 twenty-three Auxiliaries gave fine reports. Miss Virginia Taylor presented a concrete example of work with the Young People. Miss Taylor also gave a wonderful Gospel message in song. Rev. Porter Smith of Brazil made a compelling address and drove home the fact that "Brazil is the land of the Christless Cross". Mrs. J. Walter Allen gave delightful glimpses of her

trip to the Orient and told most interestingly of our work in the foreign lands, where she was entertained in our missionary homes. Mrs. Smith introduced Mrs. S. C. Hodges of Greenwood, who gave the "Bible Hour" and also gave resounding echoes from the Charlotte Convention, from which the whole Presbyterial received an impetus in its work for the Master. At this meeting all hearts were saddened to hear that their beloved leader, Mrs. F. Louise Mayes, had passed from earth to heaven, on March 16th, and a beautiful memorial service was held, "when Enoree Presbyterial sought to express its overwhelming loss. Her unfailing tact, her wonderful sympathy, her intense piety and keen intellect, all of this she had laid at her Master's feet". She was in Houston, Texas, for the great Convention, and coming on to Charlotte, she could only wave a message of love. She hurried home, but dread pneumonia soon claimed her life. So it was that her last work on earth was for her Church, as Chairman of the Woman's Advisory Council. Enoree decided, at once, to do her part in raising the $20,000.00 for the "Baby Cottage", to be built in her memory, at Thornwell Orphanage.

In 1924, Greer Presbyterian Church delightfully entertained Enoree Presbyterial, and a special treat was enjoyed in the speakers, Dr. Homer McMillan of our Home Mission Committee, and Rev. Darby Fulton of Japan. Mrs. Norris gave a wonderful map study showing the honor roll and standing of all the churches, and in all, it was a very fine meeting.

A new system of financing was adopted at the meeting in 1925, in the Greenville First Church. The "Budget" was introduced and a new constitution was also accepted. Mrs. Bramlett brought greetings from Synodical and a wonderful message from the Washington Convention. Mrs. Cockerham of our mountain work in Kentucky, was most entertaining and attractive. Surely she is a power for good wherever she goes. Mr. Craig, of Africa, also made a powerful address on Africa and its needs. Mrs. D. L. Norris, our president, announced that our gift per capita for the "Baby Cottage" was more than $15.00. Plans were made for an Officers' Training School, to be held in the Fourth Church under the leadership of our beloved Mrs. Hastings. Mrs. Frasier James gave an earnest message, stressing the family altars, and Mrs. F. H. Wardlaw gave another wonderful appeal for deeper spiritual life.

The next meeting was held in the beautiful new Spartanburg Church, in 1926, and the hostess church, with Mrs. E. B. Dean, president

of Auxiliary, gave a delightful welcome. Rev. S. D. Winn of Korea and Mrs. Patsy Turner of Conoe, Ky., gave instructive and inspiring messages. At this meeting definite plans were made for a "Home Mission Special", and Tucapau Mills was chosen. Very fine reports came from the Group Conferences, showing that good work is being done in these meetings in the smaller towns and the country churches. Mrs. Carr told of how the work among the Negroes of Spartanburg has been blessed, and two colored women spoke of the Bible Classes and colored conferences. There were eighty-six delegates at the Colored Conferences in Columbia and nineteen were from Enoree. It is interesting to remember that Enoree Presbytery was organized in the Spartanburg Church in 1878 and recently celebrated its semi-centennial, and that our Presbyterial was born in this same great church in February, 1899.

A very fine meeting was held in Limestone Church, Gaffney, in April, 1927. Mrs. H. W. Allen, Secretary of Spiritual Life, led the devotional, and Dr. Hafner offered prayer. Miss Nancy White spoke of her work as Home Mission Secretary and Mrs. James White gave an appeal for Foreign Missions, after which Dr. Daffin, of Brazil, gave an address. An unusual number of officers and representatives were present, and in all, more interest was reported, showing an increase of Auxiliaries to thirty-four, 2,092 members, and in gifts an increase of $3,164.00. Mrs. Crouch, of Clemson College, spoke in behalf of the Fort Hill Church, and made a convincing appeal for help to build a larger church. Mrs. Alvin Dean, in token of Enoree's appreciation, presented Mrs. Hastings with a lovely vase of flowers "as a testimonial of the fragrance of its love for her". Mrs. Hastings presented the gavel to Mrs. M. V. Stribling, our new president.

On April 4th, 1928, Enoree met with the Third Presbyterian Church of Greenville, and all were delighted to have a message from our Synodical President, Mrs. Brownlee. She told of the fine colored Conference in Columbia, and of our eighteen delegates from Enoree. Mrs. Stribling, our President, announced that no cut in Foreign Missions would be made and after prayers of thanksgiving, all sang "Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow". It was a red letter day. The hostess church gave a warm welcome and the pastors of our five Presbyterian Churches were asked to bring their wives to lunch. Miss Florence Nickels, of China, gave three fine Bible lessons on "Looking Unto Jesus". Miss Lois Young, of China, brought a most interesting message fresh from Shanghai, about present condi-

tions in that land. Rev. R. A. Brown gave an interesting address on the work at Stillman Institute. The work at Tucapau was discontinued, and our fund of $300.00 transferred to Jackson Mills, where a circle has been organized with twenty-eight members. This work was perhaps the last done by our late beloved president, Mrs. Hastings. The Executive Committee disapproved the Mission Study Book, "New Paths for Old Purposes". A short one-day term was recommended, so that small country churches might entertain Presbyterial. Mrs. M. V. Stribling, the president, requested Miss Mamie Burgess to present her children of the "Foreign School", under the auspices of the First Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, it being the only work of this kind in the Presbyterial. Wellford once more reported a Gold Circle Auxiliary and was congratulated by her "Big sisters". Inman was added to our list, giving thirty-three Auxiliaries enrolled and twenty-five reported a gain over last year. The grand total of all contributions was $22,493, an increase of $2,686 over last year.

Mrs. Stribling, our President, in her message reported a steady growth, twenty-three churches on the Honor Roll, nine Silver Circles, gifts per capita, $10.52. She assisted in the four splendid Group Conferences and offered an "attendance banner". Eight candidates for the Gospel Ministry, increase in family altars, tithers and Bible Classes. There are many names which might be added to the "Roll Call of the Faithful", whose very presence is a benediction at the Presbyterial—Mrs. Means, Mrs. H. B. Stewart and Mrs. J. E. Lindsay, of our three Mother Churches, Nazareth, Fairview and Fairforest; also "Mother" Smith of Glenn Springs; Mrs. B. B. James, who was our first Historian, and many others, helping anywhere and everywhere in their Master's work—may their number never grow less!

The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad.

SALLIE R. BURGESS, *Historian.*

OUR HONOR ROLL

PRESBYTERIAL PRESIDENTS 1899—1928

1899	Spartanburg	Mrs. G. W. Taylor
1900	Greenville First	Mrs. Atkins
1901	Laurens	Mrs. W. W. Simpson
1902	Liberty Springs	Mrs. W. W. Simpson
1903	Union	Mrs. H. E. Ravenel

1904	Greenville First	Mrs. C. E. Graham
1905	Greer	Mrs. C. E. Graham
1906	Woodruff	Mrs. W. T. Austin
1907	Spartanburg	Mrs. W. T. Austin
1908	Fountain Inn	Mrs. W. W. Simpson
1909	Laurens	Mrs. W. W. Simpson
1910	Greenville Second	Mrs. W. T. Austin
1911	Clinton	Mrs. E. L. Hughes
1912	Jonesville	Mrs. E. L. Hughes
1913	Cross Hill	Mrs. E. L. Hughes
1914	Union	Mrs. E. L. Hughes
1915	Glenn Springs	Mrs. W. W. Simpson
1916	Greenville Fourth	Mrs. F. L. Mayes
1917	Reidville	Mrs. F. L. Mayes
1918	Spartanburg	Mrs. A. S. Libby
1919	Gaffney	Mrs. A. S. Libby
1920	Greenville Second	Mrs. L. H. Irby
1921	Union	Mrs. L. H. Irby
1922	Jonesville	Mrs. W. F. Smith
1923	Fountain Inn	Mrs. W. F. Smith
1924	Greer	Mrs. D. L. Norris
1925	Greenville First	Mrs. A. M. Hastings
1926	Spartanburg	Mrs. A. M. Hastings
1927	Gaffney	Mrs. M. V. Stribling
1928	Greenville Third	Mrs. M. V. Stribling
1929	Reidville	Mrs. S. C. Stribling

MRS. G. W. TAYLOR

Mrs. G. W. Taylor of the Greenville First Church well deserves the honor of being first on our "Honor Roll", not only because she gave herself, but like Cornelia, the brave mother of old, she too, gave her "jewels", Rev. George W. Taylor, of Brazil, and Rev. Kerr Taylor, of China, to serve in the army of their King.

Mrs. Taylor was the first President of the first Presbyterial in South Carolina, Enoree Presbyterial, organized February, 1899, and we delight to honor her.

MRS. W. W. SIMPSON

PRESBYTERIAL PRESIDENT 1908-10; 1915-16

Mrs. W. W. Simpson was a woman of strong sense, warm affection, broad sympathies, steadfast purpose, deep convictions and an abiding faith in God. She united with the Presbyterian Church in Laurens, S. C., when only a girl; after her marriage and removal to Woodruff, Spartanburg County, S. C., she was ever a leader in all church activities. She was one of the charter members of the Presbyterian Church at Woodruff and also of the local missionary society. She was identified from the beginning with the Enoree Presbyterial, served as President several years and was ever a wise counsellor and friend.

The Haichow work, a special feature of the Presbyterial activities, found in her a warm supporter and generous contributor. It was due to her consecration and forethought that the institutes were organized in this Presbytery. Besides her work among the local Auxiliaries, her vision extended to the whole church. She was among the small band of women, who in the early days of Montreat Conferences, planned for the gathering of the women in "Annual Conference", which has been so wonderfully successful in blessing.

Mrs. Simpson loved the Presbyterian Church dearly, its doctrines, its worship and service, but above all these she loved her church's Lord to whom she clung with trustful devotion.

MRS. H. E. RAVENEL

A beautiful life passed into glory when Mrs. H. E. Ravenel fell asleep on Sabbath morning, March 9, 1924. She was a woman absolutely free from sham or affection, always kind, generous, given to hospitality, always abounding in every good work. For years she had been active in the work of this church, coming as a bride from her home in Charleston, in 1886. For many years she aided Miss Mary Lee in the management of the "Children's Missionary Society," which for a long period kept open the DuBose Chapel in Soochow, China, where preaching services were conducted every day. With her husband, Mrs. Ravenel was one of the founders of the mission Sabbath School which afterwards developed into the Second Presbyterian Church. It was through her personal efforts that the John S. Watkins School



MRS. W. W. SIMPSON,
Woodruff, South Carolina

One of the organizers of South Carolina Synodical. President of Presbyterial.

for Boys, in Mokpa, Korea, was founded, and the splendid work that has been done there is a fitting tribute, in human lives, to her memory. In 1924 her daughter, Nannie Paul Ravenel, went to Japan as a missionary from the Southern Presbyterian Church, with her husband, Charles Darby Fulton. In 1920-1921, Mrs. Ravenel and her husband visited their daughter in Japan and visited our missionary stations in Japan, Korea, and China. They returned home more imbued with the missionary spirit than ever before, and Mrs. Ravenel continued to have an active part in all the affairs of the church until her last illness, which extended over a period of many months. Mrs. Ravenel's maiden name was Agnes Moffett Adger and she was a sister of Mrs. T. H. Law. She was a daughter of William Adger, who was called the "Beloved Elder",—and Margaret Moffett, of the Second Church, Charleston, S. C. She and her sister, Margaret Manning, organized the "Manse Society" of their church and paid for the manse now in use. Surely her monuments are around us!

MRS. W. T. AUSTIN

Mrs. Austin, of Liberty Springs Church, Cross Hill, was first elected Presbyterial President in 1906, and served two years.

Again in 1910, the same honor was conferred upon her, and in her death, Enoree Presbyterial sustains a great loss. A woman of intense piety and keen intellect, wise in counsel, she served efficiently and faithfully, laboring always for the advancement of the work and the bringing in of Christ's Kingdom.

She was a woman of great power for good in her community, in her home, in her church, and in the broader field, where she served so well, always "In His Name."

MRS. EDWIN LEON HUGHES

May we be allowed space to pay a brief but heartfelt tribute to our departed friend, Mrs. Edwin Leon Hughes, nee Florence Moore, born October 28, 1868, died March 28, 1925. She was in early childhood a member of the Methodist Church, but later, joined the Presbyterian Church in Reidsville, North Carolina. Her academic training was received at the Peabody Normal School, Nashville, Tennessee.

For over a quarter of a century she was numbered among the

most active and prayerful members of our beloved First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, South Carolina. Every department of the Sabbath School and church, during the years of her zealous, consistent membership, was strengthened and uplifted by her guidance and courageous effort and by her prayers.

To her, we owe the success in establishing the graded system in our modern Bible School, where she gave of her energy as teacher and as superintendent in the various departments, up to a few months before her death.

In the Woman's Work of the church, as president of the missionary societies of years ago, and in various official capacities of the later Woman's Auxiliary, in the Presbyterial and Synodical, no one was more consecrated and better fitted in every way, than she, to lead. Hers was a life rich in self sacrifice, free from all the petty vanities of this world, possessing a Christ-like meekness and humility. She was ever loyal to her home, her church, and her country.

Though we see her no more, her soul, her image, and her heart are still here, never to die. Her exemplary life and noble deeds have been bequeathed to a large circle of her friends as an inheritance. The following quoted lines beautifully describe her answer to the heavenly call:

"Her suffering ended with the day;
Yet, lived she at its close,
And breathed the long, long night away
In statue-like repose.

"But when the sun, in all its state
Illumined the eastern skies,
She passed thru' Glory's morning gate
And walked in Paradise."

MRS. FRANCES LOUISE MAYES

One of our best loved Southern poets said "the world needs heart, it is tired of head", and rarely do we find these qualities so beautifully combined with all the Christian graces, as in Mrs. Frances Louise Mayes.

"To know her was to love her", and in behalf of a multitude of

those who loved her best, we would wreathe a tribute of immortelles from her beautiful life and place it with others in her memory.

"She lived long, in that she lived well,
How long we live, not years, but actions tell."

Coming from the very heart of the "low-country" of South Carolina, she was of that finest type, a woman of the old school, and also one of the foremost women of her time. Many honors of church and state were heaped upon her, all of which she accepted as a challenge to greater usefulness.

Her "Blue Prints of Bible Homes", and her wonderful address, "Our Heritage", give a glimpse of her happy religious nature, of her earnestness and her very joy in service for her Master.

She was elected President of Enoree Presbyterial in 1916 and served two terms. The inter-racial problems were very near to her heart and the Negro Conferences in our State grew out of this interest. She emphasized the need of Young People's Work and the Conferences were organized in 1922. In January, 1921, she conducted the Woman's Parallel Conference in Greenville, S. C., when more than 1,000 women assembled to pray for a spiritual revival. The most beautiful monument to her lives in the "Frances Louise Hudson Mayes Baby Cottage" at Thornwell Orphanage. The idea was her own, and as President of South Carolina Synodical, her enthusiasm spread to every member, but the call to "higher service" came to her, and the beautiful home for "the little children", was built in her memory, a wonderful tribute of love and loyalty.

As Chairman of the W. A. C. of her beloved church, she held first place in our Southern Assembly. In all her leadership, her scepter was love and her rule was peace.

Her gracious manner and charming personality were truly the outward expression of the beautiful life and the soul within, and the fragrance of her life will ever abide.

MRS. A. M. HASTINGS

Mrs. A. M. Hastings, President of Enoree Presbyterial for term 1925-26 and Vice President at the time of her death, was one of our ablest and most beloved leaders.

Before marriage, Mrs. Hastings was Miss Nelle Stack, of Selma, Ala. For ten years she taught in the Woman's College at Due West

and even then the power of her personality was felt throughout the State. In 1910 she married A. M. Hastings of Charlotte, at which place they lived several years. In Charlotte Mrs. Hastings took a prominent part in the literary and religious life of the city.

In 1918 Mr. and Mrs. Hastings, with their three boys came to Wellford, S. C., which became their permanent home. Immediately she threw herself into all the varied activities of the life of her community. In 1925 she was elected President of Enoree Presbyterial. And in those two years she brought what she had gained through her varied contacts with life, and laid it all in an act of supreme devotion at the feet of the Christ whose church she served.

Her brilliant mind, her winsome womanliness, her remarkable executive ability, and her deep spirituality combined to make a personality that was well nigh irresistible. And her work as an executive was marked by marvelous fidelity and efficiency. Her last illness was brief. Her body rests beside that of her husband in Wellford cemetery.

MISSIONARIES

MRS. LOWRY DAVIS

Mrs. Lowry Davis, of Greenville, S. C., was Miss Mary Elizabeth Barnett, of Horse Shoe, N. C.

She and her husband began their work as Educational Missionaries at Kashing, China, in 1910. Their marriage was solemnized in Mills River Presbyterian Church on October 21, 1909.

Mrs. Davis was graduated from the Presbyterian College at Charlotte, N. C., and taught in the Normal School at Milledgeville, Ga., before her marriage.

MISS GRACE FARR

Miss Grace Farr was born in Jonesville, Union County, in 1884 and united with the Fairforest Church on August 8, 1898.

She attended Winthrop College, Boston School of Expression, Scarritt Bible School, also the Moody School.

She was in Home Mission work at Spence Pine for two years, and went to China in 1920. She studied at Nanking and was sent to Taichow for evangelistic work. During the war she went to Shanghai but returned to her work in Taichow in April, 1928.

EDITH FOSTER

Edith R. Foster was born of pious parents. Her father, A. A. Foster, was a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, S. C., and superintendent of the Sabbath School there for many years. After coming to Spartanburg he continued to serve as elder in the Presbyterian Church here until his death. His wife was in hearty accord with him and her gentle influence and careful training were great factors in the lives of her children.

Another great influence in Edith's life was the daily association and companionship of Miss Mary E. D. Lee, who for many years was a member of the family circle.

As Edith attended the Juvenile Missionary Society which was sponsored by Miss Lee and the Sabbath School of the First Presbyterian Church where she came in contact with such teachers as Mrs. Giles Wilson, Miss Lizzie Oeland, Mrs. Hettie B. Lucas and others, each one of whom made an indelible impression for good upon the young girl's mind.

As she grew older she began to take an active part in the work of the church and the society. For several years she taught in the Sabbath School and in the Mission School at Beaumont.

After graduating at Converse College she taught in the city schools for several years. During this time, she attended a number of Missionary Conferences at Blue Ridge where she came in contact with several outstanding leaders and missionaries. And in course of time, she definitely decided to go to the foreign field.

In 1922, she met Mrs. D. G. Armstrong, who, at that time, was a missionary in Brazil and who was at home on furlough. Mrs. Armstrong, knowing that Edith was anxious to go as a missionary, arranged for her to go out as her assistant. For two years she helped Mrs. Armstrong and Miss Ruth See in the mission school in Campo Bello, Brazil, studying the language while teaching English, etc.

When Miss Marchant, the head of the Collegio Evangelico Americano in Varginha, returned to the United States, Edith was called there to take charge of the school, a position which she has filled admirably. At present Miss Foster is at home on furlough.

MRS. CHARLES DARBY FULTON

Mrs. Charles Darby Fulton is the daughter of Mr. H. E. Ravenel and his wife who was Miss Agnes Moffett Adger. She was born in Spartanburg and lived there until her marriage in 1917. She is a graduate of Converse College and is a trained musician, having specialized in piano at Converse and later in Boston. Her husband was born of missionary parents in Japan, and immediately after their marriage the young couple went to Japan as missionaries sent out by the Southern Presbyterian Church.

After studying the language in Kobe, Mrs. Fulton took up her residence in Okazaki, where Mr. Fulton had charge of the local church and a number of outlying stations. Here Mrs. Fulton suffered many hardships. She lived in a bleak native house with a yard open to the public, and other native houses crowded round her. She was

the only white woman within twenty miles and she was frequently alone both day and night, as her husband's duties carried him far up into the mountains where she could not go with her delicate baby. Her only companion at such times was a native servant girl. The climate did not agree with Mrs. Fulton, and she suffered a great deal of physical pain, but she stood it bravely and carried on her missionary work with the women and children. She conducted a kindergarten for the children and gathered the women and girls into her home by teaching them to sing and to sew. A class of young men gathered in the home of the Fulton's one evening each week for Bible study. Two things that helped to draw them and to hold them were Mrs. Fulton's music and her cooking of American dishes for them. They enjoyed the foreign cooking so much they asked Mrs. Fulton to teach them to prepare certain American dishes. This she gladly did for in just such services as this she was constantly establishing friendly relations and winning the confidence of the Japanese.

In spite of her own suffering and her anxiety over her delicate child Mrs. Fulton's courage never failed. She worked unceasingly herself, and she never permitted her husband's labors to lag because of the hardships she must endure.

In 1926 Dr. Fulton received a call to become Field Secretary of Foreign Missions for the Southern Presbyterian Church, and since the fall of 1927 they have resided in Nashville, Tennessee.

MRS. GEORGE ALEXANDER HUDSON

Mrs. George Alexander Hudson, nee Katherine Hodgson, was born at Arena, Wisconsin.

She went to China in 1920 under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association and was secretary in this work in Peking, until 1924 when she married George A. Hudson. From there she went to Kashing and taught in the Girls' School and did evangelistic work until 1927, when the family returned to the United States on account of the unsettled political conditions in China.

MRS. W. H. HUDSON

Maude Chapin Hudson was the daughter of George H. and Nellie Cleveland Chapin, and was born February 18, 1869, in Malden, Massachusetts.

The family moved to Greenville and united with the First Presbyterian Church in June, 1892. She manifested a deep interest in Christian work, especially in missions, and when Rev. Waddy H. Hudson offered for the mission field, it was a beautiful romance, that they should sail away together. So they were soon married, in 1893, and went to Kashing, China, where they have been greatly blessed, until she was forced to give up work and return home in 1921.

She really gave her life for her work.

MRS. JOHN MORISON

Miss Mary Porter, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Porter, was a member of Fairforest Church, while her father was the beloved pastor. She took training in the hospitals of Richmond, Va., and was soon sent to her chosen field as a nurse in Africa. There she soon married Mr. John Morison, of Scotland, and they have done a great work in that far-away land.

MRS. DONALD W. RICHARDSON
(Written by Herself)

I was born in Abbeville, S. C., April 25, 1885, where my father was an elder in the Long Cane Church.

My mother, Ella Westfield, gave her life for her six children, and not until I had children of my own did I realize her sacrifice. Her faith in God did more to influence me than anything in the life of any other person.

On August 5, 1908, I was married to Rev. Donald Richardson and went to Greer, as the pastor's wife, where we had the privilege of living in the home of our friends, the Misses McCutcheon, learning from them much that has helped in the years that have followed.

In the fall of 1910, Dr. J. R. Wilkinson of Soochow, China, visited our church. That afternoon Donald and I sat on our porch, and he said, "Let's go to China", and I said, "All right". On Monday he sent in our application and we left Greer for China in November, 1910, with our two children, Donald William and Orene Mannette, just six weeks old. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Paxton kindly let us live with them and allowed their splendidly trained woman to care for our children, so I was able to do full time on language study with Donald, in Chin-

kiang. If we have had any success in China, I think much of it is due to the influence and inspiration that Mr. and Mrs. Paxton were to us.

What have I done in China? A little of everything, not much of anything. My "regular jobs" have been all the way from receiving students to the Chinkiang Boys' School, and examining heads (for it was in the day of the cue, and it was rare that a boy "got by" without having kerosene oil rubbed into his head!), to trying to teach Hebrew in Chinese, and Church History in Nanking Theological Seminary!

I was glad of my Teacher's Certificate in Piano, from Converse College, for teaching piano has been a sort of accompaniment to other activities. I began teaching music in the Methodist School the week after we reached China and have scarcely missed a day teaching Chinese and foreigners.

This sounds as if we had no home life, while really our home meant everything to us, and we shared it freely with others, Chinese and foreign alike.

Feeling that we should pass on the Paxton's kindness to us, no less than twenty-one missionaries spent their first nine months in our home. I would that I could give you more interesting facts, but *Truth* forbids, and after all, it's not the work we do, but the contacts we make through the work, that make life colorful and satisfactory, isn't it?

We are now in Richmond, Va., and as yet, we have no plans for our return to Nanking.

MRS. BOLLING REYNOLDS

Constance Couper was born in Marietta, Ga., but in her early childhood moved to Spartanburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. King Couper. She is a granddaughter of Mrs. Josiah Sibley who with Miss Jennie Hanna, was a pioneer in organizing the Woman's Work in the Southern Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Sibley was interested heart and soul in Foreign Mission work and it seems fitting that two of her granddaughters should be missionaries.

Constance also came under the influence of Mrs. H. E. Ravenel and Mrs. Hettie Lucas in the Sunday School of the First Presbyterian Church. After finishing at college, she attended the Biblical Institute in New York where she met Bolling Reynolds whose parents were pioneer missionaries in Korea. They were married in 1924, spent the summer at Montreat and sailed for Korea in the fall, where Constance has been active and successful in her field of labor, and is

greatly loved by the missionaries and natives. Her cousin, Emma Gardener, also a granddaughter of Mrs. Sibley, was a member of the Spartanburg Sunday School while a student at Converse College, having for her teacher Mrs. Lucas, of sainted memory. She is now a missionary connected with the Golden Castle School for Girls in Nagoya, Japan.

MRS. C. B. DAWSEY (ETHEL SANDERS)

Mrs. C. B. Dawsey (Ethel Sanders) was born in Belmont, N. C., June 9th, 1890, moved with her parents to Spartanburg, S. C., May, 1900. When ten years old she joined the First Presbyterian Sunday School soon after and was a member of Mrs. Lucas' class. She soon joined the church, was a member of the Missionary Society.

She attended the graded schools, finishing them, then attended Winthrop College, graduating from there in 1910.

She was a student volunteer for the mission field while in college and while attending a convention in Rochester, N. Y., met Rev. C. B. Dawsey, whom she married in 1912. He was a Methodist mininter and also a volunteer for the foreign field. They were sent by the Methodist Mission Band to Brazil, S. A., in the fall of 1914 and are now stationed at Biriguy in Sao Paulo district, Central Brazil. Their work has prospered and they are now finishing up their fifteenth year there, twelve of which have been at Biriguy. They have four children, three girls and a boy. Two of the girls are at college in Pericicabo and all are fine healthy children.

MRS. HART MAXCY SMITH

Mrs. Hart Maxcy Smith, nee Margaret Jones, was born in Teeswater, Canada, on Christmas day, 1877. Her parents came over from Ireland a few years before her birth. When she was a year old they moved to Kenesaw, Nebraska, where her father was naturalized and became a citizen of the United States. When she was fourteen years old she went to boarding school at Hastings Academy, Hastings, Nebraska, and afterwards attended Hastings College until her graduation in 1900. In 1901 she was sent to Hangchow, China, as an evangelistic missionary by the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. On

February 21, 1905, she was married to Rev. H. Maxcy Smith, of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (of Reidville, S. C.), who was at that time temporarily stationed at Kashing. A year or two afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Smith were stationed at Tunghiang, where they remained for about eleven years. After their second furlough, which ended in the fall of 1918, they were transferred to Soochow for two years; then to Shanghai for one year, while Mr. Caldwell of that station was on furlough; then to Kiangyin for one year; and then back to Soochow, where, except for the time spent on furlough in the United States, they remained until the winter or spring of 1927, when the horrors of war compelled them to seek refuge in Shanghai, where they are now living (October, 1928).

Mrs. Smith is the mother of four children: Hart Maxcy, Jr.; Margaret Emily; Merle Gordon, and Elinore Ione. During the early years of these children, although Mrs. Smith continued to visit in the Chinese homes, to keep open the dispensary in Tunghiang, dispensing simple medicines and rendering first aid to the Chinese as long as she was there, and to teach a few classes in the hospital and in the girls' school in Soochow, she of necessity found her chief duty to be that of mother and teacher to her children, as there was no school for them to attend until they were old enough to go to boarding school in Shanghai. She has been, and is an ideal missionary, wife, and mother.

MRS. FANNY BLAND TAYLOR

Fanny Bland Taylor, daughter of Rev. A. T. Graham and Mrs. Isabel Irwin Graham, was born in Charlotte, N. C., and later lived in Lexington, Va., where her father was for many years pastor of the Presbyterian Church. She was educated in New York City and later attended the Assembly's Training School in Richmond, Va. She was married to Rev. H. Kerr Taylor of Greenville, S. C., December 20, 1916, and the following March 7th they sailed for China as missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Tsing Kiang Pu was their station till February, 1927, when the Mission sent them to Taichow. The civil war in March, 1927, drove them to Shanghai, where they still reside, August, 1928.

MRS. JULIA PRATT TAYLOR

Julia Pratt Taylor, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. P. Pratt, was born in Decatur, Ga. She was educated in the public schools of Decatur and at Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C. March 5, 1919, she was married to Rev. George Taylor of Greenville, S. C., and the following June they sailed for Brazil as missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

They were appointed to the North Brazil Mission and the station of Garanhuns, which continues to be their field of labor to date, August, 1928.

ANNIE BARR WILKINSON

Annie Narcissa Barr, daughter of George D. Barr and Martha Jane McCann, was born July 15, 1868, at Slabtown, Anderson County, South Carolina.

During the year 1874, her parents moved from Pendleton, S. C., to Greenville, where in her early years she united with the Washington Street Presbyterian Church (now the First Presbyterian Church), of which Dr. R. H. Nall was pastor.

In the year 1886, she was graduated from the Greenville Female College, and on May 2, 1889, was united in marriage to Dr. J. R. Wilkinson. The ceremony was performed by Dr. John M. Rose, in the First Presbyterian Church. During the year 1894 Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson were sent by our Foreign Mission Committee to Soochow, China, as the "Children's Missionary". They, with their three children, Annie, George, and James, sailed for China October, 1894, where they took charge of the building and operation of the Elizabeth Blake Hospital at Soochow. This work was carried on successfully and with ever increasing usefulness for twenty-seven years, the hospital becoming practically self-supporting. At that time their connection with our Foreign Missionary Board was severed. Their Chinese friends built for them a splendid hospital building, with large grounds, in Soochow. It is known as the "Palmetto Presbyterian Mission", and all lines of missionary work, medical, evangelical, and educational, are, under the blessing of our Heavenly Father, being carried on by them.

Mrs. Wilkinson has been conducting a school in their own building on the Hospital Compound for a number of years. She now has a

number of consecrated students of her school, working in their own homes, in the evangelical field and in the hospital, carrying joy and gladness into the hearts and lives of those around them by the simple Gospel story.

Since her residence in China, three children were born to her, Martha (Mrs. Jeoff. Sutcliff of Shanghai), Louis (medical assistant to Dr. Wilkinson in the hospital), and Augusta, whose body now lies in Springwood.

Mrs. Wilkinson, from her early childhood, has always been active in her Master's service. She was one of the leading spirits in founding a Sunday School mission which afterward developed into the Third Presbyterian Church of Greenville. Mrs. Wilkinson became a member of that church shortly before her transfer to Soochow.

The home church is proud and thankful for what she has accomplished.

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HISTORIANS

Mrs. James Reaves
Mrs. A. P. Burgess

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.—
Proverbs 3:6.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

ANDREWS (ROSEMARY)

In November of 1905, Rev. W. J. Wiley, the pastor of the Georgetown Church, visited Andrews and found two Presbyterians living there, Mrs. Charles Medlin and Mrs. F. F. Hanks. He began preaching one night a week in the school house, and by the spring of 1907 fifteen members had been received into the church.

With the organization of the church, began also the organization of the Woman's Work, the first organization being known as the Sewing Circle, later as the Woman's Missionary and Aid Society, and now as The Auxiliary. This organization has been closely allied with the functions of the church and too much praise cannot be given them for their faithful steadfastness in every phase of the work.

The Auxiliary members now number twenty, and the officers are as follows: President, Mrs. F. F. Bell; Vice President, Mrs. F. A. Weatherford; Secretary, Mrs. J. I. Kirby; Treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Forbis; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Miss Fannie Grant; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. C. H. Quarterman; Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. F. A. Weatherford; Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. C. B. Grant; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. N. W. Cooke; Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. J. E. Millard; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. J. M. Forbis; Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. Hannah Herrin; Chairman Junior Circle, Mrs. J. M. Forbis.

BAKER

The Baker Church was organized in 1916, with thirty-two members, and is associated with the Mayesville Church.

The Auxiliary numbers eighteen, and being in a country community, does not enroll all the women of the church.

In 1928 these women contributed, through the Auxiliary, to the benevolences forty-two dollars.

The President of the Auxiliary is Miss May Evans; Vice Presi-

dent, Miss Mary McLeod; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. O. Evans; Secretary Spiritual Life, Miss Sophia Wells; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. W. L. McIntosh; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. J. V. Evans; Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. S. T. Hodge; Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Maggie McLeod; Secretary Literature, Miss May Evans; Secretary Christian Social Service, Miss Floride Evans.

BETHEL

Bethel Presbyterian Church of Harmony Presbytery was organized in 1855. The first pastor was Rev. Philip Pearson. The following women were charter members: Mrs. Samuel A. Burgess, Mrs. Robert Epps, Mrs. W. H. McElveen, Mrs. W. E. Smith, Mrs. William J. Burgess, 1st, Mrs. W. S. Brand, Mrs. B. G. Pearson, and Mrs. B. S. Brockington. These women, while not organized, were very active in performing all duties connected with the church.

About the year 1882, some of the ladies first organized into a Ladies' Aid Society, but no records were kept. Miss Laura Burgess was leader, and the principal workers were Mrs. G. W. Burgess, Mrs. Samuel H. Burgess, Mrs. Itly Burgess, Miss Sunie Smith, Mrs. E. F. Epps, Mrs. J. C. McElveen, Mrs. W. M. McElveen, Mrs. R. E. Burgess, Mrs. William J Burgess, 2nd, and Mrs. T. E. Burgess. In addition to keeping up the duties of the church, these ladies made quilts and helped in many ways.

At this time, Mrs. W. M. McElveen made a special solicitation of funds and furnished the pulpit with a $12.00 Bible, two chairs and an art square.

After the moving away and death of the above ladies, the work of the ladies in the church lagged for a while, until about 1905, it was taken over and revived by the younger ladies and girls of the church, under the leadership of Miss Retha Burgess, cooperating especially with her were Miss Lula Epps, Misses Hattie and Minnie and Lily McElveen, Misses Mabel and Selma Burgess, Miss Bessie Constine, Miss Maria Burgess, Mrs. Scottie Constine, Mrs. R. E. McElveen, Mrs. Bartow Smith, Mrs. L. E. Duke, Mrs. Ham Burgess, Mrs. Luther McFadden, Mrs. Leland Burgess and Mrs. J. D. Wilson.

During this time money was raised by hot suppers. By this means

the church was carpeted, a communion set, brackets for hymn books and marble topped table were supplied. Also lights and an organ.

The wife of a former pastor, Mrs. James McDowell, in the year 1907 thoughtfully supplied a need by giving baskets to be used to take the offering up in. After many years of useful service, these have been replaced by collection plates, kindly presented by Mrs. R. M. Burgess. This Woman's Work continued active and broadened, taking a part in all the work approved by the General Assembly, until 1918 it merged into the Woman's Auxiliary, and ever since the cords have been strengthening.

At present the membership is sixteen. Officers are: President, Mrs. R. M. Burgess; Vice President, Mrs. W. A. Cooper; Secretary, Mrs. Bishop Burgess; Treasurer, Miss Fannie Epps; Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. G. W. Burgess; Foreign Missions, Mrs. R. S. Burgess; Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. J. M. Stewart; Chairman Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. J. S. Epps; Young People and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. E. F. Epps; Literature, Mrs. R. C. McElveen; Chairman Christian Social Service, Mrs. R. E. Adams.

We are giving a helping hand to all the causes of the church both home and foreign, and we are measuring up and hope to reach the spiritual standard—that is "The one thing needful".

Several of the women that were faithful in the first organization, in 1882, are still faithful workers and do all they can to hold up the hands of those who are now carrying on the work.

BEULAH

It was during the pastorate of the Reverend James E. Plowden (1886-1890) that the Woman's Work of Beulah Presbyterian Church took definite shape. The officers were: President, Mrs. Sallie M. Dickson; Vice President, Miss Eliza McNeil; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. J. T. McNeil. There were about fourteen members, and all seemed interested in working towards strengthening the church. Some of the leading spirits were Mrs. Suzanna McNeil, Miss Eliza McNeil, Mrs. Sallie M. Dickson, Mrs. J. T. McNeil, Mrs. A. H. Thompson, and Mrs. S. B. Coker. When this work was first organized, the meetings were held at the church after service, once each month. The work was carried on under the leadership of officers elected according to the rules of the society.

In 1897 it was necessary to reorganize the Auxiliary. Some members had moved away, but new members were secured from people who had moved in. They worked with renewed interest.

In 1906 the work was again reorganized, and has continued to move forward, much interest being manifested on the part of the members. From then on the members have worked to great advantage under the leadership of different officers elected annually. For instance, when the Sunday School rooms were completed, the ladies of the Auxiliary bought curtains and chairs for them.

At the last meeting (March) the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. S. Crowley; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Lois Thompson. There are now twenty-six members, all of whom seem very much interested. The circles meet monthly with interesting programs. Then they come together for the Auxiliary meeting each month.

BISHOPVILLE

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of the Bishopville Presbyterian Church was organized in January, 1887, with three officers: President, Mrs. W. A. Gregg; Vice President, Mrs. A. E. Dennis; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Ella Ambrose. There were twenty-six charter members. Of this number only two are now members of the Woman's Auxiliary: Miss Mary Bradley (Mrs. George Reid), and Miss Virginia Carnes (Mrs. J. S. Corbett).

Our society joined Harmony Presbyterial in 1907. Mrs. J. R. Wilkinson was our first Presbyterial representative.

In 1920 the name of our society was changed to the Woman's Auxiliary. We have a membership of seventy, which is divided into circles. This is the second year we have tried the Circle Plan and we are delighted with the result. We have recently adopted the new constitution.

Two of our faithful and active members, Mrs. John W. Bradley and Miss Lina Bradley, are now missionaries in China. Another member, Miss Selina Reid, is in training at Assembly's Training School.

An interesting fact in connection with the history of our church is that Miss Christine Ronzoni, a very intelligent and highly educated young lady, from Milan, Italy, came to America about the year

1857. She taught French at Harmony College, and one of our charter members, Miss Mary Bradley—now Mrs. Charles Reid—was one of her pupils. After teaching at Harmony College four years, she came to Bishopville on a visit. In the meantime the War Between the States was going on, so she remained in Bishopville as a governess in the home of Mr. John S. Bradley until the war ended. During this time she became converted (she was a Catholic) and joined the Bishopville Presbyterian Church. Dr. J. Leighton Wilson opened a school known as the "Home Institute" and Miss Ronzoni became the French teacher. While teaching in this school she became interested in Foreign Missions and decided to go back to her old home in Milan, Italy, as a missionary. She established a girls' school which she taught successfully until her death.

MRS. J. H. DESCHAMPS

Mrs. J. H. DesChamps was before her marriage Edith McCutchen, daughter of R. C. and Sara Shaw McCutchen, of Bishopville, S. C. She was born February 20th, 1883. Her early childhood was spent in the country, her parents moving to Bishopville when she was fourteen years old. She is a graduate of Chicora College, later taking post-graduate work at the Universities of Tennessee and Virginia. She accepted the position as teacher in her home town, where she taught eight years, then accepting a similar position in the Clinton city schools for four years. After the death of her father she was needed at home, so she gave up her work in Clinton and again accepted work in Bishopville school, where she continued to teach, until her marriage to J. H. DesChamps February 20th, 1918. She has been actively engaged in Sunday School work all of her life. She has served her local Auxiliary as Recording Secretary, then as President. She was Synodical Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions for two years, and is now serving a second term as president of Harmony Presbyterial.

BREWINGTON

The church at Brewington is more than one hundred and fifteen years old. Beginning with a membership of five, three of whom were women, Mary Nelson, Jane Nelson, and Isabella Nelson, the church grew until about the time of the Civil War, the church was filled with worshippers on each Sunday morning.

The Manning Church was partly formed from this church, having the same pastor for many years. There seems to be no record kept of the work of the women in the church, but, as in all the other churches, they did their full duty in the work of the church, and did much to keep the church up to its best.

It was not until about four years ago, 1924, that the Woman's Auxiliary was organized in the church. It now has a membership of eight, being in a scattered country community, all the women in the church are not enrolled. These few women gave in 1928 to benevolences through the Woman's Auxiliary, sixty-four dollars. The President is Mrs. E. R. Plowden; Vice President, Miss Mattie Montgomery; Secretary, Miss Lillian Plowden; Treasurer, Miss Lillian Plowden; Secretary Spiritual Life, Miss Mattie Montgomery; Secretary Foreign Missions, Miss Addie Cantey; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. Joseph Cantey; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Joseph Cantey; Secretary of Literature, Miss Mattie Montgomery.

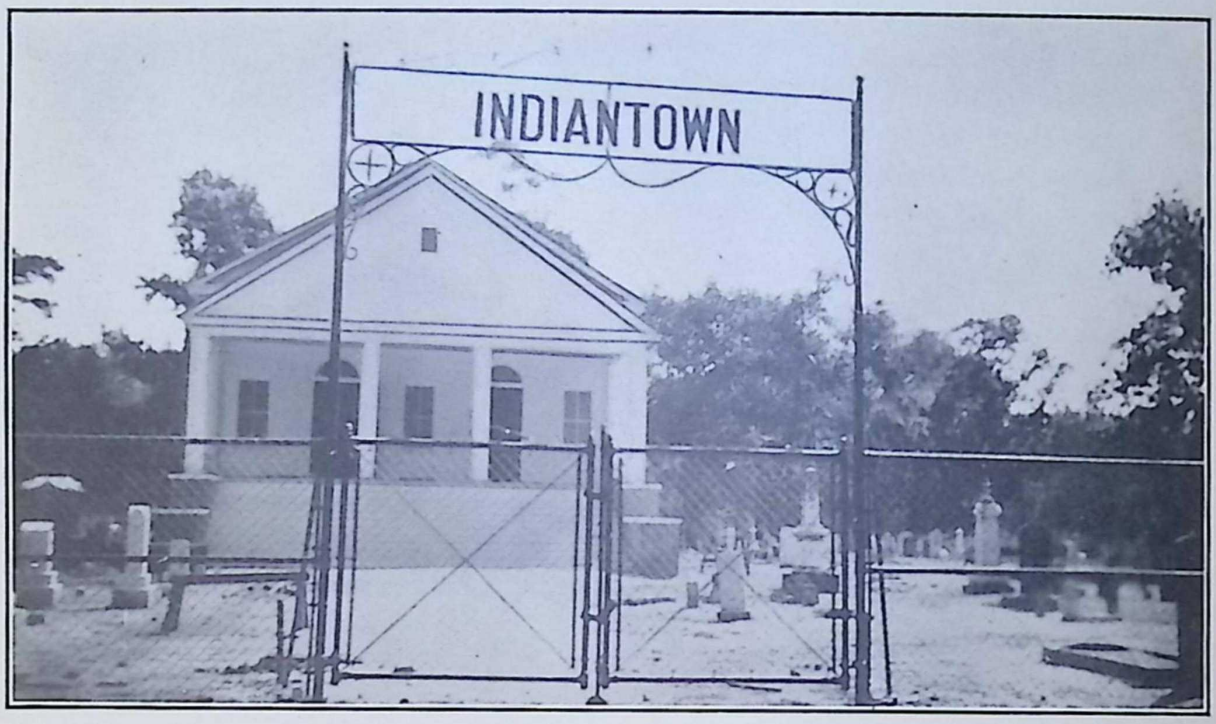
CONCORD

This church was organized about the year 1808. Mr. Anthony White with a number of others withdrew from this church and helped organize the Presbyterian Church at Sumter.

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized about thirty years ago, with a president and other officers. No records seem to have been kept. The Woman's Auxiliary now numbers about forty, and contribute to the various church causes.

It has a Sabbath School and a live Christian Endeavor Society.

The President of our Auxiliary is Mrs. J. M. Wertz; Vice President, Mrs. M. V. Plowden; Secretary, Mrs. J. M. Montgomery, she is also the Treasurer; Secretary Spiritual Life is Mrs. S. M. Witherspoon; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. W. P. Montgomery; Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. Harry Brunson; Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. Alva Pringle; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Clarissa Glasscock; Secretary of Young People and Sunday School Extension, Mrs. J. M. Plowden; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. S. M. Witherspoon, Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. Hugh Witherspoon.



INDIANTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GEORGETOWN

From the beginning of the Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, S. C., the women have been organized into a Missionary and Aid Society. They were always active in the work of the church and when the wooden building was removed and a brick building erected in its place, they were untiring in their efforts to help furnish it with lights, carpet, organ, and stained windows.

Miss Maud Dunlap was the first president, followed by Mrs. J. C. Murphy, Mrs. Parker and Mrs. Knox.

In 1920 it was organized as the Woman's Auxiliary and Mrs. A. K. Dill elected president. The Auxiliary was divided into two circles which met once a month. Mrs. Porter was president for several years, also Mrs. Livingston. The Auxiliary now has two circles, with eleven members each, meeting once a month.

The majority of the women lead in prayer and take part on the programs. We have a budget and try to do all that is asked of us by Mrs. Winsborough. The women now in office are: President, Mrs. A. K. Dill; Vice President, Mrs. C. L. Kirkly; Secretary, Mrs. John Boyd; Treasurer, Miss Clara Baldwin.

INDIANTOWN

The church at Indiantown was first built in 1757, on four acres of land, given for that purpose by William Thompson. He also bequeathed in his will one hundred pounds sterling, to be used in building a church.

In 1780 Wemyss burned the Indiantown Church and for several years the congregation kept up the worship under brush arbors, made over the spot that the church had covered.

The first record of any Woman's Work is in 1835; a record is of two women who taught in the Sunday School.

In 1837 five women gave $50.00 towards the pastor's salary, evidently not done as individuals but as some sort of a woman's organization.

In 1888 the first Missionary Society was formed with the following officers: President, Mrs. James McCutchen; Vice President, Miss Sue Barr; Secretary, Miss Mary Cooper; Treasurer, Miss Lou Ervin. Mrs. McCutchen was president for twelve years and this society gave $50.00 per year towards the support of a missionary, viz., Miss French

in China. Later they supported "the Jennie Gilland McCutchen cot", in memory of the first president, Mrs. James McCutchen, née Jennie Gilland. This cot was in Dr. Wilkinson's Hospital in China.

Other presidents of the society were: Mrs. James McCutchen, who served for twelve years; Mrs. Sue Ervin; Mrs. J. F. Cooper, who served for a few months only; Mrs. W. W. Barr, who served only a few months; Mrs. Gotea Ervin, who only served a few months; Mrs. A. C. Bridgman; Miss Mattie Cooper; Mrs. H. M. Cooper, who served for ten years.

Secretaries: Miss Mary Cooper, Miss Mutie Cooper, Mrs. H. M. Cooper, Mrs. W. D. Daniel, Miss Deanie Cooper, Miss Annie Ervin, Mrs. J. Z. Hanna.

Treasurers: Miss Lou Ervin, Miss Mutie Cooper, Miss Jennie Cooper, who has served for thirty years, and is still serving.

HEBRON

Before the church was built there was a woman's sewing circle, at which the women made things to help raise funds for the church building. After the building was erected there was a Pastor's Aid and Missionary Society organized. Their work was mostly for Foreign Missions. This work was not carried on for very long and for several years Hebron had no organized Woman's Work. However, in 1920 the Woman's Auxiliary was organized with Miss Julia DuBose as President and Mrs. S. D. Fraser Secretary and Treasurer. The presidents have followed in succession: Mrs. M. R. Rivers, Mrs. J. T. Green, Mrs. R. E. DuBose, Mrs. L. W. Dick, Miss Julia DuBose, who is president now.

God has blessed our work and we have grown in numbers in our spiritual life and in our work.

LAKE CITY

The Lake City Presbyterian Church was organized in November, 1883, and we find the names of Mrs. H. H. Singletary, Mrs. J. T. Gaskins and Mrs. S. J. McCutchen among the charter members.

About the year 1888 Mr. James McMillan presented the Bible to the church. This book was used until worn from use and age, and in

January, 1924, the Woman's Auxiliary presented the church with a new Bible to replace the old one, also gave a nice new hymn book to be used in the pulpit.

Mrs. John Dodd Singletary donated the first communion service, which was replaced in the fall of 1911 with the present individual communion service, presented by the Ladies' Aid Society.

During Rev. J .E. Dunlop's pastorate and about the year 1896, the ladies, Mrs. H. H. Singletary, Mrs. J. D. Daniel, Mrs. L. L. Caldwell, and Miss Sarah Godwin, bought the first musical instrument, an organ, and paid for it by having hot suppers. This instrument served for all church purposes until it was replaced in April, 1920, by a piano, which is still being used. This was bought by members of the Sunday School.

During the fall of 1910 several members were transferred to McGill Memorial Church and Mrs. J. T. Gaskins, one of the charter members, was among this number.

During the summer of 1914 the Ladies' Aid put an iron fence across the front of the church lot, bought the table and helped with the purchase of a carpet for the church. This society also bought the chairs for the pulpit, and put blinds on the pulpit windows, for the comfort of the ministers.

Soon after Mr. Sinnott came as pastor, the building was lighted by five electric chandeliers, replacing some oil ones secured by the every member canvass made by Mrs. B. H. Singletary and Miss Maude Singletary during a former pastorate. These oil chandeliers were much needed, for until then, the church was lighted by oil lamps brought each night from neighbors' houses.

It was during the beginning of Mr. Sinnott's pastorate that the Ladies' Missionary Society was organized. This society and the Ladies' Aid merged into the present Woman's Auxiliary, which is doing a splendid work.

When Rev. R. W. Park was called to this church the ladies came to the assistance of the officers of the church and placed considerable bits of furniture in the manse for the use of the pastor.

In April Harmony Presbyterial met with the Lake City Auxiliary.

Lake City has a live Woman's Auxiliary with thirty-five members, divided into circles and contributing to all the causes of the church through the regular Auxiliary Plan.

LANE

In the little railroad town of Lane—Williamsburg County, South Carolina, a band of Presbyterians decided to form a church. The majority of these were from Richmond Church, which had been destroyed by fire, and Presbytery not deeming it advisable to rebuild on the old site.

The Atlantic Coast Railroad gave the lot for the church building in Lane for 'as long as used for church purposes'.

A commission from Harmony Presbytery, of which Rev. J. R. Woodson was chairman, organized the church on October 29th, 1911, with a membership of thirty-two. The women who were charter members were as follows: Mrs. M. L. Baggett, Mrs. A. B. McDonald, Miss Mamie Badgett, Miss Frances McKnight, Mrs. S. G. McDonald, Mrs. S. E. McDonald, Miss Eoline McDonald, Mrs. E. G. Montgomery, Miss Emma Watson, Mrs. H. D. Turner, Miss Winnie Davis, Miss Jeannette Davis, Miss Margaret Bass, Miss Hazel Graham, Mrs. M. E. Graham.

A Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society was organized on October 6th, 1917, by Mrs. Sue Ervin of Kingstree, and Mrs. Mary F. Cooper of Indiantown, with about seven members. The first officers were Mrs. S. E. McDonald, President; Mrs. M. E. Graham, Vice President; Miss May Graham, Secretary and Treasurer.

This society was kept up with monthly meetings until it merged into the Woman's Auxiliary on May 21st, 1919, with secretaries of causes and circle chairmen. We have never had more than thirty members and now have only about twelve.

The first year we raised ten dollars. Since then it has gone up into two or three hundred. But of late we have fallen off on account of the financial condition of the country around us and consequent distress among all our people.

Our church has lost in membership about as it gained. Some have moved away, some have married, and God in His providence has seen fit to take to Himself others, including two of our elders.

We have fallen on troublous times. Through all this our women have 'carried on'. They have helped with and taught in the Sunday School, furnished the instrumental and most of the vocal music, and kept the church 'swept and garnished' for all services.

They raised money for lighting the church, for buying a piano, song and hymn books.

One woman gave carpet for rostrum and aisles, and pulpit chairs. Three women gave the silver trays and glasses for individual communion service.

Some of the things I note in our records are: Contributions to Thornwell Orphanage, China Famine Fund, Missionary Homes, Montreat, Miss Dowd's School, Church of the Pilgrims, at Washington, D. C., besides the regular budget causes of the church.

Of our young women who have gone out from the church we have encouraging reports from the churches of their adoption. An Auxiliary president, choir leader and Sunday School worker, leader of young people, worker in benevolent society, are among their number. So we feel that while we have seen discouragements, as we become a smaller and weaker Auxiliary, still in these young lives out in the world, we may be accomplishing more than we know.

LYNCHBURG

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Lynchburg Presbyterian Church had its beginning about 1877, fifty years ago. The person most influential in starting this work was Mrs. T. E. Saunders. At that time Mrs. Saunders was a young married woman who had recently moved into the community. She was a granddaughter of Rev. Pearson, a Presbyterian minister, and before her marriage had lived in the neighborhood of Mount Zion Church. She with her family had attended religious services there. This was an active church with the women busy doing their part.

On coming to Lynchburg Mrs. Saunders saw the need of the women being organized for church work and talked a great deal about what was being done in the other community. Mrs. Dr. Frierson, a splendid woman of the church, joined forces with Mrs. Saunders and before long the first missionary society was organized. The Rev. A. M. Hasseal was the pastor of the church at that time. This society had many quiltings. When the quilts were sold, the money was put into the treasury.

The work of the Auxiliary as the years have passed by has suffered many lapses. At times it would almost die out but come to life again. There have been no missionaries or women especially outstanding, but Mrs. Isabelle Frierson should be especially mentioned as one who always tried to hold things together. No authoritative records have been kept.

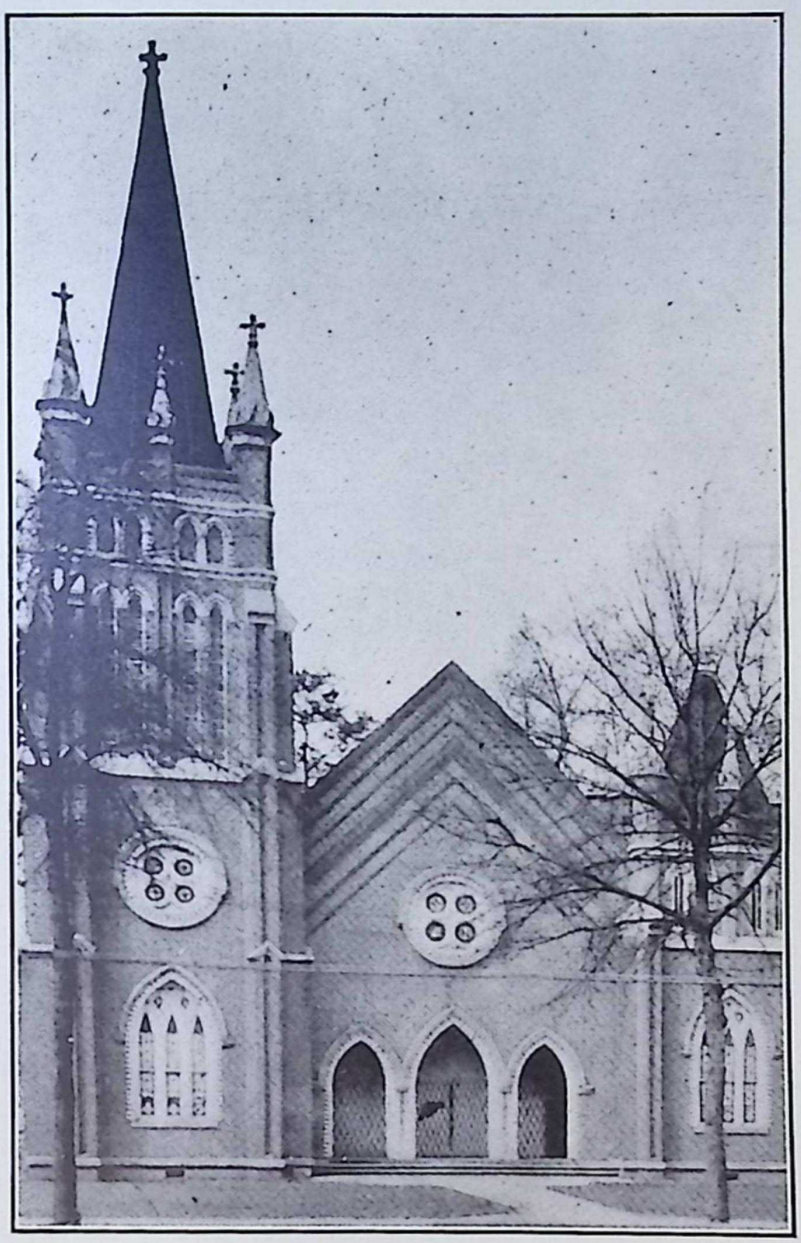
MANNING

The Manning Church was organized in the year 1847, but it was not until the pastorate of the Rev. James McDowell that there was any definite work done by the women of that church—somewhere about 1870. The pastor of the church lived in the country, for he only gave half of his time to the Manning Church; the rest of his time was given to Brewington. He had prayer meetings in the church at Manning every Friday afternoon. On the fourth Friday afternoon of each month his subject was Foreign Missions. His remarks were forceful and earnest. At the close of the service the pastor's wife received from the ladies present a voluntary offering for Foreign Missions. She always had a pencil and a little memorandum book in which she put down each contribution. At the end of the year, each lady received a statement of the amount she had paid during the year. The pastor never gave less than $75.00 per year to the ladies' fund, although his salary at that time, was only $525.00. At that time and on through the seventies our contributions were sent through the treasurer of the church, to Dr. DuBose, a missionary in China. During these years Dr. DuBose had a furlough to the United States, and preached in the Manning Church. The women, especially, became interested as never before in Foreign Missions.

At the close of the first prayer meeting, after the visit of Dr. DuBose, came the suggestion from our pastor's wife, that we form a society called "The Foreign Missionary Society" of the Manning Presbyterian Church. We chose our pastor's wife, Mrs. James McDowell, president, and she suggested that we settle on a definite amount to be given monthly and pledge ourselves to earn that money. The amount agreed upon was the sum of twenty-five cents.

Not long after this, the Sumter Church requested Manning, Brewington and Summerton Churches to aid in the support of Miss French.

The society, with a president, with fixed dues and assuming, in part, to support a missionary, caused them to realize their responsibilities. Then a sewing society was formed in the Missionary Society, for which a few dollars were taken from the funds on hand. Material was bought and aprons made, also some clothes for children, and put in a basket and taken around to be sold. This plan made it necessary to meet at the homes of the members so that the work could be cut out and to receive the finished work. The basket plan proved convenient



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to the mothers, and the income from it far exceeded our expectations.

We later held a bazaar, selling fancy work, candy, cakes, coffee, oysters, etc. From this we made $785.00. From this amount the ladies took enough to buy two stoves for the church, and had two baize doors made to close the opening from the church into the vestibule. The rest of the money was sent to Miss French.

The basket work was continued all through the eighties. The Missionary Society began having some social gatherings and various forms of entertainments for the young people of the church. This brought the old and the young people in a closer relationship and with most gratifying results. There was never a social hour at the regular meetings or refreshments served, but sometimes a lady would have a small sum which she would add to the treasury.

After Mrs. McDowell was taken from us, the work steadily grew under the wise leadership of the following ladies as president: Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Mrs. Mattie Burgess and Mrs. S. E. Ingram.

The new church was built during the ministry of Mr. J. M. Holliday. Before it was completed and dedicated, Rev. A. R. Woodson came as the pastor of the church. Mrs. Woodson, the pastor's wife, was devoted to Foreign Missions. She was a good organizer and did much towards systematizing the work of the women in the church and paving the way for the Woman's Auxiliary, so soon to follow.

Harmony Presbyterial was organized in the church at Manning, first as the Missionary Union, and Mrs. Woodson was elected its first president.

Mrs. C. R. Harvin was the president of the society during the first seven years of Rev. L. B. McCord's ministry, which began in 1913 or 1914. She was succeeded by Miss Minnie McFadden.

The Auxiliary Plan of organization has succeeded well in the Manning Church and has proved to be a wise step forward. They did not like, at first, the Circle Plan and were reluctant to make this change. But they finally fell in line. The blessing of God seemed to follow this step. Every female member of the church is at least a nominal member of a circle. Through Prayer Bands, Bible and Mission Study classes information has been gained and gifts increased.

We note an increased interest in personal work. Leaders have been developed as well as individual responsibility, as is seen in the work done by the two circles composed of the young ladies and the young girls of the church in the teen age. A common bond of interest unites these circles into our big Auxiliary.

Some years ago a consecrated woman from a Western town came to make her home in Manning. We needed her and God saw the need and so Mrs. E. L. Wilkins, our President, came to us.

MAYESVILLE

At Mayesville, in the early seventies, several years before either our Missionary Society, as it then was called, or Ladies' Aid, were organized, there was one called the Ladies' Sewing Society. Through this a nice sum of money was raised by the ladies of the church and given over to the men when they began the building of our Mayesville Presbyterian Church which was organized in the year 1881.

A lot was donated by Mr. M. P. Mayes and the church was completed and dedicated April 17, 1892.

Soon after Mr. Stevenson became pastor of the Mayesville Church he urged the ladies to form a Missionary Society. They responded cheerfully and with his help a little band was soon gathered together in the year 1895.

Mr. Stevenson gave us every possible assistance, drew up a constitution and by-laws, met with us, helped out our 'offerings' with his personal gifts.

Mrs. Witherspoon Cooper was chosen president and Miss Sue Mayes, treasurer. Other members were: Mrs. J. E. Stevenson, Miss E. W. Brearly, Mrs. Witherspoon Cooper, Mrs. Lou Mayes, Miss Sue Mayes, Mrs. Peterson Mayes, Mrs. L. L. Corbett, Miss Janie Bradley, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. J. E. Mayes, Mrs. R. A. Chandler, Mrs. Grant and Miss Annie Anderson. The members were ready for every good work.

A modest, gentle lady was asked if she was placed on the program to lead in prayer would she do so. She said "Yes, if I can do nothing else I will repeat the Lord's Prayer". What a spirit!

We did not have the help that the ladies have now, organization and guidance from Mrs. Winsborough, but we had a spirit of earnest effort and cheerful co-operation.

Mr. Stevenson often attended our meetings and then there was an air of serious devotion.

We usually had some missionary or some mission station written up by some member.

Mrs. Lou Mayes gave us a good paper on Mexico, Miss Sue Mayes one on Brazil, and Miss Brearly one on China, because of a dear friend there. Sometimes we had a vocal solo by Mrs. Lou Mayes or

Miss Annie Anderson. Once we observed "A Week of Prayer", as requested by our Committee of Foreign Missions. Mr. Stevenson was greatly pleased at this and commended us highly.

Once we had the pastor and elders to take tea with us at the residence of Mrs. Lou Mayes.

Mayesville Auxiliary now numbers forty-three and contributes to all the church causes.

Mayesville gives no record of Auxiliary organization.

MISS ANNIE ANDERSON

Miss Annie Anderson was born in the historic old Mt. Zion community, the daughter of Joseph Henry and Lenora Tisdale Anderson. The family moved, in her childhood, to the town of Mayesville, and there Miss Anderson, in her school-girl days, identified herself with those who were working for the best interests and growth of the church and community. She gives largely and cheerfully of her time, her voice and her talents. As a child, she joined the Mayesville Presbyterian Church when it was first organized and was a valued member of the choir for years. She has served the Auxiliary in every capacity and office, making a most efficient President. So, when elected Treasurer of Harmony Presbyterial, she was only enlarging her field of usefulness. She has held this office continuously since 1910, and is much valued in the Presbyterial counsels for her good judgment, her common sense, her enthusiasm and her loyalty to the Great Cause.

McDOWELL

McDowell Church was dedicated on July 31, 1910, being named after the saintly Rev. James McDowell. Previous to this the ladies of the community met at the manse for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Aid Society. An organization was effected, consisting of twelve members, with the following officers: Mrs. R. L. Grier, President; Mrs. W. M. O'Bryan, Vice President; Miss Mellie Ferrell, Secretary, and Miss Georgia Brunson, Treasurer. It was decided to pay monthly dues of ten cents, as the church was young and needed help. For the first few years all of our contributions went for local causes, such as pulpit furniture, carpeting the church and fencing the manse. For several years we struggled on, not seeing very much that we had

accomplished, and at times becoming very much discouraged. However, from time to time several of our members attended the Presbyterial and becoming very much interested, we decided to call our society an Auxiliary, and to organize according to their plan. Since then we have sent a representative to each of their meetings, two of our members recently having held an office in the Presbyterial.

For the past few years we have had study classes; a secretary for each church cause which she presents to the members each month. The Week of Prayer is observed, we clothe an orphan, and have several Prayer Bands. Recently we have divided into circles and now have almost all of our ladies interested and working. I think we can truthfully say, that we have improved wonderfully both financially and spiritually, and we hope to do more during 1924 for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom than we have ever done before.

McGILL MEMORIAL

This church was organized in 1910, with a membership of forty. It was called for the family of Dr. S. D. McGill, for the members of this family were most instrumental in the erection of the building and organizing the church, especially three of the daughters: Mrs. Henry Johnson, Mrs. W. E. Hanna, and Mrs. Ellen Foxworth.

The Auxiliary work was carried on by the women of the church for several years and they contributed in 1928 fifty dollars. The congregation has decided to join with other churches which are building up in other nearby communities, so the Auxiliary membership in 1928 was only ten.

The president is Mrs. H. C. Gaskin, but owing to the disbanding of the church the Auxiliary members will be enrolled elsewhere and carry on their work with them.

MIDWAY

On September 29th, 1801, nine men of the inhabitants of Bull Savana, Pudding Swamp, met at the home of Mrs. Mary Conyers, in order to form a church and raise a salary to secure a minister for one fourth of his time. The Rev. G. G. McWhorter was asked to preach and he accepted.

In September, 1802, the congregation employed Wm. McIntosh

and Samuel Flemming to build a church for one hundred and eighty dollars and in November of that same year the house was raised and called Midway because it was about midway between Williamsburg and Salem Churches and members from those churches helped them in the building of the house of worship and support of the Gospel.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized about 1916 and now numbers thirty members and contributes to all the causes of the church.

MT. ZION

Dr. J. Leighton Wilson was distressed over the lack of opportunity for higher education of the young women of this community and the surrounding country, following the Civil War.

Few were financially able to send their daughters to the higher centers of learning. Dr. Wilson determined to open a school to fill this need and operated at the least possible expense to the patrons.

In the fall of 1866, he opened Home Institute. Neighbors were persuaded to throw open the doors of their homes for the accommodation of the students. The hospitable homes of the people were crowded to their limits, the girls' boarding bills being placed as low as possible.

Between fifty and sixty girls and young ladies of the Synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida took advantage of the opportunity afforded them. Dr. Wilson shouldered the entire financial responsibility of the Institute. Associated with him on the faculty were Mrs. Laura A. Brown, prominent educator, who later opened and for many years operated the Sumter Institute, a center for the culture of all this region around; Miss Ronzoni, a native Italian and later a prominent missionary to her native land; Mr. S. J. Price, a native of Virginia, where he afterwards practiced law; Miss Doan, an educator from Cheraw; Misses Erie and Emma Vernon, later associated with Mrs. Brown in Sumter, in the Sumter Institute.

Home Institute was operated for four or five years, until Dr. Wilson's financial condition was reduced to the point where he could not finance it any longer.

In the fall of 1866 was organized the first Woman's Missionary Society in the bounds of Mt. Zion Church, and probably in this, Harmony, Presbytery. It was an organization for the spiritual activity of the Home Institute student body. Mrs. L. A. Brown was its first president. They held monthly meetings, the young ladies sewing and

selling their work to augment the Foreign Mission treasury. Frequently Dr. Wilson would talk to them of Africa as they worked. This society existed so long as the Home Institute existed.

In 1873 after the regular preaching service at Mt. Zion, Dr. Wilson conducted monthly missionary services, when he would talk of the land so dear to him, the land of the black men. These services were attended by the whole congregation of Mt. Zion Church.

In 1874 the Ladies' Missionary Society of Mt. Zion Church was organized with Mrs. Cosby, the pastor's wife, the president. The objective of this society was to raise money for Foreign Missions. The meetings were held monthly in the homes of its members. The duration of a meeting was from early after a farm breakfast, until the sun sank in the west. Ladies came bringing ample lunch boxes and sewing (hand) machines.

Mrs. Aggie Wilson and Mrs. Newell Green were official cutters. The conversation was of local interest. The output of a day's work was sold to the white as well as to the colored people. Garments made were children's garments, aprons, blouses, etc. There were days when great quilting frames stretched and whir of the machines were stilled.

From 1874-1886 Mrs. Cosby served as president. Her husband leaving this charge, the post became vacant and remained so until the church secured another pastor, with wife to serve as president.

In 1888-1893 Mrs. W. S. Bean served as president. Dr. Bean leaving this pastorate, again our president's chair became vacant, but this time it was filled from the local constituency.

From 1893-1899 Mrs. C. E. Crane served as president.

In 1899 Mrs. Crane left the bounds of the congregation and the presidency of the Ladies' Missionary Society.

At this time it was agreed that there would be a re-organization. A committee of three was elected to draw up a constitution. This committee was composed of the following ladies: Miss -Minnie McCutchen, Miss Adele Shaw, Mrs. E. E. McCutchen.

Then began annual rotation of officers, a monthly program on Foreign Missions, reports on Home Missions, and planned social activities for the ladies of the church, sometimes including the entire congregation. Still the quiltings and the sewing basket were the principal source of income. It was the declared purpose of the society to promote Home, as well as Foreign, Missions, but the bulk of our income found its way to the foreign field.



MT. ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Above—The Present building. Below—The original building, destroyed by fire, February 20, 1910.

The Mt. Zion Missionary Society continued along these lines until 1923 when it adopted the Auxiliary constitution in a large measure and is now known as the Mt. Zion Auxiliary. The only difference in the constitution of 1899 and of 1923 is the financial plan and this change has been rejected up until the present time.

Women missionaries from Mt. Zion are: Mrs. P. F. Price (China); Miss Rebecca Wilson (China), Mrs. L. O. McCutchen (Korea), Mrs. John McEachern (Korea), Mrs. Charlton Wilson was a home missionary to Indian territory.

MRS. N. Y. ALFORD

Mrs. N. Y. Alford, the subject of this sketch, is vice president of Harmony Presbyterial. She has been interested in church work and especially the work of the women for many years.

Her home is at Wisacky in South Carolina, and she is a member of Mt. Zion Chureh.

When Mrs. Woodson lived in Manning and the church societies were organized into a Missionary Union, Mrs. Alford was elected to have charge of Young People's Work, which position she held for one and a half years.

In February, 1913, the presidents of the Presbyterial together with one representative from each, were called to meet in Columbia, to consider organizing South Carolina Synodical. Mrs. Alford was the representative and Mrs. Woodson the president from Harmony Presbyterial.

In October of that same year, Mrs. Alford was appointed to attend the first annual meeting of South Carolina Synodical, which met in Bennettsville. She was there elected Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions.

The following year, at Mount Zion Church, the name of the Missionary Union was changed to Harmony Presbyterial, and Mrs. Alford was elected president, which position she held until 1926, when Mrs. J. H. DesChamps was elected president and Mrs. Alford vice president, which position she still holds, being re-elected each year.

At the Presbyterial meeting at Sardinia, 1917, Mrs. C. R. Harvin, in behalf of the Manning Auxiliary, presented to Mrs. Alford a gavel made of cedar grown in Manning. This was quite fitting as Manning was really the birthplace of the Woman's Auxiliary.

While Mrs. Alford was president the "Budget System" was

adopted by the Presbyterial, and also the one day "Echo Conference" for colored women was organized.

During the twelve years of Mrs. Alford's presidency she saw the Auxiliary work grow along all lines. From an organization of nineteen Auxiliaries and a membership of 532 women, who contributed to all benevolent causes, $2,052.00, Harmony Presbyterial now has doubled in size having a membership of 1,130 and contributing in 1928, to benevolences, $10,656.00.

"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts".

NEW HARMONY

New Harmony Church was organized during the fall of 1897, off-shoot of Midway. She drew members from Salem, Black River, Manning and Brewington. As all the church records were burned in 1916, it is hard to get our records.

There are only two charter members now living.

Approximately twelve women banded themselves together as a Sewing Circle. Of this number, all, save one, have moved to other churches or "passed beyond the veil".

Most prominent of this number was Miss Carrie DuRant, who was the whole executive committee for awhile. Miss Olivia DuRant and Mrs. Jos. S. DuRant and Mrs. Jno. C. DuRant were interested workers from the first. As their name indicates, they made their money by sewing, for Negroes mostly, though not exclusively. Miss Carrie DuRant made and sold tatting and bought the six piece communion service, which was so utterly destroyed by fire in 1927.

A handsome pulpit Bible and hymn book, still in use, were gifts of the women.

As time passed on they changed the name to the Missionary and Aid Society. They bought a stove and a carpet, as well as contributing to the benevolences of the church. They gave hot suppers to raise money, in addition to the regular gifts, such as dues, free will offerings, etc.

After the four leading spirits "passed beyond", the society lived only spasmodically for several years.

After taking in some new members and entering the Auxiliary organization, the society took on new life. A younger generation in-

fused new life. Just now we have a most interesting group of teen age girls who bid fair to bring increasing life. Have twenty on roll. Two are away teaching, one in college, seven too crowded with home duties to be active members. Thirteen really raised our budget of $75.00, which was sent on to Presbytery's Treasurer to be forwarded to the various causes, according to the percentage plan. Sent delegates to colored conference, clothed an orphan at Thornwell, have Mission Study classes and a band prays concertedly for definite things.

Our home missionary gave her young life in the mountains of Kentucky, having served there only one and a half years, of whom it was said "She lived her life well."

One young lady, Miss Claudia Brown, is now a missionary to China. Many fine things have been said of her work on the field. Being forced to remain in the States for awhile, on account of conditions in China, she is rearing and training her two sons to "carry on" when she and her husband must lay down their work.

PINEWOOD

The church at Pinewood was organized in April of 1898. Sixteen members formed this organization, and the church was and still is grouped with the church at Summerton.

The women of the Pinewood Church organized a Home and Foreign Missionary Society in 1906, with a membership of eight, and have continued the organization until a few years ago when we did not have enough members to have a program.

Our society has repaired and kept the church in repair, besides contributing to all causes of the church, through our society whenever we met.

We have two charter members of the church, Mrs. J. W. Weeks and Mrs. N. L. Broughton.

SALEM, BLACK RIVER

As a history of this church was recently prepared for publication by its faithful and efficient pastor, Rev. W. H. Workman, a very concise statement will suffice here.

This church was organized 183 years ago. During these years, twelve pastors and several stated supplies have ministered to its life

and growth. In 1759 David Anderson, a charter member, donated a plot of land, lying along a small stream, now known as Church Branch, on which a log meeting house was built in 1760. This in eight years was supplanted by a frame building, and later, by brick structures. The pastors of the Williamsburg Church supplied its pulpit for thirteen years. Its first elders were ordained in 1770. Its first pastor, Rev. Thomas Reese, was installed in 1773. Of his nineteen years of service the record speaks in terms of affection and praise. His loving pastorate was ended by his death in 1792.

The first Ladies' Missionary Society of Salem was organized on Sunday, April 6, 1919, with the following officers: Mrs. D. M. Boykin, President; Mrs. W. H. Workman, Vice President; Miss Pearl McElveen, Treasurer; Miss Anna Workman, Secretary.

With the help of the pastor, the ladies soon had a constitution and by-laws written, and went earnestly to work, with an active membership of twenty-one, and eleven names enrolled as honorary members.

REMINISCENCES

That they were so late in organizing in a church nearing its hundredth year, a church whose membership was never large, though its liberality to missions was ever large, may be explained satisfactorily, when we know that the mothers of Israel in this church, in the past hundred years were types of Dorcas, Hannah, and Martha, faithful workers in their sphere, but shy of publicity. They went to church to worship, though their careful eyes saw when the carpet was worn, the pulpit Bible grew shabby, and other needs arose, their hearts prompted them to supply. The beautiful Bible now in use was presented by Mrs. M. M. Mayes more than sixty years ago. Mrs. Nancy Witherspoon and Mrs. Rosa Cooper together gave the silver plate for communion service. More than thirty years ago Mrs. Leonora Muldrow, noticing the crimson damask thirty feet in length that covered the broad window at the back of the pulpit, was being moth-eaten, secured ninety dollars among her friends, and ordered fac simile material to replace it, fashioning it to the proper proportions with her own hands, assisted by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. E. B. Muldrow. In 1903 Mrs. Sallie McKay gave to the Sunday School two collection plates, which were later adopted for church collection also,



MRS. NANCY R. (HAMILTON)
WITHERSPOON



MRS. W. J. McKAY
Salem, Black River Church

discarding the miniature walnut boxes attached to the wall behind the doors. She also placed a clock just opposite the pulpit to assist in keeping Dr. McKay's sermons within the half-hour limit. In 1817 Mrs. Sara McNichols donated a tract of land for a manse. In 1912 a legacy of one thousand dollars was left by Miss Mary Hamilton Witherspoon to aid in caring for the cemetery, she being the last member of her family in the community. In 1915 Mrs. Sophie McBride's will held a clause contributing thirty dollars per annum to the pastor's salary each year until 1925 when her youngest grandson, Grey McBride Dabbs, reached his majority.

The home-making talent of the ladies of Salem was appreciated by a half dozen ministers of the Gospel who chose helpmeets from among them. In 1864 Miss Mary J. Cooper became the bride of Rev. George L. Petrie of Charlottesville, Va. Miss Cornelia Gregg, who now lives in Greensboro, N. C., married Rev. Hugh Strong in 1867. Miss Sallie Mills is now Mrs. S. F. Tenney of Crockett, Texas. In 1874 Miss Annie Witherspoon married Rev. D. K. McFarland. Both of these have crossed the river. Their two cultured daughters teach in Mary Baldwin, Staunton, Va. Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., and his wife (née Sarah Knox Witherspoon) sleep in the cemetery here. The only one of the marriages in which both parties still live and labor on is that of Miss Isabell Muldrow to the Reverend J. H. Grey, now in Bedford, Va.

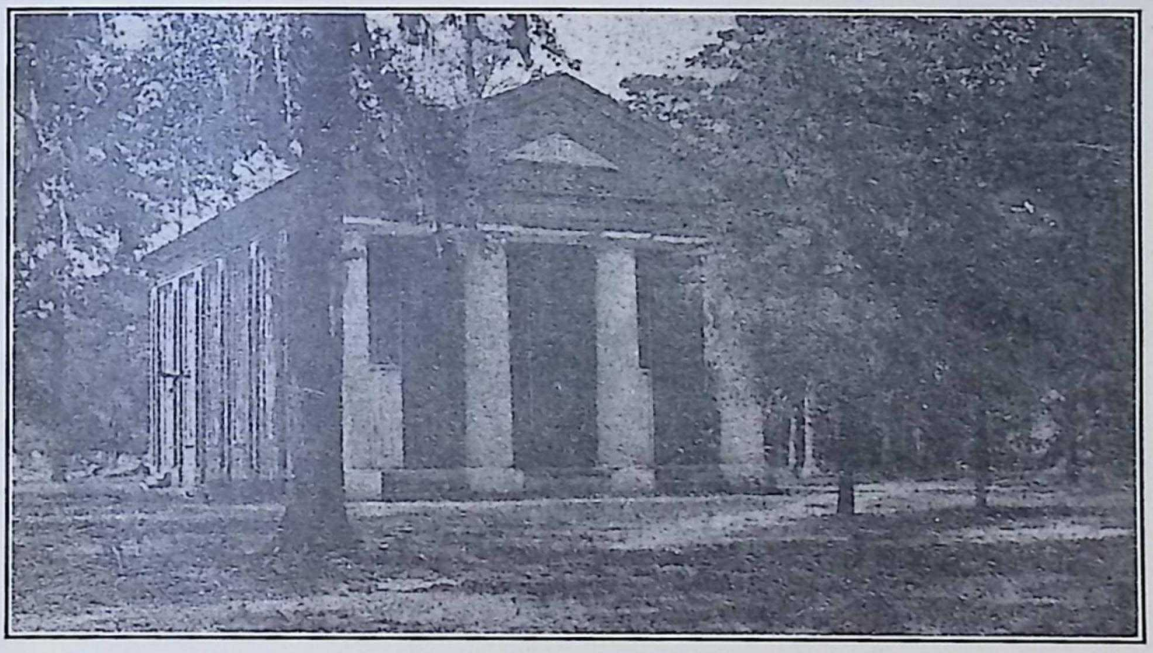
One of the Sunday School teachers, Miss Annie Witherspoon, until her marriage conducted a sewing circle among the young girls, selling to the Negroes the garments made, and giving the proceeds to the Sunday School missionary collection. This church dating back to slavery times, recognized in the Negro race a field of missions in its very midst, and its labors among them were successful to a remarkable degree. Some are still living who remember the large shed, with rows on rows of seats in the grove back of the church, where the slaves were assembled regularly Sunday mornings for Sunday School taught by the elders, after which, by turns, about 225 each Sunday gladly occupied seats in the gallery to hear a sermon from the same pastor as their masters. Sunday Schools were conducted on the different plantations in the afternoons, also. Negro communicants enrolled, numbered four times the white members. They now have within a mile and a half of this church, one of their own, of more than 600 members with an educated pastor, also a five-teacher school and a parsonage on land donated by their former owners, all under the Northern Presbyterian Board. The universal and continued good conduct around this church is at-

tributed by thoughtful persons to this religious training begun in the past. Twenty of the boys trained in this church and school have studied theology, and been ordained to the ministry. One, Suder Mitchell, is in charge of Selden Institute, an industrial school in Brunswick, Georgia. They occupy positions of usefulness from Florida to Indiana.

The interest of Foreign Missions in this church, and its liberality to that cause is probably due, in a measure, to its proximity to the home of that noted servant of God, J. Leighton Wilson, D. D., missionary to Africa in the early half of the nineteenth century, and later secretary of Foreign Missions in the Southern Presbyterian Church. He often visited Salem and often spoke to the Sunday School children here. By his earnestness he won his listeners who, with eager anticipation, looked for his visits. After his visit to Brazil in 1875, he made a memorable talk on missions. Such opportunities leave impressions on the attentive hearer that, under the Spirit's influence produce fruit to the Master's honor.

Another person whose sojourn in this community was so wide spread in its benign influence, it merits notice. Miss Lula Whilden was a young governess in a plantation home during the 60's. To her duties was added the Sunday afternoon Bible teaching of the slaves whose master had throat trouble and could not teach. In 1872 Miss Whilden went to China as a Baptist missionary, spending more than forty years in faithful service in Canton. On each rest tour she spent awhile in the same old town, receiving a happy welcome from all those she had labored with and taught. Her Christian character was an epistle of Christ known and read of all with whom she mingled. He in whose home she had labored was so impressed by it that he left a legacy to establish a congregational library to contain the lives and writings of Christian workers, as well as worthwhile standard books. The ennobling influence of this gift, prompted by Miss Whilden's life, was great and continues to widen. It is a treasury in which our circles may find much helpful information. Teachers now in other states write of the pleasure and help it has been to them.

Twenty years prior to Miss Whilden's service here, Mrs. Susan Sparks came from Charleston, S. C., to make her home with her sister, Mrs. Samuel McBride. She and her husband, Rev. Charles Sparks, Presbyterian minister from Peakshill, N. Y., were under appointment for Foreign Mission work in which her heart was enlisted, but God disposed otherwise; he was called "up higher", and she, sad and lonely,



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accepted her brother-in-law's invitation to his home, whence, within two years, she too, was called to her reward (May 5, 1841), though not without having impressed her heavenly-mindedness on many others around. In order that she might exercise in the homeland the zeal she was prevented from carrying to foreign lands, Mr. McBride fitted up a schoolroom and asked a neighbor to send his children who, otherwise, had no such opportunity. She cheerfully undertook the work and thus David Lloyd's children began their schooling under her pious instruction. In 1871 the eldest son, William Lloyd, became missionary to the Indians for the Southern Presbyterian Church, in which field he labored forty-two years before he was called to join his first teacher in "the rest that remaineth". During the summer, Mrs. Sparks went with the family to Bradford Springs, then the favorite resort in vacation, and there, on Sunday afternoons, she gathered the slaves of the visitors for Sunday School. In 1900, an elderly lady, who was one of the "little girls" with the visitors, told the writer that she was permitted to sit at the feet of the teacher on the grass under the trees, where she listened as spell-bound as the others of her class, that there was something angelic in the tones of her voice, and she (Miss Emma Britton) had not out-lived the influence of those Sunday afternoons' Bible lessons. In this cemetery she and her husband await the resurrection morn.

AUXILIARY STATISTICS

The Woman's Auxiliary of Salem, Black River, entered its ninth year April 6, 1927. Before it was a year old it entered the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church, joining Harmony Presbyterial March 24, 1920. Since then it has conformed to all regulations of that body, sent representatives to each meeting of the Presbyterial, entertained one of the group conferences, October 9, 1924, appointed secretaries for all the causes, formed circles, Prayer Bands, Mission Study classes, kept the birthday each year, sending the collection to the object designated by Mrs. Winsborough, uniting with the neighboring Auxiliary of Concord Church, two years sent a colored teacher to the summer Bible school at Benedict College. Have made annually contribution to all of the Assembly's causes, and to the extras presented, i. e., the Church of the Pilgrims, brick homes for African workers, home in Japan, White Cross hospital work, clothed an orphan at Thornwell, etc. It has also contributed to various causes in its own borders; in 1924, sending a little girl to the Florence hospital where

for ninety-two dollars a facial operation was successfully performed; making clothing for a family of motherless children that they might attend school, etc. The amount of money raised and expended by Salem Auxiliary since its organization has been between nine hundred and a thousand dollars.

The crowning honor of this young Auxiliary is that one of its brightest young members, Miss Pauline Workman, has volunteered for life service. She is a daughter of the pastor, a graduate of Winthrop College and is now at the Assembly's Training School, fitting herself for her work.

IN MEMORIAM

Of our honorary members, three have left us for the better land. Our senior member, Mrs. E. E. Dabbs, after a long life of service (ninety-four years), on July 15, 1919, was called to a higher sphere of service. Miss Ella Workman, after many years in the schoolroom, where she won the love and confidence of patrons and pupils, spent ten years in an invalid's chair ere she was dismissed from school. Neither were they idle years; though often suffering, even to her fingertips, she still employed the members making tatting for her friends. She conducted a Junior Missionary Society that met with her semimonthly, in this she had the assistance of her niece, Miss Anna Workman, who continued it later. From the Presbyerian Hospital in Charlotte, N. C., on October 11, 1925, she left her pain and weariness for the joys of heaven. In March, 1927, our dear friend, Mrs. Mary Rhodes, joined her loved ones—"not lost but gone before". She loved the church, and was a very useful member of it. She and her daughters were generous helpers of the Auxiliary. While we miss her sadly, we try to remember that what is our loss is her gain.

THE BUILDING AND CEMETERY

The present building is the fourth on the site, and it has passed four score years. Located on the brow of Church Branch hill, among its native trees, built of dark red brick, having broad windows with green blinds extending to the eaves, and four massive grey columns on the front porch it presents an inspiration of sublimity and beauty. A class mate from Converse visiting one of its members, spoke of the air of sanctity with which the place seemed vested.

The cemetery at the rear adds to the sacredness of the scene.

"God's Garden", we are pleased to call it, as it was named by a dear little maid whose ancestors sleep beneath its evergreems. In early spring it is a place of wonderful beauty. The trees outside the enclosure are draped in grey moss and garlanded to their summits with yellow jessamine, lilac, wistaria and crimson woodbine, interspersed with the snowy tent of the dogwood and the pink canopy of the judas tree, all vieing with each other and the azalias and evergreens to increase its beauty, and call to mind the country of whose beauty and peace the half has never been told, neither have entered the heart to conceive the things which God has prepared for them that love Him! May a share in the first resurrection be the inheritance of all those who sleep there!

SARDINIA

The Sardinia Church was organized October 15th, 1909. At this time there was no house of worship, so the school house was used for a period of four years. Meanwhile the building was constructed, with seventeen charter members (women). Among these were the following: Mrs. F. M. Player, Mrs. J. E. Couser, Mrs. F. E. DuBose, Mrs. Sallie Player, Mrs. J. S. Burgess, Mrs. E. W. Rose, Mrs. D. R. DuBose, Mrs. L. B. McFadden, Mrs. J. W. McFadden, Mrs. A. F. Doty, Mrs. R. E. McFadden, Mrs. J. H. Garland, Mrs. Lilly Bradly, Mrs. R. W. Wheeler, Mrs. T. H. McFadden, Mrs. H. F. McFadden, Mrs. Hattie Wheeler. There has been a Missionary Society even before the church was organized. This society contributed to the several causes of the church.

The Woman's Auxiliary in Sardinia Church was organized about fifteen years ago, the charter members being Mrs. Lizzie Player, Miss Lilly Player, Mrs. Ely McFadden, Mrs. Walter McFadden, Mrs. T. H. McFadden, Miss Mattie McFadden, Mrs. Frank McFadden, Mrs. Robbie McFadden, Miss Lilly Bradly, Mrs. R. W. Wheeler, Miss Janie Wheeler, Mrs. Rush, Mrs. Hamilton Garland, Mrs. McKitchen, Mrs. J. E. Cousar, Mrs. Redge DuBose, Mrs. Van DuBose, Mrs. Eddie Fleming,—twenty members in all.

The first organization was a Ladies' Aid Society, their first president being Miss Lilly Player. The money gotten up by these good people was by free will offerings. They gave at one time $800 towards a school building. At another time they helped build the Georgetown Church.

In 1924 Mrs. Roy Brown, our pastor's wife, came to act as our president. We now have thirty-eight members, three live circles. We have a splendid president, who has the knack of making each member feel that she has a real part in the work of the Auxiliary. She is always planning something new and interesting and if there are members without cars, she tries to manage so as to get them all to the meetings.

The land on which the church is built was given by Mrs. Lilly Bradly. All the ladies helped towards the building of the church. Mrs. Wheeler, Mrs. Bradly's sister, repainted the church. The young ladies sold ice cream and gave a Bible and communion set. We have a new carpet and upright piano, bought by the ladies, by free-will offerings and hot suppers.

Our ladies are now planning to remodel the manse.

We contribute liberally to all the church causes and are now clothing an orphan.

SUMMERTON

During the war several families from Charleston refugeed in Summerton.

Sometime previous to June, 1875, Misses Abbie and Eliza Dukes donated an outbuilding (carriage house) for use as a preaching place. It was moved up on the lot that had been given by Mr. James E. Davis, elder in the Manning Presbyterian Church, and in June, 1875, Rev. James McDowell preached in it and dedicated it "as a sanctuary for the worship of God".

For several years the members at Summerton had their names enrolled elsewhere, and the church here was conducted as a branch of the Manning Church, having the same pastor, elders and deacons, until a separate organization was effected.

In 1881 a petition was sent to Presbytery, meeting at Bishopville, asking that a church be organized at Summerton. It was not until a visit in June, 1883, that the organization was effected.

From the beginning of the little gathering in the first building, the women were most active in the work of the church. For years Mrs. Anna Frezil Caldwell was superintendent of the Sunday School and Miss Eliza Dukes one of the most efficient teachers.

The Sewing Society of the Summerton Church was organized in

April, 1884, with thirteen members. It did not continue through the winter, but in June of 1885 it was reorganized with Miss Eliza Dukes, President, and Miss Sallie Burgess, Secretary and Treasurer. There were only thirteen members for several years.

In February, 1902, the ladies of the Presbyterian Church met and reorganized their society, calling it the Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. B. C. Ragin was elected President and Miss Emmie Tindal, Secretary and Treasurer. There were eight members enrolled, but the number soon increased until there were twenty-one.

In October, 1910, the ladies decided to have one meeting a month in interest of Ladies' Aid Work, and a second meeting in interest of Foreign Missions. This was done for several years during Mr. Porter's ministry.

On September 24, 1911, Mrs. E. C. Tindal (née Miss Eliza Dukes), one of the charter members of this church, also a charter member of the Ladies' Aid Society, passed away. It was her request that a sum of money be set aside from her estate, to be used as a fund by the Ladies' Aid Society, using only the interest from year to year.

During the time of the Ladies' Aid, it also acted as a sewing society. The ladies met every two weeks, had a basket. A committee was appointed to buy material and cut out work, which was given out at the next meeting to be made into garments and sold. The money made in this way went towards repairs on the manse or church.

The women of the church worked faithfully towards the carpeting and fitting up the new church and manse.

The Ladies' Aid ran on from year to year, until the summer of 1916, when every one was so exercised over the World War, that it was allowed to die down and practically nothing was done until the organization of the Woman's Auxiliary in December, 1922, with Mrs. A. P. Burgess, President; Mrs. L. M. Nelson, Vice President; Mrs. A. J. Plowden, Secretary, and Mrs. W. W. Davis, Treasurer. Since then we have been meeting regularly every two weeks, except for two summers, we did not meet during the months of July and August. They contribute to all the church causes, and this last year have undertaken to clothe an orphan at Thornwell Orphanage.

Since the organization of the Auxiliary the ladies, in addition to the regular Auxiliary calls, have done over the church furniture and put a new carpet on the church floor. They have sent a colored woman to the colored woman's conference and delegates to Young People's Conference at Clinton.

Of the outstanding women in this church Mrs. Anna Frazil Caldwell comes first. She was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years, and also taught the Bible class. One of her strong points was teaching the Shorter Catechism. Many now remember her teaching. Her work was followed in a way by her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Briggs. She led the singing in the church for many years and by her liberality helped the church in financial ways also, for it was very dear to her heart. She donated a lovely memorial window to her mother when the present church was built, and in 1887 she and her husband, Mr. R. R. Briggs, donated the silver communion service which is still in use.

In October, 1910, Miss Annie Burgess, a little child when the church at Summerton was organized, passed away at Thornwell Orphanage, where she had gone to teach music. She left to the Sunday School the sum of $200, the interest on which was to be used in maintaining a Sunday School library.

SUMTER

The Sumter Church was organized in May of 1823, with five charter members, two of whom were women: Mrs. J. B. Morse, and Mrs. Isaac R. Barbour. In October of that year the little congregation decided to use the county court house, as a place of worship, until a church could be built. This was done in 1830, on a lot that was then in the outskirts of the village.

In about 1875, during the pastorate of Dr. McQueen, Miss Eliza Cooper organized her Sunday School class into a "Young Ladies' Missionary Society". This was the first woman's society of any kind in the church until that time.

Soon after Dr. Edmunds became pastor, in 1880, he organized the Ladies' Aid Society, and they elected Mrs. N. W. Edmunds, the pastor's wife, president. She held this office until her death in May of 1902.

Miss Eliza E. Cooper was then elected the next president, and served for a number of years.

Miss Mary E. White was elected treasurer at the first meeting, and was the only treasurer the "Ladies' Aid" ever had, serving for a period of forty years.

Miss Addie White was treasurer of the Missionary Society for

twenty years. Through her efforts, about 1900, the "Women's Missionary Societies" of Harmony Presbytery raised $100.00 towards the support of Miss French in China.

In 1921 the two societies united and organized the Woman's Auxiliary, and elected Mrs. T. B. Fraser first president.

The membership of the Sumter Church has grown until it now has a membership of 680, and an Auxiliary numbering 240, the largest in Harmony Presbyterial. Two home missionaries, among her women, are to her credit, Miss Cornelia McClaurin and Miss Claudia Fraser.

MRS. LAURA A. BROWN

Mrs. Laura A. Brown, the subject of this sketch, was the daughter of Capt. Ladson Lawrence Fraser. Mrs. Brown was one of a large family of children, the most prominent of whom was Judge T. B. Fraser, who served as circuit judge in his state for a period of sixteen years. Among the rest, his daughter was most liberally educated, having graduated from the then famous school of Barhamville, situated in the suburbs of Columbia. Soon after her graduation, she was happily married to Mr. Horatio Brown, a merchant of Camden.

When war was declared between the states, Mr. Brown joined the Confederate Army and soon gave up his life on the battle fields of Petersburg, Va. This left the young wife a widow with two little children, one a manly little boy, the other a sweet little girl. And so she roused herself from her grief, and began what was her lifework.

She with the co-operation of Miss Eliza Cooper, began to build up in the town of Sumter a chartered Female Institute, which in its day, ranked in point of excellence along with the best schools The beginning was humble and modest. There were no resources at the outset, not even furniture, and the school had to move about from house to house till finally it located itself, erected its own commodious building and became fully equipped for class work.

Soon after beginning this work her little son, now ten years of age, suddenly died at the home of his grandfather, where he had gone for a visit. Now all a mother's love was lavished on her daughter, who grew to lovely womanhood and married the Rev. R. A. Lapsly, then of Memphis, Tenn., later of Virginia. Still Mrs. Brown labored on cheerfully and effectively in her life work, until worn with increasing age, toils, and trials, she determined to let go her work in Sumter, and spend her last days with her daughter in Virginia. Here

her daughter was taken from her loved ones, and Mrs. Brown spent her remaining years trying to fill a mother's place with her grandchildren. Mrs. Brown was eminently fitted for teaching, both by native mental ability, acquired knowledge, training and culture. In her teaching she laid great stress on her Bible history. She was gifted too in disciplinary power. The girls reverenced her, and stood in awe of her in any deviation from the paths of duty or moral rectitude.

Mrs. Brown has left no child, and only seven grandchildren, but she has left hundreds of academical children and grandchildren who bear the impress of her mind, character, and teachings, broadcast in this and other states.

The city of Sumter owes a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Brown and her co-worker in the establishing of the Sumter Institute that it will never be able to repay. That enterprise gave the first stimulus to the recuperation from the desolation of war, and Sumter has gone on in her educational program until it has one of the best school systems in the State of South Carolina.

MISS ELIZA EVANS COOPER

Miss Eliza E. Cooper was born in Yorkville, now York, S. C., June 21st, 1840, and died in her home in Sumter, S. C., November 22nd, 1923.

Upon the marriage of her only sister to Mr. (afterwards Judge) T. B. Fraser, she made her home with that sister and lived in Sumter the remainder of her life.

In the midst of the cruel war of the sixties the sister died, leaving three motherless children to her care. With courage and ability she brought them through those dark and desperate years till the war closed. She gave them a mother's love and the influence of her strong nature has been felt by them throughout life.

After the war closed, she and Miss Lena Johnson established a school for girls in Sumter, and after a few years in partnership with Mrs. Brown she founded the Sumter Institute, a school for girls. This excellent institution lasted for a generation and did a great work for the young women of the State. The school was characterized by thorough instruction and a loving and faithful training, which produced a unique type of womanhood. Many examples of this type are found today, giving tone to society and leadership in church work in numerous communities. After the closing of the Sumter Institute, Miss Cooper kept a school for a number of years.

Miss Cooper was a member of the Sumter Presbyterian Church for more than sixty years, and loved everything connected with it devotedly. For a number of years she taught a class in the Sabbath School. About fifty years ago, when there was little organized work in the church, she organized the girls of her Sabbath class into a society. Out of that grew all the branches of organized work in the church. For a long time she was official head and directing spirit of that work. The Woman's Auxiliary in that church today is really in another form, the matured outgrowth of what was started many years ago.

Miss Cooper was an invalid for many years before her death, and died in the eighty-fourth year of her age. At the time of her death the Teachers' Association was in session. When the funeral hour arrived, the whole body arose in the convention hall and remained standing for a full minute, as a tribute of respect to her, and a recognition of the contribution she had made to the education of the city and country.

TIRZAH

Prior to the organization of the church at Tirzah the members were mostly members of the Sumter Presbyterian Church. The church was organized on March 25th, 1876.

The first building was just the frame, not even ceiled or plastered. The church was the center of community life. For from it, its young people were married and its children were brought to be baptised.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized in March, 1921, under the pastorate of Mr. Martin.

Miss Addie Moore was elected the first president. Later she resigned and taught two years in a Home Mission school in Mount Sterling, N. C.

UNION

Union Church was organized in the year 1857. Among the charter members we find the names: Ann Lifrage, Mary Lifrage, Mrs. C. R. Montgomery, Mrs. W. J. J. Lifrage, Mrs. C. S. Lifrage, Mrs. J. M. Shaw, Mrs. Sarah A. Gordon, Mrs. J. W. Gordon, Mrs. Sarah M. Gordon, Mrs. Jane M. Salters, Mrs. Mary E. Salters, Mrs. M. E. Watson,

Mrs. M. I. Rodgers, Marguerite Frierson, Mary McClary, Mrs. Hester McDonald.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Union Church was organized in the spring of 1888. The organization of this society was instigated by Miss White (A. E.), of Sumter, S. C. Rev. H. G. Gilland was supplying the church at this time. Miss White wrote a letter to Mr. Gilland asking him to put the subject of organizing a Ladies' Missionary Society before the ladies of the congregation.

The money raised by the society was to be applied to a fund for the support of a missionary in the foreign field, and known as the Leighton Wilson Memorial Fund.

The society pledged only ten dollars the first year, but sent twenty dollars. The money was to be sent off in October of each year.

The first missionary to receive aid from this fund was Miss E. B. French, a missionary to China.

Presidents of the society since its organization are: Miss Dora Chandler, Miss A. E. Montgomery, Miss Mary Britton, Mrs. J. H. Chandler, Mrs. T. E. Salters, Mrs. E. O. Rodgers, Mrs. J. H. Montgomery.

WEDGEFIELD

In writing the history of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Wedgefield Church, it is necessary to go back to the organization of the church and the days of the Ladies' Aid Society, for the Woman's Auxiliary is the outgrowth of the faithful "Ladies' Aid".

On the second day of July, 1881, a company of twelve persons met at Wedgefield, for the purpose of being organized into a Presbyterian Church.

At their request, Harmony Presbytery sent a commission to carry out this purpose and the church was regularly organized on the above date.

On January 27th, 1882, the women of the church met at the home of Mrs. J. H. Aycock and adopted the following preamble and resolutions:

"We, the ladies of the Wedgefield Church, and any others who feel interested in its welfare, desiring to organize a society for the purpose of obtaining funds necessary to the furnishing of our church, do hereby organize a society, to be known as the Ladies' Society of the Wedgefield Presbyterian Church, and do elect as our officers the

following ladies: President, Mrs. Elizabeth McCutchen; Vice President, Miss Mary McClaurin; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss C. L. McClaurin.

"We, the undersigned, do pledge ourselves for the support of the object mentioned above, to pay not less than twenty-five cents per month, and as much more as we possibly can. This amount to be handed in each month to the treasurer of the society at the regular monthly meetings. Initiation fee twenty-five cents.

"Mrs. H. L. Aycock, Miss Nora Aycock, Mrs. H. J. McClaurin, Miss M. A. McClaurin, Miss C. L. McClaurin, Mrs. H. R. Thomas, Mrs. Sarah Caldwell, Miss Emma Caldwell, Mrs. E. H. McCutchen, Mrs. A. E. Mosely, Mrs. O. E. Kelly."

At the second meeting at "Argyle", the home of Misses Mary and Cattie McClaurin, in February, the business under discussion was the ways and means of raising money—by letters, petitions, etc. The names of merchants and individuals were furnished by the men.

At a later meeting, the secretary reported on the letters, etc., as follows: Worth and Worth of Wilmington, N. C., $10.00; Aaron Rhinstein, $5,00; Hon. J. S. Richardson, $10.00; Miss S. R. Keels, $1.00; Miss M. N. Bartlett, $2.50; Miss M. E. Richardson, $5.00; Master Leland Kelly, $0.05; Mr. Albert Aycock, $1.00; Mrs. J. L. Bartlett, $5.00; Messrs. F. R. Thomas, Thompson, Suder, J. H. Aycock, Jr., each gave $4.00; from the American Bible Society, a pulpit Bible (still in use), a handsome stove from Mr. T. C. Scaffe of Sumter.

The ladies decided to purchase material and make garments for sale and ice cream festivals were given. From the money raised the records show the purchase of a carpet, bookcase for the Sunday School, lamps, applied to the church debt $54.44, organ fund $20.00, communion service $25.00, and other items. The church was practically furnished by the Ladies' Aid.

For several years no records were kept. While preaching services were held occasionally, it was due to the faithfulness of two women of the church (Mrs. J. M. Aycock, and Mrs. B. P. Kelly) that the church was opened every Sunday. These two faithful mothers took their children, and a few other children of the community, and conducted a Sunday School every Sunday.

In 1902, under the guidance of the pastor, Rev. J. C. Bailey, a Missionary Society was formed with the following officers: President, Miss M. A. McClaurin; Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Aycock; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Bettie Aycock, who still is serving.

The meetings were held once a month, on Monday afternoons, in order to have Mr. Bailey present.

When the Presbyterial was organized in 1907, the Missionary Society became a member of the Mission Union, as it was then called.

While the Auxiliary still does local work, the contributions have been by freewill offerings, principally, the members still pay dues, as much as possible, as the ladies suggested years ago.

The Wedgefield Auxiliary was one of the Gold Star Auxiliaries reported at Summerton in April, 1925. The total gifts for all causes was $205.00.

In 1912 the Sumter County Missionary Institute was held in the Wedgefield Church and in 1920 the society entertained the Presbyterial Auxiliary.

On July 24th, 1924, the Young People's Conference was entertained by the Young People's Society of the church.

One missionary, Miss Gertrude McClaurin, has gone to the foreign field from this church.

Miss Cornelia McClaurin, Home Mission worker, is the daughter of Mrs. H. J. McClaurin, a charter member of this church and also of the Ladies' Aid.

The Wedgefield Auxiliary claims in part, also, Miss Hallie Covington of Marion, located at Syenchun, Korea, the daughter of a charter member, Mrs. F. F. Covington (née Nora Aycock), of the original Ladies' Aid.

MISS BETTIE AYCOCK

Miss Bettie Aycock, the subject of this sketch, was born in Rockingham, N. C. Her parents were James H. Aycock and Henrietta L. Brogdon.

She was educated at the College for Women Columbia, S. C., now known as Chicora. She was first honor graduate of the class of 1893.

She has always been interested in the work of the Church, as her mother was a faithful worker and she always attended Sunday School and the Ladies' Aid with her mother.

Her mother was a charter member of the Wedgefield Church, Secretary of her local Auxiliary and organist in her church for years. Also taught in the Sunday School.

Miss Bettie was elected Recording Secretary of the Presbyterial, at the meeting held in Sumter in the spring of 1908, May 10-12, and has

served continuously ever since, being regularly re-elected every two years.

She, with Mrs. Alford and Miss Annie Anderson and some others, is a pioneer in the Woman's Work in Harmony Presbyterial.

WILLIAMSBURG

These "indwellers in Williamsburg" met at the "King's Tree" on July 2, 1736, and organized the Williamsburg Presbyterian Congregation: John Witherspoon, John Fleming, William James, David Wilson, James Bradley, Robert Wilson, John Porter, David Pressley, Robert Ervin, William Pressley, John Henderson, William Frierson, Thomas Frierson, William Syms, David Allen, John James, James McClelland, and David Witherspoon. This congregation has maintained regular religious services until the present day, and is, therefore, the oldest church organization of continuous existence between the Santee and the Cape Fear rivers.

Forty Scots, under the leadership of Roger Gordon, came from County Down, Ireland, to the "King's Tree" on Black River on November 25, 1732, and here made the first permanent settlement in South Carolina out of sight of the sea. This was then an unbroken wilderness, of alternating swamps and pine barrens, where wild beasts and wilder men had held undisputed dominion for numberless ages. Two years later, the venerable John Witherspoon, with his sons and sons-in-law, their wives and children, arrived from Belfast and settled about the "King's Tree" in what later was called Williamsburg Township. The Witherspoons had long been a most militant non-conformist family, with martyrs in their line, and this John Witherspoon, the founder of the clan in America, was a great grandson of the fearless John Knox, usually regarded as the founder of the Presbyterian Church in Scotland, and as fixed in the faith as was the great Knox himself.

Keeping the wolf from the door, literally and figuratively, for a little while occupied all the time and energy of these "Poor Protestants" in this forest primeval, but John Witherspoon was not satisfied until he had formed a congregation and saw it worshipping, according to the formalities and in the faith of his fathers, in a Presbyterian Church. He and his sons and sons-in-law built the first log cabin church with their own hands; and he, one of his sons and two of his sons-in-law, were four of the six men making up its first session

of elders. One year after the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church had begun its work, John Witherspoon died and for him was made the first grave in the Williamsburg churchyard. One may now see a pile of brick, under which his body lies, close by the long-limbed, moss-draped live oak which once shaded the doorway of the Presbyterian meeting house he built in the childhood of Williamsburg.

Until the adoption of the Constitution in 1788, South Carolina was under the "spiritual dominion" of the Church of England, and it was not less than heroic that these penniless pioneers from Ireland maintained their Presbyterian religion in Williamsburg. They well knew that it meant they would be regarded with a suspicious eye by the ruling powers in the colony; that, for so doing, they must work out their own salvation, temporal and eternal, without the aid or comfort of the civil authorities. No man could vote, hold office, or even teach school, unless a communicant of the Church of England; yet, these non-conformists elected deliberately to serve their God in their own way in spite of the political disabilities resulting until all these handicaps had been removed by the accomplishment of religious freedom in the new nation of which they were dreaming and for which they were so successfully laboring.

The Williamsburg Presbyterian Congregation petitioned the colonial authorities, on its organization, July 2, 1736, for a grant of land on which to erect its meeting house; but, since this petition was ignored for so long, the congregation secured from Roger Gordon in 1738 the two acres of land immediately surrounding the church, which had already been in use for two years, for its churchyard. This place remained the gathering place for the Williamsburg Congregation until 1890, when a new church on Academy Street in Kingstree was constructed on land donated for that purpose by Mrs. Virginia Singleton Brockinton and on the same spot where now stands the handsome brick building in which the congregation continues worshipping according to the tenets of its fathers. The old churchyard, where four church buildings had served during the years so gloriously passed, was dedicated forever as a burying ground for the white people of the vicinity of Kingstree. This cemetery is controlled by a self-perpetuating board of seven women, four of whom must be, according to charter, members of the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. It is beautifully and lovingly tended and is one of the most interesting places in the "Low Country" of South Carolina.

For more than a hundred years, the Williamsburg Presbyterian

Church was the source of the Law and the Gospel for these parts. It is difficult for one at this time to realize how complete was its control. It was not until 1853 that any other religious denomination organized a church within ten miles of Kingstree; and, although now there are several other denominations within the district, the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church remains the rock upon which this remarkable community personality rests.

Until a little while ago, all the world, including the women in it, belonged absolutely to men, and they allowed women but little opportunity even for record and recollection. Williamsburg must have gone a little farther this way than the rest of the world. On account of her connection with the Williamsburg Church, for the first century of its existence, not the name of a woman is now known. Indeed, the man was the whole family insofar as anybody else was concerned, and Paul's idea of women in relation to the church was hardly severe enough for him. In 1786, the very same idea, over which present day so-called "Fundamentalists" and "Modernists" are fighting, split the Williamsburg Church into two belligerent factions, the minority faction building another church across the road and within fifty yards of the parent church and therein worshipping. In 1803, this minority faction moved its church about a half-mile down the road; and, among the title holders to the land on which this new church was built, the first names of the women of the Williamsburg Church appear, and these were of widows recognized as heads of families. The names of these women are: Jennett Blakeley, Margaret Frierson, Mary Fleming, Jane Ervin, Elizabeth Witherspoon, and Elizabeth Heathley. When so many of this faction migrated to Maury County, Tennessee, in 1806, and there founded Zion Church, Mesdames Blakeley, Frierson, and Fleming went among the number. After these two factions of the Williamsburg Church were reunited in 1828, women's names begin to appear as individual members, whereas, before such time, it seems that they were recorded only in births, baptisms, and marriages.

Probably the first organization of women in the Williamsburg Presbyterian Church appears in this record: "The following ladies met at the house of Mrs. Joel E. Brunson on April 12, 1888, and formed a Missionary Society to co-operate with other missionary societies of Harmony Presbytery in supporting a missionary—Miss Marion Brockinton, Mrs. Joel E. Brunson, Miss Carrie Fulton, Mrs. B. Gewinner, Mrs. T. M. Gilland, Miss Lizzie Kinder, Mrs. W. B. Mc-

Collough, and Mrs. D. C. Scott. The society was organized by the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. Joel E. Brunson; Vice President, Mrs. D. C. Scott; Secretary, Miss Laura Brockinton; Treasurer, Miss Lizzie Kinder. After informal discussion, it was agreed that the meetings be held once a month at the houses of the different members at five o'clock in the afternoon; also, that the sum of twenty-five cents be paid monthly by each member, said sum to be paid in at each meeting to the treasurer. The society adjourned to meet on April 19, at the residence of Mrs. D. C. Scott". The roll of charter members follows: Mesdames E. B. Brockinton, J. S. Brunson, B. Gewinner, M. C. Gilland, T. M. Gilland, R. K. Hurst, R. C. Logan, W. B. McCollough, D. C. Scott, S. McB. Scott, and J. M. Staggers; Misses Margaret Brockinton, Marion Brockinton, Laura Brockinton, Carrie Fulton, Lizzie Kinder, Sue Keels, and Lidie Fulton. Of these, Mesdames T. M. Gilland and W. B. McCollough, and Misses Marion Brockinton (Mrs. T. O. Kirkpatrick, Lowndesville), Laura Brockinton (Mrs. C. K. Davis, Marion), Lidie Fulton (Mrs. Sam McClary), and Lula Kinder, are now living and active in Woman's Work in their respective churches.

This is recorded in the minutes of the society of two score years ago: "On the sixteenth of August, an extra meeting of the society was called for the purpose of hearing an address on Foreign Missions by the Rev. S. P. Fulton. The address was interesting and instructive; and, we hope, tended to increase the interest of the society in the good work. Each member of the society feels a deep personal interest in Mr. Fulton and was loath to part with him, though they all anticipate the pleasure of having him again with them before he leaves for his work in foreign fields".

Mr. Fulton, soon afterwards, went into the mission fields in Japan and is laboring there at this time. His son, the Rev. C. Darby Fulton, D. D., was also a missionary in Japan for many years, returning recently to this country and now serving as Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of our church. Williamsburg Presbyterian Church and its Woman's Auxiliary rejoice that in these Fultons they have given of their own flesh and blood to the service of our Church in foreign lands.

From the beginning, this society studied the subject of Foreign Missions and a member read selections or presented a paper at every meeting, after which informal discussions were had; in later years, regular courses of study have been followed, thus giving rational

conceptions of the majesty of the work of Foreign Missions and resulting interest to the women of our church. All of us will approve special mention of the services of Mrs. D. C. Scott, who was a charter member of this society and who was exceptionally active in it until her death in 1922. She was its president for many years, and her executive ability was of a high order. Miss Sue Ervin has been for a long time a very faithful worker in our local field and continues a "fairy godmother" to the Williamsburg congregation. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Ervin were present at Montreat some years ago when the Board decreed livable houses for our missionaries in Africa. Both of them enthusiastically advocated such action and were delighted to make special contributions for this holy purpose.

The first year of this society, 1888, about $40.00 was realized and forwarded to the treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions in Baltimore. Amounts contributed increased slowly until 1915, when about $300.00 was sent to the treasurer. In that year, Mrs. W. T. Wilkins became treasurer of our society. Her zeal, financial ability, and pleasing personality have proved powerful assets, and our collections have increased rapidly until now they amount to more than $1,100.00 a year.

In 1919, the Woman's Missionary Society became the Woman's Auxiliary, and our work began to encompass everything we might undertake for the glory of God and for the promotion of the causes of our Church. While all the women of our church are members of the Woman's Auxiliary, about ninety are active and contribute regularly in money and service to all our efforts. Our officers at present are: President, Mrs. B. A. Brown; Vice President, Mrs. P. G. Gourdin; Secretary, Mrs. A. Towne; Treasurer, Mrs. W. T. Wilkins.

MRS. B. A. BROWN.

Kingstree, S. C., May 26, 1927.

HARMONY PRESBYTERIAL

Woman's Work in Harmony Presbytery begins with the organization of the churches, for every church had its band of faithful women, striving in every way possible to make the church more beautiful and comfortable. These women were banded together under the name of "Ladies' Aid" or "Sewing Society", etc. Most of these societies did work at home alone. Some few were Missionary and Aid combined, or perhaps there were two separate organizations with the same women and officers.

The first impulse towards missions among the women of Harmony Presbytery was given by Dr. J. Leighton Wilson, our pioneer missionary to Africa.

It was in 1866 or 1867 in Sumter County, at Home Institute, a school for girls established by Dr. and Mrs. Wilson, that a sewing circle was begun. Dr. Wilson was assisted in organizing this society by Mrs. Laura F. Brown, who was the first president.

For many years Mrs. Brown was principal of "Sumter Institute", a school which did a wonderful work for the girls of South Carolina. Mrs. Lou Mayes was a graduate of this institution.

The Home Institute Sewing Circle begun by Dr. Wilson and Mrs. Brown is now the Mt. Zion Auxiliary, with a membership of forty, rich in interest in missions, and giving in 1928 over seven hundred dollars.

In 1870, at the suggestion of Mrs. J. M. McDowell, the ladies of the Manning Presbyterian Church, Clarendon County, banded together and formed a Missionary Society. They also began sewing. Now the Manning Auxiliary has a membership of about a hundred, and contributing in 1928 more than six hundred dollars to the benevolences of the church.

The Sunday School class of Miss Eliza Cooper, of the Sumter Presbyterian Church, when arriving at maturity, became the Young Ladies' Missionary Society. At least one missionary is on the foreign field as a direct result of the influence exerted by this society.

Further, several of our present Auxiliaries are due to the influence of one member, Miss Adelaide White, who builded more wisely than

she knew. At present the Sumter Auxiliary is well organized on the circle plan and numbers two hundred and forty members.

Miss Adelaide White's interest prompted the writing of letters which resulted in the society at Union.

The society at Kingstree, Williamsburg County, was also due to Miss Adelaide White's influence. It now has a membership of more than one hundred; in 1928 gave more than seven hundred dollars to benevolent causes. These last two societies have contributed to the support of Miss E. B. French, our missionary to China. The Sumter Church now enjoys the privilege of caring for Miss French.

During the pastorate of Rev. Henry Gibbes Gilland, in the year 1888, the ladies of Indiantown congregation, Williamsburg County, organized an Aid and Missionary Society. For many years this society was one of a group to contribute to the support of Miss French. And until the Elizabeth Blake Hospital in China became self supporting, a cot was supported there as a memorial to Mrs. McCutcheon, and known as the Jennie McCutcheon cot.

In the fall of 1907, at the call of Mrs. Woodson, twenty-one delegates from ten missionary societies and from thirteen churches, met in Manning and organized the Missionary Union, hoping to increase interest in the missionaries and by co-operation and organization do a better work. Mrs. Woodson was elected President, and served until 1912, when Mrs. L. W. DesChamps, of Bishopville, was elected. Mrs. J. M. Wilkenson was elected Vice President; Mrs. D. J. Winn, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Alice Cooper, Recording Secretary; Mrs. G. H. Lenoir, Treasurer; Miss Tyson English, Secretary Young People's Work; Miss Lily Ervin, Secretary of Literature. With additional members of the Executive Committee, Mrs. Wallace Plowden, Miss Sallie Burgess and Mrs. Bradly Wilson.

To Mrs. Woodson more than to any one else is due the formation of the Missionary Union, she having called the meeting, and by her influence overcame strong opposition to it.

In 1908 Miss Bettie Aycock was elected both Recording and Corsponding Secretary, which position she still most admirably fills.

At the meeting in Bishopville in 1911, the Union had a presentation of Missionary Mothers: Mrs. Wilkinson, Mrs. Bradly, and Mrs. McCutchen.

It was at the meeting in Manning that the matter of appointing a Superintendent of Woman's Work came up, and has since resulted in "our own Mrs. Winsborough".



MRS. JOHN LEIGHTON WILSON

Mt. Zion Church

MISSIONARIES

MRS. LEIGHTON WILSON

Miss Jane Elizabeth Bayard was the daughter of Dr. Nicholas Bayard and Elizabeth McIntosh, of Georgia. After her parents' death she was reared and educated by her uncle in Philadelphia. When her education was completed, she returned and made her home in Savannah. Here Dr. Wilson met her and received her consent to go with him to Africa.

She was gentle in manners, and exceedingly prudent in speech.

On May 21st, 1834, Dr. and Mrs. Wilson were married. They lived to celebrate their golden wedding, having spent about eighteen years in Africa. She died July 16th, 1885, in the seventy-ninth year of her age, and was buried in Mt. Zion cemetery, near St. Charles, S. C.

MRS. CHARLTON WILSON

Julia Adelaide Wilson, daughter of Mr. J. Harvey Wilson and Lydia DuBose, was born near Mayesville, S. C. Until her marriage she was a member of Mt. Zion Church. She married Rev. Charlton Wilson of Mars Bluff, S. C. They went as missionaries to the Chickasaw Indians in 1855. There they labored among the Indians for four years. They were obliged to return on account of Mrs. Wilson's health.

Rev. Charlton Wilson, her husband, died during the Civil War. She was left a widow with four children. She died December 18th, 1907, and was buried in Old Hopewell cemetery, Florence County, S. C.

MISS LINA BRADLY

Miss Lina Bradly was born on April 8th, 1880, and was educated at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

In 1920 she went to Nanking, China, as private secretary to Dr. Price. For six years she served as a co-worker, giving a part of her time to evangelistic work. At present she is on an indefinite furlough, due to conditions in China.

MISS RONZONI

In about the year 1857, Miss Christine Ronzoni, a very cultured and educated young lady from Milan, Italy, came to America. She taught French at Harmony College for four years. After this she came on a visit to Bishopville. In the meantime war between the States was declared, so she remained in Bishopville as governess in the home of Mr. John S. Bradly, until the war ended. During this time she became converted, for she was a Roman Catholic, and joined the Bishopville Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Leighton Wilson opened a school for girls, known as the Home Institute, and Miss Ronzoni became the French teacher. While teaching in this school she became interested in Foreign Missions and decided to return to her native land, to Milan, Italy, as a missionary. She established a girls' school there which she taught successfully, until her death.

MISS REBECCA E. WILSON

Rebecca E. Wilson is the youngest daugther of B. F. and Rebecca E. Wilson. Her mother died when she was an infant, so she was reared by her aunt, Mrs. Julia Wilson Bradley. Graduated from Converse about the second year of its life as a college. Taught school first in the lower, and then in the upper, part of South Carolina. Went to China with Dr. and Mrs. Price on their first furlough. Has been engaged in teaching and in evangelistic work all these years. Her next furlough is due in the spring of 1929. Both of these sisters were great nieces of Dr. F. Leighton Wilson, first missionary sent to Africa from U. S. A.

MRS. P. F. PRICE

Mrs. P. F. Price, née Miss Essie E. Wilson, was born near Mayesville, S. C. Her parents were B. H. and Rebecca E. Wilson. She was educated in Charleston, taught two years in city schools of Columbia, went to China as a missionary when she was only twenty-one years old. Married Rev. P. F. Price of Virginia in 1892. She has spent nearly

fifty years in China, is the mother of four sons, two of them having finished their education and gone back to work as missionaries in China, one a preacher, the other an M. D. The other two sons are preparing for life work in China. She has just returned to China from her fourth furlough. She has gone with a brave heart and an undaunted courage. She was, and hopes to be again, connected with the Women's Bible School of Nanking.

MRS. MARY PORTER MORRISON

Mary Porter was the oldest child of Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Porter. She was born at Milton, Fla., April 5th, 1896, but when she was quite young her parents moved to South Carolina. Most of her childhood was spent at Summerton, S. C., where her father was pastor for a good many years. In a little school in Townville, where she also lived for a few years, she had for one of her schoolmates Nina Farmer. They soon separated, but in after years met as fellow missionaries in Africa.

Her higher education was secured at Flora MacDonald College, North Carolina, from which institution she graduated in 1918. She then spent three years at Stuart Circle Hospital, in Richmond, Va., securing a certificate as a trained nurse.

She had early felt an interest in Foreign Missions, which interest was greatly increased by her attendance, year after year, at the Montreat Conferences. During her college course, she became a volunteer for the foreign field, and when her training as a nurse was completed in 1921, she was sent as a missionary to our Congo field.

In May, 1923, she was married to Mr. John Morrison, also of our Congo mission. She is a nurse at the hospital at Luebo, and also with her husband engaged in various other missionary work. They have two children, a girl and a boy.

MRS. CLAUDIA BROWN REAVES

Claudia Brown, daughter of James T. and Louisa DuRant Brown, was born on September 29th, 1894, in Marion County, S. C., of Methodist parentage. She grew up and joined Centenary Methodist Church when quite young, and was a devoted worker until her marriage.

She entered Winthrop College the fall of 1911, graduating in June of 1915. Taught three years before going to China.

Born of intellectual parents, she has reflected much credit on them. Distinguished in her senior year at Winthrop, a success as a teacher both in South Carolina and in China, she is looked upon as a force in missionary circles. More than one friend on the foreign field has remarked upon how well Mrs. Reaves fits in.

She sailed from Vancouver on the "Empress of Japan" with Dr. Egbert Smith and others, August 15th, 1918, for China.

Henry L. Reaves, who had gone out in 1917, met her in Yokohama, Japan, from which place they went to Kobe and were married in the little Union church by Dr. S. P. Fulton, and proceeded to Soochow, China, where they have been ever since.

During their first term of seven years, a beautiful little daughter blessed their home, for two and a half years but was transferred to a heavenly home. Since then two boys have come to fill the void and call out a mother's tender love and moulding skill in which Mrs. Reaves is certainly well equipped.

Reared in a Methodist church, she joined New Harmony Presbyterian Church, just prior to sailing to China, so this church can claim a proprietorship in her and her work. Mrs. Reaves' work in China is teaching in the George C. Smith School for Girls, and evangelistic work among the women of Soochow.

May her life be long and much used in the cause of the Kingdom.

MISS CARRIE DuRANT REAVES

Carrie DuRant Reaves, oldest daughter of James and Annie DuRant Reaves, was born March 29th, 1892. A beautiful face with blue eyes and light curls were prophetic of the beautiful character developed in young womanhood.

As a child, she was thoughtful of others, bright and helpful. "Sister" was the ideal of all the younger members of the family. Especially chummy with "Dad", she was "Mumsie's" strong right arm, and what her "passing" meant to these two, others never knew.

In close companionship with "Mother's" aunt, Miss Carrie DuRant, her character began to develop very early. Naturally ambitious she allowed no one to outstrip her in her lessons or other accomplish-

ments. At an early age she prepared supper or took care of the two younger sisters every night. As she grew up, a very strong attachment grew between her older brother, Henry L. Reaves, and herself. Entering college the same year, they volunteered for the foreign field about the same time, and from that time, they were the closest of friends, until she was called up higher.

She entered Winthrop College in the fall of 1907 and graduated in June of 1912. She did so much outside work, in Y. W. C. A. and volunteer circles, that she failed to make her grade on one subject in her junior year. Rather than give up that outside work, she split her senior year, thus giving up her class, no easy thing to do.

She was leader of the Volunteer Band at Winthrop, and vice president of the State Volunteer Union, in her second junior year.

After graduation she taught in Heidelberg, Ky., one of Dr. E. O. Guerrant's schools. While there she, with John T. Anderson, of Woodruff, S. C., Gordon Poteat, of Greenville, S. C., students at the Baptist Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky, and some others organized the Kentucky State Volunteer Union. She was vice president until November 29th, 1913, when she was called and obeyed the summons.

Her mother has had many testimonials of friends whom she helped upward by precept and example.

Stricken with typhoid fever in Heidelberg, her friends took her to the Good Samaritan Hospital, in Lexington, Ky., where she had every attention human skill could procure, but to no avail.

Her parents brought her body home to Clarendon, S. C., and laid her in the DuRant burying ground where five generations of her family await the resurrection morn.

MISS CORNELIA McCLAURIN

Miss Cornelia McClaurin, the subject of this sketch, is a native of Sumter, S. C., the youngest of a family of thirteen children. She is of sturdy Scotch descent, her parents being Dr. Henry McClaurin and Elizabeth McFaddin McClaurin.

Her childhood home, with its high ideals and all pervading Christian spirit, was a fitting spot whence this noble, gentle servant of Christ should go forth to suffer and serve.

Though hushed to rest on her loving mother's breast, by the dear old hymn, "Gently, Lord, Oh, Gently Lead Us"; though the pet and darling of her entire family, Cornelia McClaurin remained unspoiled, not seeking sheltered flowery paths of service, but going out on the mountains cold to seek the lost lambs.

Her first expectation was to serve as a foreign missionary. This hope being blasted, she took a course in Richmond Training School and went to teach in Glade Valley Co-educational Institute, North Carolina.

One summer she worked in the mountains of Virginia.

Glade Valley Co-educational School is located on a kind of table land upon the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, just five miles from Virginia. It is in the midst of a thickly settled community, which has opened up and improved wonderfully, as has the school itself. Miss McClaurin fills a place here, freighted with responsibility. She teaches, doing grade work as well as giving music lessons, ministers to the sick and dying, interests herself in all that interests her dear mountain people, and is rewarded by their warm glowing love.

The Sumter Presbyterian Church should be proud of this consecrated daughter.

MISS CLAUDIA FRASER

Claudia Fraser is the daughter of Thomas Boone and Emma Edmunds Fraser, and granddaughter of Dr. N. W. and Mary Claudia Leland Edmunds. Dr. Edmunds was pastor of the Sumter Presbyterian Church for twenty-five years.

She was born and reared in Sumter, received her education in the Sumter schools and Mary Baldwin Seminary. She joined the church at ten years of age. She was active in all that concerned the church and was one of the most conscientious of girls. Under no circumstances would she ever allow any social engagement to interfere with her attendance at prayer meeting, or any other religious duty.

She had a most wonderful self control and is most consecrated.

She was a pupil of the Sunday School, also a teacher, and was one of the charter members of the Christian Endeavor Society, not only working in the Senior Christian Endeavor, but was superintend-

ent of Intermediate Christian Endeavor and secretary of the state, for five years.

She attended the Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers at Richmond, graduating in 1923. She did missionary work in the mountains of Virginia the summer after she graduated.

The following fall she worked at Great Falls, S. C., a mill town. She has been working at Kannapolis, N. C., also a mill town, for more than two years. She is still at Kannapolis.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

Pee Dee Presbyterial

HISTORIANS

Miss Julia G. Erwin
Mrs. D. S. Matheson
Mrs. T. E. McAlpine

"He that abideth in Me and I in Him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without Me ye can do nothing."

FOREWORD

The history of Woman's Work as members of the Presbyterian Church in the territory now covered by Pee Dee Presbytery covers just about a century. Very few of the churches of the Presbytery have reached the century mark; and nearly all of them have been weak churches in small towns or in the country during most of that time. In addition to this, until very recently, there was no provision made in the church government for separate Woman's Work, no organization was required, and it is doubtful whether it would have been sanctioned. Early in this period even the wisdom of establishing Sunday Schools was at times questioned. Organized Christian work, except to form a church, had not made much progress. It is satisfying to be able to record that under our broad church government, women were given an equal voice and vote in all the affairs of the church, except in the one respect of holding the offices of elder and deacon, though the office of deaconess was recognized, but rarely filled. What then was her sphere as a Christian worker? As a member of the church she enjoyed the same right, except as stated above, and had the same duties and obligations resting upon her that the male members had. She voted on all questions brought before the congregation for decision, for the selection of a pastor, the election of elders and deacons and the general work and conduct of the church not handled by the officers. In addition to this we learn that our women considered it especially their Christian duty to teach religion in the home. Children were systematically taught the Bible, the Catechisms of the church, and sacred hymns. Besides this, up until the freeing of the slaves in 1865, it was a general practice of our Presbyterian women, and that of many good women of other denominations, to teach the slaves the truths of the Bible. The remarkable progress in religion made by these savages is ample proof of the fidelity of our women in this work, largely conducted by them. In addition to this, tradition in all of the churches justifies the statement that in every phase of church work, in the temporal as well as spiritual affairs, our women were active and consecrated. By various means they assisted in raising the necessary money to build, equip and keep up the church property, support the preacher and assist the

causes of the church during this early period. It is but fair to the facts of history to record, however, that in the way of accomplished results, their work does not compare with that of the organized work of the women today, in the regular causes and activities of the church. They gave their time more to the religious life in the home, and in this respect we might give heed to their example!

This unorganized work continued to exist with few exceptions for well over half a century. During this period the churches were weak, largely country churches that did not easily encourage separate, organized work. But as the towns and churches grew, the necessity for co-operation became more apparent and we find spreading over the Presbytery during the '80's and '90's little societies of different kinds, the forerunners of the present wonderfully efficient Woman's Auxiliary. In the impoverished condition of the territory embraced in Pee Dee Presbytery after the Civil War and until about 1900, it was necessary for our women to work together in various ways in order to raise the necessary funds to carry on the work of the church. Sewing societies and entertainments were resorted to, as well as direct giving in bands. Then followed during the latter part of this period the formation of many missionary societies. Most of these were at first for Foreign Missions; in time both Foreign and Home Missions were embraced. This continued until by the beginning of the new century, the women were organized into many and various societies. In 1905 the Pee Dee Missionary Union was formed through which the women's societies were first united, and through the yearly meetings the scope of the work was broadened. In 1912 the Woman's Auxiliary was organized, but it was not until about 1918 to 1920 that much headway was made in our Presbytery. The World War increased the public activities of women very much. They were called upon to unite their efforts for the public good, and at the close were prepared for the granting of equal franchise with men. These civil activities doubtless influenced and hastened the work of the Auxiliary, for it spread over our territory in an amazingly short time between 1918 and 1920. All the societies and other women's and girls' organizations of the church, except the Christian Endeavor, soon merged into one great united effort on the part of the women through the medium of the Auxiliary, the success of which has again proved the truth of the maxim, "In union there is strength". It has attracted the attention, and has been almost the despair of our sister churches, because of its excellent plan, and the enthusiasm and effic-

iency of its members. Women have recently received the highest endorsement possible, in the action of the General Assembly of our Church in granting them official recognition in representation on the recently created Governing Committee of the Assembly. They constitute one fourth of the membership of this Committee. The chief cause or factor in bringing about this recognition of the women in the general government of the church is undoubtedly the efficient work of the women of the Auxiliary at large, one of the most successful units of which is, we humbly and thankfully record, Pee Dee Presbyterial.

But in spite of this fine work, Christ's Church is not going forward as it should. How can it when in 1927, of the forty churches in our Presbytery, eighteen are without pastors and four are supplies! Is the cause to be found in our homes? Are they ringing true to Christ? Are we mothers holding up to our children success in business with the power it gives to further Christ's cause as the thing to work for,—or are we holding up following Christ as He served in the lowly places as the truest success? Would our small churches be closed for lack of preachers had we felt about our children as Hannah did: "For this child I prayed . . . . Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he liveth, he shall be lent to the Lord"? Many older mothers have seen their mistake too late; but young mothers of the church, look upon your children as gifts from God and "lend" them to Him before it is too late!

In the following records of the individual churches the wording and phraseology of the local church historians has been used, though quotation marks have been omitted. Effort was made to secure full accounts of the work of the women of each church, and the fact that some churches have much fuller records than others is simply because they sent in more complete accounts than did others. It was our desire and effort to publish a full and complete record of the work of the women of each church. Those contributing sketches were: Miss Ida Dudley, Mrs. T. S. Rogers, Mrs. Jeannie Richards Hunter, Mrs. F. L. Howard, Mrs. J. R. Millard, Mrs. C. C. Douglas, Mrs. H. W. Ambrose, Mrs. C. J. Milling, Mrs. H. B. McColl, Mrs. H. E. Davis, Mrs. J. F. McDonald, Mrs. Flora Hamer Hooker, Miss Maggie McEachern, Mrs. W. J. Stone, Mrs. E. M. Dibble, Mrs. D. W. Buie, Mrs. H. B. McLeod, Mrs. M. M. Inabinett, Miss Jane Evans, Mrs. Colin McLaurin, Mrs. B. L. Hursey, Mrs. M. R. Carrigan, Mrs. R. H. Nelson, Mrs. J. H. McSween and Mrs. D. S. Buie. To these, to

Mrs. M. B. John, who reviewed it, to Miss Julia Erwin who collected much of the material used for her "Short History of the Pee Dee Presbyterial", and to Mrs. T. E. McAlpine, the Presbyterial Historian, and my able co-worker, appreciative thanks are given.

In listing presidents of societies since 1914 to 1928, I have put them in order of serving and indicated the number of consecutive terms by the number in the bracket after the name.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

BENNETTSVILLE

If this is to be a record of Woman's Work only, we shall be disappointed at the very beginning, for our Missionary Society owes its organization to a man, the Rev. W. B. Corbett, the modest, cultured pastor of the Bennettsville Church for twelve years, from 1882 to his death in 1894. It was the first Sunday in March, 1888, that he asked from the pulpit that the women of the church remain for a few minutes after services. A very creditable number, old and young, responded to the request.

As charter members of the society, we well recall the solemn, almost terrified feeling we all had, assembled on the front seats of the old church, feeling there wasn't anything in the world we women could do by ourselves. Mr. Corbett, standing before us, "Announced the purpose of the meeting", namely, that as he knew there was some missionary spirit in the church, and that as other churches were having missionary societies, he thought it would be well for us to have one—Didn't we think so? Someone timidly responded that she did, and then, no one expressing any objection, Mr. Corbett presented a printed form of constitution from the Executive Committee's office for organization.

Fifteen of us timid women signed our names, agreeing to give at least ten cents a month to Foreign Missions. And so the Foreign Missionary Society of the Bennettsville Presbyterian Church had its beginning. That original paper has not been preserved, not a member ever dreaming that we were destined to be a part of the far-reaching Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Our first president was Mrs. J. B. Jennings, the real helpmeet of a most devoted and honored elder, Dr. J. B. Jennings, and a woman to whom our church owes much for untiring service in its earlier and weaker days—weaker in numbers and in means, but who can say in spiritual power? Almost all the burden of leadership was on her, and even before our organization as a Missionary Society, she was the teacher of all the little children in our Sunday School, train-

ing them with little mite boxes for the Thornwell Orphanage, and helping them to get up boxes for the Orphanage.

Miss Lila Crosland was the first secretary and treasurer, and remained so until her removal to Florida in the second year. Our meetings, brief, and stiff and timid, were always held in the church, just after services, for the women had not learned to lead in prayer, and our pastor was indispensable for that service. Consequently, we read in our old-time Record Book, the Annual Report of one year, "Two meetings were held, the other two omitted on account of the illness of the pastor". Oh, that long-suffering man, how could he have had such patience with us!

Our president, the second year of the society was Mrs. Ann Crosland, a most superior woman, respected for intellect, culture and business ability, as well as for faithfulness to the church. Her contributions were regular and liberal. Her big silver dollars shone marvelously in our eyes, especially on one occasion, when fashion required that the pocket must be concealed, and so was located in the most improbable part of the drapery, and who ever heard of a woman of those days doing without a pocket! When the treasurer, collecting the dues, came to the president, standing in front, Mrs. Crosland struggled in vain to find the pocket, and at last had to ask the treasurer to help. Any one who knew Mrs. Crosland with her refined dignity, will appreciate the absurdity of such a familiarity with her person. There were blushes of embarrassment, but the dollar was produced; and always, Mrs. Crosland was truly liberal.

Miss Ella Dudley served as secretary and treasurer with Mrs. Crosland for two years, and with her successors, Mrs. Corbett, Mrs. J. C. Cork, Mrs. M. B. John, Mrs. F. L. Mayes and Mrs. L. D. Harrall, thirteen years in all, not missing but one meeting in all that time, and that one on account of illness.

The society saw some weak periods; one, when we think it would have expired, but Mrs. Corbett and one or two others wouldn't let it. About this time there was a year when only one meeting was held, but a few members continued their dues, and $15.00 was sent to the Committee that year. This was the smallest contribution in all the society's history. Interest never entirely died out, and even in the earlier years there were times of great encouragement and interest. Some carefully prepared papers were written, and hard studied programs made up for the meetings, before the days of the great help, the Year Book of Programs.

In 1898 Mrs. M. B. John made her advent into our church and society, joyfully welcomed, when we needed her most. She was made president at once, and ever since, she has been a help and blessing to the society, brilliant in mind, devoted in piety, always gladly serving in every way called upon. Her regular attendance, unvarying interest, her consecrated voice and readiness in prayer have made her an invaluable member, and we rejoice that she is still with us, especially to represent us at the larger meetings.

It will always be a cause of thankfulness that we once had Mrs. F. L. Mayes, so prominent throughout the Synod, as a member and president. We have never had better days than when she was leader. It was she who led off in audible prayer, and encouraged timid ones to try. On one occasion, she secured for us the visit of Rev. Sheinmod of Persia, then a student in Columbia Theological Seminary, for a preaching service, and next day a talk at a social meeting in her home, which was a happy occasion. When, on their removal to other towns, she and Miss Marion Jennings had to resign their offices, they delightfully surprised us at the last meeting with refreshments after the program. Our meetings are meant to be spiritual, and these are the only times that refreshments have entered in.

Mrs. L. D. Harrall deserves mention as the first one of our Bennettsville members to lead in prayer at a meeting. She also first organized the Children's Missionary Society, naming it "The Vigilants". The work with the children and young people has not been steadily kept up. Mrs. E. L. Parcel later took it up and worked faithfully, but she too found it discouraging.

To Mrs. Corbett belongs the credit of introducing "The Missionary", now called "The Survey". Subscriptions have ever since been kept up and increased, until we have a very good subscription list in the church.

Many members are remembered for service, especially in these later days since we have joined the Auxiliary, but it would make this too long to mention them by name.

Sometimes between 1903 and 1906 our society joined the Presbyterial. Owing to a conservative element in the society, it was not among the first to join, but old ideas must give way to new ones sometimes, and it behooves the conservative not to be too pronounced.

Later records are full of the minutes of regular and call meetings, held sometimes in the church, sometimes in the homes, of Mission Study classes, Week of Prayer observances, and considerations of

various benevolences appealing for aid, all of which have been right faithfully looked after.

Special mention ought to be made of the first Mission Study class, about 1905. It was a real study class, subject, "The Islands of the Sea", conducted by the pastor's wife, Mrs. Pearl McColl McLeod, and we had the benefit of her intelligence and originality. The meetings were in her home, and those who took part will not forget her careful preparation for each lesson, her kind and amiable spirit all through, and the amusing spelling match when we were lined up, tall and short, for a head and foot class to spell those hard proper names. It was a tactful let down from our earnest study, and was another evidence that we had an able leader.

It was Miss Mattie McCall who led our timid entrance into the Auxiliary Plan, about 1915. It didn't go rapidly at first, but step by step we have ventured until now we are a full fledged Auxiliary, with circles, two of them, vieing with each other in good works. It is not nearly so hard now to get officers, many members accepting all duties heroically.

Two meetings of Pee Dee Presbyterial have been held with us, and we had the privilege of entertaining the special meeting at which the Synodical was organized. The society, too, has had missionary visitors to speak to us, among them, Mrs. Reaves and Mrs. Winsborough.

Indeed, since our organization in 1888, thirty-four years of Christian association and opportunity have been ours. May it be, that our efforts, seemingly so feeble much of the time, will count more than we know, in the Great Reckoning—when all shall give an account of the deeds done in the body.

Written by request, by Miss Ida Dudley, March, 1922.

The prayer of Miss Dudley has been answered for this Auxiliary with membership of 100 is increasingly a power in the church and the Presbyterial. Especial note is made of the zeal and steadfastness of the young people in carrying on their work and the willingness of the young married women to become officers. The women have always given liberally to Foreign Missions, as far back as 1917 the society gave $168.00 to that cause. The budget of the Auxiliary is nearly $700.00. Besides contributing their quota to all church causes, other work has been the clothing of a Thornwell Orphanage girl who is now at Chicora College, expenses of a colored delegate to Colum-

bia Conference, assisting in office equipment of county nurse and in supplying clothing for charitable purposes, hospital supplies to Korea and clothing and books for mountain schools. Mr. A. J. Matheson gave a safe in which to keep church records and his daughters gave two silver collection plates in memory of their father. Mr. B. F. Whitner presented a handsome communion table in memory of his mother.

Presidents from 1914 have been Mrs. M. B. John, Miss Mattie McCall, Mrs. T. I. Rogers (2), Mrs. R. L. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. George Douglas, Mrs. Ida McRae (2), Mrs. G. D. Matheson (2), Mrs. C. M. Reynolds (2) and Mrs. W. M. Stevenson.

Two women, whose work antedates the Missionary Society in the '60's and early '70's were Mrs. Janie Dudley Smith, now of Rock Hill, and Miss Sarah Joye. "Miss Janie" was the first active leader when the church numbered fewer than twenty-five, and needed everything in equipment. She was a leader in supplying its needs, in the Sunday School and in church music. Her able helper was Miss Sarah Joye, a Congregationalist, whose home was in Charleston, but who gave energetic help to the Bennettsville Church.

One could not mention a name around which cluster more Presbyterian memories than Miss Ida Dudley. Into a home already blessed with choice spirits she came. They called her "Plenty", a name well suited to her big, generous nature. Even in the early trying days of mission work, we had "plenty" if Miss Ida were there. The minister who received her into the church said: "That day in her face I saw the determination to do her duty or die for what she thought her duty". Ever ready to serve and delighting in hiding from her left hand the doings of her right she gives the real bread of life to both black and white. Tactful, witty, consecrated, she is beloved by young and old. Miss Ida served as organist, teacher, society president, Secretary of Spiritual Life, besides obeying the Scripture in "if any have nephews"—training them in the way of the Lord. As a twin in all her virtues she had dear "Miss Ella" who died recently after a long life devoted to Christ's service. Truly of these two it may be said: "By their fruits ye shall know them".

Mrs. P. A. McKellar came to us in 1898. She proved splendid building material for Southern Presbyterianism, maintaining membership in the society and later Auxiliary. She contributed three noble women, Katherine, the mention of whose name at once recalls Sunday School room well kept and filled with flowers, her own contribution, and Sarah, Mrs. M. L. Heath, who has put Christian Endeavor

on top, and teaches in Sunday School also. Mrs. C. M. Reynolds, Martha, gives unstintingly of her talent to the choir and Primary Department. She has also served as president of the Auxiliary for two years.

Presbyterians were early looked up by Miss Ella McCulley before the days of Cradle Roll, and as soon as they could walk Miss Ella called for them and took care of them and taught them to sit still and listen. "Be still and know", came easier after her coaching.

Mrs. Emily Breeden, one of the oldest members and a constant contributor, is still with us and teaches her grandchildren in the home.

Mrs. T. I. Rogers, another mother in Israel, was indirectly the means of new faith being added to the old. Her son, Henry, married Faith Edens and they brought little Faith into the church and Sunday School work. Also other daughters of Mrs. T. I. Rogers, Miss Bessie, Cora Belle, Nan, Hortense and Kate helped in childhood to build the "Lapsley" and continue to build stately ships of character founded on religion taught at mother's knee. Mrs. Rogers at the advanced age of sixty years recited the Catechism and received her Bible for same.

The name of McColl is indelibly written on Bennettsville Church history. Mrs. Nancy McColl gave her sons Dick and Charles, and Charles bought the Old Clinton College, moved it into Thornwell Orphanage and named it for C. S. McColl, Sr., "McColl Building". The Auxiliary, or Aid Society it was called, furnished a room in this building and named it the "Nancy McColl Room" for Mrs. McColl. Miss Mattie McColl served as president of the Auxiliary many terms, as Foreign Mission secretary and Sunday School teacher. Mrs. C. S. McColl served us as superintendent of the Primary Department for eight years. Many juniors are the better prepared for the stress of later years by her very efficient training.

Mrs. Mary Rogers Turner was one of the devoted charter members and long and well she served, not alone in the church but caring for her orphaned sister in the home and at school.

Mrs. Sarah Rogers Drake was verily a mother in Israel, whose sons and daughters rise up from many quarters to bless her Christian seed sowing. Her youngest daughter "Carrie", Mrs. Stockton, was verily Bennettsville's angel of mercy to white and black. Indirectly Mrs. Sarah Rogers gave us Mrs. Frank D. Rogers from the Methodist church. She is a fine Sunday School teacher and Bible student.

As Christ so often used the ministry of pain to show His power we cannot but look upon our most afflicted member, Miss Ada Harrall,

with sacred awe. For many years our Primary Superintendent, her smile delighted all the little ones and made it easy to win their attention. Yet she served just as devotedly from her eight long years in constant pain, often in bed for quite a while. A visit to her strengthened you to more cheerful acceptance of your lot and more desire to look at life through her consecrated vision. She shared in all the joys of others and contributed to every cause of church or charity, smiling through all though the toll was often heavy. How good to know that we shall meet again!

Mrs. W. B. Jennings was a faithful servant though not a member of the Missionary Society and church. Her daughter Belle inherited her mother's love of music and her father's, Dr. Beattie Jennings, devotion to the church. She was organist for some time after the installation of the pipe organ, and is at present assistant organist in the Sunday School.

Mrs. W. M. Stevenson is our present Auxiliary president. Her home life like Susan Wesley's is the outstanding devotion of her days. Her daughter is the Sunday School organist.

BLENHEIM

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Blenheim Church was organized about the year 1888 during the Rev. D. S. McAllister's pastorate, and was generally known as "The Sewing Circle". There is no record of the work except that Mrs. Susan Drake was president and Miss Sue Sparks secretary and treasurer. During Rev. J. G. Richards' pastorate Mrs. McRae of Maxton, N. C., was visiting in this community and organized the DuBose Foreign Missionary Society. Mrs. Susan Drake was the first president and Miss Jeannie Richards secretary and treasurer. Faithful work was done during these years. When Mrs. Drake moved away Mrs. Florence McLeod was made president, under whose wise leadership the work continued. Real impetus was given to the Woman's Work during the pastorate of Dr. Dugald McIntyre, for, with his assistance and that of his wife, the work advanced along all lines. In 1914 the society is numbered among those in the Presbyterial Union with a membership of twenty-three and budget of $68.00. Mrs. M. F. McLeod was then president and continued that office till 1920. Succeeding presidents have been Mrs. J. T. Rogers, Mrs. M. L. Powell, Mrs. R. J. Rogers and Mrs. C. C. Chamness. The society early followed the Auxiliary plan, and in 1923 is

rated sixty-five percent on the Standard of Excellence, and in 1924 it reached the Silver Circle. The largest budget, $393.00, was made in 1924. The women have assisted in organizing and maintaining two mission Sunday Schools. All women are members of the Auxiliary and the Circle Plan is followed. The Auxiliary assisted materially in building the manse.

This year the church conducted a Daily Vacation Bible School, of which the district chairman reports: "Blenheim gave her much inspiration. The D. V. B. S. was wonderful, though small it was fully equipped in every way". This Auxiliary fosters mission talks and Bible memory work in the Sunday School.

The charter members of the Aid Society in 1888 were as follows: Mrs. Susan Drake, Mrs. D. S. McAlister, Mrs. Sue John, Miss Sue Sparks, Mrs. F. M. McLeod, Mrs. W. J. McLeod, Mrs. Sue Drake Hardin and Miss Sarah Matheson. Mrs. Sue John and Mrs. Sue Drake Hardin are the only ones of this list living today. Miss Sarah Matheson married Rev. J. G. Richards and served long and devotedly this church and society. Mrs. M. F. McLeod was another whose children and grandchildren can say she taught and lived the life of faithful service to her God and His cause on earth. Mrs. J. J. Matheson of the Bennettsville Auxiliary was her daughter. Mrs. Sue John later joined the Bennettsville Auxiliary and served as president of the Aid Society for several years.

CAROLINA

"The Woman's Aid Society" of the Carolina Church was organized July 17, 1895, by the pastor, Rev. H. M. Brearly, with the following members: President, Mrs. Angus Martin; Vice President, Miss Jennie McDonald; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Nancy McInnis; Mrs. H. M. Brearly, Mrs. L. M. Morrison and Misses Dora and Sue McRae, Margaret McDonald, Nan and Lou Morrison, Katie Martin and Bettie and Maggie McInnis and three honorary members, Rev. H. M. Brearly, Col. Murdoc McRae and Mr. McD. Morrison. After the adoption of the constitution, program, social, flower and "visiting the sick" committees were appointed. The work, begun in earnest, has been kept up continuously, and steadily enlarged. The name of the society was changed to Ladies' Aid and "Missionary Society", and later became "The Woman's Auxiliary" with the present mem-

bership of sixty-six. The Circle Plan was adopted in 1924. The motto is "Charity".

One of the first enterprises of the society was the making of a quilt, bearing the names of all that were interested. In 1901 the ladies refurnished the church. In 1905 the society joined the Presbyterial Union and sent delegates to the first meeting at Darlington. Through the efforts of Rev. F. H. Wardlaw and Miss Nan Morrison it took a share in Home Missions, and in 1918 it undertook, and still continues, the support of a native worker in the African Congo. Later it took a $10.00 share in the Graham building and contributed $75.00 to the "Baby Cottage". By picking cotton in 1923 and in 1924 $40.00 was raised to keep a Japanese girl in school. In 1915 an individual communion service was given the church. The church was organized in 1850 and the first communion plates were given by the women of the Cheraw Church and are still kept. In 1922 the society carpeted the church and gave new pulpit furniture. This Auxiliary has most faithfully met all pledges, the largest budget being in 1923 which was $493.00; in this year it reached the silver star on the Standard of Excellence.

The presidents since 1914 have been Misses Sallie McLaurin, Berta McInnis (2), Emily Alford, Mary McKinnon (2), Amelia Howard, Berta McInnis, Pearl McLaurin (2), Maggie McInnis (2) and Mrs. J. E. Norton (2).

Miss Nan Morrison's keen interest in the young people led them to form a Christian Endeavor Society. Leaders in this work have been Misses Berta McInnis, Octavia McKinnon, Maud McInnis, Eris Stanton and Lola Bennett. Ministers have been often entertained in the homes of Mrs. Kitty P. McInnis, Mrs. K. L. McDonald and Mrs. J. E. Norton. Miss Sallie J. McLaurin and Miss Bettie McInnis served faithfully in caring for the upkeep of the church. Mrs. Hattie Smith and Mrs. A. H. Henderson are always near with helping hands to those in sickness or sorrow. Miss Mary McKinnon, who died in September, 1927, will be missed by the shut-ins to whom she brought cheer and comfort. Among those who have helped in the music have been Mrs. Dunc McLaurin, Mrs. Katie M. Carter, Mrs. Laurin McInnis, Mrs. Gus Alford, Miss Berta McInnis and Miss Bell Morrison. The attendance at the meetings has been greatly helped by Miss Hallie Webster, Mrs. Lucile Cottingham and Miss Pearl McLaurin who have always gathered up in their automobiles members for the meetings.

The present historian, Mrs. Jennie McD. Stone, writes: "We have the joy of more Bible study and deeper prayer life". This year reports five new family altars.

CHESTERFIELD

The Chesterfield Church is one of the younger churches of Pee Dee Presbytery. It was not until 1916, during the pastorate of the Rev. J. R. Millard, that the women of the church organized for service under the name of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. C. C. Douglas was chosen first president, Mrs. W. P. Odom, secretary, and Mrs. J. A. Welsh, treasurer. The number totaled less than ten. With commendable zeal they began to make the Ladies' Aid a noticeable power in the church. Mrs. W. P. Odom was the second president, she being followed by Mrs. J. R. Millard, who has continued in the office of president for seven years. The membership has increased to twenty. The most notable result of the organization is the purchase of the lot on which has been erected the beautiful new church building. This represents an outlay of $1,200.00, $50.00 was contributed to the Graham building in Jacksonville, Fla., a similar amount to Near East Relief, $25.00 to the Baby Cottage at Thornwell. From its beginning the society has clothed an orphan in this institution. In 1923 the Ladies' Aid merged into the Woman's Auxiliary. Twice has it been the pleasure of this Auxiliary to entertain the Group Conference of District No. 1. We are organized on the Circle Plan. Our budget has not only been reached, but more than doubled, for the past two years, $14.00 per capita was the amount last reported. Contributions were made to all the Assembly's causes, also to special Auxiliary objects. $25.00 to Fort Hill Church, Clemson, birthday offerings for the various schools, White Cross Work, etc.

At the regular monthly meetings of the Auxiliary interesting programs are developed presenting the several benevolent causes of our church. In this way we are learning more of the work and needs of the church at home and abroad, which deepens our interest. For two years this Auxiliary has sent a colored woman to the conference at Columbia. They have brought back splendid reports of the work there, and expressed deep and sincere appreciation of the opportunity given them by the Auxiliary. Always any special needs in the improvement of church furnishings have been met by the women's organization. The handsome communion table with the individual com-

munion service was a gift to the church from the Auxiliary. They are furnishing the ladies' parlor. Mrs. D. P. Douglass, a charter member, who has passed to her eternal reward, was with her children, Mrs. Millie Sanders, Mrs. D. H. McGregor, Jr., and Mr. F. S. Douglas, the donor of the beautiful collection plates, a memorial to the husband and father in the family, Sheriff D. P. Douglass, an honored and beloved officer in the church.

Mrs. John A. Welsh has been our efficient treasurer since the organization began. The church has been an object of her love and care, flowers which adorn the auditorium from time to time are often contributed by her. Mrs. C. C. Douglass and Mrs. Millie D. Sanders have charge of the Young People's Work. Mrs. Roy Hurst, as leader of the Juniors, has had the honor through her society, of presenting to the church the beautiful piano. Mrs. H. H. Harrell and Mrs. Jno. A. Welsh are devoted Sunday School workers. The cars of Mrs. F. M. Cannon and Mrs. C. C. Douglass have always been gladly used for the church and Auxiliary. Mrs. B. J. Douglass and Mrs. Derrick have been faithful Secretaries of Literature. Mrs. E. E. Stevenson as pianist and Mrs. Lottie McCutcheon as violinist are a help and pleasure in the services. Miss Kathleen Ellis as a singer and also at the piano, is another valued member. Mrs. D. L. Smith and Miss Mary Belle are faithful and responsive members. Mrs. Evans is our oldest member.

The Ruby Circle which is a part of the Chesterfield Auxiliary is composed of five members, Mrs. J. S. McGregor, Mrs. G. D. McGill, Mrs. M. L. Raley, Miss Kola Griggs and Mrs. J. R. Millard. Each one of these is an enthusiastic Sunday School worker and leader among young people's activities. During the fall and winter months this circle meets weekly for special Bible study and also to study our Home and Foreign Mission books. Mrs. McGill and Mrs. Raley are so liberal with their cars the circle members are provided with a means of transportation to all Auxiliary meetings and errands of mercy, and Mrs. Millard, as district chairman, has been able through their kindness to visit other Auxiliaries. During the entire fifteen years of the ministry of Rev. J. R. Millard, it was the pleasure of Mrs. Millard to entertain every visiting minister at the manse. Prior to that time, Mrs. D. H. McGregor's home was always thrown open to ministers who passed this way.

A continued and noticeable improvement along all lines leads to

the hope that with a broader vision and a realization of our own capabilities the future will see us lined up with progressive Presbyterianism in all of its phases.

CHERAW

At a meeting of the congregation of the Cheraw Presbyterian Church held March 29, 1835, a resolution was passed approving the action of the Presbytery, at that time Harmony Presbytery, establishing domestic missions, and the church further by resolution declared itself to be a missionary society. They started contributions at once for missions and that year, when the church was just seven years old, $142.00 was contributed, all members, both men and women, assisting. Each year thereafter the sessional records show a generous contribution to the cause of Missions by the congregation. While no specific mention is made in the sessional records of the separate work of the women during that period, we find about twelve years later, 1848, a well organized woman's society working for the causes of the church. It was called at first the Sewing Society of the church. While it cannot be stated positively who all the officers were, or even who the first president was, yet it is known certainly that among the first presidents were Mrs. Lawrence Prince and Mrs. Duncan Malloy. This sewing society met at the homes of the members and made and gave garments and fancy work for the "Basket" which was sent around to the homes of the town with the articles for sale, the price being pinned on each article. No doubt other methods were employed for raising funds which were used for the causes of the church, especially the mission causes.

Perhaps the first united work of the ladies of all the churches was during the Civil War in providing articles of clothing for the soldiers. After the war all the women of the town joined wholeheartedly in working for a memorial to the soldiers buried in the Cheraw cemetery. By entertainments and strict self-denial they succeeded in being the first to erect a Confederate monument. This was in July, 1867.

During the period following the Civil War, among the officers of the Sewing Society are remembered prominently Mrs. Mary Malloy Coit and Mrs. Eugenia McNair Vereen, the mother of Mr. Willie Vereen, who has been largely responsible for the missionary activity of the Moultrie, Ga., Church. It was during this period that the

ladies were active in raising money for the purchase of a bell for the church to take the place of the one that was moulded into cannon for Coit's Battery, which included among its members the following from our church, William Coit, the son of the old pastor, J. C. McCreight, afterwards deacon in the church, and William G. Chapman. Mr. McCreight says that he often heard Capt. Coit say as they were going into battle: "Boys, remember what the cannon is made of."

It is interesting to note that in 1880 the session passed a resolution asking the female communicants to propose to the session certain of their number for the office of deaconess. Nothing was done to carry this out later.

The Ladies' Sewing Society continued until 1884 when it was changed into, or supplanted by, "The Ladies' Missionary Society", one of the first presidents of which was Mrs. J. W. McKay and Mrs. H. M. Tomlinson was the first secretary and treasurer. Besides keeping up the work of the "Basket", the members paid monthly dues to the society, and the records show that not a year passed without a good showing, in which the contributions increased almost without exception. Mrs. J. W. McKay was at her death in 1900 succeeded by her daughter, Miss Flora McKay, who continued as president until her death, which occurred just before the Missionary Society was merged into the Woman's Auxiliary in 1920. There were also only two secretaries and treasurers, Miss Lizzie Blue holding that office after the death of Mrs. Tomlinson. Subsequent to the forming of the "Ladies' Missionary Society" in 1884, the women of the church also established in the eighties the Ladies' Aid Society, the purpose of which was to promote the local work of the church. This society did excellent work continuously from its organization till merged in the Auxiliary in 1920. During this period many improvements were made in the church building. In the early '90's a steeple was erected, the old gallery was removed and the pews and pulpit changed as they are at present, with the pulpit at the rear instead of the front of the church. A large part of the cost of these improvements was met by the Ladies' Aid under the leadership of Mrs. Eugenia Vereen and her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Evans. In 1903 the Ladies' Aid helped materially in working over and painting the interior of the church and putting in a pipe organ. It was shortly before this time that Mrs. H. E. Clement, a native of Vermont, came to Cheraw. She soon became head of the Ladies' Aid, bringing to it such unusual ability as a leader that work forecasting that of the Auxiliary was done. Every-

one remembers her splendid organization of all the women of the church, making each one a willing worker for that first great bazaar, which cleared $300.00. During her presidency the society bore all the expense of adding a second story to the manse. A new church with modern conveniences was her dream, and for that she and her husband, both dying in 1910, bequeathed $1,000.00.

Other presidents were Mrs. J. H. H. Stevens, Mrs. A. G. Meiklejohn and Mrs. Clara Malloy Finney (Mrs. W. F. Stevenson). The roll of officers cannot be given with definiteness, they were better workers than recorders.

Mention should be made of a society for girls formed by Mrs. Jessie Prince Johnson about 1904 to assist the Ladies' Aid Society and train the children in church work. A Junior Missionary was established in 1915 by the Presbyterial organizer, Mrs. Frasier James (Margaret Prince) of Darlington, with Miss Emma Matheson as president. The membership was composed of the younger women of the church and it accomplished much in awakening their interest in missions and added very materially to the budget for missions. This society continued to work until merged in the Auxiliary in 1920.

This is a brief statement of a vast amount of work setting forth the activities of the women of this church over a period of seventy-odd years, and brings us to the founding of the Woman's Auxiliary in 1920, when all of their activities were merged in this wonderful organization. The Auxiliary was started at the suggestion of the pastor, Dr. A. H. McArn. Mrs. Pauline James Owings of Columbia, the daughter of an elder of this church, assisted in the organization. The first officers were Mrs. L. M. Evans, President; Mrs. Clara Finney, Vice President; Mrs. Edwin Malloy, Secretary, and Mrs. E. J. Cooper, Treasurer. Mrs. Evans with fine executive ability, tact and enthusiasm led a willing, zealous band of officers and members. It was a common saying that one could not talk to a Presbyterian woman five minutes that she didn't mention the Auxiliary. The results of the Auxiliary organization in increasing good fellowship, developing workers, quickening religious fervor, and adding to contributions to all church causes have been marvelous. The budget started at a small figure and reached $1,693.00 in 1924, and since then it has always been over $1,600.00, this year $1,804.00. This has given opportunity each year for meeting other demands after paying the pledged budget of $700.00. In 1922 when the old church was brick veneered and completely remodelled, the Auxiliary gave material as-

sistance and has each year since contributed generously to the building debt. Among its gifts to the church furnishings have been the church carpet, pulpit Bible and church hymnals, shades for the assembly hall and session house, share in purchase of assembly hall piano, equipment of the kitchen. In 1924 the president, Mrs. Edwin Malloy, interested the Auxiliary in securing a landscape gardener to plan and plant the church grounds at a cost of $400.00. Since then the Auxiliary has cared for the up-keep of the large grounds, made beautiful by this initial expenditure. The Auxiliary assists in jail and county home work, in town clinics, and in the associated charities.

The Auxiliary offers an annual prize for scholarship at the Coulter Memorial School, a Presbyterian school for negroes in Cheraw, that does excellent work. It also gives $5.00 annually to Montrose Sunday School.

The Business Girls' and Young Girls' Circles work very efficiently. One year the Business Girls' Circle, Mrs. J. W. Malloy as Chairman, made the largest budget of the circles. In this they were assisted by Mrs. Joe Lindsay, our talented organist, who has a real gift in directing plays. At the suggestion of Mrs. Mary Prince Stevenson (Mrs. W. F. Stevenson) the Auxiliary sent a girl to the Montreat Young People's Conference. Two delegates have been sent to Clinton Young People's Conference every year since 1924. In 1927 two young women volunteered for life service. In 1928 delegates were sent to both Clinton and Montreat. This has greatly helped them in the conducting of the Christian Endeavor which was organized in 1925 by Dr. W. H. Hollister, now missionary to Korea, who was the first president. Succeeding presidents have been V. H. Kendall, Miss Blanche Poston and Miss Evelyn Evans (Mrs. A. Anderson), and the present incumbent, Prof. Vernon Sanders. The average attendance is about forty.

The presidents of the Auxiliary have been Mrs. L. M. Evans (2), Mrs. Edwin Malloy (2), Mrs. L. A. Meiklejohn, Mrs. R. R. Hickson (2), and Mrs. J. W. Malloy. A list of those women, old and young, that are faithfully serving this church is so great that it would be almost the roll call of the Auxiliary. Our beloved pastor, Dr. A. H. McArn, who is ever a help and inspiration, says of the Auxiliary: "They open their meetings with prayer and close with a collection, but between times they are working—and prayer and work and money will make a success of anything".

The oldest regular church attendant is Miss Laura Inglis who comes

because she rejoices to be in the house of God, though she is too deaf to hear a word of the service. "Long ago", she says, "children were not so easily exhausted as they are now, but attended church service as regularly as the grown folk, always sitting in the family pew."

Two sisters, Miss Flora McKay and Mrs. Theodore Malloy, were for years most active in the two branches of Mission work, Miss Flora supporting Foreign Missions while Mrs. Malloy championed the cause of Home Missions. Both used their incomes largely for religious work. Miss Flora and Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Stevenson for several years supported a foreign missionary. Mrs. Malloy was the largest contributor at the time the church was last remodelled.

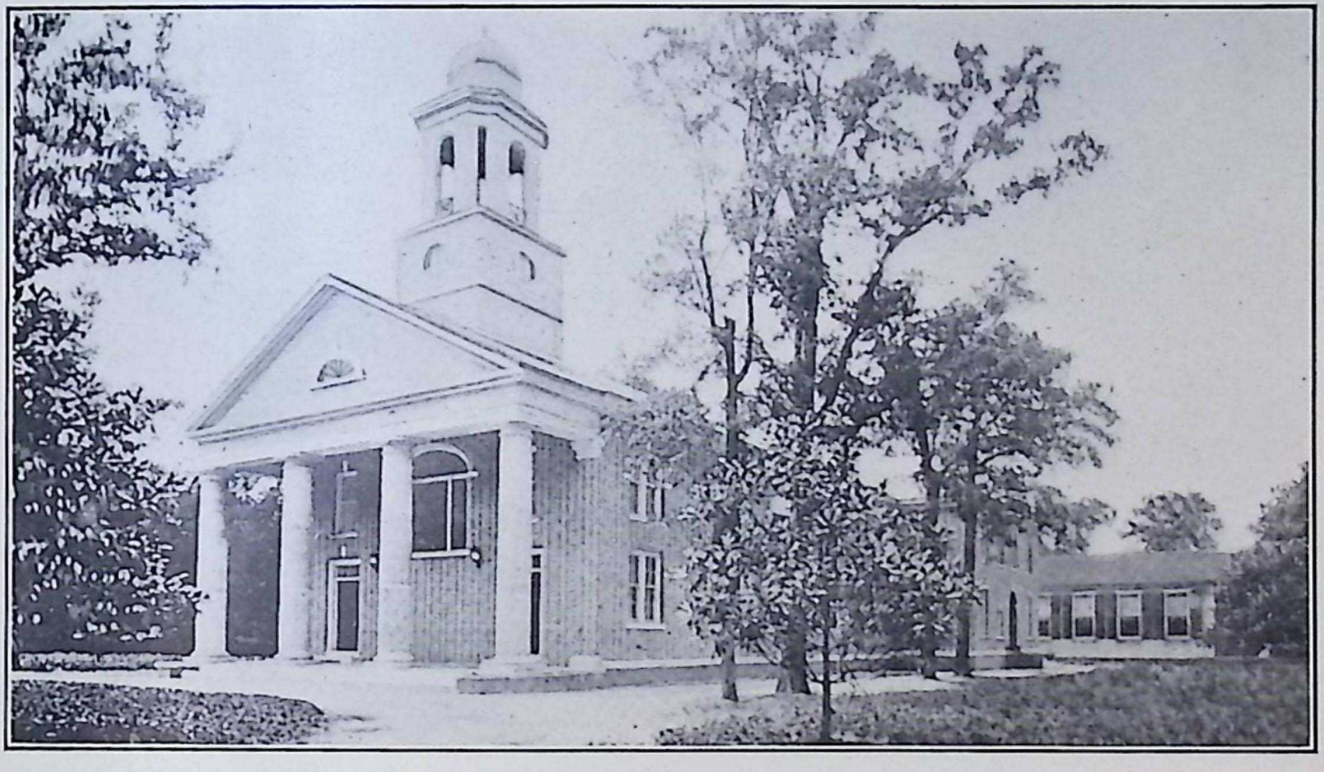
One who gave her life largely to His service was Miss Janie McLean. Though a school teacher, she always found time to visit the sick and afflicted. When an elderly lady, she went every Sunday afternoon to Orange Hill Sunday School and taught there until her doctor insisted she should cease, whereupon she knit beautiful shawls and articles and sold them to give the money toward building a fit structure for the mission. Her sister, Mrs. J. C. Coit, with her husband organized and carried on this mission school at Orange Hill which was the only religious work in a large community.

Miss Lizzie Blue was the leading soprano in the church for years. In the words of a former pastor, Dr. Thornton Whaling: "I never saw her absent, no matter how stormy the night, and the music of her voice still lingers in the memory of pastor and people".

Just across from the manse is the home of Mrs. Annie Hendrix, once that of her mother, Mrs. A. B. Horton, a home where ministers were always welcome guests, as they were also in the home of Mrs. Maj. McLauchlin and Mrs. Theodore Malloy.

The only gift of the Auxiliary to an officer was a silver bowl presented to the first president, Mrs. Helen Malloy Evans, at the close of her term of office. Mrs. Evans has for years been a leader in the choir and the superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday School since its organization in 1913.

The brunt of the burden of the Auxiliary has been so faithfully borne by the chairmen of the circles that they deserve honorable mention: Mrs. M. H. Finney, Mrs. J. L. Anderson, Mrs. Lewis Meiklejohn, Mrs. V. H. Kendall, Mrs. Joe Lindsay, Miss Pattie Poston, Mrs. Henry Poston, Miss Emma Matheson, Mrs. A. G. Meiklejohn, Mrs. R. McI. Watts, Mrs. Robert Chapman, Mrs. J. W. Malloy, Miss Maggie Stogner, Mrs. Wilson McCreight, Mrs. L. W. Gardner, Mrs. W. T.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Cheraw, South Carolina
Built in 1832. Original building remodeled and brick veneered in 1920.

Powell, Mrs. Douglas Stanton, Mrs. R. L. Sumwalt, Mrs. J. K. McCown, Mrs. C. L. Princé, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Lester Griggs, Mrs. E. J. Cooper, Mrs. John Richards, Mrs. W. D. McNeill, Mrs. W. L. Stubbs, Mrs. Allan Anderson and Mrs. Vernon Sanders. Mrs. George Malloy has been secretary of Spiritual Life since the organization of the Auxiliary.

In July, 1927, there was a meeting of the men's Bible classes from all the churches for the purpose of promoting Christian activity and Bible study. The results of this meeting were far reaching, for, at the suggestion of D. S. Matheson, it was decided to work and pray for a great union revival, which was realized the following June when the George T. Stephens Evangelistic Party held a five weeks meeting here. Not since he great revival of Daniel Baker in 1832 has the town been blessed with such an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The church members first humbled themselves, confessed and were revived, then it was easy to reach the sinners. In this meeting the women gave wonderful assistance. They conducted cottage prayer meetings which continue with increasing interest. Our Auxiliary furnished the chairmen of three important committees, Mrs. J. W. Malloy, executive chairman of women; Mrs. R. R. Hickson, chairman of the entertainment of the party, and Mrs. Joe Lindsay, chairman of music, who secured a choir of 150 voices and a children's choir of the same number.

March 13, 1928, was the centennial of the church, but the celebration was postponed till July so as to have with us the only living ex-pastor, Dr. Thornton Whaling of the Louisville Seminary. In his address he stated those things that had been conspicuously true of this congregation, loyalty to their church, to God's Word, to their pastor and to Jesus as shown by their unusual unity and loving fellowship. "To me the most convincing proof (of the last) was in the Woman's Missionary or Pastor's Aid Society into which it was my privilege to peep now and then. The Christian love, sympathy and fellowship which reigned there was an inspiration and divine comfort to the pastor's heart. The good women not only gave money, but worked, sewed, knitted, made garments, choice articles which were sold and the proceeds given to missions or to some local cause. On more than one occasion jewels, choice china, inherited from pious forbears, were offered to increase the willing contribution of these lovely saints".

The charter members of the church were: Alexander McQueen,

Angus Campbell, Margaret Campbell, Elizabeth Dickey, Abigail McCall, Archibald McIntyre, Eliza A. Morrison, Nancy Morrison, Mary A. Daniels, Martha Long, Louisa Long.

The first person to join the church after its organization was Ellen Chapman, who married Thomas Graham, M. D., the principal of the Cheraw Academy, where Dr. James Thornwell was prepared for college. She was the grandmother of Rev. John F. Matheson.

The account of no work in our church today would be complete without a word of appreciation of our beloved pastor, Dr. A. H. McArn, who for thirty-five years has been our guide, co-worker, sympathizer and inspirer.

CLIO

The Woman's Work in Clio began before the organization of the church. This was a mission point, ministered to first in 1896 by Rev. E. E. Gillespie, then by Rev. C. E. Hodgin. There were then only eight families, consisting of fifteen Presbyterian church members in Clio. In October, 1897, that prince of Home Mission workers, Rev. James A. Wilson, assisted in a week's meeting. The day after the meeting a movement was started for the purchase of a lot and erection of a house of worship. In January, 1898, Rev. C. E. Hodgin met with the women for the purpose of organizing a Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. W. H. Holt, at whose home the meeting was held, was elected President; Mrs. W. M. Reedy, Vice President; Miss Ella Hughes, Secretary, and Miss Margaret Roper, Treasurer. With grateful hearts and enthusiasm each member went to work, willing to make every sacrifice needed for the accomplishment of the great task before them. The following October, 1898, the Clio Presbyterian Church was organized. This society did its part in the building and furnishing of the church, and in 1914 helped to build the manse. Each year they also contributed to the benevolent causes in the church. The Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Brown, once missionaries in Japan, were a constant inspiration to the work of the Clio women, who early organized into a Woman's Auxiliary.

In 1913 the Presbyterial was entertained at Clio. The presidents since 1914 have been Mrs. C. G. Brown (2), Mrs. A. C. McRae (1), Mrs. N. W. Carmichael (1) and Mrs. J. L. McQueen, Mrs. J. L. Bennett, Jr., (2), Mrs. C. G. Brown (1), Mrs. H. S. Bethea (2), Miss Mattie Parrish (2) and Mrs. N. W. Carmichael. Mrs. J. L. Bennett, Jr.,

is at present the Synodical Secretary of Literature. The largest recorded amount was $524.00, raised in 1914, the year in which the manse was built. In 1919 the society gave $190.00 to Foreign Missions. A growing interest and stronger faith is reported. This Auxiliary must be well informed about the affairs of the church for with a membership of forty there are nine "Survey" subscribers and twenty-seven church paper subscribers.

CONWAY

Though the Kingston church was organized in 1845, there is no record of any work among the women till a half century later when, through the untiring efforts of Mrs. C. P. Quattlebaum, the daughter of Maj. Alex McQueen of Cheraw, a society was organized with the special object of building a manse so that a pastor could be employed. The church, prior to this time, was only occasionally supplied with students and pastors from other churches. Mrs. Quattlebaum was the first president and was very successful in accomplishing the work she started out to do. In this she was ably assisted by Miss Clark, Mrs. Charlie Dusenbury and Mrs. Fred Buck. Rev. A. S. Doak of Tennessee was the first pastor to occupy the manse, and his wife succeeded Mrs. Quattlebaum as president of the "Woman's Missionary Society". In 1912 the society joined the Missionary Union, which affiliation gave the women an insight into many more phases of Christian work. A Young Woman's Sunshine Circle was organized by Mrs. Elizabeth Barron Lemmon, the wife of the pastor. They adopted an orphan and worked with interest and zeal. In about 1920 the work was organized on the General Assembly plan and has functioned splendidly ever since. The records of the earlier years of the Missionary Society were lost. Mrs. J. P. McNeill canvassed the church for donations and in this way the first communion service was procured. The Woman's Auxiliary purchased the individual service now used. At least $600.00 was given for repairing the manse. The yearly budget has averaged over $400.00, about $15.00 per capita. There continues an increase in attendance and interest in the Auxiliary meetings, at which refreshments are served.

In February, 1925, Mrs. M. G. Anderson gave a charming wedding anniversary party for the retiring president, Mrs. Ben Dusenbury. The Auxiliary presented Mrs. Dusenbury with a dinner set which was

hidden in a huge, beautifully decorated paper cake. This was but a slight token of appreciation for Mrs. Dusenbury's excellent work.

Presidents since 1914 have been Mrs. McQueen Quattlebaum, Mrs. James Norton, Mrs. C. P. Quattlebaum (2), Mrs. W. Britt (2), Mrs. George Officer, Mrs. Ben Dusenbury (3), Mrs. M. G. Anderson (2), and Mrs. H. W. Ambrose (2).

In 1917 organized work among the colored people was reported to the Presbyterial. In 1922 there was a "Survey" and church paper in every home. The Auxiliary distributes religious tracts in the jail and holds prayer meetings in homes of those that do not attend church.

DARLINGTON

For some time the members of the Ladies' Aid Society and the Pauline DuBose Missionary Society of the Darlington Presbyterian Church had been considering the Auxiliary plan. In October, 1919, a meeting was arranged to be held at the home of Mrs. C. W. Milling, invitations were extended to all the women and girls of the church to a social gathering. This was well attended and the plan fully discussed and favorably received, but no definite steps were taken until January, 1920, when another meeting was called at the home of Mrs. George Brown. At this time the Auxiliary was organized and the following officers elected: Mrs. C. J. Milling, President; Mrs. R. E. James, Vice President; Mrs. C. S. McCullough, Secretary, and Miss Julia Erwin, Treasurer.

At first it was a struggle as few understood the plan, even the leader realized that it was as if the blind were leading the blind, but bravely and prayerfully the efforts continued through much discouragement, until after three years (each year advancing in the comprehension of the splendid scheme of the Auxilary plan which included a place for every woman of the church) we began to see the light.

Under the next president, Mrs. J. L. Edwards, we felt the results of the earnest efforts that had been made. Mrs. Edwards, not being able to complete her term of office on account of change of residence, Mrs. W. O. Player, vice president, carried on to completion the year's work, which brought to a close five years of study on the part of leaders and officers to understand the Auxiliary Plan; now the faith-

ful ones are satisfied to carry on and see the benefits of the change from the old way of Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies.

We have aroused more women, brought from cold indifference many good workers, because the plan has taught us how to reach every woman, and there are but few who refuse to take some active part.

In April of this year, 1925, Miss Julia Erwin was elected president. She is well known to all of our Pee Dee District and in the State by her activities for years past in the general work, and by her earnestness in the cause of missions.

To go back a little in writing the history of the work of the women of this church, I quote from her report of Woman's Work in Pee Dee Presbyterial. "In May, 1832, an item is recorded in the Darlington church book: 'At the request of the female members of the church the funds raised by them for the ceiling of the church building overhead were made subject to such disposition as the church might think proper to make of them'." From that date until soon after the War Between the States, funds were raised and turned over to the deacons—part was invested in the first stoves ever bought. "There was no organization", writes Miss Lizzie Brearly, for a long time a member of this church, "but there was no lack of piety, zeal and intelligence among the good women of our church."

For several years after the war the ladies of all denominations in Darlington were straining every nerve to erect a monument to the Confederate dead.

In 1879 the Rev. J. G. Law, pastor of the church, organized an Aid Society in Darlington. In 1884 Miss Mary White of Sumter tried to interest all the women of Harmony Presbytery in supporting Miss French in China, so the first Missionary Society was organized. When Pee Dee Presbytery was cut off from Harmony, Miss French's support was taken over by the Sumter churches, and Darlington Church became interested in the support of the DuBoses, Dr. DuBose having gone from this church. Dr. DuBose always spent much time in Darlington on his furloughs, and the family in our midst gave a close touch with Foreign Missions. His two little girls, called "the little Chinese girls", awakened a keen interest in Foreign Missions among the children. At the death of one of these, who married Dr. Lacy Little in China, the Missionary Society took the name of "The Pauline DuBose Missionary Society".

In 1905 Mrs. Fraser James, president of the Pauline DuBose Society, issued invitations to the other women's organizations in the Presbytery to send delegates to Darlington for the purpose of forming the Presbyterial Union, which functioned until it merged into the Presbyterial of the Woman's Auxiliary.

Since the forming of the Auxiliary, the work has been in many ways satisfactory. Greater interest has been aroused in missions and Bible study, more women are actively engaged in church work, subscriptions to all causes have increased; but the goal is not yet reached, for more tithers are needed, more Prayer Bands, and greater interest in attendance on Bible and Mission Study classes. Much interest was manifested in the building of the new church which was completed in 1924. The Auxiliary provided chairs and tables for all Sunday School class rooms, besides adding each year a nice sum to the building fund.

In October, 1925, the Synodical was entertained, and the presence of these godly women was a benediction. Missionaries have often been visitors. The men and boys of the church have been given a bountiful supper and various others have been entertained. The recent ill health of the beloved pastor, Dr. Darby Fulton, has given the opportunity of the Auxiliary's aiding him very materially in his pastoral work.

Among the early workers in the Missionary Society were Mrs. S. J. Nettles, whose interest in church work is carried on by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lide Nettles, Miss Mary DuBose, Mrs. Junius Law and Miss Janie Williamson. Mrs. Junius Law was always foremost in church work, taught in a country Sunday School and was always busy looking after the sick. Miss Mary DuBose sacrificed everything for Foreign Missions. Friends did not know that her generous responses to calls for missions were sacrificial gifts, though once it was found out that all of her savings for a much needed parlor carpet were given to some special missionary call.

Miss Janie Williamson, now an old lady, an invalid, was the most enthusiastic missionary worker in Darlington County and in her honor and because of her faithfulness and zeal in missionary work, a friend, a woman of this church, has built a chapel in the North Kiangsu Mission, China, and named it the "Janie Williamson Chapel". Until too infirm to walk from house to house, Miss Janie used always to be agent for soaps, books, especially children's books, or any worthy article from which she could get a commission. Every cent

of these commissions was always given to Foreign Missions. She was Secretary of Literature long before such an office was dreamed of, and in her eagerness to place Christian papers in every home would always advance her own money for the subscription if necessary.

Mrs. Margaret Williamson was one of the early workers whose children, Mr. Bright Williamson, Mrs. R. E. James, and Mr. McIver Williamson, have been staunch church supporters. In the olden times children were regular church attendants. It is told of Mrs. John Fountain that she always carried a bag of cakes to church to assist her in keeping her five little Milling nephews quiet. Everybody looked up to Miss Janie Fountain, whose good judgment and decision of character made her a natural leader.

The consecrated, earnest women of today are too numerous to mention. Mrs. C. J. Milling for thirty-five years has been closely identified with the life of the church. During the World War she was the efficient director of the Red Cross work in the district. First president of the Auxiliary, historian and Synodical Secretary of Social Service are among her offices. Mrs. Dudley Paulling, assisted by Miss Mary Erwin, has carried on continuously and almost alone the splendid training of the boys and girls for Christian leadership in the Junior Christian Endeavor. Mrs. Eugene Vaughan organized the Children's Circle of the Auxiliary, taking in only little girls until her own little boy asked her: "Don't God care anything for the boys?" He thought not, because they were not in the "Zilary", so she took in the little boys too. Such good meetings they had, and she would tell them Bible and missionary stories and here the children learned to talk to God in audible prayer.

One whose influence is felt in many ways though she is too retiring even to take an office is Mrs. C. W. Hewitt. She visits the sick, keeps in touch with the needy and those in trouble and always carries her car full whenever her health will permit her to attend Auxiliary meetings. She and her husband gave the beautiful Sunday School building as a memorial to their only children, Carl and Juanita.

The presidents since 1914 have been Miss Janie R. Williamson, Mrs. C. W. Milling (2), Mrs. C. J. Milling (5), Mrs. J. L. Edwards, Mrs. W. O. Player, Miss Julia Erwin (3) and Mrs. E. G. Crouch. The membership is 130, the largest in the Presbyterial.

DILLON

After a lapse of thirty years three of the small band of women who organized a "Ladies' Aid Society" in the Dillon Presbyterian Church, Mrs. T. W. Bethea, Mrs. Wm. McNaul and Miss Maggie Moore, have passed on, while the others are still engaged in carrying on the work begun then. The charter members were: Mrs. Wm. NcNaul, Miss Lizzie McIntyre, Mrs. J. A. Fore, Mrs. T. W. Bethea, Mrs. Margaret Melvin, Miss Kate Moore and Miss Maggie Moore. Miss Lizzie McIntyre was first president of the society, the second president was Mrs. Wm. McNaul. There were six active members at this time. Miss Janie McKay was secretary and treasurer for a number of years.

For years these ladies worked and paid the manse debt which was $1,900.00. They bought carpet for the church which cost $190.00, a huge sum back in those days, painted inside of church and secured a piano for the church which we still use in the Sunday School. This Aid Society has done a wonderful work and the vision of the small band of women who organized the society has been enlarged. Its membership, as well as its finances, has been greatly increased.

It was at the manse that five ladies gathered one afternoon in the fall of 1902 and organized the "Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society". Mrs. J. A. Wilson was the organizer and first president of this society. Her interest in Foreign Missions awakened some of us to the needs of the foreign work. After Mrs. Wilson left town nobody would be president, so, rather than let her work go for naught Miss Nell Sprunt (Mrs. Frank Nicrusee) just a young girl, held the society together for a year. Mrs. D. N. Oliver was the second president; she worked with the young people and organized "Helping Hands". She served as organist for years. Mrs. W. A. West, our third president, came to us from Delaware and was an inspiration for our little band of workers. Miss Nell Sprunt was the fourth president of this organization and gave her time to every phase of church work; she also was a great worker with young people. Miss Lillian Peterkin (Mrs. Howard Clark) has always been a wonderful worker in Sunday School and some summers she has been known to take the place of Sunday School superintendent in his absence. Mrs. L. R. Craig, Mrs. Wade Stackhouse and Miss Janie McKay were unusually fine in collecting money for the benefit of the organization. Mrs. W. C. Tolar and Miss McKay as treasurers have done a wonderful work with the finances. These are some of the early workers in Woman's

Work in our church. From this small beginning the membership has increased until there are more than sixty names on the roll today.

In spending its money the society has endeavored to place its funds where the most good could be accomplished. With this end in view one boy was supported in the Kashing School, China, for one year. A little mountain girl was supported at Banner Elk for a number of years, and liberal contributions of money and boxes of clothes have been given to other worthy causes.

On the third Friday afternoon in September, 1920, at the home of Mrs. LeRoy Willliams, the ladies met and changed the name of our society from the "Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society" to the "Woman's Auxiliary". The officers at this time were Mrs. W. B. T. Chandler, President; Mrs. Jno C. Bethea, Vice President; Miss Ruth Stackhouse, Secretary, and Mrs. W. C. Tolar, Treasurer. Our Auxiliary by this time had grown and expanded into a large and wide-awake society. We were contributing largely to Thornwell Orphanage and supporting a child in the foreign field. At the April meeting in 1921 our Auxiliary was divided into two circles, circle No. 1 having twenty-two members and circle No. 2 twenty-three members. This was one of the most prosperous years in the history of the Woman's Auxiliary. The total raised for the year reached almost the thousand dollar mark. The Auxiliary bought electric light fixtures for the new church, sent a large contribution to one of our missionaries in China, and supported a mountain girl.

The year 1922 was in a financial way almost a repetition of 1921. Each year since 1922 the Woman's Auxiliary has celebrated its birthday in May by making a gift to the equipment fund of some girls' school in the foreign field or in the homeland. Under the leadership of our new president, Miss Nell Carmichael, in 1923, our Auxiliary continued to thrive. This organization was instrumental in organizing an auxiliary for the women of the colored Presbyterian church of our town.

In April, 1924, our Auxiliary entertained Pee Dee Presbyterial. We purchased a piano for the primary department of our Sunday School, sent a Negro girl to the colored woman's conference at Columbia, and contributed to almost all calls. The year 1925 found our Auxiliary under the leadership of an unusually able staff of officers. In the early part of this year a Business Girls' Circle was organized with nineteen charter members. It contributed to Grace Saxe Chapel for the lepers in Korea and sent $150.00 to Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Moore,

missionaries in Japan. In December our Auxiliary was honored by a visit from Mrs. W. C. Winsborough. Her subject for the afternoon was "Watchman, What of the Night?"

In the beginning of 1926 we adopted for our budget $600.00; Loyalty Week offering was $162.75. We bought shrubbery for the church lawn for $195.00 and contributed funds for the library at Blackey, Ky. In January, 1927, Rev. Frank Baker, a returned missionary from Brazil, spoke to our women on his work in the foreign fields. A "Home Circle" was organized with eight members. The Woman's Auxiliary had a part in conducting an Adult Night School at the mill village. This work was our outstanding feature for the year.

The year 1928 finds the women of our Auxiliary still busy organizing. This year the high school girls were organized into a circle by Mrs. Fred. J. Hay.

For a number of years our society has defrayed the expenses of a delegate to the colored woman's conference, Columbia, also for several years have sent one, and sometimes more, delegates to Young People's Conference at Clinton. Our Clemson pledge of $80.00 to assist in enlarging the Presbyterian Church at Clemson College has been raised.

DUNBAR

In 1918 the society at Dunbar with membership of eight joined the Presbyterial. Miss Louise McQueen was president for three years followed by Mrs. E. M. McQueen, but no further report is given of the work till 1924 when an Auxiliary was organized. Mrs. J. E. McQueen has been president since its organization. The banner year was 1926 when the membership was sixteen and budget $95.00; this year the membership is fifteen. The membership is so scattered that it is hard to get work done.

EFFINGHAM

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Effingham Church was organized during the summer of 1908 by Miss Julia Erwin. The charter members were: Mrs. H. J. McCall, Miss Emma McCall, Miss Annie McCall, Mrs. Carl Dargan, Mrs. Ella C.

Dargan, Mrs. B. D. Dargan, Mrs. J. H. Coker, Mrs. T. F. Hart and Miss Lulie Hart. The first officers were: Mrs. J. H. Coker, President; Mrs. B. D. Dargan, Vice President; Mrs. Carl Dargan, Treasurer and Secretary.

The records from the time of organization till 1916 were lost but in that time Mrs. Carl Dargan, Mrs. B. D. Dargan, Miss Emma McCall and Mrs. H. B. McCall served as presidents, Mrs. Carl Dargan and Miss Annie McCall as secretary and treasurer.

In 1916 Mrs. W. B. Gillespie was elected secretary and treasurer and has continued to hold these offices till the present time (1928). The records show officers for the years 1916-17: President, Mrs. B. D. Dargan; Vice President, Mrs. Chas. Hatchell; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. W. B. Gillespie. In 1917 Mrs. R. T. Gillespie, Sr., was elected president and continued in office until 1924 when Mrs. H. B. McCall was made president and still holds that office. From 1916 to the present time the following have served as vice presidents: Mrs. Chas. Hatchell 1916-1918, Mrs. D. E. Fraser 1918 to 1920, Mrs. H. B. McCall 1920-1924, Mrs. P. D. Patrick 1924-1927.

In March, 1922, the name was changed to the Woman's Auxiliary of Effingham Church and three circles were formed. Mrs. P. D. Patrick was circle organizer. Our first budget was made in the year 1922, being $60.00, to be paid in $5.00 monthly payments into our church treasury. Our budget for the year 1926-27 was $120.00.

Our Auxiliary has never done anything startling but its growth has been steady. The purpose of the organization was educational and through it the women have become more familiar with the work of our church. We have grown spiritually as well; in the early life of the society only one or two of the members would lead in prayer, now it is an exception when one refuses to do so. What blessings may we not expect from such a band!

Delegates are sent to Clinton Conference and to the Colored Women's Conference. The colored Bible class was supplied with Testaments.

The growth and uplift of any community is in proportion to the interest of the people in public schools and churches. In any wide-awake rural community you will usually find one leader who has dreamed and worked and worked and dreamed, thus leading the community to bigger and better things. It was so with Effingham.

Miss Josephine McCown, a consecrated young woman, married J. S. McCall and settled in Effingham in 1860. The nearest church

was Lebanon Methodist Church, which has long ago been dissolved, then Elim Baptist, some four miles away. The nearest Presbyterian church was Hopewell, ten miles away, over bad roads, creeks that were not bridged and often too high to cross.

Although Mrs. McCall was vitally interested in all community problems, her heart was in her church. When the Florence Church was organized she became a charter member, then when Effingham Presbyterian Church was organized, she became a charter member there; this was in 1906. She continued a member of this church until her death in 1925. The Auxiliary always gained inspiration from the loyalty and consecration of this senior member. Although in frail health for years and attending the Auxiliary meetings only in the summer, her guidance was always sought and her valued advice freely given. She was a blessing to each member of the Auxiliary. She became known to the community as "Mother McCall", a title of love and loyalty. At the time she was called home her interest was in seeing her dreams again becoming a reality; an eight room manse was about completed and plans were made for remodelling the church and for building and equipping modern Sunday School rooms. Any community with such a builder is blessed. Her memory still leads on; may God fully reveal her dreams and desires for her beloved community, and lead the many souls here to the Christ whom she loved and served!

FLORENCE

Mrs. H. E. Davis has given a detailed account of the conduct of the women's societies and, as this is typical of that of most of the missionary and aid societies, it is given in full. The Florence Auxiliary has ninety percent on the Standard of Excellence, and especially encouraging in the report of 1927 are sixty-one family altars, 120 who lead in prayer, one candidate for the ministry and five volunteers for life service.

THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLORENCE

I. Organization

Nothing is known of the Woman's Work in the Florence Presbyterian Church until 1888. Judging the past from the present, it is sure that the elect ladies from the beginning of the work were active and busy about the King's business.

The first organizer of Woman's Work in the Southern Presbyterian Church was Mrs. Elizabeth Anne McRae, of sainted memory, from Wilmington, N. C. First she organized the Missionary Unions of Wilmington and Fayetteville Presbyteries. The church then asked her to go to other states and as field worker organize other societies. In 1888 Mrs. McRae visited Florence, and in the old church, on Church Street where the Y. M. C. A. now stands, organized the present Ladies' Aid Society. To-day, in this year of our Lord 1926, two of the elect ladies who were charter members of that first organization abide with us. These ladies are Mrs. E. W. Lloyd and Mrs. John L. Barringer. When Mrs. Elizabeth Anne McRae asked that each charter member give a dollar as a beginning for the treasury, Mrs. E. W. Lloyd and her husband, Col. E. W. Lloyd, gave two dollars as the first offering. The devotion and loyalty of both Mrs. Lloyd and Mrs. Barringer have never failed, and today children and grandchildren of these noble women are true and faithful workers in the Florence Presbyterian Church.

There are no records to be found of these early years. The new church was being erected during that time, and no doubt fine work was done in aiding in the building. Not till 1896 were the records preserved, and we find that the constitution presented by Mrs. Elizabeth McRae at the organization in 1888 is still in effect in 1926, with a few amendments. It provides no time limit for the terms of officers. The order of business is as follows:

1. Bible Reading and Prayer
2. Roll Call
3. Reading of Minutes
4. Reading of Communications and Bills
5. Reports of Committees
6. New Business
7. Payment of Dues
8. Announcement of Next Meeting
9. Adjournment.

The following quotation from the constitution is of interest:

"Members are required to make the business of the society strictly private, and avoid all personalities and unkindness to each other, and to attend the meetings or render an excuse". Also: "All regular members absent three times from the meetings and not paying dues, if in the city, must send a reason or they will be suspended".

Later this clause was amended in 1906 thus: "That members'

names be retained till they ask them to be taken off, but if they do not attend for twelve months, nor pay their dues, they lose the right to vote, and become nominal members.'' In 1917 the constitution was again amended to provide for a second vice president.

The membership in 1896 was thirty-two. A number of men of the church seem to be on the roll also at this time, and until after Mr. R. T. Gillespie became pastor, the meetings seem to have almost always been opened by a devotional led by the pastor. The meetings were always held in the homes as at the present time.

At one time the society was divided into ''Working Circles'', each making money for the objects of the gifts of the society. The dues were ten or twenty-five cents a month, and free will offerings besides.

In 1905 a Junior Aid Society was organized, with Miss Florence McKenzie as president. Later a Foreign Missionary Society was organized, the nucleus of the present Woman's Auxiliary. In 1922 the Aid Society agreed to try for two years the plan of working as Pastor's Aid Circle of the Woman's Auxiliary. In 1925, at the urgent and unanimous request of the pastor and the session of the church, this beloved band returned to its old name, ''The Ladies' Aid'', and is doing a more useful and helpful work than ever.

II. What Has Been the Work of the Ladies' Aid During its Existence?

With records lacking, it is impossible to do full justice to the blessed work of these faithful women during the thirty-eight years of its existence.

It has been, first of all, the pastor's right arm in the local church work, but in all its history it has never refused to give liberally to every cause—to schools and calls on the foreign field, a response has gone; manses, churches and chapels all over the territory of the Southern Church have been aided; mission mountain schools have been built; scholarships to poor girls have been given at Banner Elk, at Montreat Normal, at Nacoochee, and at Durant College; candidates for the ministry and students at the Assembly's Training School have been helped—no request has ever been turned down.

Then, let us turn to what is the special work of this splendid band.

They worked to build the present church on Evans Street. There was always an Organ Fund, to buy the small organs formerly used, and for the present fine pipe organ $1,500.00 was given by the Aid. This society gave the pulpit furniture, the beautiful communion service

and collection plates, adding to it all as the membership has grown during Dr. Graham's pastorate. These ladies furnished the pastor's study or session room, the ladies' parlor, put up the bulletin board at the church, the brass choir rail, twice has helped in buying hymn books and recently has given a handsome copy of the Church Hymnal for the pulpit. In 1920, a full set of china and three dozen of fine flat silver were bought for the use of the church in entertaining, a silver vase, a runner for the communion table, and attractive baskets for the flowers put by the Flower Committee of the Ladies' Aid in the church each Sabbath. Since the Traveler's Aid was established in Florence, this society has sent a check regularly each month for its share towards its maintenance.

Dear to the hearts of our ladies are the orphans at Thornwell. From the beginning, $6.00 a month was sent to the Orphanage, then raised to $10.00, and now $15.00 is sent each month without fail. Besides, boxes of clothing, food supplies and money are sent, and one year a piano was bought and shipped to the "Home of Peace" at Thornwell. This year the society is sending bags of clothing to Stuart Robinson School, Blackey, Ky., with its more than four hundred mountain children. The Aid Society also bought the piano for Bethesda Chapel.

III.

For years the Ladies' Aid administered the Poor Fund of the church, the deacons giving $5.00 a month, "but the Ladies' Aid Society, it did all the rest!" For eight years these ladies took entire care of Miss Emma Polk, and for several years cared for Miss Blankinship, buried her at Mount Hope cemetery at her death, and put the lot later in "perpetual care".

By its efforts, a singer has been provided for several years to assist in the music of the church. Its funds have helped to pay off every debt that the church has ever had.

These ladies have led always in social activities of the congregation, giving receptions and suppers, and in generous gifts to their several pastors and their families.

Besides free will offerings and dues, the Ladies' Aid has had bazaars, a basket of fancy work for sale, subscriptions to magazines and other sales on commission. The first rummage sale was held in 1915. Lunches and suppers have been served on various public occasions, and since 1915 the good dinners served by the Ladies' Aid at the County Fair have been a fine source of income.

The treasury of this society has never been empty. The Lord has blessed all their labours, and each month their obligations have been promptly met.

Besides the regular work, the Ladies' Aid is always ready to help their pastor and the session of the church in any form of Christian service with loyalty and devotion.

IV.

The following is the list of presidents of the Ladies' Aid since 1896: Mrs. Hector McSween (twice), Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. John L. Barringer (twice), and Mrs. J. W. McCown, the present President.

Practically all the members of this society work earnestly and efficiently in the nine circles of the Woman's Auxiliary, organized on the Assembly's Plan.

THE MARION WOODROW CLARK SOCIETY 1905-1908

The Marion Woodrow Clark Society was the first missionary organization among the women of the Presbyterian Church of Florence. It was organized on June 15, 1905, under the leadership of Rev. Melton Clark, pastor, the meeting being held at the home of Mrs. J. L. Barringer, with ten charter members as follows: Mesdames J. L. Barringer, B. W. Butler, R. C. Commander, H. J. Jaeger, Lola Johnston, E. W. Lloyd, E. McClenaghan, Mamie McSween, Annie Wilson and Miss Florence McKenzie. The first officers were: President, Mrs. B. W. Butler; Vice President, Mrs. R. C. Commander; Secretary, Miss Florence McKenzie; Treasurer, Mrs. E. McClenaghan.

A committee, with Mrs. J. L. Barringer as chairman, wrote a good constitution, fixing the dues at ten cents per month, with ten cents per annum union dues. It is interesting to note that the first constitution ruled that "no officer shall be elected to the same office more than two consecutive terms".

The society immediately became a member of the Pee Dee Union. Mrs. Fraser James and Mrs. Sligh, Misses Mary DuBose and Julia Erwin, of Darlington, Mrs. G. G. Palmer of Cartersville, and Mrs. J. L. Perkins of Marion were distinguished visitors at this first meeting. The first offering of the society was used to send Mrs. James, president of Pee Dee Union, to Asheville to attend a missionary convention. Only four months after its organization, the society with the help of the church entertained the Pee Dee Union.

The meetings were held on the second Tuesday of each month, the

first year in the homes of the members, and afterwards in the church. The program at these meetings consisted of devotional exercises, usually conducted by the pastor or the president of the society. We read in the minutes that at this early date twenty cents worth of sentence prayers were ordered for use in the organization. The devotional was followed by a business period, after which came "The Literary Program", as it was always called, although it was confined entirely to subjects of mission work. A fine of five cents was imposed for the failure to perform work assigned on the program. The practice of serving refreshments was not at that time associated with missions.

The society had rather a unique custom of keeping a question box, which the pastor opened when he visited the meetings (which he often did) and answered the questions.

During the three years of its activity, the membership of the society never exceeded twenty-five. The average attendance at the meetings was about one-fourth of this number. Although small in size, we find in this society the beginning of almost every activity of a model missionary society. The society was always represented at the missionary union, Mrs. J. L. Barringer being the first representative at Dillon, in 1906. Books for a missionary library were collected in a book case and circulated by the secretary. Canvasses were regularly made by Mrs. Hector McSween for "The Missionary". Here too our Mission Study classes had their origin. The first successful attempt recorded was a class consisting of Mesdames J. R. McCown, J. L. Barringer and Lola Johnston, with Mrs. H. E. Davis as leader, in 1907. In May of this year, Mr. Cameron Johnson stimulated the interest in mission work by his illustrated lecture.

In addition to the dues, which reached a maximum of twenty-five cents per month, mite boxes were distributed for self-denial offerings for missions. The money remaining after expenses and special gifts made by the society was turned over to the treasurer of the church.

After the resignation of the pastor, Mr. Clark, the society, for lack of leadership perhaps, became inactive and was never revived, but a year or two later a new society was organized which took the place of this one.

Presidents: Mesdames B. W. Butler, R. C. Commander and J. R. McCown.

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLORENCE, S. C., 1909-1923

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, FLORENCE, S. C., 1923-1926

Organization

The Woman's Missionary Society was organized by Rev. R. T. Gillespie on Monday, October 4, 1909, in the Presbyterian Church. The charter members were as follows: Mrs. L. T. Barnes, Mrs. J. L. Barringer, Mrs. George Briggs, Mrs. J. T. French, Mrs. Johnson Gregg, Mrs. R. T. Gillespie, Mrs. H. E. Davis, Mrs. C. M. Funk, Mrs. V. M. Hanner, Mrs. H. J. Jaeger, Mrs. Lola Johnston, Mrs. J. W. McCown, Mrs. J. R. McCown, Mrs. Ella McIntyre, Mrs. B. B. Napier, Mrs. M. G. Scott, Mrs. Lee Shearer, Miss Irene French, Miss Florence McKenzie and Miss Corinth Baker.

The first officers of the society were: President, Mrs. J. R. McCown; Vice President, Mrs. L. T. Barnes; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Florence McKenzie.

Constitutions

Mrs. J. L. Barringer, Miss Boyd and Mrs. M. G. Scott drafted the first constitution, which continued in effect with few amendments for twelve years, after which it was redrafted by Mesdames H. E. Davis, Arthur White and Clyde Brown to meet the needs of the growing society.

It became necessary to make another change in the constitution in 1925, when the Auxiliary plan was adopted. Mesdames T. B. Young, H. E. Davis and J. D. Murchison prepared a new constitution, which was approved by the pastor and adopted by the Auxiliary.

Meetings

During the first few years, the meetings were held on the third Friday of the month, first in the session room and later in the Sunday School room. There was only one meeting held during the month.

Beginning in 1913 and continuing for the next ten years, there was an additional meeting per month, that of departments. This increase in the number of meetings resulted in an increase in interest which found expression in a demand for the furnishing of the church parlors. This was accomplished in an appropriate manner, to the delight of the members, by the society assisted by the Ladies' Aid.

In September, 1924, the Auxiliary began to meet four times a month, on Tuesdays, which day through the efforts of Mrs. M. G. Scott had been set apart by general consent as "Church Day" in Florence. The order of meetings is as follows: first Tuesday, Executive Board meeting; second Tuesday, business meeting of the Auxiliary; third Tuesday, the circles, and on the fourth Tuesday, the program meeting of the Auxiliary. This plan has proven quite successful, as we now have sufficient time for our programs, which formerly were crowded out by the business session.

After the devotion, formerly led by the president at all times but now often in the hands of various members, there followed the business session, which has not always been conducted in strict accordance with parliamentary rule, but results were satisfactory.

Our meetings have always been interesting, the programs being varied, including all phases of Home and Foreign Mission work. These programs were in charge of a committee during the first few years, but when the membership was divided into sections, the work of presenting the programs was assigned to the circles in rotation, with the secretaries of the various causes leading.

Until recent years our offerings were called "dues" and were collected by varoius methods, hence there was no passing of a collection plate at the meetings until Dr. H. T. Graham taught us that making an offering is a part of worship.

The attendance during the first few years averaged about fifty per cent of the membership, but as the society increased the rate of attendance diminished to about thirty-five per cent. In 1918 an attendance of twenty was considered a good meeting. Forty-four is our high water mark.

Mission Study Classes

Classes for special study of books on Missions were planned at the second meeting of the society in 1909. It has been our policy to hold classes for Home Mission study in the fall and for Foreign Mission study in the spring. Following these study classes, it has been our custom since 1911 to observe the special seasons of prayer and self-denial.

The addresses of foreign missionaries have been another source of inspiration. It has been our privilege to hear Mr. Cameron Johnson, Mr. McAlpine, Mr. J. R. Graham, Mrs. H. K. Taylor, Mr. Henry Reaves, Miss Sophie Graham, Miss Craig, Dr. Rachel McMaster, Mr.

D. A. Swicord, and as a constant source of inspiration we have two members, Mrs. H. T. Graham and Mrs. R. M. Johnston, who have worked in foreign fields.

Changes in Organization

The first important change in our organization was made in 1913 at the request of Miss Julia Erwin, president of the Union. Under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gillespie, the society was divided into four departments, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, and Sunday School Extension, each with a secretary or leader, elected by the society. The membership of these departments remained stationary, and the names or causes were shifted each year, each department studying and working for its own cause the whole year. The departmental meetings were held in the homes of the members, with the added pleasure of a social feature. In those days we were too dependent on Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie. We find that after they left us, interest in the society lagged, and finally the departments became inactive but the society survived.

Upon the advice of the new pastor, Dr. H. T. Graham, these departments were not revived, but later, in 1919, during the presidency of Mrs. H. E. Davis, a new plan was adopted at the suggestion of Mrs. Graham. This plan provided for two circles, the division being made geographically rather than numerically. All members residing on the east side of Dargan Street were included in the Graham Circle, and those on the west side composed the Davis Circle. The secretaries of causes were retained and had charge of the programs at the meetings of the society. These circles held interesting meetings in the homes of their members and were kept in close touch with the society by monthly reports, making their own collections of "dues". They earned additional money by their efforts, making a very noticeable increase in our budget. There was also a marked increase in membership and interest in the work generally. At the request of Mrs. H. E. Davis, for whom the circle was named, the name of the Davis Circle was changed to the West End Circle. The reason for this request was that it might cause factionalism to have the two circles named for two resident members who were leaders.

The Ladies' Aid Society and the Gleaners, at the request of Mrs. Graham during her term as president, came into the society as circles, and the name was changed to "The Woman's Auxiliary", although we had not adopted the model Auxiliary Plan. There was a mistaken idea

prevailing at that time among the leaders as well as the members that there could be no Auxiliary unless the Aid Society and the Gleaners should become a part of it. This was a compromise in order to change our society into an Auxiliary. The circles added a number to their names and were designated as follows: Pastor's Aid Circle No. 1, West End Circle No. 2, Graham Circle No. 3, and the Gleaners No. 4. This plan did not work well, since the Aid Society and the Gleaners were not willing to give up their identity, and after two years' trial as circles, they withdrew and continued to operate independently of each other. This did not affect the Auxiliary, however, and the model Auxiliary Plan was adopted in 1925, and harmony was restored after several years of misunderstanding and confusion. According to the new plan, there were six circles, designated by the numbers one to six, inclusive, without the names as heretofore. A strong feature of the new plan was the annual shifting of members, affording a better opportunity for becoming acquainted with one another.

The Girls' Circle was organized in 1925. It is now in a flourishing condition, and is a benefit both to the Auxiliary and to the girls of the "teen" age.

The Home Circle was organized in 1926 and had the effect of bringing many inactive members into the work.

Accomplishments

The Missionary Society did very little local work on account of the existence of the Ladies' Aid Society. We gave substantial aid to three students, Bertie May Cautrell, at Lees McRae Institute; LeRoy Wilson, at Presbyterian College of South Carolina, and James Gillespie, at the Seminary.

Creditable donations were made to the Church and Manse Fund, to the Graham Building in Jacksonville, Fla., and to the Baby Cottage at Thornwell Orphanage. We contributed our full quota to all the Presbyterial special benevolences, among them being the support of a Bible woman in Korea and the Mrs. Fraser James Scholarship Fund. After the King's Daughters opened a Travelers' Aid office at our busy railroad station, recognizing its importance, we made substantial monthly contributions to this work.

In 1914, the society contributed one-half of the purchase price of the church hymn books, the money being earned by Saturday sales of hand-made articles and cooked food. This is the first record we

have of a concerted effort on the part of the society to earn money. The old books were sent to a mission at Plum Tree, N. C.

Other causes to which we have contributed in varying amounts were as follows: Erection of a dormitory at Durant College; Thornwell Orphanage; Assembly's Training School; Protestant churches in France after the World War; Mission schools in the mountains; Chinese Famine Fund; Tornado sufferers; Near East Relief; Door of Hope, and local Associated Charities.

We bought three organs, one for our own use, one for our Primary Department of the Sunday School, and a portable organ for Miss Zoulean Anderson's mission work. We were especially interested in her work in the mountains since she had been one of our own members. We also sent contributions of money and clothing to be used in her work.

The society since its organization has made the regular canvass for "The Missionary", and in 1913, began the annual canvass for the church papers.

During the war the society assisted in Red Cross work, and afterwards took up the White Cross work.

The society cooperated with the Sunday School in 1918 in giving the first Christmas entertainment. We also sent Christmas gifts to the children of home missionaries.

One of the mot important features of our work is the systematic visiting of the sick and the strangers in our congregation.

We cooperate with the Senior Christian Endeavor in supervising the Junior Societies.

Methods of Making Money

We read in the minutes of 1914: "Mrs. Bell was asked to see Mr. Zehe, who has charge of disposing of the refuse of the town trash carts and request him to give the Missionary Society all the scrap iron he may find, as this can be sold to advantage". Once rags, old newspapers and other junk were collected in the basement of the church where it was inspected by the pastor, Mr. Gillespie, before being loaded on a wagon at the side door and accompanied to the junk shop by two of the leading women of the society.

The first rummage sale recorded was held in the fall of 1915 for the purpose of starting a Presbyterian Church for the Syrians in Florence (but the money was never used for that purpose). These sales were frequently held, first in vacant stores, and later from auto-

mobiles on "Rummage Sale Corner". Thus it became our custom to earn the money for special work instead of taking it out of the treasury. The money for the benevolent causes was derived from monthly dues and free will offerings. These dues were paid to the treasurer at the close of the meetings, supplemented by special collections.

Finances

In 1909, when the society was organized, the amount of dues was fixed at ten cents per month and remained at this low figure until 1918, when the amount was raised to twenty-five cents. In 1919, Mrs. Davis introduced the custom of using envelopes, and the collection was for the first time taken as a part of the program. In 1924 we abolished "dues" and instituted free will offerings, which were collected at the circle meetings and reported at the Auxiliary meetings.

For the first ten years our money was disbursed by popular vote in response to appeals for help. Then at the close of each year, the little that remained in the treasury was divided among the causes by the Executive Committee. At the request of Mrs. H. E. Davis during her presidency, a new method was adopted. The treasurer was instructed to disburse all undesignated funds, quarterly, to the Assembly's causes according to a scale of percentage, approved by the Assembly. The various sums of money were sent directly to the treasurers of Assembly's causes until the Presbytery appointed one treasurer to receive all the money. The privilege of making donations to special causes was not denied individuals or groups, however. This was the beginning of our Budget System, which was finally perfected in 1925, when an itemized budget was made by the Executive Committee at the beginning of the year and adopted by the Auxiliary for its guidance during the year. In April, 1912, our budget was: Total amount received from dues and gifts, $47.70; disbursements, $36.11; amount left on hand, $11.59. The president made an earnest appeal to raise it to $50.00 the next year. There were thirty-four contributing members at this time. During the next seven years, the budget was gradually increased to $205.00 (1919), with a membership of fifty-five. At present (1926) our budget is $1,000.00, with a membership of one hundred and fifteen. Of this amount, $600.00 goes to Assembly's benevolent causes, and $400.00 for local expense and special benevolences. In 1927-28 the Ladies' Aid bave $1,977 and the Auxiliary $1,048.

Conferences

One of the first things the society did after its organization in 1909 was to elect delegates to the Missionary Union, and almost every year since we have been well represented at its annual meetings. In 1915 the society entertained the Presbyterial at its first meeting after the name was changed from the Missionary Union to the Presbyterial.

Again, in 1926, we were hostess to the Presbyterial. Just a few years previous to this, it was our privilege to have the Institute and Training School for Officers to meet here under the auspices of the Presbyterial. The Executive Committee has often chosen Florence for its meeting place.

Every year since the beginning in 1924 of the Young People's Conferences at Clinton, the Auxiliary has sent Elizabeth Johnson, who now has her diploma, as our representative.

During the presidency of Mrs. McCutcheon, we began the work of sending a colored woman to the colored conferences. Mabel Dozier, Ida Singletary and Nettie Cohen have been the recipients of these benefits.

In 1924, the Auxiliary decided to send each president to Montreat to attend the School of Missions. Mrs. Noel Johnson and Mrs. E. R. McIver have taken advantage of this. Others who have attended at various times are Mesdames Arthur White, H. E. Davis, M. G. Scott, L. B. O'Ferrall, J. R. McCown, W. H. Ross and Clyde Brown.

Social Features

Delightful receptions have been given from time to time in honor of returning soldiers, departing college students, and local school teachers.

Each year since 1922, we have celebrated the Auxiliary birthday in May with a party for the benefit of Miss Dowd's school in Japan, Mexican School for Girls, Assembly's Training School at Richmond, Charlotte Kemper School, Brazil, and endowment for the Bible Chair in Oklahoma College.

We have had some delightful picnic meetings during the summer at Muldrow's Mill and other attractive places. The custom of serving refreshments, which had been started when the church parlors were first furnished but discontinued during the war, was resumed in 1924, each circle taking its turn as hostess.

The society has always maintained an attitude of respectful deference toward the pastor and the session. The session, however,

seldom exercises its right to direct the Woman's Work, leaving that to the pastor almost entirely. When the Auxiliary was formed, it requested the Ladies' Aid Society not to disband. The pastor is kept in touch with the society by reports, and his wise counsel is freely given when it is sought, but the consistent policy of Dr. Graham and the session has been that of allowing the women to solve their own problems. This has resulted in a self-reliant body of women, with considerable leadership.

Women Who Have Been Leaders

The burdens and responsibilities of leadership have been so well distributed among the many talented and capable women of our Auxiliary that we find it difficult to limit the number worthy of mention in this sketch.

Foremost among the outstanding women we find Mrs. J. R. McCown, an enthusiastic mission worker, who filled the office of president for eight years; Mrs. J. L. Barringer, who has held many important offices and has been very generous with her money and beautiful home; Mrs. R. T. Gillespie, a woman of charming personality, who was a constant source of help and inspiration to us in our work: Miss Florence McKenzie, secretary and treasurer for more than twenty years and who still fills the office of treasurer with the same efficiency and accuracy that have always characterized her work; Mrs. H. T. Graham, whose culture and vivacious manner have endeared her to many, and whose close relationship to many engaged in Foreign Mission work makes her invaluable to our programs; Mrs. H. E. Davis, who having been reared at Thornwell Orphanage is strong for law and order, and has rendered valuable service to the society in leading Mission Study classes, preparing budgets and constitutions, and introducing parliamentary methods in the conduct of business; Mrs. L. B. McCutcheon, who has busied herself in all phases of the work, particularly in inter-racial, spiritual and educational departments;. Mrs. Noel Johnson, the courageous and progressive president, who took the final steps necessary to complete the organization of our Auxiliary; Mrs. J. C. Kendall, who has filled our most important offices with credit to herself and the society; Mrs. Arthur White, one of our presidents, who brought us much information from the many and various conferences which she was privileged to attend. Mrs. J. D. Murchison and Mrs. Clyde Brown are two efficient members, both having served as recording secretaries and circle leaders. Mrs. L. T. Barnes is our main-

stay in raising money and giving entertainments. Mrs. J. W. Heape is our artistic member who gives unstintingly of her time and talent when occasion demands. Mrs. T. B. Young was born in Japan, but fortunately for us her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Brown, brought her back to America. Capable and spiritually minded, she is an influential member. Other women who have exerted a strong influence for good are Mesdames Jaeger, Ross, Allen, Campbell, Salters, McIntyre, O'Ferrall, Campbell, and Miss Amelia Howard. These ladies, with Mrs. Graham and Mrs. R. M. Johnston, have been our mainstay as Bible teachers and devotional leaders.

Mesdames John McCown, Hector McNeill, D. H. McEachern, John Martin, G. McGregor, C. M. Gregg, B. W. Laughlin, M. C. Stuckey and P. W. Caldwell, and Miss Inez Funk are young leaders of the hour. You will hear more of them in the next history.

With our new president, Mrs. E. R. McIver, fresh from the School of Missions at Montreat and filled with energy and joy in her work, the Woman's Auxiliary is confidently looking forward to brighter and more useful years of service in the Master's Kingdom.

Officers

Presidents: Mrs. J. R. McCown, 1909-1910; Mrs. J. L. Barringer, 1910-1911; Mrs. J. R. McCown, 1911-1914; Mrs. R. A. Wilson and Mrs. W. M. Smith, 1914-1915; Mrs. J. R. McCown, 1915-1917; Mrs. J. C. Kendall, 1917-1918; Mrs. H. E. Davis, 1918-1920; Mrs. L. B. McCutcheon, 1920-1922; Mrs. H. Tucker Graham, 1922-1923; Mrs. Noel Johnson, 1924-1926; Mrs. E. R. McIver, 1926-1928; Mrs. H. E. Davis, 1928.

FAIR HOPE

There is no record of any organization among the women of Fair Hope Church though they have banded together in sending gifts to Thornwell Orphanage.

FORK

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Fork Church was organized in 1916 and joined the Presbyterial in that year. The only reports sent to the Presbyterial since its organization were from 1922 to 1924 during which time Mrs. L. M. Rogers was president. The membership in 1922

was eleven, in 1923 it decreased to eight. This year it is listed as a circle of the Mullins Auxiliary with Mrs. L. M. Rogers as chairman. The membership is five, budget $35.00.

HAMER

About 1902 Rev. James A. Wilson organized a "Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society" with about fifteen members in the Hamer Church. Miss Martha McDuffie was president, and Mrs. J. H. McEachern secretary and treasurer. For several years the society had for its definite work the furnishing of the church, which was built in 1906. It was then known as Beulah Church and changed to "Hamer" in 1923. This was one of the first societies to change to the Woman's Auxiliary, the change being made in 1918. The membership varied from six to twelve. Practically all who are physically able attend the Auxiliary meetings. Several members teach and work in the cotton mill Sunday School. Twenty-five dollars was sent for a Korean helper to the Korean fund as long as it lasted. This Auxiliary has always had large per capita gifts, in 1925, this reached $37.00 per capita. Generous gifts to church schools have been made by members of this Auxiliary but not through the Auxiliary. Presidents since 1914 have been Miss Katherine McEachern, Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mrs. J. A. McEachern (2), Miss E. McEachern (2), Mrs. J. A. McEachern, Mrs. R. P. Hamer (2), Miss Flora Hamer (2), and Mrs. J. A. McEachern (2). In 1926 the Hamer Auxiliary united with the Kentyre. This may have been due to the marriage and removal to Mississippi of the president, Miss Flora Hamer. In 1927 the Auxiliary had Mrs. J. A. McEachern as president, and is listed as doing separate work as formerly.

From the Presbyterial Secretary's report in 1921 the following is copied, the reference being to the Hamer Auxiliary: "One Auxiliary report deserves special mention—please note it is an Auxiliary. It reports eighteen members in the church, six members in the Auxiliary, one of whom teaches away from home. Every woman in the church is connected with the Auxiliary. Five copies of the 'Survey' are taken, there is one Prayer Band with five members, one Bible Study class with five members, one Home and Foreign Mission Study class each with five members. $120.00 was contributed to all causes, or $20.00 per capita. Nearly every woman in the Auxiliary is an officer or secretary, and this Auxiliary is furnishing our Presbyterial with a president, Mrs. R. P. Hamer."

HARTSVILLE

It will be of interest to the present flourishing Auxiliary to know from what a small beginning the Hartsville Church sprang. In 1858 the attention of old Harmony Presbytery was directed to a very irreligious portion of Darlington County known as Kellytown. Through the zealous labor and interest of Col. and Mrs. T. C. Law, a Home Mission station was organized. A small band of Presbyterians, composed of two families, in which were five communicants, resided in the adjoining neighborhood of Hartsville, and they gave invaluable help. From this mission field grew the old Center Point Church, so called from its location being easily reached by members of the mission station. Soon after the organization of the church a Ladies' Aid Society was formed with few members as material was so limited. This was the second oldest Ladies' Aid Society in the Presbyterial. The president, Mrs. T. C. Law, by her untiring zeal was able through the society to do much good and through God's blessing the work prospered. Home Mission work was the main object. About 1896 the church was moved from the country to the rapidly growing town of Hartsville and the name changed to the Hartsville Presbyterian Church. The Ladies' Aid Society was re-organized with increased membership. Though the work was not very successful at first, interest increased. In 1908 a Woman's Missionary Society was formed, later a Junior Missionary Society which grew and flourished under the wise leadership of its president, Mrs. E. W. Cannon. In 1918 all societies were united into the Woman's Auxiliary. The work and interest has grown from the support of a $50.00 share in the Foreign Mission Field to the present budget of almost $1,086.00, given to all causes the church recommends. Perhaps the best idea of the activities of this Auxiliary would be a leaf from the historian's Scrap Book giving the work for one year.

"1923. Most interesting talk by Miss Fishbourne, home missionary from Kentucky mountains. Mexican Fiesta, $30.95 given to school for Mexican girls.

"$200.00 contributed to shrubbery and improvement of church grounds.

"$25.00 to Cleveland Fire Relief Fund.

"$200.00 for Louise Mayes Baby Cottage.

"Served meals one day during Tonsil Clinic held at Coker College.

"Delegates sent to Institute at Chesterfield.

"Mission Study class using 'The Child and America's Future'.



THE HARTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

and four pioneer workers in the Woman's Auxiliary: Upper left, Mrs. H. Lide Law; upper right, Mrs. F. C. McNair; lower left, Mrs. E. W. Cannon; lower right, Miss Emma C. Law.

"Special Home Mission offering $25.00.

"$50.00 to help build a church at Patrick.

"Foreign Mision Study class using 'The White Fields of Japan.'

"Self-denial offering for Foreign Missions $57.00.

"$50.00 to local negro Presbyterian Church.

"Red Cross Work, clothing. Twenty kimonas for Japanese earthquake sufferers. Twelve Christmas baskets, etc.

"Pledges and special offerings amounted to $1124.00."

The presidents listed in the Presbyterial Union since 1914 are Mrs. E. W. Cannon (4), Mrs. M. S. McKinnon (2), the first president of the Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. A. S. Morrison (2), Mrs. A. M. McNair (2), Mrs. L. B. Stephenson (2), and Mrs. V. Tatum.

In 1925 Miss Emma Law, the only living charter member, was made honorary president. She was never a leader for she was so modest and retiring that she would never express her ideas in a meeting, but she has always given generously to all causes. Her wonderful service has been in the Sunday School, where she has since its organization, been superintendent of the Beginners' Department, which place she is still able to hold at the age of seventy-eight.

Mrs. E. W. Cannon was the president and leading spirit in the Ladies' Missionary Society and a charter member of the Ladies' Aid in which she worked for many years. She was most faithful and gave liberally of her talents in service and money.

Mrs. M. S. McKinnon has for the past twenty-three years been a faithful and earnest worker in the church of her adoption. She had the honor to be the president of the local societies before they were consolidated into the Auxiliary. Besides her splendid work in the local Auxiliary she has held the following Presbyterial offices: Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions and President of Pee Dee Presbytreial for two terms. She has attended the Montreat School of Missions almost every summer, alawys bringing home to her Auxiliary splendid ideas and inspiration.

Mrs. Pressley Coker and Mrs. T. E. McAlpine have served the church as organists, and the latter is the Presbyterial Historian. Mrs. J. M. Richardson whose Foreign Mission Scrap Book attracted attention at the Presbyterial is the treasurer of that organization.

Delegates are sent annually to Young People's Conference at Clinton and to the Colored Woman's Conference. Active interest is taken in the Negro Bible class.

HOPEWELL

The first one of the aid societies of which there is any record was in the old Hopewell Church at Claussen, S. C. Back in the '60's when the South was the scene of bloody war, it was organized. It was not distinctly a church organization, but when the news came to our women that the brave men who had gone forth so cheerfully to defend Southern rights, were destitute, without clothes to protect them, no shoes for the march, the biting cold piercing their threadbare garments, our women began to plan ways and means of sending them relief. Old looms were brought out, our white fleecy staple was spun and woven; sheep were sheared, and odd roots and flowers were brewed into pots of dye. Shirts and trousers were fashioned for the soldiers, socks and gloves, scarfs and caps were knit to make them more comfortable. The Ladies' Aid Society included all the women for miles and miles around as Hopewell was the center of this wealthy Pee Dee section. All denominations joined in this work and the meetings were held in the old session house that stood just to the west of the church. Great bundles and bales of clothing together with boxes of provisions, soon found their way to the front.

"This work for the soldiers laid the foundation of more efficient church work, and, when the war was over, these women, trained to work together, devoted their energies to the work of the church. In the early '70's the missionary feature was added and in 1885 a regular Missionary Society was organized, and money was raised to help several other societies in the support of Miss French in China. This society was short lived, but in 1893 the 'Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society' was organized and coming through several changes, became known as the Woman's Auxiliary in 1920." What splendid work was early done by the Auxiliary is attested to by its being rated eighty-five per cent on the Standard of Excellence in 1923. Presidents since 1914 in the order of succession have been Miss Amelia Howard (2), Mrs. W. W. Gregg (1), Mrs. W. W. Bethea (1), Mrs. R. H. Pearce (2), Miss Amelia Howard (1), Mrs. R. H. Pearce (3), Miss Daisy Bethea (2) and Mrs. C. E. Gregg. Contributions have been consistently good with the high water mark of $482 in 1922. All the women are enrolled and in 1926 the amount given per capita was $15.00, the fourth highest in the Presbyterial. In 1910 Hopewell entertained the Presbyterial, the first country church to do this. In 1923 the Auxiliary painted the inside of the church and carpeted it. In 1924 the Auxiliary enlarged its usefulness

by adding a circle whose membership came from other denominations, and organized a Negro Sunday School. A representative from the Christian Endeavor was sent to the New York Convention in 1922.

This church gave to the Presbyterial one of its most faithful treasurers, Miss Amelia Howard, who served in that office many years prior to 1924. Miss Daisy Bethea was vice president of the Presbyterial in 1924 and Secretary of Young People's Work in 1919, and Mrs. F. L. Howard is at present Presbyterial Secretary of Christian Social Service.

Mrs. Mack McPherson and others organized a Sunday School in a needy district. Two Sunday School classes for Negroes were reported to the Presbyterial in 1915. A delegate is sent to the colored conference.

JEFFERSON

The Ladies' Aid Society of Jefferson Presbyterian Church was organized in the spring of 1898, while Rev. T. C. Ligon was pastor of the church. Mrs. W. M. Miller was elected president and Miss Maud Miller secretary. They began with ten members. The first undertaking of the woman's organization was to help raise money to build a manse. Mrs. Becky McCaskill was made chairman of this committee, and through her faithful efforts the necessary amount was soon raised. The Sunday School was in a flourishing condition at this time. Mrs. Rosa Melton who had charge of the music, was a splendid worker with young people and a great help in teaching them to sing. In 1902 Bethel Presbytery met in this church and the women did their part in entertaining the large number of delegates who were present. The women of the church also entertained a Group Conference of Pee Dee Presbyterial. Among the outstanding activities of this faithful band of women we find they raised the money to carpet and paint the church inside and out. Also they helped raise the money to buy an organ. During the pastorate of Rev. A. W. White they added two rooms to the manse and had it painted. They sold the church organ, made most of the money to pay for the beautiful piano, and beautiful communion set. During the last few years they recarpeted the church and with the help of the men added two Sunday School rooms and repainted the church. Mrs. A. W. White and Mrs. R. W. Shannon were faithful in seeing that flowers were always in the church.

This society has always given to Thornwell Orphanage, sending

many boxes, as well as money, and for several years has been clothing an orphan. Mountain schools have been helped, and always have the women of this society tried to give the amount they were called on to give for different causes.

The Ladies' Aid of former days became a Woman's Auxiliary in 1922. The membership has increased to twenty-eight and is divided into three circles, also one home circle. There is also a splendid young girls' circle with twelve members. Evidence of advancement along all lines is manifest and a new period of usefulness is the inevitable outcome of the faith and prayers of the women of this organization. Mrs. Becky McCaskill is the only one of the original Ladies' Aid who is left to rejoice in the growth and progress of the present. Mrs. J. B. Nicholson is the present president.

KENTYRE

The Kentyre Church owes its beginning to an old lady, Miss Peggie Edwards, who once lived in a little log hut near the spot where Kentyre Church now stands. A Methodist preacher happened one day to be passing that way and she asked him to preach in her house. He did so, and her house was used several times for preaching services, though it was much too small. After awhile this preacher passed on and the little band that had gathered at Miss Peggie's house to hear the Word was without a preacher. A Baptist preacher, while out hunting, came upon this hut and she asked him to preach in her house. He told her it was too small and suggested her getting others interested to build seats in the grove. She got to work and succeeded in getting several men to make the seats, over which was a cover of pine tops. In front of this grew two trees, between which was placed a board to serve as a pulpit. Later the school at Pee Dee Church was moved to this place and preaching was held in the school building. In 1871 Rev. J. E. Dunlop of Harmony Presbytery organized the Kentyre Church here.

Missionary societies of short duration were organized in the pastorates of Mr. Brearly and Mr. McNaull. Mrs. Fraser James asked the church to send delegates to the first meeting of the Presbyterial Missionary Union so the pastor, Rev. J. A. Wilson, called a meeting and organized the Kentyre Ladies' Missionary Society with ten members. Misses Cora McIntyre and Sallie Carmichael were elected delegates to the Union but only Miss McIntyre could attend. As we had just organized they called us the Baby Society. The "Baby", however, grew

rapidly up to an enrollment of thirty, but has never been able to solve the problem of attendance. This is due, not so much to indifference or lack of interest, as to distance. As more women learn to drive, the attendance has improved as shown in 1927 an average attendance of fifteen out of a membership of thirty-one.

The first year all dues went to a $50.00 share in the mission station at Nagoya, Japan. After this the society gave to the different causes of the church and became an Aid as well as a Missionary Society. In 1910 the society bought a new carpet for the church and at its instigation the men had the church repainted. In 1914 they began to send chickens each Thanksgiving to the Orphanage, and one year, about 1919, each family set one hen and raised the chickens for the orphans. In 1915 three quilts were made and sent to the Orphanage for Christmas, together with a quantity of canned fruit, and in 1919, one hundred and nineteen jars were filled for them. For two years a French orphan was supported and a boy at Thornwell has been clothed for the last three. Clothes for a girl were also sent one season. Thirty dollars worth of Chinese stamps were sold one year. During the last few years a heater, a carpet sweeper, vases and book racks have been bought for the church and a range for the manse.

The society has three circles and Home and Foreign Mission Study classes. "Possibly the greatest thing that has happened to us was the visit of the Presbyterial which was entertained by Kentyre and Hamer in 1918."

Presidents since 1916 have been Miss Flora Carmichael, Miss Lilly McIntyre, Mrs. D. McDonald (2), Miss M. McEachern, Miss Grace McIntyre, Mrs. W. L. Stephens, Mrs. A. H. Atkins, Mrs. D. McDonald and Mrs. C. C. Thomas (2). In 1926 Hamer united with Kentyre but the union lasted only a year. There are two candidates for the ministry from this church.

LATTA

"The Ladies' Missionary Society" of the Latta Church was organized March, 1913, by Mrs. Kitty Southerland of Laurinburg, N. C., with the following officers: President, Mrs. W. M. McIntyre; Secretary, Miss Leila Bethea; Treasurer, Mrs. Janie Gaddy, and seventeen members. During this year pulpit furniture and a carpet were bought for the church, and $100.00 contributed to different causes. In 1914 the Presbyterial was entertained. As the books have

been lost there is no record of work or contributions except in the minutes of the Presbyterial till 1921. In these minutes it is noted that in 1917 with a membership of seventeen the society raised $184.00, of which $150 was spent for local purposes. In 1921 the largest budget was reached, $440.00, the fine record of $21.00 per capita. The Auxiliary serves dinners each year at the Dillon County fair grounds. Other aids in making money have been bazaars, dinners and suppers. That this money has been put to good purpose is seen by some of the things they have done: purchase of a piano in 1918, assisted in remodeling the church and painted it inside and out, gift of several hundred dollars to manse fund, assisted with pastor's salary one year when some subscribers had misfortunes. In about 1920 the society adopted the Auxiliary plan. Since the organization in 1913 the presidents have been Mrs. W. M. McIntyre, Miss Sallie Watson, Mrs. L. L. Watson, Mrs. S. E. Alford, Mrs. L. L. Watson (3), Mrs. E. L. Powell (2), Mrs. C. W. Foxworth (3), Mrs. E. L. Powell and Mrs. J. F. McDonald.

There is record in the sketch of the Presbyterial of an organization of a Missionary Society at Latta in 1906 by the Presbyterial visitor, Miss Julia Erwin.

LORIS

The church at Loris, organized in 1925 by Rev. E. S. Watson, was blessed with the addition of twenty-five members the next year during a series of meetings by Rev. P. D. Patrick. The ladies organized an Auxiliary in 1927 with Mrs. E. S. Watson as president. The present officers are: President, Mrs. Nancy Fitzhugh; Secretary, Miss Catherine Richardson; Treasurer, Miss Eunice McElvey; Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. D. T. Elliott. There are twelve members.

MARION

Facts in regard to the Woman's Work in the Marion Presbyterian Church before 1905 are very meager. The first Missionary Society was formed in 1892 or 1893, with Mrs. Zerno president. She was the pastor's wife. How many, who they were, I can't say, as we have no record. This society was formed by or after a visit by Mrs.

McRae, who was sent out by the Presbyterian Church to visit the churches.

A Children's Society was formed at this time also which was conducted by Mrs. N. M. Johnson. They helped build the Lapsley, and did other things that children's societies were interested in at that time. Mrs. Johnson is still one of our stand-bys in our Auxiliary. The dues of the Missionary Society were ten cents to join and ten cents a month dues.

This list we find of the members of 1905: Mrs. A. R. Craig, Mrs. J. W. Johnson, Mrs. N. M. Johnson, Mrs. Z. G. Smith, Mrs. E. Boney, Mrs. E. B. Wheeler, Mrs. Frank Davis, Miss Nina Carmichael, Mrs. W. D. Carmichael, Mrs. Herbert Bethea, Mrs. Newkirk, Mrs. J. L. Perkins, Mrs. J. W. Bryan, Mrs. Andrew Walker, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. George McIntyre, Mrs. Chas. Douglas, Miss Emma Salley, Miss Kate Lilly Blue, Miss Bessie Johnson, Miss Falba Johnson, Miss Louise Davis, Miss Fleetwood Smithy.

Eight of these are still with us. We find their dues still ten cents a month. In 1906 or 1907 the society was called "The Margaret Emlyn Craig Missionary Society", after our beloved missionary of that name, who then represented the Southern Church in Cuba.

In 1907 we find this record:

Sent Miss Craig	$21.80
Sent Mrs. Chester	28.20
Expenses	2.25
	$52.25

Not until 1913 do we have another record. But we who were members know the society did splendid work. Ladies' Aid was formed, but no record of it can be found. By 1913 the missionary dues had been raised to twenty-five cents a month, and we find $89.05 sent on by the treasurer.

The Ladies' Aid had no regular monthly dues, but the women worked in season and out of season raising big sums of money in the ten years before the Auxiliary was formed. Some of the things done were: Putting new seats in the church at a cost of over six hundred dollars, painting the church twice, having the church done over inside, putting a cement walk in front of the manse, repairing the manse inside and fences outside, and many other things for the wel-

fare and looks of the church, which memory does not record, as we have no other record of the Ladies' Aid.

In June, 1923, the Marion Woman's Auxiliary was formed. The officers: Mrs. J. M. Holladay, President; Mrs. M. V. Orr, Vice President; Miss Elizabeth Covington, Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Gasque, Treasurer. It was composed of six circles: No. 1, Miss Nina Carmichael; No. 2, Mrs. William Selby; No. 3, Mrs. T. W. Hamilton; No. 4, Mrs. Grady Davis; No. 5, The Hallie Covington Band, Mrs. Henry Buck; No. 6, The Little Helpers, Miss Annie Johnson.

The years 1923 and 1924 show all moneys collected $840.00. In 1924 the following officers were elected and the senior circles were reduced to two: Mrs. J. M. Holladay, President; Mrs. E. M. Dibble, Vice President; Mrs. P. W. Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Gasque, Treasurer.

This year we undertook the building of a house for rent on a lot owned by the church, back of the manse, the women taking entire responsibility for the construction and payment for same. Money raised $4,113.00.

March, 1925, officers elected: Mrs. W. F. Miles, President; Mrs. Ben Norton, Vice President; Mrs. P. W. Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Gasque, Treasurer. This year we helped with a small gift, $51.00, to a chapel at Murrel's Inlet. Served breakfast for the Rainbow Division Convention which met here, and numerous other things. Money collected, over $800.00.

March, 1926: Mrs. J. M. Holladay, President; Mrs. Ben Norton, Vice President; Mrs. P. W. Johnson, Secretary; Mrs. J. O. Gasque, Treasurer. The ladies decided as special work this year they would pledge $300.00 or more on a debt which the church owed. That $300.00 has been paid, and we hope to make it $400.00 before the end of the year. As a Missionary Society and as an Auxiliary we always have had our Mission Study classes, Home and Foreign. We used to have mite boxes for Home and Foreign Missions. Last year at the suggestion of the church we had Loyalty Week instead, and the sum of $125.00 was secured.

This fall we had a towel shower for Thornwell Orphanage, sending six dozen towels to that institution. In years past we sent boxes of stockings, clothing and money, doing our part in the Baby Cottage.

In 1926-27 the budget reached $1,044.00, making the largest per capita average in the Presbyterial, $23.00.

This Auxiliary has distributed much literature among the Negroes. One Negro boy thirteen years old recited the Shorter Catechism.

The biggest thing that has come to the Auxiliary was the going of Miss Hallie Covington, one of our members, as a missionary to Korea. It is with keen regret and sorrow that our church had to let her go under the Northern Church, but that does not keep us from sharing in the blessing that her splendid work does for God, and our feeling that we are represented by her.

The presidents of a society belonging to the Presbyterial Union from 1914 to 1923 were Mrs. Nathan Evans, Mrs. E. T. Hughes (2), Mrs. J. M. Holladay, Mrs. E. M. Dibble, Mrs. E. T. Hughes, Mrs. Henry Buck, Mrs. W. V. Orr, Mrs. J. M. Holladay.

There was a manifestly increased interest in the Auxiliary work this year following the week of prayer in January.

McBEE

The first woman's organization of the McBee Church was formed in April, 1912, with a membership of nineteen, of whom eleven were Presbyterians, three Baptists, two Methodists and three Episcopalians. There is now a membership of fourteen, all Presbyterians. Of these eight are charter members. This organization was known as the "Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society" which met once a month and applied pledge money, dues and self-denial money to missions and the different causes of the church. Other funds, acquired by work, gifts, etc., were used for the current expenses of the church. By December 31st, 1912, there was $113.77 in the treasury, in 1926-27 the amount collected was $149.00. Not always has the budget been so good for in 1917 and 1918 the records show only $15.86 and $21.90, respectively. Yet in the 1917 minutes McBee was one of the seven societies in the Presbyterial qualifying for the Honor Roll. In July, 1915, the "McBee Missions" were organized with fourteen members and contributed to Foreign Missions. In this year the oldest society joined the Presbyterial.

The McBee women in 1912 painted the church inside and out and carpeted it. Since then they have put in electric lights, bought a communion table, pulpit and chairs, also chairs for Beginners' Sunday School room, brass choir rod and curtain and have almost finished paying for a piano for the Sunday School. This all amounted to approximately $675.00. Besides regular Auxiliary expenses, they con-

tributed to the following: Student Loan Fund $20, Foreign Missions, ten shares $50.00, Baby Cottage $20.00, Church Erection Fund $57.-50, Graham building $30.00, Near East Relief $15.00.

For the past few years they have held a yearly bazaar, from which most of the money is made, usually from $60.00 to $100.00. Other sources of income are spring garment sales, cake and ice cream festivals. The presidents have been Miss Anne Sowell (3), Mrs. H. R. McLeod (5), Mrs. E. Meares (3), and Mrs. B. L. Norwood.

McCOLL

Very little record of Woman's Work has been preserved, but the meager accounts show that devotion and sacrifice have not been lacking.

The first organization took place between 1888 and 1889, soon after Red Bluff Presbyterian Church was moved to McColl on what is now Church Street, under the pastorate of Rev. D. S. McAllister.

A small band of earnest, consecrated women met at the home of Mrs. J. S. Thompson and conceived the idea of organizing a Ladies' Aid Society, the immediate purpose being to erect a manse. The roll of charter members is as follows: Mrs. Lucy McNair, Mrs. Lauchlin McLaurin, Mrs. J. F. Willis, Mrs. W. B. McLaurin, Mrs. John F. McLaurin, Mrs. H. L. McLaurin, Mrs. Annie McKinnon McLaurin, Mrs. J. S. Thompson, Mrs. A. K. McIntyre.

Of these pioneer women, Mrs. H. L. McLaurin has given a son, Rev. L. A. McLaurin, to the ministry, and a daughter, Miss Alma McLaurin, is in the Home Mission field. Mrs. John F. McLaurin has a grandson, Rev. Rupert McGregor, in the ministry.

Mrs. J. S. Thompson and Mrs. A. K. McIntyre, although valued members, were not Presbyterians, and they later became associated with the women's work of the Methodist Church.

Building a manse by this society was a great undertaking. The ladies raised the money by sewing, bazaars, making wax flowers, and in many other ways, including a lecture by the noted writer and lecturer, "Bill Arp", of the *Atlanta Constitution.* This lecture was given in the church. The speaker was introduced by Dr. H. G. Hill, a noted minister from North Carolina and brother of Mrs. Lucy McNair.

After much hard work and many sacrifices, the manse was built next to the church at a cost of twelve hundred to fourteen hundred

dollars. The first minister to occupy the new manse was Rev. W. S. Porter. This manse was the property of the ladies, and was later presented by them to the session of the church.

Mrs. Lucy McNair, wife of Dr. J. W. McNair, affectionately spoken of as "Miss Lucy", was the first president. Mrs. J. F. Willis was vice president, Mrs. J. S. Thompson, secretary, and Mrs. H. L. McLaurin, treasurer. Mrs. J. F. Willis succeeded Mrs. McNair as president. She was a deeply pious woman, never discouraged, untiring in her work for the church and Sunday School. Her husband, Mr. J. Furman Willis, was for forty years the beloved superintendent of the Sunday School.

The society met once a month, usually on Saturdays.

Later the church was visited by Mrs. Elizabeth McRae, through whose influence a missionary society was organized.

There have been intervals when the Aid Society was comparatively inactive, and the same is true of the Missionary Society, but the ladies have always been deeply interested in everything pertaining to the church, the young ladies taking the burden of the work as the older members have been forced to lay it down.

About two years after the woman's first organization, a children's missionary society was started through the influence of the ladies. Mrs. J. S. Thompson was leader. This was a live organization with about forty members. Rev. D. S. McAllister said that this society made the best report and was the largest society in the Presbytery at that time. They paid for twenty-five stones in the Graybill Memorial Church, and were greatly interested in Dr. Graybill's work in Mexico. Miss Margie McLaurin, then a little girl, was their first organist. This society is now the Junior Christian Endeavor Society, with Clarissa McLaurin, granddaughter of Mrs. J. F. Willis, as leader.

In 1909 a new church building of brick was erected on Main Street, a manse being on the adjoining lot, at which time the name was changed to McColl Presbyterian Church. This building was almost completely furnished by the ladies.

In 1914 the Woman's Auxiliary was organized, and was the first society in the Presbyterial to adopt the Auxiliary Plan. Mrs. Robert Chapman was the first president. The Year Book is used, and the society tries to carry out in full the Auxiliary Plan.

Two Institutes, at long intervals, have been entertained.

In 1925 the Presbyterial was entertained by this Auxiliary for the first time, being both a pleasure and an inspiration.

During the World War, the Auxiliary erected a beautiful service flag for "the boys". This flag was made and donated by Mrs. C. C. Stokes and her mother, Mrs. John F. McLaurin.

In 1923 the Circle Plan was adopted, with three circles. The Auxiliary has on its roll twenty-six members, not including the Girls' Circle, which has an average attendance of eight members. With a growing building fund, the Auxiliary is looking forward to helping with the remodeling of the church building in the near future. In 1927 reports state that all of the twenty members lead in prayer, and that from the church there is one candidate for the ministry and one life worker.

Mrs. D. L. McLaurin and Miss Margie McLaurin, who was educated for a trained nurse, always give efficient help in the care of the sick.

The presidents since 1914 have been Mrs. Robert Chapman, Mrs. C. C. Stokes, Mrs. M. M. Inabinet, Mrs. J. M. McLaurin, Mrs. J. J. Harrell, Mrs. C. S. McLaurin, Miss Margie McLaurin, Mrs. M. M. Inabinet, Miss Margie McLaurin (2), Mrs. C. C. Stokes (2), and Mrs. M. M. Inabinet (2).

Mrs. Inabinet and Miss Margie McLaurin are Presbyterial secretaries.

MINTURN—REEDY CREEK

Although no record of the Woman's Work in Reedy Creek Church has been kept, it is known that missions were always stressed. During Rev. H. M. Brearley's patorate in about 1888 a Missionary Society was organized. In 1894 this society was revived with a good membership, Mrs. M. J. Cousar being president, but, as the church was without a pastor for some time, it died down. "Then the laymen came and organized us, several paid through this for a number of years". (This is the only instance I know of where the men of the church set the women to work!) Some few, however, always sent contributions to Miss Amelia Howard, the treasurer of the Presbyterial Union. Mrs. M. B. John, during Mr. Douglass' pastorate, organized an Auxiliary which soon dwindled down to two or three members, but the women did not stop giving. There were some who always collected contributions for Thornwell Orphanage and a Mountain Mission School.

In 1920 Dr. McIntyre became pastor and his wife took an active

part in organizing the Woman's Auxiliary, which has done splendid work. The first president was Miss E. Henegan, the membership eight, and total budget $64.00. The succeeding presidents have been Mrs. R. M. Evans (3), Mrs. D. D. McRae (2), Mrs. H. C. Hamer (2) and Mrs. H. N. Cousar. The membership increased in 1923 to twenty-six. In 1924 the highest budget, $167.00, was reached. Other officers have been Mesdames Rena Alford, C. McLaurin, E. A. McCormac, J. T. Proctor, H. N. Cousar, Thad Weatherly and Miss Jane Evans. Out of a present membership of eighteen, twelve lead in prayer.

A colored woman, sent by the Auxiliary to the Colored Conference several years ago, has organized a Sunday School. Another Negro Sunday School is conducted by two Auxiliary members, where there is a large Catechism class. There is also a mission Sunday School for white people.

MULLINS

Prior to the organization of the Presbyterian Church at Mullins in 1899 the communty was almost wholly non-Presbyterian; the only members of the denomination living in the community being Capt. J. M. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sinclair, Mrs. H. M. Nicholson, Mrs. W. McG. Buck, Mrs. Eugene Gilchrist and Mrs. R. R. Love. These few together with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McCall and Mr. D. M. McKay who joined the church on the day of its organization, proved to the community that where two or three are gathered in His name, there will He be also. For two years divine worship was conducted in the Baptist church by Evangelist J. A. Wilson. So interested was he in the seed sown, that he rode a bicycle from Dillon, over eighteen miles of sandy road to Mullins, to fill his monthly appointments. Though the ladies were unusually active in the work from the beginning of the church they were not banded into a society till 1911, when the Ladies' Aid was formed. In 1923 the Auxiliary reached one hundred per cent on the Standard of Excellence. The following beautiful account of the Woman's Work is given by Mrs. Colin McLaurin:

"The pageant, a much talked of and planned for event in the Mullins Presbyterian Church, was on the eve of being enacted. The church was full of interested members and friends. There were the dim lights of many candles, soft music was being rendered, and the pulpit was an altar of beauty. A hush fell as the ushers led one of

the characters of the pageant to his seat. He was a dear old man, his ruddy face contrasting strikingly with his snowy hair. A quiet smile of content was on his face as he sat there awaiting his turn in the play. A beautiful picture was before him. First, a bevy of children singing there amid the flowers—flowers he thought, no doubt given by Mrs. Winstead, always so faithful in beautifying the church.

Then memories of the past came trooping upon him; he thought of the time when there were only two or three children in the Sunday School. It brought to mind how happy Mrs. W. McG. Buck was to have a Sunday School for her children, and how hard she worked in the organization of the little church with its nine charter members. As the soft strains of piano music fell on his ears he recalled the little organ used in the beginning of the church. This organ, he remembered, was a gift of some friend of the little church and from it Mrs. Richard Love and Mrs. Ed. Carmichael cajoled sometimes unwilling melody while Mrs. Love often constituted the choir.

"He sat up with a start. He must not forget when to go up to take his part. He glanced about keenly, seeing faces that put him to dreaming again. There was Miss Olive Boggs Newton, a visitor to town. He remembered when she came as a school teacher and added her fresh young strength and zeal to upbuilding the struggling Sunday School. Then the picture of another face alight with spirituality —a teacher who afterward became Mrs. Sam Cooper. What would we have done without her! How the woman helped us! He was viewing a pageant, unseen by the crowd, a vision of faces, many now old —some glorified—who made the congregation of the past. The dainty little Mrs. Hubbard who was such a wonder in the Ladies' Aid. This little band had been a mighty pillar in the church. A smile played across his face as he recalled how the preacher's salary was collected. Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Love carried their leather purse which was sacred for collecting the church money, and around they went every month from man to man, perhaps a regular member, perchance only a good friend and regular contributor. Yes, in those days Mrs. Cooper was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid which meant, in reality, the treasurer of the church. He remembered too, the struggle of the members of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society combined to secure money for the building of the manse. Yes, that was their child—the manse. 'It is a memorial to their devotion and labors,' he murmured. And how proud they were of their first permanent pastor's wife! She was a great help to them, the resourceful, cultured Mrs. Sam Hope.

And the preacher had a home of his own. It brought to his mind how his wife had always told him to bring the preacher who supplied home with him. Their prophet's chamber was always ready. He in his reveries, had forgotten the present. His eyes were closed. A hand touched his arm. 'Your turn', a voice whispered. He arose. Soft strains reached his ears. The unseen choir was singing, 'Abide with me, fast falls the eventide . . . ' His eyes were wet with tears as his feeble steps made their way across the platform. 'The Lord has abode with us'—still reminiscent. Little did he know that there was scarcely a dry eye in the audience. His head bowed in silent thanksgiving. No words—his presence was itself a silent benediction. His thoughts . . . 'Abide with me . . .'

"Through all the changes—changes for the best. For now on younger, stronger shoulders the burden of the Master's work must rest. The musician of the evening, Mrs. Frank Martin, was one of them, her whole heart wrapped up in the Kingdom's work, especially as a leader of the young people on whose feet the church moves forward.

"The services were over. Mrs. John Agnew asked to carry him home. He imparted something of his thought to her as they drove along. 'And this is another item—consecrated cars like yours and Mrs. Martin's. What a blessing to the church! How is the Auxiliary now?' There was quick enthusiasm in the answer, 'Growing better every day! We are fast paying off our share of the debt on the new Sunday School building, and each circle has a band of interested women whose first thought is the church and the advancement of Christ's Kingdom here and abroad'. Again he is silent as the car slows up in front of his home. Then he spoke. 'Good night, and may God bless your efforts, and those of all the noble women of our land'.

" 'Thank you, Mr. McCall. Good night'."

The presidents since 1914 have been Mrs. R. R. Love (5), Mrs. S. R. Cooper, Mrs. Lawson Jordan, Mrs. F. L. Smith, Mrs. F. L. Martin, Mrs. J. M. Agnew (2), Mrs. F. L. Martin (2) and Mrs. R. B. Nye.

There are three candidates for the ministry. The Auxiliary is helping to liquidate the church debt and for six months this year supported a native Korean Bible woman. The members hold prayer services with the sick and in many ways bring cheer to those in the hospital.

MURREL'S INLET
(LITTLE CHAPEL)

An Auxiliary was organized here in 1927 by the district chairman, Mrs. Lula S. Dusenbury. The charter officers are: President, Mrs. W. D. Johnson; Vice President, Mrs. I. M. Wilson; Secretary, Miss Ruth Wesley; Treasurer, Miss Annie Mae Fulton; Departmental Secretaries, Mrs. J. E. Fulton, Mrs. S. G. Alford, Mrs. V. B. Turbeville and Mrs. C. D. Brearly.

PATRICK

On November 14, 1923, Mrs. M. S. McKinnon and Mrs. Thornwell of Hartsville assisted the women of Patrick in organizing an Auxiliary. There was such need for a church building that it was decided to give all funds for that purpose. The first entertainment was a Christmas bazaar in 1923 at which $17.55 was made. Mrs. D. S. Buie at many of the Presbyterials in a feeling way presented the need of a church, because there were people in the community, Croatans, denied membership in other churches. The Hartsville Auxiliary gave $50.00, the women of the Pageland and Jefferson Churches $5.00, and with private contributions and the addition of a loan from the Church and Manse Fund the church was erected in 1926. Mrs. Buie is the president and in her work she is ably assisted by her daughter, Mrs. McNair, and Misses Agnes and Hallie McNair. The Auxiliary gave a piano to the church.

RUBY

Prior to the year 1912 all of the Woman's Work of the Ruby Church was done in co-operation with the Methodist Church under the name of the "Ladies' Aid". After Rev. J. R. Millard assumed the pastorate of this church, the need of working for our own church was felt, and a society organized in March, 1912, known as the Bertha Morrison Foreign Missionary Society, in memory of Mrs. Morrison who had laid down her life in darkest Africa. Seventeen members were enrolled which included practically all of the women of the church with a number of children as contributing members.

Much interest was manifested and the society contributed reg-

ularly to the cause of Foreign Missions through the Committee at Nashville. Educational programs were helpful and enlightening and a "Survey" was placed in nearly every home. The original roll of members follows: President, Mrs. J. R. Millard; Vice President, Mrs. H. H. Harrall; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. L. Sullivan; Mrs. Munnerlyn (Methodist), Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Riddle, Miss Ellen Riddle, Miss Burlie Griggs, Mrs. Pinkston, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. R. D. McCreight, Mrs. D. H. McGregor, Miss Jean McGregor, Mrs. Herman Allen, Miss Lee Douglass.

In 1913 the roll was reduced by the loss of several members who moved away, but a few recruits brought encouragement. A continued depletion of members leaving the community left but a few who struggled on until 1916, when only the president and three of the original members were holding on. No other organization was attempted, but a few of the women of the church, wanting to ally themselves with the Woman's Work of the church, at the invitation of Mrs. J. R. Millard, who was president of the Chesterfield Auxiliary, united with the Auxiliary there and became the Ruby circle. This is but a stepping stone to a regular Auxiliary at this place. Mrs. J. S. McGregor, Mrs. M. L. Raley, Mrs. Grady McGill and Mrs. Millard form this circle and the meetings of the Auxiliary alternate between Chesterfield and Ruby.

During the life of the "Bertha Morrison Society" the women undertook the repairing of the church building, which with the generosity of Mr. D. H. McGregor and his son, J. S. McGregor, and a gift from the sainted Miss Flora McKay of Cheraw, resulted in a much improved and beautified building. Through the same society Hon. W. F. Stevenson of Cheraw contributed the initial gift of the new pews which now adorn a remodelled and attractive modern building with separate Sunday School rooms.

An account of the churches in upper Chesterfield County would be incomplete without especial mention of Mrs. J. R. Millard, the wife of the former pastor of that group of churches. She is a fine executive and a most faithful, consecrated worker. Since coming to Ruby in 1912 she has been steadily organizing and helping to support the Woman's Work, first in Ruby and Chesterfield, then at White Oak and now at Rocky Creek she reports the organization of an Auxiliary with every church member a member. Mrs. Mary E. McCaskill is president, supported by a full corps of officers and secretaries. To show how this new Auxiliary is trying to learn the ropes, Mrs. Mil-

lard writes: "I was very much gratified to meet eight of the Auxiliary at the Hartsville Presbyterial". Mrs. Millard is district chairman and in her earnest way has stirred to activity the women in her district, as is shown by the fact that of the six Auxiliaries organized this year in the Presbyterial, five were in her district. She was the efficient leader of the Red Cross work in her district during the World War.

TIMMONSVILLE

The Woman's Missionary Society of Timmonsville was organized in 1898 with Mrs. E. C. Bailey, the wife of the pastor, as its first president. The seven charter members were: Mesdames John McSween, W. H. Keith, W. E. Lea, W. C. Rose, W. B. White and E. C. Bailey and Miss Ellen Byrd (Mrs. W. R. McLeod). Mrs. McSween had a memorial membership for her daughter, Mrs. George Hancock, who was so interested in the building of the church, but who died just before its completion.

In 1915 a Ladies' Aid Society was formed with Mrs. Duncan McKenzie as president. The Woman's Auxiliary Plan of organization was adopted in 1920 and the Aid Society made a circle of the Auxiliary. For five years it has won Silver Seals on the Standard of Excellence. This organization has furnished many loyal workers, not only to the Presbyterial and Synodical, but to the larger churches of the State. The fifth president of Pee Dee Presbyterial was Mrs. Duncan McKenzie, who also served as Synodical Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief for two terms of office. Mrs. John Hector McSween, one of the most faithful members, is at present president of the Presbyterial, and was formerly Secretary of Young People's Work. Mrs. S. V. Ward, another loyal member, is now Presbyterial Secretary of Foreign Missions. Mrs. W. H. Keith, president for a number of years, is now president of the Auxiliary of the First Church, Greenville, and Mrs. R. K. Foster, the daughter of Mrs. John McSween, is now president of the Auxiliary of the First Church in Columbia. Two members (now deceased), Mrs. John McSween and Mrs. J. L. Conyers, were the mothers of preachers and another member, Mrs. J. D. Wade, has a son who is preparing himself for this noble calling. The women of this church have given unusually active assistance in the Young People's Work.

Throughout the years the women have had a wide awake organ-

ization and have contributed liberally to all causes of the church. They helped in building and furnishing the Sunday School rooms. Each year they supply clothing for a child at Thornwell. "God has richly blessed us, and as His co-workers, our constant endeavor is to advance His Kingdom here on earth".

The presidents since 1914 have been Mrs. J. P. Anderson (3), Mrs. W. H. Keith (2), Mrs. J. H. McSween, Mrs. R. H. Nelson (2), Mrs. McC. Cothran, Mrs. C. J. Stover, Mrs. J. H. McSween (2), and Mrs. M. K. Palmer (2).

Mrs. Palmer reports as the best new work undertaken, the organzation of Bible Story classes for children. The adults are showing increased interest in Bible Study and Prayer Bands.

WACCAMAW

A Missionary Society was organized in 1906 at Waccamaw and became a member of the Union.

WHITE OAK

White Oak, which is the mother of Presbyterianism in the upper part of Chesterfield County, is made up largely of descendants of Scottish ancestors and the women doubtless inheriting the old time religion from their forefathers, cling tenaciously to the admonition of the Apostle Paul when he bade the "women keep silence in the churches", consequently there is no record of any woman's organization until quite recently. An up-to-date Auxiliary has been organiized by Mrs. Millard, District Chairman, with a full corps of officers and secretaries being elected: Mrs. Charlie Jones, President; Mrs. John Deas, Secretary; Miss Eliza Oliver, Treasurer; their motto is not to know "I can't". All of the women of the church are recognized as members and the outlook is encouraging. While no organized work has been done in the past history of the church by its women, still a number of them have been so faithful and loyal that their lives shed lustre on the history of the church. Mrs. Harriet Sellers, Mrs. Kate Ousley, Mrs. Nancy McNair, Mrs. Jones of a past generation. Modern enthusiasm is manifested by faithful young women of the present congregation who delight to do what they can.

This Auxiliary contributes to all church causes, sent contribu-

tion to Fort Hill Church at Clemson and assisted the Chesterfield Auxiliary in sending a colored woman to the Columbia Conference in 1927. The treasurer, Miss Eliza Oliver, is such an enthusiastic church worker she is anxious to respond to every call made upon them. She is arranging to use money from the sale of quilts to purchase "Surveys" for all officers that do not subscribe to them, so anxious is she that the leaders be informed about the great work of the church at large. This may in part account for this year's report of five "Surveys" and twenty-two church papers in this country Auxiliary! There is a membership of seventy-two with an average attendance of twenty. Mrs. Grover Sellers is president.

PEE DEE PRESBYTERIAL

CHURCHES THAT HAVE ENTERTAINED THE PRESBYTERIAL AND PRESIDENTS OF PRESBYTERIALS

June, 1905—Darlington ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
October, 1905—Florence ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
October, 1906—Dillon ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
October, 1907—Darlington ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
October, 1908—Cheraw ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
October, 1909—Marion ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
October, 1910—Hopewell --- Mrs. E. A. Spencer, First Vice President
October, 1911—Bennettsville ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
October, 1912—Conway ---------- Mrs. M. B. John
June, 1913—Clio ---------- Mrs. M. B. John
October, 1913—Bennettsville (Business meeting) --- Mrs. M. B. John
June, 1914—Latta ---------- Mrs. J. G. Erwin
April, 1915—Florence ---------- Mrs. J. G. Erwin
April, 1916—Hartsville ---------- Mrs. T. F. James
April, 1917—Marion ---------- Mrs. Duncan McKenzie
April, 1918—Kentyre ---------- Mrs. Duncan McKenzie
April, 1919—Bennettsville ---------- Mrs. M. S. McKinnon
April, 1920—Timmonsville ---- Mrs. M. B. John, First Vice President
April, 1921—Conway ---------- Mrs. R. P. Hamer
April, 1922—Darlington ---------- Mrs. R. P. Hamer
April, 1923—Mullins ---------- Mrs. M. S. McKinnon
April, 1924—Dillon ---------- Miss Julia Erwin
April, 1925—McColl ---------- Miss Julia Erwin
April, 1926 —Florence ---------- Miss Julia Erwin
April, 1927—Hartsville ---------- Mrs. J. H. McSween
April, 1928—Bennettsville ---------- Mrs. J. H. McSween
1929 meeting will be at Marion, Mrs. D. H. McEachern, President.

THE PRESBYTERIAL UNION AND THE PRESBYTERIAL

The object of the Union has been to promote the formation of missionary societies in all the churches in the Presbytery, to quicken interest in the cause of missions by the presence of one or more of our

missionaries who bring us in close touch with the work on the field, to give practical help through the study and discussion of the best methods along the lines of women's societies, Mission Study and Young People's Work, to emphasize as the great essential in all our work the development of the spiritual life and Christian character.

The Pee Dee Presbyterial Union was organized June 1, 1905, at Darlington. Mrs. T. Fraser James after consulting with her pastor, Rev. D. M. Fulton, wrote letters to the pastors of all the churches in Pee Dee Presbytery, asking their co-operation in the forming of a Woman's Presbyterial Union. Answers from a number of pastors were received, giving names of the leaders in the Woman's Work in their churches.

Twelve representatives from nine churches responded to the invitation of the Darlington Society: Blenheim, Mrs. J. J. Matheson; Carolina, Miss Jennie McDonald; Cartersville, Mrs. I. I. Palmer; Claussen, Miss Carrie Gregg; Darlington, Mrs. T. F. James and Mrs. J. L. Michie; Dillon, Mrs. W. A. W. West; Florence, Mrs. J. L. Barringer and Mrs. B. W. Buller; Hartsville, Miss E. E. Law; Kentyre, Miss McIntyre; Marion, Mrs. N. M. Johnson. Mrs. John R. Sampson of Charlottesville, Va., an experienced worker in woman's organizations, was a guest of the Union and gave several helpful talks on the value of Unions and methods of work. Mrs. Henry Price of Kobe, Japan, was the missionary guest of the Union.

The Union was organized with the following societies as charter members: DuBose Foreign Missionary Society, Blenheim; Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, Carolina; Pauline DuBose Missionary Society, Darlington; Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society, Dillon; Cheraw Missionary Society (report sent), Cheraw; Kentyre Missionary Society, Kentyre; Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, Hopewell. These seven societies represented 161 members and $367.00 total gift.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mrs. T. F. James, Darlington; First Vice President, Mrs. J. L. Barringer, Florence; Second Vice President, Mrs. W. A. West, Dillon; Third Vice President, Mrs. J. L. Perkins, Marion; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Julia G. Erwin, Darlington; Recording Secretary, Mrs. I. I. Palmer, Cartersville; Treasurer, Miss Mary DuBose, Darlington. The vice presidents were given the work of visiting neighboring churches and assisting in organizing societies. Mrs. C. A. Rowland of Athens, Ga., and Mrs. R. D. Blackwell of Durham, N. C., were our guests and speakers.

At the Dillon meeting in 1906 special attention was given to literature. The offices of Secretary of Literature and Young People's Work were added, Reedy Creek and Clio Societies were enrolled. Mr. G. H. Henderlite was the missionary at the meeting.

Before this meeting the territory was partially covered by our first Presbyterial visitor, Miss Julia Erwin, her expenses being borne by the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. Eleven churches were visited and two societies organized, Latta and Waccamaw. The next year the ground was thoroughly covered by Mrs. Price, the Presbyterial Union bearing the expenses.

The missionaries at the meeting in Darlington, 1907, were Dr. W. H. Forsythe, Korea; Miss Rebecca Wilson, China, and Mr. F. H. Wardlaw, representing Synodical Home Missions.

The fifth meeting was at Cheraw in 1908. The new societies were Effingham, Latta, Timmonsville. The visitors were Mr. H. M. Smith, China, and Mr. Homer McMillan.

In 1909 the Union met at Marion, Conway and Hamer being the new societies enrolled. The speakers were Rev. L. C. Vass of Luebo, Africa, and Rev. John Little of Home Mission work among the Negroes in Louisville, Ky.

The first country church to entertain the Union was Hopewell in 1910. The special feature of this meeting was prayer. Rev. and Mrs. P. F. Price of China, Mrs. Woodson Manning and Mr. Homer McMillan were the speakers. Mrs. John, as Presbyterial Visitor, reported that McColl, Mullins and Society Hill had been organized and were enrolled.

The Jubilee of organized Woman's Work was celebrated in the Bennettsville meeting in 1911. Mrs. Kirkwood gave a sketch of the Jubilee and Mrs. Thornberry gave an account of the Jubilee in Charleston. Each society was urged to have a Jubilee meeting. Rev. W. H. Hudson, Kashing, China, was the missionary guest.

The year 1912 marks the broadening out of Woman's Work in the Southern Presbyterian Church. The General Assembly granted the request of the women for a general Superintendent of Woman's Work and appointed an advisory committee composed of one member from each of the Executive Committees. This committee appointed Mrs. Winsborough as Superintendent, Mrs. Howerson, Treasurer. At Montreat the Woman's Council was organized, composed of the presidents of Synodical organizations.

At the meeting of the Union in Conway (1912), we decided to

co-operate with the new woman's organization, and appointed four officers representing the General Assembly's committees, also a representative of Local Home Mission Work. These officers were: Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. F. A. Sayle, Conway; Secretary of Local Home Missions and Sunday School Work, Mrs. Quattlebaum, Conway; Secretary of Foreign Missions, Mrs. T. I. Rogers, Bennettsville; Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. M. F. McLeod, Blenheim. Mrs. John reported that Dr. Buckner had been appointed by Presbytery as representative of Woman's Work in our Presbytery. The Union sent a request to Synod through Dr. Buckner for permission to form a Synodical organization. Our visitor, Mr. Eugene Bell of Kwangu, made a talk on Korea. It was decided to hold the next meeting in the spring.

In June, 1913, Presbyterial convened in Clio Church with all officers present. The guests were Mrs. J. O. Reavis of Columbia who told of her visit to the African Mission; Rev. B. H. Hunnicut of Brazil; Mrs. Southerland from Fayetteville Presbyterial; Miss Hallie Covington of Korea; Rev. F. G. Viche, speaker on Home Missions, and Mr. James Brown, ministerial student. This was a short session and as organization of the Synodical was pending, it was decided to hold a one day session in Bennettsville, the home of the president, Mrs. M. B. John, before the meeting of the Synodical. In some respects this was the best to date of the Presbyterial meetings, all the causes being given a hearing. At the meeting in Bennettsville in October, 1913, unfinished business was completed and the election of officers held.

The Union was held June 5-7, 1914, at Latta. Miss Julia Erwin, the president, stressed the importance of the women of the churches contributing through prescribed channels. Six churches in Chesterfield County were transferred from Bethel Presbytery to Pee Dee. Twelve Young People's Societies (Missionary) reported a total enrollment of 191, average attendance seventy-five per cent, and gifts $93.00. At this meeting the name was changed from "Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Union of Pee Dee Presbytery" to "The Woman's Presbyterial of Pee Dee Presbytery". The guests of the Union were Dr. and Mrs. Lacy Little of China; Mrs. S. L. Lebby and Miss Amy Allen of Charleston, and Rev. A. H. McArn of Cheraw.

In April, 1915, the Presbyterial was held at Florence. The keynote "Evangelism" was earnestly stressed in the president's report. The guests were Mrs. W. C. Winsborough; Mrs. Motte Martin; her

little African girl, Bacumba; Rev. R. D. Bedinger of Luebo, Africa, and Rev. A. W. Blackwood, of Columbia.

In the fuller reports from the societies to the secretaries of the causes given at the Presbyterial in Hartsville in 1916 there was evidence of the better understanding of the Auxiliary organization, due partly to the visit of Mrs. Winsborough at the preceding Presbyterial. For the first time the Pee Dee Presbyterial reached the Standard of Excellence, making twenty-four per cent gain in membership and almost fifty per cent gain in gifts. Still in many churches there were several women's organizations and in some only the weaker organizations were members of the Presbyterial. During these years there was increasing interest among the young people; at this Presbyterial there is a record of twenty-five societies with membership of 280 and total contribution $101. Gifts were reported to the William Brearly Home at Montreat. A motion was carried that all societies in the Presbyterial affiliate with the Presbyterial, whether they pay dues or not. As Mrs. Fraser James, the retiring president and organizer of the Presbyterial Union was leaving the Presbyterial, it was decided to establish as a token of esteem for her a Ministerial Scholarship to be known as the "Margaret James Student Loan Fund" at Columbia Seminary for which the Presbyterial pledged $100.00 yearly for four years. The guests were Rev. Geo. P. Stevens of China and Miss Agnes Ravenel, Synodical Secretary of Young People's Work.

In 1917 Marion was the host of the Presbyterial. The subject was the Country Church; talks were made on this subject by Mrs. James Reaves of Alcolu and Dr. W. H. Mills of Clemson, and a Round Table on "The Country Church and the Women's Societies" was led by Miss Daisy Bethea of the Hopewell Church. Other guests were Mrs. Andrew Bramlet, President of the South Carolina Synodical; Mrs. S. P. Fulton of Japan; Mrs. R. R. Thornberry of Atlanta, and Rev. John McSween, chairman of Pee Dee Presbytery's Committee on Woman's Work. Though there was a decrease in membership, there was a decided increase in gifts to benevolent causes. Contributions were sent to the Abbeville school for Negro Girls. Local work among the colored people was reported from Florence, Conway, Timmonsville and Hopewell.

The Kentyre Church, assisted by the Hamer Church, entertained the Presbyterial in 1918. Miss Nell Sprunt told of the work in China; Mrs. H. Tucker Graham of Florence gave a picture of life among the young people of Japan as she saw it when she was a missionary there;

Mr. Bert Corcoran of Charleston gave an insight into how the Y. M. C. A. reached our soldier boys, and Mrs. S. C. Byrd gave enlightening Bible lectures. Though almost all the women were working and contributing to War Work, they kept up the church work, the contributions reported to the Presbyterial falling off only about $225.00 from 1917.

In April, 1919, the Presbyterial met in Bennettsville, the theme of the meeting being "Stewardship". War and "Flu" epidemic interrupted the work of the year but the gain in budget was $1,232.00 over 1918. The president, Mrs. McKinnon, urged a more persistent study of Missions and that each member pledge fifteen minutes daily in reading God's Word and in prayer. Guests were Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Synodical Secretary of Literature, of Greenwood, and Rev. S. D. Winn of Korea. The Presbyterial heartily recommended the Auxiliary Plan to all its societies. Only eight out of twenty-three organizations were called Auxiliaries.

In 1920 the Presbyterial met in Timmonsville. In the absence of the president, Mrs. M. B. John presided. The Synodical president, Mrs. F. L. Mayes, was present during the whole meeting. Other guests were Miss Dugan of Thornwell Orphanage, Dr. Price of China, Dr. Holliday of Marion representing Local Home Missions, Mrs. Mabel Dozier of Florence, representative to Tuscaloosa Conference, and Rev. L. L. Legters of Bishopville, who conducted Bible lessons. Support was promised the "Million Dollar Campaign" for South Carolina educational institutions and $300.00 given to the Korean Fund and endorsement given "The Church and Manse Fund". Definite plans for Bible Study were put before the societies. The whole Presbyterial for the second time this year reached the "Standard of Excellence".

The year 1921 was a great one in the Presbyterial, many small societies merged into Auxiliaries and the membership increased from 574 in 1920 to 811 in 1921, the total gifts from $4,618.00 to $6,290.00. The meeting this year was held at Conway; the theme, "Evangelism, and our Responsibility to our Young People". A Conference on Young People's Work was led by Mrs. J. H. McSween. Under the title of "Shall we have Institutes?" Mrs. John presented the question of Institutes and it was decided to return to the practice of having Institutes in sufficient number to cover the Presbyterial. The closing half-hour was given to Miss Julia Erwin in which she told of her visit to the Orient Mission fields in 1920. Increased interest in Mission Study and Prayer Bands was reported. The Presbyterial again reached the "Stand-

ard of Excellence''. The Ladies' Aid and The Gleaners of the Florence Church joined the Presbyterial.

On account of a ''Flu'' epidemic in Dillon, the 1922 meeting could not be held there and Darlington very kindly came to the rescue and entertained the Presbyterial. Mrs. F. L. Mayes led a conference on our ''Responsibility to the Negro'', which resulted in the motion ''that Pee Dee Presbytery be asked to provide a colored pastor to work in Marlboro and Dillon Counties''. Miss Mabel Hall of Davidson, a worker in the Kentucky mountains, urged the Auxiliaries to get in personal touch with some mountain worker, supplying small comforts, and letting the workers feel that the women are backing them up with love and prayers. Dr. Lacy Little, for twenty-seven years a missionary to China, told of the opportunities there. Mrs. Mayes gave a splendid address on ''Our Heritage''. The budget system was explained and endorsed. The reports were the best ever received, the name Auxiliary had been adopted by every society except two. There was organized Young People's Work in all but four of these societies. The Hartsville Intermediate and Timmonsville Junior Christian Endeavor won loving cups at the State Convention.

The Institutes held in November at McBee, McColl and Mullins were attended by 140 women and much of their success was due to the speakers, Mrs. Bramlett and Miss McMullen of China.

The Mullins Auxiliary entertained the Presbyterial in 1923. The opening service was a memorial to Mrs. F. Louise Mayes. After the singing of one of her favorite hymns, ''Have Thine Own Way, Lord'', Mrs. R. P. Hamer gave a beautiful address ''In Memoriam'' to Mrs. Mayes, and in closing said: ''She loved her women into loyalty, and stimulated them with the spiritual fire and energy of her nature . . . . We shall see her lovely, spiritual face, hear her earnest pleading voice, feel the charm of her manner no more; but her spirit is speaking to us—'Go forward, be not afraid, the goal of the high calling in Christ Jesus is worth every sacrifice'.''

The Bible Hour was conducted by Miss DuPuy of the Training School. The guests were Miss Fishbourne who told of mission work in Kentucky; Mrs. Copeland of Thornwell Orphanage; Rev. J. P. Smith of Brazil, and Dr. Holladay, Chairman of Local Home Missions.

Recommendations were approved endorsing the erection of the ''Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage'', the Young People's Conference, and the General Conference at Clinton and the appointment of secretaries of Orphanage work in each Auxiliary. Voluntary contributions

were received for furnishing a room in the Stuart Robinson School for Miss Mary Erwin of Darlington. The year was one of growth and of falling into line with the general Auxiliary Plan. The Institutes at Florence, Dillon, Jefferson and Bennettsville reached 264 people. Part of the offering was spent for freight on the horse that had been given to Miss Hall for her mountain mission work. An interesting feature of these meetings was a "Model Auxiliary Meeting", prepared and presented by Mrs. Bramlett. There was an increase of nearly one hundred per cent in family altars. Dr. Holladay reported that Presbytery, acting on the request of the Presbyterial, recommended the placing of a colored evangelist in the field.

In 1924 the Presbyterial met in Dillon. The guests were Mrs. Bramlett, Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Mrs. T. S. Bryan, Mrs. T. C. Peden, Rev. Fred Hay, our representative to the Presbytery, Dr. Homer McMillan, and Mrs. J. R. Graham of China.

The Presbyterial was divided into districts and the following District Chairmen were appointed: Mrs. M. S. McKinnon, Hartsville; Mrs. R. P. Hamer, Hamer, and Mrs. M. G. Anderson, Conway. Pastor Strong (our colored evangelist) told appreciatively of his work. In the Local Home Mission report Mrs. McIntyre stressed the opening up and caring for Sunday Schools in and around the towns and churches. The White Cross work, purely voluntary, was recommended to all Auxiliaries. Only six young people from Pee Dee attended the helpful Conference at Clinton. The Institutes held at Marion, Blenheim and Chesterfield were very instructive. Among the speakers were Mrs. Fraser James of Spartanburg, Miss Hallie Covington of Korea, Mr. R. A. Brown of Atlanta, Miss Elizabeth Johnson of Florence, and Dr. Holladay. Miss Erwin stated: "Presbytery reported thirty-seven churches and so far only twenty-six Auxiliaries. Some of these churches are small but where there are two women to come together to work and pray, could there not be an Auxiliary?"

The twenty-first annual meeting was held in March, 1925, at McColl. The president reviewed the growth of the Auxiliary, stated that with the addition of the Secretary of Christian Social Service there was a secretary to look after every phase of the Christian activity and this year she emphasized the training of our workers. The reports showed seven candidates for the ministry, as against nine last year, and seven Life Workers as against nine last year. Mrs. J. H. McSween urged the laying hold of the young through Christian Endeavor organizations. Fifteen attended Clinton Conference and it was decided to put

on Echo Conference each year after the meeting in Clinton. Fourteen colored women were sent to the Columbia conference. The guests were Mrs. Bramlett, Miss Annie McQueen of Korea, Mrs. Cockerham of the Mountain Mission in Kentucky, Rev. V. A. Anderson of Africa, Dr. McIntyre of Chicora College, and Pastor Strong.

Three Group Conferences were held: Group 1 in Cheraw, Mrs. M. H. McKinnon, Chairman; Group 2 in Dillon, Mrs. R. P. Hamer, Chairman, and Group 3 in Mullins, Mrs. M. G. Anderson, Chairman. The guests were Miss Julia Erwin, Mrs. McCutchen of Korea, Miss Crouch of the Assembly Training School, and three colored women who attended the conference in Columbia.

In 1926 the Presbyterial met at Florence. Miss Erwin called the year past one of meetings. Two new and outstanding ones, being the First Officers' Training School held in Florence April 24 with 175 women in attendance, and the "Echo Conference" put on by Mrs. F. L. Martin at Mullins with 100 young people registered. The Synodical met in Darlington and this was followed the next week by two Group Conferences at Carolina and Timmonsville. In December at Dillon Mrs. Winsborough, assisted by Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Wilson of North Carolina, perfected the organization of the North and South Carolina Presbyterial for colored women.

The secretaries of Social Home Missions and Christian Social Service report work done by some Auxiliaries in mission Sunday Schools, white and colored, in jails and the County Home. One held a "Baby Clinic" for Negro children, and several assisted in Red Cross and Associated Charities. The guests were Mrs. I. R. Hayes, Synodical President; Miss Gray of Korea; Mrs. P. B. Turner of Canoe, Ky.; Dr. Melton Clark; Dr. Holladay and Rev. Fred Hay, our representative to Presbytery.

Hartsville entertained the Presbyterial in 1927. "We would see Jesus" was the theme and the speakers stressed the winning of souls to Christ as the supreme concern of the Auxiliaries. Due to the capable leadership of the district chairman four new Auxiliaries at Loris, Lamar, Rocky Creek and Lamar were organized, and the Auxiliary at Jefferson rejuvinated. More Mission Study classes were held and there were four Church Schools of Missions. Last year there were three Stewardship classes with thirty-nine members, this year there are seven classes with eighty-three members; last year there was one Personal Evangelism class—under Mrs. Patrick—this year there are five. In some other things there is a falling off. Eight Auxiliaries report no

Prayer Bands; eleven no Bible Study classes; seven no tithers, and eight no family altars.

A Korean pageant was given by Miss Margaret Tatum and others of the Christian Endeavor Society. The guests were Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, Synodical President; Mrs. Sydney Crouch of Clemson College; Miss Nancy White, and Rev. J. M. Sydenstricker of Brazil.

Group Conferences were held at Cheraw and Dillon presided over by Mrs. J. R. Millard and Mrs. M. B. John, respectively. The most impressive report given was that of Mrs. Salters who earnestly plead for religion in the home. "In each home", she said, "strive to have a family altar, a tither and a soul winner". The missionary speaker was Dr. Cousar, who told graphically of the heathenism in the Congo.

In 1928 the Bennettsville Auxiliary was host to the Presbyterial. There were 135 present. Mrs. H. S. Camp conducted the Bible Hour; Rev. John McEachern of Korea delivered missionary addresses; Dr. R. A. Brown, Superintendent of Home Missions in the General Assembly, gave an address; Mrs. G. W. Sheffer spoke on the new program of Religious Education, and Mrs. W. O. Brownlee gave an inspirational message, pleading with each woman to "Carry her Corner". The reports of the secretaries showed advance along most lines. The president, Mrs. J. H. McSween, stated questionnaires sent to all Auxiliaries brought out these gratifying facts: The number of women in our Auxiliaries who will lead in prayer is steadily increasing. Bible study is being stressed more and with splendid results. Increased interest is manifested in all lines of Auxiliary work.

Answers to the question: "What is your greatest need?" revealed the problem of the uninterested women of our churches. Several Auxiliaries expressed the need of the development of a deeper spiritual life. Several feel the work is suffering from the inactivity of their departmental secretaries. There was an increase of $4,784.00 over last year's contrubutions.

District Conference No. 1 met in Cheraw, sixty-nine present. Dr. George Cousar of the African Mission and Mrs. J. H. McSween were guests. Group 3 was entertained by Group 2 at Dillon with ninety-six present. Bible Schools with an enrollment of 100 each were reported from Groups 2 and 3. Mrs. M. B. John told how her efforts to establish a Prayer Band had been blessed and urged that others join this "Power Band" so that all might be given power to witness for Christ. Only by the prayer life can we live the Auxiliary motto for the coming year: "I must be about my Father's business".

A name, indissolubly linked with this Presbyterial, is that of Miss Julia Erwin of Darlington who was the first Presbyterial visitor and the first corresponding secretary, a position that she has held continuously except the five years that she has served as president. In these twenty-three years she has not missed a meeting of the Presbyterial and has attended almost all the Institutes and Group Conferences. No meeting seems complete without "Miss Julia" whose enthusiasm, consecration and information make her an invaluable advisor.

She was blessed with godly parents, who made a Christian home; one sister, Mary, is a teacher in Stuart Robinson School and another sister, Hallie, is the wife of Mr. McIver Williamson who gave the William Brearley Home at Montreat. She always lived in the country near Darlington and as a child drove in to the Darlington school. She attended Winthrop College where she formed a warm friendship for another consecrated worker, Miss Amey Allen of Charleston. She felt the call to service in the foreign field and trained herself for that work but conditions were such that she could not go. She accepted this in the true Christian spirit and those that have witnessed the invaluable help she has been in developing the Woman's Work in the Presbytery feel that it was for this work she was kept in the homeland. Though a busy housekeeper, she never says "I can't" to any demand of the Presbyterial. Just as she fitted herself for the foreign field, she is continuously training herself for her responsibilities here. Until this past summer when kept at home to nurse her aged father, she has spent every summer at Montreat where she studied the workings of the Auxiliaries and the churches. In 1920 she visited the mission fields in the Orient. By nature she is retiring and public speaking was extremely difficult for her, but by persistence and prayer she has become an easy, fluent speaker. She has measured her gifts, as her deeds, by one standard: less for self, more for Thee.

Another face always seen at the Presbyterial is Mrs. M. B. John's, and at every meeting in prayer or in leading the devotionals she has brought her hearers closer to the Master she delights to serve. She has filled most capably many offices, president, vice president, Secretary of Spiritual Life and is at present a district chairman. In her 1925 report as Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. John wrote: "Had a brief conference with Miss Amelia Howard, Secretary of Spiritual Life, in Florence. This was truly inspiring. This consecrated worker, in spite of physical handicap, organized through her assist-

ants her large territory. She has done fine work visiting the sick and praying with them''.

No history of the Presbyterial would be complete without mention of the faithful service rendered it by Miss Amelia Howard who was treasurer for the first twenty years, and in this time missed only one meeting, and that because of illness in her family.

MISSIONARIES

MRS. ELIZABETH DAVIS

Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, the only daughter of Dr. S. R. Gammon, missionary to Brazil since 1893, was born in Lavras, but spent the greater part of her childhood with an aunt in Virginia. After graduating at Agnes Scott, Mrs. Davis taught in Rural Retreat, Va., where she met Mr. A. L. Davis, whom she married shortly afterwards. In 1919 Mr. and Mrs. Davis came to Society Hill, S. C., which was Mr. Davis' first pastorate. They stayed here little more than a year as they were waiting the call to mission work in Brazil. Mr. Davis was first connected with the work among the boys at the Lavras Agricultural School and is now preaching at Oliveira, Brazil. During her stay in Society Hill she did much to interest the church in mission work in her old Brazilian home, and her letters from Brazil keep that field on the hearts of the people that she so faithfully worked with in Society Hill. She has three children, the first one was born in Society Hill.

MRS. LILIAN B. GRAHAM

Mrs. Lilian Baskerville Graham was born at Eagle Point, Mecklenburg County, Va. In August, 1891, she married Rev. H. T. Graham of Winchester, Va., and in September of that year sailed for their mission field in Japan. From 1891-93 they worked at Takamatsu where they were the first foreigners that ever lived in this provincial capital of 60,000 population. The outstanding feature of this work was the formation of private classes in English and Music—Results, many became Christians and churches in both cities that long ago became self-supporting. In 1896 they returned to America on account of Mr. Graham's health. In 1897 they went to Fayetteville, N. C., and it was here that Mrs. Graham for years taught a class of boys, one of whom became a minister and five officers in that church. During Dr. Graham's pastorate at Farmville, Va., and his presidency of Hampden Sidney College 1908-17, Mrs. Graham was an active church visitor and did Christian work among the students and young peo-

ple. Since coming to Florence, S. C., in 1917 she has been active as her husband's assistant, having made more than 4,000 visits. She has also been an able leader in all the women's organizations, as can be seen from the sketch of the Florence Church.

MRS. R. M. JOHNSTON

Mrs. R. M. Johnston was born in Shamburg, Pa. Her mother died when she was eighteen months old and they tell yet how the neighbors used to gather in around her sick bed for weekly prayer meeting. At fifteen she taught in Sunday School and during vacation from normal school worked in the Epworth League Fresh Air Camp. After teaching three years she definitely decided for missionary work and prepared herself as a trained nurse with that in view. In 1900 she married Robt. M. Johnston, M. D., and went with him to the German Colony of Kamerun, West Africa, under the Presbyterian U. S. A. Board. Six children were born in Africa and the mother of six (two of whom died) had a ready key to the hearts of the black mothers. As an assistant to her doctor husband and a teacher in the school her hands were busy. In 1909 the problem of education and health of the children became acute and with much reluctance the step of dissolving relations of a missionary nature was taken. The family located on Dr. Johnston's home farm near Pittsburg. Here through her efforts there was organized an Interdenominational Union of thirty-six churches which is very much alive today. The farm was sold, and Dr. Johnston decided to enter Y. M. C. A. work after being told the Board could send no missionaries to what was now French Kamerun. The county work most appealed to him and in 1920 Dr. Johnston was invited to Florence, S. C., to organize the first work in the State among country boys. In this work Mrs. Johnston has given much assistance and their home is always open to any Christian worker. One child, Ida, is Y. W. Secretary of University of South Carolina. Robin is Boys' Work Secretary in Norfolk; Florence is a Life Work Recruit and Emogene is in the training department in Macy, N. Y. The work in Florence is varied that Mrs. Johnston finds to do. Finding no Intermediate Christian Endeavor in which her children could be trained, she organized one and led it for two years. She is Chairman of Interracial Committee and she has given much service in the Sunday School at the Boys' Reform School. Active in the Teachers' Council, she is often called on by various churches to help

with devotionals or lead prayer groups. In her own Presbyterian Church she holds the position of Young People's Secretary, just having finished being Foreign Missions Secretary, and is also Presbyterial Spiritual Life Secretary.

MISS HALLIE COVINGTON

Miss Hallie Covington, a daughter of Mr. F. F. Covington and Mrs. Nora Aycock Covington, was born at Marion, S. C. She took the course at the Marion graded school and from thence she went to the College for Women at Columbia, S. C., from which she graduated with distinction. After her graduation at the College for Women she taught two years at Belton, S. C., 1910-12. She then offered herself for Home Mission work and was employed to teach at the Glade Valley High School, Glade Valley, Alleghaney County, N. C., during 1912-14. The following year she spent at Dr. White's Bible School in New York City. After this year spent in study at the Bible School she offered herself for service in the foreign field under the auspices of the Southern Presbyterian Church, but as funds were lacking, she was put on the waiting list. She taught the next two years, 1915-17, at Mitchel College, Statesville, N. C., where she entered whole-heartedly into the college work of the Y. W. C. A., the Sunday School and all other enterprises of the church.

Funds still being lacking for her employment by the Southern Presbyterian Church, and she being eager to begin her work for the Master in the foreign field, Miss Covington applied in July, 1917, to the Board of Foreign Missions of Northern Presbyterian Church. She was immediately accepted and arrangements were made at once for her to sail to the mission field of Korea. Two years she spent with headquarters in Seoul, Andomg, Taiku, and later on she was sent to Syenchun in the northern part of Korea where she is at present.

In July, 1923, almost six years later, she returned home for her first furlough. She spent a year in the United States, five months of which were spent in study at Dr. White's Bible School.

She sailed again for Korea September, 1924, to be gone until September, 1929. By her energy and zeal, her optimistic and sunshiny disposition she has endeared herself alike to her co-workers in Korea and to the people with whom she has gone to labor.

MRS. WM. HOLLISTER

Dr. and Mrs. Wm. Hollister went to Korea in the fall of 1927. Though their support comes from other churches as well as Cheraw, they went from this membership and said they would always look upon the Cheraw Church as their home church. The farewell talk of Dr. Hollister before the congregation just before sailing for Korea, and the talks of both to their beloved Christian Endeavor showed how joyfully they were leaving for the work to which they had been looking forward, but tears were mingled with their joy. Mrs. Hollister, our matchless narrator, told of how once she, a little girl, was walking with her mother who told her that her girlhood aspiration had been to be a missionary, and how she pressed her mother's hand and said: "I'll be your missionary, mother". The call to the foreign field came to Dr. Hollister while a student of medicine at Maryland University. At a Student Volunteer Conference in the West he met Mrs. Hollister, a native of Maryland, and their friendship culminated in marriage in 1925 while Dr. Hollister was practicing in Cheraw. Dr. Hollister was kept from going to the mission field at the conclusion of his medical course because of financial obligations incurred at college. In order to meet these more quickly he left Cheraw in the fall of 1926 to accept an appointment as surgeon in a government hospital in Washington, D. C. On Christmas day, 1926, a son, Robert, was born to them.

At the Montreat Conference in 1927, some speaker told of an opportunity to assist in financing a medical missionary to Korea, could one be found. A lady from New Bern, N. C., Dr. Hollister's home town, said she knew the man and communication with Dr. Hollister resulted in his taking advantage of the offer. Contributions from churches in several states supplemented this, making it possible for Dr. and Mrs. Hollister to sail as missionaries in October, 1927.

MISS JOULEAN ANDERSON

Miss Joulean Anderson was born and reared in Florence. She attended College for Women in Columbia and in 1918 graduated from the training School in Richmond. For three years she taught Bible in Lewisburg, W. Va., and spent her vacation doing missionary work in the Virginia mountains. An organ sent her there by the Florence Mis-

sionary Society attracted crowds who had never seen an organ before. For the next three years she taught Bible at Flora McDonald, and the next year she studied at Columbia University, receiving several years later the degree of Religious Education. She was Religious Director at a West Virginia mining camp, where, as the nearest preacher lived twenty-five miles away, she conducted Sunday School, Christian Endeavor, prayer meeting and women's clubs. After leaving here she taught Bible in the Industrial School for Girls at Albermarle, N. C. She taught at the first summer school ever held at the Richmond Training School.

This splendid woman has worked the year round with little vacation since her school days. Even on her visits home to see her parents she was pressed into service as a Bible teacher. She is now in the Florence Infirmary suffering from a nervous breakdown.

MISS MARY ERWIN,

a sister of Miss Julia Erwin, has given her life to Home Mission work. She was born in Darlington County and prepared for college at the Darlington city school. After three years at Winthrop College she went to the Boston Normal School of Gymnastics, where she graduated in 1907. This physical training has been a great help to her in her mountain work. She now teaches the primary grades in our Mission School at Blackie, Ky. By her devoted consecration to the Master and love for those among whom she works, she is being used daily to bring those around her nearer to Him.

MRS. PAULINE DUBOSE LITTLE

Pauline was the oldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. DuBose, the beloved missionaries of Pee Dee Presbytery. Born in China, January 9, 1876, and reared in the atmosphere of a mission home, it is no wonder that her heart ever turned in loving sympathy and devotion to the needs of a heathen world. Possessing many charms of person, mind and manner, and combining most happily her mother's graces of gentleness and tenderness with her father's courtesy, clearness and decision, she was admired and loved by all who knew her. Her early life was spent in the Mission Home in Soochow, China. For her higher education she was sent with her sister, Nettie, to Miss Baldwin's Seminary, in Virginia. In

1895, she received two diplomas, one as a full graduate with highest honors in the literary department, and the other in music. This attainment had been accomplished by only two or three pupils. One of her schoolmates at Staunton wrote of her: "The central figure of helpfulness in the school was self-forgetting Pauline DuBose". Dr. T. H. Rice in presenting her graduating medal said: "She is laden with golden honors, but the highest praise that we give her is that she is herself pure gold."

As she listened to a sermon of Dr. J. R. Graham soon after his arrival in China, on the text, "And death by sin", the thought came to her, "And must all this people die?" She at that time resolved to be a missionary. In September, 1895, she was welcomed to the Southern Presbyterian Mission in China, the first child of a missionary in this mission to return as a missionary. Her knowledge of the language and customs of the people made it possible for her to take up active missionary work in a few months. In June, 1896, she was married to Rev. Lacy L. Little, of North Carolina, a missionary of our church. Mrs. Little, with a courage that shrank from no hardship, did not hesitate to go to his station at Kiang-yin to work among a people that had so recently torn up the mission premises and driven Dr. Little from the city. The Chinese women were cordial to her, and sometimes as many as two hundred visitors were received at her house in one day. She sang to them, played for them and always found an opportunity of telling them of the loving Saviour who died for them. In order to gain strength for future work, Mr. and Mrs. Little were spending a few weeks at Karinzawa when she was taken suddenly ill and died on July 25, 1897.

Inspired by her life and the example of their godly parents, her brother, Rev. Palmer DuBose, labored in China as one of our most gifted and consecrated missionaries until a severe illness cut short his work and he was forced to return to America.

MRS. D. B. PRICE

This Presbyterial claims Mrs. Price for, since her return from the foreign field, she has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Rankin, at Mars Bluff. Mrs. Price, who was Miss Louisa Robinson, of Fayetteville, N. C., was a true helpmate to her husband in their mission work in Japan, but this work, which had been greatly blessed, was cut short by the lamented death of Mr. Price. Though this caused Mrs. Price to return to America, it did not lessen her missionary ardor. Her love for

the souls of those in heathen lands has directed many of the gifts and prayers of those about her to these lands. She came back about the time of the organization of the Presbyterial Union and was its first missionary speaker. She was sent as a missionary visitor to many of the societies of the Union and never did she seem so happy as when being so used to further her Master's cause. Only her present ill health has caused her to drop out of active participation in the work of the Presbyterial.

MISS ALMA McLAURIN

Miss Alma McLaurin, of the McColl Presbyterian Church, Pee Dee Presbytery, a daughter of Hugh L. and Flora Calhoun McLaurin, has been in active Home Mission work for about ten years. She served the McColl Church as pastor's assistant 1917-1919, working very largely among the cotton mill employees under the direction of Dr. J. J. Harrell, pastor of the church. In January, 1920, she went to Kannapolis, N. C., to accept the position of pastor's assistant and church visitor. Under her leadership two Christian Endeavor Societies and the Woman's Auxiliary were organized. Only a few months after the organization of the Christian Endeavor Society one of its members pledged her life to Christian service, went to the Assembly's Training School and has since been doing splendid work in mountain sections and mining camps. In the summer of 1922 Miss McLaurin accepted a call to take charge of the Irish Creek Mission in the mountains of Virginia, Lexington Presbytery, where she worked until December, 1927. Being in an isolated section, many miles from a town, she was expected to serve the community as nurse, doctor, Christian worker and leader in all the social activities. The work here was interesting and varied. A number of boys and girls of the community were placed in mission schools. During her first winter there Miss McLaurin took a little nine year old girl, Ella Clark, to the Mission Cottage to live there as her own daughter. This child is still with her (1928) and is doing good work in the ninth grade at school.

Miss McLaurin is now taking a well earned vacation at her home in McColl, S. C., but expects soon to enter the Home Mission work.

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HISTORIANS

Mrs. W. H. Mills
Mrs. J. E. Kelley
Mrs. J. B. Townsend

"Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us."—
I John 3:1

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

ANDERSON, FIRST

Out of the dim past comes the record of the Woman's Work of the old First Presbyterian Church of Anderson, S. C., now on the threshold of its ninety-first birthday.

Very little information can be found about the work before the war, but during the 60's a society was formed to work for the soldiers; later on all the churches joined together in that work, the wife of Judge Munro being the first president.

After the war another society was formed with Mrs. Lizzie Mauldin as president. After serving a long time Mrs. B. F. Whitner was chosen for that office. The members made articles of clothing and fancy work and sold them.

The First Presbyterian Church was organized in the parlor of the home of Judge and Mrs. J. N. Whitner, whose daughter, Mrs. S. F. Rucker, subsequently became teacher in the Sabbath School and whose granddaughter, Mrs. Bessie Taylor, has since 1900 been a faithful teacher in our Sabbath School, organizing in September, 1908, the Philathea Class. Just here we delight to honor the name of Mrs. John H. Townsend, another member of our Auxiliary, who for forty-five years told the beautiful story of Christ's love to our little children of four generations, as they sat at her knee. Four years ago ill health kept her away from her post of service but her influence will live on and on in the lives of these children.

Another flower blooming in the garden of our church is Miss Janie Frierson whose very life is a fragrance that sweetens the air. She is the daughter of a former pastor.

When a new church building was erected, this society helped in the furnishing, also built a fence around the church cemetery, and paid the expenses of a missionary, Dr. Bell, for one year in Korea.

At different times during this period there were societies of little girls who helped in their small way with the work of the church. Sometime in the early 90's a Young Ladies' Aid Society was organized. It supported a girl at Thornwell Orphanage for several years

and did other things to help the needy. This society was disbanded in 1895.

In 1926 another Girls' Circle was organized and has become a most interested and effective unit of our Auxiliary.

Soon after the disbanding of the Young Ladies' Aid came the organizing of the Foreign Missionary Society; later, Home Mission work was added. Contributions were made to both causes for awhile —then to all benevolent causes. Programs on Home and Foreign Missions were given and the contributions were voluntary. One year money was given for a door of a church in Cardenas, Cuba, and for several years special offerings by the members were given to support Dr. Allyn of Brazil.

In the fall of 1900 a Ladies' Aid was formed. This society either through contributions, dues, or money raised by bazaars, etc., built stone steps for Sunday School auditorium, and later stone sidewalks around the church. When an addition was made to the church, the women contributed $1,000.00 to that work.

During Dr. John S. Foster's ministry all of the women of the church were called together in a great mass meeting to decide the advisability of uniting the Ladies' Missionary Society and the Ladies' Aid and adopting the Auxiliary Circle Plan. For a month this was a subject of constant prayer for God's special guidance in the selection of a president, and at the end of that time another meeting was held and it was voted to join the two societies, and this meeting in March, 1918, was the birth of our Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church. Mrs. J. B. Townsend was chosen president. This church was the first in this Presbytery to adopt the Auxiliary Circle Plan, and was the banner Auxiliary of the State for year 1927.

A new furnace was needed, so the Woman's Auxiliary gave $1,000.00 for that. A Student Loan Scholarship in memory of the four gold stars on the Service Flag was taken, $600.00 being raised. The Thornwell Orphanage is given $200.00 a year, and for the last eight years at Thanksgiving a present has been sent to every child there, and many articles of clothing besides, and a large cash contribution sent. One year $2.00 was given to the Church of the Pilgrims in Washington, and many causes have been helped with smaller sums. Money has been used in grading and making beautiful our church grounds and the handsome pulpit furniture was presented to the church by the ladies.

Besides these special causes a generous part of our offering has



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Anderson, South Carolina

Where the First Presbyterial organization meeting was held, in July, 1900. Mrs. R. N. Brackett, of Clemson College, was elected president.

gone to benevolences, and this is divided according to the Assembly's plan.

It may not be amiss, thinking first of the day of small "beginnings", to make a few comparisons and to show something of the expansion which these years have brought to our splendid organization. We have today enrolled 240 members—our budget not only being reached but over the top, making it possible to help in many needed places, but special stress has been made in tithing, the family altar and subscriptions to church papers. Out of our ranks have been chosen six Presbyterial officers, by name: Mrs. E. W. Brown, Miss Annie Belle Towers, Mrs. P. C. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Townsend, Mrs. A. L. Blake and Mrs. W. W. Sadler and at present Mrs. J. B. Townsend is the vice president of the Synodical. And another whose modest reserve has kept her from accepting the highest office has many times with her gifts and her service made it possible for us to do those things we longed to do. She has paid the salary of a foreign missionary for many years.

In 1926 with Mrs. J. B. Townsend as president the Auxiliary realized the need of a building in which to house the Men's Bible Class, the kitchen, dining room and Junior Philathea Class, and having a small fund in the bank, presented a petition to the officers of the church to be allowed to erect a hut on the church property. This was in turn presented to the congregation and it was decided that it would be the part of wisdom to erect a more substantial building. A committee was then appointed, of which Mrs. J. B. Townsend was chairman, which has resulted in our having a neat, brick veneer structure, "The Kirk" by name, as part of our church property and it has indeed filled a large place in the life of the church. The members of the Auxiliary gave genrously to this and during the presidency of Mrs. Frank E. Todd in 1927 the splendid kitchen equipment was installed. This year we gave $300.00 to the Fort Hill Church, helped in renewing the beginners department in the Sunday School, added to the convenience and arrangement of our room in the South Carolina Home in Montreat, added the shrubbery to beautify the grounds of our manse as well as adding a very substantial sum to our Foreign Mission work. Also a small sum to help with the Assembly Inn at Montreat.

The members of the Auxiliary have had a very large share in promoting the Young People's Work of the church, supplying leaders of unusual merit and furnishing funds where needed.

The business women, under the able leadership of Mrs. Lucia Hudgens last year, came into the Auxiliary as a circle and have added much to the efficiency of our organization.

This brings the history up to the presidency of Mrs. Keith Prevost who will lead us, we pray, on to reach the goal for 1928.

We count all the women of the church as members of our Auxiliary and have, this year, sent a colored woman to the Conference. We gave $300.00 for the special Foreign Mission offering and have paid our full quota to the Fort Hill Church fund. Our membership numbers 200.

CENTRAL, ANDERSON

The Central Presbyterian Church of Anderson was organized in September, 1900, with sixty-five members, about thirty of these being women and girls. As the congregation was without a place of worship and the needs were many, sixteen of the most active women immedaitely organized themselves into "The Woman's Working Society" with Mrs. Rebecca Archer Lewis as president. She continued to serve in this capacity for five years and to her untiring zeal and activity is due the success of the society. One of the elders in writing a history of the church has said: "The Woman's Society has been a moving spirit in the church and to their industry, zeal and perseverance is due no small measure of the success of the church."

The first work done by the women was to buy remnants of mill cloth and make into garments to sell. Mrs. Lewis contributed largely to the treasury with proceeds from making children's bonnets. One year the women pledged themselves to go without gloves and give the price of their denial to the church. In various ways this faithful band labored and made money for the church.

On the 14th of April, 1901, Rev. H. R. Murchison was called to be the first pastor of the church. After his coming, plans were begun to build a church, the corner stone of which was laid on June 2nd, 1902. The lot on which the church was built was bought from Mrs. Kate Maxwell, and she contributed $300.00 to the church building fund.

After getting into the new church, the sphere of Woman's Work was greatly enlarged; so many things were needed and this faithful band made every effort to do their part. Instead of hiring a janitor the women took time about cleaning the church. This was kept up

for several years, saving in that way. To the women belong the credit of buying a carpet and having it laid. They also worked for communion service and linen, collection plates, etc. They also had a big share in paying for the splendid pipe organ. The work of sending boxes to the Orphanage and helping the poor was regularly carried on. On 22nd day of October, 1915, our beloved first president, Mrs. Rebecca Lewis, was called to her reward, but her memory abides.

A short while after the working society was organized a desire to do missionary work was felt and "The Woman's Missionary Society" was organized with Mrs. J. C. Harris as president. This organization also met once a month and had programs on mission work. By dues and voluntary offerings, contributions were made regularly to both Home and Foreign Missions. Mite boxes were always given out and opened at the Thanksgiving meeting. The women took one share of $50.00 in The Forward Movement. This share was placed in Kunsan Station, Korea; also furnished a cot in the Elizabeth Blake hospital in China.

Some years later the Rev. Frank Wright, the Indian evangelist, conducted a revival in the church, and it was during this meeting the women became intensely interested in Home Missions, and "The Home Missionary Society" was organized with Mrs. J. C. Watkins as president. This organization met once a month, and made a special study of Home Missions. There were then the three women's organizations: "The Woman's Working Society", "The Foreign Missionary Society" and "The Home Missionary Society", all doing active work. Thus the work of the women of the church was carried faithfully on until the spring of 1919 when it was reorganized on the Auxiliary Circle Plan with Mrs. T. Frank Watkins as president. Some of the original members have passed away, some have moved to other places, while new names have been added to the list. The work goes on; and the number has grown from sixteen to one hundred and seventeen.

We would stop and pay tribute to two of our beloved women, who have gone to their reward since the work was organized on the Auxiliary Circle Plan: Mrs. Ida C. Linley, who was called home on December 10th, 1920, and Mrs. Josephine Anderson, on November 28th, 1923. We thank our Heavenly Father for their blessed fellowship and example.

The Auxiliary contributes regularly to all causes of the church. In the spring and fall self denial offerings are made to both Home and Foreign Missions when the study classes and weeks of prayer

and self denial are held. An orphan is supported annually at Thornwell Orphanage, also extra contributions and boxes are sent both to Thornwell and mountain schools. The Auxiliary sent $410.00 for the Louise Mayes Baby Cottage. The members took an active part in the war work; also invested in Liberty bonds.

It is the custom for each circle at the close of the year to leave a special gift with the church. In these gifts have been included collection plates, silver, kitchen utensils, mirror for organ, vases, pedestals for flowers, kitchen cabinet, etc. This cabinet was filled with an ample supply of dishes by the Auxiliary. Mr. James Thompson, one of the members of the church, presented the Auxiliary with tables for dining room, for which we are grateful.

One of the members, Miss Lulie Andrews, is in her second year at the Assembly's Training School preparing for life work, while Miss Louise Linley, one of the high school pupils, is a volunteer.

The Auxiliary is rated as a Silver Star Auxiliary. Mrs. M. A. Thompson is the president.

At the beginning of our year's work, April, 1926, our president, Mrs. M. M. Mattison, announced that the aim of the Auxiliary would be to stress the spiritual side at all times. With this in view, the general officers were asked to meet each Sunday morning between Sunday School and church for special prayer for our church and all its activities. Practically every circle was formed into a prayer band. A series of Bible studies on "Some Men and Women of the Bible" proved most interesting and instructive, these being taken up at the meetings both in the homes and at the church. We also had a class in Stewardship, taught by the pastor, which was very helpful.

Our Auxiliary had the pleasure of entertaining the Presbyterial in April, and our members responded most cheerfully to all demands thus made on them.

Besides contributing to all the church causes we sent an additional sum monthly to Thornwell Orphanage. We had the Birthday Party in May and the Rally Meeting in October, observed the different weeks of prayer. Our collection Loyalty Week was $100.00; $25.00 was sent to the Clemson College Church. Several gifts were made to the church equipment by the different circles, including table cloths, curtains, dish towels, a porcelain sink and a vacuum cleaner.

We sent delegates to the Young People's Conference at Clinton, to the conference for colored women in Columbia and to Montreat, excellent reports being brought back to us by each one. Several bags

and boxes were sent to our mountain schools at Canoe and Crosnore. We did our part of the White Cross work. Notes of congratulations were sent to all college and high school graduates in our congregation and each little new arrival was greeted with an appropriate card. A party was given in the home of one of our members for the Presbyterian girls at Anderson College.

During July and August our Auxiliary holds but one meeting a month, this being a joint gathering of all circles at one home. On these occasions we have short devotional and inspirational programs, the social feature, with light refreshments served by different circles, being stressed.

We had the sad experience of losing three valuable members by death during the past year and they will be sorely missed. One of these left a bequest of $2,000 each to Home and Foreign Missions and $1,000 to Thornwell Orphanage. In our observance of the Week of Prayer for and study of Home Missions we have for several years arranged for one class to be held Wednesday evening, at which time our pastor, Rev. John McSween, conducts the lesson. In this way we are reaching a number of our young people and men who could not attend our afternoon classes.

All circles have done well, but special mention should be made of our banner circle. This is composed of our business women, about twenty-five in number, who meet once a month at the church at 6:30, supper being served them by the various circles in turn. The interest of these members is very gratifying, as we frequently have a perfect attendance.

The outstanding feature of our year's work, however, is our School of Missions, which was held the four Wednesday evenings in February, at which time we served light suppers prepared by the different circles in turn, and had an average attendance of over one hundred.

We are very proud of the fact that our Auxiliary has each year earned the Silver Star.

Under the leadership of Mrs. J. H. Anderson, as president, interest in the meetings of our Auxiliary has increased to a marked degree. With 137 on our roll, our average attendance, including the business girls' circle, was sixty-seven. We have fifty-two subscribers to church papers, fourteen "Survey" subscribers, fifty tithers and twenty-six family altars.

We have eight Prayer Bands, one of them meeting each Sunday

morning to ask God's special blessing on the service; and at least a hundred of our members will lead in prayer.

During the past year we have lost two much loved members by death and several others moved out of town, so that, although we added fourteen new names to our roll, our number reported was less than last year.

We sent delegates to Clinton and to Montreat and feel amply repaid in this investment. We sent gifts to the church at Clemson College, to the flood sufferers and to China, to the Leper Colony, besides quilts and boxes to Thornwell and to the mountain orphanages and schools. We contributed to the White Cross work, bought a T. B. bond and took charge of the T. B. booth at our county fair one day, during which we earned nearly $100 for this worthy cause.

We had a banquet for our boys and girls leaving for schools and colleges in September; a reception for the Presbyterian girls at Anderson College, to which the whole congregation was invited; served suppers in our turn during the Teacher Training School held at the First Presbyterian Church; served suppers six evenings during the Wade Smith meeting to the personal workers; served a banquet to the officers of the church before the Every Member Canvass; besides serving a light supper each month to our business girls.

We were fortunate in having three delightful talks at our inspirational meetings during the year. At our Birthday Party in May we had the pleasure of having with us a real Korean girl, Miss Grace Chay, who is in college at Due West. We had a strong plea for the girls and women of the mill villages from Miss White of the Training School at Richmond during one of our Home Mission programs. Miss Mary Kennedy was with us in September and told us something of her work as a missionary in India.

The Day of Prayer for Schools and Colleges was fittingly observed in a special service led by our pastor at the mid-week prayer meeting. We had a class in Stewardship, Home Mission Study, the School of Missions. During the week of prayer for Foreign Missions a generous response to the urgent appeals resulted in our contributions to this cause being more than double what we gave last year.

The Auxiliary is sponsoring the work of the young people in our church. Our Secretary of Young People's Work was actively interested in the Junior Christian Endeavor. One of our loveliest programs of the year was put on by her, when she had the devotional service conducted by the Senior Endeavorers, the second part of the

program being a pageant by the Juniors. Two of our girls have dedicated themselves to full time life service.

Our Christian Social Service, though lacking in organization, deserves special mention. Our secretary of this cause, being connected with one of our mill schools, is in a position to reach those in need and she has taken great pleasure in distributing magazines, religious papers and clothing where it will be appreciated. She also visits the sick and reads the Bible to some who are not able to attend church. Another of our members takes an active interest in the work of our colored women, giving them religious literature and helping them to plan Auxiliary programs.

Our aim for the new year is for still more interest in our meetings and a deeper spirituality among our members, resulting in more family altars.

We have reached seventy-five per cent on the Standard of Excellence, entitling us to a Blue Star.

BETHEL

ESTABLISHED IN 1805

It is true of Bethel Church as of most of the older churches, that no record can be found of the work of the women in earlier years. No doubt they were active in their sphere from the beginning. Their homes were always open to the pastor and his helpers, and they were ever ready to help the needy.

A number of names are linked with Bethel in the memory of those who have known the church—Mrs. Samuel McFall and her daughters; Mrs. Mason Duncan, Mrs. Massey, and their daughters; the Todds, Cowans, and others. Also Mrs. Catherine Sharp. Her father, Alexander White, gave seven acres for the church lot. Her husband, John Sharp, was an elder in the Bethel Church for many years. In their home the minister was very frequently entertained, in the days of the horse-and-buggy, when the pastor's visit was not merely a brief call. It was also in the days of the loom and the spinning wheel. Mrs. Sharp was the mother of twelve children, all of whom grew up to be useful Christian citizens. One of her sons, Rev. Van Sharp, was a well known Methodist minister. A grandson, Rev. J. A. Sharp, is president of Young Harris College, Georgia.

In her home also, five grandchildren, fatherless and motherless,

grew to maturity. Two of these survive, both elders of Bethel Church. Another was Mrs. W. E. Rankin, a most devoted and useful member of the church and of the Woman's Auxiliary until her death in 1926.

Among other noble examples of service may be mentioned Miss Rebecca McFall. Along with her work in the church she did much for her nephew, William Neville, in his early training and education. In his manhood he became a distinguished minister of the Synod, Rev. W. G. Neville, D. D., president of the Presbyterian College, Clinton, at the time of his death.

Still another worker was Mrs. Alice Jones Kelley, who did much in the church and in the community in the 1890's. Her Sabbath School class of young girls was organized into a "Pansy Society", and under her leadership were ever on the alert to find where help was needed and to carry sunshine and cheer to the sick and the sorrowing.

The first organized work of the women of the church is the present Woman's Auxiliary, which was formed in March, 1923, under the direction of the County Visitor, Mrs. W. E. Meares, and Mrs. T. C. Peden of Westminster, with the following officers: President, Mrs. J. E. Kelley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. T. R. Chatham; Secretary Foreign Missions, Miss Alma Alexander; Secretary Home Missions, Mrs. J. D. Cowan; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. T. Y. Chalmers; Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension, Miss Ovaline Cowan; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. S. H. Snead; Secretary Literature, Miss Gaynelle Alexander.

Officers for 1927-28: Mrs. J. E. Kelley, President; Miss Alloe Snead, Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. T. R. Chatham, Secretary Home Missions; Miss Mildred Snead, Secretary Foreign Missions; Miss Alma Alexander, Secretary Young People and Sunday School Extension; Mrs. Lee J. Kelly, Secretary Spiritual Life; Mrs. J. P. Beatty, Secretary Literature; Mrs. S. N. Snead, Chairman Orphanage Workers Relief.

The twelve members formed themselves into a Prayer Band, and they feel that this feature has been the means of great blessing to themselves and to the church. Through prayer and the efforts of this little band the Sabbath School was revived and continues to do its part toward the upbuilding of the church. Later a Christian Endeavor Society was organized and for two years has been doing splendid work.

A former member of the church gave paint for repainting the church building, in 1923. This inspired the members to improve and remodel, before painting, so today the church presents a pleasing appearance and is comfortable and well furnished.

The Auxiliary carpeted the pulpit rostrum and bought shades for the windows.

The Auxiliary complies with the request of Mrs. Winsborough in counting all the women of the church, but so far, has not been able to enlist the active interest of more than the "faithful few". Scattered membership, bad roads, and often unfavorable weather, prevents a large attendance at the meetings. However, the Auxiliary has not failed to "do its bit" along all the prescribed lines.

The young people have taken part in the program each year for the Birthday Party, and the offerings have been generous. The Mission Study classes have been the occasions for pleasant and profitable all day meetings, combining with them the programs for Annual Day of Prayer. Each Thanksgiving a box is sent to Thornwell Orphanage. The recent Self-Denial Offering was $10.60, only a few members contributing.

The members gain much help and inspiration from attending Presbyterial meetings and Group Conferences. The Auxiliary was fortunate in having the Oconee Group Conference meet here in September, 1927.

BROADWAY

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Broadway Presbyterian Church, Belton, S. C., was organized in 1910 with six members.

Object of this society is to promote interest in world-wide missions and to secure contributions for the work of our church and to encourage the circulation of missionary literature.

For several years it was a struggle to exist, members moving away, etc.

Before we became an Auxiliary, every woman in the church, except two, were members of the society—twenty-two on roll, now twenty-four. In 1914 it was decided we must have a special object in view for our special work and prayer. We undertook the support of a pupil in the Agnes Bradley School in China. Later was asked to support a Bible woman instead, which we did. For the past three

years have been clothing an eighteen year old girl in Thornwell Orphanage. Contribute regularly to all causes.

Our collection the past year, not counting what we gave to church and Sunday School, was $180.00.

Though a résumé of the work of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Belton church for the past four years reveals brief periods of discouragement, yet the general trend of activities has been toward a higher goal. During the presidency of Mrs. A. S. Fant, 1924-25, the organization was inflamed with renewed zeal which continued to glow for the two succeeding years under the leadership of Mrs. R. L. Parker. The many accomplishments were made possible by the loyalty of its membership. A proud boast is that the roster contains the names of every woman member of the church.

Meetings are held semi-monthly and only one has been canceled during the four years and that for a valid reason. There are two circles, active, with eighteen members and a home circle numbering five, of the majority of whom it may be truthfully said, "She hath done what she could". No delinquency appears for annual pledges. Secretaries are provided for all the benevolent causes of the church and all special programs called for by head officials are observed. Particular attention has been given to self-denial week, and the past year donations exceeded the one dollar per member asked for. Thornwell Orphanage has been remembered by gifts of clothing. Study classes for both Home and Foreign Missions were conducted each year, using the text books recommended, and all church causes are included in the annual budget.

The Birthday Party has never been neglected and free will offerings of the occasions have been gratifying. The interest felt by the membership in the spiritual welfare of the student body of Clemson College was exemplified by a contribution of double the apportionment for the erection of the church on the college campus. Three members of the Auxiliary have held office in the Presbyterial: Mrs. Julian Walton, Vice President; Mrs. C. G. Todd, Secretary of Literature, and Mrs. R. L. Parker, Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Recognizing the inspiration that comes from association with sister members, representatives have attended all of the annual gatherings.

Financial obligations incident to the building of the local new house of worship has been shared by assuming the responsibility of supplying funds for carpeting, curtains for choir railing and the pur-

chase of an organ, the total cost of which was $1,400.00, all of which has been met.

The early minutes have been lost, but if memory is correct the society was organized under the name of the Ladies' Aid during the year 1906 with the following charter members: Mrs. F. M. Cox, Mrs. W. R. Haynie, Mrs. W. B. Guy, Mrs. M. E. Andrews, Mrs. C. L. Stewart and Mrs. R. L. Parker. Mrs. R. L. Parker was the first president and Mrs. F. M. Cox, secretary and treasurer.

EASLEY

The Easley Presbyterian Church was organized in May, 1886, by the Rev. Mc. L. Seabrook in the Easley Academy building. Doctor J. R. Riley was stated supply. The following are the charter members: Mr. T. A. Archer, Mr. W. W. Ford, Dr. R. J. Gilliland, Sr., Mr. W. A. Mauldin, Mr. J. McD. Bruce, Dr. J. W. Earle, Dr. Joe B. George, Mr. C. T. Martin, Mrs. T. A. Archer, Mrs. W. W. Ford, Mrs. R. J. Gilliland, Mrs. W. A. Mauldin, Miss Essie Russell, Mrs. Alice Russell, Mrs. Bright Gilstrap, Mrs. J. G. Wyatt.

In 1924 there are 134 resident members, twenty-four non-resident members, ten elders and twelve deacons.

The original church building was erected in 1887 on a lot given by Mr. W. M. Hagood, and the cost of building was helped largely by Mr. Hagood. After a few years Major D. F. Bradley and Dr. R. F. Smith moved into the town and helped much. The church was dedicated about the year 1900, Dr. Riley still being supply.

During these years the membership increased steadily.

The ladies raised money by oyster sales and in other ways, which was used to help in furnishing the church. No record of the details of work done by the women was kept until the Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1903.

Miss Gertrude Hagood organized the Ladies' Aid in 1903 and was elected president. She was president for twenty-five years (excepting one year when she lived in Georgia with her husband). During that year Mrs. Dora Hagood was president. Miss Gertrude Hagood was born in Pickens and was educated in Easley and at Converse College at Spartanburg. She was married to Dr. A. B. Mathews in 1906. Since his death she has devoted her entire time to her parents, church and charitable work. She is now president of the Church Club, and as leader of that has done much work for the sick and afflicted. Her

cheerfulness and patience have never failed. Although for the last year we have had another president she is still the real leader.

All written accounts of the Ladies' Aid from the year 1903 to 1913 are lost. The charter members of the Ladies' Aid are: Mrs. Blalock, Mrs. W. M. Hagood, Mrs. J. E. Hagood, Miss Gertrude Hagood, Miss Lydie Hagood, Miss Lyde Folger, and Miss Viola Runyon. In 1904 the Ladies' Aid helped to build the manse by raising money for the heating plant, cupboards, and closets. The manse was first occupied by Rev. J. T. Mathewson and family.

During the years 1913-14-15 membership of the Ladies' Aid was twenty-nine. It was divided into two circles. Mrs. Waller, the pastor's wife, with the help of Mrs. Lidie H. Shanklin, organized a Missionary Society, which met at the same time as the Ladies' Aid, and has continued in that arrangement until the present time. At that time they received ten cents each of the monthly dues. Now they receive the largest amount of the collections. In May, 1914, there was $324.00 in the treasury. In 1915 volunteer contributions were called for and received.

In 1916 the name was changed from Ladies' Aid to Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. In this year the society made improvements in the church and grounds. Mrs. Waller's missionary programs were more effective and more interest was taken in Foreign Missions. The minutes of the war year (1918), kept by Mrs. H. C. Hagood, frequently tell of busy housewives sending dues for six months at a time. Flowers were placed in the church every Sunday. No bazaars were held this year, each member gave free will contributions. Goods were sent to Thornwell Orphanage. Three French orphans were supported. No refreshments were served at meetings during the war.

In 1919 a benevolent fund by volunteer contributions was started to send a young girl to college. By the help of the society she was kept at Winthrop College until 1922. On resignation of Mrs. W. M. Hagood, Mrs. John Renfro was elected secretary. It was resolved in 1920 to improve the manse and church yard. Funds were started by the sale of a knitted baby sack. A French orphan was adopted for the year. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society entertained the District Auxiliary (75 members). Self denial envelopes brought in money. During this year the name of the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was changed to the Woman's Auxiliary with all the privileges of a Woman's Auxiliary. Mrs. W. E. Mayes was elected treasurer.

1921 was a very active year with the Auxiliary. Work on the church yard was completed at a cost of $150.00. Three times during the year "MARKET BASKETS" were sent out, making $17.00, $6.00, and $17.00 on their respective trips. A silver bowl was given Mrs. DuBose, our pastor's wife. $100.00 was given the deacons to start a fund for the remodeling of the interior of the church. $632.00 was made in 1921. Mrs. Hunt, our pastor's wife, and Miss Sophie Wyatt, conducted a Home Sunday School, which was introduced and started by Mr. Blair.

The study of Foreign Missions was a specialty at the beginning of the year 1922, and a week of prayer was devoted to this cause. Self-denial envelopes containing generous amounts were handed in by members. Attendance was good all the year, and dues were paid promptly. The first meeting of the Presbyterial met with us April 30th-May 1st. $577.93 was taken in and given to various causes during the year. Some of the causes helped were the Dubose Memorial, Ministerial Relief, floral contributions, church benevolences, and frequently, substantial presents were given. Members of the Auxiliary were on the committee to repair the church building, and an additional $100 was given to help in this cause.

At the beginning of the church year 1923, $309.00 was in the treasury. $112.00 was given to Near East Relief and $8.26 for local relief. $140.00 was given to the Baby Cottage at Clinton. In February $88.80 was paid into the treasury of church benevolences. Special prayer was made for Foreign Missions and by self denials $81.20 was raised for this cause. The committee of deacons and the Committee from Ladies' Auxiliary finished the church repairs at a cost of $1526.22. In all during 1923 $1020.28 was collected through the Auxiliary and given where most needed. Mrs. J. B. Townsend, President of Piedmont Presbyterial, was with us at an unusually interesting inspirational meeting. Realizing how far short the Auxiliary had fallen in Standard of Excellence and in Spiritual Work it was resolved to work harder and to take a greater interest in these things.

The Ladies' Auxiliary paid for painting the church building early in 1914 at a cost of $160.00. Mr. Hunt, our minister, died the first month of this church year, soon after which Mrs. Hunt, who had been one of our leaders, left us for other fields of work. $584.00 was subscribed for benevolences, to be paid up to July. During the summer four dinners were prepared for the Civitan Club from which was realized $81.00. Another dinner in September brought in $60.00 and

in October a dinner was given to the Good Road representatives for the Civitan Club, netting $56.00. The Auxiliary made repairs on the manse costing $100.00. The church was without a pastor during the summer and early fall. The officers of the Auxiliary for the year 1924 were: Mrs. G. H. Mathews, President; Mrs. J. M. Smith, Vice President; Mrs. B. F. Hagood, Secretary; Mrs. W. E. Mayes, Treasurer.

In the spring of 1925 Mrs. W. M. Hagood gave a magnificent pipe organ to the church, dedicating the same a few months later with a beautiful sacred musicale, with large attendance. Mrs. Hagood, formerly Miss Kate Cleveland, was born and raised in Spartanburg. After her marriage to Mr. Hagood, they lived in Pickens for several years. She has now been living in Easley for many years and has been doing great work for the Presbyterian Church. In 1925 the Auxiliary studied Home and Foreign Mission books, Stewardship, and the Bible. Mrs. J. E. Hagood was elected secretary. She was the principal spiritual leader of the spiritual side of the work. In February the Auxiliary met with Mrs. W. M. Hagood, Jr., our hard-working and very capable secretary of Junior Christian Endeavor. From 1925 to 1926 $1175.00 was to the credit of the Auxiliary.

During 1926 the historians with the help of secretaries, got together a loose-leaf ledger containing in the secretaries' own handwriting copies of the minutes of Ladies' Aid and Auxiliaries from 1903 to 1926. Two exceptions: Mrs. Campbell Sloan died, and her father copied her minutes; Mrs. Ben Hagood's. The Auxiliary had special call meetings for prayer. They served supper at the deacons' conference, and served full meals at church for Every Member Canvass. Our president gave talks on Fruit-bearing and Tares. About that time thirty-two were taking "Survey". Had prayer service in place of circle meeting. Because they were sorry for Mrs. C. T. Martin's continued efforts to keep the church yard beautiful, $25 was given for more shrubbery.

In August, 1927, our present president, Mrs. W. W. Robinson, and our former president, Mrs. G. H. Mathews, agreed that the outstanding feature of the year was the spiritual development of the Auxiliary, and resolved to compare with the coming years. Grand total of collections and contributions for the year 1927 and 1928 was $1,123.00. Largest contributor was Mrs. G. H. Mathews, next Mrs. E. C. Martin and Mrs. Dora Hagood. Mrs. Hagood was born and edu-

cated in Pickens County as Miss Dora Folger. The largest amount given to one cause in 1928 was $209.00 to Assembly's Home Missions.

In February, 1926, officers were elected: Mrs. W. W. Robinson was president; Mrs. L. J. Smith, treasurer, and Mrs. B. F. Hagood, secretary.

FAIR PLAY

Organized in 1903 or 1904. The following women were charter members: Mrs. (J. D.) Lizzie Sheldon, Mrs. (S. R.) Janie Stribling, Mrs. (A. T.) Lizzie Thompson, Mrs. (Dr. J. R.) Elizabeth Heller, Mrs. (S. A.) Mamie Glenn, Mrs. Harbin, Miss Helen Thompson (now Mrs. John Dorroh), Miss Mary Sheldon (now Mrs. W. B. Glenn), Miss Louise Sheldon (now Mrs. W. H. Boggs), Miss Marion Compton, Miss Clyde Smith.

These constituted the "power behind the throne" in organizing and building the church. Later, the Methodist Church was dissolved and the following members united with the Presbyterian Church: Mrs. Bettie Harris, Mrs. D. V. Wright, Mrs. Lucy King, Miss Dollie Knox.

Reinforcements were added to the list of active workers at various times as the young men of the church married and brought their brides into the community as follows: Mrs. Mark Stribling, Mrs. J. Davis Glenn, Mrs. Rayford Harris, Mrs. J. Lawrens Sheldon. Another very active worker, Mrs. W. E. Meares, moved into the community. The public school teachers have from time to time added much to the pleasure and blessings of the meetings of the society.

A Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society was formed soon after the church was organized, and continued until merged into the Woman's Auxiliary about 1920. Mrs. John D. Sheldon was the first president. In the early days of the society the members gave their "Sunday eggs" to benevolences; also each used a dollar as "talent money" and invested it for improving the church property. Some bought cloth, made it into clothing and sold them, realizing as much as $10.00 from the original dollar. Others used other articles, but all turned in a good amount. With the proceeds they carpeted the church, put a substantial iron fence and set a hedge around the cemetery, and made several smaller improvements. Miss Marion Compton presented the church with a communion set—a sacrificial gift of love. Since

the Auxiliary plan has been adopted the budget system is used for raising funds.

The historian, Mrs. J. Laurens Sheldon, in writing of the lights and the shadows, says: "We have suffered losses, from death and removal, until now we only number three active members. We hope to keep up our Bible Study, and look to the Giver of all good things for a day when we can be more useful. We know that the Aid and Missionary Society and the Auxiliary have been a wonderful blessing to all the women of our church. The members have been abundantly helped in their spiritual life by the Bible Study and the Mission Study books. And the social gatherings—the spend-the-day parties, the old-fashioned quiltings, the picnics and the meetings with those of the number who were sick or shut-in—will be memories long to be treasured. The delegates to the Presbyterial meetings always come home inspired with visions of better things."

The Group Conference (Oconee County) met with the Fair Play Auxiliary in September, 1923, and the visitors were delighted with the splendid reception given them by this little band of faithful workers.

FLAT ROCK

There was no organized Woman's Work at Flat Rock until April 19th, 1925, when the Woman's Auxiliary came into existence, through the earnest efforts of Mrs. W. J. Muldrow, County Leader, and Mrs. J. B. Townsend, President of the Presbyterial. Mrs. Thompson Haynie was elected president; Mrs. R. E. Thompson, Spiritual Life Secretary; Mrs. Demsey Drake, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Mittie Young, Secretary of Foreign Missions, and Mrs. Sydney Haynie, Secretary of Home Missions.

Starting out with very few members, separated by distances, and with many handicaps, this Auxiliary has done excellent work, and is a shining example of what can be accomplished by a few consecrated women. The membership has been doubled, a communion service given to the church, a wool comfort sent to South Carolina Home at Montreat, boxes to Thornwell Orphanage, and gifts to all the causes. A star was given to Flat Rock at the annual meeting of Presbyterial for sending in reports most promptly. To Mrs. Thompson Haynie is due much credit for the success of this work.

FORT HILL, CLEMSON

The women of the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church met on Sunday afternoon, May 2nd, 1897, at the church, to organize a Missionary Society. Miss Myra Lay was elected President and Miss Carye Calhoun, Secretary and Treasurer. Fifteen members enrolled.

As there was no other woman's religious organization in the community at the time, members of other churches were invited to join and, for years, all denominations worked together harmoniously.

After other churches were established at the college, the membership of this Missionary Society decreased, as the women, quite naturally, joined their own respective church societies.

A yearly report was made by this society to the session of the church and the contributions were sent through the church treasurer.

The specific work of the early years was raising funds to build a manse, which was completed and paid for in 1907. Contribution toward an organ for the church was made and the church was carpeted at the expense of the society.

After the church had been remodeled and enlarged, the ladies invited the cadets to a lawn party on the grounds, and they kindly removed all the building débris. Refreshing punch was served all during the afternoon, and when the work was completed a bountiful supper was served. All voted it one of the most delightful, as well as profitable, entertainments the ladies ever gave.

The suggestion to form a Missionary Union Society, in the old South Carolina Presbytery, came from this society, in 1900; and of no other dream come true is this organization prouder.

Seventeen of the charter members of the Fort Hill Presbyterian Church were women and are as follows: Mrs. Rebecca C. Shivar, Seneca Presbyterian Church; Miss M. R. Beatty, Rocky River Presbyterian Church; Mrs. J. P. Smith, Slabtown Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Mattie A. Beatty McCue, Good Hope Presbyterian Church; Mrs. J. E. Anderson, Roberts Presbyterian Church; Mrs. J. F. Calhoun, Willington Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Fannie M. Calhoun (Mrs. Gilbert), Willington Presbyterian Church; Miss Carye E. Calhoun, Greenville Presbyterian Church; Miss Ida Calhoun, Greenville Presbyterian Church; Miss Rosa Calhoun (Mrs. S. W. Evans), Washington, Ga., Presbyterian Church; Miss Minnie W. Lytton, Greenville, S. C., Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Thomas P. Harrison, First Presbyterian Church (Baltimore); Mrs. J. G. Evans, Lebanon Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Nannie Poe

Sloan, Washington Street Presbyterian Church; Miss Alice Eugenia Sloan, Washington Street Presbyterian Church; Miss Ellen Poe Sloan, Washington Street Presbyterian Church; Mrs. A. Schilletter, Lutheran Church, Charleston, S. C.

This society has always been a loyal link in the chain of Woman's Work. Beginning with a sense of responsibility to the church and community, it readily acknowledged its obligations to the Missionary Union, soon to become the Presbyterial and Synodical organizations; and the gifts of both money and laborers have attested to interest and zeal.

Mrs. M. W. Houston, Mrs. E. N. Brackett, Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, and Mrs. Logan Marshall have been members of this organization who have served South Carolina Missionary Union and Presbyterial as among its presidents, Mrs. Bramlett having been called, in turn, to the larger field of Synodical President; Miss Sallie Burgess and Mrs. Logan Marshall have served Piedmont Presbyterial as Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. W. H. Mills has served both as Historian and Secretary of Christian Social Service; Mrs. Sydney Crouch in the capacity of Secretary of Young People's work, and Mrs. Logan Marshall as Secretary of Christian Social Service.

The major portion of the local work has been to surround the Presbyterian students at Clemson College with wholesome social and home life. In the early years one reception was given yearly and the boys were systematically entertained in the Presbyterian homes. But in late years a social event has been planned to include all or a part of these students, sometimes as often as once a month.

Another vital interest is Thornwell Orphanage. One child is being entirely clothed and two more partially so by this Auxiliary. In April, 1925, quite a number of the members went for a day's visit to the Orphanage. Every fall they send a harvest contribution of fruit, canned goods, potatoes, nuts, etc., and the Auxiliary budget carries this item.

This Auxiliary believes that information is the well spring of much inspiration, so annual study classes are held for both Home and Foreign Missions. These classes are well attended. The budget provides for a delegate to Montreat each year, for a colored woman's expenses to the Colored Woman's Conference, and a stated part of the expenses of a delegate to the Young People's Conference in Clinton, the Sunday School paying the balance. This Auxiliary is always well represented at the Group Conferences and at Presbyterial, and had the

pleasure of entertaining Presbyterial, in April, 1918, and the Oconee County Group Conference, in 1926.

In February, 1925, a Business Woman's Circle was organized. This circle meets regularly in the homes of the non-business members and is composed of the young women who have teaching and secretarial positions on the campus. The present membership is about twelve.

The members of this Auxiliary come and go, as the college faculty changes, from year to year, but the average is about forty members.

Mrs. Mary W. Houston was elected vice president of the Missionary Union of Piedmont at the meeting in Abbeville, in October, 1910, and was elected president in 1911, at which time Miss Carye Calhoun was elected corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Andrew Bramlett served as recording secretary and treasurer for four years. Mrs. Bramlett also served the Synodical as first vice president.

Mrs. W. H. Mills served as Home Missions Secretary in the Presbyterial.

BESSIE BRANDON CRAIG BRACKETT (MRS. R. N.)

Born in Cabanass County, N. C., June 2nd, 1865, daughter of Rev. John Newton Craig, D. D., of Virginia, then pastor of church at Lancaster, S. C., and his wife, Lydia Brevard Harris, of North Carolina. Childhood spent in Holly Springs, Miss., where Dr. Craig served the church as pastor for fourteen years. Removed to Baltimore, Md., when her father became Secretary of Home Missions of Presbyterian Church of United States in 1883. Educated at the Augusta Female Seminary, Staunton, Va., (now Mary Baldwin) and at the Misses Carey's School for young ladies, St. Charles Street, Baltimore, Maryland. Married at Atlanta, Ga., June 6th, 1889, to Richard Newman Brackett, Ph. D., son of Rev. Gilbert Robins Brackett, of Charleston, S. C., and his wife, Louise Theresa Newman.

In 1891, moved from Little Rock, Ark., to Clemson College, S. C. Member of Fort Hill Church and of its Woman's Auxiliary since 1897. First president of the Missionary Union of South Carolina Presbytery, and held various offices in Auxiliary of Fort Hill Church.

MRS. GRACE COLGLAZIER MARSHALL

Grace Colgazier was born in Salemn, Indiana, January 21st, 1888. She is the daughter of John M. and Della Marshall Colglazier. She

was educated for a teacher at Indiana State Normal School, at Terre Haute, Indiana, and followed her chosen profession six years.

On June 18th, 1912, she was married to John Logan Marshall of Greenwood, S. C., and Glenville, Ala. Her previous affiliation having been with the Christian Church at Terre Haute, Indiana, she was admitted by the session of the Fort Hill Church, Clemson College, S. C., in 1918.

She has served the Woman's Auxiliary of that church in the capacity of Recording Secretary (1918-1920); President (1922-1925), and Secretary of Literature (1927-1928). Her services to Piedmont Presbyterial have been: Secretary and Treasurer (1919 resigned because of illness); Secretary Christian Social Service (1924-1926); President (1927).

HONEA PATH

We organized in 1896 as a King's Daughter's Society by Mrs. McBryde, wife of our minister, Rev. J. T. McBryde. For several years we devoted ourselves to raising funds for the erection of a new church and for charity. About a thousand dollars was expended for these purposes.

In 1906, having decided that we could render more effective service as a Missionary Society, the King's Daughters was disbanded and a Missionary and Aid Society organized with fifteen members. Mrs. Newt. Greer was president. One of our charter members, Mrs. Margaret Clatworthy, was also a charter member of our church. Mrs. Clatworthy lived until March, 1926. Another of our charter members had in her family as elders, her husband, son, two sons-in-law, and as deacons three of her grandsons. Two of her daughters and her daughter-in-law have been president of the ladies' society. This member gave the pews in our church and the society gave the pulpit furniture. We are now an Auxiliary with twenty-six members, contributing to all the Assembly causes, Thornwell Orphanage, and charity. We helped build and furnish the manse, and almost every year have helped the deacons in the upkeep of the church and manse.

We have entertained the Presbyterial once and are looking forward to having it meet with us again in April, 1929. We have co-operated with the other churches of the town in conducting a Daily Vacation Bible School for the past two summers, and are planning to do so again this coming June.

Our members have been faithful and earnest, but we consider the last two years the best. Owing to the influence of our beloved pastor, Rev. S. H. Fulton, there has been manifested a deeper spirituality and more earnest personal responsibility.

In 1927-28 we increased our gifts to benevolences seventy-four per cent. For all this we thank God and take courage to strive for greater service for the Master.

IVA

This church organization is more than a hundred years old. The first building was on a tract of land containing forty acres given by Squire Andrew Reid and Dr. J. H. Reid. The farm was sold about fifteen years ago and the church moved to the village of Iva, three miles distant. The communion service now in use was donated by the Philathea Class. The piano is a gift from the Philatheas and the Woman's Auxiliary.

A Woman's Missionary Society was organized in 1882. The charter member are as follows: Mrs. P. B. Allen, Mrs. Jas. Ashley, Mrs. M. J. Baker, Mrs. M. E. Beaty, Mrs. E. W. Jones, Mrs. Nora Teasley, Mrs. M. Kay, Mrs. Annie McKee, Mrs. Jas. McMahan, Mrs. F. L. Ozmint, Mrs. T. A. Sherard, Miss Sue White, Miss Sallie Beaty, Miss Icie Jones, Miss Sallie Long, Miss Jane Long, Miss S. E. Ligon, Miss Rossie Prince, Miss Kate Wideman, Miss Mat McMahan, Miss Nithy McMahan.

Only three of these survive and not any of them are now residents of the town or community.

The membership of the Auxiliary in 1924 is twenty-one. Contributions to all causes from 1922-1924, $302.00. The two circles of the Auxiliary are doing very active work. A "Kitchen Shower" was given to a member whose home was destroyed by a tornado. A girl at Winthrop College was assisted, and contributions made to Student Loan Fund before the present plan was adopted. Also $50.00 was given to the North Kiangsu Mission, China.

LIBERTY

The ladies of the Liberty Presbyterian Church met July 7, 1892, for the purpose of organizing themselves into a society, its object being to promote the efficiency and prosperity of the church in its temporal

and spiritual affairs. They appropriated to themselves the title of "The Earnest Workers".

Mr. S. D. Glenn being present, was invited to open the meeting with religious exercises. The following officers were elected: Mrs. J. J. Wakelin, President; Mrs. E. P. Boggs, Vice President; Miss Emma Smith, Secretary; Mrs. L. E. Hollingsworth, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Chapman, Treasurer. Committee on by-laws and constitution: Mrs. W. H. Chapman, Mrs. R. M. Wertz, Mrs. D. J. Greer, Miss Corrie Boggs.

A motion to adjourn was next in order. After singing the L. M. Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Mr. S. D. Glenn, and all adjourned to meet July 12th.

The honorary members of the society from its beginning were as follows: Rev. J. T. McBride, Mrs. J. A. Boggs, Mr. W. D. Glenn, Mr. W. L. Boggs, Mr. W. S. Parsons, Mr. J. R. Chapman, Mr. J. J. Wakelin, Mr. William Pickle, Mr. T. N. Hunter, Mr. J. F. Smith, Mr. M. A. Boggs, Mr. D. J. Greer, Mr. S. D. Glenn, Mr. D. A. Chamblin, Mr. B. H. Callaham, Mr. L. R. Smith, Rev. W. H. Workman, Mr. W. B. Glenn, Mr. J. P. Smith, Mr. H. G. Smith, Mr. W. A. Sheldon, Mr. J. A. Stoddard, Mr. S. D. Stewart, Mr. J. P. Glenn, Mr. T. S. Glenn, Mr. D. G. Sheldon, Mr. J. L. Blair, Mr. D. H. Templeton, Mr. B. W. McWorther, Mr. W. H. Chapman, Mr. A. F. Riser, Rev. J. C. Bailey, Mr. J. A. McWorther.

Of the charter members of the Liberty Presbyterian Church, several were active in organizing the first Woman's Society. These were Mrs. A. J. Boggs and daughter, Miss Corrie; Mrs. Josephine Boggs Greer; Mrs. Matilda Wakelin and daughter, Miss Essie Chapman.

Although this band of women was small in number, they were faithful and willing workers in their Master's vineyard. Special mention should be made of a few who sacrificed much but gave lovingly and gladly of their time and means to carry on this work.

Miss Kate Smith, although crippled, came through good weather and bad to help keep the church clean, as there was no janitor in those days. Mrs. L. R. Smith, as organist, was faithful in attendance, often coming to the meetings when it was indeed a sacrifice to do so. The same can be said of Miss Emma Smith and Miss Leila Boggs who served as organists and in other capacities, and of Mrs. W. H. Chapman who was the treasurer of the society for so many years.

From the very beginning these women worked untiringly for material things that were needed. There was a carpet to buy for the church, and lamps, and in 1899 they paid for an addition to the church.

In 1901 they raised money to paint the house of worship. The minutes of these years tell of suppers, entertainments and bazaars given to raise this money.

In 1900 the name of the organization was changed from "The Earnest Workers" to "The Ladies' Aid Society". In 1903 the name was again changed to "The Ladies' Missionary Society", and finally in 1919 to "The Woman's Auxiliary". At present (1928) our membership is twenty-three.

Thousands of dollars have been raised by the women, and all causes designated by the General Assembly are contributed to, as well as local and emergency calls. The land on which our church property stands was donated by Mr. A. J. Boggs and wife, Pauline.

One of our members, Mrs. M. A. Boggs, has four children in the Master's service. These are Rev. Wade H. Boggs, D. D., Rev. M. A. Boggs, Dr. Lloyd K. Boggs, and Miss Lonita Boggs, a life volunteer.

Mrs. W. L. Boggs was the first director of the Children's Society. She was succeeded by Mrs. W. A. Sheldon, who was their leader until the Christian Endeavor was organized.

Mrs. W. L. Boggs at one time organized a Woman's Society at Carmel Church, and this flourished as long as she was there to be their leader.

The communion plates were given the church by the women. In later years an individual communion set was presented by the Children's Society. They also gave the church a handsome table, and at one time supported a hospital cot in China.

The presidents and vice presidents of the women's organization from the year of its birth are as follows:

Presidents: Mrs. Matilda Wakelin, Mrs. M. A. Boggs, Mrs. M. A. Boggs, Mrs. W. H. Workman, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. D. H. Templeton, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. W. L. Boggs, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. W. A. Sheldon, Mrs. J. C. Bailey, Mrs. W. B. Glenn, Mrs. W. B. Glenn, Mrs. M. A. Boggs, Mrs. B. G. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Glenn, Mrs. W. B. Glenn, Mrs. W. B. Glenn, Mrs. W. B. Glenn, Mrs. H. A. Knox, Mrs. H. A. Knox, Mrs. J. C. Hunter, Mrs. H. A. Knox.

Vice Presidents: Mrs. E. P. Boggs, Mrs. L. E. Hollingsworth, Miss Corrie Boggs, Mrs. L. R. Smith, Mrs. W. L. Boggs, Mrs. W. L. Boggs, Mrs. F. A. Drennan, Mrs. W. A. Sheldon, Mrs. D. H. Templeton, Mrs J. P. Smith, Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Bailey, Mrs. H. G. Smith, Mrs. W. L. Boggs, Mrs. J. C. Hunter, Mrs. M. A. Boggs, Mrs. B. G.

Smith, Mrs. J. C. Hunter, Mrs. J. C. Boggs, Mrs. S. T. McKittrick, Mrs. M. A. Boggs, Mrs. J. C. Boggs, Mrs. W. B. Glenn.

The Woman's Auxiliary joined the Presbyterial Auxiliary in 1912. A budget system has been adopted in recent years. No outstanding work has been accomplished, but the members should be commended for the prefect harmony that has existed among them since organization; and for the liberal and unselfish gifts to promote God's work. They helped wonderfully in building the manse in 1906; in the new church in 1913, and supported a Bible woman in China for five years The self-denial offerings for Home and Foreign Missions have been large, as well as other gifts.

MT. ZION

This church was organized in 1833 at what was then called Sandy Springs Academy where services were held for several years. In 1842 the present building, of brick, was dedicated to the worship of God.

Although the women of the church were active in doing what their hands found to do, no record of Woman's Work was kept until in 1915. A Missionary Society with five members was organized, with Mrs. R. W. Hammond as President; Mrs. J. S. Heller, Vice President; Mrs. A. M. Milam, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mrs. D. M. Craig, Secretary of Literature.

Through the prayers and efforts of this little band the membership now numbers twenty, and each year marks a progressive step in enlargement of the work. At first the contributions were small, and were divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. Since the Auxiliary plan was adopted, several years ago, contributions are made to all the church causes. In 1923-1924 contributions to all causes amounted to $100.00.

This Auxiliary has observed the "Birthday of the Auxiliary" each year with a special offering. In May, 1924, "A Mexican Fiesta" was held at the home of Mrs. A. M. Milam. Decorations of red, white and green crepe paper, together with United States and Mexican flags added much to the interest of the occasion. This was well attended and contributions amounted to $19.00. Quilt scraps were sent to Mrs. Winsborough for a hospital in China.

Until 1924 the same officers were re-elected year after year, with the addition in 1922 of a Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. W. G. Erwin. Officers elected, were: President, Mrs. J. S. Heller; Vice

President, Mrs. H. O. Robinson; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Milam; Secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. John D. Sharp; Secretary Literature, Mrs. D. M. Craig; Secretary Spiritual Life, Miss Kate Craig; Local Orphanage Work, Mrs. Frank Sharp; Historian, Mrs. A. M. Milam.

Mt. Zion Auxiliary had the pleasure of entertaining Piedmont Presbyterial Auxiliary on April 26-27, 1923. This meant work and planning on the part of this little group, but right valiantly did they do their part, proving an inspiration to the whole Presbyterial. The entire meeting was one of great enthusiasm.

The members of this Auxiliary unite in thankfulness for their leader, Mrs. R. W. Hammond, who by her devotion anl practical management, has held them together and has been largely instrumental in making them the active society of to-day.

While the Auxiliary has added much in the development of the life of the church, and with the combined effort much good has been accomplished, the members feel that the crowning result of their labors is in furnishing two of their young men, Augustus Craig and Roy Craig, sons of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Craig, who are preparing for Foreign Mission work, China being their chosen field.

Dr. McLaughlin addressed the Auxiliary at a meeting during Loyalty Week, February, 1926, and this Auxiliary invites women of other denominations to their inspirational meetings.

MIDWAY

The Woman's Auxiliary of Midway Presbyterian Church was organized August 8, 1924, by Miss Lulie E. Andrews, worker of Piedmont Presbytery. Only eight members were present but our faith was strong and we went to work; our first officers were: President, Mrs. T. M. Vandiver; Vice President, Mrs. Tom Wolff; Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. Rankin; Secretary and Secretary Literature, Mrs. Vernon Kay; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. Will Webb; Secretary Home Missions, Mrs. Ferd Kowalski. Other presidents who have served so faithfully are Mrs. Vernon Kay and Mrs. Will Webb.

While we have only a few members and are not able to do much yet God has richly blessed us. Since we organized we have had our pulpit chairs re-upholstered, have helped get a new carpet for the church, have bought new linen for communion service and have remem-

bered the sick with fruit and flowers and in cases of death floral designs are sent.

Though our contributions to the causes of the church have been small we have sent them with the prayer that God would use them as he did the loaves and fishes.

We have twenty members now and hope to enroll all women of the church. We feel that though we cannot do great things for the Master that our little things have been much to us. Our women are taking more interest in the work and we have a band of women who are strong in prayer.

PELZER

The first organization effected in 1883 was when six members formed a Missionary Society of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pelzer Presbyterian Church with Mrs. C. L. Stuart as president. To Mrs. Stuart is due, in a large measure, the success of the early years of the society, and her helpful influence has extended through its development into the splendid organization of today.

As wife of the pastor, she was truly a helpmate, sharing with him the life of the people among whom they labored. Despite the infirmity of lameness, she went about doing good, carrying into the homes of the people, help and cheer and counsel, and giving herself in devoted service to the Master.

After her husband's death in 1921, she became an invalid. In the quiet of her home she enjoys the love and esteem of many friends.

Among the charter members of Pelzer Church the names of three women are found: Mrs. E. A. Smyth, Mrs. J. Williams and Mrs. B. F. Tony.

Today this church has an enthusiastic Woman's Auxiliary. From six members of the original society the number has grown to thirty-four; contributions from small sums to $291.00 (1924). The Budget System is used. The membership has made spiritual progress as shown in the increase of family altars, tithers, Prayer Bands, and Bible Study classes. It ranks as a Gold Circle Auxiliary.

This organization has in addition to helping to build and furnish their own church, helped others in various ways. They assisted in building the Irene Wade Memorial Chapel, and gave an organ for it; contributed to Library Fund for Elizabeth Blake Hospital, Soochow, China; gave $50.00 each year for seven years for support of Miss Wil-

son of the Mid-China Mission. Helped build porch of auditorium at Montreat. Have responded liberally each year to "Birthday Special", and clothe an orphan at Thornwell Orphanage.

The mill company owns the church lot. The communion service was given by Capt. and Mrs. Ellison A. Smyth in memory of their son who died.

This Auxiliary has the distinction of being the only Gold Seal Auxiliary in Piedmont Presbyterial. A unique feature of this work is a chest kept at the manse for discarded clothes of members. The pastor distributes this clothing to needy families.

PENDLETON

The first record of Woman's Work in the Pendleton Church (formerly Hopewell Keowee) is found in Howe's History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina. During the pastorate of Rev. James Hillhouse, 1817-1822, the Female Religious Tract Society of Pendleton sent its contribution to Presbytery, and received its thanks for their generous donation.

From this date until 1881 the session records have nothing to say about any society, or any money given by the women. But the oldest members recall hot suppers, oyster suppers, and other entertainments given to raise funds for church purposes. In the spring of 1885 or 1886 Pendleton was visited by a severe hail storm. One mile from the town, on the Greenville road, the stones were piled so thick the ladies of the church gathered them in barrels and used them to freeze ice cream at a strawberry festival. Several times a year, after manufactured ice could be obtained from Charleston or Columbia, they had ice cream festivals.

Dr. Adger came to us in 1879, and it is probable the Ladies' Foreign Missionary Society was organized soon after, with Miss Susan D. Adger as president, and Miss Emma C. Sitton, treasurer. Receipts for money sent to the office of Foreign Missions at Baltimore in the possession of Miss Sitton, bear the date March, 1881. No list of members could be obtained. In 1896, Mrs. George E. Taylor was president; Miss Emma C. Sitton, secretary and treasurer. At this time the constitution suggested by "The Missionary", was adopted and minutes of the meeting were kept. Miss Sitton was treasurer of the society from 1880 to 1919, when she lost her sight. The organization lasted forty years, until the members agreed to unite with the Auxiliary on condi-

tion that the support of the Bible woman, which they had begun in 1917, be continued.

A Ladies' Aid Society was organized in 1910, with Mrs. B. M. Aull, president, and Miss Bessie Hunter, secretary and treasurer. Its object was to preserve church property, and it was due to the good work of the members that a new manse was built soon after the old one burned. Other improvements testify to the zeal of the workers in this association. It disbanded when the Auxiliary was formed.

On April 18th, 1921, the women of the Presbyterian Church met and organized the Woman's Auxiliary of the Pendleton Presbyterian Church. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. B. M. Aull; Vice President, Mrs. Robert Adams; Secretary, Mrs. Frank Sharp; Treasurer, Mrs. Grady Seawright; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. Felix Boggs. The Auxiliary was divided into four circles, and there were fifty-eight women members in our church, of which we count every one a member of our Auxiliary. At our September meeting we organized a Young People's Society and Miss Pauline Hunter and Mrs. H. W. Seawright volunteered to be leaders of this organization, and at our October meet a motion was made and carried that we join the Presbyterial. In March, the last meeting of the year, it was decided that we put cement steps to our church which was done by the women.

The following officers were elected for another year: President, Mrs. B. M. Aull; Vice President, Mrs. Robert Adams; Secretary, Miss Ida McCrary; Treasurer, Mrs. Grady Seawright; Secretary Literature, Mrs. Felix Boggs. Two new officers were elected: Secretary Foreign Missions, Miss Olie Adams; Secretary Home Missions, Mrs. John Martin. We had our first Birthday Party in May, 1922, and in June we sent a delegate to the Young People's Conference in Clinton. In February, 1923, the members agreed to order the Crossnore bags for each circle and they were filled with clothing and returned several times.

On March 29th, 1923, new officers were elected: President, Mrs Robert Adams; Secretary, Miss Alice Belle Newton; Treasurer, Miss Sallie Hunter; Secretary Literature, Mrs. R. C. Seawright; Secretary Foreign Missions, Miss Ida McCrary; Secretary Home Missions, Mrs. J. S. Martin. Mrs. Grady Seawright and Miss Sallie Hunter were elected at this meeting as delegates to our Presbyterial. In June, 1923, Miss Olie Adams was elected Secretary of Young People's Work and Mrs. T. G. Watkins, Secretary Spiritual Life. Dr. Adams, who was our pastor at this time, conducted a Bible class for us one morning each week for a month, which was very helpful to all who attended.

Our first Home Mission Study Class was held in 1923, and we have had a Home Mission and Foreign Mission Study Class ever since, and we sent a Christmas box to some Home Mission school in Virginia, December, 1923. The collection at our first Foreign Mission Study Class amounted to $25.00. Ever since organization we have been sending $50.00 each year to the support of a station, Sutsein, China, and the Auxiliary has done White Cross work since March, 1924.

In November, 1924, the Auxiliary decided to elect another officer and Mrs. Grady Seawright was elected Secretary of Orphanage Work. Another Christmas box was sent to a Home Mission school at Big Stone Gap, Virginia, and boxes of groceries have been given to the Thornwell Orphanage annually and semi-annually. The Auxiliary bought an individual communion set for the Presbyterian Church. During Loyalty Week the Auxiliary gave $55.00 and we sent books to Chicora College.

In March, 1926, we took two shares of the work in China, $5.00 a share. Every since the organization we have been paying the insurance on the Presbyterian manse. We have tried several times to send a delegate to the Colored Conference in Columbia and was never able to get one to go until this year, 1926.

For several years we have followed the plan of an all-day Study Class in both Home and Foreign Missions, and invited the ladies of the Mt. Zion Church to join us.

As the delegate to Montreat appointed for 1927 was unable to attend the Woman's Conference, the $25.00 set aside for her expenses was sent to the Stuart Robinson Scholarship Fund.

Pendleton Auxiliary has a committee to visit the sick and send flowers when advisable and a committee to put flowers in the church, appointed at each monthly meeting. Christmas, 1927, all the shut-ins of the congregation were remembered.

From our membership the following Presbyterial officers have been chosen: Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, 1924-1926, Mrs. B. M. Aull; President, 1926-1927, Mrs. B. M. Aull; Corresponding Secretary, 1926-1928, Mrs. H. G. Seawright; Corresponding Secretary, 1928, Mrs. Frank Sharp.

PICKENS

The Ladies' Aid Society of Pickens Presbyterian Church was organized July 27, 1878, with Mrs. Emma Ambler Gilreath as president, and the following charter members: Mrs. Zealy Ann Ambler, Mrs.

Julia A. Folger, Mrs. Melinda A. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Emma Bruce, Miss Minnie Lee Bruce, Mrs. Jeanette Earle and Mrs. Minnie McFall.

On April 1, 1883, through the constant efforts of the Ladies' Aid Society and the members of the church, the first Sunday School was organized.

The first organ and chandeliers were presented to the Sunday School by the Ladies' Aid Society on September 28, 1884, and March 22, 1885, respectively.

From March, 1885, until May, 1921, there is no outstanding work, as the records show, done by the society, each member, by her constant and prayerful effort, striving to make the society a blessing to the church and community.

May, 1921, the Ladies' Aid Society was reorganized as the Woman's Auxiliary of Pickens Presbyterian Church with a membership of sixteen and Mrs. W. A. Mauldin, president.

Since 1921 the Auxiliary has been an active organization, contributing to all causes and responding to all emergency calls. A special feature of their service during this time was the loyal assistance which they gave towards building the new church.

The Woman's Auxiliary has grown numerically, and, best of all, it has grown spiritually, during the past years. It has contributed generously to all the benevolent causes. It has put on the various special programs and pageants suggested by the Woman's Auxiliary Assembly. It has given aid to the poor of the community. It has bought a handsome plush curtain to separate the choir from the pulpit.

The outstanding feature of the Woman's Auxiliary work for this year was the interest and enthusiasm the members showed in the Home and Foreign Mission Study Classes. The attendance was unusually good. The prayer life of members was deepened and strengthened and zeal for the cause of missions was increased by the study together.

MRS. M. A. HOLLINGSWORTH 1831-1913

Malinda Anderson McWorther, daughter of John and Dorothy Major McWorther, was married to Columbus Lafayette Hollingsworth December 27th, 1859. Except ten years spent in Oconee County, South Carolina, after marriage, her life was lived in Pickens County, South Carolina. Here she was educated in the common schools and academies, and became a pioneer woman teacher in her community. Early

in her teens, she was converted at a camp meeting, at Pickensville, now the site of the First Methodist Church, of Easley. Though her parents were Baptists, she joined the Methodists, and later in life, when it became evident her influence would count for more, she joined the Presbyterians, and was a charter member of the Pickens Presbyterian Church. She was eminently a Christian, the denomination being a minor matter—determined by opportunity for service. Her life radiated an effective Christian influence, and she realized the joy of seeing the results of her good work materialize in the lives she touched. But her interests were broader than the personal contact. She gave freely of her time and means to educate and care for others (regardless of creed and denomination), churches, Home and Foreign Missions, libraries, orphanages, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., the mountain work under Dr. Guerrant, in Kentucky; education of private individuals—some of whom are missionaries—etc., etc.,—to whatever the need, she readily responded.

Her life compassed the trying time of the War Between the States, and the freeing of the Negroes, among whom she exerted a strong Christian influence. She personally taught many of them to read, and directed them in Christian living by precept and example. Some of these developed into teachers, preachers and leaders. In recognition of her worth and work for them, the Negroes of Pickens, her home, met in mass meeting, after her death, and many eulogies were spoken, and resolutions of gratitude and appreciation passed; copies of which were sent to her family and friends, and published in the newspapers. A very unique, but well-deserved tribute.

She was especially interested in the Thornwell Orphanage. There she erected the Hollingsworth Home, in memory of her three sons, John, Clayton and Eugene.

In her will she left generous bequests to the orphanages, Home and Foreign Missions, and other causes dear to her heart.

Surviving her are four daughters: Mrs. M. F. Ansel, Mrs. R. F. Smith, Mrs. R. A. Lancaster and Mrs. Jones Fuller, worthy followers in her footsteps.

On her tomb, is the simple inscription: Proverbs XXXI:10-31.

PIEDMONT

The women of the Piedmont Church were active and did much toward establishing the church, even before there was a church building. They made the name "Presbyterian" attractive by the service they rendered to those around them, the lonely and the needy.

In 1889, during the pastorate of Rev. C. L. Stewart, Mrs. Stewart largely directing the work, a "Ladies' and Children's Aid Society" was organized with Mrs. A. Norris, President; Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Mary Trowbridge (now Mrs. Thos. B. Crymes). Charter members: Mrs. C. D. Nesbitt, Mrs. Thos. Stenhouse, Mrs. Jenelle Stenhouse Cunningham, Mrs. S. F. Trowbridge, Mrs. Goldsmith, Miss Mamie Donald, Miss Sallie Donald, Mrs. C. L. Stewart, Mrs. J. H. Simpson, Sr., Mrs. W. W. Watson, Mrs. W. A. Jenkins, Mrs. R. D. Sloan, Mrs. Arch McMahan, Miss Jennie Goldsmith.

These women were partners with the men of the congregation in building the house of God.

During the years since they organized, the women have kept the church well carpeted, have furnished two organs, a piano, communion service, paint for the manse and have kept up with the "plus mark" in contributions to all church causes. Among the latest gifts to the church by the women was a carpet, at a cost of nearly $300.00. Another recent gift was a pulpit scarf donated by Mrs. Rebecca R. Lee.

The Auxiliary plan was adopted in 1922 under the influence of their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Belk, which has proved to be an advance step along both spiritual and financial lines.

Soon afterward their pastor accepted a call to another field, leaving sad hearts behind them. After a period of waiting, however, Pelzer has been blessed in the coming of a new pastor, Rev. W. H. Trainum and his wife, who are proving very valuable helpers in the Auxiliary work.

A sum of money was sent to Miss Lila E. Junkin on her departure for China in *remembrance of her devotional* work in the society during her seven years' stay with her brother, Rev. D. P. Junkin, who was at one time pastor of the church.

The Auxiliary is assisting a member of their congregation who is a ministerial student, to defray his college expenses.

The Presbyterial meeting was held at Piedmont in 1903.

The present membership of the Auxiliary is thirty-three. Two of the beloved and most useful members have recently passed to their eternal rest—Mrs. Rebecca R. Lee and Mrs. C. D. Nesbitt.

RETREAT (OCONEE COUNTY)

This church was organized in 1851 under the leadership of Rev. William McWhorter, by consent of South Carolina Presbytery. This organization seems to have been the result of missionary work done by Rev. Andrew Brown many years before.

Twelve of the charter members were women, viz.: Mrs. John Verner, Mrs. Violet Smithson, Mrs. Simpson Dickson, Mrs. Sarah Townes, Mrs. Kittrell Lee, Mrs. Samuel Verner, Mrs. J. R. Shelor, Mrs. Jas. Brownlee, Mrs. Mary Baldwin, Mrs. Emily C. S. Verner, Misses Margaret Fullerton, and Hepsey Terrell.

These, no doubt, co-operated heartily with the men of the church in building a house of worship and in establishing the church as a part of the community life, but no record of Woman's Work can be found. The only organization among the women was a Woman's Auxiliary, organized in 1923, with five members. These bravely carried forward the work until the death of their leader, Miss Eliza McWhorter, in February, 1924.

For many years Retreat Church was prosperous, and wielded a wide influence for good. Time has brought many changes, and in recent years the membership has been small, owing to the fact that many of the members have passed away, while many others have moved elsewhere and helped to build other churches.

Notwithstanding the small and scattered membership, services are still held regularly twice a month, and a very interesting Sabbath School has been maintained, largely through the efforts of Miss Eliza McWhorter.

In fact, no record of the work of the church would be complete without some account of the service rendered by this consecrated woman.

She was a daughter of Rev. William McWhorter, a well-known minister. Miss McWhorter was a talented teacher, and for many years taught in the public schools. In the Sabbath School she not only taught a class, but conducted the exercises in the absence of the superintendent.

She was ever mindful of the injunction, "Be not weary in well-doing", and throughout a long life she was diligent in the Master's vineyard, resting on the promise, "For in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not". She tithed her time and gave nearly all of her money to the Lord's work.

She took charge of the "Every Member Canvass" in the church each year, always with more or less success. She also canvassed the community to place good literature in each home in the days before "Church Paper Week" had such a prominent place in the activities of the church. She bought Catechisms and distributed them among both white and black, giving Bibles or Testaments as rewards for memorizing the Catechism.

She also did much work among the Negroes, distributing literature among them each Sabbath on returning from her own Sabbath School, and otherwise ministering to their needs.

She was the moving spirit in the Woman's Auxiliary. Although advanced in age, she attended the Woman's School of Missions at Montreat and was active in all lines of church work up to within a short time of her death.

She will long be held in grateful and loving remembrance by those among whom she lived and labored, while many who never knew her in this life were blessed by her gifts and her prayers.

"Servant of God, well done".

RICHLAND

The Missionary and Aid Society of the Richland Presbyterian Church was organized in 1907, with less than a dozen members. Since that time the society has been "evergreen", and while the membership has never been over twenty-five, interest has been maintained, and regular meetings have been held.

For many yars the members paid dues of ten cents per month; later, the society adopted the voluntary collection plan, the offerings being divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions. Three years ago the Budget Plan was adopted. As accurate records have not been kept from the first, it is impossible to say how many missionary dollars have been contributed by this little band of women, but we do know that the annual offerings have increased from $20.00 in 1910 to $100.00 in 1920, exclusive of the money contributed for local church causes.

For ten years the Talent Plan of raising money has been successfully used in the Aid Society.

The Annual Blessing Box Collection—also special—is used for Thornwell Orphanage, and has been a potent means for deepening the

spirituality of the women, and opening their eyes to their countless "Blessings".

MRS. ELIZABETH KNOX DENDY

Mrs. Dendy may be truthfully called the pioneer leader of Woman's Work in Richland Presbyterian Church. She was the daughter of the late John and Frances Miller Knox, and has inherited the spiritual qualities of her ancestor, John Knox, the noted Scottish preacher and reformer. Among her sons are to be found two ruling elders, Stiles Plumer Dendy and Marshall Bertrand Dendy, and one deacon, Thomas Hogan Dendy. Of her grandsons, three are active ministers: Rev. T. M. Stribling, J. T. Dendy and J. P. Dendy. She has five great-grandsons who are ministers: Rev. H. B. Dendy, M. B. Dendy, W. H. Dendy, S. W. Dendy and M. C. Dendy. Seven of Mrs. Dendy's grandsons are ruling elders and five are deacons, while five of her great-grandsons are ruling elders and three are deacons. She also has four great-granddaughters who have married Presbyterian ministers.

Her descendants, who are many, are faithful to the "mother church".

Mrs. Dendy was born in Oconee County, August 25th, 1804. She was the mother of twelve children and gave the lot for the Richland Church and cemetery. She and her husband, Mr. James Hogan Dendy, were charter members of this church and helped to organize it in 1834. This good woman helped in all the work of her church, cleaning the house and grounds, and entertaining ministers and elders and contributing liberally to its support. Many souls rise up and call her blessed, for she moulded the character of men and women and sowed the precious seeds of truth.

"Beautiful toiler, thy work is done,
Beautiful life, with its crown now won,
God giveth thee rest."

TOWNVILLE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Townville Presbyterian Church was organized March 11th, 1924, with Mrs. J. A. Clotfelter as president. There were nineteen members at the beginning.

The Auxiliary has met twice a month ever since it was organized. One meeting is held at the church with Mrs. Clotfelter presiding, and

the other is held in the home of one of the members monthly. The secretaries of the different causes alternate in leading these.

Our membership has decreased on account of some of our families moving to Anderson, Seneca and Belton. We now have only twelve members. While few in numbers, we mean to persevere in the good work.

VARENNES (ANDERSON COUNTY)

The first record of Woman's Work in this church began in 1910 when a Ladies' Aid Society was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. Lyman McPhail; Vice President, Mrs. J. L. Jackson; Secretary, Miss Paul Long; Treasurer, Mrs. John Hall.

As they expressed it, Mrs. Jackson was the "moving spirit", and they went to work in earnest. Their first object was to purchase an organ; in less than a month they had the instrument in the church. Then they bought individual communion set, Bible for pulpit, collection plates, and many smaller things. They "worked willingly with their hands", making and selling quilts, using the proceeds for the necessary articles for the church. They were interrupted by the World War, but re-organized in 1921, and once more began the faithful piecing and quilting. This time the proceeds went to Thornwell Orphanage, and a purse for their pastor. In 1922 they became interested in a little girl in the community who was afflicted with tuberculosis. They furnished her wardrobe for entering a camp for treatment.

WALHALLA

Introductory: The Walhalla Presbyterian Church was organized in 1868. While the contents of the old church building were in storage during the construction of the new church in 1915, the records of the Woman's Society disappeared. The statements in this paper which refer to any but the more recent years are, consequently, incomplete.

I. THE FIRST ORGANIZATION TO 1910

Organization: The oldest members of the church do not remember when the first society was formed, but the general impression is that "there was always a Missionary Society in the church". For a number of years after the organization of the church, the records of

the session do not mention such a society. In 1886, the statement that the Ladies' Missionary Society had been re-organized shows that it had been in existence before that date.

There was once an Aid Society, and for a time, two separate organizations. However, the Missionary Society, which later became the Auxiliary, was the outstanding organization, frequently combining the functions of both.

Activities: The older members furnish the following list of what the ladies did: They assisted the deacons in collecting church funds; they cleaned the church themselves, and rang the bell, to save the expense of a sexton; they supplemented their funds by hot suppers and entertainments; they gave to the church an organ and carpeting; they collected money for a manse, and arranged for its purchase; they contributed to the cause of Foreign Missions; they sent gifts and money to Thornwell Orphanage.

Meetings were held monthly, the programs being based on "The Missionary" .

II. FROM 1910 TO THE PRESENT TIME

Organization: At first the society was purely missionary, local needs being met by the Sunday School classes. In 1920 it met with the Young Ladies' Circle, organized the previous year, and instituted the Woman's Auxiliary of the Walhalla Presbyterian Church according to plans prepared by the Woman's Advisory Council. There were two circles, with the junior mission band as an affiliated circle. In 1922 a third circle, the Sunshine Band, composed of young girls, was added, and functioned until 1926. The general plan of Mrs. Winsborough, as regards constitution, officers, secretaries, budget and programs, was followed.

Membership: The membership has varied between thirty and fifty during the past eighteen years, exclusive of a number of shut-ins. The Auxiliary regrets the loss by death of two faithful members, Mrs. Elizabeth Norton Stribling and Miss Haidee Thompson, also Mrs. Strong and the Misses Strong by changes of residence.

Meetings: The circles have always held monthly meetings. The Auxiliary met quarterly until 1921, but now the circles meet in the the same neighborhood and come together for the Auxiliary an hour later.

Social Activities: In May the Auxiliary entertains all the women of the church in the church parlors, in honor of our own missionary to

China, Miss Frances Stribling. Welcome and farewell socials were given when Miss Stribling came home on furlough. Annual socials are held, sometimes in the form of picnics. In 1922 the tenth birthday of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church was celebrated according to suggestions from headquarters.

Programs: Circles 1 and 2 use the Year Books, sometimes supplemented by Bible studies. In the earlier years, Mission Study replaced programs for several months; sometimes the society spent the day together, reading an entire book aloud by turns. Mission classes, usually conducted by the pastor, are held yearly. Special programs are given on the society's birthday anniversaries.

Recent visiting speakers have been: Miss Charlotte Jackson, Mrs. Todd of Anderson, and the Presbyterial president, Mrs. Marshall.

Activities: 1. Conferences: Delegates are sent to Presbyterial and Group Conference each year. The president has attended conference at Montreat. The Auxiliary co-operates with the Sunday School in sending delegates to Young People's Conference at Clinton.

2. *Charities:* Fifteen to twenty Christmas boxes are given yearly. One destitute family is practically supported. Clothing is frequently sent to Thornwell.

3. *Birthday Offerings* go to such causes as the Kwangju Girls' School in Korea, Stillman Institute, and the Oklahoma Indian Girls' School.

Miscellaneous: Dinner was served the Ministerial Union when it met in Walhalla in 1927.

$35.00 was raised toward the Clemson College Church Fund. 1609 copies of St. Luke's Gospel were distributed in town.

Ladies secure subscriptions to church papers.

Four of our ladies, Misses Daisy Strong, Frances Stribling, Ruth Walker, and Elizabeth Stribling, have held Presbyterial offices.

Prayer Bands are always maintained. Daily prayer meetings were held a week before, and during the church's protracted meeting in October, 1926.

Young People's Work: The Sunshine Band, whose motto was "Serve", held itself ready for any emergency, and, under the direction of Mrs. Hayne Jones, acted as junior choir at Sunday night services.

Miss Carolyn Rogers, a missionary volunteer, who is leaving for Richmond this fall, has been Young People's Secretary for three years,

succeeding Mrs. Jones in leading the Sunshine Band, and later organizing and directing a Junior Christian Endeavor.

Miss Daisy Strong was the faithful leader of the Frances Stribling Band (Junior Mission Band).

Finances: The Auxiliary uses the budget system, giving to all the causes listed in the Year Book. The money is raised from dues ($1.50 a year), pledges, voluntary offerings and self-denial offerings. A portion goes to the support of a native worker in Korea, and a portion to the fund for Miss Stribling in China.

Our Auxiliary has had the pleasure in recent years of entertaining Presbytery, Presbyterial, and Group Conference.

WESTMINSTER

Westminster Presbyterian Church was organized July 15th, 1882. Among the twenty-one charter members were thirteen women as follows: Misses Susan Steele, Scott Steele, Lou Alice Steele, Melissa Gaston, Henrietta Gaston, Emma Norris and Sallie Smithson, Mrs. R. C. Hull, Mrs. Mary Gaston, Mrs. Lenora Hudgins, Mrs. Louisa Dickson, Mrs. Mary Johns and Mrs. Anna Miller.

Sometime during the year of 1886, five women organized a society; Mrs. R. M. Kirkpatrick was elected president. Mrs. Harriett Peden, Mrs. R. C. Hull, Mrs. W. P. Anderson and Miss Melissa Gaston composed the members. The monthly dues were ten cents per member.

During the life of this society a communion service was bought. Mrs. Harriet Peden gave the linen for the communion table.

After Rev. Kirkpatrick's death, our Missionary Society was disbanded, but on April 4, 1891, eight of our women organized the Ladies' Aid Society and at that time the work was principally to aid in work of the local church. The following ladies were members: Mesdames M. A. Doyle, E. A. Norris, H. M. Peden and C. E. Anderson, Misses Henrietta Gaston, Ella Sheldon, Emma Norris and Theodosia Barton. Of this number, three have passed into the Great Beyond and only two, Mrs. C. E. Anderson and Miss Henrietta Gaston, of the surviving five are now members of the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The dues were ten cents monthly to be equally divided between Foreign Missions and the church at home.

During the first few years existence of this society the members willingly performed many duties that would now seem great hardships, the most important of these was that of sexton, for the ladies not only

had the bell rung for all services, but actually kept the church clean and in readiness for all meetings. This society largely furnished the church, but always gave as much to the church at large as was spent on the local church. Some of the funds were used in buying lamps, carpets, pulpit set, papering church, choir chairs, an organ, supported a cot in Elizabeth Blake Hospital, China, contributed to the Woman's Debt Fund, also The Miriams (a girls' society), gave an individual communion set, also table for church. Mrs. J. J. Harrell, wife of our pastor, gave silver collection plates. Dr. O. M. Doyle gave the first Bible that was used in our church.

Since organization, we had several intervals when we grew careless, lost interest and disbanded, but in the hearts of a faithful few, the fire and zeal had not been entirely extinguished and on September 24, 1907, we were formally organized into a purely missionary society, under the name of the Woman's Missionary Society, and this later became the Woman's Auxiliary. Our Auxiliary has been divided into two active circles and one home circle. For the four years of the present plan, we have had an enlarged membership and greatly increased contributions. For the year 1924-1925 the membership of the Westminster Auxiliary, forty-five, about thirty-one being active members. About $212.00 in money has passed through the hands of the treasurer, besides various boxes of clothing to Nacoochee, donations to the needy, and a shower given a member who lost the home by fire.

In 1923, we took several steps forward, for we contributed well to the fund for the erection for the Louise Mayes Baby Cottage at Thornwell Orphanage, Clinton, S. C. It was also in this year one of our faithful members, Mrs. W. P. Anderson, who has since moved to Greenville, felt called to do something for her old church, had the building nicely painted, which adds much to its appearance.

Our Auxiliary delegates regularly attend the Presbyterials and Synodicals of our State, and several times we had signal honors shown our members by their being elected to offices in these large bodies. Mrs. W. P. Anderson was president of the Presbyterial for several years, and Mrs. P. W. Matheson was secretary for a term. Mrs. T. C. Peden has been Secretary of Young People's Work for both the Presbyterial and Synodical and is most efficient in her work along that line. She has, also, for many years, been a faithful Sabbath School teacher of a class of young women. Probably Mrs. C. E. Anderson labored longer than any one else in this church, having joined this church in 1889 and has ever since, always held important offices in the Woman's Society and

taught in the Sabbath School for over thirty years. We had the honor under the leadership of Mrs. J. E. Wallace, to organize the first Cradle Roll in Oconee County.

Miss Henrietta Gaston is the only living resident charter member of this church. She has been a member of all the various organizations and is now faithful and regular in attendance on all the meetings in the same church building, which her father so largely helped erect in 1882. Your historian joined this church in 1886 and her membership has been here for thirty-nine years.

During the year of grace 1925-26, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Westminster Presbyterian Church has felt God's hand guiding, sustaining and correcting. The loss of six members by removal laid the responsibility more heavily upon those who remained and the work has gone on with increased spirituality. Twelve regular Auxiliary meetings have been held, also twelve circle meetings. Greater prominence has been given Bible study than ever before, one circle studying the Book of Genesis, the other the Book of Exodus, both using Dr. Turnbull's outline.

A unique "School of Missions" was conducted in November, when the entire church, men, women and children, spent the fifth Sabbath in the study of "Out of the Wilderness". Lunch was served at noon, and the study continued until the book was completed. This was pronounced by the pastor to be, unqualifiedly, the best day in the history of the church during his pastorate.

The following week our beloved pastor, Rev. Thos. D. Cartledge, was seized with a mortal illness, and on December 16, was called from his earthly labors. This was the heaviest loss of all, but, submissive to the Father's will, the Auxiliary has continued to "carry on". The circles have taken turn in conducting the prayer meetings.

The Foreign Mission Study class was conducted by Rev. A. G. Harris, of Seneca, in a spend-the-day class. "Prayer and Missions" was the text used. We had the privilege of having Miss Charlotte Jackson, a secretary of the General Assembly, whose headquarters are at Louisville, Ky. She spoke on Leadership, Education, and Ministerial Relief.

Each circle has clothed an orphan at Thornwell Orphanage, every member responding gladly when called upon for a contribution.

The young people of the church have helped to carry on the regular services of the church since we have been without a pastor. They have furnished worth-while programs and have contributed to all the

benevolent causes of the church. The Woman's Auxiliary entertained the deacons of Oconee County at their annual Stewardship Conference, held in February. We are praying that in His own good time God will send us an undershepherd who will gather the flock and lead them into broader phases of service.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Westminster Presbyterian Church held twelve regular meetings during the year ending March 31, 1927. We use the Year Books and programs sent out by the Committee. The meetings are announced before hand and invitations sent for special meetings. The Pageant and Birthday Offerings were successful, also the Rally Day Program. At the February meeting Miss Elizabeth Corriher, a returned missionary from China, was with us and made a very impressive talk. Our new pastor's wife was also present so we had a social hour after the meeting.

We had our special collections, Mission Study classes, and day-of-prayer for both Home and Foreign Missions. The literature for stewardship was given out and read by the active circles.

Each circle had twelve meetings using Leviticus as prepared by Dr. Turnbull. The last two meetings of No. 1 was given to the Stewardship Catechism and of No. 2 to Synodical Home Missions. Circle No. 1 gave a party to the Home Circle and No. 2 a birthday party to a member of the Home Circle. Both were much enjoyed. Each circle clothes a girl at the Orphanage and both circles sent boxes to mountain schools.

We had a large attendance at the Group Conference and at Presbyterial. We use the Budget Plan and funds are sent to Presbytery's treasurer, using the Assembly's Plan. A large per cent of our members take active part in the meetings.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Westminster Presbyterian Church held twelve regular meetings during the year ending March 31, 1928. The officers were as follows: President, Mrs. C. M. Walker; Vice President, Mrs. T. G. Hall; Secretary, Mrs. P. G. Barnett; Treasurer, Mrs. D. J. Miller.

We used the Year Books and programs sent out by the Committee. A large per cent of our members take active part in the meetings. All of the meetings were announced beforehand. The pageant was carried out successfully and the birthday offering of $18.50 was sent to a girls' school in Korea. A good program was presented on Rally Day. Two social meetings were held during the year; a shower for Mrs. Crowley (pastor's wife) and a tea for the public school teachers. We had our

special collections, Mission Study classes and week of prayer for both Home and Foreign Missions. We had a large attendance at the Presbyterial and Group Conference.

Each circle had twelve meetings during the year, studying Dr. Turnbull's book on Hebrews. Each circle clothes a girl in Thornwell Orphanage. Each circle sent a box of clothing to Nacoochee Institute.

We use the budget plan for systematic giving and funds are sent to the treasurer of the Presbytery, following the Assembly's Plan. Our total amount for the year was $299.00.

WILLIAMSTON

The Williamston Presbyterian Church was organized in 1856 or 1858. The original building, which is still being used, was built on a grant of land given for the purpose of erecting a Presbyterian Church by Mr. West Allen Williams, the founder of the town of Williamston, South Carolina.

The membership of this church has never been large, and unfortunately the records have been lost or destroyed, so that it is hard at this time to get a connected history of the church.

The women of the church, although earnest and faithful members, and workers in the Sunday School ,seem never to have had a Missionary Society until the year 1906 when the "Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society" was organized by Mrs. C. L. Stewart, the wife of Rev. C. L. Stewart, who was pastor of the church at that time. Mrs. Stewart was its first president.

The society very materially helped the home church with money for repairs, for a carpet, for hymn books, for new stoves, and at one time gave the money to have a handsome pulpit built to replace the old reading desk. At another time the women of the society gave a beautiful silver flagon and a baptismal bowl to the church, and later on, it was the little Missionary and Aid Society that gave the individual communion set to take the place of the old silver goblets.

In the minutes for January 11, 1911, we read that a suggestion was made that during the year each member should quarterly make an extra contribution, and at that same meeting a motion was made and carried, that the money raised during the year, should be equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

From the minutes we also find that gifts were made to the Guer-

rant Mountain Mission, to Dr. Grenvill's Labrador Mission, to help build a Presbyterian Church at Iva, South Carolina, for Foreign Missions in China, and elsewhere, to Thornwell Orphanage. During the spring of 1923 the society having become very weak and with so few members, it was disbanded. It was re-organized in April, 1925. Mrs. J. L. Simpson was elected president.

There were about twelve members which did not include all ladies of the church. The first meeting was the Birthday Party, at which time an offering was made for the Charlotte Kemper Seminary.

It was decided that the Auxiliary would meet once each month at the home of one of the members; also a Bible Study class was organized to meet every Monday, but later was changed to one meeting each month.

The budget of $30.00 was adopted by the Auxiliary which was to be paid monthly. Contributions were given to all causes.

One Prayer Band was organized for the year, which included all members of the executive committee.

In 1926 Mrs. J. L. Simpson was re-elected president. Several names were added to the roll, which made a membership of fifteen. This included all the women of the church.

On April 22, at the meeting of Piedmont Presbyterial, this Auxiliary was enrolled.

PIEDMONT PRESBYTERIAL

In April, 1900, at the request of the Rev. B. P. Reid, pastor of the Pendleton and Fort Hill Churches, the following letter was sent to the South Carolina Presbytery in the session at Greenwood.

To the Presbytery of S. C.

We, representatives of Ladies' Missionary Societies in Anderson, Seneca, Liberty, Pendleton and Fort Hill (Clemson College) Churches, desire to call the attention of your venerable body to the lack of life and energy prevailing in our Missionary Societies.

One reason plainly is that our societies have no contact with each other. What a loss to spiritual life would result in our congregations if our churches had no Presbytery where their representatives could meet and get information and enthusiasm from each other. All over Christendom we notice that those engaged in any form of work come together in order to disseminate information and kindle life and enthusiasm in that work.

In about one half of our Presbyteries there are Unions of Ladies' Missionary Societies. Our Committee in Nashville calls attention in its last report to the fact that these Presbyterial Unions have been doing a valuable work.

Deeply feeling our need of some contact with each other, we respectfully ask the Presbytery of South Carolina to express its approval of a Union of the Ladies' Missionary Societies of our Presbytery and to appoint a committee to advise with us as to the best means of effecting this Union ,which Union shall report to Presbytery annually and be in all things subject to its direction and control.

Mrs. E. W. Brown, Missionary Society Anderson Church
Miss Lillie Brown, Jr. Missionary Society Anderson Church
Mrs. Geo. E. Taylor, Missionary Society Pendleton Church
Mrs. Chas. Davant, Missionary Society Pendleton Church
Mrs. John W. Todd, Missionary Society Seneca Church
Miss Leila Boggs, Missionary Society Liberty Church

Miss Ellie Ravenel, Missionary Society Fort Hill Church
Miss Sallie Burgess, Secretary, Clemson College.
April 3, 1900.

At the regular meeting of the Fort Hill Missionary Society in April, Mr. Reid made an earnest address showing great need of united work in all our churches—Presbyteries. After freely discussing the matter, the following resolutions were adopted:

> Resolved, that in case South Carolina Presbytery approves the formation of a Union among the Ladies' Societies of our Presbytery, the following committee is requested to select a place, prepare a program for a meeting to be held in October and to invite all the Missionary Societies of the Presbytery to send representatives to take part in the organization of a Union: Mrs. J. G. Evans, Fort Hill; Mrs. E. W. Brown, Anderson; Mrs. Geo. Taylor, Pendleton.

No record of the reply of Presbytery could be found, but the minutes of the Fort Hill Society show that the plan to form a Union was approved and Mrs. Brackett was appointed delegate to the first meeting in Anderson, October, 1900, with Miss Mary Calhoun, alternate. Mrs. R. N. Brackett of Clemson College was elected first president of the Union and held the office for six years in a most efficient manner.

For the next few years meetings were held in Seneca, Greenwood, Clemson College, Little Mountain and Lowndesville.

The principal financial work of the Union was the support of a cot in the Elizabeth Blake Hospital, Soochow, China.

The women most prominent in the affairs of the Union were Mesdames Brackett, Houston, E. W. Brown, Geo. Taylor, Leslie Stribling, T. E. Stribling, W. P. Reid, S. N. Hughes, W. L. Boggs, Raymond Beaty, J. B. Townsend, Hodges, and Misses Virginia Norris, Lila Junkin, Anabel Towers, Sallie Burgess, Ellinor Ravenel and Leona Blake.

At the meeting in Abbeville October, 1910, the Presbyterial was divided into South Carolina and Piedmont and the name of the organization changed to Piedmont Presbyterial.

A called meeting of Piedmont Presbyterial Mission Union was held at Abbeville after the division of the Presbyterials. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. P. Reid, Seneca; First Vice President, Mrs. M. W. Houston, Fort Hill; Second Vice President, Miss Annie Belle Towers, Anderson First; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs.

W. S. Hunter, Seneca; Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Beaty, Anderson. The following societies joined the Union: Anderson First, Belton, Fort Hill, Anderson Central Foreign Mission and Home Mission, Good Hope, Central, Seneca, Liberty, Westminster and Pelzer.

The first meeting of Piedmont Presbyterial Mission Union was held in the Central Church in Anderson October 31, 1911. Mrs. Reid resigned as president and Mrs. Mary W. Houston was elected. A gavel was presented to the Piedmont Presbyterial from the "Mother Union", South Carolina, by Miss Blake.

The second meeting was held in Westminster October 1, 1912, Mrs. R. N. Brackett of Fort Hill Church presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. Houston. The constitution of the Union was adopted at this meeting. A petition was sent to Synod asking that a Synodical of South Carolina be formed and that a committee of men be appointed for Woman's Work in the State. Mrs. T. E. Stribling was elected president.

The constitution as suggested by the Auxiliary Office was adopted at the meeting in Liberty in 1913. Mrs. W. B. Glenn of Liberty was elected as the first delegate to Synodical meeting.

In 1914 the date of the meeting of Presbyterial was changed from October to April. This meeting was held at Honea Path.

At the meeting of Synodical in Chester (1914) Piedmont Presbyterial was not only the "Baby" but the "Banner" Presbyterial, and in recognition of this honor the Synodical voted to meet in Seneca the next year.

The fifth meeting of the Presbyterial was held in the First Church of Anderson with Mrs. T. E. Stribling of Seneca, presiding. At her suggestion the Assembly's plan of giving was adopted, and the idea of having department secretaries in the societies was also due to her efforts.

The Presbyterial met in Walhalla in 1916 with Mrs. A. B. Bramlett, President. It was decided to pay part of the delegates' expenses to Montreat, and also to contribute to the South Carolina Ministers' Home at that place.

The Anderson First Church was the first to adopt the Auxiliary Circle Plan, and the work accomplished was so satisfactory that the president urged all societies to adopt it. The Budget Plan was also adopted. This was made a special topic of discussion at the meeting at Pelzer in 1917 and the meeting at Fort Hill in 1918.

In the absence of both the president and vice president, Mrs. W. H. Mills was elected chairman of the meeting held in the Fort Hill Church.

Mrs. W. P. Anderson of Westminster presided at the meeting of the Presbyterial held in Honea Path in 1919.

At the meeting in Richland in 1920, the Student Loan Fund was discussed as an objective of the work of the Presbyterial and it was voted to assume the work. A total of $496.80 was paid to this cause. At Easley in 1924, it was voted to close the books in regard to this fund.

Prior to 1921, Westminster had two gold stars for attaining the highest Standard of Excellence and in 1921 Belton was the only Auxiliary to reach the one hundred per cent mark.

At the meeting in Belton in 1921, the recommendations of Synodical to have County Institutes was adopted. Piedmont was divided into three districts, namely, Anderson, Oconee, and Pickens Counties. Group Conferences have been held in the following churches: 1922—First Anderson; Seneca; Easley; 1923—Pendleton; Fair Play; Liberty; 1924—Anderson, Central; Westminster; Pickens; 1925—Townville; Walhalla; Easley; 1926—First, Anderson; Fort Hill; Liberty; 1927—Belton; Bethel; Central; 1928—Good Hope; Richland; Pickens.

Piedmont Presbyterial was a pioneer in the Young People's Conferences. Piedmont held two of these conferences before we had a State Conference; the State Conference growing out of the Piedmont idea. Mrs. Thomas C. Peden, of Westminster, took charge of the Young People's Work in April, 1920, and in August the first conference was held at Seneca. Mrs. P. C. Smith, Mrs. Harden and others helped to put on the splendid program in the Anderson First Church in 1921.

In 1922 at the meeting in Piedmont, S. C., the Presbyterial voted to purchase a silver loving cup to be awarded each year to Young People's Society making the highest record. The following societies have received this cup: Westminster, 1922; Anderson, First, 1924; Anderson, First, 1925; Anderson, First, 1926; Fort Hill, 1927.

Enthusiasm and growth of our Young People's Work has been shown by the fact that they have won the State cup given at Clinton Conference in 1922 and 1926. An Echo Conference for young people has been held each year. Belton, 1922; Pelzer, 1923; Pendleton, 1925; Westminster, 1926; Good Hope, 1927; Pickens, 1928.

Mrs. J. B. Townsend of Anderson First Church presided at the meeting of the Presbyterial held in Mt. Zion Church in April, 1923.

A special contribution of $100 was given to the Home Missions Committee of Presbytery by the Presbyterial in 1925. Miss Lula E. Andrews, a member of the Central Church, Anderson, and a graduate of Assembly's Training School, was employed by the committee to assist in the work at Retreat Church. The same amount of money was contributed to Home Mission work in 1926. Miss White of the Assembly's Training School did industrial mission work at Pelzer during the summer months of 1926.

The first Officers Training School was held in Anderson First Church May 8, 1925. Nine Synodical officers were present assisting in the instruction of the school. Total attendance 104.

Mrs. B. M. Aull presided at the meeting held in Seneca April 28, 1927. This was the first one-day Presbyterial meeting to be held in South Carolina.

At this meeting it was voted to give $100.00 from the Presbyterial treasury to the Fort Hill Church Fund as a special Home Mission project. The Presbyterial pledged itself to make a special effort to raise its quota for this fund. At the 1928 meeting the report showed seventy-five per cent of Piedmont Presbyterial's quota had been raised.

The seventeenth annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of Piedmont Presbytery was held at Pendleton Presbyterian Church April 3, 1928, Mrs. Logan Marshall presiding. The Bible Hour on the "Character of Christ" as given in the Gospel of Luke was conducted by Miss Florence Nickles of Nanking, China. Miss Lois Young, also of China, gave a graphic description of conditions prevailing in that country. Cadet Sackman presented the needs of Fort Hill Church, form the standpoint of a student, and Mrs. W. D. Barnett of Columbia gave a statistical report of the Fort Hill Church Fund and reported that Piedmont Presbyterial Auxiliary had given seventy-five per cent of her quota. An address was heard from Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, Synodical president, a typewriter was voted for the use of the Presbyterial president, and it was decided to send the Home Mission Secretary of the North and South Carolina Presbyterial to the Conference for Colored Women. The young people of First Church, Anderson, were awarded the cup for best work during the year, and the invitation of Honea Path was accepted for 1929.

Presbyterial officers' reports were given in connection with a large rainbow, each color representing a benevolent cause. The secretary of each cause had printed on her color the high point attained during the year, the disappointment, and the goal for the coming year,

and awarded a seal to the Auxiliary doing the best work in her department. Anderson First Church Auxiliary was given five of these seals. Total attendance reported was 189. Mrs. Marshall presented a chain of twenty-five links, representing the local Auxiliaries—five silver ones, nine blue ones, six rusty ones and four black ones. This chain was placed in the pot of gold at the foot of the rainbow, with the prayer that every link will have turned to pure gold within the year.

MISSIONARIES

MISS NINA L. FARMER

Miss Nina L. Farmer was born September 17, 1892, at Townville, S. C. She is the daughter of E. B. and Alice Hunter Farmer. She united with the Townville Presbyterian Church at Townville October 27, 1907. She attended the Townville High School. She attended the Nurses' Training School at Charlotte, N. C., in 1916. Although feeling inclined to go as a foreign missionary she fought against this desire for awhile. She finally decided to offer her services to the Foreign Missions Committee and asked to be sent to Africa. The Committee accepted her on April 27, 1920, and she sailed for Africa the following October. She has been home but one year since. She will be entitled to a furlough next year, 1929.

MISS FRANCES STRIBLING

Union Girls' School, Hangchow, China

It was while a student at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., that Frances Stribling was impressed with the desire to surrender her life to the Master's service and later joined the Student Volunteer Band. She graduated from Winthrop College receiving an A. B. degree. For several years she worked as a bookkeeper and stenographer. As soon as she reached the age required by the executive committee for sending out missionaries, she received her appointment to China. As further preparation for her work she attended Dr. White's Bible School in New York for two years and was graduated from that institution. In 1917 when the soldiers of Liberty were flocking to France, she, a soldier of the Cross, turned her face westward and sailed for China to her appointment as Normal Instructor in the Union Girls' School at Hangchow.

The first year in China she spent in studying the Chinese language in Nanking. Then she entered upon her duties in the Girls' School teaching English to the Chinese girls. At the same time she continued studying the Chinese language. Now she is head of the Primary Normal department and of the Kindergarten.

She takes an active part in Sunday School and Bible teaching, in visiting the Chinese girls in their homes, thus taking the Great Truth to the parents and all the household.

During her first furlough at home she attained her M. A. degree from The Teachers College, Columbia University, New York. She returned in 1925 for the second term of her labor of love in dispensing the Gospel to those so much in need of its comforts and glorious influence.

She is the first and only missionary to enter upon work in a foreign field from the Walhalla Church, and this church is justly proud ot her splendid work.



MRS. A. D. CALHOUN
Historian South Carolina Presbyterial.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina Presbyterial

HISTORIANS

Mrs. T. L. Brownlee

Mrs. A. D. Calhoun

"They received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the Scriptures daily—therefore many of them believed—of honorable women not a few.—Acts 17:11, 12

INTRODUCTION—OUR PIONEERS

LONG CANES 1756

Where the broad Savannah rippled,
Where the canes grew long and lush,
Where the forest's cool seduction
Promised game and plenteous viand;
There, to build a fairer homeland,
Came four brothers from Virginia,
With their children, wives, and chattels
Came, and brought their aged mother.

Friends and neighbors followed after,
Hastened on in quick succession,
Eager to secure a homestead
From the wood and plain alluvial.
Stern Scotch wills their tasks subjected,
Quick Celt wit their cares relieved,
Firm Scotch-Irish faith erected
House of God to serve their need.

Four years passed, replete and peaceful
With rich yield for steady labor.
Then came rumors, dire, disturbing,
Of Cherokee in wrathful plotting;
Changed from friend in Pennsylvania
To fierce fiend devising murder;
Wroth with White ingratitude,
With Lyttleton's rank perfidy.

Quick, the men decide, in council,
Ere an Indian war be on them
That they'll take their wives and children
Down to safety in Augusta.
Treacherous road thru muddy creek-bed
Halts and stalls their loaded wagons;
Ere their teams can extricate them
Death and carnage are upon them.

Tomahawk, scalp-knife, and arrow
Soon have wreaked a heathen's vengeance.
Twenty-three their braves had perished,
Twenty-three their victims numbered.
Victims, innocent and helpless,
Weltered in their oozing life blood;
Red, the purling creek, polluted,
Hastening, shuddering, to the river.

Weeping love returned and gathered
Butchered bodies from the carnage;
Straightened limbs and smoothed drawn features,
Laid their dead in earth's embrace,
Placed a tomb for sad remembrance,
Carved a Mother's epitaph.
Her tomb still marks that bloody valley;
Marks their struggles and privations
Marks the stern determination
That animated pioneer!

Back they came undaunted,
Salvaged homes, reclaimed their farmlands;
Built a school that sent forth scholars
Ripe for councils of the nation.
Built a Church that sent forth Christians
Staunch of faith and firm in fervor,
'Stablished Presbyterianism
First in western Carolina.

'Stablished not alone their churches
But, in mind and heart, their children;
Taught them, counseled them, and formed them
"Sober, serious, religious,
Sensible and well-instructed",
(Thus a Godly pastor called them)
"Excellent, most knowing Christians
Ever met with in America."

By that tomb that marks the vale
By that school's profound endeavor
By that church's fervid zeal
'Gainst ignorance, and sin, forever,

Pledge we high 'to hold the torch'
As their fallen hands have held it
And with prayer to keep the faith
Pure and stainless as they gave it.

May all Presbyterian women
Prayerful, studious, resolute,
Pass the blessing to their children
Priceless, perfect, absolute!

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P. 304: ". . . . All would now have been peace (after the French and Indian War), but the Royalist governor of South Carolina was bent on war with the Cherokees who had assisted in the capture of Fort Duquesne. Having lost their horses, many of them took, in passing through Virginia, such as fell in their way. The Virginians assailed them and killed twelve or fourteen of their number. They became excited by this conduct towards those who were allies, and on arriving at their home, parties of young warriors, contrary to the remonstrance of the chiefs, sallied forth and murdered and scalped whoever fell in their way.

"The Indians now regarded their accounts balanced, and would have remained at peace. They sent certain of their chiefs to Charleston to settle these matters. But Governor Lyttleton determined on war, and refused to treat on any terms.

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"The troops rendezvoused at the Congarees. The Cherokees accompanied them thus far. Here . . . . these chiefs, sent as ambassadors to treat of peace, and to whom the governor had guaranteed a safe conduct and that not a hair of their heads should be touched on their way to their homes, were made miserable captives.

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"One thing led to another. An attempt was made to rescue the commissioners of the Cherokees, which, meeting with resistance, the garrison put them to death."

P. 309: ". . . . They (the garrison of Fort Loudon) capitulated to the savages and were allowed to march forth on their return to Carolina. On the very next day they were surrounded. The commander, three other officers, and twenty-three privates, the exact number of the hostages which Governor Lyttleton had detained in custody, were killed."

P. 308: ". . . . Find some of the fugitives", says Simpson, "who were settled at the Long Canes to be very sober, serious, sensible, religious people. There is one family among them who seem to be amongst the most excellent knowing Christians I have ever met with in America. I have baptized some young people and some children for them; and have great satisfaction in administering the ordinances to them, they being the best instructed young people I have ever met with in these parts of the world."

WOMAN'S AUXILIARIES

ABBEVILLE

The first Ladies' Society in the Abbeville Presbyterian Church, South Carolina, as far back as we have any information, was formed between the years of 1870 and 1875. The name given the society about 1875 was the Thornwell Orphanage Aid Society and Mrs. J. H. Cothran was president at this time. The object of the society was to make clothes for the children at the Orphanage.

As other needs came before these ladies they changed the name to the "Ladies' Aid" and now they sewed for the needy families and orphans at home as well as those at the Thornwell Orphanage. Mrs. Wardlaw Perrin was president at this time.

In 1888 the Aid Society was in a flourishing condition and nearly all the ladies in the church were active members. To them are due the beautiful windows and furnishings that were put in the new church built at this time.

Mrs. T. G. White made a most efficient president for a number of years and was in office in 1920 when the Aid Society and the Missionary were merged into the Woman's Auxiliary with Mrs. J. Allen Smith, Jr., president. Mrs. W. F. Perrin was second president of the Auxiliary and at the present time, 1922, Mrs. J. C. Thomson is president. We have an enrollment of 150 members and are doing good work in every department.

The Missionary Society was formed about 1898 and was named the Eliza Wilson Missionary Society in honor of our beloved pastor's (Dr. J. Lowry Wilson) mother who had been a missionary in India. Mrs. J. F. Cothran, Mrs. Fannie Allen and Mrs. W. A. Templeton were among its first presidents. This little band consisting of six members at first grew in strength and members until 1920 it became part of the Woman's Auxiliary. The work of this society was purely missionary. Missions were studied and the contributions given went to help with the support of the missionaries sent out by our church, Mr. Greer and Mrs. McFadden. At one time some delicate instruments for a hospital on one of our foreign fields were bought and these instruments were used for the first time to relieve a missionary who had some trouble

with his eyes and in all probability would have been blind if it had not been for this help. In the last years of its existence the study of missions was continued and help was given to the many calls that came from home and foreign fields.

"In the summer of 1919 a movement was set on foot to combine the immemorial Ladies' Aid Society and the Missionary Society into a more modern Woman's Auxiliary. After months of agitation and fightings within and fears without, the more conservative members, shedding tears as they went, joined forces with the moderns and in October, 1919, we organized into a full fledged Auxiliary. The faithfulness and loyalty of all the women of the church in that first trying year caused the movement to prove a wise one, and at the end of the first fiscal year, March, 1921, there was not one who would go back to the old way. We reaped the full benefit of experience of older Auxiliaries and fell right into line with every suggestion that came down from the powers that be. We were amazed how quickly every cause of the church became a part of us, whereas, in the old days, only Home and Foreign Missions claimed much of our attention. Two years of the two and one-third years of my administration we were without a pastor, and in those trying days the Auxiliary played a large part in holding the church together.

"The first aim of the new organization was to create a deeper spirituality among the members; to cause each woman to realize that she was part of the structure of the great body of Christ,—the Church; and to bring about more efficiency in our united efforts to advance His Kingdom. To this end each circle entertained the entire Auxiliary once a year. We have since outgrown these large socials but they served their purpose so well they are no longer needed. Organization of Young People's Work was stressed and it is probable that no church in the State is doing a better work with its young people than ours. The Auxiliary is responsible for the beginning of our present happy condition.

"We were fortunate in those days to have in our midst Miss Orene McIlwain who proved the human instrument of awakening in many of our hearts a hunger for God's Word. Through her influence the Auxiliary got behind the Sunday School and played a good part in building it up and keeping it up to a fair standard during those pastorless days.

"The necessity for a special room for our activities became imperative and the first steps were taken towards securing one. In 1922 Presbyterial was invited to meet with us (the following year). This sounds

little enough in 1928 when we are strong and able bodied, but it was a big thing to do then with no pastor. Looking back over the time, we have accomplished much; but one early hope has failed of fruition—that of having our own missionary. We are the losers. In those early days we began to be zealous of sending delegates to Montreat. It has later become a necessity.

"To sum up, the outstanding features of this period were: All church causes studied; in absence of pastor, all church work emphasized; created feeling of individual responsibility to the church; business-like methods of church work stressed; cordial relation to new people implored; more cordial relation among old members encouraged; young People's Work organized; Bible Study encouraged under competent leadership; Sunday School backed up in every way; Utility Room agitated; delegates sent to Montreat; entertained Presbyterial in 1923.

"ANSIE H. SMITH, *President.*

1921-1922: "However much of a handicap (pastorless during first part of the year) this proved to be, God over-ruled it for our good and His glory. . . . . In the second place it made us go to our knees in prayer to God for guidance in our work. Surely the deepening of our prayer life during this year is the thing most worthy of mention. Next was the organization of Home and Foreign Mission Study Classes. These were held in neighborhood groups and a large number of women enrolled. The Young People's Work was re-organized by Miss Orene McIlwain, Auxiliary Secretary of Young People's Work, and much interest was manifested by the young people. $247 was added to the fund for the Utility Room. A delegate was sent to Montreat.

"MRS. W. F. PERRIN, *President.*"

1922-1923: Mrs. J. C. Thompson served as president during this time. Rev. Jno. A. McMurray became pastor. The Utility Room was completed and furnished at a cost of $1,100, in time for the reception of the pastor. What proved a very precious privilege was a regular Bible class with Mrs. J. Allen Smith as the efficient and consecrated teacher. It was named "The Thursday Morning Bible Class" and not only brought blessing to our own congregation but to women of other denominations who studied under Mrs. Smith's leadership.

(Signed) MRS. A. B. MORSE, *Historian.*

1923-1924: Minutes for this year were not available to the historian, but among things to be mentioned was the stressing of sub-

scription to church papers and the putting of a Prayer Calendar into every home. Presbytery and Presbyterial were both entertained during this year. Miss Bessie Lee Cheatham was president.

1924-1925: Mrs. Ione Smith Hill, president, says that the new feature of this year was bringing returned missionaries before the Auxiliary, and that they proved a wonderful inspiration. She quotes the following as the keynote for the year:

"Faith is the brave endeavor
The splendid enterprise
The strength to serve, whatever
Conditions may arise."

1925-1926: Mrs. R. E. Cox, president for this year, reported a membership of 158, with five circles, meeting monthly. A delegation sent to the Efficiency Conference in Clinton, a delegate to Montreat, another to the Young People's Missionary Conference in Atlanta. Eighty-seven women in organized Bible classes of the Auxiliary and church. The "Thursday Morning Class" continuing to inspire twenty-five women. A week of intensive Bible study under Mrs. Margaret T. Russell of the Assembly's Training School. Eighty-six members of Prayer Bands. A well attended Stewardship Class conducted by the pastor. Home Mission Class conducted by Mrs. Moffatt, of Due West. Six sheets sent to a foreign hospital. Support of a mountain girl at Guerrant, Ky. Twenty-four books sent to the library of Chicora College. A letter written to each boy and girl of the church attending school elsewhere. Delegate sent to the Colored Woman's Conference at Columbia, S. C., religious literature distributed among the colored women's and children's Bible classes. Social service along following lines: visitation of sick, county farm, chain-gang camps, jail, help given poor and needy families, boxes of clothing to mountain schools and Korean lepers. A boy supported at Thornwell Orphanage. Boxes of soap, canned fruit, and quilts sent to Orphanage. Budget for the year amounting to $1,259.00. In addition to the above all the routine activities were pursued as usual.

1927-1928: Mrs. Rosa Morse, historian, reports that Mrs. Margaret Russell again taught a well attended Bible Class, and that they held the first Daily Vacation Bible School for the children, plans for which were made by the Secretary of Young People's Work, Miss Margaret Cox. Mrs. A. B. Morse had charge of the primary department in the Daily Vacation Bible School. The assistance of the pastor, Rev.

G. M. Telford, and a corps of earnest teachers made the school a decided success. Mission Study was conducted in connection with prayer meeting with the usual good results.

"Our women", concludes the historian, "are diligent in serving in whatever way they are called upon to serve, always attentive to the sick and the needy, and bringing cheer and happiness to the unfortunate."

AVELEIGH

"The earliest record we have of Woman's Work in Aveleigh Presbyterian Church, Newberry, is of 'The Ladies' Aid Society', organized about 1869. The work, having been passed down from mother to daughter, has been faithfully carried out through the years.

"The society materially helped three young men during their courses at Columbia Theological Seminary. They contributed to the cause of missions, and bore a generous part in the local work such as buying an organ, a carpet, etc., for the church.

"Later a society was formed among the younger people called, 'The Young Ladies' Benevolent Society'. It has accomplished much good.

"The Auxiliary Circle Plan was adopted in 1921, and has proved eminently satisfactory.

"MRS. B. H. CARWILE (1924)."

In answer to further inquiry Mrs. Ned Purcell, in 1926, wrote the following:

"The greatest blow our Auxiliary has ever suffered, was when our president, Mrs. Workman, died in April. Only after her death did we fully realize just how helpless we were without her leadership. She was most efficient in all her work as well as being a thoroughly consecrated woman, as every one knows who was connected with her in religious work. She knew every phase of the work by heart. It is largely due to her efforts that our Auxiliary is what it is today. We have been drifting about more or less like a ship without a rudder since she left us. We were so used to depending on Mrs. Workman.

"We have lost by death or removal five active members in the last two years.

"We gave a shower for the Baby Cottage at Thornwell last fall and sent clothes and gifts valued at fifty dollars.

"We have responded to all causes, regular and special, observing week of prayer, birthdays, etc. We have done well in a financial way, usually coming second or third in our gifts, although we are much smaller than many of the other churches."

I find the following names of officers since 1920 in Presbyterial Minutes:

Presidents: Mrs. Allan Johnstone, Miss Fannie McCaughrin (two years), Mrs. J. M. Workman (three years), Miss Minnie Gist (two years).

Other officers: Mrs. W. H. Carwile, Mrs. Margaret Fellers, Mrs. Reider Brooks, Miss Josie Reid, Mrs. J. L. Bowles, Mrs. Welch Wilbur, Mrs. Ned Purcell, Mrs. J. F. Bowers, Mrs. W. F. Ewart, Mrs. T. M. Neel, Mrs. T. K. Johnstone, Mrs. F. D. Mower, Mrs. W. B. Wallace, Mrs. A. J. Bowers, Mrs. R. D. Smith, Mrs. E. B. Purcell, Mrs. F. Z. Wilson, Mrs. M. B. Hipp, Mrs. A. E. Cobb, Mrs. Robt. Wallace, Mrs. Forester Smith, Mrs. P. G. Ellesor, Miss Margaret Boozer, Mrs. C. A. Mathews, Mrs. O. O. Copeland, Mrs. E. D. Kerr, Mrs. James Smith, Miss Lucy Senn, Miss Benita Boozer, Mrs. Welch Wilbur. Nearly all of these have served many years in different capacities.

BETHIA

Bethia is an old church, and, although it has been very weak at times, we are proud to say that its women have always done their best for God's Kingdom. Indeed, had it not been for the good work of Mrs. Jane Wilson, Bethia Church would only exist in history.

The society was first organized March 15, 1908, with seventeen members. It was then called "The Juvenile Society". Its officers were Mrs. Joe Link, Miss Margaret McKinney, and Miss Maud Sligh. On April 16, 1911, it was temporarily disbanded and the money then in the treasury used to buy pews for the church. In 1916 it was re-organized by Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse, and immediately bought a table, two pulpit chairs, and a carpet for the church. Shades were bought later, money contributed to the Stuart Robinson School, Prayer Calendars given to each member, five dollars given to the Willington Church, and payments made on the pastor's salary. In July, 1921, a patchwork quilt was made and sent to the Orphanage.

Our money has been made partly by contribution and partly by the following activities: In March, 1923, a silver tea was given at the

home of Mrs. Joe Link. One July day we served a dinner with ice cream and lemonade. We once had a "Lemon Party", and at another time a barbecue.

The folowing ladies have served as officers repeatedly and have given signal service to the church: Mrs. Joe Link was the first president and has served in that capacity many times since; others were Miss Margaret McKinney, Miss Maud Sligh, Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse, Mrs. James J. Link, Mrs. J. L. McCombs, Mrs. Lewis Beauford, Miss Kate Pettigrew, Mrs. L. O. Beauford, Mrs. W. M. Hall, Mrs. M. E. Beauford.

Julia B. Beauford, *President, 1926.*

CALHOUN FALLS

The Calhoun Falls Church was organized July 8, 1913, with twenty charter members, the women among whom were: Mrs. H. H. Hester, Mrs. C. G. McAllister, Jr., Miss Alice McAllister, Mrs. W. J. Blake, Mrs. J. T. Poore, Mrs. F. C. Nance, Miss Ruth Nance, Mrs. W. F. Smith, Mrs. W. C. and Mrs. M. J. Lanier. Rev. H. Waddell Pratt effected this organization, and the Methodists, with Christian hospitality, loaned the use of their building for seven years. In 1920, during the pastorate of Rev. J. A. Clotfelter, and with the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Grey, the church bought and paid for their present building.

Mr. and Mrs. Grey engraved upon the hearts of this church a memory that time can never erase. They organized the Sabbath School and, on May 7, 1920, the Ladies' Aid Society, with the following members present: Mrs. H. H. Hester, President; Mrs. C. J. Dickson, Secretary and Treasurer, and Mesdames J. F. Gibert, W. J. Blake, Ernest Boyd, and C. G. McAllister.

This little band, strong in faith, set out immediately to accomplish with God's help what was otherwise apparently impossible. In two years with assistance of the other members they had bought and paid for a $600 piano, a pretty green carpet for the church, and a new stove. On May 20, 1923, the Ladies' Aid Society reorganized into the Woman's Auxiliary, thus automatically enlarging their membership to thirteen, since the General Assembly declares that all church members are Auxiliary members.

Of the charter members of this church it might be said, "Thou hast borne and hast had patience, and, for my Name's sake, hast labor-

ed and not fainted; weak in numbers and not rich in this world's goods''. They laid a foundation on the Solid Rock, and God blessed their prayers and the labor of their hands. Elder C. J. Dickson worked with untiring arm on the little church and by his prayers wrought mightily upon the zeal of its members. Mrs. J. F. Gibert was a faithful laborer in her Father's vineyard, looking constantly after the poor and needy. Though gone from us, her faithfulness and true Christian life still live. Mrs. F. C. Nance opened her home for the meetings of the Auxiliary and the gentle spirit of love which she exerted over the meetings made each member feel that it was a blessing to be present. For many years Mrs. J. H. Sherard has given her untiring efforts to the Auxiliary, giving outstanding help to the young people. Recently she assisted her entire class of Sunday School girls to find ways and means of *making* the money with which they paid their expenses to the Young People's Conference. Mrs. Sherard has been chairman of Group Two in the Presbyterial Auxiliary and at one time Presbyterial Secretary of Literature. Mrs. E. F. Gettys, wife of the present beloved pastor, is doing a wonderful work with the children. Mrs. H. H. Hester is known as a faithful visitor of the sick and afflicted cheering them with flowers. Mrs. Hester, with Mrs. Kate Dickson, and Mrs. W. J. Blake prepare the communion table. Mrs. W. J. Blake presented the communion service to the church. She has also been group chairman and Presbyterial Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief. Mrs. O. M. Lanier gave long and faithful service as president of the Auxiliary and has worked for years with the children of the church. All are doing their best, even those who live farthest away. All are pressing forward with the Standard of Excellence as the immediate object and ''the high calling of God'' as the ultimate goal.

(The above information was given by Mrs. W. J. Blake [Hallie Byrd], who has been one of the foremost in all good works in this little church filling many offices and always modestly understating her part.)

CLINTON, FIRST

When on July 28th, 1855, a group of consecrated men organized the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, the names of twenty-four women were enrolled, and at the second meeting of the session, September 30, 1855, three additional names were enrolled. These women

brought their church letters from Harmony Church in Sumter District, Duncan's Creek, Bethany, Laurensville, Rocky Springs, and Little River. These loyal, self sacrificing women began the Woman's Work in this church: Mrs. J. E. Blakely, wife of elder John Blakely; Mrs. Lucinda Foster, wife of Joel T. Foster, deacon; Mrs. Rosanna Patton; Mrs. Charlotte Copeland, wife of elder E. T. Copeland; Mrs. Mary Holland; Mrs. N. J. Leake; Miss Isabella Fulton; Mrs. Mary Fairbarn; Miss Mary McClintock; Mrs Elizabeht Stroud; Mrs. Nancy Henry; Miss Matilda Fairbarn; Mrs. Caroline Fulton; Miss Elizabeth McDowell; Miss Pamela McDowell; Mrs. D. A. F. Williams; Mrs. Sarah Young; Mrs. Nancy Young; Mrs. Louisa J. F. Holland; Miss Martha Stroud; Mrs. Sarah A. Phinney, wife of elder Robt. S. Phinney; Mrs. Nancy Owens; Miss Louisa Patton; Miss Elizabeth Patton; Miss M. Assena F. L. Holland; Mrs. D. M. Williams; Miss Isabella Henry.

If there were space it would be well to name all the women who entered the young church during its early years. While there is no mention of them save on the roll, they were the mothers, grandmothers, and some of them great-grandmothers, of the women who are carrying on the work today, the work built on the foundation they so well laid.

Before the little church was five years old, the whole Southland was plunged into war, taking away the fathers, husbands, and brothers, leaving the burden of existence on the women, who met this disaster with the courage and fortitude shown by women all over the South. Hardly had the smoke of battle disappeared when the trying period of Reconstruction which followed the war came upon them. We find the women full of zeal for the welfare of the community.

It was in the early seventies that Laurens County felt so keenly the heel of the oppressor. Many of the foremost citizens of Clinton, among them eleven members of this church, were borne off to Columbia to prison, their only crime the protection of their homes and families. "When the day for trial came the village, leaning upon God for succor, rose like one man to meet the issue. Wives and daughters, led by the pastor and officers of the church, went to Columbia to prove the innocence of their loved ones. It was a dark day when the only service held by our church on that December Sabbath was in an upper room in Columbia, but we bravely cast our all upon our God, and our God helped us". (Quoted from History of Clinton Presbyterian Church written and published by Dr. Jacobs in 1880.) This incident is one of the most interesting in the town's history. It should be quoted in

full but for limited space. It goes to show that the women were fearless in the face of any danger.

"On September 1st, 1872, the pastor reported a contribution of five dollars from two ladies of the church for the Palmetto Orphans Home, which amount had been forwarded to Rev. J. W. Parker of that Home. During the discussion of this subject the pastor proposed the formation of an Orphan's Home to be located in Clinton, and to be under the charge of the Presbyterians of South Carolina. Much conversation was held on this point and it was finally concluded that the pastor should draft a plan to be submitted to the session on the next Sabbath afternon by which such a home might be established."

"On October 20th, 1872, the pastor's plan for the Orphans' Home was placed before the session and fully discussed. A meeting of all the members of the church was called for the following night, and on October 21st the session met pursuant to adjournment at the home of the pastor. Four elders, other gentlemen and ladies were present." At this time and place the great work of this church began. It was the birth of The Thornwell Orphanage.

During the year 1868 a Children's Foreign Missionary Association was formed. No record of how this organization was brought into existence is found, only the statement that during that year the children contributed $4.81 to the cause, and from year to year we find their contributions increasing. This surely was the mothers' work.

In 1869 we find the record of collections of $80.00 for congregational purposes from a hot supper. This was undoubtedly Woman's Work.

On May 7th, 1870, the sixth anniversary of the Sunday School and of Dr. Jacobs' pastorate, this record appears, "An interesting episode of the meeting was the presentation to Dr. Jacobs of an album quilt made by sixty or seventy of the ladies, old and young, of the Sabbath School and congregation."

In 1872 "we are pleased to record that there are not ten children in our village of an age to attend who are not members of our Sabbath School." In this same year the Children's Missionary Society contributed $12.00 to Foreign Missions.

On November 1st, 1874, "communication from J. O. Templeton, clerk of Rocky Springs session, asking cooperation in erecting a monument over the grave of the Rev. John McKittrick, was read. Miss Betty West and Miss Mattie Owens were appointed a committee to secure subscriptions for this purpose."

Early in 1873 the Orphanage was brought to the attention of the church and the ladies were urged to form a society of Earnest Workers for its advancement. This was at the meeting of the session at which a large number of the lady members of the church were present. We find that from the forming of this organization the Woman's Work began in earnest. They took charge of the church grounds, beautifying them with flowers and shrubbery, and were asked to call on every member of the church for a subscription to the Orphanage. They also joined the men in their efforts in caring for the cemetery, and a committee of the following women was appointed to assist in this work, Mrs. G. C. Young, Mrs. R. R. Blakely, Mrs. M. S. Bailey, Mrs. N. A. Green, and Miss Amanda Ferguson. The work for the Orphanage progressed rapidly and on May 28, 1874, which was the tenth anniversary of the installation of Dr. Jacobs as pastor of the church, the corner stone of the Home of Peace was laid. The world will never know how much the women of this church did for this institution. No full records of their work are in existence, and it is not likely that any were kept, for it was a labor of love. They were mothers of more than their own flesh and blood and what mother would record the meals she cooked and the garments she made for her children? Let us not forget that what was accomplished was with great labor and much sacrifice. On October 1st, 1875, Thornwell Orphanage opened its doors with Rev. W. P. Jacobs, president; Mrs. Jacobs, matron; Miss Emma Witherspoon, teacher, and ten fatherless children as inmates. Before the close of the year there were eight additions to the family.

In the meantime the young girls of the church formed themselves into a band called Helping Hands. They undertook the work of sweeping and dusting the church that they might have the money paid for that purpose for church work. With this money they purchased fifty hymn books, and at another time paid $50 for remodeling the pulpit.

During the five years from 1875 to 1880, the women were busy carrying on their work for the Orphanage, repairing and repainting the church and Sunday School buildings, purchasing carpet and new lamps for the church and still caring for the church grounds and cemetery. It seemed that whatever the men could not do, or could not agree on doing, they asked the ladies to do. The women never failed to undertake anything that they were asked to do and they always accomplished what they undertook.

About 1880 the Ladies' Aid Society took the place of the Earnest Workers and carried on the work begun by them. "October 11, 1880,

the College of Clinton (now the beloved Presbyterian College of South Carolina) was organized to be under Presbyterian influence and control." With the founding of this institution the women renewed their efforts in the work of the church. They lavished their love, the work of their hands, and their prayers on this new work. During the years of perfecting plans and raising money for the buildings the women showed great interest. It was a happy day for Clinton, and especially for the women, when "on April 9, 1885, the corner stone of the College was laid in the presence of Enoree Presbytery, by the moderator, Rev. B. G. Clifford. The address was made by Rev R. H. Nall." The women watched with great interest the growth of the building on the foundation which was laid that day.

Their first work for this new institution was to purchase sash for the building. Later they presented a piano to the College, they gave money to the students for the ministry, and at one time a suit of clothes to a worthy young man for his graduation. They helped the college boys with their social activities, furnishing their banquets, etc. In the records of their work we find them ever busy doing something for the church, the Orphanage and the College. They made many repairs on the church, bought new carpets, chandeliers, cushions, and had the buildings repainted inside and out. Their interest in the Orphanage continued in the support of special children, furnishing rooms in new buildings, and in many other ways they found needful.

They made contributions to mission work in the county, to newly organized churches of Mountville and Goldville, and even as far as West End Church in Atlanta. They were not unmindful of the sister churches in Clinton, for an entry shows a gift to the Baptist Ladies' Aid Society for their parsonage fund. And their pastor was not forgotten. A purse was given him when he made his visit to the Holy Land, and a reception was tendered him on his return. These are recorded, but the many gifts and kindnesses of individuals no one will ever know.

In October, 1900, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was formed with the following twelve women as charter members: Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, President; Mrs. W. S. Bean, Secretary-Treasurer; Mrs. W. B. Owens, Mrs. W. M. McCaslan, Mrs. W. E. Owens, Mrs. W. A. Shands, Mrs. W. J. Bailey, Mrs. A. M. Copeland, Mrs. J. W. Kennedy, Mrs. A. E. Spencer, Mrs. G. C. Young, and Mrs. W. H. Young.

About 1903 a band of little girls organized themselves into the Annie C. Spencer Society to do church work. They bought four sil-

ver collection plates, which are still in use, and placed in the Sunday School room a memorial window to their beloved teacher.

Later two children's missionary societies, Elizabeth Fleming for girls and S. P. Fulton for boys, were organized; and also the Emmeline Craig Missionary Society for young ladies. The Christian Endeavor absorbed the two for the young people, and in 1919 the Woman's Auxiliary took the place of those for women.

Since its organization the Auxiliary has been a live body, carrying out the Assembly's program in every branch of its work. The work we are most interested in, as were our predecessors, is that connected with the two institutions in our midst, Presbyterian College and Thornwell Orphanage. They are close to our hearts and are ever in our prayers.

Our Workers

Mrs. Elbert T. Copeland (Charlotte Ferguson), wife of the first elder, mother of two elders, J. C. and A. M. Copeland, and a consecrated church worker.

Mrs. Joel T. Foster (Lucinda Holland), wife of the first deacon. Her long life was full of good works.

Mrs. R. N. S. Young (Martha Stroud), wife of a deacon, and mother of deacon, John H. Young.

Mrs. R. S. Phinney (Sarah Simpson), wife of elder, teacher in Sunday School, called a mother of the church, visited the sick, looked after the communion, baking the bread and making the wine, and always doing some church work. Her home was the home of the young minister until his marriage.

Mrs. R. S. Owens (Nancy Blakely), Sunday School teacher, mother of Elder W. E. Owens, and Deacon William Brooks Owens. She lived next door to the church and went over before every service to see that everything was in order.

Miss Louisa Patton, reared in the home of Deacon R. N. S. Young, and was devoted to the members of this family and to her church.

Mrs. N. A. Green (Sarah Bell), wife of a deacon, Sunday School teacher and a leader of the women in their good works. She left in her will money to place a handsome memorial window in our present church building, and also a share of Clinton Mill stock to the Ladies' Aid Society of which she was treasurer for many years.

Miss Caroline Virginia Davis and her sister, Miss Sarah Ann Davis, daughters of Dr. J. H. Davis and Agatha Black Davis, leaders in

founding and building Rock Bridge Church, two miles from Clinton, which was organized by Dr. Jacobs. This church was formed because their aged mother could not come to Clinton to church. They gave of their time and means to construct this house of worship and to draw to it not only their own but their neighbors. They did much to make life happier for the sick and sorrowing, the poor and suffering, though few knew of their good deeds.

Mrs. J. P. Pearson (Ann Foster), daughter of Elder J. F. Foster and wife of a deacon. She was known for her good works.

Mrs. S. E. Dunlap, a devoted member of the church and Ladies' Aid Society while living in Clinton. She moved her membership to Mountville many years ago.

Mrs. Samuel L. West (M. M. Phinney), daughter of Elder R. S. Phinney and wife of a deacon.

Mrs. John T. Craig (Sarah Elizabeth Owens). She and her husband were the first couple married by Dr. Jacobs. She was a member of the first committee of ladies appointed by the deacons to do church work. This committee was appointed to raise the money to paint the interior of the church before the meeting of Presbytery in 1873. In her zeal for church work she followed in the footsteps of her mother, Mrs. Nancy Owens.

Mrs. W. B. Bell (Rebecca E. C. Glymp), wife of an elder, teacher in Sunday School and one of the leaders in the work of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mrs. W. D. Watts (Fannie McCrary), wife of deacon, earnest church worker.

Mrs. W. T. Vance (Josephine Marshall), teacher in Sunday School, member of Ladies' Aid Society, and a great church worker.

Mrs. A. M. Copeland (Eugenia Owens), teacher in Sunday School, daughter of Mrs. Nancy Owens; mother of O. O. Copeland, deacon Aveleigh Church.

Mrs. William P. Jacobs (Mary J. Dillard), wife of the pastor, Sunday School teacher and organist in church and Sunday School, first matron of the Orphanage, first president of the Earnest Workers, a society of ladies organized to work for the Orphanage. She was the mother of Florence, wife of Deacon Wm. J. Bailey, and of three ministers, J. F., W. S. and Thornwell Jacobs. Her short life was filled with good works.

Mrs. John W. Young (Rachel Holland), wife of an elder, mother

of two deacons, Jack H. and J. Lee Young, member of Ladies Society and a consecrated church worker.

Mrs. William Albright (Lou Clarence Holland), a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, an untiring worker for the Orphanage, mother of Mrs. W. H. Shands, whose husband is a deacon.

Mrs. G. B. McCrary (Emma Copeland), daughter of Elder E. T. Copeland, Sunday School teacher, member of Ladies' Aid Society, and an untiring worker for the Orphanage. Another member of the first committee appointed to secure money for painting church for meeting of Presbytery in 1873.

Mrs. R. R. Blakely (Emma Alice Owens), wife of deacon, teacher in Sunday School. Her short life was full of work for others.

Mrs. M. S. Bailey (Rosanna Abrams), wife of elder, mother of two elders and two deacons, one daughter is wife of a minister, Rev. G. H. Cornelson. She baked the communion bread and made the wine for years, and this work is still carried on by her daughter, Miss Connie Bailey.

Mrs. W. A. Shands (Rebecca Copeland), daughter of Elder G. P. Copeland, wife of a deacon, member of Ladies' Aid Society, an untiring worker for the Orphanage, and a devoted member of the church.

Mrs. J. C. Copeland (Sarah Elizabeth Young), wife of an elder, daughter of Deacon R. N. S. Young, devoted church member, and worker in Ladies' Aid Society. Her son, J. C. Copeland, is a deacon in the First Church of Columbia.

Mrs. R. C. Davis (Lydie Dorroh), a devoted member of this church but united with Rockbridge Church when organized, where her efforts were joined with those of her husband's sisters, Misses Caroline and Sarah Davis. Her husband was an elder, and later her son, Dr. J. W. Davis, was also an elder.

Mrs. G. C. Young (Nannie Blakely), wife of elder, mother of Elder H. M. Young, Sunday School teacher, member of Ladies' Aid Society, devoted to her church and an example of true Christian living. Her prayers for the church were unceasing.

Mrs. A. M. Copeland (Mattie Park Owens), wife of an elder, a Sunday School teacher, and worker in Ladies' Aid Society, one of a committee appointed by the session to secure funds to erect a monument to Rev. John McKittrick at Rock Springs.

Miss Beulah Compton, a Sunday School teacher, organist, and member of the choir.

Mrs. Job J. Boozer (Georgiana Griffith), wife of an elder who was

the beloved physician of the town, grandmother of Elder Wilson W. Harris of Thornwell Memorial Church. For many years she baked the communion bread and made the wine.

Mrs. B. S. Jones (Amelia Ferguson), an officer in the Ladies' Aid Society and one of the leaders in Woman's Work. She was the grandmother of Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Jr., the present organist of the church.

Miss Amanda Ferguson, president of the Ladies' Aid Society for years, a teacher in the Sunday School. Much of the Woman's Work centered around her and her sister, Mrs. Jones.

Mrs. W. S. Lee (Lissa Clark), wife of the first president of Presbyterian College, who was an elder in the church. She was a Sunday School worker and president of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mrs. J. W. Copeland (Lydie Vance), a devoted church member and an officer and untiring worker in the Ladies' Aid Society.

Mrs. J. C. Hague (Pattie Thornwell), a daughter of Dr. J. H. Thornwell for whom the Orphanage was named, spent eight years as teacher in the Orphanage, identified herself with every part of the church and Orphanage work, is mentioned many times in the records for her work for the good of the community.

Mrs. W. J. Bailey (Florence Jacobs), daughter of the pastor, wife of a deacon, was first secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society which office was given her when just a girl, and which she held for years; later she was president. She was a member of the first class graduated from the Presbyterian College. She was leader in the music in the Sunday School and church, teacher of infant class, and officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. G. P. Copeland (M. A. Frances Holland), wife of an elder, and mother of Deacon Guy L. Copeland.

Mrs. P. S. Bailey (Fannie Copeland), daughter of Elder G. P. Copeland, wife of a deacon, for many years treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society, and an earnest worker in the organization.

Mrs. R. E. Copeland (Louda Copeland), daughter of Elder G. P. Copeland, earnest church worker and Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. David Glenn (Emma Little), untiring in the restoration of Duncan's Creek, the mother church, and in caring for the cemetery there. She has lived in Spartanburg for many years, but has not lost her love for her old home church.

Mrs. R. H. McCrary (Nannie Godbold), wife of an elder, officer in Ladies' Aid Society; her short life was full of Christian works.

Miss Connie Bailey, daughter of Elder M. S. Bailey; for many

years, as her mother did before her, she has baked the bread and arranged the communion table. She was for a long time secretary of the Ladies' Aid Society and has been an officer in the Auxiliary. She takes great pleasure in seeing that the baskets are filled with flowers for the church.

Mrs. Frank Adair (Donna Young), daughter of Elder G. C. Young, officer in Auxiliary, president of her Sunday School class, devoted church worker and regular attendant on all services.

Mrs. J. C. Davis (Emma Watts), moved to Rockbridge Church when it was organized where her husband became an elder. She was a leader in church and community work.

Mrs. Ann Simonton and Miss Mamie Simonton, mother and daugher, matron and teacher in the Orphanage, members of the Ladies' Aid Society, and identified with all church work.

Mrs. B. L. King (Moorer Adams), for many years a Sunday School teacher, an officer in the Ladies' Aid Society and the Auxiliary.

Mrs. W. E. Owens (Mary Bailey), wife of elder, member of Ladies' Aid Society and Foreign Missionary Society. An earnest church worker.

Mrs. W. H. Shands (Texas Albright), wife of a deacon, member and worker in Ladies' Aid Society and officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. G. A. Copeland (Lou Jones), wife of a deacon, teacher in primary department in Sunday School, member of Ladies' Aid Society, mother of the organist, Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Jr.

Mrs. R. P. Smith (Ella Reid), daughter of a minister, wife of Rev. R. P. Smith, one time president of Presbyterian College, mother of Mrs. R. D. Bedinger, missionary to Africa.

Mrs. Howard Caldwell (J. T. Craig), member of Dr. Jacobs' mission training class, one of organizers of Junior Christian Endeavor, Sunday School teacher and an earnest church worker.

Mrs. Geo. H. Cornelson (Emma Bailey), daughter of Elder M. S. Bailey, wife of Rev. Geo. H. Cornelson. As a girl she sang in the Sunday School and church choirs.

Miss Mary Jane Manson, the devoted adopted daughter of Dr. Jacobs and for many years his secretary, and a teacher in the Sunday School.

Mrs. J. W. Kennedy (Penelope McDuffie), wife of an elder who was one time president of Presbyterian College; officer in Ladies' Aid Society and Foreign Missionary Society.

Mrs. A. O'Daniel (Mary Lou Young), daughter of Elder J. W.

Young, president of her Sunday School class, officer in Ladies' Aid Society and Auxiliary.

Miss Maude Pearson, daughter of Deacon J. P. Pearson, officer in Auxiliary and treasurer of Sunday School class.

Mrs. J. H. Phinney (Mrs. Duckett Copeland—B. Johnson), mother of Deacon Geo. A. Copeland, officer in Ladies' Aid Society.

Mrs. Jack H. Young (Warlana Copeland), daughter of Elder J. C. Copeland, wife of a deacon, officer in Auxiliary, always ready to furnish flowers for the church.

Miss Fronde Kennedy, daughter of Elder J. W. Kennedy, and a Sunday School teacher. She taught for many years in Thornwell Orphanage.

Mrs. T. J. Blalock (Fannie Young), daughter of Elder G. C. Young, officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. H. D. Rantin (Mattie Young), daughter of Elder G. C. Young, officer in Sunday School class and Auxiliary.

Miss Kitty Crockett, for many years a matron at the Orphanage and a teacher in the Sunday School.

Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Sr. (Elliott Duckett), wife of a minister, mother of Deacon W. P. Jacobs, officer in Ladies' Aid Society, Foreign Missionary Society and Auxiliary; member of the choir, past president of the Presbyterial, vice president of Presbyterial.

Mrs. W. B. Farr (Sally Hamp Copeland), wife of a deacon, Sunday School teacher and officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. L. D. McCrary (Janie Little), Auxiliary officer.

Misses Annie and Libbie Spencer, sisters of Elder A. E. Spencer, Sunday School teachers, Christian Endeavor workers and members of the choir.

Mrs. C. W. Stone (Claire Young), daughter of Elder J. W. Young, wife of a deacon, teacher in Sunday School.

Mrs. W. H. Young (Nonnie Duckett), wife of a deacon and officer in Ladies' Aid Society and worker in Missionary Society.

Mrs. E. W. Ferguson (Annie Copeland), granddaughter of Elder G. P. Copeland, organist for many years and also member of the choir.

Mrs. W. S. Bean (Kate Fleming), wife of Dr. W. S. Bean who was for many years professor in Presbyterian College; teacher in Sunday School, officer in Ladies' Aid Society, Foreign Missionary Society and Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. B. Jones (Janie Duckett), Sunday School teacher, member

of Dr. Jacobs' mission training class, but health did not permit service in foreign field. Wife of an elder in Petersburg, Va.

Mrs. R. C. Farr (Salina Beatty), mother of Deacon W. B. Farr; her Christian life is an example to others.

Mrs. W. M. McCaslan (Seppie Jordan), wife of an elder, Sunday School teacher, consecrated worker, specially among the young, the poor and sick.

Mrs. William Brooks Owens (Marie McCaslan), daughter of Elder W. M. McCaslan, wife of a deacon, officer in Ladies' Aid Society, Missionary Society and Auxiliary, and member of the choir.

Mrs. E. C. Murray (Lillian Lebby), wife of Rev. E. C. Murray, president of Presbyterian College, mother of two ministers.

Mrs. A. M. Copeland (Ruth Simpson), wife of an elder, has been in charge of the Beginners' Department of Sunday School for more than a quarter of a century, worker in Thornwell Orphanage for many years, officer in Ladies' Aid Society, Missionary Society and Auxiliary, mother of Mary Ruth Copeland Betts, missionary to India.

Mrs. J. W. Dillard (Lydie Henry), active church worker, officer in Auxiliary, always willing and efficient.

Mrs. J. A. Bailey (Nina Vance), wife of an elder, officer in Auxiliary, does much work among the poor, the sick and the lonely.

Mrs. L. M. Kennedy (Elizabeth Bean), daughter of Dr. W. S. Bean, member of choir and organist.

Mrs. Bothwell Graham (Katherine Bean), daughter of Dr. W. S. Bean, officer in Auxiliary.

Miss Essie Young, daughter of Elder J. W. Young, for many years a Sunday School teacher and member of the choir.

Mrs. J. W. Leake (Bessie Constine), earnest church worker, teacher in Sunday School and officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. H. Hunter (Myrtle Aull), mother of Deacon J. H. Hunter and Mrs. L. C. LaMotte, whose husband is pastor of church at Fort Payne, Alabama. Beloved matron of dining hall at Presbyterian College.

Mrs. J. L. Copeland (Lola Casey), wife of an elder, teacher in Sunday School, officer in Ladies' Aid Society, Missionary Society and Auxiliary, president of Presbyterial.

Mrs. W. G. Neville (Virginia Aiken), wife of Dr. W. G. Neville, president of Presbyterian College; mother of two foreign missionaries, Rev. W. G. Neville of Brazil and Mrs. L. H. Lancaster of China; a home missionary, Miss Virginia Neville, and Rev. John C.

Neville; officer in Auxiliary, interested in all church work and a liberal contributor to every need.

Mrs. John Spratt (Tallulah Neville), wife of deacon, daughter of minister, teacher of class of college boys in Sunday School, present president of Auxiliary.

Mrs. G. A. Nickles (Julia Neville), daughter of Rev. W. G. Neville, wife of pastor of Westminster Church, Charleston, organized Negro Sunday School, worker in Sunday School and Christian Endeavor.

Miss Clara Duckett, member of choir, officer in Auxiliary, and generous in supplying flowers for the church.

Mrs. D. W. A. Neville (Mary Bean), daughter of Dr. W. S. Bean, head of primary department of Sunday School, officer in Auxiliary, and active in Christian Endeavor work.

Mrs. R. E. Sadler (Julia Owens), daughter of Elder W. E. Owens, officer in Auxiliary and Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. A. E. Spencer (Martha Calvert), wife of elder, active in Ladies' Aid Society and Foreign Missionary Society, officer in Auxiliary and generous in supplying flowers for the church, present historian of Auxiliary.

Miss Nancy Owens, daughter of Deacon W. B. Owens, granddaughter of Elder W. M. McCaslan, worker in Christian Endeavor and Sunday School.

Mrs. A. V. Martin (Mary Barnett), daughter of a minister, teacher in Sunday School, head of Cradle Roll Department, officer in Auxiliary, does much visiting among the sick and strangers.

Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Jr. (Amie Copeland), daughter of Deacon G. A. Copeland, great granddaughter of Elder G. P. Copeland, efficient and untiring organist and choir leader.

Mrs. C. M. Bailey (Eloise Davenport), wife of an elder, officer in Auxiliary, teacher in Sunday School, active leader in Young People's Work.

Mrs. G. M. Wright (Jeannie White), Sunday School teacher, one of leaders in organization of this Auxiliary, officer in Auxiliary, did much visiting among sick and strangers.

Mrs. M. J. McFadden (Maude McKeown), officer in Auxiliary, leader in Christian Endeavor and much interested in Young People's Work.

Mrs. D. J. Brimm (Elizabeth Muller), wife of Dr. D. J. Brimm who is professor of Bible in Presbyterian College; for many years a

teacher in the Sunday School and Negro Sunday School. She was an earnest Christian and a devoted church worker.

Miss Julia Ferguson, officer in Auxiliary, a willing and efficient worker.

Mrs. F. M. Boland (Ella Sproles), wife of an elder, officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. A. J. Milling (Bessie Tolbert), officer in Auxiliary and earnest worker.

Mrs. F. D. Jones (Catherine Wyman), wife of former pastor who is now professor in Presbyterian College.

Mrs. M. G. Woodworth (Margaret Wheelwright), wife of minister who is professor in Presbyterian College; officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. A. B. Godfrey (Emmie Young), granddaughter of Deacon R. N. S. Young, officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. L. C. LaMotte (Sarah Hunter), wife of minister, organist and teacher in Sunday School and worker in Christian Endeavor.

Mrs. A. P. Little (Rosa Bailey), officer in Auxiliary and earnest church worker.

Mrs. D. M. Douglas (Lydia Welch), wife of minister who was president of Presbyterian College; qfficer in Auxiliary and member of choir.

Mrs. L. B. Dillard (Wrenn Hafner), officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. M. C. Dendy (Nan Copeland), daughter of Elder J. I. Copeland, wife of a minister, teacher in Sunday School, leader in Christian Endeavor, organist and member of choir.

Miss Frances Burgess, daughter of a minister, organist and choir director.

Miss Elizabeth Young, daughter of Deacon J. H. Young, granddaughter of Elders J. C. Copeland and J. W. Young, officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. H. M. Young (Grace Ferguson), wife of elder and officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. B. F. Godfrey (Bessie Cunningham), officer in Auxiliary, Sunday School teacher and now matron at Orphanage.

Mrs. R. E. Jones (Annie Byrd Davis), officer in Auxiliary, a willing worker.

Mrs. J. H. Stone (Evie Lewis), Sunday School teacher, officer in the Auxiliary and church secretary.

Mrs. G. A. Black (Frances Edge), Sunday School teacher and officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. N. J. Edge (Nancy Wishert), mother of Rev. W. W. Edge, pastor First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Pa.

Miss Sybil Burdette, organist and member of choir, granddaughter of Deacon W. D. Watts.

Mrs. Crawford Clapp (Caroline West), Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. Geo. W. Bailey (Mary Agnes Anderson), Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. H. A. Copeland (Rose Moore), first president of Auxiliary, member of choir and active in all church work.

Mrs. J. D. Jeans (Lois Plowden), Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. B. O. Whitten (Myra Ballenger), wife of an elder, officer in Auxiliary, member of choir, and generous in supplying flowers for the church.

Mrs. S. G. Dillard (Lillian Salters), officer in Auxiliary and Presbyterial, Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. H. E. Sturgeon (Laura Gilchrist), wife of professor in Presbyterian College and Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. J. W. Little (Irene Curlee), Auxiliary officer and Sunday School teacher.

Mrs. T. J. Peake (Louise Duskin), Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. W. P. Jacobs (Edna Shockley), wife of deacon, Auxiliary officer, member of the choir and organist.

Mrs. D. J. Woods (John E. B. Gunn), wife of pastor, officer in Auxiliary, Sunday School teacher, and active in all church work.

Mrs. J. D. Davis (Rachel Sellers), Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. Jack H. Davis (Lydie Fuller), Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. A. W. Brice (Connie Martin), wife of a deacon, member of the choir.

Mrs. W. D. Copeland (Nina Martin), wife of a deacon, officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. G. Pringle Copeland (Edna Clayton), Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. Reese Young (Jet Dillard), member of the choir.

Mrs. W. W. Brimm (Hattie Wilson), wife of a minister, loyal church member.

Mrs. Jack Anderson (Helen Sumerel), willing and efficient Auxiliary officer.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick (Laura Foster), daughter of a minister, wife of a minister, mother of a minister, officer in Auxiliary, Sunday School teacher, and active in work among the Negroes.

Mrs. R. C. Adair (Louella Leaman), officer in Auxiliary.

Mrs. G. W. Gigniliat (Annie Moore), wife of professor at Presbyterian College, officer in Auxiliary and member of choir.

Mrs. J. G. Martin (Annie Green), officer in Auxiliary, pianist in Sunday School and member of the choir.

Mrs. B. L. Parkinson (Dera Dry), wife of president of Presbyterian College, officer in Auxiliary.

CORONACA

The Coronaca Church has never had any organized work and the church consists now of scarcely more than two families. In the beginning of the church life Mrs. David Aiken, Mrs. Kate Lumley and Mrs. Fletcher Hodges were very active members. Since the older communicants have moved their memberships Mrs. Evie Blake, Mrs. Thompson, and Mrs. Lumley look after the church as to the music, flowers, and the keeping of the building. The few around who are connected with the church are loyal and do all they can to help with the pastor's salary, and so keeping the church from dying out altogether.

COKESBURY

Though Cokesbury is no longer in existence as a church, I have had the following interesting letter from Mrs. Rebecca Henderson, the widow of a former pastor, Rev. John G. Henderson. She says:

"The church was organized with twenty-four members. Col. D. Wyatt Aiken was ordained elder. In 1883 the church was dedicated by Dr. Molally, Presbyterian minister, son-in-law of the Rev. Dr. Adger. We then organized a Sabbath School and the ladies went to work. Among them were the Misses Bessie, Rebecca, and Lillian Caldwell, sisters; Misses Eliza and Virginia Aiken. Three older ladies, Mrs. W. E. Caldwell, Mrs. D. Wyatt Aiken, and Mrs. Sue Waldrop, took great interest in the church. Mrs. Aiken was kind to visit the sick and help the poor. Miss Elizabeth Aiken was organist and we had a good choir. The ladies bought a nice organ by subscription. They also gave entertainments and bought a carpet, three pulpit chairs, a communion service, and a chandelier with very fine lights. Mr. Wanmake donated a nice pulpit, and Mr. Joel Smith two lamps with reflectors."

After giving lists of the ministers who served the church Mrs.

Henderson adds that she acted as sexton for the church for several months, and that several of the other members did also. Mrs. Henderson's whole mind and heart have been wrapped up in this old church ever since her husband first went there as pastor. At one time, I am told, that she herself, at great sacrifice, had the church covered with good shingles. Time and circumstance took toll of the few members here and in 1925 the church was dissolved and its remaining members joined the Hodges Church.

DONALDS

Mrs. T. J. McBryde, wife of Dr. McBryde, pastor of Greenvale Church, organized the King's Daughters Circle in March, 1896, with twenty-eight members, some of the number being children. In less time than a year the circle was changed into the Ladies' Aid Society, which began working for a Presbyterian Chapel at Donalds. In course of time the chapel was completed and was dedicated as a Presbyterian Church. Just how long the society existed is not on record though it existed for a few years and then was discontinued. Mr. Thomas Cartledge became pastor of the church about 1905; his wife soon afterwards reorganized the Ladies' Aid Society with about ten members. Since that time the members have endeavored to meet regularly every month. The membership is now fifteen. Soon after the Presbyterial was organized we joined.

DORROH, DOMINICK, LISBON, LITTLE RIVER, MOUNTVILLE, AND MORRIS

The Presbyterial Historian has labored exceedingly to get some word of the women in these churches. She has written to the ministers, and an elder in each church, and to the District Chairman of the Presbyterial, and to any other person whom she thought might know. It seems that there has never been any organization among the women, but the historian is grieved to think of the many noble deeds certainly performed by these women which will go unrecorded. From the "Presbyterian Church in South Carolina" she takes the following:

Mrs. Susan Dorroh gave the lot on which the church of that name was built in 1885. There were seventeen members. Among the

thirteen charter members of Dominick we find the names of Mrs. John A. Livingston, Mrs. J. W. Abrams, Mrs. P. N. Boozer, Mrs. H. L. Stone, Miss Fannie Patterson, Miss Fronde Livingston, Mrs. M. M. Livingston, Miss Mable Livingston. The church was organized 1913.

The Lisbon plantation was owned in 1828 by Col. John Simpson. His daughter, Jane, married Dr. John Nickels. She made an attempt to get a Presbyterian Church, but, as David's temple was left for his son to build, it was to the next generation that this privilege fell.

Although Little River is a very old church, having been founded in 1764 by the Rev. Jas. Creswell, our recent church history tells, "The church in later years shows feebleness of life and often complete interruption of services for long periods of time. The membership is small, a fragment only of that of earliest years."

There is no organized work at Mountville, and after repeated attempts to learn something of the work of individual members there is nothing to relate. Probably many good deeds performed quietly and modestly are known only to a few and to these it would seem like boasting to let them be written.

There was never any organization at Morris and I am told by the district chairman that services there have been abandoned.

FRIENDSHIP

On September 26th, 1904, Mrs. William Boyd called together the Aid Society of Friendship Presbyterian Church and organized the first Auxiliary, consisting of about eighteen members. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. M. E. Johnson; Vice President, Mrs. J. C. McDaniel; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. M. L. McDaniel.

They met once a month at homes of different members and contributed regularly to benevolent causes. The first work accomplished by this faithful band was reseating the pulpit, buying carpet, table, scarf and repainting the church. Instead of the Auxiliary growing it decreased as members died and moved away, but a few faithful ones kept the work going until 1914, when it was disbanded. The money in treasury was given the Thornwell Orphanage.

In 1920 the Auxiliary was reorganized with the following officers: President, Mrs. J. T. Simpson; Vice President, Mrs. M. L. McDaniel; Secretary, Mrs. G. C. Abercrombie; Treasurer, Miss Janie Pitts.

The membership at this time was about fifteen. Dues were paid monthly and free will offerings called for regularly. One half of the money collected was used for the home church and the other half was given to benevolent causes. A Home Mission and a Foreign Mission Study class was held each year, and the Year Book of programs used at the regular monthly meetings.

In March, 1923, the pastor, Dr. Chas. E. Sullivan, met with the ladies of the church, and after discussing plans for the Auxiliary, the Circle Plan was adopted . Five circles formed and officers elected for each circle. The officers for the Auxiliary were elected as follows: President, Mrs. C. D. Wilson; Vice President, Mrs. M. L. McDaniel; Secretary, Mrs. G. C. Abercrombie; Treasurer, Miss Janie Pitts.

Secretaries for all the causes were elected. The circles met once each month, then the entire Auxiliary. Once under this plan the Auxiliary grew in numbers, interest, etc. Foreign and Home Mission Study classes were held, and the special days of prayer observed.

The present membership, 1924, is forty. The amount contributed per capita is $6.00, and the rating on the Standard of Efficiency chart is sixty per cent.

In 1926, we are told by Mrs. G. C. Abercrombie, that the five circles had lost members and re-organized into two circles, holding monthly meetings and a monthly Auxiliary meeting. They were contributing to all Assembly's causes, and had sent special gifts to a Korean hospital, and to Crossnore School. They had two Mission Study classes and a Bible Study class. The officers were: President, Mrs. G. C. Abercrombie; Vice President, Mrs. M. L. McDaniel; Secretary, Miss Grace Pitts; Treasurer, Miss Janie Pitts; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. G. T. Weathers; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. C. E. Wasson; Secretary Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Miss Grace Pitts; Secretary Spiritual Life, Mrs. Effie Wasson; Secretary Young People's Work, Mrs. A. E. Pitts; Secretary Christian Social Service, Mrs. C. D. Wilson. This list of names, we are told, with Mrs. Plumer Pitts and Mrs. Geo. Washington, represents those most interested and active. Indeed these same names appear in the next two lists of officers with some places changed. Mrs. M. L. McDaniel is president for 1927-28.

GREENWOOD

Greenwood is rich in historic interest and the advancement she has made in agriculture and manufacturing gives her a record to be compared to any in the state, yet it is not for these things that we honor our people most. We have a deeper and a more abiding pride in their noble qualities of heart and mind and in the story of their simple deeds of love and kindness. They have been ever ready with any sacrifice of themselvs or their means to render service to others. So we are proud to be able to write in this history of the work of the Presbyterian women of South Carolina the names of the women of the Greenwood Presbyterian Church, who have bravely endeavored to reach the standard of Christ's by giving of their time and their money to scatter the darkness of sin and ignorance and to carry the Gospel light to their fellow men.

The earliest record of missionary endeavor in the Greenwood Church is to be found in the session book of the old Rocky Creek Church in 1823, when worthy contributions were made to Domestic and Foreign Missions, to Education, and the Bible cause. In 1858, when the saintly and greatly beloved Rev. John McLees was pastor of the church, the record reads: "He holds a weekly prayer meeting which has been too much neglected—also a monthly Missionary Concert for the spread of the Gospel, which is usually well attended." Later another reference is made to this service as follows: "Our monthly Missionary Concert is kept up with interest". At this time small contributions of five and ten dollars a year were made to Domestic and Foreign Missions, a larger sum being contributed to the "poor of the church", both white and colored, to sustentation and to education.

It is not known the exact year in which the women of the church were organized into a working band, but as early as 1883 mention is made of the Ladies' Missionary Society, and they were known to have met in Prayer Circles some years previous to that time. The records of the society have only been preservd since 1890, at which time Rev. W. T. Matthews was pastor of the church, and Mrs. Robert Gillam was the earnest and devoted president of the Missionary Society. From its earliest beginning this society was an active organization, with only about a dozen members it is recorded that in 1891 the women, largely influenced by Mrs. Ellen Bailey, aided the church in raising $600 for the support of a missionary, contributing $200.00 of that amount. In fact the women were such an important

factor in bringing about the action of the church in this step that in a letter to the society from Mrs. Sibley of Georgia, she said, "I want to express my high endorsement of your success in the raising of $600.00 for the support of a missionary. As far as my knowledge goes no other church in the South of its size has accomplished so much in this line".

It is with a smile that we read in this connection, "The women have united with the men in the support of a foreign missionary and agree to turn their money over to the church treasurer with the understanding that it is the *ladies' money*". After a half century are we not still a bit reluctant to fall in line?

The first missionary supported by the Greenwood Church was Rev. W. B. White of the China Mission. The Ladies' Society held a farewell service for Mr. White just before he went out, and presented him with a number of very useful gifts. It was their custom later to send him a monthly letter, written by different members of the society, and his replies to these letters were read with the keenest interest and appreciation at the monthly meetings. In the minutes we read that one of these letters was written on their paper, nine yards long! It was interesting to note that in 1890-91 there were from ten to fifteen subscribers to the "Missionary".

In 1900 the society had grown to fifty members with an average attendance of twenty. Dr. Robt. H. Nall was then pastor of the church and he and his good wife, a woman of intellect and attainments, were a source of great inspiration and help to the Woman's Work. The program of the society meetings consisted of devotional exercises, with one "reader" appointed for each meeting. Once a year, in the fall, it was, and has continued to be, the custom of the Ladies' Missionary Society to have a Praise and Thank Offering Service for Foreign Missions, to which special invitations were issued, with a visiting minister to preach the sermon. As far back as 1890 over a hundred dollars was contributed at these special services.

After the death of Mr. White in 1896 the church took up the support of Dr. J. R. Wilkinson of the Elizabeth Blake Hospital, at Soochow, China; this hospital having been built by a gift from Prof. J. R. Blake of Greenwood, and for years much strength was given to the work there through the interest and prayers of Prof. Blake and his wife, "Aunt Lizzie" Blake.

It was in 1900 that the society was first invited to join the Woman's Presbyterial Union. After considerable misgiving and much

serious consideration it was decided to send Mrs. Ann E. Tarrant and Mrs. Alice Boozer as delegates to the meeting at Clemson, but to delay their decision until they could learn what the attitude of the Presbytery was in regard to the Union. Mrs. Tarrant and Mrs. Boozer came back with an enthusiastic report of the Union meeting, but this conservative band of "doubting sisters" still waited a year before they could make up their minds to take so radical a step as to join. How "far away and long ago" that now seems! At the next meeting of the Union, at Seneca, two delegates were sent from Greenwood and it is recorded that "Mrs. Tarrant read a very fine paper before that body". The Greenwood society also contributed $2.00 to the Union towards the support of a cot in the Elizabeth Blake Hospital, in China. On her return to Greenwood when Mrs. Tarrant was requested to read her paper before the local society it is written that she replied, "I will not consent to do it unless you agree to increase your contribution to the Union, for the support of a cot, from $2.00 to $4.00", and it is needless to add that they so agreed. Mrs. Tarrant was the second president of the Missionary Society and in the minutes it is recorded that "she manifested a deep and sincere interest in its welfare". The leaders who followed Mrs. Tarrant were as follows: Mrs. Alice Boozer, Mrs. Joel S. Bailey, Mrs. R. P. Blake, Mrs. A. L. Blake, Mrs. Geo. Bishop, and Miss Louise Flemming.

Mrs. G. A. Byrd was elected to the office of treasurer in 1904 and is still serving capably and faithfully in that position today.

The members of the Auxiliary who have held office in both the South Carolina Presbyterial and the Synodical are: Mrs. John Lyon, Miss Louise Flemming, Mrs. S. C. Hodges, and Mrs. DuPree Calhoun, Mrs. Calhoun being at present our representative in the Synodical as Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions.

Miss Leona Blake was for years an outstanding figure in the work of the Missionary Society, inspiring many by her enthusiasm and zeal and her bright, capable and progressive spirit. The following tribute was written by Dr. Guerrant and published in the "Missionary Survey" in 1914:

"Among hundreds of faithful helpers in our work, none was more devoted, or efficient, or liberal, than this splendid young daughter of South Carolina. Thoroughly educated, unusually endowed with superior mental gifts, and entirely consecrated to her Lord's service, she was both able and willing to do the best work. She served in near-

ly every field and department of our mountain work, and always cheerfully and successfully, winning the hearts of the Highlanders wherever she went. Her hand, her head, her heart, and her purse were fully enlisted in this service, and it is a strange and sorrowful Providence that took her away. Foreseeing that her end was approaching, she made provision that her work should go on, and the Soul-Winners will build a noble monument to her memory for the salvation of the poor Highlanders in the land she loved so well''.

No history of our Auxiliary would be complete without a tribute to Misses Persis and Mary Giles, whose fine intellect and purity of thought and life have been to us a perpetual call to higher things and have left an impress upon the hearts and lives of our women for eternity. To know them has been to think of God and to be with them has been to see His beauty reflected upon earth.

During the long years of our history there have been so many devoted consecrated faithful workers we regret that there is not space enough to give the names of all. Of all those who served so faithfully in their day, whose names are now recorded in the Book of Life, and of those who are still laboring for the Master's cause may I offer a tribute in the beautiful words of Marianna Farmingham:

They lived and they were useful; this we know
And naught beside,
No record of their names is left to show
How soon they died;
They did their work, and then they passed away,
An unknown band,
And took their places with the greater host
In the higher land.

And were they young, or were they growing old,
Or ill, or well;
Or lived in poverty, or had much gold,
No one can tell,
One only thing is known of them, they were
Faithful and true
Disciples of the Lord, and strong, through prayer,
To save and do.

But what avails the gift of empty fame?
They lived to God.
They loved the sweetness of another Name,
And gladly trod
The rugged ways of earth, that they might be
Helper or friend,
And in the joy of this their ministry
Be spent and spend.

No glory clusters round their names on earth,
But in God's heaven
Is kept a book of names of greatest worth,
And there is given
A place for all who did the Master please
Although unknown,
And their lost names shine forth in brightest rays
Before the throne.

O take who will the boon of fading fame!
But give to me
A place among the workers, though my name
Forgotten be;
And if within the Book of Life is found
My lowly place,
Honor and glory unto God rebound
For all His grace!

The Woman's Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church has also a record worthy of a page in our history, being a separate organization until we adopted the Auxiliary Plan. With a borrowed rhyme and a few adaptations I shall, in lighter vein, give you some of the things which have been accomplished by our Aid Society.

Our little old organ in Sunday School
Nobody wanted to play,
When your pedal extremities were
Exhausted
There were only groans to repay.

Yes, we needed a piano badly, but
Our church pledges had to be paid,
"There's not a bit of money", said the
brethren—
"But there's the Ladies' Aid".

Then every Sunday morning
over the carpetless floor
There was the print of foot steps from
the platform to the door.
The noise was simply awful—
Some effort had to be made—
"I wonder if 'they' wouldn't do it?"
"I mean the Ladies' Aid."

At the Manse some mantels were wanted—
The pastor's study was bare
A church hedge others demanded,
While various things needed repair.
"That's all very true," the Session asserted,
"But we are much afraid—
Nothing can now be attended to—
Unless you ask the Ladies' Aid"

Friends, you know the way to heaven
Is long and rough and steep,
With slopes of care on every side
And the pathway hard to keep
Don't you s'spec' if the men
try to climb there alone
Their hearts will be sorely dismayed?
I wonder if they can get there at all
Without the Ladies' Aid!

In 1912 the Greenwood Missionary Society became an Auxiliary. The transition period was one of trial and tribulation, of "confusion worse confounded", of struggling to bring order out of chaos. But through the maze we have come out into a clearer, purer light and to rejoice as we realize that God has led us in a marvelous way. And we who are now reaping the benefits of the perfected organization should

not forget the years of weary sowing on the part of Mrs. Winsborough and the pioneer Synodical officers and should write their names upon the tablets of our memory and enshrine them in our hearts forever.

Since we adopted the Auxiliary Plan we have had a hundred per cent gain in attendance, membership and gifts; a greatly increased interest in Mission Study, a much larger number of subscribers to the "Missionary Survey", and we now face the brightest year of promise in our history. Our present membership is 150, divided into six circles. We meet four times a month, with two circle meetings at the homes, and two Auxiliary meetings at the church. Our Prayer Band, organized by Dr. E. O. Guerrant, more than twenty years ago, has continued its record of weekly meetings without a break, and at present we are using Miss Saxe's Bible Questions in connection with our Bible study. We have been having, ever since we became an Auxiliary, two Mission Study classes a year; studying Home and Foreign Missions, followed by a special program, or the presentation of a pageant, and with a special offering. Our contributions to all causes in 1921-22 amounted to $741.00. We have fully co-operated with the Presbyterial in all of its activities and have furnished some of its best material for programs, as well as a strong financial support.

For several years our Auxiliary has had a representative at Montreat and we are sending one to the Young People's Conference at Clinton this year. We have three or four social meetings a year, and entertain our Business Woman's Circle monthly. For the past fourteen years the women of the church have received the greatest inspiration and help from our pastor, Dr. J. B. Green, who was a fearless and forceful exponent of the truth, a wonderful teacher, who made clear to us the path and duty and held up to us a high standard of life and conduct.

But rather than a spirit of pride we record in humility the work of the past, realizing that we have not fully lived up to our privileges and opportunities. But isn't it a wonderful thing that every year is a fresh beginning? Now as we glance back over the pages of our history we will not linger over the blots, but will stop only long enough to thank God for His patience in dealing with us and for His love and mercy in guiding us and giving us an opportunity for service, and then we will turn over a clean white page and endeavor to write something better. The new page with its possibilities ought to give a blessed hope to each one of us. Let us remember that we can expect no perfect

work that does not come from Him, and only as we walk by His side can we go onward and upward day by day and year by year.

1923-1928

Within this period the Auxiliary has been ably led by three of its most consecrated women: Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Mrs. W. R. Cothran and Mrs. Harriet C. Engels.

The membership is about 170, fifty per cent of whom are active workers. They are divided into four circles: "The Guerrant Circle", the "John McLees Circle", the "Mary Giles Circle", and "The Business Women's Circle".

Until 1927 the Auxiliary held twelve monthly meetings, using the programs in the Year Book, and devotionals provided by Secretary of Spiritual Life. At present, two meetings are held each month, the first with a business, missionary and devotional program; the second being "inspirational, with Bible study, using the Grace Saxe method.

The circles now meet once each month, on Friday. The fourth Friday is "Visiting Day", in interest of the church work.

The Business Woman's Circle has assumed the care of the church grounds, and pays the expense entailed by selling Christmas cards, and by free-will offerings. The circles, in turn, provide a nice supper for the business women at each monthly meeting.

Delegates are sent, each year, to Presbyterial, Young People's Conference, and to Montreat.

An outstanding event of this period was a "Conference for Colored Women", held at Brewer Normal Institute. This was planned and carried out by Mrs. DuPre Calhoun. It was a marked success, and has been a means of promoting a better feeling between the races. Too much cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Calhoun's untiring efforts to bring this about. The Auxiliary gave $25.00 toward defraying the expense of this Conference.

Another interesting event was a "Silver Tea" at Mrs. Hodges' lovely home. A silver offering, amounting to $100.00 was made for the Baby Cottage at Thornwell Orphanage. An additional $100.00, at a Sunday School service, made our contribution $24.00 above our apportionment.

At a congregational meeting, when $25,000 was subscribed for a new Sunday School building, $500.00 was subscribed by the Auxiliary, and was paid before the building was begun. This was largely due to the energy and devotion of Mrs. J. T. McLees, then the Secretary of

Social Activities. She served in this capacity for several years, giving faithful and willing service in every phase of her duty, seeking no reward save the "Well Done"! of her Master.

In the summer of 1924, at the request of the pastor, a young people's worker was employed for the summer months. Miss Annie Jones, one of our daughters who had taken the Assembly's Training Course at her own expense and voluntarily, dedicated her life to this service. The Auxiliary paid one-third of this expense.

Mrs. Z. T. Piephoff (Nancy Bishop), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Bishop, is another of our young women who graduated from the Training School with honor in 1928. Mr. Piephoff graduates from the Seminary (Richmond) next year (1929).

A handsome electric range has been installed in the church kitchen, at a cost of $175.00.

On the evening of January 9, 1926, after an evangelistic meeting, conducted by Rev. Gus McLees, the Auxiliary was hostess at a reception in honor of the new church members. It was held in the new Sunday School rooms, and was attended by all the church members.

A "Birthday Party" each year provides a substantial offering for the respective causes presented.

A large box of clothing and canned goods is sent each year to Thornwell Orphanage.

The "Efficiency Conference" has several times been entertained by the Auxiliary.

Twenty-five dollars was sent to help build the Assembly Inn at Montreat.

Many bandages, sponges, etc., have been made and sent to the "White Cross Work".

The Mission books have been studied and at one time a "Church School of Missions" was held, the whole church, including the men, studying "The Open Door in Brazil".

A contribution was sent to the Fort Hill Church.

In response to a call of distress from the Foreign Mission field, a goodly sum was contributed.

We have had to mourn the deaths of several loved and devoted members:

Mrs. J. B. Green, wife of our pastor at that time, was the first of a noble company to leave us since 1918. Her blue eyes, and golden hair, her sunny disposition and genuine friendliness, her bright smiles and kind words make her name among us synonymous with the sun-

shine. We cannot think of her as connected with death but as only having been transported to more aureate airs.

Mrs. Bennett Reynolds (Henrietta Blake) passed away in the fall of 1922. Because of her love for the church her children furnished the Philathea Class room in her memory. The same year Mrs. S. B. Hodges (Harriett Bailey), who had given the flowers for the church for many years, was called to lay her flowers at the foot of the throne, and her loving service here was taken up by her daughter, Miss Hattie Hodges, as a joyful privilege "in His name" and as a memorial to her mother.

In 1924 Mrs. Ann Tarrant, one of our first presidents, died at the advanced age of ninety-two, her long life having been zealous for His service. Mrs. J. T. Simmons, Mrs. Helen Green, Mrs. W. E. McCord, Miss Pauline Moseley, Mrs. J. C. Nickles, and Mrs. E. B. Peay each a true and loyal member are with us no more. Mrs. Nickles and Mrs. Peay were especially devoted to the cause of mountain missions. Mrs. Nickles, treasurer for years of this fund in her Sunday School class, delighted to earn money in various ways and to show others how to do it for the cause. Mrs. Peay spent some of her summers among the mountaineers with her sister, Miss Leona Blake. She shared her modest competence so generously as often to deprive herself, and at her death left the residue of her estate to the cause she loved. Her winning personality and consistent Christian life will long be remembered.

Among living members it is hard to select names for mention. Two of our well loved members are Misses Mary and Hattie McLees, daughters of Rev. John McLees, our first pastor, who was installed in 1847 at Rock Church and served thirty-five years. His wife was Miss Sarah Cornelia Anderson of Anderson County. There were eight children, two of whom, John Logan and Richard Gustavus, became Presbyterian ministers. The two daughters, Mary Hunter and Harriet Maxwell, have been true children of the manse. Miss Mary was organist and choir leader for many years. The world is better for her life of faithfulness, gentleness, and love; and in her her Scotch-Irish Presbyterian ancestors have lost none of their strength. A shining example of this was her untiring devotion to her brother, Gustavus, who lost his sight in early life. She became eyes for him, forgetting self in her efforts to help with his education. She has been rewarded by seeing this brother lead many souls to Christ.

Of her younger sister, Harriett, it might be said that the key word of her life has been love for her fellow man. The flame of her lamp of

loving service never goes out. Where the sick and suffering are there is Miss Hattie, with flowers, fruit, a cheery word and a loving smile. And the best of it is that she doesn't wait for us to get sick to bestow them.

The above paragraph would apply word for word to a dearly loved member, Mrs. Clara Bailey, whose mother, Mrs. Ann Tarrant, was the sister of Mrs. John McLees. So radiantly does her light of Christian love shine that when a small Sunday School pupil was asked in class one day what his idea of a Christian was, he answered, "Mrs. Clara Bailey". For thirty-five years her hand has reverently cared for the communion service and prepared and placed the emblems for that sacrament. The individual service is used now, but she will show you the old one consisting of an urn, two plates, and two goblets of silver, presented to the old Rock Church by Colonel and Mrs. Robert Cunningham of Rosemont in the days long ago. The same hand woven linen covers that went with the first set are still in use, over a hundred years old. A dainty darn or two holds weakening fibers. Think of the exquisite care that has secured their preservation!

Mrs. Alice Boozer, who was Miss Bailey, is eighty-four years of age and still attends every church and Auxiliary service, attesting the habit of a life time; a living example that His yoke is easy, His burden light. Thus also did Mrs. Estelle Creswell Fleming, though living four miles away in days when roads were poor and automobiles were "not"; until deafness overtook her and she gives her place in her car to little children whom her daughter, Miss Louise, picks up along the way.

One of our best members and most successful presidents, Mrs. Law Blake, was lost to us through removal to Rock Hill several years ago. Our devotedly loved Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Maclean (pastor 1922-26) have removed to Richmond where he has charge of the Ginter Park Church. She was a member of the Young Women's Circle.

Among other younger women Mrs. George Rush, who was Miss Epp Blake, sister of Mrs. S. C. Hodges, has for nineteen years made the primary department of the Sunday School a model; and did an admirably constructive piece of work for several years as leader of the Young Women's Circle in the days of circle beginnings.

Mrs. Allen Williams, Miss Jessie Simmons, has made such a perfect treasurer for the last five and a half years that we are still holding her in service. Mrs. Williams, Miss Jennie Engels, Mrs. B. F. McKellar, and Mrs. A. S. Ison, are the women members of the church choir. Miss Netta Engels has most competent charge of the Beginners' Depart-

ment in Sunday School. Mrs. George Bishop, Miss Nancy Maxwell, has always been one of our most active and helpful members. We have so many other able and dutiful women who serve conscientiously and joyfully that we have not space to mention them.

At present, 1928, Mrs. Hodges' gentle hand is again at our helm. Gifted as few women are with ten talents, she has used them all for the Master. She stands out preeminently in Auxiliary, Presbyterial and Synodical work.

We praise the Lord for the privilege of a share in His work and we are encouraged to hope that He is blessing us.

GREENVALE

The following remarkably full and interesting history was written by Mrs. A. F. Seawright, of Donalds, S. C., at seventy years of age. She has been a member of the Greenvale, or Greenville, Church for fifty years, and her wonderfully clear memory makes her invaluable as a historian. She was the daughter of Baptist parents but lived near and attended the Long Cane Church in her childhood. She married into one of the earliest families of Greenvale, which, she smilingly said, she has never regretted. She is the mother of twelve children, rearing ten to man- and womanhood. They are all members of the Presbyterian Church, two are elders, one a clerk of the session, and one a candidate for the ministry. She is now bringing up three grandchildren in the same paths of Godliness.

PRESBYTERIAL HISTORIAN.

In September, 1895, a number of ladies, members of the old Greenvale Church, organized a King's Daughters Circle with Mrs. John T. McBride leader. In a very short time the organization was changed to the Ladies' Aid Society, with Mrs. J. C. Caldwell president, and Mrs. J. T. McBride, treasurer; Miss Annie Lou Tufts, secretary. The following is a list of charter members: Mrs. Emily Donald, Mrs. Lou Richey, Mrs. Nanby Richey, Mrs. J. C. Caldwell, Miss Vivian Caldwell, Mrs. Lizzie Sharp, Mrs. Pet Sharp, Mrs. Fannie Dodson, Mrs. Charlie Dodson, Mrs. Fannie Winn, Mrs. Dora Donald, Mrs. J. C. Hodges, Miss Ola Hodges, Mrs. Lila Agnew, Miss Eunice Hodges, Miss Janie Agnew, Miss Marian Agnew, Miss Minnie Drake, Mrs. David Humphreys, Miss Lula Seawright, Mrs. Cassie Drake, Miss Kansie Dunn, Miss Annie Lou Tufts, and Mrs. J. T. McBride.

Mrs. Bettie Pruit and Mrs. Joe Haddon contributed liberally and later became members.

Mrs. Maggie Woodson, a very active member, came in a little later. Miss Minnie Drake, now Mrs. Robt. Smith, is the only charter member now on our list. This was a band of *workers.* Not a shirker among them. The first work chosen was to build a chapel in Donalds, which was completed in a short time. The large Bible for the pulpit was given about this time. A Sabbath School, a weekly prayer meeting, and afternoon and evening services were all commenced at once.

The women of the Greenvale Church had the circle plan six years before the Auxiliary adopted it. The first year it was used each circle made as good a report as the whole Auxiliary had the year before. Instead of calling them circles they were called the Auxiliary of the Missionary Society.

In 1900 the Ladies' Aid was changed to the Woman's Auxiliary. Almost the first work was to remove the old aisle carpets and re-carpet the entire floor and buy furniture for the pulpit. Mrs. W. S. Jordan was the first delegate sent to the Auxiliary meeting in Anderson. Our beloved president, Mrs. W. H. Leith, noted for the good she did, was called to her heavenly home. Her death was a great loss to our Auxiliary.

Soon we entered the Presbyterial adopting the Circle Plan which worked like a charm. We had three circles, forty-two members, and met bi-weekly, alternating between private homes and the church where we all came together.

In 1912 we erected a tablet in memory of the Scotch-Irish pioneers who organized our church, 1784. The first Children's Day ever held in the church was July 7th of this year.

In 1913 the amount earned by making quilt squares was $88.70. A purse of $6.25 was presented to Mr. Dallas. Paid $52.26 on church repairs. The Every Member Canvass was first adopted in the church March 4, 1914. In 1915 Miss Florence Nickels went from our church to China as a missionary. We entertained Presbytery for the first time in thirteen years September 4, 1916. April 1, 1917, the first Sunday School convention was held here. In 1918 the exterior of the church was renovated and painted and the roof reshingled. The first congregational picnic, held with a great crowd present, July 6th, 1918. The beginning of Christian Endeavor work in our church was September 1, 1918. An epidemic of Influenza caused the church to be closed for a time in 1918. The end of the World War Thanks-

giving service was held November 11, 1918. July 19, 1919, a great service at the church and welcome-home picnic was given for our returned soldiers. In January, 1920, the church bought a home for her ministers. Subscriptions were taken for the Million Dollar Fund. In 1921 Presbyterial met with us. On August 16, 1921, was the first reunion of a family and connections, the Drake family. One of the biggest crowds ever seen there, was at the church, and the reunion is kept up annually. The first public wedding ever held in the church during its entire history of one hundred and fifty years came October 19, 1921 (an Auxiliary member). 1923 witnessed a great revival in Sunday School work. For the first time in its existence the school numbered 135 with an average attendance of over 100. A wonderful record was made in the way of giving to the Lord's work. The women of the church also deserve praise for their loyalty as teachers and helpers in every good work.

At this time our Auxiliary furnished the Presbyterial President, Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Winn, a charter member. Mrs. Highsmith was recording secretary, and Mrs. W. H. Leith, Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Mission Secretary. We have learned that the success of the Auxiliary is not in officers for all our women are zealous. Our contributions increased, we supported a boy at Thornwell Orphanage, there was a deepening prayer-life, more tithers, Mission Study and Bible classes.

Officers for 1923-24 were: Mrs. T. L. Highsmith, Shoals Junction, President; Mrs. C. L. Seawright, Donalds, Vice President; others —Mrs. J. N. Gordon, Due West; Mrs. Joe Smith, Donalds; Miss Lizzie Jordan, Due West; Mrs. W. S. Jordan, Due West; Mrs. W. H. Leith, Hodges; Mrs. W. J. McKee, Donalds; Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, Due West; Mrs. H. S. Camp, Due West; Mrs G. P. Haddon, Donalds; Mrs. A. F. Seawright, Donalds; Miss Pearl Hawthorn, Donalds. Officers for the next year were the same with some change in position. At the close of the year a balance of $6.75 was added to the carpet fund. This fund was started with Sunday eggs. In 1924 came the adoption of a new constitution, also a new budget plan was followed. Bible Study was further stressed. There were four classes with considerable increase in numbers. A class of Catechism for colored children was taught once a week by Mrs. Bessie Clark of Due West, S. C., and Mrs. Amelia Nickles of Hodges, S. C. All the women joined in a Prayer Band, praying daily for certain definite objects. We feel that this group of intercessors was largely respon-

sible for advance made. There was an increase in family altars, church papers and "Surveys".

In June Miss Lois Young addressed our Auxiliary on the work of her girls' school in China. A check of $10 was given Mrs. Toatley for expenses to Benedict College, for conference for colored women in Columbia. In July we filled the pastor's pantry. The same month a note received from White Cross thanking us for garments sent. In September we decided to make an annual Christmas gift to Miss Florence Nickels of $10.00. Sent three floral tributes of $5.00 each. Have clothed our Orphanage boy for four years. In November an all day meeting for studying "Romance of Home Missions". Individual gifts for the sick and afflicted. A splendid missionary talk by Mrs. M. B. Grier. A check of $10.00 and other help given one of our members who lost her home by fire.

In April a gift of $10.00 was sent the Charlott Kemper School. In June at a meeting at the home of Mrs. W. S. Jordan short talks were made by former presidents, Mrs. A. F. Seawright, Mrs. W. H. Leith, and Mrs. W. O. Brownlee. A talk from our delegate to colored conference was given. We had given her a purse of $15.00. A collection was taken for books for the library at Chicora College. We sent delegates to the Young People's Conference at Clinton, and to Montreat. At one meeting one member related the striking way in which her prayers had been answered.

In August the Christian Endeavorers gave an enjoyable program on medical missions and the Auxiliary served lunch in honor of all the students leaving for school that fall.

In November, 1925, a liberal offering and one hundred and five quarts of fruit were sent to the Orphanage. One circle sent a crate of chickens. The sick and afflicted and shut-ins were especially remembered at Christmas. $5.00 given towards expenses of the young people sent to conference in Atlanta. The Auxiliary received a gift of a literature rack from Mr. Camp.

In January, 1926, the Auxiliary met with the young people at Arberville School House for Foreign Mission Study under Miss Elizabeth Nickels as leader. In February a special mission program under Miss Elizabeth Jordan. Miss Charlott Jackson, Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, visited us. Donalds, Hodges, and Ware Shoals churches were invited to meet with us. The Abbeville County R. F. D. Riders wished to serve the Third Congressional District dinner on the twenty-second of February, the place of meeting

at Due West. We served a delicious Southern dinner for them and realized $37.85 which was applied to the carpet fund. About the same amount was raised and added to the benevolence fund.

The last meeting of the year 1925-26 was held in March with Mrs. J. R. Sharp. Secretaries of Young People's Work reported two candidates for the ministry, two for life service, and one new Christian Endeavor Society organized. Our candidates for the ministry, K. C. Seawright and Eugene Wilson, had spent one year in the Seminary at Columbia, and preached the Gospel that summer.

In April, our new Presbyterial President, Mrs. S. C. Hodges, met with us and conducted devotional. An offering of $23.00 was taken by Mary McKee Camp, dressed as an Indian girl, and sent to the Durant School, Oklahoma. In June the Home Circle had charge of the program. Miss Eva Seawright conducted devotional. A debate was given by Mrs. J. N. Gordon, affirmative, and Miss Rosa Seawright, negative, on the resolution that Educational Missions are more necessary than Industrial.

In July about fifty women met at the church for a regular clean-up day. The new carpet was put on the floor and new lights put in. A sumptuous picnic dinner was served under the shade of the big oak trees. Every one worked with a will and the church was put in fine condition. On August 10 the Auxiliary met at the church, Mrs. L. K. Martin leading in prayer. The young people had charge of the program and gave a pageant on Ministerial Relief. The September program was at the home of Mrs. W. O. Brownlee. Misses Rosa and Eva Seawright gave recitations, refreshments and a social hour followed. Miss Chay, a native of Korea, a student in Woman's College of Due West, gave us an interesting talk in the fall. Mrs. Moffatt gave a lecture on "The Land of Saddle Bags". In December we contributed to the needs of a church in Beaufort and to the Fort Hill Church at Clemson.

Our annual meeting for 1926-27 met in March with Mrs. Minnie Smith, the pastor conducting devotional. The budget of $400.00 was paid in full and a handsome sum left over. We made a gift to our pastor of $20.00. Each circle had a poster representing the deeds done by that group. Increase all along the line except tithing, one class in personal evangelism, three members taking a course in Bible Study were reported. 127 quarts of fruit and two quilts for the Orphanage. Impressive installation services conducted by Mrs. W. O. Brownlee. Mrs. Hunter Nickels succeeded Mrs. H. S. Camp as presi-

dent. Mrs. W O. Brownlee and Mrs. H. S. Camp attended colored conference in May. Our delegate was full of enthusiasm and grateful for what the white women were doing for them.

Among our women who have been outstanding: Mrs. W. O. Brownlee was president of South Carolina Presbyterial for three years and is now Synodical President. Mrs. W. H. Leith served for four years as Presbyterial Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Secretary. Soon after this she was elected to fill out one and a half years of the unexpired term of Mrs. McKinnon as Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Secretary of Synodical and following this was elected to the same office. Mrs. H. S. Camp, while serving her second year as our local Auxiliary president, was elected Synodical Corresponding Secretary. Of the very early women before societes were organized it is hard to single out any. Among the first members of the Greenvale Church were Reids, Watts, Seawrights, Brownlees, Agnews, Cowans, Donalds, Haddons, Sharps, Hawthornes, Nickels, and McKees. Mrs. Talula Brownlee was the first organist. Mrs. G. N. Nickels became a member of the Ladies' Aid soon after it was organized and served a term as president. It may be said of her she was ever faithful in the work of the society and church. Mrs. Nickels was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McKee. Mrs. Nickels reared a family of eleven children among whom is Mrs. Leslie Stribling, well known for her capable part in the Woman's Work of the State. She served for several years as Synodical Secretary and again as Vice President. Miss Florence Nickels, another daughter, served as a missionary in China from 1915 till the summer of 1927 when the missionaries were forced to vacate positions on account of China's war trouble. She was educated in Due West Woman's College and in the College for Women in Columbia, graduating from the latter. She also studied in White's Bible School of New York. Going to China in 1915, she did evangelical work in Kashing until 1919, when she was given the position as instructor in religious education in the Bible school for girls in Nanking, which position she held during the remainder of her stay in China. Since her return home she has spent much time in telling the churches of the homeland the true condition and needs of the Chinese people. She is ever ready to do and say what she can for the cause of Christ.

Officers for 1927 are: Mrs. Hunter Nickles, President; Mrs. Minnie Drake Smith (charter member), Vice President; Secretary Spiritual Life and Historian for four years, Mrs. A. F. Seawright; Secre-

taries are Miss Pearl Hawthorne, Mrs. W. L. Richey, Miss Annie Hawthorne, Mrs. W. J. McKee, Mrs. J. P. Nickels, Mrs. J M. Gordon, Mrs. W. H. Leith, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. W. S. Jordan. Miss Pearl Hawthorne lives eight miles from the church and fills her car each Sunday with children to bring to Sunday School.

The first work of 1927 was entertaining the men of the church with a delicious supper on the night of May 8th. This was followed by an address by Rev. C. T. Squires.

The birthday offering for Kwangja School was $17.35. Home Mission study in June ended with an interesting contest among the circles. Several members attended the officers training school in Greenwood. Sent a delegate to Young People's Conference in Clinton. Also sent a woman to the colored conference in Columbia. Through her influence another attended the meeting. Our delegate gave a very commendable report of the work she did while there and asked our prayers. She conducts an encouraging Sunday School among the colored people. Six of the members have recited the Child's Catechism and have begun on the Shorter Catechism. They meet every Sunday afternoon, men, women, and children, and seem to be very much interested. Our Auxiliary contributes literature for them and sometimes meets with them.

Quite a number of our members attended the Group Conference in Donalds and invited it to meet with us next August, 1928. Miss Florence Nickels gave our Bible Study class a number of lessons on the book of Luke.

In December we sent to the Orphanage $38.00, two quilts, and produce, and remembered our aged and shut-ins with gifts. All our pledges were met in full with a balance left over. Finding not as many tithers among us as we would like, we had literature on the subject and Mrs. S. H. Camp gave a lesson on Stewardship. We had one evangelistic meeting. Our deepest aim and purpose is to promote spiritual growth, for he that winneth souls is wise. In September, 1895, we had forty-two members, and we now have sixty-six. May the good Lord continue to prosper the work!

MRS. A. F. SEAWRIGHT, *Historian.*

Due West.

To the memory of the following co-workers and friends, who have passed into the great Beyond this history of their beloved church is affectionately inscribed:

Mrs. Geo. McKee
Mrs. Frank Drake
Mrs. Lizzie Winn
Mrs. G. N. Nickels
Mrs. Lizzie Sharpe
Mrs. Eugenia Pearson
Mrs. Lena Agnew
Mrs. M. P. Bowie
Mrs. T. R. Blackwell

HODGES

A plain little tale, plainly told, but one showing that fidelity in simple, ofttimes prosaic, duties forms the strong links of which great chains are made.

The Auxiliary of the Hodges Presbyterian Church began its existence as a Ladies' Aid Society in August, 1900, the same year in which the church was organized. The first meeting was held in the old Methodist Church, the Presbyterian Church being then in progress of erection, under the pastorate of Rev. W. J. Wyley. Mrs. J. H. McCord was First President; Mrs. W. A. McCord, Vice President; Miss Lida McCord, Secretary, and Miss Annie McCord, Treasurer.

Under Mrs. J. H. McCord's leadership for a number of consecutive years the society grew rapidly in interest and good works. In time they raised funds for the purchase of an organ, a Bible, pulpit furniture, a table, lights, and a carpet for the entire floor. Most marked, however, was the growth in spiritual matters. The members were at first afraid of the sound of their own voices in prayer, but progressed from the custom of repeating the Lord's prayer in concert to sentence prayers; and now, sixty per cent of the members lead in prayer. The sincerity of this spiritual growth was shown by the fact that after several years in which money was raised by suppers, fairs, etc., the society dropped this custom and the members began pledging sums to support the work.

Other presidents deserving mention are Mrs. J. D. McCord, Mrs. G. M. Nickels, and Mrs. H. W. Nickels, who held this office three years. In 1923, under the leadership of Mrs. W. G. Anderson, the one hundred per cent mark in the Standard of Excellence was reached, and, with the exception of attendance, is maintained under the leadership of Mrs. H. W. Nickels. Among the treasurers Miss Annie McCord deserves especial mention for having served a long number of years without making a single error. Mrs. Will B. Nickels was

treasurer for seven years. Mrs. Eugenia Young and Mrs. W. G. Anderson also have served well in that capacity.

The name of the society was changed about 1908 to Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, the scope of the work then broadened until, 1921, on motion of Mrs. Will B. Nickels, the support of a Bible woman was undertaken. This continues from year to year.

Acting upon the advice of Miss Leona Blake, in the winter of 1910 the society joined the Presbyterial. About 1918 the name was changed again to Woman's Auxiliary and now works on the plan outlined by Mrs. Winsborough. In 1918 a Young People's Society was organized by Mrs. J. H. McCord. She has labored earnestly in training them in prayer and in leadership. There is now a Christian Endeavor Society under the direction of Mrs. McCord.

The above was written in 1924 by Miss Xina Nance. A letter written by Mrs. W. B. Nickels in 1926 adds: "Since then we have had a colored Bible and Catechism class taught by Mrs. T. N. Nickels. We have also sent delegates to the colored conference in Columbia".

1926-27: Under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Will B. Nickels, president, the Auxiliary reached eighty per cent on Standard of Excellence. Secretaries of all causes did the duties required, working together to the one great purpose, that is, for the advancement of God's Kingdom. All appointments met as assigned. Interest was shown in mountain work under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gray, Roan Mountain, Tenn., representatives from our church, with gifts of clothing, cash contributions, and the old pulpit from our church which is to be used in one of the chapels he had built. Budget reached as agreed.

1927-28: Mrs. J. H. McCord was elected president. Mrs. McCord has been in active service since our organization in 1900, one of the charter members, having different branches of work. Especial mention is to be made of her work with the young people which branch of service she had charge of for eight years.

The young people are now under the supervision of Mrs. G. M. Nickels, through whose untiring efforts much good is being accomplished.

Since the Circle Plan has been adopted in 1923 we can see the result of deeper spirituality of members, also more leaders being developed. We reached eighty per cent on Standard of Excellence. The budget was also reached.

MRS. H. W. NICKELS, *Historian.*

HOPEWELL
(First called Lower Long Cane)

This old church is one of the foundation stones of Presbyterianism in northwestern Carolina, being one of the five,—Lower and Upper Long Cane, Rocky River, Little Mountain, and Greenville,—which were first merely separate preaching places for *one* minister to *one* congregation, scattered because farms included hundreds of acres, and roads were poor or non-existent. As to which was the mother church there has been some uncertainty. See Synod's History. To the present writer, the fact seems significant that William and Patrick Calhoun were the first elders of Hopewell, and that these two were known to be the leaders of the first settlement (known as Long Canes) in northwestern Carolina. Ezekiel, the *son* of William, was one of the first elders in Rocky River.

That religion had not been neglected in the new settlement, even before the Indian massacre, which occurred February first, 1760, only four years after the first coming, is evidenced by the following, taken from Howe's History p. 308: "Find some of the fugitives", says Simpson, "who were settled at the Long Canes, to be very sober, serious, sensible religious people. There is one family among them who seem to be amongst the most excellent knowing Christians I ever met with in America. I have baptised some young people and some children for them; and have great satisfaction in administering the ordinances to them, they being the best instructed young people I have ever met with in these parts of the world." This was written of some of those who refugeed to the Waxhaws.

That this perfect instruction of children is a trait that was not lost to Hopewell as the years went by, the church points with loving pride to its illustrious son, Dr. S. L. Morris, of Atlanta, for many years Assembly's Secretary of Home Missions, whose sainted mother brought him up in old Hopewell. He was born a short distance from where the new church stands.

The name was changed from Lower Long Cane to Hopewell in 1788. Land for a new house was given "by a settler from Ireland" with the understanding that no graveyard should ever be made near by. This wish was carried out and caused a scattering of the graves of the early members which has since been regretted by those seeking the records which tombstones supply.

What the early women of this church did in addition to the dili-

gent instruction of their children is recorded only in the Great Book whose seal will be broken at the last day. Mrs. William Pettigrew, of Pettigrew, a daughter of Rev. G. N. L. Gibert, was a devoted member of Hopewell. The great lawyer, James L. Pettigrew, was her son. At one time the church membership numbred six hundred. In 1924 the membership was nineteen. At this time Miss Clarkie Link wrote: "In the early history of the society the following were officers: Miss Sue McCaslan, Miss Minnie Taggart, Miss Carrie Mars. Other earnest workers were Misses Fannie McCounts, Margaret Clatworthy, Georgia Mars, Ellen Leslie, and Mesdames J. H. Link, M. L. Link, Emma Leslie, Joe Link, and Belle Nankey. Though not contributing to all causes in the beginning they sent money every year for the cot in China, and always helped the orphans, contributed to the Training School Fund, and Mountain Missions. They also performed the usual duties of a Ladies' Aid Society, providing necessaries for the church, among other things an organ."

A recent letter from Miss Georgia Mars gives many names of ministers and elders, who are mentioned in Synod's book. She says that Rev. J. B. Hillhouse was a hard worker in helping to build the last new church, that Mr. Patrick McCaslan, deacon for many years, gave most liberally to this building. That Dr. W. A. Hunter, once an elder here, afterwards served Bethia for thirty years. That her father, W. D. Mars, served as elder for twenty-five years, her uncle E. A. Mars, about thirty years and was clerk of the session all that time. That Mr. J. L. Leslie, the grand old educator (for whom Leslie School in Greenwood is named), was long an elder there. Miss Clarkie Link is a tireless worker and has been organist and choir leader for a long time. At present they have only one elder and one deacon, Mr. J. L. Leslie and Mr. M. L. Link. The present minister, Rev. J. B. Hooten, is much loved as a good preacher and a kind and sympathetic pastor. Miss Carrie Mars, sister of Miss Georgia, had charge of the communion set since 1889 until her death last June (1927). This set, consisting of two goblets and two plates, is inscribed with the date, 1852.

That the spirit of this old church was vigorous even in its weakest days is proved by the way its few members rallied to its standard at a time when the South Carolina Presbytery contemplated dissolving it and allowing its members to join neighboring churches. A great meeting was held, sermons preached, subscriptions taken, land given (by Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. W. S. Taggart), and later a new

church built. Subscriptions came from far and near from descendants of the old church. The day of dedication, July 4, 1920, was one long to be remembered. Morning and afternoon sermons were preached by her great son, Dr. S. L. Morris. A bountiful dinner was served under the trees near by "to over 800 people". Hopewell's children and grandchildren who had been scattered afar, had come home to assist in the rehabilitation of the beloved old church.

LAURENS

In the early years of the Laurens Presbyterian Church there may have been a Ladies' Aid Society, but information is not available. The most active spirit among the women workers of the church in those days was Mrs. C. M. Gibbon. About the year 1880, during Dr. J. Y. Fair's pastorate, a Ladies' Aid Society was organized with Mrs. B. W. Ball as president. Others who were officers were Mrs. S. R. Todd, Jr., Mrs. Lola Tune, Mrs. Talula Irby Jones, and Mrs. J. W. Ferguson.

In 1886 Rev. E. O. Frierson became the pastor. The Ladies' Aid Society was reorganized. Mrs. Frierson was president a short time. Mrs. Jack Wilkes, Mrs. Lou Fleming Jones, and Mrs. Lucy Boyd were active workers. About this time the ladies with the assistance of the pastor decided to raise money for the purpose of erecting a new church. Mr. Frierson gave two historic lectures, one on the Huguenots and one on the Covenanters, and by this means the first money was raised.

During the pastorates of Dr. A. G. Wardlaw, Dr. Robert Adams, and Mr. C. F. Rankin, the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society (often called then the Pastor's Aid Society), continued to be very active with many efficent women as officers. Some mentioned in the minutes are Mrs. W. L. Boyd, Mrs. C. W. Wilkes, Mrs. Lola A. Tune, Mrs. Robt. Adams, Mrs. C. W. Tune, Mrs. P. A. Simpson, Mrs. A. G. Wardlaw, Mrs. J. R. Little and others.

The Woman's Auxiliary was organized in October, 1917, having for its aim, "All the women of the church in all the work of the church helping by prayer." Mrs. J. D. Watts was elected president and Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming, vice president.

The constitution as recommended by Mrs. Winsborough was adopted, dividing the Auxiliary into circles with leaders for each. This resulted in an increased membership, and a new interest in our

larger and fuller work; also in developing leaders. All the circles meet once a month with a new leader for each meeting to carry out the program adopted from the Year Book.

The Auxiliary embraces in its study all the executive agencies of the church, and with the secretaries of all the causes presenting their claims and stressing the needs and interests of each particular field, we made a very distinct advance along all lines. We contributed to all causes, having adopted the Budget Plan. We observed the Week of Prayer in the interest of both Home and Foreign Missions and contributed free will offerings for those causes each year. We also had both Home and Foreign Mission Study classes, which proved helpful. Through the influence of our beloved late member, Mrs. Gibbon, a local Home Mission work was begun in conjunction with the Baptist and Methodist churches, that of doing some spiritual work at the jail, the county home and the chain-gang.

From the time of its organization in 1917 the following officers have served the Woman's Auxiliary: Presidents—Mrs. J. D. Watts, 1916-1918; Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming, 1918-1920; Mrs. R. F. Fleming, Miss Bessie Todd, 1920-21; Miss Julia Irby, 1921-23; Mrs. Geo. Wright, 1923-25; Mrs. Carl Bramlett, 1925-27. Secretaries: Mrs. B. L. Parkinson, 1916-1918; Mrs. Eugene Hudgens, 1918-1920; Miss Lilly Miller, 1920-21; Mrs. J. N. Boyce, 1921-23; Mrs. Robt. Wham, 1923-25; Mrs. Geo. M. Wright, 1925-27.

Miss Minnie Dorroh has served as treasurer from 1926-28. It is a source of gratification to see more and more of our women offering themselves as leaders and more interest taken in every phase of Auxiliary activity. The increase in our gifts shows a deeper spiritual life. We feel that our women are taking hold of the true meaning of Stewardship. We hope to see great fruits of the work being done among the young girls of the church.

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LEBANON

The Lebanon Ladies' Missionary and Aid Society was organized on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath of August in the year 1890. Dr. Frierson of Anderson, S. C., who was conducting a meeting at Lebanon Church, organized the society and formulated a constitution and set of by-laws for its government. The original organization

consisted of twenty ladies with Miss Mamie Evans first president. Six of the charter members are still living and are zealous workers in the Lebanon Auxiliary. They are: Misses Mamie and Emma Evans, Annie and Lucy Gibert, Jennie and Sallie Woodhurst.

The society has gradually grown in numbers and good works. Only eternity can declare the results.

In 1918 we first used the Year Book of Programs and found it so helpful that we still continue the use of it.

In 1919 we adopted the Circle Plan and changed the name of the organization to "The Lebanon Auxiliary". The Auxiliary now has a membership of forty-two, which is divided into three circles. Many of the members have moved to nearby towns in the last few years.

In April of 1922 we had the privilege and joy of entertaining the South Carolina Presbyterial, of which our pastor's wife, Mrs. J. B. Hilhouse, was president at that time. Twice we have entertained the Group Conference. Our women were intensely interested in planning for and carrying out the Centennial Celebration of our church in August, 1921. The communion set and baptismal font were gifts from the Ladies' Aid Society of years past. The Giberts, Woodhursts, Williams, Links, Evans have been and are still the main promoters of good work in the Auxiliary, church, and community.

MRS. C. B. EVANS.

LITTLE MOUNTAIN

The Missionary Society of Little Mountain Church was organized in 1884 with six members. It was through the efforts of one of those charter members, Mrs. J. E. Brownlee (Miss Cora Holland), that the Missionary Society, as it was then called, was organized. Mrs. Brownlee was born November 2, 1850, and died March 2, 1925. For forty-one years she was a loyal, faithful member, giving liberally, not only of her time and talents, but also of her worldly possessions. For many years she was secretary and treasurer of the society.

The following are the names of some of the women who were faithful members from the beginning, and whose example has been an inspiration up to the present time, leading us to higher and nobler things. We thank God for the lives of these earnest and consecrated women: Mrs. J. E. Brownlee, Mrs. J. W. Power, Mrs. Wesley Brooks, Mrs. Wesley Black, Mrs. J. F. Haddon, Mrs. David Crawford, Mrs.

J. N. Knox, Miss Julia Black, Mrs. John McDill, Mrs. Eliza Black, Mrs. E. C. Frierson, Mrs. Frank Haddon, Mrs. F. A. Fleming, Mrs. G. W. Anderson, Mrs. S. B. Knox, Mrs. A. M. Erwin.

At first the society had its regular monthly meetings at the church after the preaching services. We know that these early members were zealous in good works, for it has been recorded that they made quilts, gave poundings for the preacher's family, and did many other good and useful deeds.

Later the society joined the Missionary Union. While in the Union five dollars was contributed each year for the support of a cot in the Elizabeth Blake Hospital until we were requested to send all funds to the Executive Committee of Foreign Missions. Then the contributions were equally divided between Home and Foreign Missions. The Woman's Missionary Union met with Little Mountain society in 1906.

The name was changed from the Missionary Society to the Woman's Auxiliary, and in 1919 we adopted the Circle Plan. Since then there has been an increase in spirituality and gifts. We have adopted the constitution and by-laws of the Auxiliary and try to carry out our work according to the Auxiliary Plan. In the spring of 1925 the Budget Plan was adopted and we find that it has worked better and that there has been an increase in gifts. Our Auxiliary is divided into two circles each of which meets monthly at the homes of the different members. We have quarterly meetings of the Auxiliary at which time we have a business, in addition to the regular, program.

We were well represented at the Efficiency Conference which met at Greenwood May, 1926.

On August 23rd, 1926, we entertained the Group Conference No. 1 which includes six churches.

A miscellaneous box has been sent to the Thornwell Orphanage this summer. We feel greatly encouraged in our work, for in every way greater interest seems manifested. We are grateful for the spiritual increase, for nearly all of our women will now lead in prayer. May we continue to be used as instruments in God's hands in helping to advance His Kingdom.

LIST OF OFFICERS

President: Mr. H. J. Power, 1904 to 1915; Mrs. P. A. Crowther, 1915 to 1917; Mrs. A. M. Power, 1917 to 1919; Mrs. A. B. Hill, 1919 to 1920; Mrs. B. B. McElrath, 1920 to 1922; Mrs. B. B. McElrath,

1922 to 1923; Mrs. L. H. Knox, 1923 to 1925; Mrs. A. M. Power, 1925 to 1926.

Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. J. E. Brownlee, 1904-1915; Mrs. J. E. Brownlee, 1915-1917; Mrs. R. Q. Williams, 1917-1919; Miss Ruth Crowther, 1919-1920; Mrs. J. T. Erwin, 1920-1922; Mrs. M. C. Sharpe, 1922-1923; Mrs. C. H. Pennell, 1923-1925; Mrs. H. P. Salley, 1925-1926.

In March, 1927, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. H. K. Crowther; Vice President, Mrs. J. T. Ervin; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. R. Q. Williams.

We are still delighted with the Budget Plan, finding that our gifts continue to increase. A miscellaneous box was sent to the Thornwell Orphanage in June.

Our Auxiliary was well represented at the Group Conference, No. 1, which met in the Abbeville Presbyterian Church August 24.

For many years Mrs. J. E. Brownlee, until her health failed, baked the bread and arranged the communion service. Mrs. B. B. McElrath succeeded Mrs. Brownlee in this work and it was through her efforts that we now have an individual communion service.

Mrs. H. P. Salley was for many years our faithful organist. Through the untiring efforts of Miss Hattie Lou Haddon we now have a piano in the church of which she is pianist. Mrs. P. A. Crowther is one of our loyal members who has from time to time supplied flowers for the pulpit. Mrs. C. H. Pennell organized the Cradle Roll in our Sunday School and she has ever been a kind friend to the little children.

Mrs. M. C. Sharpe and Mrs. B. B. McElrath were instrumental in organizing the Christian Endeavor among the young people of our church.

LIBERTY SPRINGS, CROSS HILL, S. C.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society of Liberty Springs Church was organized April 14, 1894, with eleven members (charter) and one honorary member, Rev. J. F. Jacobs, pastor of Liberty Springs Church.

The first president was Mrs. S. Y. Simpson, who is still with us. Six of the charter members are living.

The work of the first five years was principally home work. We painted the church inside and out, put down a new carpet, got new lamps and sunk a well on the church grounds.

We made several quilts for the Thornwell Orphanage and gave funds to a sick lady in our congregation.

The first contribution to Foreign Missions was $6.35.

In 1899 this organization merged into the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of Liberty Springs Church" with a membership of twenty ladies, old and young, and three honorary members.

The constitution and by-laws were drafted by our pastor, Rev. J. F. Jacobs, who helped us in many ways to establish our work.

The officers consisted of a president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, aided by an executive committee of five ladies. Then we began the study of Missions, supported a Bible woman in China, had a $25 share in the work in the Haichow Field in China, sent contribution to "The Enoree Home for Nurses" at Haichow and clothed a child at the Thornwell Orphanage.

When Liberty Springs Church was transferred from Enoree Presbytery to the South Carolina Presbytery, our work was then all centered at Hangchow, China, under the care of Miss Rebecca E. Wilson, missionary there. About this time every elder and every deacon of Liberty Springs Church was on our roll as "Honorary Member" and one of our elders, Mr. R. A. Austin, added greatly to our work by taking the support of two Bible women himself.

"The Prayer Calendar" and "Missionary" went into every home, and there were many copies of "The Christian Observer" and "Southern Presbyterian" taken. We were also subscribers to "The Kassai Herald" and "The Bi-monthly Bulletin". As we became more interested in Foreign Missions, and instead of one Bible woman we had five, and two of our young lady members and a gentleman friend supported two students in the school at Kashing, China.

We gave money annually to the Home Mission Committee for Home Missions, and sent boxes of clothing every year to the Home Mission mountain work, and clothed a child at the Thornwell Orphanage. Our Bible women in China became teachers and thus our work broadened till we developed into a share of $200.00 in the "Bible Teachers' Training School" in Hangchow, China, with annual classes of from twenty to thirty Chinese girls to our credit. This work continues from year to year, as one class passes we take another, all under the supervision of Miss Rebecca Wilson.

At one time in our history we enjoyed the honor of providing a president for the Missionary Union of Enoree Presbytery, who was our beloved and now sainted Mrs. W. T. Austin.

In 1920 we were organized into "The Woman's Auxiliary of Liberty Springs Church" with all the secretaries of causes and officers.

We now have about thirty members on the roll and have an annual contribution of over $300.00 to the work at home and abroad besides the boxes of clothing for the mountain work and for the leper hospital in Korea.

The work in our Auxiliary has ever been harmonious and progressive and is well established on a substantial basis.

Mrs. R. A. Noyce, of Cross Hill, takes up the story here and continues as follows:

"In 1924 some of the Auxiliary members with the aid of a few friends gave $250 to erect a home for lepers at our Kwanju Leper Colony in addition to our regular work.

At the close of 1925 we discontinued our contributions to the Bible Teachers' Training School, in Hangchow, China, and adopted the Budget Plan for 1926, continuing our semi-annual gifts to Thornwell Orphanage, and also gave one quilt to the Orphanage this year (1927). From year to year boxes are sent to Home and Foreign Mission workers. In 1927 a contribution was sent for Mission Terrace and one to help erect a new church at Clemson College. For a number of years twelve committees, comprising almost the entire woman membership of the church, have been responsible for our semi-monthly programs, for keeping the church clean and for furnishing flowers. We have done White Cross work, studied Home and Foreign Mission books, and the Bible".

(With these books for daily texts, it is no wonder this has been such an active church.—Presbyterial Historian.)

MT. CARMEL

The Mt. Carmel Church was made up at first of members coming from the old Willington and Hopewell Churches. It began its separate existence on October 20, 1885. In 1890 a Ladies' Aid Society was organized with the following members: Mrs. M. E. Tarrant, President; Mrs. A. R. White, Vice President; Mrs. M. O. Tolmon, Treasurer; Miss Emma McAllister, Secretary; Misses Mary Rogers, Mamie Jordan, Annie White and Mesdames Fannie McBride, Foster Morris, Theo Baker, J. R. Tarrant, and Mathilde Paschal. Some years previous to the organization of the society, however, the ladies had

given a bazaar and supper to raise money to aid in building the church. The first work undertaken by the society was chiefly in improvements to the church. Some of the ways of making money were by sewing for merchants, and in giving bazaars, suppers, etc. They labored untiringly until they succeeded in making the church neat and comfortable.

The first president, Mrs. Marion E. Tarrant, was a lady of many noble qualities, gentle and refined, of attractive personality, loved by both old and young. She was a daughter of Mr. Lewis Covin whose ancestors were among the Huguenot refugees who settled at Bordeaux. Mrs. Tarrant served faithfully for quite a number of years and then resigned on account of her advanced age and weakened health.

To these early meetings of the society the little girls were carried and some one conducted a Catechism class with them since there was no Sabbath School at that time.

The next period covered several years under the leadership of Mrs. M. L. Kay, who, before marriage was Miss Mamie Covin, a niece of the first president. She was a worker of efficiency and perseverance, doing with her might whatever her hands found to do. During her presidency the society did some Foreign Mission and some Orphanage work, aided in repairing and painting the church, and donated special gifts to pastors. She served until she moved from Mt. Carmel. After a few years she returned and was elected secretary which office she held as long as she resided permanently in Mt. Carmel.

During her absence Mrs. P. K. Black was elected to succeed Mrs. Kay. Mrs. Black was Miss Ida McAllister before her marriage to Dr. Black. She also was of Huguenot descent, as her mother was, Miss Mary Covin. Mrs. Black was not only a willing and active worker but possessed the tact to influence others to work. They repaired the church, bought a new pulpit, contributed to the mountain schools at Santee, Ga., and Banner's Elk, N. C., to Clinton Orphanage, and Foreign Missions. They also invested something in War Saving Stamps.

Several years ago the young ladies of the church organized a society, composed of Mrs. W. A. Scott, Miss Floride McCelvey, Miss Eunice McCelvey, Misses Dora and Florence Black, Misses Gladys and Eva Tarrant, Misses Maggie Sutherland and Marie Leslie. This society, with the cooperation of the Auxiliary, bought and paid for a piano for the church.

The last work under this administration of Mrs. Black was the sending of a box of aprons to the girls at Clinton Orphanage. Mrs. Black resigned in 1923, about one year after the organization of the Auxiliary. Miss Annie White was elected to succeed her. The work since then has been donations to the building of Willington Church, Foreign Missions, and the Baby Cottage: the organization of Prayer Bands. Two special gifts to the Auxiliary in 1923-24 were $5.00 by Mr. Geo. M. McCelvey, and $2.50 by Miss Floride McCelvey.

In 1924 we adopted the Budget System, and gave $40.00 to all causes, in 1925 $82.00, including $3.00 monthly to the manse at Calhoun Falls which is pledged until the debt is paid. Have donated gifts amounting, August 1, 1926, to $45.00, to the South Carolina Home at Montreat. In the same year gave White Cross supplies to Grace Hospital at Banner's Elk, and contributed to Presbyterial White Cross gifts. Officers for 1926 were: Miss Annie White, Mrs. P. L. McCelvey, Mrs. P. K. Black, Mrs. A. R. White, Mrs. James Hester, Mrs. W. A. Scott. We consider all our members good workers; however, Mrs. P. K. Black has done more work than any other member. She accepted the presidency again in 1927. She has suggested much of the work done by the Auxiliary; has been instrumental in sending bags of clothing to the mountains and to the Orphanage, Sunshine Bags to those in the hospital, reading to the sick, carrying trays of food, and many other acts of kindness. Mrs. W. A. Scott is especially kind to those who are sick or in distress, and has always been interested in beautifying the church, and kindly reminds others of their duty. Mrs. W. H. Boyd, now Mrs. John White of Greenwood, led the choir for a number of years.

The preceding most delightful sketch of highest Christian service was sent in by Miss Annie White. She adds modestly; "I feel that we have done a very insignificant part in the great work." Insignificant? When this society in 1927 lists only ten members, with per capita gifts of $12.00! If every other group of ten were working with the same zeal how our church would move forward!

NINETY-SIX

Since the organization of the Ninety-Six Presbyterian Church in July, 1860, the women have held a prominent place as co-workers, yet no records were kept of their faithful services. Without these records we cannot recall the names of all these noble women, but

the names of the Lelands, Griffins, Stewarts and Brooks stand out prominently. We are not certain of the exact date of the organized work, it was somewhere in the '80's that Mrs. J. H. Rice, Miss Mamie Stuart, Mrs. R. F. McCaslan, and Mrs. J. C. Cork, Mrs. Virginia Miller, and Miss Nettie Blake took up the work and laid a strong foundation. As the years went by the younger generation bravely took up the labors of love relinquished by their elders. It is impossible to recall all the fine workers. A few unusually good presidents were Mrs. Emma Lyon, Mrs. Hal Sloan, Miss Annie Blake, Mrs. J. W. Weathers, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, Mrs. Burgess. Officers for 1926 are: Miss Annie Blake, President; Mrs. W. L. Bedenbaugh, Vice President, and the following secretaries: Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. T. C. Devore; Spiritual Life, Mrs. A. P. Gaillard; Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. B. Sloan; Assembly's Synodical Home Missions, Mrs. W. L. Phillips; Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, Mrs. G. L. Kennedy; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. Williams; Young People's Work, Mrs. W. J. Patterson; Literature, Mrs. E. Livingston; Social Activities, Mrs. B. E. Martin.

The Ninety-Six Auxiliary has the honor of furnishing two presidents for the South Carolina Presbyterial, Mrs. Emma Lyon, who served four years, and Miss Annie Blake, who served six years. Miss Blake was the Presbyterial "War President". Our Mrs. A. P. Gaillard was Presbyterial Secretary of Spiritual Life.

This Auxiliary is active along all lines of work. The outstanding features of each year are the fine Mission Study classes. Ninety per cent of the women lead in prayer. We emphasize spirituality first—money second. The manse was partly built by gifts of the women and they have charge of its upkeep.

We joined the Presbyterial at Abbeville in 1910.

OLD FIELDS

The first woman's organization in this church was formed in 1898, and was called a "Christian Endeavor". Soon the name was changed to the "Ladies' Missionary Society". There were six charter members—Mrs. Perry Jeans, Miss Zuella Jeans, Miss Lizzie Craig, Miss Belle Craig, Mrs. W. M. Hunter, and Mrs. O. L. Hunter. Miss Lizzie Craig was the first president. All of these charter members are living except two, Mrs. Jeans and Mrs. O. L. Hunter. Mrs. W. M. Hunter is

now seventy-six years old. She and Miss Lizzie Craig are the only two of the original group that still belong to Old Fields.

Our church has always been very small, and the missionary society has never numbered more than nine at any one time. At present we have only six, and most of them live four or five miles from the church—miles which grow treacherous in winter. The writer recalls one lady who more than once walked about two miles carrying a big boy baby in her arms in order to be present at society. Though long since gone to her reward this vision of Mrs. Naomi Seawright Burdette lingers with us. Many times it was only the proverbial "two or three gathered" together for a meeting. *But still we met, believing* that "not to the strong is the battle, and not to the swift is the race". The very fact that this small band has withstood the test of time, and labored for thirty consecutive years in the Master's service is positive proof of the deep spirituality and real faithfulness of the workers. What a heritage it is to have the example of their noble lives!

However, the women were busy in church work even before there was any woman's organization. We are told that the women did a great deal towards furnishing the church with nice lamps, book-case and books, chairs, table, etc. Mrs. Sallie Richardson raised the money by subscription to buy the first silver communion service. Prior to that silver goblets from one of the homes were used. No one knows who made the coverings for the tables. But the oldest member of the church is convinced that the dainty stitches were put there by some good woman over one hundred years ago. For years and years Mrs. W. M. Hunter cared for the silver and linen, and then it passed into the hands of Mrs. O. L. Hunter.

The ladies raised the money and bought the first carpet for the church. In 1926 they contributed substantially to buying a lovely new carpet. And the year before they contributed liberally to painting the church inside and outside. Mrs. W. M. Hunter raised money to buy the first organ, and Miss Lizzie Craig made the church a present of the next one. When there was no organ at the church a private little melodeon was carried for use on special occasions. Mrs. W. M. Hunter was the first organist and continued to be until succeeded in later years by her daughter, Linda. Since her marriage to Mr. F. A. Lewis the musical mantle has descended upon Mrs. J. B. Hunter and Miss Louise Hunter.

Miss Belle Craig was at one time Presbyterial Visitor in Enoree Presbytery, to which group our church belonged at that time. She was

successful in this work, having organized societies in most of the remaining churches. Some years ago Miss Lizzie Craig organized a community Bible class. This proved to be inspiring and instructive, thanks to the earnest work of this good woman and those who assisted her. For years Miss Lizzie Craig supported a native Bible worker in Korea.

Several ladies from time to time adorn the church with lovely flowers, thus adding to the beauty and sweetness of worship. For years Mrs. T. P. Jeans especially has done this, and now little Misses Frances Louise and Linda Fay Hunter are sharing this artistic service with her.

As an Auxiliary we contribute regularly to all the benevolent causes of the church, and more than once the per capita record per year for Old Fields has been the highest in South Carolina Presbyterial. During the World War we did some Red Cross work, and now our Sunday School supports one orphan in Armenia, and of course the women do their part in this. For two years our Sunday School won the *State* banner for the highest per capita contribution to Sunday School Extension. Since all the Sunday School teachers in our church are ladies except one, naturally the ladies felt a just pride in winning the banner.

As long as this church belonged to Enoree Presbytery the Auxiliary paid its pledge yearly to the Haichow fund. The women used to send boxes to Thornwell Orphanage containing quilts, clothing, food, etc.

Recently our best deed has been helping to defray the expenses of one of our ladies who has been in the hospital for months and months. Fortunately the Ora A. R. P. Church helped us in this excellent service.

There are so few young people and children in our congregation that separate organization for them is impossible. So last year some of our ladies conceived the idea of uniting with the A. R. P. Christian Union work. Fortunate is that church to whom the sister church extends the hearty welcome accorded our young people by our A. R. P. friends. Some of our ladies take pleasure in helping in this Christian Union work.

Now last but not least among the services rendered by the ladies of the church is a certain service of love—performed through love for their pastors, their homes, and their church. Throughout the years as long as there has been a Presbyterian church at Ora, tradition tells us that the members have entertained the ministers when they came to

preach. The ministers usually have lived quite a distance away—sometimes as far as eighty miles—and often had to spend two nights in the community, before the days of automobiles. But who can estimate the value of the presence of these godly men in these homes from time to time. So the quality of mercy was not strained, it was twice blessed, it truly blessed those who gave and those who received.

The writer even yet fondly cherishes childhood memories and deep impressions of the preachers who came and went about the home. We can imagine that such intimate association with the pastor had its bearing upon family life. What child does not delight in his teacher or preacher dining at his house? Well do I remember, as a tiny tot, just how happy I was when a certain one was coming to our home, and how eagerly I would watch for the little bay horse, "Bess", to turn into the driveway, for I knew her rider was none other than Mr. J. H. Grey. Later I learned that there was another heart made even happier than my wee one by his coming—for *she* was his sweetheart! And by and by they married, this preacher and this teacher who boarded with us.

What nobler service can any woman give her church and her Lord and Master than to correctly rear the children He has lovingly intrusted to her care? We know their instincts for imitation and the importance of good company in the home, consequently, we believe blessings have come and will continue to come because of this close relationship between the pastor and the home. Who could fail to feel edified and refreshed after a day's visit from our present beloved pastor, Dr. M. G. Woodworth, and charming wife and daughter?

Old Fields has furnished three officers to the County Institute. Mrs. O. L. Hunter and Mrs. W. M. Hunter were presidents, and Miss Lizzie Craig was secretary and treasurer.

Janie Hunter was for several years Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief in South Carolina Presbyterial. For a number of years Mrs. J. O. Garrett has most efficiently served as secretary and treasurer in the local society.

The following names should be recorded in history as having been faithful in church work here: Mrs. S. J. Craig, Mrs. Eliza D. Hunter, Mrs. James McCarley and daughter, Mary, Mrs. Ellen K. Hunter, Mrs. J. H. Dillard and daughter, Lila, Mrs. J. D. Mills, Mrs. Ora Dell May, Mrs. T. H. Owings.

"And no one did work for money,
And no one did work for fame;
But each for the joy of working
And each in her separate star,
Did do her task as she saw it,
For the God of things, as they are."

And to us may grace be given to follow in their train!

JANIE HUNTER, *Historian.*

OWINGS

In 1924 Mrs. R. O. Hunt sent in the following account of the Owings Society. She says:

The society was organized only eleven years ago (1913) by seven women, namely: Mrs. Carrie DuPree, Mrs. R. M. Bryson, Mrs. L. L. Templeton, Mrs. R. O. Hunt, Mrs. C. B. Owings, Mrs. R. A. Stoddard, and Mrs. R. B. DuPree, these charter members including every lady in the church at that time. We have met each month since for prayer and study and have tried faithfully to carry on the work. Since organizing we have gained the following members: Mrs. R. L. Gray, Mrs. Fred Stoddard, Mrs. Vernon Willis, Mrs. V. A. White, Mrs. S. C. Gambrell.

We worked the first few years to help pay for the new church building and to fit and furnish it, and we were only seventeen church members counting children. Since then we have contributed to nearly all church causes, and have helped sustain the Near East orphans. Though our gifts are small we are happy to be able to serve. We have regular Study Classes on Home and Foreign Missions. Have especially enjoyed "The White Fields of Japan" and "The Romance of Home Missions".

Mrs. L. L. Templeton adds a few items in 1927 as follows: "Mrs. J. J. Hunter is the present Auxiliary president, under whose wise leadership we are sure we will go forward. Since our church's first organization Mrs. Carrie DuPree has furnished the wine for the communion and Mrs. L. L. Templeton supplies the bread and arranges the communion service. Through the kindness of Ross Templeton and his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Griffin, we have a very nice individual communion set. Mrs. S. G. Gambrell is our efficient choir

leader. Different ladies of the church furnish flowers and perform other necessary services." She adds: "We have such a small society there isn't much to tell." Not much? When the "two or three" are gathered together with that promised Other in their midst, felt though unseen; with shining Faith and eager study, and happy generosity as the hand-maidens of their deliberations! How bereft our Church would be without its small bands, who, though few, are not discouraged, but keep cheerfully on with the study and prayers and gifts.

"We have two student volunteers, Miss Deree Bryson and Miss Floy Owings. They do Student Volunteer work in college and in Christian Endeavor."

PROVIDENCE (LOWNDESVILLE)

On the afternoon of May 5th, 1899, the ladies of Providence Church met at the residence of Mrs. H. C. Fennel for the purpose of forming themselves into a society having monthly dues and furnishing other means of procuring money to be used in missionary and church work. The meeting came to order with Mrs. H. C. Fennel in the chair and Miss Annie Liddell, secretary. The following officers were elected: Mrs. T. T. Cunningham, President; Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Vice President; Mrs. R. L. Smith, Secretary and Treasurer. A committee of four, Mrs. H. C. Fennel, Mrs. T. D. Cooley, Mrs. J. H. Baskin, and Mrs. R. L. Smith, were appointed to draft the constitution and by-laws. The meetings were to be held the first Friday of each month at the different residences, at 3:30 p. m. The second meeting was held with Mrs. J. B. LeRoy.

The following were charter members: Mrs. John T. Baskin, Mrs. W. M. Baker, Mrs. J. H. Baskin, Miss Laura Baskin, Miss Mamie Baskin, Mrs. T. T. Cunningham, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, Miss Georgia Cunningham, Miss Gussie Cunningham, Miss Jennie Carlisle, Mrs. T. D. Cooley, Mrs. H. C. Fennel, Miss Lila S. Fennel, Mrs. R. B. Hutchinson, Miss Lois Hutchinson, Mrs. R. J. Hutchinson, Mrs. Betty Kennedy, Mrs. J. B. Leroy, Miss Annie Liddell, Mrs. William Moore, and Mrs. R. L. Smith.

Since the beginning this society has contributed to the needy in the community, to repairs on the church, painting it and buying carpet and other accessories, to Thornwell Orphanage, Ministerial Relief, Educational work, and Home and Foreign Missions.

In addition to the above mentioned the following women have been

active: Mrs. J. A. Morrow, Mrs. A. J. Speer, Mrs. T. M. Cochran, Mrs. J. D. Wilson, Mrs. C. M. Clinkscales, Mrs. L. P. Pettigrew, Miss Annie Hutchinson, Miss Annie May Hutchinson, Mrs. H. G. Bone, Mrs. Thos. Baskin, Miss Lavinia Baskin, Mrs. Gam Baskin, Mrs. Mildred Clinkscales.

Of the members who were enrolled twenty-seven years ago, there are three who are still giving of their labor, prayer and material wealth: Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, our oldest member, loyal, faithful, energetic, indispensable; Mrs. T. D. Cooley, working as faithfully and lovingly, and Mrs. J. A. Morrow, consecrated and true.

ROCKY RIVER

This is one of the oldest churches in this part of the State, being already an organized church in 1772 when the Rev. John Harris assumed the pastorate. The part played by the women of early days is shrouded in the usual mist of oblivion, so completely were their activities merged with those of the men of their families. Mrs. J. L. Sutherland sends in the following account of the present Auxiliary:

"On October 11, 1910, thirteen ladies met at the church and organized the Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, with Mrs. J. F. Clinkscales, President, and Miss Susie Speer, Secretary and Treasurer.

"The object of the organization was, primarily, the furnishing of the new church, which had been moved from the old site to a more thickly settled part of the neighborhood. We were organized as an Auxiliary June 6, 1920. Mrs. W. T. Cunningham was chosen our second president. Mrs. Cunningham was a woman of strictly Christian character and used her love and prayers freely. Only one of the original thirteen is left, Mrs. W. T. Cunningham, who has moved away; but having been a life long member of old Rocky River, this sacred spot is dear to her and she continues to help by her untiring prayers.

"On June 22, 1923, to our grief and great loss, God called our first president and co-worker, Mrs. J. F. Clinkscales. Since she was a woman of means her purse as well as her heart was open to every call. Mrs. J. M. Bell was the next leader and served loyally her term. Although well up in sixty and one of our oldest members, Mrs. Bell is yet active and untiring.

"The next president, Mrs. J. T. Stokes, accomplished for this Auxiliary that which, in all probability, would never have been done otherwise. She never gave way to discouragement but was ever ready to

lead her members to attempt more for her Master. Mrs. Stokes has always been considered one of the outstanding workers in this community and church. Mrs. J. C. Gilliam was Mrs. Stokes' able secretary and treasurer, and in her we found a true co-worker, never shirking her duty.

Mrs. J. T. Clinkscales, our next president, although then a bride of a few months and tender in years, made a leader worthy the name. She accomplished that which few women can, and through her example created a desire to help the sick and needy, not only in the membership of the church but in the hearts of little children.

"Two of our members, Mrs. W. D. Busby and Mrs. M. M. Clinkscales, although as yet not officers in the Auxiliary, are considered leaders in Christian work and advancement. Mrs. George Martin, a semi-invalid and past the half century mark, is yet considered one of our strongest co-workers in her efforts to attain higher ground for the Master.

"On June 25, 1927, another of our charter members answered the last call. In the loss of Mrs. G. W. Speer we are deeply grieved.

"Although our Auxiliary is small in numbers we are striving to do more for our Lord than we have ever done before."

Mrs. J. L. Sutherland is the present leader of Rocky River Auxiliary, and gives to the work her very best efforts. It can truly be said of her that she gives to the entire community her fervent prayers. Through her efforts several new members have been added to the Auxiliary. (Presbyterial Historian.)

ROCKY SPRINGS

The Auxiliary at Rocky Springs was first organized in 1875 with fifteen members and G. M. Aulls as president. No other record can be found now of the time subsequent until 1905, when it was reorganized with Rev. McLin as president, and Mrs. W. T. Senn secretary and treasurer. Since that time the Auxiliary has been flourishing with an average of twenty-five members. The attendance is good.

Some of the ladies mentioned as officers of the society are: Mrs. W. S. Chapman, Mrs. Victor Weathers, Mrs. R. T. Cunningham, Mrs. W. D. Byrd, Mrs. Pearl Murphy Senn, Mrs. N. J. Anderson, Miss Ella Bell, Mrs. M. E. Bell, Miss Elizabeth Senn. Mrs. Pearl Murphy Senn laid the first brick in the new church building erected in 1920 (the fifth

in that place for purposes of worship). Her daughter, Miss Elizabeth Senn, laid the second brick.

The society meets monthly and usually raises $50 or more a year for missions, orphanage and other church causes.

This information was sent in by Mrs. R. T. Cunningham and Mrs. Pearl Murphy Senn. The church history recently published mentions Mrs. Jane Templeton as having been taught to bake the first communion bread by Rev. John McCosh of Ireland, the first preacher, who preached at a stand in the woods near the site of the present church.

SMYRNA

Smyrna is a small country church organized nearly a century ago. Forty-five years ago, in 1879, the then young pastor, Rev. T. C. Ligon, gathered ten consecrated women of his congregation around him on the church steps after service and organized our first society. The charter members were: Mrs. T. C. Ligon, Mrs. H. D. Boozer, Mrs. J. B. Clary, Mrs. M. H. Gary, Mrs. U. F. Wilson, Miss Mary Longshore, Mrs. J. D. Boozer, Mrs. W. G. Abrams, Mrs. D. B. Piester, Mrs. T. W. Boozer, and Rev. T. C. Ligon. The pastor remained a member, paying his dues and attending all meetings during his pastorate of ten years.

The first name of the society was the Ladies' Benevolent Society of Smyrna. It was afterward changed to Home and Foreign Mission Society, later to the Ladies' Aid, and now to the Woman's Auxiliary; but the purpose and aim has remained unchanged during all these years—to serve every needy and worthy cause of church and community. The society has never been disbanded nor suspended, and has never failed to meet once a month.

At first money was made by sewing; material being bought, the garments cut out and distributed at the meetings, and made at home, sold, or brought in by the next meeting. Favorite articles sold, generally to the Negro tenants on the farms, were fancy ruffled sunbonnets, aprons, and patch work quilts. Quite a large amount of money was made in this way; about as much as made now under totally different conditions.

At times when our church was at a low ebb the society was kept alive and carried on by the president, Miss Mary Longshore, and the secretary and treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Clary. Miss Longshore was president over twenty years, though after she had reached the age of seven-

ty most of the work was turned over to the vice president, Mrs. V. C. Wilson.

Our first president was Mrs. M. H. Gary. Other presidents recalled were Mrs. J. B. Clary, Miss Hennie Boozer, who is now Mrs. W. D. Senn, Miss Millie Boozer, now Mrs. V. C. Wilson, and Mrs. T. C. Ligon. Mrs. J. B. Clary has been the efficient secretary and treasurer for a great many years.

One of our pastors, Rev. A. M. Hassell, was father of the missionaries to Japan, Revs. A. P. and Woodrow Hassell. The latter, affecttionately called "Topsy", was born in the Smyrna manse.

The largest financial undertaking by our Auxiliary was purchasing the handsome new pews when the old church was remodeled in 1916, and buying a beautiful individual communion set. The most forward step taken is the organization of Mission Study classes and women's Prayer Bands. We always observe the birthday of the Auxiliary, and so help build homes for missionaries here and in foreign lands year by year.

We feel that the Lord has blessed our work as a society all these years and we pray for His blessing to continue.

THORNWELL MEMORIAL

This church was organized May 11, 1909. Committee: Dr. Law of Spartanburg; Rev. C. F. Rankin of Laurens, and Dr. A. E. Spencer of Clinton. Sometime after the organization of the church a Ladies' Aid was started and helped in furnishing the church with individual communion sets, carpet for aisles, etc.

On April 30, 1919, the women of the church and congregation met at the church to organize on the Auxiliary Plan. Dr. L. Ross Lynn, the pastor, stated the advantages of this plan. Mrs. L. R. Lynn was elected presiding officer and Mrs. A. M. Copeland secretary. The vote carried for an Auxiliary with the following officers: Mrs. L. R. Lynn, President; Miss D. Belle Smith, Vice President; Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Secretary; Miss Lida Baird, Treasurer.

At a meeting on May 8th Miss Anna Simonton, chairman of a committee appointed to draft a constitution, reported in favor of using the constitution recommended by Mrs. Winsborough with some changes to suit local needs. This report was adopted.

Secretaries of the Causes: Foreign Missions, Miss Cora Richie; Assembly's Home Missions, Miss C. Stamps; Sunday School Extension

and Young People's Work, Miss Anna Henry; Secretary Literature, Miss Anna Simonton; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Miss Clara Duckett; Pastor's Aid, Miss May Lowe. Circles: No. 1, Mrs. Durant; No. 2, Miss Simpson; No. 3, Mrs. Collins.

The subject of the first programme was "Sunday School Extension"; Miss Stamps was leader. "Brazil" was subject at the next meeting and Miss Cassie Oliver named the missionaries as the stations were pointed out on the map. Mrs. Jacobs had an interesting reading and Miss Baird a paper prepared by Miss Margaret Douglas on "An Appreciation of Dr. Butler".

Officers since the organization are as follows:

Presidents: Mrs. L. R. Lynn, Miss Mary Adams, Mrs. Louisa Fraser, Miss Minnie Moore, Mrs. Arbuckle.

Vice Presidents: Miss D. Belle Smith, Miss Lida Baird, Miss Ada Shaver, Mrs. L. R. Lynn, Miss Mary Adams, Miss Minnie Moore, Miss Ada Barstow, Mrs. Lula Jamieson.

Secretaries: Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Miss C. Stamps, Mrs. Anna Henry, Miss Mary Adams, Miss Ada Shaver, Miss Eliza Bell, Miss Della Baird.

Treasurers: Miss Lida Baird, Mrs. O. A. Sowers, Mrs. F. M. Stutts, Miss Minnie Moore.

Secretaries of Literature: Miss Anna Simonton, Miss Ada Barstow, Mrs. F. M. Stutts.

Foreign Missions: Miss Cora Richie, Miss C. Stamps, Miss Mary Adams, Miss Sunie Murphy, Mrs. L. R. Lynn, Mrs. Clara Spence, Mrs. R. G. Murphy.

Assembly's Home Missions: Miss C. Stamps, Miss F. M. Stutts, Mrs. Sowers, Miss C. Richie, Miss Ada Barstow, Miss Caroline Dugan.

Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Missions: Miss Richie, Miss Stamps, Miss Simpson, Mrs. Jamieson, Miss Janie Simpson.

Christian Education and Ministerial Relief: Miss Richmond, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. M. E. Lynn, Mrs. Mary Wilson.

Sunday School and Young People's Work: Mrs. Anna Henry, Miss Barrett, Miss Minnie Moore, Mrs. L. R. Lynn, Mrs. Nancy Lawlor, Mrs. Anna R. Carey.

Spiritual Life: Miss Richmond, Miss L. Baird, Mrs. M. E. Lynn, Mrs. M. R. Kirkpatrick, Miss Mary Adams.

Special gifts: Share in Pilgrims' Church, Washington, D. C.; Miss Boozer and one other young lady at Assembly's Training School; Delegates to Colored Woman's Conference; Near East Relief; Ship of Friendship to Germany; White Cross work; Baby Cottage at Thorn-

well; Bible Society; Field work of Presbyterial; Birthday offerings: 1922—Miss Dowd's School $15 and Montreat Gate $5; 1923—Mexican Girls' School in Texas $15.75, President's Home at Assembly's Training School $14; 1925—Charlotte Kemper School $21; 1926—Offering Presbyterian College $12.75.

Representatives at Presbyterials: Mrs. L. R. Lynn, Mrs. Ada Taylor Workman, Mrs. F. M. Stutts, Miss Minnie Moore, Mrs. Nancy Lawlor, Mrs. Lynes, and Miss Adams.

The Auxiliary has been diligent with its Home and Foreign Mission Study classes which have proven a great help.

Missionaries from this church: Miss Caroline Kilgore, Brazil, 1912; Mr. Bruno Schlotter, Africa, 1915; Miss Cassie Oliver, China, 1922; Mr. W. D. Pettis, Africa, 1924. Miss Nellie Holcombe and Mr. Luke Newton, Home Missions; Miss Annie Newton, editor in Presbyterian Publication office in Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fulton, closely connected. Miss Belle Smith and Miss Mary Barrett, returned missionaries.

Some outstanding meetings: One in September, 1920, on Christian Education and Ministerial Relief when Marjorie Morgan (nine years old) sang "Forget Me Not When I Am Old". The offering was $120. Miss Frances Clemmons made the largest individual gift known. Another meeting was at the Lesh Infirmary with Miss Painter as hostess. Lovely Christmas decorations were used and a program on Christmas in mission fields was followed by delightful refreshments. Dr. Lynn was honorary guest.

This Auxiliary entertained: the Synodical in 1923, Union meeting with First Presbyteran Church at McCall Building when Dr. and Mrs. Sam Fulton of Japan were present and made interesting talks, the Efficiency Conference of South Carolina Presbyterial April, 1925.

Roll (* Dismissed; † Deceased): 1 Mrs. J. F. Jacobs*, 2 Miss Clara Duckett*, 3 Miss Lina Simpson, 4 Miss Janie Simpson, 5 Miss Cora Richie, 6 Miss May Lowe*, 7 Miss Belle Smith*, 8 Miss Lida Baird*, 9 Mrs. L. R. Lynn, 10 Mrs. O. A. Sowers, 11 Mrs. Collins*, 12 Mrs. Anna Henry*, 13 Mrs. Edna Warner*, 14 Mrs. M. E. Lynn†, 15 Mrs. Louisa Fraser*, 16 Mrs. Winn*, 17 Mrs. F. M. Stutts, 18 Mrs. C. A. Fleming, 19 Mrs. Riddle, 20 Mrs. Rhett Templeton*. 21 Mrs. Bessie Barnwell†, 22 Mrs. Lula Jamieson, 23 Mrs. Cora McQuiston, 24 Mrs. R. M. Kirkpatrick*, 25 Mrs. Ada Taylor Workman*, 26 Mrs. Sallie Durant*, 27 Mrs. Butler†, 28 Mrs. Nancy Lawlor*, 29 Mrs. Russell*, 30 Mrs. Clara Spence*, 31 Mrs. Meadows*, 32 Mrs. Miller*, 33 Mrs. Lynes*, 34 Mrs. Nichols*, 35 Mrs. Hicks*, 36 Mrs. Runner*,

37 Mrs. Bradwell*, 38 Mrs. Lola Dugan, 39 Mrs. Anna R. Carey, 40 Miss Painter*, 41 Miss Ada Shaver*, 42 Miss Carper*, 43 Miss Clemmons*, 44 Miss Elizabeth Cassels*, 45 Miss Mary Barrett*, 46 Miss Sunnie Murphy*, 47 Miss Allie Atkinson*, 48 Miss Mary Scales Miller*, 49 Miss Marion Patton*, 50 Miss Mildred McLaurin*, 51 Miss Jean Lindsay*, 52 Miss Evelyn Arledge*, 53 Miss Grady Jones*, 54 Miss Grace Daniel, 55 Miss Minnie Moore, 56 Miss Cora Wilson, 57 Miss Witmer, 58 Miss Dora Bell, 59 Miss Eliza Bell, 60 Miss Evans, 61 Miss Della Baird, 62 Miss Eunice Patton, 63 Miss Kate Lattimer, 64 Miss Nell Reardon, 65 Miss Caroline Dugan, 66 Miss Cason, R. N., 67 Miss Minnie Wilson, 68 Miss Nancy Perry, 69 Miss Welch, 70 Miss Frances Rowland, 71 Miss Margaret Crawford, 72 Miss Corrine Watson, 73 Miss Daisy Lee Butler, 74 Miss Ivia Waterman, 75 Miss Ernestine Heddon, 76 Miss Kathleen Garner, 77 Miss Clemmie Jamieson, 78 Miss Bernice Davis, 79 Mrs. Algood, 80 Mrs. Waters, 81 Mrs. R. G. Murphy, 82 Mrs. James Lynn, 83 Mrs. M. E. Wilson, 84 Mrs. Harry Layton, 85 Miss Rubie Moffatt, 86 Mrs. Baker (Sue Leland).

Special mention might be made of the liberality and splendid work of the teachers' circle.

Miss Mary Adams, one of our matrons, but not a member of our Thornwell Memorial Church, has possibly been most prominent in our Auxiliary work.

MRS. L. ROSS LYNN.

TRINITY

The members of Shady Grove, Duncan's Creek, and Bethany, the three Presbyterian Churches under the leadership of Dr. Dudley Jones, Professor in the Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C., met at the home of their pastor and organized Trinity Auxiliary April 19, 1924.

At this meeting Mrs. W. G. Neville addressed the members on organization. The three churches are each represented in the list of officers. They are as follows: President, Mrs. William B. Bailey; Vice President, Mrs. Dillard Milam; Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Glenn; Treasurer, Mrs. R. B. Ferguson; Secretary Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. C. Johnson; Secretary Literature, Mrs. Dudley Jones.

We have contributed to kindergarten work in Japan, and general Foreign and Home Mission work.

(Signed) MRS. DUDLEY JONES.

October, 1925.

In reply to special requests for information concerning the part of the women in these churches before the Auxiliary was organized, I was fortunate enough to get the following from friends of the church who were a little afraid of special mention for fear of forgetting some, but who kindly sent me what they had in mind:

"At one time I think there was an organization in Bethany Church, but being a country community it was difficult for the ladies to get together and they did not accomplish much. Among the ladies who were most active in attending and taking part in church services, were the Misses Byrd, four sisters (daughters of Mr. Geo. Byrd, an elder), who for a long time did the organ and choir work. The ladies of the Bethany community were very devoted and excellent in their attendance. Among those who were ready at all times to do what they were called upon to do were Mrs. Dr. Saxon, Mrs. D. A. Glenn, Mrs. Blakely and her daughter Miss Blakely, Mrs. Dock Little, Mrs. Robbie Glenn, Mrs. Downs Glenn, Miss Annie Lou Little. All of these have passed away (except Mrs. Dock Little, Mrs. Robbie Glenn, and the Misses Byrd), the last named, Miss Little, having died recently at Moody's Bible Institute of pneumonia following influenza. They kept the church clean, furnished flowers, and kept the cemetery in order."

From another letter comes the following:

"In the Duncan's Creek Church I may mention Mrs. Margaret Kelly who gave $500 for the restoration of the church. Mrs. Dillard Milam, Mrs. Tom Ware, Mrs. Sam Simpson, and Mrs. Susie Simpson Blakely have been furnishing music, flowers, hymn books, and many other kinds of service. Mrs. Emma Little Glenn, a member of the First Church of Spartanburg, was instrumental by her zeal in having the building restored. The old structure, which has been standing a hundred years, has now been restored and repaired, largely through her activity, so that it will stand both substantially and beautifully for another century."

TODD MEMORIAL

Todd Memorial is a mill church in Laurens. The Auxiliary was not organized until June, 1926. Miss Bessie Todd made the organization and helped the society to get started. The first officers were: Mrs. Lester Bishop, President; Mrs. J. L. Powers, Vice President. Others were Mrs. I. E. Jones, Mrs. J. S. Carleton, Mrs. L. A. Murray, Miss Janie Powers, Mrs. Jennie R. McCray, Mrs. Marie Mims. The officers

live partly at Todd Memorial and at Watts Mill near by. No report was received from this society in 1927, and I have been unable to find anything further from inquiry.

UPPER LONG CANE

The first missionary society at Upper Long Cane was organized by Rev. and Mrs. J. F. McKinnon about the year 1900. It was composed of both men and women. Meetings were held quarterly after services, no work being done except calling the roll and each member coming up and paying dues.

In 1903, during the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Shive, Mrs. Shive was elected president of the ladies' part of the organization. They met at the manse and it was quite an interesting and progressive society until Mr. Shive began working for Clinton College, and we had different supplies in his place. Then the society began to wane and almost went out of existence.

When the Rev. R. E. Telford came, the society was reorganized in different neighborhoods into what is now called circles. While the attendance was not all that might be desired, the interest was better and a fairly good work was shown by a more prompt payment of dues at the end of the church year.

Rev. H. D. Corbett was next pastor in 1916, and it was decided to have the society all in one. Meetings were held at the church. Mrs. J. L. Hill was elected president and served until 1921. At this time Mrs. G. M. Telford was elected president and she divided the society into circles. Its name was changed to "Woman's Auxiliary of Long Cane", and it joined the Presbyterial. Through her guiding influence the good work grew steadily in interest. In the summer of 1924, however, Mrs. Telford, feeling that the children of the church were being neglected, resigned, that she might take charge of the Junior Christain Endeavor. While the members were loath to give her up, because of her wonderful work, they were only too glad to have her guiding counsel given to their children. They elected Mrs. Lawrence McIlwain, who is now (1924) carrying on the work with a great deal of interest.

Since 1920 the society presidents have been: Mrs. J. L. Hill, Mrs. G. M. Telford, Mrs. Lawrence McIlwain, Mrs. J. R. McIlwain, Mrs. Jas. Bradley. Other officers have been: Miss Fannie Stevenson, Mrs. R. H. Stevenson, Mrs. C. M. Cochran, Miss Marie McIlwain, Mrs. Pierce Bowen, Mrs. W. R. Ellis, Mrs. N. P. Milford, Mrs. P. H. Mann,

Mrs. J. R. McIlwain, Mrs. O. S. Cochran, Mrs. Jos. Ashley, Miss Amy Aldrich, Miss Lizzie Sharp, Miss Marie Leslie, Mrs. A. J. Ferguson, Mrs. Albert McIlwain, Mrs. Frank Kay, Miss Mary Reid, Mrs. Jodie Strawhorn, Mrs. W. L. McIlwain, Miss Ione Stevenson, Miss Sarah Aldrich, Mrs. Q. W. Sims, Mrs. J. R. McCombs, Miss Allie McCombs, Mrs. J. D. Winn.

The Budget Plan, adopted in 1926, has proved very satisfactory; also a change from quarterly to monthly meetings. Miss Ione Stevenson was sent as delegate to the Young People's Conference in Clinton and our Secretary of Spiritual Life, Mrs. W. L. McIlwain, to the Woman's School of Missions in Montreat. We set as our goal, more Bible study, prayer, stewardship, and soul winning.

A MEMBER OF THE AUXILIARY.

In March, 1927, our Auxiliary elected Mrs. Bradley, our pastor's wife, president. Through her leadership interest was at once increased. The secret of this was that she gave all the members she could reach something to do. She tried to show the circle chairmen that each was a society president in her own circle, and that their work was a great privilege. Through her efforts the church was made more lovely each Sunday by flowers and other attractive arrangement. The outstanding feature of our work this year was to change the time of the Home Mission Study class from November to July. This was done in order to include the many young women students and teachers who would otherwise be away from home at school. It was indeed an improvement in numbers enrolled, attendance, and interest.

Special mention should be made of Mrs. R. H. Stevenson, who served faithfully as treasurer of the Missionary Society for nine years. For the last five years Mrs. Ed Stevenson has been a pillar in the Auxiliary work and a very loyal pianist and choir director.

During our evangelistic services in August we had one young lady in our church volunteer for Christian Service if God would open the way. This was Miss Elizabeth Bradley.

WARE SHOALS OR SMITH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

The Ware Shoals Missionary Society was organized about 1909 with ten members. Mrs. J. M. Dallas was president for a number of years. During the first two or three years Ware Shoals was part of the mission field, as the need for workers was so great. The money of the so-

ciety was given to help buy the necessaries of life for the sick and needy. About 1912 the society joined the Presbyterial. Considering the small membership and the financial condition of the members a good work was done and the interest was good. Owing to the removal of families from time to time it was difficult to increase the membership. The same condition prevails today. For several years the society was handicapped for lack of leaders, so many having moved away and those remaining having such strenuous home duties.

The presidents of this society have been Mrs. J. M. Dallas, Mrs. W. B. Grey, Mrs. C. B. Alexander, Mrs. J. J. Dower, Mrs. S. L. Major. Other officers have been Mrs. J. B. Elliott, Miss Lola Cobb, Mrs. L. D. Elledge, Mrs. G. D. Rush, Mrs. Winder Gary, Mrs. J. O. Cobb, Mrs. R. W. Culbertson, Mrs. Roy Golden, Mrs. Z. T. Peihoff, Mrs. J. C. Cummings, Mrs. Chas. Freeman, Mrs. M. C. Cooper, Mrs. J. C. Craft, Mrs. C. H. Gresham, Mrs. L. G. Maddox, Miss Edith Gresham, chairman of Girls' Circle in 1927.

The first missionary society organized in Ware Shoals was the Smith Memorial Band. This band was organized in 1908 by Mrs. J. M. Dallas as a memorial to the late Walter M. Smith, of New York, a member of the Ware Shoals Manufacturing Company. Mr. Smith was a passionate lover of children and had planned great things for the children of Ware Shoals; but God called him home when his labors had just begun. This society was for the children of the town and had an enrollment of over one hundred. The children met once a week, Saturday afternoon, at the church for Bible instruction, singing, prayer, etc. The interest never lagged. During the twelve years that Mr. and Mrs. Dallas lived in Ware Shoals this little society did a wonderful work. During those years about nine hundred children from four to twelve years of age were instructed in the ways of God, and about $600 was spent in the town to relieve the distressed. When the Great War broke out this little band was among the first to buy Testaments and present them to the home boys who were called upon to go to the camps.

Many of the parents of these children were led to the feet of Christ through this organization and the influence of their children. Truly "A little child shall lead them". The children of those days are the men and women of today, and many of them are occupying places of honor in the church and in the state, and still have a warm place in their hearts for the Smith Mission Band.

When Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Peihoff were in Ware Shoals they did a good work for the church and society. June, 1925, the Sunday School

and Auxiliary were reorganized, and two Christian Endeavor Societies were started. Mrs. Geo. D. Rush, Mrs. John O. Davis, Mrs. S. L. Major, and Mrs. J. J. Dower have rendered great service to the church and society.

This church has sent out two home missionaries, Miss Marie Gibert and Mr. R. M. Lynn.

WARRENTON

A complete history of the Warrenton Auxiliary cannot be written because of the loss of the record book which contained minutes of meetings extending over a long period of years. Two of the charter members are living, however, and it is from them that we learn the following.

The society, then called the Warrenton Woman's Home Missionary Society, was organized during the summer of 1904, at the instance of the pastor, Rev. H. C. Fennel. He was present at the first meeting which was held in the Warrenton Church, and led in prayer, and helped with the election of officers. There were seven charter members: Mesdames S. A. Allen, T. F. Ferguson, J. H. Ferguson, John C. Ferguson, W. C. Lanier, F. W. Wilson, and G. S. Wilson. Mrs. F. W. Wilson was the first president and Mrs. S. A. Allen the secretary and treasurer. The first regular meeting was at the home of Mrs. S. A. Allen. The society met once a month after this at the different homes of the members. It joined the Presbyterial in 1910.

The work of the always small number of women who have been faithful members has nearly always been local. We have helped pay the pastor's salary and other congregational expenses, and have also done whatever work became necessary among the needy of our community. Contributions have usually been made to Thornwell Orphanage, and, since the society, now the Auxiliary, has been a member of the South Carolina Presbyterial, we have contributed such amounts as we could afford to the various benevolent causes.

The membership is so small and all members so faithful in attending and working that no special one can be mentioned as deserving praise unless it be Mrs. John A. Wilson who has been tireless in her devotion to the spiritual needs of the members. She has organized and has taught for years both an adult and a young people's Bible Study class. She has also helped the young people in their Christian Endeavor work and has given much of her time to the interests of the Aux-

iliary and the church. However, all the members, past and present, have been devoted to the little Auxiliary and to the church.

From "The Presbyterian Church in South Carolina" the Presbyterial Historian takes the following reference to women of the Warrenton Church. Among charter members of the church were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Cheatham, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, Mrs. J. C. Gray, Mrs. M. C. Cunningham, Mrs. Julia Martin, Miss Maggie W. Brooks, Miss Janie A. Wilson. The first child baptized in the church was Jessie Emily Thomas, now Mrs. Thomas Irving, of Seattle, Washington.

And again, "From the time of the completion of the church in 1890 until 1924 no repairs had been made on it. In that year the members of the Woman's Missionary Society began getting contributions for remodeling and painting it."

In the Presbyterial lists of officers since 1920 we find the following names over and over again: Mrs. A. B. Bosler, Mrs. C. F. Gilliam, Mrs. J. E. Cochran, Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Mrs. S. A. Allen, Mrs. J. A. Wilson. In later years we find Mrs. L. C. Martin, Mrs. Vance Ashley, Mrs. W. W. McNeil, Miss Elizabeth Wilson, and Miss Sallie E. Wilson.

WHITMIRE

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Whitmire Presbyterian Church was organized in 1916 with five members and was known as the Ladies' Aid Society. It was admitted to the Presbyterial in 1918.

Through the efforts of this organization much was done toward realizing a church building and manse property. The women also purchased pews, lighting fixtures, an organ, pulpit furnishings and books. Contributions to all the causes of the church have been made by this Auxiliary since its earliest history.

Within the past three years Sunday School rooms have been added to the church; the Auxiliary aided in furnishing these rooms and in paying off the entire debt, the church now being free from any debt.

The Auxiliary encourages in every way the work of the young people, both in their church services and in social entertainments. The Young People's Work was organized and fostered by Mesdames J. D. Tidmarsh, O. P. Suber, and W. H. Miller. There are three volunteers for life service, Misses Caroline Henty, Elizabeth McCain, and Evelyn Tidmarsh.

The greatest work of the Auxiliary is that among the mill operatives. The entire membership sponsors the work of the Social Com-

mittee, which consists of four women. Their work is that of a home missionary. The committee at present (1928) consists of Mesdames J. L. Miller, R. M. Duckett, E. G. Able, and W. D. Stillwell.

The following women have ably and faithfully served the Auxiliary as president: Mrs. William Coleman, deceased; Mrs. Thed Coleman, Columbia, S. C.; Mrs. J. A. Yarborough, Shelby, N. C.; Mrs. J. R. Roseboro, Virginia; Mrs. P. B. Hilton, Rock Hill, S. C.; Mrs. T. B. Wood, Norfolk, Va.; Mesdames J. B. Pitts, H. M. Miller, J. L. Miller, and R. C. Lake, of Whitmire, S. C.

The sweet Christian services of Mrs. Pellerree Gary, Mrs. Sallie Orr, and Mrs. William Coleman left an influence among us which is still felt in the Auxiliary and all the departments of the church.

"We live in deeds, not years,
In feelings, not in figures on a dial.
He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest
Feels the noblest, acts the best."

The present organization consists of twenty members who are very active and who heartily cooperate in the work outlined by Presbyterial and Synodical officers; this being a Gold Circle Auxiliary as outlined by the Standard of Excellence.

(MRS. J. L.) WILMA RAMEY MILLER, *Historian.*

WILLINGTON

Willington Presbyterian Church was founded by Rev. Moses Waddell, D. D., in 1813. The name, Willington, it is said, came from the fact that the two communities, Bordeaux and Vienna, where Dr. Waddell preached, were *willing* to have the church established and built midway between them.

Dr. Waddell, in addition to being a minister of note, was even more celebrated as an educator of boys and young men, many prominent men in the affairs of our State and nation being among his pupils. Dr. Waddell's first wife was Miss Catherine Calhoun, only daughter of Patrick Calhoun and sister of John C. Calhoun, who was prepared for Yale College by Dr. Waddell. Mrs. Waddell lived only a year or two after marriage, and was buried at Willington. Over the pulpit in the old, and now removed to the new church, is a memorial tablet to Dr. Waddell, which was given by Mrs. Armistead Burt who lived at the Burt mansion in Abbeville. She was a daughter of Mr. William Cal-

houn, brother of John C., sometimes called "Cotton Bill" because he raised so much cotton. One of Mrs. Burt's sisters, Eugenia, married Dr. Edwin Parker, Sarah married Ezekiel Pickens Noble, another, Lucretia, married Dr. Henry Townes, of Greenville, and after his death, Dr. Tescharner DeGraffenreid, of Alabama. She reared her grandson, John Temple Graves, who was born close to old Willington Church.

I am told that of all the carriages that came to the church in those days the two finest were those of Major Burt and Dr. Tennant. Names of other prominent families who attended the old church were Graves, Rogers, Noble, Bull. Among the Huguenots who first established the church were the names of Bellotte, Bouchillon, Moragne, Giberts, Covin, LeRoy, and Guillebeau. Among the Scots were Sutherland, Mills, Robinsons, Guthries, and Hemmingers. Descendants of some of these families are still here, but many are no longer represented here. Our oldest member who has long been one of our ruling elders, Capt. S. S. McBrides, tells me he remembers when the church was always filled, and it's a large building. The galleries were filled with Negroes who belonged to "Old Marster's" church, and on communion day some of the elders would stand at the door, after the white people finished and identify the Negroes as being members and they would go up to the front and be served with the sacrament.

Churches being far apart, people came for miles, many of them walking. Women would walk seven or eight miles carrying their Sunday shoes until near the church when they would sit down on a log and put them on, hiding the every-day shoes in the bushes until their return and change again. They came to church to worship, not to show their clothes or automobiles. Recently, in an article entitled, "Blue Laws of Willington", an old gentleman in Pasadena, Calif., Capt. Hodges Palmer, tells of how, in his boyhood days in Willington, Sabbath observance was the strictest law. One Sunday morning he saw a hawk pounce down upon and rise with a fine young pullet from his mother's flock. Quick as a flash he grabbed his gun and fired, killing the hawk. At once his father appeared and soon all the neighbors in hearing of the report to find the cause of such an unheard of thing on the Sabbath Day. Most of them were in favor of his father's giving him a severe flogging for breaking the fourth commandment. One man, though, with a kind heart, reminding his father that the boy had saved the pullet, begged that he be let off under promise of never offending in such a way again. He said as soon as the crowd decided

to let him off he made a bee line for Willington Church and ran all the two and a half miles until in its shelter. I daresay he avoided passing near the session house.

The now decaying old church stands among fine trees, oak, hickory, and other native kinds. Just in front of the door is an immense white oak, which, if it had speech, could tell us more of by-gone days and congregations than any book could contain. Under its leafy branches on the gnarled old roots the men would always sit to talk and watch the ladies go in, while they waited for the organ to sound—the signal that the service was to begin. It is a large building with three rows of pews and a high pulpit approached by a flight of steps on each side. The galleries above for the slaves were reached by two long flights of narrow steps outside the church at the back of the pulpit. A short distance back of the church stood the old session house where the session used to meet, much to the fear and awe of wayward youngsters. This house has long since passed away and the old church itself is no longer safe to be used even for funerals, as it was for some years, after other services were discontinued. The quiet City of the Dead lies just in front of the building. The centennial of the church was held there in 1913 while a meeting of South Carolina Presbytery was in session there.

When the time came that no one lived near the old church, it was decided to have a building nearer the railroad station. A small wooden structure served for several years but was destroyed by fire during Sunday School one day. For awhile we were without a church home, but in 1924 we completed a small but very neat brick building. This was accomplished largely through the efforts of the women of the local Auxiliary. In raising money our women would do anything they could. Chickens, eggs, milk, etc., after conversion into ice cream and other tempting edibles, helped to swell the building fund. Other Auxiliaries very kindly gave us contributions for which we are sincerely grateful. The largest single contribution we had was from one of our women, Mrs. Albert Gibert (née Miss Helen McMakin, of Spartanburg), who was taken home by God before the church was finished.

Another good deed of Mrs. Gibert some years ago was this: Our minister then was a Mr. Henderson, a Canadian, who was not financially able to visit the old home he so longed to see. Mrs. Gibert determined he should go, and had an entertainment at her home where offerings were made. It gave Mr. Henderson a happy visit that he never forgot before he passed on to a better land a few years later.

This same dear friend was the means of there being a substantial iron fence put around the cemetery at the old church, where her body now sleeps. She either saw or wrote to every one she knew of who had loved ones buried there, and so collected enough to get this fence, so badly needed. It will ever be a memorial of her.

For many years the old church had a Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society, which was organized, at about the time others were, into a Woman's Auxiliary. In former years we always gave liberally to the different benevolences and helped any local need. What was once a prosperous church with a large membership now only numbers about thirty-five; and none of these have much of this world's goods. But we have always had a faithful few who would meet for prayer and praise. We have given to the special causes such as the Louise Mayes Home, Miss Dowd's School and others. Our records were burned in the fire that destroyed our wooden building so I can't give figures.

Our loved pastor, Rev. E. F. Gettys, preaches for us twice a month. We have Sunday School every Sunday, though there are only a few to come, and our small Auxiliary meets regularly. The first funeral in the new church was that of our oldest member and elder, our dearly loved friend and physician, W. E. Link, M. D., who passed over the river in 1925, aged ninety-four. His body lies near the old church he loved and served so long.

So far as I can find, there have been no outstanding characters among the women of the Willington Church, such as missionaries; but many quiet, faithful, earnest Christians serving and giving to the best of their ability. The few who are left are trying to hold the church together, hoping and praying for a brighter day.

Names of Willington officers sent in to the Presbyterial are Mrs. G. O. Hemminger, Mrs. J. A. Gibert, Mrs. J. G. Hemminger, Mrs. W. H. McNair, Mrs. Chester McNair, Mrs. R. W. Cowan, Mrs. Alexander Lawton, Mrs. Alvie Lawton.

SOUTH CAROLINA PRESBYTERIAL

"Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ".

—*I Thess. 1:3.*

"Your faith groweth exceedingly and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth."

—*II Thess. 1:3.*

"I thank my God for your fellowship in the Gospel, being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

—*Phil. 1:3, 5, 6.*

Henry Ward Beecher once said, "The church is not a gallery for the exhibition of eminent Christians, but a school for the education of imperfect ones."

I have chosen the above selections from the Scriptures as an introduction for this chapter because they mention *faith, labor, open-mindedness, study, charity, fellowship, and continuance of performance.* And the last one because, after all due praise is given, it is as eager, earnest, faithful *students,* instead of perfect examples, that I would present the women of South Carolina Presbyterial Auxiliary during these years when they have been revolutionizing their methods of Christian service. From the *home* as their sole sphere and their chief work the building of Christian character therein, they have timidly come forth, gently called and encouraged by a wise and helpful ministry, to learn the complicated machinery of a new order of "fellowship in the Gospel".

It is glimpses only that we catch of these early "mothers in Israel". Their stories were not written on the pages of history, but, indelibly saturating the life tissues of their children, have been translated into the deeds of godly men. Of such a likeness was Jochebed, who so filled the mind of the child, Moses, with the knowledge of the glory of his God, that not all the splendors of Egypt could seduce him from His

service. Susannah Wesley preached and sang through her illustrious sons.

A picture of these times is admirably given in the chapter on "The Individualist" written by Miss Margaret A. Gist for the recently published "Presbyterian Church in South Carolina". The individual church histories preceding this chapter will give the first organizations of societies in the churches. It is the duty of the Presbyterial historian to record the union of these societies and their subsequent endeavors.

In the beautifully rhythmic and legible handwriting of the first secretary, Miss Sallie R. Burgess, of the Fort Hill Church, Clemson College, we find recorded the beginning of the tentative and hesitant stretching forth of hand to hand among women's societies in South Carolina Presbytery. This South Carolina Presbytery, as you remember, from having originally included all the territory of the State (except Charleston) had been divided again and again (See Howe's History), and at this time included approximately the counties of Oconee, Pickens, Anderson, Greenwood, Newberry, and Abbeville.

A union was first suggested in the fall of 1899 by the Rev. B. Palmer Reid to the Ladies' Missionary Society of Fort Hill Church, Clemson College, of which church he was at that time pastor. Following his suggestion they petitioned Presbytery for permission, and this having been granted, invited all the missionary societies in the Presbytery to assemble and form a Union.

The meeting was held July 4, 1900, in the First Presbyterian Church of Anderson. It was called "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Union of South Carolina Presbytery". Only the proverbial "two or three" gathered in response to the call, but truly their animating spirit was "in His Name" for "He was there in the midst of them" as is shown by the permanency and continued growth of the foundation which they laid.

The three churches represented at this first meeting were Fort Hill, Anderson First, and Seneca. The following delegates were present: Mrs. Samuel Brownleee, president of the Anderson Senior Society, was temporary chairman; Mrs. R. N. Brackett, of Fort Hill, who was elected President; Miss Sallie Burgess, of Fort Hill, elected Secretary and Treasurer; Mrs. Stribling and Mrs. Taylor from Seneca; Mrs. Summerell, wife of the pastor of Anderson Church, and Miss Evie Lewis, president of the Junior Society, in the same church, were appointed a committee to prepare a program for the first regular meeting. Mrs. Summerell also read a carefully prepared paper on "The

History of Foreign Mission Work in our Southern Presbyterian Church". Mrs. Brackett read a paper on "History of the Work of our Home Mission Board in our Southern Church", Mrs. Stribling on "The Work of the Ladies' Missionary Societies in South Carolina Presbyterial". Mrs. Stribling, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Brownlee were a committee to decide what special work the Union would undertake. A Constitution and By-laws prepared by the Foreign Mission Board was adopted with some slight revision. Reports from participating societies were read, and a letter from Rev. B. P. Reid urging the establishment of children's missionary societies, which the Union voted to undertake.

At the opening of this meeting the Rev. J. N. H. Summerell conducted the devotional and at its close wished them "God speed" in the new work they were about to undertake. 'Tis thus, as Dr. Reid and Dr. Summerell exemplified, the ministry of the church has ever stood, in relation to the Woman's Work,—a prophet, giving an awakening call; (in how many histories do we find the words, "Our society was organized at the suggestion of the pastor"!) and a great admiral exhorting the timorous sailors to "sail on! And on!" They it was whose vigilant faith discerned the "speck of light" in the darkness of woman's unorganized endeavor. To their guidance be the praise that that speck has grown to be "the burst of dawn". That it may "gain a world" is our prayer.

The next, or the first regular, meeting was held October 3rd and 4th, 1900, in the Fort Hill Church, Clemson. Miss Elinor Ravenel, president of the Fort Hill Society, welcomed the ten delegates from the nine churches affiliating and the visitors from other churches. They were: Mrs. Prue Sloan and Miss Annie Belle Towers, Anderson Senior Sociey; Miss Lettie Brown, Anderson Junior; Mrs. J. V. Lewis and Mrs. J. P. Smith, Fort Hill; Miss Inez Dickson and Mrs. Gignilliat, Seneca; Mrs. Chas. Davant and Miss Susie Adger, Pendleton; Miss Carrie Mars, Hopewell; Miss Leila Boggs, Liberty; Miss Nora Pettigrew, Bethia, and Mrs. Geo. F. Reid, Morris Chapel. The two last joined by letter. They were not present. Mrs. Ann Tarrant was present from Greenwood as a visitor, her society deciding to base its decision to join the Union upon her report of the meeting.

At night, we are told, in spite of the rain, a large congregation heard the Rev. J. Lowry Wilson, D. D., on the text, "Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?" There was a good musical pro-

gram "and the whole service was delightful and long to be remembered."

The program consisted of papers on mission work by the following: Miss Lillie Brown, Anderson; Miss Inez Dickson, Seneca; Miss Adger, Pendleton, and Mrs. J. P. Smith, Clemson.

The second meeting was held in Seneca, October 10, 1901; Mrs. Brackett, President; Miss Annie Belle Towers, Anderson, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Burgess, Corresponding Secretary. The treasurer reported $20.45 collected. Compare this with the 1928 budget of $1,480.89. Eleven societies were represented with fifteen delegates. It was said, "Something over $400 has been collected by the societies, but some put part to Home and part to Foreign Missions." Compare this with $12,420.00 total to all causes in 1928! Piedmont, Little Mountain, and Good Hope, represented by Miss Simpson, Mrs. Brownlee, and Mrs. Sherard, were added to the roll. Papers were read on, "Woman's Opportunity in Foreign Missions", Miss Towers; "The Pioneer Missionary, His Faith, Heroism, and Service to the Church and the World", Miss Ravenel, of Fort Hill; "Brazil", by Mrs. Tarrant of Greenwood; "Work Among the Negroes", by Miss Taggart, of Hopewell. The titles of some of these early addresses are given to show where the emphasis was being placed. Later the effort was made to have as many addresses as possible made by returned missionaries. The first Executive Committee was appointed, being composed of Mrs. Ramsay Doyle, of Seneca; Mrs. Winslow Sloan, of Clemson; Mrs. Prue Sloan, of Anderson; Mrs. Wade Cothran, of Greenwood, and the president, Mrs. Brackett. (At the next meeting was added Mrs. Gignilliat of Seneca in place of Mrs. Doyle; and Mrs. J. C. Harris, of Anderson. Later it was decided to select all the executive committee from one town and to reduce the membership to three.)

After having discussed finances and objectives at the two previous meetings, it was decided to undertake as the Union's special work, the support of a cot in the Elizabeth Blake Hospital. At the fourth meeting Mrs. Blake, for whom the hospital was named, was the honored guest.

At every meeting a subject for discussion was some variation of, "How to Remove Prejudice Against the Missionary Union and Induce All Societies to Join". The story of these days suggests the difficulties one might have in inducing a group of timid fawn to attend rendezvous at a newly installed woodland fountain. Or, to choose a simile

more characteristically South Carolinian, it would remind one of the days of States Rights debates in Congress.

We like to touch on a few of the wonderful talks made by the missionaries. Fresh from the fields they poured out their hearts to listening home folk who drank in each word as thirsty soil absorbs the showers,—showers reviving and fructifying to missionary zeal. At this same fourth meeting Mrs. J. R. Wilkinson, of Soochow, China, made an address, "listened to with breathless interest". She chose John 14, the same text, she said, she had used at the last woman's prayer meeting before leaving China. She said she told the Chinese women how her home was being made ready for her here by relatives and in this way made them understand the heavenly home being prepared by Jesus for His children. Souvenirs and curios have ever seemed to bring the foreign land a bit nearer, and the missionaries have been careful not to neglect this stimulus to interest. Dr. Wilkinson spoke of its requiring two days or more to make a journey of sixty miles and suggested the need of a naptha launch, as their travel routes were principally canals. The Rev. T. W. Sloan of Greenville said, "*No work man undertakes, no peril so great, but what woman will share it,* and in that last day she will share the reward of having turned many to righteousness". Rev. J. J. Harrell preached on, "By faith the walls of Jerico fell down", followed by strenuous efforts to organize new societies and get them to join the Union.

It was Miss Leona Blake who began the Home Mission note. We read, "By request she told of her previous summer's work in the Tennessee mountains", and again, "By special request related in her own inimitable way the summer at Dr. Guerrant's mission." That "inimitable way" was such a mixture of humor and pathos, and common sense, and high faith as to move even a heart of stone. More is said of Miss Leona Blake in the write-up of the Greenwood Auxiliary.

It is not long before we find the name of the organization changed from "Foreign Mission Union" to "Missionary Union" and regular home missionaries having places on the program at every meeting. Miss Blake spoke earnestly of the benefits of attendance at the Montreat Conferences and during her presidency we find Mrs. Burgess on the program for the same thing. It was decided to send a delegate each year. The following ladies went as delegates: Mrs. Burgess, Miss Annie Blake, Mrs. Geo. Reid, Mrs. Workman and Mrs. Mary Carwile. After the organization of Synodical this was discontinued except for Presbyterial presidents.

At the meeting in 1910 Mrs. Price, of China, brought a letter to the Union from the Woman's Presbyterial Union of China. Mrs. Allen Smith, Mrs. Lee Miller, and Mrs. Beaty were appointed a committee to reply to this letter. A voluntary contribution of $21 was the tribute given Miss Leona Blake's presentation of the mountain mission cause. Dr. Homer McMillan convinced his hearers that much work "lies at our own door if we would be called a Christian nation". This meeting at Abbeville marked a high point in Presbyterial affairs. The good attendance and intense interest is noted especially by the secretary (pro tem), Mrs. S. C. Hodges, who remarks, "It will result in far reaching and eternal good".

It was at this meeting when we bade farewell to our dear sisters and friends of the northern counties of the Union. According to an act of Synod the previous year, the faithful old South Carolina Presbytery had undergone the most recent of its many amputations, and the counties of Oconee, Pickens, and Anderson had been made into the Presbytery of Piedmont. It followed, of course, that the Union divide. The twenty-six delegates and twenty-three societies separated into two bodies for the election of officers which resulted for South Carolina as follows: President, Mrs. T. P. Burgess; Secretary, Mrs. A. B. Morse. Neither of these ladies served at this time, the next president being Mrs. John Lyon of Ninety Six, the secretary and treasurer Miss Leona Blake. The Union funds were divided and equal contributions made to Home and Foreign Missions, a practice followed for many years. Henceforth our brilliant young sister (young in relative time of territorial settlement) would be with us no longer, to inspire, encourage and animate. With the kind of ache in the heart that follows the departing bride, we bade her farewell and God speed.

1911 saw the bereft but smiling South Carolina Presbyterial Union meeting in Ninety-Six welcomed by Mrs. John Lyon, soon to become prominent in Auxiliary circles in both Presbyterial and Synodical. The rseponse was made by Mrs. John E. Brownlee of Little Mountain, spoken of as "our Pioneer", having been present at every meeting since the beginning. Twenty societies composed the new-old Union, five joining at this meeting. Three missionaries were present. Miss Annie Shaddon, of the Indian Mission in Oklahoma, told of an Indian Presbytery attended by entire families, camping out for a week, and giving to the last limit in supporting their churches. Dr. Snedecor told of Stillman Institute, and Rev. W. H. Hudson told of domestic and religious life in China. A new home missionary steps upon the

scene in the person of Miss Annie Blake, soon to "take up the torch" laid down by Miss Leona when her gentle spirit was gathered among the angels. Miss Annie gave a thrilling account of her summer's work at Tampa, Tenn., the mission nestled far up on an eminence too steep to admit a mistep lest your life be in danger.

The historic old Greenville Church was the place of the meeting in 1912. Thirty years before the distinguished Dr. Palmer, of New Orleans, had preached the centennial sermon here one day and the following day at Upper Long Cane. The society reports showed much zeal. Lowndesville told that its attendance sometimes fell to three with two who never missed. Each of these appointed the other a delegate to the meeting where they reported $73.65 contributed to all causes. Miss Leona Blake, the secretary, observes parenthetically, "Surely one can chase a thousand and *two* can put ten thousand to flight".

A pleasant feature of many of these meetings was the feast of fellowship that attended the serving of the dinners out of doors under the grand old trees that surround so many of the country churches. At this one, we are told, fathers, brothers, and sweethearts participated, no doubt making the assembly a thoroughly enjoyable affair.

1912 was the historic year of Synodical organization in South Carolina, the appointment of a General Secretary of Woman's Work, and the change of name from Missionary Union to Woman's Presbyterial Auxiliary. Mrs. Lyon and Miss Blake had their share in this work, representing our Presbyterial at the conference in Columbia in April. They became the leaders and teachers, especially Miss Blake, in the trying times of adjustment to the new order. Mission Study classes were organized, the first Home Mission text book, "At Our Own Door", by Dr. Morris, was studied. What a noble company of texts were to follow! Flowing freely from the inspired pens of our versatile secretaries. Surely no church was ever blessed with greater intelligence or more consecration in its executive heads than has been our Southern Presbyterian Church during the last thirty years!

In 1913 we find Mrs. Lyon inducing the societies to fall swiftly into line with Assembly's suggestion that they contribute to *all causes* of the church. The following secretaries were elected for the first time: Foreign Missions (Mrs. G. A. Byrd, Greenwood), Home Missions (Mrs. A. B. Morse, Abbeville), Young People's Work (Mrs. G. D. Cooley, of Lowndesville), Christian Education and Ministerial Relief (Miss Fannie McCaughrin, Newberry). It was also decided to raise money by free will offering alone, and give no more oyster suppers, entertain-

ments, etc., for this purpose. Mrs. Lyon and Miss Blake, who succeeded her as president, were constantly stressing "informed societies" and were conspicuously successful in their information campaigns. They were the first two "delegates" to Synodical.

1914 saw the first spring Presbyterial meeting in May at Upper Long Cane, "beautiful for situation, a magnificent grove, and a beautiful City of Rest". Mrs. J. E. Brownlee read a memorial to Miss Leona Blake who had gone to her heavenly home. All the work of the women had been stimulated and sweetened by her leadership. Rev. J. B. Green gave a forceful Home Mission appeal, warning against "worshipping the almighty dollar instead of the Almighty God". The first Secretary of Literature was appointed, Mrs. J. D. McCord of Hodges.

In 1915 the outstanding feature was the presence of the delegates from Laurens County which had been taken from Enoree and added to South Carolina Presbytery. The Presbyterial rejoiced at this splendid addition to her ranks. Mrs. Motte Martin was present with the little crippled Negro girl, Bukumba. Many throughtout our church will remember this little broken-backed African's singing "Every Thing to God in Prayer" in her native tongue. And no one will ever forget the heartfelt appeal made by Mrs. Martin for her charges.

At the 1917 meeting honorable mention was made of Old Field Society with only seven members and all the causes of the Assembly cared for, with gifts of $93.

From this time on since the work was becoming more systematized it seems best to proceed topically. For officers, gifts, etc., see chart. Officers who were elected, but for some reason did not serve, are not named; for instance, Mrs. B. L. Parkinson was prevented from serving as president in 1919-20 because of removal from the Presbyterial. Names of missionaries and those speaking on Home Mission topics are there. In 1919 Mrs. Hodges arranged a "return" of a representative from each of the seven fields. Members of the Greenwood Auxiliary each impersonated a missionary: China, Mrs. E. N. Lancaster (Mrs. John R. Blake); Africa, Mrs. Motte Martin (Mrs. B. F. McKellar); Mexico, Miss McClelland (Mrs. John Lyon); Japan, Miss A. P. Hassel (Miss Elizabeth Alexander); Brazil, Mrs. Butler (Mrs. Franz. Engels); Chosen, Mrs. Swinehart (Mrs. A. D. Calhoun); Cuba. "Mrs. Swineheart" well remembers how she searched the files of the "Missionary Survey" for the seven previous years, and memorized almost every word from her prototype, studied her personality, and tried to

give a real impersonation; being quite thankful all the time that she had *kept her "Surveys"*.

Missionary Institutes

The first year of Miss Annie Blake's presidency, 1915, was the first that we had printed stationery, printed minutes, and Missionary Institutes, though Mission Study had always been stressed. Laurens County, where Institutes had been held as a part of Enoree, came to us in that year. Miss Blake invited Mrs. Hunter, of Ora, Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, of Clinton, and Mrs. R. O. Austin, of Cross Hill, to talk on the subject. Four Institutes were held that fall "with great enthusiasm". Mrs. Workman, as a member of the Executive Committee, labored untiringly in building them up. She was appointed General Secretary for Institutes in 1920. In 1922 they took as their "special" the support of a Bible woman in China, as a memorial to Donald Richardson, Jr. It was continued until 1924 when all "specials" were stopped.

The leaders and speakers at these conferences were not given until 1919, when Miss Marie Bowie, Mrs. J. D. Watts, and Mrs. A. B. Morse are mentioned besides Mrs. Workman. Names are not given in 1920, but in 1921 Mrs. S. C. Byrd addressed each on Bible Study and Mrs. S. C. Hodges illustrated by blocks the relation of Woman's Work to that of the General Assembly. Dr. Richardson, China; Dr. Coit, Korea; Dr. Harry Myers, Japan; Rev. Geo. W. Taylor, of Brazil; Mrs. Jennie Grier Moffatt are mentioned as giving addresses. Since 1922 there have been special group leaders for each county, four at first until McCormick was added and there were five, now in 1928 one and two have joined again making four. For leaders' names see schedule. Conference and not inspiration is now stressed.

The "Special"

At the very first organization meeting a committee, Mrs. Brownlee, Mrs. Stribling, and Mrs. Taylor was appointed to decide what work the Union would undertake. Later Miss Townes, Miss Evie Lewis, and Mrs. E. W. Brown, all of Anderson, were appointed to study the situation. This committee reported "better not except for something not requiring great financial outlay". After hearing a sermon by Dr. J. W. Davis of the Seminary, the Union undertook the support of the cot at the Elizabeth Blake Hospital in Soochow, China, at $20 a year. Later cost was raised to $50 and the cot christened the "Palmetto Cot." It was for the "heathen" and a Foreign Missionary Society must needs

hear their cry. It was for the sick, and tender hearts were swelling with pity. Prof. Blake had lived and labored in our own Presbytery. His distinguished widow (née Miss Elizabeth Maxwell of Pendleton), highly intellectual, deeply spiritual, was still among us. What selection more fitting? This was continued until about 1917.

In 1917 the "Orene McIlwain Fund" was established for the purpose of enabling her, a volunteer for foreign service, to continue her studies at the Assembly's Training School. Miss Fannie McCaughrin was elected treasurer, a position which she held until specials were discontinued in 1926. Other beneficiaries and amounts given are: 1918-1919, Miss Clarabel Williams, $112.50; To Dr. Lingle, $112.50; Miss McIlwain, $165; Miss Mabel Currie, $236; Miss Louise Miller, Georgia, $261; Miss Susan Currel, $260; Miss Annie Marks and Miss Josephine Boozer, $450. In 1922-23 the amount, $225, was sent to the Training School. In 1923-24 the amount, $225, was sent to the Training School. In 1924-25 the amount $228, was sent to the Training School. In 1925-26 the amount, $223, was used for expenses of Miss Marie Gibert, in Presbyterial Home Mission work (Ware Shoals) instead of a scholarship at the Training School. Total, $2,498.

In 1916 the Williams Industrial School for colored girls was discussed. In 1917 Mrs. Thornbury, of Atlanta, after addressing the Presbyterial, suggested that the "Special" be the Abbeville School and the Woman's Building at Montreat. Contributions were made to both, also to the Wm. Brearly Home for South Carolina ministers at Montreat. Mrs. W. J. Bailey, 1917, was made treasurer of the fund for the Woman's Building. The contributions were given to all, none of these was made regular "special". In 1918 the building in Abbeville was burned and the Home Mission Committee decided to place the new school at Tuscaloosa, Ala., where it could share the services of the faculty at Stillman Institute. Miss Louise Watson of Abbeville was treasurer of the fund until it was turned over to the Home Mission Committee.

NEGROES

That there has always been Presbyterial interest in the welfare of this race is evidenced by the paper at the second meeting on "Work Among the Negroes", and the presence of Dr. Snedecor as speaker several years later. It has manifested itself principally in donations from the individual churches and in private Sunday School classes, etc., as outlined in the separate church histories. The organization of a State

Interracial Committee gave impetus in this Presbyterial as elsewhere. Mrs. A. D. Calhoun of this Presbyterial was at that time Synodical Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions and chairman of this work for the Presbyterian Church. In pursuance of her duty she urged the formation of Interracial Committees in every church whose duties would be to inform themselves and their churches as to housing, sanitation, and school conditions among Negroes; and, so far as possible, to assist in ameliorating hardships, and in promoting a friendly understanding. Delegates were sent to the State Conferences for Negro Women in Alabama and Georgia.

In 1923 a conference of Negro women was held in Greenwood under the direction of Mrs. Calhoun. That it was held as inter-denominational work came about in this way: It was the wish of Mrs. Mayes and Mrs. Calhoun to take up the matter of a summer conference at the Synodical executive meeting in February, 1923. The Secretary was unavoidably absent from this meeting, and immediately thereafter was called by a family death to a distant state where she remained several weeks. A few days after her return the entire state was shocked by the death of Mrs. Mayes (than whom there was no lovelier Christian). Soon after a message came from Mrs. Bramlet asking that the Secretary present, at the meeting of South Carolina Presbyterial, the question of having a state conference *that* summer, 1923; Mrs. Bramlet herself to present the subject at the other Presbyterials. The Secretary, thinking that this had been decided at the Executive Committee meeting, without further question, and very speedily, for the time was short, arranged a program of state workers. (See letter from Mrs. W.) Almost at the time of the Presbyterial she learned that a mistake had been made in the *transmission* of the message from the State President to herself; that it had *not* been 1923 but 1924, for which the conference was to be planned.

At the Presbyterial she related the circumstances in detail but told of the fine speakers and the services of Brewer Normal School, already promised, and suggested that we have a *Presbyterial* conference that summer. This matter of having several group institutes to be served by county demonstrators and local church workers the Secretary had previously proposed to Mrs. Mayes, with her approval. The minutes of South Carolina Presbyterial, 1923, show what action was taken. On page 6 of this bulletin we find:

> "Mrs. A. D. Calhoun . . . . told in a most enthusiastic manner how a conference for Negro women could be put on in

South Carolina. Mrs. Bramlet, Mrs. Stribling, Mrs. Hodges, and Mrs. Morse, representatives of the Synodical, conferred and it was decided to make this a state conference to be held at Greenwood, S. C." (In the summer of that year 1923.)

Immediately thereafter the Secretary completed the last details of arrangement for the program, to be given the last of August, the time being set after conference with the Negro ministers, Brewer Normal School, and the program speakers. This was consummated with all the greater celerity because of the Secretary's intention to spend the early summer in New York.

St. Louis, Mo.,
Oct. 4, 1922.

Mrs. A. D. Calhoun,
Greenwood, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Calhoun:

I am especially interested in the "Race Relationship Report".

South Carolina could easily have a Colored Conference of her own and I shall be happy to have you start one next fall.

It should really have been taken before your Synodical at its last meeting but if you can get the approval of the Synodical Executive Committee and if you personally are willing to do the advance work for it, *we have a fund here that will finance it for the first year.*

* * * *

With many good wishes, we are,
Cordially yours,
MRS. W. C. WINSBOROUGH,
Supt.

At this juncture word came from the State President saying that she had decided to delay the state conference until 1924, in order that its induction might go through the regular channels of Synodical in the fall.

The Secretary, feeling that the conference was too far along to recede, the plans of too many people involved, and the *benefits to the Negro women of Greenwood County too great to be lost,* returned to her original idea of a local conference and gave it under *inter-denominational Interracial* auspices, which, *as a member of the State Inter-*

racial Committee, it was her duty to promote. The churches of Greenwood readily agreed to assist the Greenwood Presbyterian Auxiliary in financing it. Each gave a . . . . . devotional or evening vesper leader: Mrs. J. T. McLees and Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Presbyterian; Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Methodist; Mrs. James Cain and Mrs. Brownwell, Episcopalian; Mrs. E. S. Moorer, Mrs. G. W. Gardner, and Mrs. A. W. Henderson, Baptist; Dr. G. W. Gardner, Baptist, and Bishop K. G. Finlay, Episcopal; Rev. F. E. Dibble, Methodist, and Rev. E. A. Fuller, Baptist, assisted. The regular Bible hour was held by Rev. H. A. Beadle, Congregational Home Missionary from the American Missionary Society of New York, and president of Brewer Normal. Home Ecconomics, by Mrs. Rhett Clark of Columbia, and Mrs. Tom Ellis, of Charleston. Handicraft by Miss Wyckliffe, formerly of Winthrop. Health by the incomparable county nurse, Miss Woodson. Sewing and playground, Mrs. Harriett Johnson, of Winthrop College. All were ably assisted by talented Greenwood women. Night addresses were given by Mrs. W. M. Rowland, president of the Georgia Synodical; Bishop K. G. Finlay, Dr. C. B. Antisdell, president Benedict College; Rev. Richard Carroll, of Columbia, and Dr. Sims, pastor of the colored Methodist Church, and Ph. D. of Chicago University. Special addresses were made by Mrs. Cain and Dr. Scheyer of South Carolina University on Tuberculosis; Mr. Gulledge and Mr. Daniels, county and state farm demonstrators, on Cows and the Handling of Milk; Mrs. S. C. Campbell, wife of the colored Baptist minister, on Making the Home One Hundred Per Cent Christian; Mrs. Jessie Walker, teacher in the colored schools, on Race Relations. Prof. W. H. Hilliard, of the colored faculty of Brewer, gave invaluable assistance in everything, Mrs. Hilliard particularly in the music, and Prof. Hilliard in screen pictures shown and in putting on a religious pageant.

It was touching to hear the many really beautiful words of appreciation and resolutions from the Negroes for the joys and benefits of the conference. The colored ministers expressed unfeigned thankfulness for the event, and a letter even came from an ex-service invalid in a hospital in Greenville begging that such a conference be held at his former home. A nucleus of sixty-five were regular attendants and two hundred registered during the week. Mrs. Bramlet came up and made an inspiring talk as did many prominent men and women of Greenwood and vicinity.

The leader treasures letters of appreciation from Mrs. Bramlet and Mrs. Winsborough. She would be glad if small yearly institutes could

be held wherever there is a Negro college building to accommodate the students, with its faculty and county and church officers to give instruction to the so many yearning and appreciative women for whom leaving home is an impossibility.

Since 1924 the churches of South Carolina Presbyterial nearly all send delegates to the splendid state conferences held in Columbia, as will be found in the individual society histories.

ORPHANAGE

The giving to the Orphanage has always been a part of the joy of society work; it was in 1920 that Synodical recommended a Presbyterial Orphanage Committee. This first committee was Miss Annie Green, Newberry County; Mrs. O. M. Nickles of Hodges for Greenwood County; Mrs. Frank Wilson, Calhoun Falls for Abbeville County, and Mrs. W. R. McCuen, Laurens County. May was chosen as the month for South Carolina cash contributions. Three of these counties sent $590 in cash with many other articles of clothing and food. (One report left out of minutes.) In 1922 $1,120 is reported. In 1923 Mrs. Davis Williams, Greenwood County, $296; Mrs. W. H. Leaman, Laurens, $377; Mrs. V. C. Wilson, Newberry, $155; Abbeville contributed but no report; total, $828 in addition to other things. In 1923 the Louise Mayes Baby Cottage contributions were begun and included in the Orphanage reports, Mrs. Geo. Wright, chairman. In 1924 Abbeville reports $80; Newberry, $418; Greenwood, $542; total $1,040. In 1925 Mrs. Nina Vance Bailey (J. A.) of Clinton was made Presbyterial Secretary of Orphanage Work and reported $1,317; 1926, $1,003; 1927, $919; 1928, $1,337; grand total, $8,154, bearing in mind that this is a very incomplete report of the earlier years.

The Presbyterial Historian has asked Mrs. Bailey for the following addition in regard to the women who have helped build and support the Orphanage. Mrs. Bailey is eminently fitted to do this. Her home is in Clinton near the Orphanage and she has been interested in it from the beginning through her husband's services and her own. She creditably held the offices of Synodical Secretary and chairman of a Synodical committee on Orphanage until Mrs. Bramlet placed this work in charge of the Vice President,—an otherwise too lightly burdened official, she said.

Mrs. Bailey has continued as South Carolina Presbyterial Secretary of Orphanage to the present time. She serves not with the long



CONFERENCE FOR COLORED WOMEN

Held at Brewer Normal School August 26-31, 1923—An Interdenominational Missionary Effort.

drawn sigh of the "duty bounden" but with a touch of humor and a bit of song, heartily sincere, warmly sympathetic.

(Contributed by Mrs. Jos. A. Bailey)

"They talk about a woman's sphere
As though it had a limit—
There's not a place in earth or heaven,
There's not a task to mankind given,
There's not a blessing or a woe,
There's not a whispered yes or no,
There's not a life, there's not a birth,
That has a feather's weight of worth
Without a woman in it."

So closely is the life of Thornwell Orphanage associated with the women of the church, mentioning the one automatically embraces the other. Beginning with the family itself we find women not only rocking the cradle but guiding, mothering and administering to the child, therein doing a missionary work second to none, be the field far off China or the mountains of nearby Kentucky. Big is Thornwell's man power—all credit to same! But how many realize the workers in the institution are nearly five to one in favor of the "female of the species?"

Take a walk with me over the campus if you please. It's no trip for the fellow who can't walk, let me hasten to add, for the campus covers twenty-five acres not counting the up and down of stairs you'll climb. Eight buildings we visit represent the love of that blessed woman, Mrs. Nettie Fowler McCormick of Chicago, memorials all, with five named for women. One of the eight, Mary Jacobs School, stands a well deserved tribute to the wife of the founder—Thornwell's first matron—financed by Mrs. McCormick and not a gift of Mrs. Jacobs' family as some have thought. Lesh Infirmary expresses material interest of Mrs. Mary Lesh of Massachusetts. Far away in miles but close in heart throb these women extended a helping hand to the child in the Southland. Not only did they build, in the will of each a sum was left Thornwell with which to carry on. To the generosity of Mrs. Lees of New York the Home of Peace (first cottage built) owes its repair and third story.

A daughter of far off Ohio, Mrs. Clarissa Fairchild, gave the largest part of a cottage that bears her name—once the infirmary but now a home for girls. A woman's thought placed on the campus the

Museum. Erected by Mrs. Emily Stacy of Georgia, it represents one of many good works credited to those of her State. A memorial to sons is the Hollingsworth Home, made possible by the loving heart and open purse of Mrs. M. A. Hollingsworth of Pickens, S. C., and remembered in her will.

In the Southland, too, lived Mrs. Maria S. Sherard (Virginia) and Mrs. Sara A. Turner (Georgia). To the former we are indebted for the home that bears her name, while the latter's ten thousand dollar gift started the building that houses all. Three times a day the orphanage family gathers in the kitchen-dining hall, known as The Turner Building.

Mrs. C. E. Graham of Greenville, S. C., carried a large part of the cost of the office or Graham Building which was financed by her family. Goodly legacies have come from Mrs. Jane Kenedy (?), Mrs. W. A. Epps (Florida), Mrs. Sarah Bowie Terhune (Georgia), Miss Blackwell (New York), and Miss Badeau (Florida). Just a few I have mentioned, asking you to remember always, that interest is not confined to large figures. The widow's mite has been, is, and will ever be the very back bone of such institutions.

Do you know the first money given Thornwell was fifty cents? Since the donor was a little boy and not a little girl, we can't report in a woman's narration—but I venture to say Willie Anderson (he is still just as fine, too) "took after his Ma" or he would have put his money in stick candy. I am told that coin is still held by the institution—a veritable mustard seed!

Ere you leave the campus visit the Frances Louise Mayes Cottage where our babies live—a building erected in honor of Mrs. Mayes of Greenville, S. C. After her death (1923) 'twas suggested this be her memorial financed by the women of Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina. The idea swept through the three states, and in record time, work started in 1923, saw a building dedicated in 1925. South Carolina was fortunate in having Mrs. George Wright in charge of this fund. With an ear ever on the elert to hear the call of the less fortunate, Mrs. McNeel of York, S. C., furnished this building throughout—made of it, in fact, a beautiful functioning plant for the comfort of these "little ones". As it stands it represents an investment of over $35,000.-00 in money. Who can name in figures the interest—in life—it yields?

'Twas Mrs. Mayes who suggested the office of Secretary of Orphanage Work—insisting it was worthy of special attention. This addition to Synodical cabinet was created by that body at Greenwood, S. C., meeting 1922. "Sister Bailey, this is your job", was her cheery

way of asking me to take the work. Since "Sister Bailey's" husband had served the institution long as treasurer (till the work reached the salary point to be exact) 'twas the natural thing for her to catch the torch and carry on—1925 saw office changed to standing committee. That saintly woman, Mrs. Mayes, had "crossed the river", leaving a worthy leader in Mrs. Bramlet. The latter assured me I saved her life when I asked for discussion as to the name of office. That fact (?) must have been a joke, however, for to this day I've heard nothing from the Carnage fund. Darlington meeting brought my term of office to a close. At that time Synodical placed Orphanage Work in hands of vice president of the body. This gave that office a definite work, and reduced representation. In my opinion a wise change and one that in no way hurt the cause. The various changes were made by Synodical. Minutes of 1913 give a bit over $300.00 to Thornwell, while the chairman's report of 1924 carries $3,371.41. Only these two are at hand. This represents gifts ranging from jelly to cash and adds much to the comfort of this Orphanage family.

South Carolina Statistical Synodical report gives under Orphans' Homes $80,288.00 as having been contributed since organization. The first figure, $991.00, for 1913-14, with $5,818.00 for 1927-28. This amount was not reported via orphanage chairman, however, and may cover legacies, buildings, etc.

Presbyterian women both nearby and afar have loved, prayed for, and supported this institution. There is no branch of the work "without a woman in it". After going carefully over the records we (that we is mostly Dr. Lynn, God bless him) feel safe in saying women "here, there, and yon" have invested nearly a half million dollars in this plant. Verily such women "live in deeds". May the mantle of each fall upon shoulders fitted, ready, and willing to support this institution. No gift is too small, none can be too large.

"When the last great picture is painted
And the tubes are twisted and dried,
And the oldest colors have faded
And the youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and, faith, we shall need it;
Lie down for an aeon or two,
'Till the master of all good workmen
Shall call us to work anew."

NINA VANCE BAILEY (MRS. JOS. A.), *Chmn.*,
Orphanage Work S. C. Presbyterial.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

A source of deep concern and joy has been the growing attention to Young People's Work, that so necessary training for those so soon to be at the helm. When the present generation shall have passed into the shadows, it will not be a similar hesitant, inexperienced youth who grasps direction, but a calm eyed, well poised, informed group who already know the sound of their own voices in prayer, and the internal works of the machinery of government; superior instruments shaped for the Divine Will. That they may yield themselves as unreservedly and as fervently as have their mothers is our hope and prayer.

In 1914 we had our first secretary for this cause, Mrs. T. D. Cooley. Since then Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Miss Louise Brown, Mrs. D. W. A. Neville, and Miss Virginia Neville have given wonderful service. Forty-seven South Carolina delegates attended Conference in Clinton this (1928) year. At the Echo Conferences these young people put into practice what they have learned and spread the good work to those who could not attend the State Conference. (Very incomplete reports from society to Presbyterial officers make statistics in this work misleading.)

Another work which is receiving increased attention is the Daily Vacation Bible School. We cannot report the number for data is incomplete. Abbeville, Hodges, Greenwood, Laurens, Clinton and others have had fine schools. It is hoped that these schools will grow in numbers and in length of term.

South Carolina Presbyterial has contributed toward all the causes of the Church both regular and special. The birthday gifts for the last seven years have amounted to $2,240 (1927). It has given to the William Brearly Home, the Woman's Building, the Louise Mayes Baby Cottage, the library of Chicora College, the Fort Hill Church and White Cross. The grand total for contributions in 1928 (year closing) were $12,420 with a per capita of $9.60, an increase of $1,814 over the previous year.

All the Auxiliaries except four include all women of the church. Half the number work on the Circle Plan, the small ones and two moderately large ones do not. Efficiency and Echo Conferences are held. Recommendations for 1927 and 1928 include efforts to strengthen prayer life, personal evangelism, family altars, Young People's Work, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, and to so perfect the work of local historians that when we are ready to compile our next history the work will be easy and complete.

CONDENSED EDUCATIONAL REPORT SINCE 1920

	No. Members	Surveys	Calendars of Prayer	Foreign Mission Classes	Home Mission Classes	Prayer Bands	Bible Classes	Vol. for Life Ser.	Family Altars	Tithers	Standard of Excellence
1920	832	277	135	13	19	6	3	-----	-----	-----	----
1921	912	409	152	16	13	11	11	-----	-----	-----	----
1922	1137	362	148	25	25	17	18	-----	169	194	----
1923	1134	349	336	20	26	20	30	17	240	128	6
1924	1139	407	206	25	27	26	30	13	256	189	13
1925	1122	412	378	25	37	37	30	16	329	253	15
1926	1140	406	286	30	35	32	36	17	331	289	14
1927	1339	426	279	31	35	69	37	21	162	277	21
1928	1272	357	154	37	37	62	32	13	292	277	19

Standard of Excellence: Five in 1915. Five in 1916. Six in 1917. 1918, Presbyterial Auxiliary reached Standard of Excellence. 1919, in gifts. 1920, ten per cent in members, twenty per cent in gifts. 1921, three, yes; five, gifts; four, members. 1922, nothing said. 1923, Greenwood 100, Greenville 100. 1924, Greenville 100, Hodges 100, Laurens 100. 1927, Whitmire 100, Clinton 100. 1928, Whitmire 100, Thornwell Memorial 100.

Appended is a schedule of dates, places, numbers, gifts, missionary speakers, and officers, which represents South Carolina Presbyterial in a nut shell since the beginning. We include names of missionary speakers because it is they who have lifted high His royal banner, followed so eagerly and so lovingly. To print their names is a deed of gratitude and will recall to many South Carolina Presbyterial readers their stepping stones of resolution to higher achievement.

The officers are the soldiers of the front firing line. They include leaders, teachers, exhorters, and encouragers. Of some of them we must say a word. Their unselfish, frequently sacrificial labors and extended terms of service deserve it. Of the presidents (residing within our present boundary) Miss Leona Blake has already been spoken of and her name will be found again in the Greenwood History and in the list of home missionaries.

Mrs. John Lyon helped induct us into Synodical and Assembly coordination. She, with Miss Annie Blake, her successor, were our

representatives at the first Synodical organization. She acted as secretary to this group and was one of the committee who drafted the overture to Synod regarding it. Mrs. Lyon was Emma Caroline Hill, born in Edgefield County but resident of Greenwood. She graduated at Converse College in June, 1898, and took post graduate work at Cornell University. After seven years of teaching in college work she married Dr. John Lyon, beloved and widely known physician of Ninety-Six and Greenwood. Since his death in 1920 she has been teaching in high schools of Greenwood and Columbia and is now one of the faculty of Chicora College. She received her master's degree at the University of South Carolina in June, 1928.

Miss Annie Blake served six years. During the trying time when the World War almost crowded out our church work she valiantly "carried on". At the close of her second term, modesty bade her resign and Mrs. B. L. Parkinson was elected, but Mrs. Parkinson removing from the Presbytery, Mrs. Winsborough asked that Miss Blake take up the work again. At the close of her eminent services the Presbyterial presented her with a beautiful watch bracelet as a token of appreciation and esteem. She was later called upon to serve a year after the removal from the Presbyterial and resignation of her efficient successor, Mrs. J. B. Hillhouse, until the election of the new president, Mrs. W. O. Brownlee.

Miss Blake is the daughter of Dr. Thomas Stewart and Carrie Carwile Blake. She was born and reared in the town of Ninety Six, attended Converse College and is a first honor graduate of Augusta, Georgia, Training School for Nurses. For two years, 1903-1904, she was superintendent of Fairchild's Infirmary, Thornwell Orphanage. Along with Mrs. Ellie Peay and Miss Leona Blake (sisters) of Greenwood she spent the summer of 1911 in Dr. Guerrant's Mission in the Smoky Mountains of Tennessee.

Our next prseident, Mrs. Brownlee, was one of our most efficient, and is loved by every woman in the Presbyterial. She was Miss Alice Winn, the daughter of Mrs. Fannie Winn of the old Greenville Church (given in Greenville history). The ability of Mrs. Brownlee is given ample testimony by the fact that she was taken away from us to be president of the South Carolina Synodical, a position which she now fills so admirably.

To fill her unexpired term Mrs. S. C. Hodges was elected, for the year 1926-27. She planned and carried on the work in the interval between meetings but was prevented from attending the 1927 meeting



MRS. S. C. HODGES

by illness. Mrs. J. F. Jacobs, Sr., of Clinton, presided and was elected for the following year. She made an excellent officer but ill health forced her to resign this year and Mrs. J. I. Copeland now admirably discharges the duties of president.

Mrs. Hodges has been one of the foundation pillars and one of the ornaments of the South Carolina Presbyterial. Of rarely charming personality, gentle voiced, tactful, wise, she has been active as a speaker and adviser at almost every meeting. As Secretary of Literature in both the Presbyterial and the Synodical she has demonstrated the ultimate possibilities of that office. She was Secretary of Spiritual Life in Synodical in 1923-24, and has filled out unexpired term of Mrs. Batchelor as Secretary of Spiritual Life in South Carolina Presbyterial. Mrs. Hodges was Miss Mae Lily Blake, daughter of Prof. W. K. Blake, for years president of Spartanburg Female College.

If faithful work ever deserved a word of praise it should be given to Mrs J. M. Workman, of Newberry, who was secretary and treasurer for four years while these offices were combined and treasurer for eight years thereafter. Her faithful spirit passed away at her home April 21, 1926. It was during the meeting of Presbyterial for which she had labored so long and so lovingly. It was she who had built up Missionary Institutes from the beginning, and was director until her death.

Miss Louise Fleming of Greenwood as Secretary did a fine work in getting the societies to send in reports, and send them in *on time.* Mrs. T. L. Highsmith of Shoals Junction, formerly Miss Lucy Thompson of Abbeville, was her faithfully efficient successor. Each served four years.

Mrs. W. R. Cothran of Greenwood, who was Miss Jennie Harrison of Andersonville, our present recording secretary, is putting out minutes that are a joy because of their accuracy and lucid arrangement. She was a member of the first Presbyterial Executive Committee and made an eminently efficient president of her Auxiliary. Her keen sagacity has made her invaluable in both organizations. Her almost uncanny memory for facts and people, and her patience and kindness in answering questions have made her a well-spring of information to the historian.

Mrs. A. B. Morse (Rosa Maxwell of Savannah), who lives in Abbeville, was our Secretary of Spiritual Life for four years, and served with distinction as Treasurer of the Synodical for the long term of

eight years. She gives valuable service in Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Members of South Carolina Presbyterial who have held Synodical office are: Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, President; Mrs. A. B. Morse, Treasurer; Mrs. S. C. Hodges, Secretary Literature and of Spiritual Life; Mrs. L. S. Camp, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Leith, Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions; Mrs. A. D. Calhoun, Assembly's Home Missions.

Names sent in by their Auxiliaries for honorable mention as Presbyterial workers (entirely unknown to the ladies themselves) are: Miss Bessie Todd of Laurens, who has been Secretary of Foreign Missions, Assembly's Home Missions, and of Literature. She did faithful work for the Todd Memorial Church in Laurens, helping the women there to start their Auxiliary and Sunday School work. Miss Todd died in April, 1927. Mrs. J. Allen Smith, Jr. (Miss Anzie Holman), of Abbeville, has made a wonderful Bible teacher. As Miss Holman she studied to be a missionary but marriage kept her here and she has used her talents to serve those nearest her. Mrs. George Wright, who was Miss Jennie White of Abbeville, has been a pillar of strength in Laurens. Mrs. W. J. Blake and Mrs. J. H. Sherard of Calhoun Falls have served nobly in their Auxiliaries as Presbyterial officers and as group chairmen. Mrs. A. P. Gailiard (Ninety-Six), Mrs. F. W. Wilson (Abbeville), Mrs. D. W. A. Neville (Clinton), Mrs. A. M. Lanier, Mrs. W. G. Anderson and Mrs. R. M. Duckett have been mentioned with distinction. Many Auxiliaries decline to mention names saying that *all* have been deserving of the honor. Miss Fannie McCaughrin and Mrs. J. A. Bailey have long been special treasurers and have done splendid work in promoting their causes. Mrs. Bailey is now regular Secretary of Orphanage Work.

As a fitting climax to this summary of South Carolina Presbyterial work and workers we submit the names and records of our missionaries so far as we have been able to gather information.

To the various church historians for their faithful gathering of fact; to the presidents for their sometimes difficult task of finding someone willing to serve as historian, to the district chairmen who gave much assistance in getting responses from indifferent churches, to several ministers and elders for the same reason, to Miss Fannie McCaughrin, for data on missionaries, and to the present secretary for much information, without all of which this history could not have been written, the Historian wishes to give most cordial thanks. That the history

is lacking in many respects she is well aware, but it is the best that she is able to present at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Newcomb Johnston Calhoun,
(Mrs. Allston DuPre Calhoun)
Historian South Carolina Presbyterial.

MISSIONARIES

CLINTON MISSIONARIES

Mrs. F. A. Brown (Charlotte Thompson). Daughter of Dr. Thompson and Mrs. Janie Perrin Thompson, the latter of Abbeville, S. C. Born and reared in Atlanta, Ga.; member of Central Church, Altanta; sent out to China by Atlanta Presbytery in 1909. Stationed at Suchowfu, engaged in evangelistic work. Supported largely by Clinton First Church.

Mrs. L. H. Lancaster (Eliza Neville). Daughter of Rev. W. G. Neville, D. D., one time president of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, and Mrs. Virginia Aiken Neville. Born in Frankfort, Ky., and reared in York, S. C., and Clinton, S. C. Graduate of Presbyterian College of South Carolina, and of Dr. White's Bible School. Member of First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, S. C. Sent out to China by South Carolina Presbytery in 1917. Married Rev. L. H. Lancaster in June, 1918. Stationed at Nanking. Engaged in educational work. At present making home in Nashville, Tenn., where Mr. Lancaster is assistant pastor of First Presbyterian Church.

Miss Caroline Kilgore. Reared in Thornwell Orphanage; member of First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, S. C., in childhood. Graduate of Thornwell Orphanage; post-graduate work at Peabody College and Columbia University. Sent out to Brazil in 1912 from Enoree Presbytery (in which the First Church of Clinton was then located). Engaged in educational work, teacher in Agnes Erskine College.

Miss Cassie Lee Oliver, daughter of Pierce and Clara Kennedy Oliver of near Abbeville. Rev. H. C. Fennel was her pastor. Reared in Thornwell Orphanage; member of First Presbyterian Church, Clinton, S. C., in childhood. Graduate of Thornwell Orphanage; graduate in nursing of Grady Hospital, Atlanta, Ga.; spent some time in Moody Bible School, Chicago, in the last year; at present taking post-graduate work in Grady Hospital. Returns to China in fall. With Dr. W. P. Jacobs during his last years as nurse and secretary, and afterward, was secretary and treasurer for Thornwell Orphanage. Sent out to

China in 1922 by South Carolina Presbytery. Nurse in charge in Tsing-Kiang-Pu General Hospital.

Miss Virginia Neville. Daughter of Rev. W. G. Neville, D. D., one time president of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina, and Mrs. Virginia Aiken Neville. Member of First Church, Clinton, S. C. Reared in South Carolina, Cokesbury, York and Clinton. Graduate of Presbyterian College of South Carolina and of Dr. White's Bible School. Did Home Mission Work, teaching at Nacoochee Institute for ten years; taught for a year and a half in China while on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Lancaster; for the past several years, has been teacher of Bible at Thornwell Orphanage.

Miss Caroline Caldwell. Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Caldwell. Reared in South Carolina. Member of First Church, Clinton, S. C. Did special work at Presbyterian College of South Carolina; graduate of Dr. White's Bible School. Taught Bible for several years at Thornwell Orphanage; now engaged in Home Mission Work at Clothier, West Virginia.

Mrs. C. Bynum Betts (Mary Ruth Copeland). Daughter of Mr. A. M. Copeland and Mrs. Ruth Simpson Copeland. Born and reared in Clinton, S. C. Member of First Presbyterian Church of Clinton. Graduate of Winthrop. Sent out by United Presbyterian Mission in 1923 to Gurdaspur, India, Punjab, where she did educational work for two years. Recalled on account of ill health. Recently married Mr. Betts, pastor of the Associate Reformed Church of Clinton, of which church she is now a member.

Mrs. R. D. Bedinger (Julia Smith). Daughter of Rev. R. P. Smith, formerly president of Presbyterian College of South Carolina, and Mrs. Ella Reid Smith. Left Clinton, S. C., for Asheville, N. C., when a child. Sent out from Asheville Presbytery in 1916 to Mutoto Station, Africa, where she is doing educational work.

Miss Maria Atkinson, Miss Addie Sloan and Miss Ruth See came to Clinton, S. C., as members of a Mission Study class, taught by Dr. Wm. P. Jacobs. They all united with the First Church of Clinton, worked in its Sabbath School, and taught in Thornwell Orphanage. Miss Maria Atkins could not be sent out by Mission Board at first, so

sold her own farm in Virginia and paid her own way; was sent out in 1899 from East Hanover Presbytery to Japan, and is doing evangelistic work at Takamatsu. Miss Addie Sloan was sent out in 1896 from Potosi Presbytery to China, is doing evangelistic work at Soochow. Miss Ruth See was sent out in 1900 from Montgomery Presbytery to Brazil; is doing educational work in Campo-Bello.

The four ladies whose names follow are wives of missionaries who were members of the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton and graduates of the Presbyterian College of South Carolina:

Mrs. S. P. Fulton (Rachel Peck), sent out in 1888 from Montgomery Presbytery to Japan, where she is doing evangelistic work at Kobe. Mother of Rev. C. D. Fulton, D. D.

Mrs. C. D. Fulton (Nannie Ravenel); daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ravenel of Spartanburg; sent out from Enoree Presbytery in 1917 to Japan, where she did educational work. Returned to this country in 1925 when her husband became field secretary of Foreign Missions.

Mrs. W. G. Neville (Mary Lindsay Tennant); daughter of Mr. Henry Tennant and Mrs. Susan Wingfield Tennant of Augusta, Ga. Sent out from Enoree Presbytery in 1925 to Brazil; doing evangelistic work in Garanhums.

Mrs. Bruno M. Schlotter (Dorothy Chambers). Sent out from East Texas Presbytery in 1920 to Africa; doing evangelistic work in Luebo. Mr. Schlotter and Dr. S. P. Fulton were Thornwell boys.

HOME MISSIONARIES

LEBANON

Miss Marie Gibert, of Lebanon, Abbeville County, five miles from Abbeville, is the daughter of Janie Guillebeau and William L. Gibert. She graduated at Assembly's Training School. She worked for one year in South Carolina Persbytery doing Home Mission work at Ware Shoals. For over two years she taught at Plum Branch, N. C., in a school for mountain boys. She is now at Stanton, Mississippi, organizing Sabbath Schools and Christian Endeavor societies, working under the direction of the Home Mission Board.

Mount Carmel

Mount Carmel reports: Miss Maggie Sutherland, now Mrs. McCrory, of Rock Hill, S. C., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sutherland of Mt. Carmel, who taught music in 1918 and 1919 at Banner Elk.

Miss Dorah Black, now Mrs. D. L. Bryson, of Calhoun Falls. S. C., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. K. Black, of Mt. Carmel, who taught at Banner Elk in 1918.

Miss "Kittie" or Bessie Morrah, who did work in Corbin, Ky., a coal mine section and railroad center, five divisions running into the town. The pastor, Dr. William Boggs, could only go there once a month and this little lady was to try to hold the fort during his absence,—build up a Sunday School, prayer meeting, Ladies' Aid Society, Young People's Christian Endeavor, Charity Association, see that children attended school, and Sabbath School, have community Christmas trees, and do personal evangelism. This in a population of nearly 10,000 called "for a lot of walking"! Shortly before Dr. Boggs' death, at a six weeks meeting held there, over two hundred joined different churches. Miss Morrah is at home now recovering from a very severe illness. She says modestly, "They want me back and I hope to go just as soon as I can." What a picture of the unheralded home missionary's work! God bless them!

Little Mountain

Miss Claudia Crowther, now Mrs. H. E. Wright, daughter of P. A. and Sue Seawright Crowther of Antreville, S. C., worked in Dr. Guerrant's inland misssion in the mountains of Kentucky. She now lives on an Indian reservation at Fort Thompson, S. D., where her husband has a government position. Her brother, C. S. Crowther, worked also in Dr. Guerrant's mission. Later spent ten years in the government schools in the Phillippines, and is now superintendent of city schools in Sylacange, Ala.

Miss Allie May Power, now Mrs. C. H. Pennel, daughter of H. J. and Lula Johnson Power, of Antreville, S. C., taught in mission schools in North Carolina. She is now superintendent of the Cradle Roll and leader of Christian Endeavor. Her brother, Dr. Eugene Power, has been physician for a mining company in Chosen, Korea, for fifteen years and ministers to souls as well as bodies, though not a regular missionary.

Dr. Thomas Pennel, son of Harvey and Lucy McClelland Pennel, was physician at Highland School, Guerrant, Ky. He died in 1924.

LIBERTY SPRINGS

Reports no missionary but Miss Kate Austin, daughter of Mrs. R. O. Austin, of that church was a volunteer, and after her marriage to Rev. S. J. L. Crouch, assisted her husband in Y. M. C. A. work in Egypt during the World War. Mr. Crouch is now pastor at Clemson where they reside.

Also, for five years this Auxiliary paid $200 a year to the Bible Teachers' Training School at Hangchow, China, and pays part of the salary of Miss Rebecca Wilson.

GREENVILLE CHURCH

Miss Florence Nickles of the foreign field and Miss Mae Blackwell for the home are the two missionaries reported from this church. The latter, daughter of Mr. T. R. Blackwell, was reared in Due West and educated at Due West Woman's College. When Mr. Coit first took over Nacoochee Institute, Santee, Ga., she volunteered for service in the extension work, and taught for two summers in a little mountain school. Later she served as matron in the dormitory at the Institute and taught Latin and Algebra in the High School. When the branch school was opened at Tiger, about thirty miles away, she was one of the three who undertook the pioneer work there. For three years she was primary teacher in the Tiger School until the loss of her mother necessitated giving up teaching for a time. The lure of the mountains was too strong, however, and in the winter of 1926-27 she was back in the Nachoochee Extension work, this time at the Monroe Community House.

NEWBERRY

Mrs. Josephine Boozer Manning, daughter of B. S. and Lula Boozer, was born in Newberry. She attended public school there and when the family moved to Columbia, went to high school in that city. Later she graduated from Chicora College with first honor. Her parents were then living in Newberry again, so she came to Aveleigh Presbyterian Church. From there she went to the Training School in Richmond for two years, having the scholarship from South Carolina Presbyterial. After finishing there she taught two years in a Synodical School in Madison, West Virginia. She offered herself for the foreign field while at the Training School but was then not old enough nor did the Board have money to send her. She married Mr. Fred D. Manning who graduated at Union Seminary, Richmond. He also offered

for foreign work but has not been sent. At present they are at Wayside, Ga., and have a mission at Liberty, nine miles away, which they say is as much of a mission field as anywhere could be. They both will go to the foreign field when the Board is ready for them.

Greenwood

Miss Sarah Leona Blake was the daughter of A. M. and Sarah Black Blake. She was born in the village of Greenwood in 1867. She completed her academic education at Due West Woman's College and continued studies in music in Philadelphia. From childhood she showed a strong love for the church and all its causes. After graduation she taught at times in public schools but toward her later years centered her time and attention on the work of the Home Mission schools particularly in the mountains of Kentucky in Dr. Guerrant's mission. She died February 23, 1914, and left to the cause the modest estate which represented the hard-earned savings of years. With this fund was built the Leona Blake Dormitory at Highland College. Mrs. N. A. Peay (Ellen Blake) was her sister with whom she lived. She always loved the church but during her widowhood from 1904 till the day of her sudden death, October 3rd, 1925, she devoted her time to church work. When her death came she was dressed and ready to go to prayer meeting which service she was to lead that evening. She left the remainder of her modest estate to the mountain mission cause.

Thornwell Memorial

The two Presbyterian churches in Clinton are so closely connected in their work and in their interest in the Orphanage that it is sometimes not easy to assign a missionary to one or the other. Several have been reported by both. The following were not reported by the Clinton Church, and all those who were have been taken from this list.

Miss Annie Newton, daughter of Julius R. and Lucy Ellis Newton, was a Thornwell graduate and is now giving large service to the church as editor of "Junior Life" and "Story Hour", publications of the Presbyterian Committee of the Assembly.

Miss Nellie Holcombe, daughter of Jas. D. and Ina Holcombe, graduated at Thornwell College and has taught and done real mission work in the Kentucky Mountain Missions.

Miss Jennie Stamps, a Thornwell student, did faithful and fine work in a Sunday School for colored people in Clinton.

Mrs. L. M. Anglin, Ava Parnell Patton, a Thornwell student, went

into mission work in China. She married a Methodist missionary and their work is in Taianfu, Shantung, China.

Misses Addie Sloan, Maria Atkinson, Emma McKnight, Jennie Gourley and Ruth Simpson, now Mrs. A. M. Copeland, and Miss Constance McCorkle, were some of the members of Dr. Jacobs' class in missions. Miss Gourley did some mission work in the mountains of North Carolina; Miss McKnight in China; Miss McCorkle did Y. W. C. A. work in girls' colleges. Miss Dora Belle Smith was a member of Thornwell in 1917-1919 and taught Bible in school.

Miss Caroline Dugan graduated at Thornwell and has given much of her life in service to Thornwell as efficient secretary. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. L. Dugan.

Misses Lina and Janie Simpson have been matrons at Thornwell for years and should be mentioned for so faithfully caring for the communion service and flowers for the church.

Since Dr. S. P. Fulton and Mr. Bruno Schlotter were Thornwell boys we feel much interest in the work of Mrs. Fulton and Mrs. Schlotter in the foreign fields in Japan and Africa.

Caroline E. Caldwell. Bible teaching in church schools, six years; general evangelistic and social work in West Virginia mining camp, three years; on the field at present. Parents: Rev. Samuel Craighead Caldwell and Kate Pearson Caldwell. Rome, Georgia, place of birth. South Carolina during most of life. Education: At Winthrop College and the Biblical Seminary in New York. Supported by Kanawha Presbytery.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

ABBEVILLE

Miss Annie Orene McIlwain is the daughter of Hugh Pinckney and Ella Virginia Westfield McIlwain. She was born at Abbeville, S. C., and lived there until about twelve years of age, moved to Spartanburg, returned to Abbeville, attending school there. She graduated at Winthrop College and taught at Chester, S. C., for several years. She then attended the Assembly's Training School and afterward taught Bible in Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va.

In 1922 she went to China, sent by Purity Presbyterian Church of Chester. There she taught Bible in Hsuchoufu Girls' School, and later was teacher in Soochow. She is at present in the United States return-

ing here in May, 1927, on account of belligerent conditions in that storm tossed land.

One who knows her says: "Miss McIlwain is a woman of rare personal charm, possessing the sunshiny disposition that eminently fits her for a missionary. A Christian who walks with God, who loves Him supremely and serves Him with her whole life, forgetting everything else except Christ and Him crucified. Such a one is Orene McIlwain."

GREENVILLE CHURCH

Miss Florence Nickles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Nickles, was educated in Due West Woman's College, and in the College for Women in Columbia, graduating from the latter. Later she graduated from White's Bible School of New York. She went to China in 1915 and did evangelical work in Kashing until 1919 when she was given the position as instructor in religious education in the Bible School for girls in Nanking, which place she held during the remainder of her stay in China. Since her return home she has spent much time in speaking at different Auxiliary meetings, telling of the condition and needs of China.

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUE WEST

Living within the bounds of South Carolina Presbyterial Auxiliary is a splendid group of missionaries whom we delight to honor. Though not members of the Southern Presbyterian Church, they went out under its auspices and have rendered distinguished service.

DR. NETTIE DONALDSON GRIER was the daughter of Mary Hamilton and F. Jeremiah Donaldson of Dover, New Jersey, Scotch Irish Presbyterians, and most of the older members of the family elders in the churches they attended. When six years of age both parents died and she went to live in Greenville, Pennsylvania, with her father's sister. There she received her literary education and her medical in the Woman's Medical College of New York. She graduated in 1893 and left that autumn for China under the Northern Presbyterian Church. Her station was Tsining Chow, Shantung, just being opened in 1892-93. She opened medical work there. In March, 1896, while in America she married the Rev. Mark B. Grier, an A. R. P. of Due West, and went with him to the just opened station of Sutsien Ku, along with Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Patterson. Suchowfu was opened November, 1897, by Mr. White and Dr. and Mrs. Grier. She opened the medical work there and has been there since. She is head of the Mary Erwin Rogers Me-

morial Hospital. She is spending this summer (1928) with her three daughters in North Carolina. Two of these graduated at Agnes Scott College this spring. From this precious reunion she, like a Spartan soldier of the Cross, is tearing herself away on August third and sails for China from Vancouver on the Empress of Canada, September 6th.

Oh Nettie Grier!
For thy high faith
And rich endeavor
God reward thee
Now and ever!

Dr. Grier's support has been from the Independent Church of Savannah and the Mizpah Church of Richmond.

ISABEL GRIER WOODS, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Mark B. Grier, was born at Sutsien Ku, China, educated at Due West Woman's College and at White's Bible School, New York, and taught at Suchowfu, China, for six years. She resigned in 1926 because of ill health and returned to this country. She is now Mrs. Samuel Woods of Charlotte, N. C. She was supported while in the field by the First Church of Charlotte.

MISS FLORA LOIS YOUNG is the daughter of Mr. Henry Martin Young of Due West (died May 21, 1928) and Flora Todd Young. Both parents were from childhood sincere Christians. Both taught in Sunday School for more than fifty years. A son and a daughter as missionaries testify to the sincerity and worth of that teaching.

Miss Lois' entire life, until her education was completed, was spent in Due West. She graduated at the Woman's College there in 1910, and at Erskine in 1912. For nine years she taught in the Mary Stevens Girls' School at Suchowfu, China. It is a twelve year school including work for primary to senior high, and in addition offers two years of kindergarten work.

She is at present on furlough in the United States. As the work at the station was closed to women for eighteen months or more, she asked permission to come home at her own expense to see her parents. Her longing to see them was very intense and she arrived in time to be with her father before his sudden death.

Miss Young's expenses were from the General Board until 1923, when her support was taken over by the church at St. Paul, N. C. The Auxiliary at Ennis, Texas, and, for a few years, Mr. and Mrs. W. A.

Way, of Savannah, Ga., contributed. South Carolina Presbytery claims no part in this, but since the A. R. P. Church has no mission station in China, since she was working for our church and since her home is within our bounds, we record her endeavors. Miss Young will return to China with Dr. Grier early in September.

Miss Elizabeth Irene McCain graduated at the Woman's College in 1908 and then went to Erskine for special work in English and Bible. She was principal of the George C. Smith Girls' School at Soochow, China. She can truly be said to have given her life to the work, for her strenuous labors undermined her health. At the end of her first term of service she came home on furlough and died soon after. Her mother was Miss Lula Todd, sister of Mrs. Young. Her father, Prof. John I. McCain, has for forty-six years been head of the English and Bible departments in Erskine College. He is a truly great teacher. Perhaps no man in the church has had a greater influence upon its students than he.

Newberry and Thornwell Memorial

(See Clinton's Report. This was given by her sister in Newberry.)

Miss R. Caroline Kilgore, daughter of Andrew Jackson and Mary Wyse Kilgore, was born and reared in Newberry. After the death of her parents, who were Methodists, she went to Thornwell Orphanage, joined the Thornwell Memorial Presbyterian Church, graduated at the Orphanage and at Winthrop College. She received her training for the foreign field at Scarrett Training School (Methodist), which has been moved to Nashville, Tenn. She was at Peabody, Nashville, two years ago for post graduate work. Her work has been that of teacher in the Agnes Erskine College at Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, since 1912. The Abbeville Presbyterian Church aids in her support.

Expenses Paid by South Carolina Presbytery

Mrs. Mary Barnett Davis, wife of Rev. Lowry Davis, whose names will be reported by Greenville, Enoree Presbytery. Mrs. Davis is at present in this country.

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13th May 1922

My dear Miss Gist,

I am very proud to have such an opinion entertained of me as is expressed in your generous letter of May eleventh, and beg to thank you for it with all my heart.

To tell the truth I do not remember where I learned the Catechism. I am afraid I never did learn it very thoroughly. My connections however with the Church in Columbia were of a very intimate sort and your statement was true in spirit if not in fact.

With warm appreciation and regard, and heartfelt good wishes,

Sincerely Yours,

Woodrow Wilson

Miss Margaret Gist,

York, S. C.

This letter was received from ex-President Woodrow Wilson in answer to one from Miss Margaret A. Gist, asking him where he had been taught the Shorter Catechism

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
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SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA
1912-1922

April 11, 1912, should be marked with a white stone in our church calendar, for it was on that date that a long step forward was taken by the women of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina.

Following a period of consultation, planning, and prayer, a group of the Church's most consecrated and intelligent women met in the First Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S. C., to consider the organization of a State Synodical. The names of those pioneers, to whom all honor is due, are: Harmony Presbyterial: Mrs. A. R. Woodson, Mrs. N. Y. Alford; Pee Dee Presbyterial: Miss Julia G. Erwin, Mrs. M. B. John; South Carolina Presbyterial: Mrs. John Lyon, Miss Annie Blake; Bethel Presbyterial: Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon; Piedmont Presbyterial: Mrs. T. E. Stribling; Enoree Presbyterial: Mrs. W. W. Simpson; Charleston Presbyterial: Mrs. Jas. O. Reavis, Mrs. S. L. Lebby.

The place was one to inspire to high thought and endeavor. For this was the church of Dr. George Howe, author of the "History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina", Dr. Thomas Smyth, Dr. John Witherspoon, Dr. B. M. Palmer, Dr. J. H. Thornwell, Dr. J. L. Girardeau and Dr. Samuel Smith, men who were the glory, not of the State alone, but of the whole Southern Presbyterian Church. In this church the boy, Thomas Woodrow Wilson, learned his Shorter Catechism and imbibed those principles which have made him the world apostle of peace and good will, and in the quiet churchyard surrounding the sacred building lies buried Ann Pamela Cunningham, who, weak in body but strong in spirit, was the preserver of our national shrine, Mt. Vernon, the home of Washington.

Representatives from each of the seven Presbyterials composed the meeting, with Mrs. W. W. Simpson, of Woodruff, acting as chairman and Mrs. John Lyon, of Greenwood, as secretary. This body of women unanimously agreed to carry back to their Presbyterials, for their adoption, an overture to Synod, asking permission to organize the

Synodical. Mrs. J. O. Reavis, of Columbia, and Mrs. John Lyon were the committee which drew up the overture. During the fall of 1912 all seven Presbyterials unanimously adopted these resolutions. Dr. J. O. Reavis, then pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Columbia, presented the overture to Synod and it was referred to Synod's Committee on Woman's Work. The members of this committee were: Rev. H. A. Knox, Chairman; Rev. C. F. Rankin, Rev. T. O. Johnston, Elder A. B. Morse. During the winter the committee notified the women of their approval and gave consent to the formation of the Synodical. Accordingly the seven Presbyertial presidents met again in Columbia, February 16, 1913, Mrs. John Lyon, secretary.

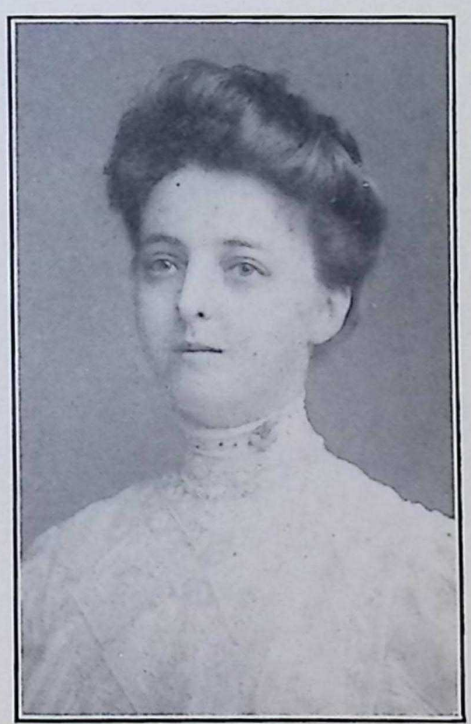
The executive committee of Charleston Presbyterial was present in a body to meet the seven Presbyterial presidents. This meeting was held in the Ladies' Parlor of the Smith Memorial Chapel. Mrs. Bridgman, as member of the executive committee of Charleston Presbyterial, opened the meeting; Mrs. M. B. John of Bennettsville, was elected chairman; Mrs. L. D. Deschamps of Elliott, secretary. A provisional organization was effected with Mrs. J. O. Reavis, President; Miss Mamie Evans, Secretary; Mrs. Pearson, third member of the Executive Committee.

The first regular meeting of the Synodical of South Carolina was held in the First Presbyterian Church of Bennettsville, October 21-22, 1913. Mrs. J. O. Reavis, President, Miss Julia G. Erwin, Acting Secretary. A constitution was adopted and much planning for the future filled the two October days. Mrs. Reavis declining re-election, Mrs. S. L. Lebby of Charleston, became President, Mrs. M. B. John, Secretary and Treasurer; women, able and interested, were elected to the headships of the different departments.

The first annual meeting of the Synodical of South Carolina was called to order by the President, Mrs. S. L. Lebby, in Purity Church, Chester, S. C., October 6, 1914. The official family was: President, Mrs. S. L. Lebby, Charleston, S. C.; Secretary, Mrs. M. B. John, Bennettsville, S. C.; Treasurer, Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville, S. C.; Secretary Foreign Missions, Miss Lila Junkin, Piedmont, S. C.; Secretary Assembly's Home Missions, Mrs. Raymond Beaty, Anderson, S. C.; Secretary Local Home Missions, Mrs. N. Y. Alford, Wisacky, S. C.; Secretary Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, Mrs. A. C. Izard, Rock Hill, S. C.; Secretary Sunday School and Young People's Work, Miss Fannie McCaughrin, Newberry, S. C.; Secretary Literature, Miss Lesslie D. Witherspoon, York, S. C.



MRS. EVA WITHERSPOON
(MRS. J. O.) REAVIS
President Synodical February-
October, 1913.



MRS. ANNA ROYAL (MRS. S.
L.) LEBBY
President Synodical 1913-1916.

The Presbyterial presidents present were: Bethel, Mrs. A. P. D. Gilmour, Chester, S. C.; Charleston, Mrs. Alexander Sprunt, Charleston, S. C.; Congaree, Mrs. R. B. Grinnan, Columbia, S. C.; (Congaree was represented but did not officially join the Synodical until 1915); Enoree, Mrs. F. L. Mayes, Greenville, S. C.; Harmony, Mrs. N. Y. Alford, Wisacky, S. C.; Pee Dee, Mrs. T. Fraser James, Darlington, S. C.; Piedmont, Mrs. T. S. Stribling, Seneca, S. C.; South Carolina, Miss Annie Blake, Ninety Six, S. C.

The reports from the Presbyterials showed much progress. It was agreed that the one object of the Synodical should be "to aid all local societies in every way. One unbroken line of women working together for Christ". All unnecessary expense was eliminated, the Synodical striving to keep this a helpful, executive body, not an extravagant assemblage. The hospitality was delightful, but of Christian simplicity. Mrs. C. E. Graham, of Greenville, in an address on "How we can all Help in This Crisis", struck the keynote of the work: "If Christian women would give their very best intellect to their missionary programs, we would have the same interest in our missionary societies that exists in club work done by women."

At this Synodical meeting Mrs. Winsborough's address on "Organized Work" cleared up many problems and inspired far reaching plans for the future. And so the new machinery was installed after much tedious work, and with prayer and self-denial on the part of the workers. The Scotch-Irish Presbyterian from the hill country and the French Huguenot from the seashore had clasped hands. It was belived that the state body would strengthen and unify the work of the seven (now eight) splendid Presbyterials. And it has—for in union there is strength, and we are "one body in Christ".

Mrs. S. L. Lebby, of Charleston, S. C., served as Synodical President from 1913-1916. The key words of her administration were: 1st, PRAYER; 2nd, WORK; 3rd, STUDY. "Studying to show ourselves workmen approved of God". New societies were formed, the membership increased by leaps and bounds, the number of Mission Study classes and Prayer Bands grew. Emphasis was laid upon Home Missions. Rev. G. C. Mayes told the Synodical that the Presbyterian Church was stronger in South Carolina than in any other state in proportion to its population, so *noblesse oblige*. Mrs. Lebby was deeply interested in the work among the Negroes. The idea of the School for Negro Girls which has just been finished at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and which will be formally opened in September, 1922, originated in the

South Carolina Synodical. It was planned to take over the "Abbeville School for Negro Girls", started by Northern philanthropists. But circumstances rendered this inadvisable, and the sum of $2,500.00 contributed for that purpose was turned over to Mrs. Winsborough and became the nest egg of the school at Tuscaloosa. Mrs. Lebby's strong personality and deep spirituality made an indelible impress upon the life of the Synodical while it was in its initial stage.

Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, of Clemson College, succeeded Mrs. Lebby as President of the South Carolina Synodical, serving from 1916-1919.

Mrs. Bramlett has missionary blood in her veins, being the granddaughter of Rev. F. E. Sheldon, a missionary on the frontier. She received her training in church work in the virile atmosphere of the Central Church of Atlanta, Ga. She had served as president of Piedmont Presbyterial for one year, so brought experience and familiarity with the work to the president's office. Mrs. Bramlett has a logical mind and sound judgment. Her special work was organization. She carried on Mrs. Lebby's plans along every line, until the Synodical became an established and recognized institution in the work of the Church.

Bible Study classes and Prayer Bands were emphasized. The objectives were begun, and in 1919 the Standard of Excellence was reached by the eight Presbyterials, a record of which the South Carolinans were very proud when it was mentioned at the Atlanta Conference, and which was not equalled by any Synodical at that date. Mrs. Bramlett is now (1922) First Vice President. As such she is Mrs. Mayes' right hand. They both keep in touch with the work by frequent visits to Auxiliaries and Presbyterials.

In 1919 Mrs. F. Louise Mayes, of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Greenville, S. C., became President of the Synodical. Mrs. Mayes, who was always an active church worker, brought ripe experience as an executive to the work. For four years Mrs. Mayes was State Regent of the Daughters of the Revolution of South Carolina. During the World War she was Chairman of the Woman's Division of the State Council for Defense. She was President of Enoree Presbyterial for three terms, and she is now (1922) Chairman of the Woman's Interracial Committee of South Carolina. Her charming personality added to her consecration and ability made Mrs. Mayes an ideal head for the Synodical.

During her three years of service the Synodical has reached the Standard of Excellence each year, seven out of the eight Presbyterials making ten per cent gain in membership and twenty per cent in gifts.

Mrs. Mayes has continued and developed all lines of work. She has emphasized the work among the young people, both in the Sunday School and in the home. She considers our relations to the work among the Negroes as one of the vital questions confronting the Church.

At the meeting of the Synodical in Hartsville, S. C., November 6-7, 1919, Mrs. Lizzie Wells, who was sent to the Tuscaloosa Conference for Colored Women by Harmony Presbyterial Auxiliary, made a splendid report of this meeting. Her testimony was sufficient to prove that these conferences are doing great things for the uplift of the colored women.

Following a resolution offered by Miss Amey Allan of Charleston, at that same meeting of the Synodical, the Committee on Recommendations reported the following resolution which was adopted: "Fourth: That there be appointed a Synodical Orphanage Committee to promote interest in Thornwell Orphanage". Since that action each Presbyterial has appointed a committee which has promoted sympathetic and intelligent interest in, and giving to, the Orphanage.

In the summer of 1920 the Synodical President was represented at the Woman's Advisory Council at Montreat, N. C., by Mrs. Leslie Stribling, of Seneca, S. C. Mrs. Stribling reported that South Carolina had the largest state representation at the Summer School of Missions, showing the earnestness and enthusiasm of our women.

The Synodical takes a lively interest in the Church of the Pilgrims, Washington, D. C., and has helped Dr. Byrd in every possible way.

In January, 1921, at the time of the meeting of the Laymen's Convention in Greenville, S. C., Mrs. Mayes conducted a Woman's Parallel Conference. This assemblage of women, one thousand strong, from North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, were among the choicest spirits of the Southern Church, and there are no standards by which its spiritual value can be estimated. One of the results is that the Presbyterian women throughout the State are organized and praying daily, but especially every Tuesday, for a State-wide revival.

The Synodical is following the program mapped out by Mrs. Winsborough, in toto, in the departmental work, the secretaries of which are all able and consecrated women.

At the eighth annual meeting of the Synodical held in Clinton, S. C., October 5-6-7, 1921, the Committee on Recommendations, Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, Chairman, Mrs. T. D. Johnson, Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, offered the following recommendations which were adopted:

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In union there is not only strength but salvation. Therefore, we, the Synodical of South Carolina in session at Clinton, overture the Synod in session at Greenville to unite with us in an earnest campaign of prayer for a revival throughout sin-sick and blood stained South Carolina.

2. As a preparatory step we respectfully overture the Synod to urge the ministers to preach at an early date upon the sacredness of human life from God's standpoint and upon the certainty of punishment for breaking down and disregarding God's standards.

We believe if South Carolina is convicted of her sinfulness before God in her general lawlessness, bloodshed and varied crimes, the contrition of heart of our beloved commonwealth will be followed by a fleeing to the only Refuge and a great religious awakening will follow. If prayer is the power that we profess it to be, why not put it to the task of moving this mighty blot that rests upon our State.

3. That the Synodical appoint a committee from this body to cooperate with Mrs. Archibald Davis on the Continuation Committee of Race Relationship Committee.

4. That we overture Synod to appoint a committee to cooperate with our committee, appointed by the President, to plan and develop a Young People's Conference in the State and that we jointly appropriate not less than $200 for the expense of the Conference.

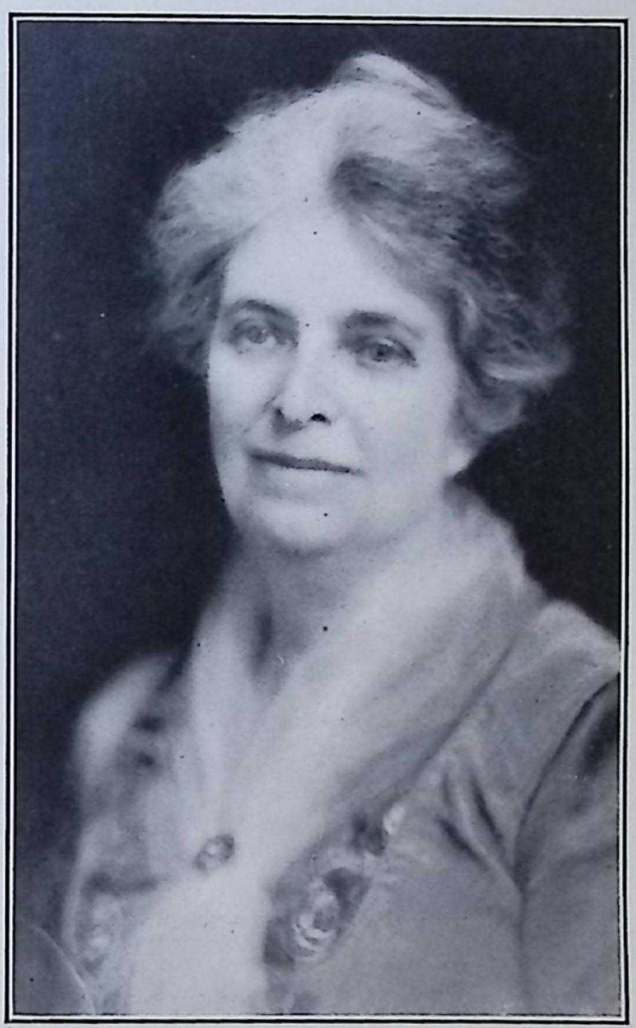
5. That the Secretary of Literature cooperate with the Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions in making a definite canvass in behalf of the "Monthly" published at Thornwell Orphanage.

6. That the Executive Committee consider the advisability and practicability of conducting next summer a two weeks' Bible Conference in each Presbyterial for the purpose of training much needed leaders in Bible classes.

7. That some one be selected to select and purchase the promised pair of andirons for the Winsborough Building.

8. That we consider the request of the South Carolina women assembled at Montreat the past summer to include in our Budget the South Carolina Home at that place.

9. That we tender our services and cooperation to Synod at its meeting in Greenville in an intensive campaign to reclaim the waste



MRS. F. LOUISE MAYES
President Synodical 1919-1923.

places of our State and do our part in bringing into our Sunday Schools the thousands of children who have no affiliation.

Honorable mention must be made of Mrs. S. C. Hodges, of Greenwood, the Synodical Secretary of Literature. Mrs. Hodges is a rare avis among secretaries, consecrated and capable. She has dignified the office of the Secretary of Literature, and has inspired effort on the part of, and given so much practical assistance to, the local Auxiliaries.

This history would not be complete wtihout special mention of Mrs. Leslie Stribling of Seneca, who has been the faithful Secretary of the Synodical for three years.

For the same term of service Mrs. A. B. Morse, of Abbeville, has made a most excellent treasurer.*

At the first meeting of the women of the Southern Presbyterian Church for organization which was held in the North Avenue Church, Atlanta, Ga., February 9, 1912, South Carolina was represented by Mrs. W. W. Simpson, of Woodruff, S. C., and Miss Leona Blake, of Greenwood, S. C. At the meeting in August of that same year at Montreat, N. C., when the organization was formed, the representative of South Carolina was Mrs. A. R. Woodson, President of the Harmony Presbyterial.

Another interesting fact is that the first meeting of the Woman's Advisory Council was held in the home of Mrs. C. E. Graham at Montreat, N. C.

The churches which have been hostesses to the Synodical are: The First Presbyterian Church of Bennettsville, S. C., October 21-22, 1913; Purity Church, Chester, S. C., October 6-7, 1914; Presbyterian Church of Seneca, S. C., October 6-7, 1915; First Presbyterian Church of Bishopville, S. C., October 4-5, 1916; Presbyterian Church, Abbeville, S. C., October 16-17, 1917.

The fifth annual meeting of the South Carolina Synodical Auxiliary, which was to have met at Estill, S. C., on October 10-12, 1918, was called off on account of the influenza epidemic. The officers did not consider it wise to attempt to hold another meeting, but held an executive session on February 4th and 5th in the Arsenal Hill Presbyterian Church, in Columbia.

The Presbyterian Church of Hartsville, S. C., entertained the Synodical November 6-7, 1919; Presbyterian Church of Manning, S. C., October 6, 1920; Thornwell Memorial Church, Clinton, S. C., October 4-5-6, 1921.

*Treasurer 1919-1927.

To Dr. E. P. Davis, Chairman of Synod's Committee of Woman's Work and pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church of Greenville, S. C., the women of the Church owe a debt of gratitude for the sympathetic interest he has always shown in the Woman's Work and the splendid recognition he has given them in Synod.

Dr. James O. Reavis, Associate Field and Foreign Secretary, Nashville, Tenn., has always been most helpful and encouraging, for which we take this opportunity to thank him.

The South Carolina Synodical is ten years old—April, 1912-April, 1922. The Synodical is a shining success. To prove it are given the following parallel reports:

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE SYNOD OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1914 AND 1921

Number of Churches in Synod 291

	1914	1921
Number Women's Societies	193	*183
Number members	5,098	6,700
Number Societies not belonging to Synodical	----	7
Number Societies organized during year	10	8
Increase in membership for year	205	1,018
Number members in new Societies	44	107
Number Young People's Societies	8	----
Number members Young People's Societies	34	----
Number Junior Societies	22	----
Number members Junior Societies	1,013	----
Number Surveys taken	1,434	2,634
Number Mission Study Classes	45	292
Number Prayer Calendars	447	1,003
Number Prayer Bands	27	155
Number Bible Classes	----	98

Contributions

	1914		1921
Foreign Missions	$ 7,485.00		$20,541.00
Assembly's Home Missions	1,649.00		6,791.00
Local Home Missions:			
Synodical		$2,067.00	
Presbyterial		2,425.00	
Congregational	1,333.00	3,376.00	7,868.00

*This apparent decrease is due to a change in the system of recording.

	1914	1921
Christian Education and Ministerial Relief	872.00	9,912.00
S. S. Extension and Publication	134.00	1,062.00
Bible Cause	43.00	343.00
Orphans' Home	991.00	8,482.00
Local Causes	11,549.00	------
Educational Institutions	------	2,873.00
Miscellaneous	2,744.00	21,229.00
Contingent Fund	------	1,180.00
Total for all causes	$26,800.00	$80,281.00
Per capita 1921		$11.98
Per capita 1914		5.25

Number of Societies, Membership, and Financial Report for 1914 are taken from Church Session Reports.

The Young People's Conference has passed into history. It was held in the Presbyterian College, at Clinton, S. C., June 9-16, 1922. A joint committee from the Synod and the Synodical cooperated in planning and carrying out the Conference. They were Rev. C. O'N. Martindale, Chairman; Drs. Davison, Douglas, R. T. Kirkpatrick, A. D. P. Gilmour, L. Ross Lynn, and ruling elder, D. L. Norris, for the Synod, and Mrs. F. L. Mayes, Mrs. Leslie Stribling, Mrs. T. C. Peden, and Mrs. I. R. Hayes for the Synodical Auxiliary. About one hundred and sixty young people were in attendance.

SYNODICAL OFFICERS 1921-1922

President ---------- Mrs. F. Louise Mayes, Greenville
First Vice President ---------- Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, Rock Hill
Recording Secretary ---------- Mrs. Leslie Stribling, Seneca
Treasurer ---------- Mrs. A. B. Morse, Abbeville
Secretary of Foreign Missions ---------- Mrs. M. V. Stribling, Greenville
Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions ---------- Mrs. A. D. Calhoun, Greenwood
Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions ---------- Mrs. P. E. Connor, Edisto Island
Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief ---------- Mrs. Duncan McKenzie, Timmonsville
Secretary of Young People's Work and Sunday School Extension ---------- Mrs. T. C. Peden, Westminster

Secretary of Spiritual Resource ____ Mrs. T. D. Johnston, Woodruff
Secretary of Literature _____ Mrs. Geo. Lunz, Charleston
(All Presbyterial Presidents are Synodical Vice Presidents)

As we look back over the past ten years the hearts of the women of the South Carolina Synodical are filled with gratitude and praise, and as one we exclaim:

"WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT!"

MARGARET ADAMS GIST,
Historian of the Synodical of South Carolina.

York, S. C.

The annual meeting of the Synodical for 1922 took place in Greenwood on September 26-27-28 with sixty-five delegates present, ten of these being Synodical officers, and six Presbyterial presidents with two alternates. Mrs. F. L. Mayes presided with her accustomed charm and efficiency; the financial report showed decrease, due in part to the general financial condition. The Synodical had the privilege through Mrs. Andrew Bramlett of editing the June number of "Presbyterian Progress", the Synod's Home Mission paper, the first Synodical to be so honored. The work of Synodical's historian, Miss Gist, in preparing from the material collected by the eight Presbyterial historians the information needed for "Pioneer Women in the Presbyterian Church, United States" had been completed. The Auxiliary's Birthday Party had resulted in satisfactory contribution to the Carrie McMillan Home and School, Miss Dowd, principal, Kochi, Japan, and to Montreat for a gateway and lodge. Interracial work was urged; it was recommended that such committees be formed in every Auxiliary, that a conference for colored women be established in the Synod and that Negro Health Week be promoted. A General Workers' Conference had been held at the Presbyterian College in co-operation with Synod and 165 women took the same course of study at Montreat.

On March 16th, 1923, Mrs. Frances Louise Mayes, President of the Synodical, passed to her reward. Her strength as an executive combined with her deep spirituality made her an invaluable officer, and her death was a great blow to the women of the Southern Presbyterian Church, those of South Carolina especially. In her honor, the Synodical has built by a whirlwind campaign the cottage for babies at Thornwell Orphanage which Mrs. Mayes had herself planned, and named it the Louise Mayes Memorial Cottage.



MRS. ANDREW BRAMLET
President Synodical 1916-1919,
1923-1925.



MRS. I. R. HAYES
President Synodical
1925-1926.

Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, as Vice President at Large, became President for the second time of the Synodical on the death of Mrs. Mayes, and has held that office until the recent election in Darlington at the meeting of 1925.

In her skillful hands the work suffered no loss of either inspiration or momentum. In July, at the meeting in Montreat, she was elected Chairman of the Woman's Advisory Committee, the highest office a woman may hold in the Church. The work was unusually heavy for a time because of Mrs. Winsborough's absence in South America. In October Mrs. Bramlett was also elected a member of the Executive Committee of Assembly's Home Missions. South Carolina is justly proud of her. Under the direction of Mrs. Bramlett and Mrs. Leslie Stribling of Seneca, Vice President, the hoped-for conference for colored women was planned and has held two successful meetings at Benedict College, Columbia, at the end of May, 1924 and 1925; attended in 1924 by ninety-two delegates sent by sixty-two Auxiliaries, and in 1925 by eighty-five delegates. These women are of all churches, although preference is given to Presbtyerians. The success of these conferences is established and they function from now on under the Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational or Local Home Mission Department.

The Convention of 1923 was held in Rock Hill, October 8-10, and was well attended. The Budget System of finance was adopted. Mrs. A. D. Calhoun, Chairman of Interracial Committee, reported the success of a conference for Colored Women she conducted at Greenwood. Many reports showed increased interest and courage in meeting the call for help of the Negro race, and the Benedict College conference was decided on. Mrs. Bramlett reported that she had again edited the June issue of "Presbyterian Progress". Mrs. McKenzie, Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, reported 196 volunteers for life service, forty-three being ministerial students. Miss Gist, Historian, reported that she had sent, in July, 1922, all the data she had gathered through her corps of historians to Mrs. Mary D. Irvine, Historian in Chief, who was then compiling that valuable book, "Pioneer Women of the Presbyterian Church of the United States", in which, thanks to the zeal of Miss Gist, South Carolina's history was honored with extra space. All of the reports in Miss Gist's hands, sent then and later, will, with those that are now coming in, be used by Miss Gist in a history of the work of the Presbyterian women of South Carolina.

At the convention of 1924, October 29-30, in the Second Presbyterian Church of Charleston, Mrs. Bramlett was elected for another

term of two years. Twenty-eight Group Conferences had been held in the eight Presbyterials and twelve Auxiliaries had attained the Gold Seal, or 100 per cent. All Presbyterial presidents attended. The White Cross work, which supplies the two Ellen Lavine Graham Hospitals, one in Haichow, China, the other in Kwangju, Korea, with surgical dressing, garments and other supplies, was launched in the Synodical in January of this year and first reported at this meeting. This work has seized upon the sympathetic imaginations of our women and is no longer an experiment. Harmony, Pee Dee, Piedmont and South Carolina were given the responsibility of supplying Kwangju Hospital; Bethel, Charleston, Congaree and Enoree care for Haichow Hospital, a rather heavier assignment. War conditions in China both then and during this year of 1925 have at times delayed shipments. 239 Mission Study classes were reported, an increase of eighty-five over 1923, with an increase of reported membership of 1222, making a membership of 3,932. Mrs. Leslie Stribling edited the "Presbyterian Progress" of June, 1924, and also of 1925.

In December of 1924 the Historical Commission of the Synod of South Carolina approached the Synodical with a request for a chapter on Woman's Work for the history then in preparation. The following letter explains the action of the Synodical and the genesis of this brief historical sketch.

Feb. 23, 1925,
22 Keenan Apts.,
Columbia, S. C.

To the Historical Commission, Synod of South Carolina:

Gentlemen:

Through your editor, Dr. Dudley Jones, the request has come to the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of South Carolina that we appoint a historian who shall write a chapter on Woman's Work for the History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina which the Synod proposes to publish within the coming year.

For the last four years, under the direction of Miss Margaret Gist, of York, S. C., Historian of the Synodical Auxiliary, our women have been compiling material for a history of Woman's Work in the Synod of South Carolina which would have been ready for publication within the next few months.

The request from your Commission, though sincerely appreciated, has given us cause for serious consideration.

We feel a deep sense of obligation to Miss Gist and her co-workers for the work they have compiled and think the material too valuable not to be preserved in permanent form. We hesitate also to take the cream of this compilation and make one chapter of it in Synod's publication.

At the same time, our loyalty to the Synod of South Carolina, our feeling that no history of the Presbyterian Church of South Carolina would be complete without some record of the sacrificial labor and co-operation of its women, and our sincere desire to foster the co-operative spirit between Synod and Synodical, impel our compliance with your request. We realize, too, that the synchronous publication of the two histories would seriously jeopardize the circulation of both.

Therefore, the Executive Committee of the Synodical Auxiliary, in session in Columbia, S. C., February 12-13, decided as follows:

First, To request our Historian, Miss Gist, to prepare a chapter on Woman's Work for Synod's History.

Second, To defer until such time, as it may seem advisable, the publication of our own history.

Sincerely yours,
MRS. ANDREW BRAMLETT,
President Woman's Synodical
Auxiliary of South Carolina.

The Synodical's independent history is merely postponed. Local Auxiliaries are urged to compile their histories and send to their Presbyterial Historian for use in the coming book.

At the meeting in Darlington, October 7-8, 1925, Mrs. Andrew Bramlett reported her work as President for two and a half years, with Mrs. Mayes' splendid work in founding the Young People's Conference, which is carried on in cooperation with Synod, and her share in drafting the Synodical Constitution. The formal presentation of the Baby Cottage Memorial to Mrs. Mayes was made to Thornwell Orphanage at its Golden Jubilee in May by Mrs. Leslie Stribling, as Vice President. The President's report analyzes the financial situation. Total gifts to the Synodical for 1924 were $113,856.00, an increase of $26,500 over the previous year, but for 1925 there was a falling back to $94,693.00. This is largely explained by the method of reporting, some Auxiliaries having reported in 1924 gifts made to their churches or through their church treasurers. A large sum was also given to the Baby Cottage. More careful study of methods is needed. It must also be understood that the lowering of the per capita amount is partly explained by the more systematic plan followed by many Auxiliaries which report all

women of the church instead of the contributing members alone. Mrs. Bramlett urges a "constant endeavor to promote a church consciousness, a greater church loyalty, that the whole budget of the Church of the United States may be met and the necessiy for 'specials' eliminated."

The growth of the Auxiliary Plan is steady and constant, with the result that this is one of the best organized Synodicals in the whole Woman's Auxiliary of the Assembly. Practically every woman's organization of sufficient size has come into organized relationship.

The conference for Colored Women is reported as perhaps the outstanding achievement. This plan met with much disapproval and required most tactful handling and much work from Mrs. Bramlett and Mrs. Stribling. The result in winning the confidence and gratitude of these colored women who, for the first time in many years, realize that Southern white women are truly interested in their Christian welfare, cannot be overestimated. There is also the marked development of our own women, old and young, as a result of the conferences of all sorts. Many of these Mrs. Bramlett attended, among her other manifold duties. An application is reported from the women of our Colored Presbytery planning to organize a Presbyterial themselves.

With very touching and confident affection, Mrs. Bramlett tendered her resignation as President. The following resolutions were offered by Mrs. S. C. Hodges of Greenwood and adopted by the Synodical:

> "As one who has known our honored President, Mrs. Andrew Bramlett for a number of years, and one who has witnessed the strength of her character and loved her as a co-worker and friend, I am glad to give the value of my testimony to the value of her life and work among the Presbyterian women of South Carolina. In doing so, I feel that I speak for each of you here and for all who have been associated with her in the Lord's work.
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> "It would be impossible for us to give full expression to our high regard for Mrs. Bramlett as an officer and executive. With a natural gift of leadership, her fine constructive ability and her capacity for work, she has made possible the splendid success of the work of this Synodical in the past ten years. With singleness of heart and purpose, she has devoted herself to the highest interest of the Woman's Auxiliary and the cause of Christ. We rejoice at the goodness of God in leading the Committee to her.
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> "Mrs. Bramlett has other gifts which are above the



MRS. W. O. BROWNLEE
President Synodical 1926-1928.



MRS. PARKER E. CONNOR
President Synodical 1929-.

ordinary. She never launches anything without a carefully worked out plan; she never does anything in a haphazard way. Both by example and suggestion she has tried to instill in her officers this systematic and orderly manner of business. She never shirks a duty though she has faced uncongenial tasks and almost unsurmountable difficulties.

"Mrs. Bramlett has manifested throughout her service a remarkable tact and consideration. She has grown in Christian life. It has been evident, the deepening of her interest, the broadening of her vision, the increase of her sacrifice, the sweetening of her spirit, the exalting of her Lord and Master. Wherever there is a member of this Synodical, there is a life that has felt her impress upon it.

"We are indeed pained to think of giving her up as our leader. We will miss her presence and her work which have been vital to us. But she has served us at a great cost of her strength and we would not deny her now a well earned rest from her labors.

"We appreciate her and all that she has meant to us. Poor indeed, in spirit, would we be if we did not press forward with greater zeal and, out of the fullness of our love and gratitude, try more earnestly to reach the standard of efficiency she has endeavored to hold up to us.

"Her work is not ended, only transferred, and into whatever larger fields she may go, we want her to feel assured that our love and prayers will follow her."

Mrs. Bramlett was elected Honorary President for Life. The Synodical needs her wisdom.

Miss Margaret Adams Gist also sent in her resignation, on account of ill health. Her work has shown such remarkable judgment and ability that she was elected Historian Emeritus and to her hand is left the writing of the Synodical's history.

In February of 1925 Mrs. M. S. McKinnon resigned as Synodical Secretary of Synodical, Presbyterial and Congregational Home Missions, and Mrs. W. H. Leith of Hodges was appointed to fill the place.

Among the important actions of this meeting is the creation of a sub-committee of the Executive Committee formed of the Presbyterial Presidents, with power to act, to meet at the call of the President. The Vice President at Large will henceforth have charge of the Orphanage

Committee. The Young People's Secretaries, in-coming and out-going, have been sent to the Chattanooga Conference. Synodical maps are to be distributed, and $300 has been appropriated to employ two Assembly's Training School girls for Daily Vaaction Bible Schools and for Sunday School work during the next summer, Charleston Presbytery especially to be considered.

The Synodical assured Synod of co-operation if Synod adopts the apportionment made by General Assembly.

The statistical report of the year is officially given as follows:

Churches in Synod	293
Members	34,633
Auxiliaries	213
Members	9,309
Organizations, including all women of Church	78
Organizations divided into Circles	115
Prayer Bands	383
Members	3,556
Women's Bible Classes	268
Members	3,507
Family Altars	2,196
Tithers	2,149
Added to Churches on profession of faith	996
Stewardship Study Classes	90
Members	1,482
Stewardship reading contests	30
Foreign Mission Study Classes	235
Members	3,611
Auxiliaries observing Day of Prayer for Foreign Missions	134
Auxiliaries undertaking White Cross Work	116
Home Mission Study Classes	286
Members	3,858
Auxiliaries observing Home Mission Day of Prayer	126
Volunteers for Life Service	150
Auxiliaries observing Day of Prayer for Colleges	118
Total regular Mission Study Classes	665
Total One Day Classes	205
Churches having "Survey" Canvass	170
Subscribers	3,438
Churches having Church paper canvass	155
Subscribers	3 327

Copies of Prayer Calendar used	2,184
Auxiliaries using Year Book of Programs	114
Auxiliaries having Literature table at meetings	56
Auxiliaries helping Negroes	37
Auxiliaries helping Foreigners	2
Auxiliaries having jail work	11
Auxiliaries visiting homes for aged	18
Other forms of Christian Social Service listed	44
Group Conferences	22
Blue Circle Auxiliaries	50
Silver Circle Auxiliaries	60
Gold Circle Auxiliaries	8
Presbyterials holding Efficiency Conferences	5

Contributions

Foreign Missions	$ 22,558.00
Assembly's Home Missions	7,756.00
Synodical Home Missions	2,002.00
Presbyterial Home Missions	3,014.00
Congregational Home Missions	1,454.00
Church Education and Ministerial Relief	3,184.00
Sunday School Extension and Publication	926.00
Educational Institutions	6,129.00
Auxiliary Equipment Special (Assembly's Training School)	2,225.00
Bible Cause	549.00
Orphans' Homes	8,405.00
Current Expenses	17,991.00
Auxiliary Special Benevolences	7,202.00
Miscellaneous Contributions	8,255.00
Contingent Fund	3,043.00
Grand Total	$ 94,693.00
Amount per capita	10.00
Synodical contributes annually to State Interracial Commission	25.00

Amounts given on the Birthday of the Auxiliary for the last three years:

1923.	School for Mexican Girls, Texas	$ 2,820.06
1924.	Assembly's Training School	1,797.85
1925.	Charlotte Kemper Seminary, Lavras, Brazil	3,317.19

In 1922 the gift went to the Carrie McMillan Home and School, Miss Annie B. Dowd, principal, Kochi, Japan, and a secondary subscription to the Montreat gateway. The figures are not in hand. As the Synodical's quota is $2,500.00 this report is excellent.

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Miss Margaret Gist ---------- York

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Mrs. D. S. Matheson ---------- Cheraw

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Enoree ---------- Mrs. A. M. Hastings, Wellford
Harmony ---------- Mrs. N. Y. Alford, Wisacky
Pee Dee ---------- Miss Julia Erwin, Darlington
Piedmont ---------- Mrs. J. B. Townsend, Anderson
South Carolina ---------- Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, Due West

The work of collecting and in part, shaping this record should be credited in greatest measure to Miss Margaret Adams Gist, of York, now Historian Emeritus. Under her work the Presbyterial Historians, as follows:

Bethel ---------- Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, Mrs. S. M. McNeel, of York
Charleston ---------- Mrs. S. G. Stoney, Charleston
Congaree ---------- Mrs. J. B. Zemp, Mrs. W. L. Dunovant, Edgefield
Enoree------Mrs. E. L. Hughes, Greenville, Mrs. B. B. James, Union
Harmony ---------- Mrs. James Reaves, Alcolu
Pee Dee--Miss Julia G. Erwin, Darlington, Mrs. D. S. Matheson, Cheraw
Piedmont --- Mrs. W. H. Mills, Fort Hill, Mrs. J. E. Kelley, Walhalla
South Carolina -- Mrs. T. L. Brownlee, Antreville, Mrs. A. D. Calhoun, Greenwood

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The fourteenth annual meeting of the Synodical took place on October 5-6, in the Thornwell Memorial Church at Clinton, Mrs. W. O. Brownlee, President, in the chair. Present were Synodical officers, ten; Presbyterial officers, eighteen; Presbyterial representatives, six; visitors, three. Mrs. Brownlee reported her formation of a Prayer Band among the officers, a careful study of charts that weak places might be strengthened, and that she had sent copies of charts of 1926 and 1927 to all officers and Presbyterial Presidents. In addition to routine work, Mrs. Brownlee served as Dean at the Young People's Conference at Clinton and attended the State meeting of the Interracial Commission. Mrs. Aycock, Recording Secretary, reported an increase of twelve Auxiliaries, and twenty-eight successful Group Conferences. The tragedy of our China Missions suspension of work and temporary evacuation was reported by Mrs. White, Secretary. Mrs. Milling, Secretary, reported Social Service work from almost all Auxiliaries, fifty-three working among Negroes. The fourth Christian Conference for Colored Women had eighty-three in attendance. New officers

elected were: Mrs. J. B. Townsend, Vice President; Mrs. Mason L. Carroll, Treasurer; Mrs. Samuel G. Stoney, Historian.

The fifteenth annual meeting of Synodical was presided over by Mrs. Brownlee, October 31-November 1, at Florence, S. C. Mrs. W. T. Aycock, who had been so efficient in office, was absent on account of her recent bereavement and Mrs. H. S. Camp acted as Recording Secretary. Officers and delegates present, thirty-six; visitors, thirty-four, among them ex-officers. Mrs. Brownlee reported a year of earnest activity on her part, "a busy year, yes, but such a happy year". In the special offering for Foreign Missions and the Birthday Gift there was successful increase. Conferences had done well and an Intermediate Conference was planned for the week before the Young People. One hundred and twenty-three women attended the Colored Conference. Christian Social Service work was much better reported. South Carolina has fifty-seven candidates for the ministry and one hundred and thirty-one volunteers for life service.

The fifteenth birthday of the Synodical was celebrated by a Crystal Luncheon with beautiful decorations and a three-tiered cake. Mrs. J. B. Townsend of Anderson, as toastmistress, led the touching tributes and the happy nonsense of the occasion. Reports had already been made in rhyme.

Dr. Egbert Smith later conducted a missionary conference. Dr. Byrd of Chicora College and Dr. John McSween, the new President of Presbyterian College, discussed education. Dr. McSween served as chaplain for the South Carolina troops on the border and with the Thirtieth Division in Flanders and France. The campaign for funds for the proposed church at Fort Hill for Clemson work reported progress. All committees made full and encouraging reports.

Elections resulted in the choice for President of Mrs. Parker E. Connor, a daughter of the oldest church, old Edisto, on Edisto Island. Mrs. Connor has held office as President of Charleston Presbyterial and Recording Secretary of the Synodical.

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Miss Margaret Gist ---------- York

Historian

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Secretary of Foreign Missions

Mrs. J. H. McSween ---------- Timmonsville

Secretary of Assembly's Home Missions

Mrs. J. G. Walker ---------- Greenville

Secretary of S. and P. Home Missions

Mrs. D. M. Boykin ---------- Mayesville

Secretary of Christian Education and Ministerial Relief

Mrs. J. W. Marsh ---------- Johnston

Secretary of Religious Education

Mrs. F. L. Martin ---------- Mullins

Secretary of Christian Social Service

Mrs. C. J. Milling ---------- Darlington

Secretary of Literature

Mrs. D. W. A. Neville ---------- Newberry

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Church, near Rowland, N. C., with Mrs. Alford in the chair. On Thursday morning after Bible hour a gavel made of rhododendron from Montreat was presented by Mrs. W. L. Wilson, President of the North Carolina Synodical, who spoke on the duties of officers. "She helped us over all the hard places". The communion service the next afternoon conducted by Dr. R. A. Brown was a "solemn and sweet occasion". Conferences for Colored Women at Columbia, S. C., and Greensboro, N. C., were reported. Miss Margaret McQueen, Secretary of Young People's Work of the North Carolina Synodical, addressed the meeting, and Miss Flora McQueen, missionary, spoke of life in Korea and showed many curiosities. "Our white church friends were true to us. They came as visitors and friends, they took entire charge of our white visitors, making it pleasant for them in every way possible".

Yearly dues have been twenty-five cents per member. Two delegates were sent to the two conferences, eighteen dollars was sent to Mrs. Winsborough to apportion to the different causes. The membership varied from 200 to 275 women, about two-thirds in South Carolina.

Our Presbyterial has 200-275 women, over two-thirds of that number are in South Carolina. We hope to have a better report next year.

Below is the list of churches composing the Presbyterial of North Carolina and South Carolina, also Auxiliary presidents with post office addresses:

Bethel _____ Mrs. Donna McQueen, Fairmont, N. C., R. 1, Box 119
Bishopville _____ Mrs. Hattie Newton, Bishopville, S. C.
Golden Hill _____ Mrs. Janie Manning, Dillon, S. C., R. 1, Box 105
New Liberty _____ Mrs. Rosa McLelland, Dillon, S. C.
St. James _____ Mrs. E. E. McCottry, Kingstree, S. C., Box 403
Mount Hebron _____ Miss Rosetta David, Laurel Hill, N. C., R. 1
Hartsville _____ Hartsville, S. C.
Timmonsville _____ Miss Susan Cooper, Timmonsville, S. C.
All Souls _____ Florence, S. C.
Amy's Chapel (Mission) _____ Raemon, N. C.
Barnesville (Mission) _____ Fairmont, N. C.
Montpelier _____ Mrs. Ada McQueen, Rowland, N. C., R. 1, Box 1

Those left blank have no Auxiliary or have been neglectful of their work so have not reported. Hartsville and the missions have not yet had an Auxiliary.

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Miss Gussie McCottry ---------- Fowler. S. C.

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Mrs. E. E. Wilson ---------- Kingstree, S. C.

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Miss Janie Townsend ---------- Lakeview, S. C.

Historian

Mrs. E. E. Strong ---------- Kingstree, S. C.

The South Carolina Synodical gave $25.00 to Mrs. A. J. McQueen, President of the North and South Carolina Presbyterial, to attend the conference and seven of South Carolina's Presbyterials have voted to adopt officers of the Colored Presbyterial to send to the Columbia Conference; Charleston Presbytery has always sent a delegate.

LOUISA C. STONEY,
Historian of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Synod of South Carolina.

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ADDENDUM—CHARLESTON PRESBYTERIAL

STONEY CREEK WOMEN

At the close of the War Between the States, the members of the Stoney Creek Woman's Society returned to a desolated church as well as to desolated homes. The original church building had been destroyed but the summer chapel in McPhersonville, which had been used as a hospital by Northern troops, was the one building spared. Though shabby and defaced the building stood intact, but minister, elders, deacons, and all were gone; there was none left to hold service. Sunday was a day unmarked by any public act of worship.

At last the women met and decided, "The day must be marked. Our children shall have their heritage of church as well as home religious training. We have no other clothes than the shabby ones worn in the week, but they shall, like the Israelites of old, 'appear in *clean* clothes before the Lord'."

So all the children of the community met every Sunday morning. The colored children were taught at the same time in a part of the church set apart for them, and both races were taught separately by the ladies of the church. The colored children soon drifted away as conditions changed and their parents wandered from the neighborhood, but the Sunday School for the white children did excellent service as a centre of religious life in the congregation. Among the faithful workers we may name Mrs. A. F. Gregorie, Mrs. J. McL. Martin, Mrs. Saunders Glover and Misses Matilda and Hetty Hutson.

Finally, on the return of one of the elders, Mr. W. D. Gregorie, the organized life of the church was renewed.

MISS MARY MCL. MARTIN.