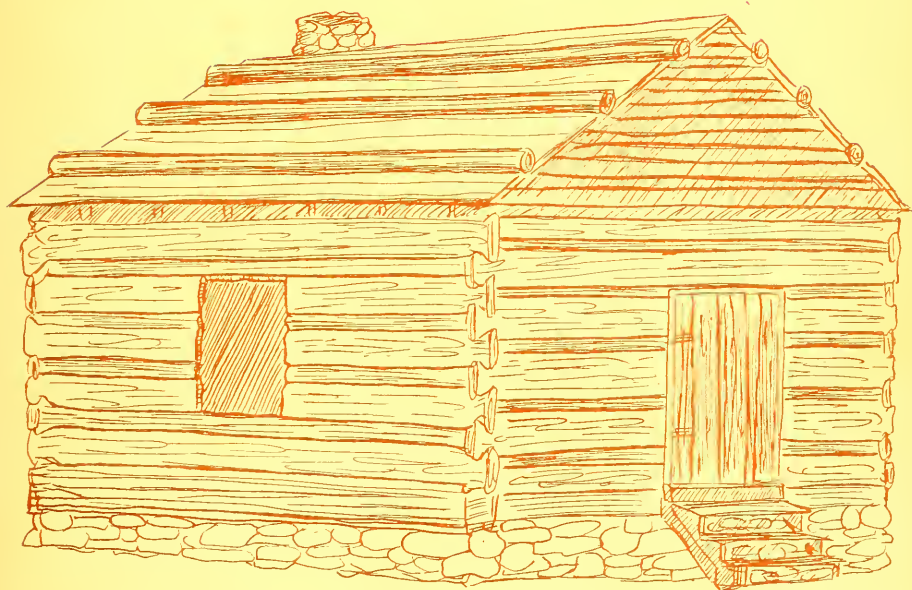


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## FOREWORD

This history of Trinity Methodist Church is a blend of historical fact, human recollection, and graphic illustration. Although painstaking care has been exercised in its preparation, some degree of error is inevitable in a work of this kind.

The Historical Committee is deeply indebted to the Reverend G. W. Bumgarner, a former pastor; Fred J. Kerr, son of a former member; and Coyte H. McClure for many miles of travel and many hours of research at the University of South Carolina, Duke University, old cemeteries, and many other localities; to Miss Betty Moore and Lee M. Kerns for their illustrations; to Mrs. Charles Hamrick, Charles Hamrick, Mrs. Jessie McClure and F. T. Carland for their assistance in typing, arranging and proofreading the manuscript.

The illustration on the front cover, done by Miss Betty Moore, is of a log building similar to the first church building in 1815. The two illustrations on the following page, by Lee M. Kerns, are from pictures of the actual church buildings constructed in 1833 and 1890 respectively. The illustration on the back cover is of the present church facilities.

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This is a drawing of the second church building which was constructed in 1833.



This is a drawing of the third church building which was constructed in 1890.

## TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

Route 9, Charlotte, North Carolina

On the Beatty's Ford Road, Mecklenburg County

A young doctor, David R. Dunlap, came from Waxhaw to Charlotte in April of 1814 with a desire to practice medicine and promote Methodism. The doctor sponsored Methodist preaching at the courthouse to the provocation of his first cousin, Rev. Samuel Craighead Caldwell, pastor of all nearby Presbyterian churches. There was no other denomination in the area of present-day Charlotte at that time. While Presbyterian ministers in general were spoken of by Bishop Francis Asbury as being among the most hospitable of all denominations, some of them had reservations about Methodism and camp meetings. In the early 1800s a former Presbyterian preacher, Rev. W. C. Davies, had been holding camp meetings within reach of the people of Mecklenburg County. Some of the church members at Hopewell and other churches were expelled. It is not for this generation to judge the actions of the ministers who lived so long ago. Methodism and the camp meeting movement were both serious innovations to Scottish Presbyterians who could well be proud of their place in the Protestant Reformation.

Nevertheless, the Methodist revival, which had organized societies in New York and Maryland by 1766, and had over 200,000 members by 1814, evidently was meeting the needs of many people in America. Mrs. Margaret Kerr Martin, widow of James Martin, was among those who had been expelled. Learning of Dr. Dunlap, she traveled to Charlotte, which was seven miles from her home. She spent the night with the Dunlaps and discussed the doctrines and practices of Methodism. Dr. Dunlap agreed to hold prayer services in her home.

Finding an open door, Methodist leaders moved rapidly to set down claims for Christ. In all probability, Dr. Dunlap passed the word to preachers passing through Charlotte that the widow Martin's home might be available for preaching. Otherwise it might seem to be merely coincidental that Rev. Samuel Harrison found his way to this home just a few weeks after prayer services had been begun by Dr. Dunlap. The manner in which Mr. Harrison found his way into the hearts of the Martins and other people in the community is related by Mrs. Martin's son, Rev. William Martin. The latter, near the end of his life, wrote two volumes totalling more than three hundred hand-written pages of his life and experiences. These are kept today in the Columbia branch of the University of South Carolina Library.

William Martin's details on the beginnings of Trinity Church reveal that Rev. Samuel Harrison came first as a stranger on horseback and was given lodging for the night. This was in the latter part of 1814. Before leaving the next morning Mrs. Martin had given him permission to return in three weeks to preach.

Upon the appointed evening the house and yard were filled with people



who welcomed the preacher as he arrived at sundown. After silent prayer, Mr. Harrison sang a hymn alone. "Oh! What singing!" wrote Mr. Martin. "It was new; the people were amazed." After the sermon he announced preaching three weeks later unless there were objections. He was urged to come by one of the older listeners who said, "That is our gospel, let him preach as often as he will."

At the second meeting Rev. Mr. Harrison informed the people that he was but a local preacher, and, if agreeable, he would report the appointment to Rev. William Barnett, who was then in charge of the Sugar Creek Circuit of the Methodist Church. This was agreeable and the next time the Rev. William Barnett came with Rev. Samuel Harrison. Rev. Mr. Barnett organized a small society, and the home of Mrs. Margaret Kerr Martin became a regular preaching place.

It is worthy of note that the society at Martin's was never, at any step, pressed upon the people. Rev. William Martin took great pains to make this clear. What he describes so vividly of the kind diplomacy of the Rev. Samuel Harrison was probably typical. Also, the account illustrates the work of this and many other such noble men.

Samuel Harrison was, like other Methodist preachers of the time, "located" for a while between two periods of "traveling." In 1808 he had been admitted on trial and appointed to Rocky River Circuit, in 1809 to Montgomery Circuit and 1810 to Union Circuit. It was in 1811 that he "located" and settled in the vicinity of Harrison Church, a few miles southeast of Charlotte. In 1816 he was again appointed to Rocky River Circuit. In 1817 he was discontinued.

Methodism was late in coming to Mecklenburg County in comparison to much of Western North Carolina. This is easily illustrated by the establishment of Yadkin Circuit, centering in Wilkes County, in 1780, Salisbury Circuit 1783 and Lincoln Circuit 1790. If Harrison Church was organized by the year 1808 or 1811 it was the first in Mecklenburg County. Some have tried to give the church an earlier date, but no substantial proof has been brought forth. Trinity was evidently the second Methodist society in the county. It was on Sugar Creek Circuit in 1815.

Several societies were organized in Mecklenburg County in 1815 and following. The Sugar Creek Circuit minutes are in the possession of First Methodist Church in Charlotte. The Quarterly Conference of May 5, 1815 was held at Bethel Church. This Church is at Midlands in Cabarrus County. It was organized in 1782. Among the total of sixteen churches listed that first year of the circuit were also Mt. Moriah and New Hope in Anson County; Rogers which was organized in 1783 and is Mt. Olivet Church near Concord in Cabarrus County; Mayhews, now McKendree near Mooresville in Iredell County, organized in 1804; Christenbury's, which is at least a parent of Asbury Church, near Huntersville, and probably a preaching place in 1815; Thyatira, which, it is believed, was Thyatira Presbyterian Church in the edge of Rowan County, evidence having been discovered that the church was divided at that time over Camp Meetings; and Roses, McCorkles, Chalk-level, Cithcarts, Walases and

Howels about which no definite history has been discovered; and Charlotte, a preaching place until 1818 when the first society was formed there.

The Sugar Creek Circuit became Charlotte Circuit in 1834 but continued to cover a large territory in parts of several counties until about 1868 when the North Charlotte Circuit was formed. Up until 1868 something like a total of sixty or seventy preaching places and societies were on the circuit at some time. There were twelve points on the circuit as late as 1863.

Rev. William Barnett served the circuit in 1816 as well as 1815. Since that day so long ago many splendid pastors have served the circuit and the charges on which Trinity has been placed. Mr. Barnett began to "travel" in 1813 when he was admitted On Trial. He was "located" in 1821. Among the well known preachers in the early years was Daniel Asbury who had been sent to the Lincoln Circuit in 1790 along with Jesse Richardson. He was not related to Bishop Asbury but was his close friend. Daniel Asbury had already lived out his long, remarkable life when he was appointed to the circuit in 1824 for he died while on the circuit in 1825. He is buried in Rehobeth Church Cemetery at Terrell, N. C., where he had organized the first church west of the Catawba River in 1791. His biography has been written in various Methodist history books, including *Methodism In Western North Carolina*, by Elmer T. Clark.

William Barringer, pastor in 1847, after a very outstanding ministry in other places, was sent to rebuild Greensboro College in 1871, which had been destroyed by fire in 1863. Space would not permit the writing of all the worthy labors of the something like 90 pastors.

### THE MARTIN FAMILY

James Martin, being, as he stated in his will dated March 22, 1810, "in a sickly and frail state of body, but of sound mind and memory," prepared his will and within a few months passed away. He was survived by his wife, Margaret Kerr Martin, whom he called "Peggy" and five sons and two daughters, all of whom are named in his will. The children were Hannah, Samuel, Peggy L., James D., Robert N., William and Thomas. It is assumed from the order of listing the children in the will that William was next to the youngest. We know more about William than about all the rest because of his writings. To him we owe a debt of thanks for leaving us such vivid impressions of the beginnings of Trinity Church.

### BUCKHILL CHURCH

The Rev. William Martin gave a most interesting account of the first church building:

"Rev. William Barnett proposed building a meeting house. After some discussion, it was agreed to build on a lot of Margaret Kerr Martin's land. In a short time the neighbors collected together with axes, saws, and teams; they cut, heved and hauled logs and reared a small house covered with clapboards, weighted down and kept on by heavy poles; a Presbyterian uncle, who owned a sawmill, gave the boards for the



flooring, the one door, and the pulpit and slabs for the benches." (The uncle was John Kerr who owned a sawmill driven by water power on what is now known as the Robert McClure place.)

"The floor was laid rough and loose — not more than five pounds of nails about the building — about two feet of a log on either side of the building was cut out for windows, and one at the rear of the pulpit for light, and thus was completed the first Methodist Church ever known in this country (the present Long Creek area, *Ed.*). That humble building stood and was used as a regular place of worship long enough for me to preach my first sermon in it, after I was licensed to preach (December 1, 1827, *Ed.*). It bore the name of Buckhill."

Buckhill Church was located about a mile down the small stream from the present Trinity Church, and on the left side and up on a bluff. This bluff was at one time known as Buckhill and the spring below as Buck Spring. One may reach this location by way of Sunset Road. Upon coming near Peachtree Road one turns right on a gravel road after passing Rhea Elliott's home. One passes the McKee home on the way to the foot of the hill and the vicinity of Buck Spring. Then one mounts up the bluff above the right side of the stream.

#### REV. WILLIAM MARTIN AND MARGARET KERR MARTIN

William Martin was born March 9, 1807. He was only three when his father died, and but a lad of eight when he saw the church built. When he was a lad of twelve, on May 20, 1819, his mother married a local preacher by the name of Robert Tucker. Rev. Robert Tucker owned land across the Beatty's Ford of the Catawba River and there he took his wife and the Martin children.

The will of James Martin had provided that his personal estate and land be divided at the end of fifteen years or when his widow remarried. It was also provided that if and when any of the children married they could receive their share at that time. It would make a most interesting story, surely, if one could discover what were the fortunes of the older Martin children.

From what can be learned about their mother after her marriage to Mr. Tucker, her latter years were not so happy. It is not known whether Mr. Tucker was a poor manager or spent too much time away as a Local Preacher. In any case the deed books in Lincoln County Court House show that he was forced to sell land, the last of his transactions, in May of 1841. It was recorded that they lost not only the land but five acres of cotton and twelve acres of corn and all other property because he owed James W. Moore and Co. \$43.09½.

The Rev. William Martin related in his diary that he was converted October 5, 1823. Quite interesting is his statement that he joined the M. E. Church August 28, 1825 and remained a private member until May 1827 "when contrary to my desire, or even consent, I was appointed Class Leader at Friendship (in Lincoln County) by Brother Dowling who then had charge of Lincoln Circuit."

He was licensed to preach at Hopewell Church December 1, 1827, and admitted on trial in the South Carolina Conference in January 1828. A good portion of North Carolina was in that Conference until as late as 1870. He was 21 years of age and said he was leaving his mother and home for the first time. Across the years he managed to visit his mother in Lineoln County every year or two.

In February of 1839 he made such a visit and noted that he thought she was 68 years of age at that time. He does not mention her again, although he travelled extensively and made one journey into Virginia and Maryland and the District of Columbia. The fact that during the immediate years after 1839 he had small children and much sickness and a death in his own home may account for his not getting back to Lincoln County. All evidence points to the burial of James Martin and Margaret Kerr Martin Tucker in the Hopewell Presbyterian cemetery.

William Martin became a very outstanding preacher and educator in the South Carolina Conference. That conference covered many eounties along the southern side of North Carolina including Mecklenburg. He served in his last years as District Superintendent of Columbia District and President of Columbia College. He is credited with rebuilding Washington Street Church in Columbia which the Union Army had burned. It is said that they intended to burn the Baptist Church but that a Baptist steered them to the wrong church. A memorial window has been placed in the above named church to William Martin. His daughter, Isabella, was a great church leader and college teacher. One of his sons, Henry, was a medeal doctor.

### CAPTAIN SAMUEL MARTIN

Captain Samuel Martin, one of the heroes of King's Mountain, was the father of several children, three of whom were to have enduring influence on the history of Trinity. One of these was James Martin whose widow was to have a prominent role in the beginnings of Trinity. Another was Robert Martin and the third was Margaret Martin.

Captain Samuel Martin was born in Ireland in 1732 where he married Margaret McCurdy, and migrated to Pennsylvania. After serving there in the French and Indian War he moved to North Carolina and served in the Snow Campaign in 1775, on the frontiers in 1776, and went to the relief of Charleston in 1779-1780.

In 1780 he served under Rutherford at King's Mountain. In 1781 he opposed Cornwallis at Cowan's Ford, and afterwards served under General Pickens, and then commanded a company under Colonel William Polk at Eutaw Springs. Surviving his companion, he died in Gaston County November 26, 1836 at 104 years of age. He is buried in Goshen Presbyterian eemetery in North Belmont, North Carolina.

### THE MARTIN AND KERR FAMILY RELATIONS

Evidenece would point to the probability that Captain Martin lived at one time in the Long Creek section of Meeklenburg County. The strongest evidenece is that three of his children married three of the children of

Robert Kerr, one of the large landowners in the area. In addition to the marriage of James Martin to Margaret Kerr, Margaret Martin married John Kerr, and Robert Martin married Hannah Kerr.

Another fact supporting the one-time residence of Captain Samuel Martin in Mecklenburg County is that he was listed in the D.A.R. rosters of those who attended the Provincial Congress of North Carolina from Mecklenburg County on August 20, 1775, which was held in Hillsboro, North Carolina. Others listed with him were Thomas Polk, John Phifer, Waightshill Avery, James Houston, and John McNitt Alexander.

Robert Martin had a son, James Wilson Martin, who played an important role in the relocation of Trinity Church in 1833. He provided a two-acre lot, the same lot on which the church now stands. It was at this time that the church also changed its name from Buckhill to Trinity. The lot was not deeded until September 6, 1868. For \$6.00 it was signed over by James Wilson Martin to Trustees W. G. Lewis, John Simpson, John Seerey, Thomas McCord, Brawley Oates, D. R. Dunlap, D. M. Lee, Eli Stewart and N. B. Taylor. These were trustees for the entire circuit. Only John Simpson was a member of Trinity. His wife was Jane Barnett.

The children of James Wilson Martin in time provided financial aid for the first parsonage in Trinity community. This was after 1923. His children were Robert M., William McKendree, and Harriet T. Martin. Robert M. Martin moved from the community in middle life. His only child, Dewitt Martin, is said to have lived in Gastonia and to have left no heirs. The part played by the other children will be brought out later in this history.

The Kerr (Carr) family which had such a strong relationship by marriage to the family of Captain Samuel Martin was fathered by Robert Kerr (1718-April 5, 1789). He was a member of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church and is buried in the old cemetery there. He was twice married. His first wife, Margaret (August 29, 1717-June 20, 1769) was the mother of his children Jennet, Robert Jr., William and John. By his second wife Hanna, Robert Kerr, Sr., was the father of Margaret, Richard, Hannah, Samuel and John. Of the half-brothers John and John it is said that the oldest one died about eighteen months before the birth of John.

The three marriages between the children of Captain Samuel Martin and the children of Robert Kerr, Sr., by his second wife, Hanna, were: Margaret Kerr, as already indicated, who married James Martin; John Kerr married Margaret Martin, and Hannah Kerr married Robert Martin.

One of the well-known incidents which happened locally during the Revolutionary War was that a British sergeant was shot while tumbling forage out of John Kerr's barn.

John Kerr (September 2, 1782-June 1, 1861) married Margaret Martin (September 25, 1774-August 20, 1853) on November 13, 1806. To this marriage were born Robert B., Elizabeth M., James M., Samuel L., John N., William M. and Thomas M. Kerr.

Rev. William M. Kerr (April 11, 1814-January 21, 1892) was an itiner-

ant Methodist preacher in the S. C. Annual Conference from 1838 to 1847. Due to his subsequent activities it is assumed that he located after the division in the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844 because of his Union sympathies. He was elected to the North Carolina Constitutional Convention on the Republican ticket from Mecklenburg County in 1878 along with General Barringer. He organized a Congregational Methodist Church in the Oakdale community. After 1865 he, a bachelor of 51, married his cousin Harriet T. Martin (August 25, 1849-May 25, 1920) who was then 16. When Rev. William McKendree Kerr passed away in 1892 his wife later married Captain S. J. Neisler. Thus it came about that this daughter of James W. Martin came to be known as "Harriet T. Neisler." She had no children by either husband.

John N. Kerr (November 24, 1812-July 17, 1886) married Sarah A. Hanna (March 27, 1838-February 20, 1890). Their only child was Margaret Lucinda (March 8, 1864-February 18, 1927). She married Robert S. McClure (June 3, 1861-June 21, 1928). The children of this marriage and their families have been among the most active members of the last half century. The McClures were numerous in Trinity Church as the 150th anniversary was observed in 1965.

Dr. Thomas M. Kerr (July 1, 1817-January 9, 1871) married Rebeeca E. Price on December 5, 1839. He had his name legally changed to "Carr." Thus his two sons, T. Milton Carr and John Price Carr and their descendants, have spelled their name "Carr" ever since. The Carrs and their relationships are still in the church today. Patricia Ann Todd, for instance, can trace back through her father William, his mother Effie Carr Todd, her father John W. Carr, his father T. Milton Carr, his father Dr. Thomas M. Kerr, and to his father John Kerr, Jr., and realize seven generations with this connection. Among the McClures there are also seventh generation descendants going back to John Kerr, Jr.

Let us now turn to 1833 when the *first* church building was constructed on the present site. In the fly pages of the old Class Book we read that this building was "dedicated to the service of Almighty God on the 30th day of September 1833 by the Rev. J. D. Allen of Charlotte." John Watts was the circuit pastor. Hartwell Spain was the Presiding Elder. The church changed its name at this time from Buckhill to Trinity. The Circuit became Charlotte Circuit. The new building has been described as being L-shaped with front door, side door and a slave gallery. The "L" ran toward the north. The whole church seated about 100. The Trustees for 1833 were Job Canon, John Kerr, and J. W. Martin, and for the class of Trustees for 1837 they were J. D. Martin and Brawley Oates.

The first parsonage for the Circuit was purchased in the Bethel Society, according to the Quarterly Conference minutes for June 15, 1839. The minutes in 1841 reported an authorization to sell some of the parsonage land to get money to build a chimney for the "shed" and to cover the house.

An account of a trial between Job Canon and J. W. Martin on Dec. 20, 1841 is recorded in the Class Book by J. W. Martin. Job Canon preferred



three charges against J. W. Martin who was Class Leader. The charges grew out of Mr. Martin's defending the character of some of the members. The case was eventually dismissed.

Brawley Oates was a member in Charlotte and brother-in-law to Dr. David R. Dunlap. Mr. Oates was Clerk of the County Court in the years 1836-1842 and 1845-1854.

The following are among the interesting names and incidents of Trinity's history: For those who like to joke about district superintendents we note that the presiding elder for 1839 was Will Crook. The previous generation might have been interested in the name of the Junior Preacher in 1846, Robert Taylor. A very colorful character named Kinchin P. Howell was an exhorter in the early years. He was suspended from all church privileges for six months in 1844 for lying and slander. He eventually joined the Presbyterians.

An often told story of Dr. A. D. Betts, Historian of the South Carolina Conference was one about the wives of Rev. Basil G. Jones. This pastor had two deceased wives and was living with a third one. When Mr. Jones explained to churches where he was newly appointed about his family, he said that he had three wives, one above, one below, and one at home.

It will be well to list here the Colored members of Trinity who were listed in 1860. The 36 listed together with the names of families who owned them can be compared for proportion with about 100 white members. This Class of Colored members sat in the balcony.

Family Owning	Name of Colored People	Family Owning	Name of Colored People
Caldwell	Robert, C. L. (Class Leader)	Kenidas	Martha
		"	Mary
Moors	Cubit, C. L.	"	Nancy
"	Margaret	Alexanders	Nancy
Henderson	Milly	"	Jane
"	Martha	"	Eli
"	Manly	McConnel	Marge
"	Elmira	Henry	Nancy
"	Mary	Hays	Clarissa
"	Jane	Tom Alexander	Thomas
"	Mortemore	Hays	Isabella
"	Caroline	Susan Henderson	Eugenia
"	Mary	Patsy Holady	Pleasant
"	Mark	Sol. Sifford	Harriet Carolina
Means	Aim	Albert Wilson	Edey
"	Margaret	Sol. Sifford	Sarah Ann
"	Hornet (or Harriett)	Mrs. Cross	Tavy
"	Adaline	Wm. Martin	Clara
		Wm. Henderson	Louisa

Below is a list of the White members as listed in 1865. This list was added to and changed over a period of years. The list was made while the men were mostly still in the army. It would be of interest to compare this list with the one of 1833 given earlier in the class roll book.



# MALE MEMBERS

Explanation of letters under "State in Grace" column below:  
M — Member; B — Believer; S — Single and Seeker; W — Widow;  
F — Full Member; P — Probation.

No.	State in Grace	Name	Remarks
1	S B F	William M. Kerr	L. P. (Local Preacher)
2	M B F	James W. Martin	C. L. (Class Leader)
3	M B F	Benjamin Kinny	C. L. in the army
4	M S F	Ezekial Black	in the army Joined Pret.
5	S B F	John W. Simpson	in the army Joined Presbyterians
6	M S F	William N. Black	in the army
7	M F	Abram M. Stow (died)	in the army
8	M B F	Rufus Williams	in the army
9	S B F	Robert M. Martin	
10	M B F	Alexander McIntosh	in the army
11	S B F	Thomas L. Holmes (died)	in the army
12	M B F	Marion C. Abernathy (died)	in the army moved
13	M B F	Jonas Sifford	
14	M B F	Joseph B. McGee	moved to Gaston
15	S B F	Hugh D. McGee	suspended
16	S S F	William Sanders	in the army moved
17	M F	William E. Ewing	in the army
18	S B P	Henry H. Hill	in the army suspended
19	S P	William C. Puckett	in the army
20	M P	Cyrus McClure	in the army died Mar. 10, 1865
21	M P	Samuel Auten	in the army
21*	M P	Larkin Hipp	
22	M P	Thomas K. Jamison	in the army dropt
23	S P	George R. Ewing	in the army
24	M F	James D. Price	
25	S	Wilkins Price	
26	S	William Price	
27	S	James A. Price	in the army died in peace
28	M P	T. I. Puckett	in the army
29	S S P	Adolphus Auton	joined January 1, 1865
30		R. F. Simpson	
31		P Coleman Harris (died)	
32		P T. M. Kerr (Jan. died)	withdrew by certificate
33	M B	Milton Hill	July 1865 Dropt
34	S S	James Black	
35	S S	James McCree	
36	S S	Thadeus C. McGahey	
37	S S	Thomas T. McGee	Suspended
38	S S	John Hipp	Dropt
39	S S	Franklin Downs	Henderson Schoolhouse
40	S S	Robert J. Sifford	distant (Dropped)
41	M S	Robt. W. Little	moved
42	S B	William T. McIntosh	
43	S S	George Elliott	Dropt
44	S S	Wm. Auton	Dropt
45	S B	David Elliott	
46	M S	Stephen Hipp	Dropt
47	S S	John Elwood	Dropped
48	S S	George Grigson	moved
49	S S	Wm. M. Martin	Withdrawn by certificate
50	M S	Wilson Auton	Dropt
51	S S	John Brown	Dropt
52	S B	Robert Puckett	Dropt
53	S S	Milton Ewing	Dropt
		John A. McClure	moved from B. Spring
	P	John Hutchison	
		John S. Davidson (May 31)	expelled
		J. B. Christenbery (July 21)	
		G. T. Puckett (Oct. 1867)	
		Geor. Huskins (Nov. 1867)	

Preen Festerman  
William Andrews  
Jennings Kerr

(Note: Jennings B. Kerr was Clerk of Superior Court 1842-1865.) He moved east of Charlotte in the last years of his life.

\*Number 21 used twice

# FEMALE MEMBERS

No.	State in Grace			Name	Remarks
1	M	B	F	Mary Hutchison	infirm
2	M	B	F	Harriet D. Martin	
3	M	B	F	Mary A. Kinny	
4	M	B	F	Nancy Hudson	infirm
5	M	B	F	Elizabeth Keiler	Distant
6	S	B	F	Esther McGinn	infirm
7	M	B	F	Mary Means	Moved to Charlotte 1867
8	M	B	F	Nancy Clark	infirm
9	M	B	F	Margaret Prim	
10	M	B	F	Abigail Christenbury	
11	M	B	F	Nancy Plummer	
12	M	B	F	Mary A. McElroy	unsettled    Joined Baptist
13	S	B	F	Huldah McGahey	
14	W	B	F	Jane Jamison Puckett	
15	M	B	F	Nancy Black	
16	M	B	F	Mary A. Cross	Moved
17	S	B	F	Margaret McGahey	
18	S	B	F	Mary McGahey	
19	M		F	Eliza Johnson	Expelled for (it doesn't say)
20	S	B	F	Jane McClure	By Certificate to S. Creek
21	M	B	F	Delila Price	
22	S	B	F	Patsey Stewart	
23	M	B	F	Esther Means	Moved to Lincoln
24	M	B	F	Elizabeth Simpson (Hawkins)	
25	M	B	F	Jane A. Black	
				N. A. McLure	(written between nos. 25 and 26)
26	M	B	F	Jane Auton	
27	W	B	F	Louisa Auton	
28	S		F	Martha E. Black	
29	S			Elizabeth Holmes	
30	S	B	F	Harriet McGee (X)	Suspended    Expelled
31	M	B	F	Caroline McClure	
32	M	B	F	Margaret E. Kerr	
33	M	B	F	Jane Deaton (X)	Distant
34	S		F	Harriet Black	
35	M	B	F	Sarah I. King	(See Class Book)
36	M	B	F	Mary E. McClure	Joined Prot. Methodist
37	M	B	F	Nancy M. Sifford	
38	M	B	F	Caroline Hannah	Moved to Gaston
39				Eliza Deaton	Died
40	M		F	Margaret Elwood	Unsettled
			F	Rebecca E. Kerr	Moved to Prot. M. (name written between 40 and 41)
41	W	B	F	Eliza (McClure) Simpson	
42	W	B	F	Harriet Auton	
43	S			Eliza Ewing	Moved    Joined Prot.
44	S	B	F	Nancy E. McGee (X)	Suspended    Exp.
45	S	B	F	Elizabeth Miller	
46	S		F	Mary (Prim) Severs	
47	S	B	F	Louisa McGee (X)	Suspended    Exp.
48	S			Sarah Brigman	Moved
49	M			Mary Ann Pool	Moved
50	M	B	F	Mary Hill	
51	M	B	F	Ellen Price	
52	S	B	F	Sarah (Price) Kelly	
53	S	B	F	Margaret J. Price	

54	S	B	F	Mary (Price) Underwood	Moved
55	S	B	F	Lilly R. (Price) Troutman	Moved to Columbia 1867
56	W	B	F	Cornelia A. Tucker	
57	M		P	Harriett (McIntosh) Kerr	
58			P	Susan Harrit	
59			P	Dulcena (Lawing) Puckett	
60				M. E. Alexander (X)	
				Belinda McIntosh	(listed between nos 61 and 62)

(The numbers take up again as 59ff showing that the last three names above were added between original 58 and 59.)

59	S	B		Mary (Hutchinson) McGahey	23 July 1865
60	S	B		Margaret A. (Hutchison) Black	
61	S	B		Susan (Black) Benson	
62	M	S		Dovey Armstrong	
63	S	B		Mary H. Martin	
64	S	B		Sarah C. Hutchison	
65	S	S		Elizabeth Pettus	Dropt
66	S	S		Josephine Plummer	
67	S	B		Margaret Stanford	Moved
68	S	B		Sarah A. Shelton	Dropt
69	M	S		R. Elvira Barnett	
70	S	S		Julia C. (McIntosh) Elliott	
71	S	S		Martha Downs—Hendersons	
72	M	S		Elizabeth Nixon	
73	S	S		Harriet T. Martin	
74	S	S		Catherine E. Hutchison	Moved
75	M	B		Mary J. Little	Moved
76	S	S		F. G. McClure	
77	S	S		Ophelia Plummer	
78	S	B		Margaret Frazier	
79	S	S		Martha A. Lawing (Aug. 9, 1865)	
				Angaline Holden (Coleman)	
80	S	S	F	Elizabeth McClure	
81	S	S	F	Nancy Hutchison Elliott	
82				Mary Lawing	
83				Martha A. Harris Jordan	October 1867
84				Martha Puckett	
	W			R. Festerman	From Bethesda
	S			Jane Festerman	From Bethesda
	M			Kate Andrews	Removed
	S			Amanda Harris (Feb. 1868)	
				Rosa Sifford	
				Elizabeth Sifford	
				Mary J. Paige	(See book)
				Milly McGinn	
				Pamelia Hippes	

Homer H. Elliott, son of David L. Elliott, Sr., who listed his address as 1335 Oakdale Road, Charlotte, N. C., sent a very interesting financial report to the Historical Society of the Conference. It was sent May 14, 1961. The report was found among the effects of his father who heads the list.

"We the undersigned hereby agree to pay the sum annexed to our respective names for the purpose of repairing and refitting the church building at Trinity in Mecklenburg County, N. C.

"Dec. 15, 1882"

D. L. Elliott		\$10.00	Paid
James W. Martin	Paid	10.00	
Joh (Job or John?) McCord	Paid	1.00	
J. E. Elliott	Paid	2.50	
John R. Price	Paid	1.00	
W. H. Puckett		1.00	
Sifford Freelend		1.00	Paid
F. R. Durham		.50	Paid

J. W. Simpson	1.00	
James Puckett	1.00	Paid
James McDonnel	2.50	Paid
Thomas McDonnel	2.50	Paid
Sally McDonnel	2.50	
I. C. Hutchison	1.00	
George Elliott	2.00	

D. L. Elliott, Sr., listed above, had a large family. His descendants are still in Trinity Church, among them David L. Elliott, Jr., Leighton Elliott, and their families. Jimmy Elliott, son of David L. Elliott, Jr., was trained for the Methodist ministry and served for a few years.

In 1890 the congregation built a new sanctuary seating about 100. It was more ornate than the building of 1833. Yet, it was put together with wooden pegs. The wonderful timbers of the church of 1890 were reused in the present building. A picture of the church hangs in the lobby. The building committee was Milton Carr, Dave Elliott, John T. Holton, Pink McCord, and Billy Martin. It is said that the ceiling was hauled from the river by Joe Elliott, Fonzie King, Luther Harkey and John W. Carr. The contractor was J. A. Puckett.

William McKendree Martin (Uncle Billy) taught school in the church building both before and after 1890. According to the recollections gathered from Mrs. D. L. Elliott, Sr., in 1954 when she was in her eighties, as well as from Joe M. Elliott and Rev. Charlie Little (Presbyterian), Uncle Billy was opposed to the building of the new church in 1890. He had carried his own chair to the church and sat in it each Sunday. After failing to block the new building he took his chair and went home. He wasn't seen at the church until the new building was opened for use. On that day he came back with his chair. When he reached the door he was met there by the pastor, Rev. B. F. Fincher. Uncle Billy handed him \$25.00 and remarked that he wouldn't go in until he had done his part. He then entered and replaced his chair and took his place as if he had not been absent. Uncle Billy remained unmarried all his life.

The Softley family moved into the Trinity community about 1875. One of their sons, Wiley, was born July 14, 1867. Wiley Softley made his home in the community all his life. He was a man of abiding influence upon the lives of those who remembered him.

The Todd and Alexander families and their connections are of long standing in Trinity Church, as are the Elliotts, Hucks, Johnstons, Kings, Plummers, Pucketts and their families and connections. To list all the active families which have united with the church in recent decades would require a lot of space.

John Robert Beard, Sr., moved onto the property across from the church in the early part of the present century and entered quite actively into the life of the church. For many years he was Chairman of the Board of Stewards and Trustees and teacher of the men's class named after him.

It is said that Mrs. J. M. (Rose) Elliott started the fund for the present sanctuary at a quilting party with 25 cents. She was truly one of the beloved women leaders of the church. On a Sunday following the quilting party, Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. J. R. Beard and Miss Mattie Gilliland put 25

cents each on the stove and invited other members to follow. There was a good response. From this beginning the sanctuary was completed under the leadership of Rev. J. B. Fitzgerald in 1928. It was valued then at \$18,000. It is valued at several times that amount today. Duke money was received on the building and a sizable amount of money was received through the sale of land coming from the estate of Mrs. Harriet T. Neisler.

The Circuit which had carried 16 preaching places and churches in 1815, and which had as many as 24 points in 1846, was divided in 1868. The Trinity Church was on the North Charlotte Circuit. South Charlotte included eight churches. Unfortunately the churches for North Charlotte Circuit were not listed in the minutes which exist. In 1897 there were six appointments on the circuit which now was called Charlotte Circuit. From 1899 to 1914 it was called Derita. There were four appointments. From 1915 to 1922 the charge was called Seversville. This was Wesley Heights. In 1922-23 the charge was Rural Trinity. While J. E. Yountz was pastor in 1937-38 Trinity became a Station and has remained so since.

At the annual Homecoming of September 13, 1942, New Testaments were presented to men in the service. These were O. D. Abernathy, J. David O. Abernathy, J. R. Beard, Jr., Paul Cashion, W. H. Elliott, Jr., Harry A. Gilbert, James W. Gurley, Harry A. Hucks, J. M. Hucks, James Howard Mock, H. L. McClure, Jr., C. C. Plummer, H. H. Plummer, Marion Poole, J. A. Stillwell, Jr., Claybourne A. Todd.

Rev. J. E. Yountz was pastor in 1942 when the first educational unit was built. The Church School Superintendent was W. B. Elliott; Chairman of the Board was J. R. Beard, and President of W.S.C.S. was Mrs. J. T. Alexander. Duke money helped in the project. The total cost was \$8,000. Rev. E. H. Brendall was pastor while this indebtedness was cleared. Bishop Clare Purcell was present for the dedication on Sunday, September 10, 1944.

Rev. A. A. Kyles pastored Trinity from 1946-1950. During those years the congregation did much to improve the parsonage in both interior comfort and beauty. Also the church grounds were landscaped and beautified. Mr. Kyles helped the officials of the church develop a sound financial system and did much to help develop the various organizations of the church.

The pastor for 1950-1954 was Rev. G. W. Bumgarner. In the conference year 1950-51 the United Evangelistic Mission was held in the Conference. In the two weeks of March 11 through March 25, the first week was given to Visitation Evangelism and the second week to Preaching and Visitation Evangelism. Trinity received 32 on profession of faith including its membership classes and six by certificate of transfer at the end of this time. Due to the spiritual power of this great evangelistic effort in which so many of the members fully participated, Trinity reported to the Conference in September, 1951: 38 received on profession of faith, 22 from other denominations and 27 by certificates from Methodist churches. This gain of 87 was greatly offset, however, by a much needed cleaning of the rolls which brought total removed to 109.



On Sunday, January 13, 1952 the congregation voted unanimously to remodel the sanctuary. The work done during the following months included the remodeling of the choir loft, the raising of the ceilings in the transepts to the present height and putting new pews in the transepts. The organ sound chambers were also moved. The whole interior and exterior of the church was then painted. The total cost was estimated at \$3,592. The members of the church did quite a bit of the labor.

At the same congregational meeting in January of 1952 the people of Trinity voted to build a Fellowship Hall with walls of sufficient strength to carry two stories of Educational Building later. This building was completed at a cost of about \$10,000. It was dedicated by Dr. Frank B. Jordan, District Superintendent of the Charlotte District at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, September 5, 1954.

Rev. D. Edwin Bailey came to Trinity for a three year pastorate in the fall of 1954. During his ministry the church launched a financial drive to complete the two stories of the educational building as planned for when the Fellowship Hall was built. The drive was most successful and the people pledged to the Building Fund over a period of several years. The Building was completed July 1, 1956. During the ministry of Rev. C. F. Womble the debt was paid off. The total cost of the two stories was \$35,000. The building was dedicated in April-May of 1961 with Bishop Nolan B. Harmon leading in the final dedicatory service.

In November of 1959 the congregation purchased a tract of land on the creek side of the church for \$3,000. This was very helpful to the church in making access to the buildings on the east side. The parking lot was paved in 1960 at a cost of \$2,250.

In 1962-63 under the ministry of Rev. Byron S. Nifong the new parsonage was built with an estimated value of \$26,000. It was dedicated by the Rev. A. G. Lackey, District Superintendent of the Charlotte District, on May 30, 1965.

Several ministers have grown up in Trinity Church. We have already given the accounts of William Martin and William M. Kerr. W. Jackson Huneycutt received his call to the ministry while his father was pastor at Trinity. We have mentioned Jimmy Elliott. J. Parks Todd, Jr., is a promising young minister who was admitted to the W.N.C. Annual Conference in 1961 and began his ministry as an Associate at Centenary in Winston-Salem.

At Annual Conference in June, 1965, Rev. James M. Armstrong, Jr., was appointed to Trinity. He comes in the year of the 150th Anniversary. The 150th Anniversary was celebrated by having a full week of services which included having Dr. Harlan Creech, Jr., District Superintendent of the Charlotte District, preach on Sunday, September 19, 1965. Following this special day there were services held each night with past ministers preaching, including Rev. D. Edwin Bailey, Rev. C. F. Womble, Rev. Byron Nifong and Rev. Earl H. Brendall. On Sunday morning, September 26, 1965, Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., presiding Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference, preached and there was dinner on the

grounds. Following dinner, Rev. G. W. Bumgarner read a partial history of Trinity Methodist Church from its beginning up to the present.

After much study and discussion by the Official Board, a Building Committee was approved. This committee consisted of the following members: Paul Merritt, chairman; Grady Harpe, C. W. Kidd, Jr., Mrs. Lewis Frazier, Mrs. Frank Todd and Mrs. Thomas Perry. On October 30, 1966, the Building Committee presented a resolution to the congregation for the remodeling of the sanctuary. This would include: putting in new doors and door casings, new phasing for windows, new ceiling and new lighting for the sanctuary, new carpet, air conditioning for the sanctuary, a ramp leading from the Harriett Neisler Class, new organ and new speakers for the organ. The resolution was passed with Dr. Harlan Creech, Jr., holding the Church Conference. The amount of \$22,500 was borrowed for this work and the following members of the Board of Trustees signed this note: James A. Martin, William A. Todd, W. B. Elliott, Grady Harpe, Coyte McClure and Paul Tysinger. The congregation had to move down into the Fellowship Hall and hold services there for about three months. On Sunday, January 22, 1967, a consecration service for the remodeled sanctuary was held with Dr. Harlan Creech, Jr., presiding.

#### MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP OF TRINITY — 1815-1877

Annual Conference years were same as calendar year until recent decades.

CATAWBA DISTRICT		SUGAR CREEK CIRCUIT		MARTIN'S
Year	Presiding Elder	Pastor	Junior Preacher	Local Preacher
1815	Daniel Asbury	William B. Barnett		Wm. Fincher, Samuel Harrison BUCKHILL
1816	Daniel Asbury	William B. Barnett		Wm. Fincher
1817	Daniel Asbury	Rubin Tucker		Wm. Fincher
1818	Jesse Richardson	Rubin Tucker		
1819	Jesse Richardson	Hartwell Spain		Wm. Fincher
1820	Jesse Richardson	Zacheus Dowling		
1821	Jesse Richardson	Jacob Hill		
1822	Daniel Christenbury	Thomas A. Roseman		Jacob Hill
1823	Daniel Christenbury	Jeremiah Freeman		Jacob Hill, Hartwell Spain Jacob Hill
1824	Daniel Christenbury	Daniel Asbury		
CHERAW DISTRICT				
1825	Daniel Christenbury	Elisha Askew		Jacob Hill, Thos. D. Howell
1826	Malcum McPherson	D. F. Christenbury		Daniel Butten, John H. Tredwell
1827	Malcum McPherson	Daniel F. Waid		Jacob Hill
LINCOLNTON DISTRICT				
1828	Malcum McPherson	Benjamin Bell		Thomas Cothel, Daniel Butten, John Sale
1829	Malcum McPherson	Benjamin Bell		Daniel Butten
1830	Hartwell Spain	Absalom Brown		Daniel Butten
1831	Hartwell Spain	Absalom Brown		Daniel Butten
1832	Hartwell Spain	Jas. J. Richardson	John K. Mors	Daniel Butten
1833	Hartwell Spain	John Watts		
		CHARLOTTE CIRCUIT		TRINITY
1834	Charles Betts	Trecy R. Walsh		
1835	Benjamin Bell	Jacob Ozier		

1836	Allen Hamby	Dan'l G. McDaniel	John G. Postell	John Newel, J. H. Montgomery J. H. Montgomery, David Amberson, Wm. Fincher J. H. Montgomery J. H. Montgomery J. H. Montgomery, D. M. Emmerson, John Newel
1837	Allen Hamby	William R. Smith	Joseph P. Kirten	
1838	Allen Hamby	Wm. T. Harrison	Mark Russell	
1839	Will Crook	J. M. Bradley	Martin Eaddy	J. H. Montgomery
1840	Will Crook	Benjamin Hamilton	Camble Smith	J. H. Montgomery
1841	Will Crook	Benjamin Hamilton		J. H. Montgomery, D. M. Emmerson, John Newel
1842	Will Crook	Michael Robbins		
1843	W. A. Gamewell	Michael Robbins		
1844	W. A. Gamewell	Hugh E. Ogburn		D. M. Emmerson, J. H. Montgomery, John Newel J. M. Happoldt Wm. E. Holleday
1845	W. A. Gamewell	Lewis Scarbrough		
1846	W. A. Gamewell	Lewis Scarbrough	Robert Taylor	
1847	Albert M. Shipp	Claudius H. Pritchard	Wm. Barringer	
1848	A. M. Foster	Claudius H. Pritchard	T. M. Farrow	
1849	A. M. Foster	P. A. Williams	T. M. Farrow	
1850	A. M. Foster	J. H. Robinson	E. T. Pennington	
1851	H. H. Durant	D. J. Simmons	J. W. Faulkner	
1852	H. H. Durant	Wm. C. Peterson (Patterson?)	I. L. Palmer	
1853	H. H. Durant	P. F. Kistler	D. May	
1854	Spartanburg and Charlotte Districts were formed. Charlotte District covered East Mecklenburg, Union and Anson and other territory. Spartanburg covered much of what Lincolnton District had.			
1854	D. Derrick	J. M. Bradley	D. May	
1855	D. Derrick	J. W. J. Harris	J. L. Nelson	
1856	Hilliard C. Parsons	John Watts	J. W. Murray	
1857	Hilliard C. Parsons	G. W. M. Creighton	J. W. H. Gleason	
1858	Sidi H. Browne	L. M. Little	J. Little McGregor	
1859	Wadesboro replaced Charlotte District and Shelby District was cut out of Spartanburg. The Circuit was in Shelby District.			
1859	Sidi H. Browne	E. A. Price	J. N. Abernathy	
1860-62	Wadesboro and Lincolnton Districts. The Circuit was in Lincolnton District.			
1860	F. A. Mood	W. W. Jones		
1861	J. T. Wightman	W. W. Jones	J. N. Abernathy	
1862	R. P. Franks	J. S. Nelson		
CATAWBA DISTRICT				
1863	R. P. Franks	Lewis Scarborough	J. N. Abernathy	
SHELBY DISTRICT				
1864	R. P. Franks	Lewis Scarborough		W. M. Kerr
1865	R. P. Franks	Basil G. Jones	James D. Carpenter	
1866	John W. North	Basil G. Jones	F. B. Andrew	
1867	John W. North	J. J. Prather	R. L. Duffey	
SHELBY DISTRICT		NORTH CHARLOTTE CIRCUIT		
1868	John W. North	J. J. Prather		
1869	John W. North	J. J. Prather		
1870	E. J. Meynardie	R. R. Dagnall		
Bishop		Presiding Elder		Pastor
1870-71	George F. Pierce	W. S. Black		M. H. Hoyle
1871-72	Robert Paine	W. S. Black		John C. Hartsell
CHARLOTTE DISTRICT				
1872-73	Robert Paine	W. S. Black		Unknown*
1873-74	John C. Keener	J. S. Nelson		Unknown
1874-75	E. M. Marvin	J. S. Nelson		Unknown
1875-76	H. M. McTyeire	W. H. Bobbitt		Unknown
1876-77	H. H. Kavanaugh	W. H. Bobbitt		Unknown

\*NOTE: The Annual Conference Minutes for the five years above and the District Conference records available do not list North Charlotte Circuit among the appointments.

The absence of appointments for the years 1872-1877 was not due to an oversight. Apparently there was a high state of confusion on the Circuit during those years. It was a time to try men's souls. J. J. Prather reported to the District Conference of the Shelby District, June 23, 1868, meeting in Lincolnton, N. C., that the North Charlotte Circuit was "a pleasant work" with 5 churches, 450 white members, 13 colored, and 27 members had gone to the "Northern" Methodist Church during the year. (There were three Sabbath Schools, 150 scholars, 9 subscriptions to the Advocate, two or three churches building new buildings, no parsonage.) At the District Conference meeting in Yorkville August 27, 1869, Mr. Prather reported 540 members. The colored are not mentioned. 15 Advocate subscriptions, two new church buildings, and he stated: "The Northern Methodists have given us some trouble but have not done our church much injury." In 1870 Rev. R. R. Dagnall reported 7 churches, 500 members, no class meetings but Church meetings. R. M. Martin reported pastor's salary fixed at \$500 with \$100 paid and paid Presiding Elder \$20.

Reading between the lines here and elsewhere we can see that the Circuit was approaching difficult times. In the membership rolls, or Class rolls, of 1865 reported in this history you will find the abbreviation "Prot." several times and "joined Prot. Meth.". This is beside the names of those who were joining the Methodist Protestant Church. There was for a few years a Methodist Protestant Church near the present Asbury Church near Huntersville. The community was called Ferrels Town. Then Asbury Church developed as an M. E. Church, or "Northern" Methodist. The former M. E. Church, South in that area and the Methodist Protestant Church both died out. Trinity was a Southern Methodist Church from 1844 until unification. We bear in mind also that Rev. W. M. Kerr formed a "Congregational Methodist Church" near Oakdale. This may have been a Methodist Protestant Church.

It is likely that the discord in churches along with the fact that these were disturbing years in politics and lean financial years brought the public worship and congregational life to a halt. Since no minister could have satisfied the divisions which were deep dyed in the blood of warfare and the humility of economic loss, it could well be that the Bishop and Presiding Elder played a game of prayerful watching and waiting. Leastwise we see the Charge reappearing in the minutes of 1877.

#### MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP OF TRINITY — 1877-1968

Year	Bishop	Presiding Elder	Pastor
1877-78	D. S. Doggett	W. H. Bobbitt	W. S. Halton
1878-79	George F. Pierce	W. H. Bobbitt	William I. Hull
CHARLOTTE CIRCUIT			
1879-80	W. M. Wightman	M. L. Mood	W. J. Crowson
1880-81	J. C. Keener	M. L. Mood	W. J. Crowson
1881-82	George F. Pierce	M. L. Mood	Thos. S. Ellington (lived in Mint Hill)
1882-83	J. C. Keener	M. L. Mood	Thos. S. Ellington
1883-84	J. C. Keener	T. W. Guthrie	Thos. S. Ellington
1884-85	Linus Parker	T. W. Guthrie	William F. Coffin (lived in Charlotte)
1885-86	John C. Keener	T. W. Guthrie	William F. Coffin
1886-87	John C. Granberry	P. J. Carraway	William F. Coffin



1887-88 Joseph H. Key  
 1888-89 John C. Granberry  
 1889-90 Robert H. Hargrove  
 1890-91 John C. Keener  
 1891-92 Charles B. Galloway  
 1892-93 E. B. Hendrix  
 1893-94 W. W. Duncan  
 1894-95 A. W. Wilson  
 1895-96 W. W. Duncan  
 1896-97 C. B. Galloway  
 1897-98 J. S. Key

1898-99 O. P. Fitzgerald  
 1899-00 J. S. Key  
 1900-01 H. C. Morrison  
 1901-02 R. K. Hargrove  
 1902-03 A. Coke Smith  
 1903-04 A. Coke Smith  
 1904-05 W. W. Duncan  
 1905-06 A. W. Wilson  
 1906-07 A. W. Wilson  
 1907-08 H. C. Morrison  
 1908-09 James Atkins  
 1909-10 James Atkins  
 1910-11 E. R. Hendrix  
 1911-12 E. E. Hoss  
 1912-13 Collins Denny  
 1913-14 James H. McCoy

1914-15 R. G. Waterhouse  
 1915-16 W. R. Lambuth  
 1916-17 J. C. Kilgo  
 1917-18 James Atkins  
 1918-19 U. V. W. Darlington  
 1919-20 U. V. W. Darlington  
 1920-21 U. V. W. Darlington  
 1921-22 U. V. W. Darlington

1922-23 Collins Denny  
 1923-24 Collins Denny  
 1924-25 Collins Denny

1925-26 Collins Denny  
 1926-27 E. D. Mouzon  
 1927-28 E. D. Mouzon  
 1928-29 E. D. Mouzon  
 1929-30 E. D. Mouzon  
 1930-31 E. D. Mouzon  
 1931-32 E. D. Mouzon  
 1932-33 E. D. Mouzon  
 1933-34 E. D. Mouzon  
 1934-35 Paul B. Kern  
 1935-36 Paul B. Kern  
 1936-37 Paul B. Kern

1937-38 Paul B. Kern  
 1938-39 Clare Purcell

1939-40 Clare Purcell  
 1940-41 Clare Purcell  
 1941-42 Clare Purcell  
 1942-43 Clare Purcell  
 1943-44 Clare Purcell  
 1944-45 Clare Purcell  
 1945-46 Clare Purcell

P. J. Carraway  
 P. J. Carraway  
 P. J. Carraway  
 A. P. Tyer  
 A. P. Tyer  
 A. P. Tyer  
 J. R. Brooks  
 J. R. Brooks  
 J. R. Brooks  
 J. R. Brooks  
 S. B. Turrentine

#### DERITA CIRCUIT

S. B. Turrentine  
 S. B. Turrentine  
 J. C. Rowe  
 J. C. Rowe  
 J. C. Rowe  
 J. E. Thompson  
 J. E. Thompson  
 J. E. Thompson  
 J. E. Thompson  
 Frank Siler  
 H. K. Boyer  
 H. K. Boyer  
 J. R. Scroggs  
 J. R. Scroggs  
 J. R. Scroggs  
 P. T. Durham

#### SEVERSVILLE CIRCUIT

J. C. Rowe  
 L. T. Mann  
 T. F. Marr  
 H. K. Boyer  
 H. K. Boyer  
 H. K. Boyer  
 H. K. Boyer  
 J. B. Craven

J. B. Craven  
 J. B. Craven  
 J. B. Craven

D. M. Litaker  
 D. M. Litaker  
 D. M. Litaker  
 D. M. Litaker  
 E. K. McLarty, Sr.  
 E. K. McLarty, Sr.  
 J. W. Moore  
 J. W. Moore  
 J. B. Craven  
 J. B. Craven  
 J. B. Craven  
 J. B. Craven

George A. Page  
 Zodiac Paris  
 B. F. Fincher  
 B. F. Fincher  
 S. P. Douglas  
 E. G. Pusey  
 J. M. Price  
 J. M. Price  
 R. S. Howie  
 R. S. Howie  
 R. S. Howie

R. S. Howie  
 L. M. Brower  
 W. L. Nicholson  
 W. L. Nicholson  
 W. L. Nicholson  
 W. L. Nicholson  
 J. H. Bradley  
 J. H. Bradley  
 J. H. Bradley  
 J. H. Bradley  
 S. Taylor  
 S. Taylor  
 S. Taylor  
 P. L. Terrell  
 P. L. Terrell  
 T. A. Plyler (S)

W. F. Elliott  
 W. F. Elliott  
 W. F. Elliott  
 B. F. Hargett  
 B. F. Hargett  
 B. F. Hargett  
 B. F. Hargett  
 B. F. Hargett  
 B. F. Hargett

#### RURAL TRINITY

B. F. Hargett  
 M. W. Mann  
 M. W. Mann (M. G. Ervin  
 comp. year for Mann)  
 W. S. Cherry  
 O. B. Mitchell  
 J. B. Fitzgerald  
 J. B. Fitzgerald  
 J. B. Fitzgerald  
 J. B. Fitzgerald  
 R. F. Huneycutt  
 R. F. Huneycutt  
 R. F. Huneycutt  
 R. F. Huneycutt  
 J. E. Yountz  
 J. E. Yountz

#### TRINITY STATION

J. E. Yountz  
 J. E. Yountz

(Unification)

G. T. Bond  
 G. T. Bond  
 G. T. Bond  
 G. T. Bond  
 E. H. Nease, Sr.  
 J. B. Craven  
 E. H. Blackard

J. E. Yountz  
 J. E. Yountz  
 E. H. Brendall  
 E. H. Brendall  
 E. H. Brendall  
 E. H. Brendall  
 W. S. Smith



1946-47	Clare Purcell	E. H. Nease, Sr.	A. A. Kyles
1947-48	Costen J. Harrell	E. H. Nease, Sr.	A. A. Kyles
1948-49	Costen J. Harrell	E. H. Nease, Sr.	A. A. Kyles
1949-50	Costen J. Harrell	E. H. Nease, Sr.	A. A. Kyles
1950-51	Costen J. Harrell	E. H. Nease, Sr.	G. W. Bumgarner
1951-52	Costen J. Harrell	E. H. Nease, Sr.	G. W. Bumgarner
1952-53	Costen J. Harrell	F. B. Jordan	G. W. Bumgarner
1953-54	Costen J. Harrell	F. B. Jordan	G. W. Bumgarner
1954-55	Costen J. Harrell	F. B. Jordan	D. E. Bailey
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1961-62	Nolan B. Harmon	E. H. Blackard	S. Byron Nifong
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1963-64	Nolan B. Harmon	Charles P. Bowles	S. Byron Nifong
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1966-67	Earl G. Hunt, Jr.	Harlan L. Creech, Jr.	James M. Armstrong, Jr.
1967-68	Earl G. Hunt, Jr.	Harlan L. Creech, Jr.	James M. Armstrong, Jr.
1968-69	Earl G. Hunt, Jr.	Harlan L. Creech, Jr.	Joseph M. Taylor. Jr.

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## THE DIARY OF WILLIAM MARTIN

Trinity Methodist Church traces its beginnings to Robert Kerr, Sr., and Captain Samuel Martin. Robert Kerr, Sr., migrated from Ireland to Pennsylvania about 1730, moving to Mecklenburg County about 1754. Captain Samuel Martin, also from Ireland, settled in Tryon (Gaston) County, North Carolina, about 1771, after fighting in the French and Indian War in Pennsylvania.

Robert Kerr and wife, Hannah, had five children. A daughter, Margaret, married James Martin, son of Captain Samuel and Margaret Martin, in February, 1797. One of seven children of this marriage, William Martin, became an outstanding Methodist preacher in the South Carolina Conference.

In his diary, found in the Library of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina, a portion of which follows, William Martin records that his mother's home was the first meeting place for what is now Trinity Methodist Church, and that the first church building was erected on her land. In 1833 the church was moved to a new building on the present site and renamed Trinity.

I was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, March 9th in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven, of poor though pious Parents, both members of the Presbyterian Church in which they solemnly dedicated me to God by baptism, when a child. When I was but three years old it pleased God to take my Father to Himself and leave me to the care of a widowed Mother who was now left with seven small children, one at her breast, to provide for and raise, with but insufficient means to do it with, but that God who said He would be the widow's friend and the orphan's Father threw His Almighty arm around her and hers, and kept them, and She, feeling her responsibility to God for the way She raised them, and being unable to give them much education, early taught them to fear God and to pray, this is about the first thing that I recollect in my own history. She also taught us to read the Bible and at a very early age I became very fond of the Bible, and believing from what I read there that the way to wisdom and happiness was to read, to understand, and practice the precepts of the Bible, I formed a strong desire to have one, and when I was about seven or eight years old I had one presented to me by the American Bible Society. This was the first article of property that I could call my own, and then I commenced reading it with more care than I had formerly done.

About this time a Methodist preacher came to my Mother's house, whether by accident or design I never learned, and after spending the night he beg'd leave to preach in the house which was given. His name was Samuel Harrison. I believe at that time a local preacher. He soon formed a small Society in the house of which my mother became a member. About that time the Rev. Wm. Barnet, who then travelled the Sugaw Creek Circuit, came and took the Infant Society into the plan of the Circuit and gave them regular preaching. They soon built a small church on my mother's land. I now became very fond of the preachers, and felt at times very serious on the subject of religion. Though I was only ten or eleven years old, I prayed in my feeble manner daily for the salvation of my soul. These impressions were sometimes very strong, but yet I knew not God in the pardon of my sins, nor did I feel the need of a change of heart so sensibly as I should. I at length came to the conclusion that if I continued to pray and read the Bible and live by its directions as I understood it that I should do well.

When I was twelve years old my mother married Rev. Robert Tucker, a Local preacher in the M. E. Church, and removed to Beatties Ford, Lincoln County, and here I was often thrown into the company of young people who had not the fear of God before their eyes, who proved a snare to my youthful feet, and soon showed me how weak were all my former resolutions. I gave way too far to their counsel, and walked in their evil ways. I found also that the Sabbath was not so strictly observed even by some professors of Religion as I had been taught to observe it. And I thus gave way to temptation after temptation until I too could violate that command of God—"remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy" by going from field to field, and from house to house, which often made my bed to me like a bed of thorns. O! conscience, what didst thou not do to save me from ruin? Twice I ventured with my young companions to go to the river on the Sabbath to bathe. O! What a mercy that I was not drowned. I almost shudder yet when I look back and see how I defied the terrors of God's holy law. Thus I went on sinning, yet fearing to sin, forming resolutions and breaking them, praying, yet hating to pray, and doing it merely to ease a troubled conscience. O! How hard are the wages of sin! But still I held to my Bible and daily read its promises, and its threatenings, and determined to follow its directions, but O! how true the saying "evil communications corrupt good morals." But now, being wearied with these youthful associations, and looking for something that might be food for the mind, I fell into the snare of novel reading which from my youth and inexperience had well nigh proved fatal, I found now that the Bible became less interesting to me than it had ever been and almost every day I found my taste for novels increase until it became a task to read my Bible lesson, though I never could feel at liberty to give it up, and having to work hard, and but little time to read, I resolved to read one chapter in my Bible every day in order to keep peace with my conscience, and devote the remnant of my reading time to novels, or other light reading. O! How I loathe myself when I think there ever was a time when I so lightly esteemed God's holy word, which is alone calculated to make me wise unto salvation, Oh, may I ever feel humbled before the God of the Bible for the past neglect of it, and for the future search with care its contents that I may understand the will of its divine author towards me, and my duty towards Him and all men.

Thus I went on until I was sixteen years old when it pleased God at a Methodist Camp Meeting, held at Friendship Camp ground in Lincoln Circuit, Lincoln County, North Carolina, in October 1823, to open my eyes more fully to a sense of my lost condition as a sinner. I felt at once all former impressions rush upon my soul, and feeling that there was no time to lose, I fled at once to the Mercy-seat, and laid hold on the horns of the altar, determined never to let go until I should get an answer of peace; and Glory to God! though the struggle was severe and the combat fierce, yet it was short. Just before the break of day, after a night spent in prayer, on the 5th of October, 1823, the Lord spoke peace to my soul. It was indeed to me like a small still voice, but God was in it. I then commenced in a new place, finding that I had hitherto trusted too much in an arm of flesh. I now put my trust in God, and thought my warfare



was ended, but I had not gone far when new difficulties presented themselves. What church to join was the first thing, early prejudices inclined me to the Presbyterian Church, but being converted in the Methodist E Church, and believing the doctrines of that church, I felt it my duty to join it. I prayed and read almost night and day that I might know my duty, but foolishly kept my troubles to myself until being fully convinced of the course I ought to pursue, I conferred not with flesh and blood, but on the 28th day of August 1825, I joined the M E Church, with a fixed determination to live and die in it. I joined under the Rev. Isaiah Freeman, who then travelled that circuit. I continued a private member until May, 1827, when contrary to my desire, or even consent, I was appointed Class Leader at Friendship, by Brother Dowling who then had charge of Lincoln Circuit.

I tried in a very feeble and imperfect manner to discharge the high, and important duties now devolving upon me with fear and much trembling often wishing that I could be permitted, by God, and the Church, to live in obscurity, yet I felt that the Spirit of God was upon me, and what to do I knew not, but fearing to disobey God, I determined to leave the whole matter to Him and the Church, and try to do anything they might call me to, but when the Church offered me license to exhort I felt like I would have to fly, but knew not where to fly. I therefore with much fear consented to take license, and in October 1827 I received license to exhort from Brother Dowling. But I could not rest here, I felt the Spirit of God pressing me forward, and the Church opened the way and my promise was out to God, to do what His Spirit and the Church said do. But now I began to plead my almost entire want of education, and the poverty of my Mother and her need of my assistance, and many other things. Indeed I thought I had not the first qualification for the Ministry, but I feared the wrath of God more than every thing else. I also felt a constant burning zeal for the glory of God, and the salvation of souls. I therefore took license to preach at a quarterly meeting held at Hopewell Church, Lincoln Circuit, on the first day of December 1827, Rev. Malcolm McPherson, P. Elder, and Rev. Wm. Dowling preacher in charge. I was admitted on trial in the travelling connexion, in the South Carolina Conference held in Camden, S. C., in January 1828 and appointed to the Broad River Circuit with Joel W. Townsend. Here I met a new and severe trial. My circuit was in Georgia, and to leave my dear Mother from whom I had never been before, and go among strangers in a strange land was a trial which brought into exercise all the Grace I had, but putting my confidence in that God who had called me to His work I found His promise sweetly applied to me. "My Grace is Sufficient for thee." Confiding in this promise I took my leave of my weeping Mother, Brothers and Sisters on Saturday 21st Feb., 1828—and set off on my journey. Surely while I live, I shall never forget that morning; the pang that rent my heart when I forced myself loose from the fond embrace of those arms that so tenderly supported me when a helpless babe, and that had so often pressed me to her fond breast in riper years is still fresh in my memory and makes my heart leap and my hand tremble whilst I write (June 21st, 1835) and the cries of a Sister "don't go, don't go," as it died upon my



ear, almost caused my courage to fail; but the Lord was with me, and supported me. On Friday 28th Feb., I crossed the Savannah River and found my way to the hospitable house of Brother James Jones, an old Methodist who lives in Broad River Circuit, in Elbert County, Georgia. Here I found kind friends though strangers. Here I began to reflect on my condition. A youth of 20 but little acquainted with the world, with very little education, without experience and without money. And what am I here for? to do the work of a Minister. A work that might fill an Angel's hands and filled a Saviour's heart. O! God! what an evening I spent only thou canst tell; I felt my entire insufficiency for the great work, but what could I do? To fly I dare not, and to do the work I cannot. With these heart rending feelings I went to the woods, and there, under an oak that I never can forget, on my knees I brought my case before God, in fervent prayer it now seem'd to me that my head had become water, and my eyes fountains of tears. I continued there weeping and praying until near dark, when I returned to the house a little comforted.

On Saturday March 1st I reached Elberton, the place of my first appointment, and stopped at the house of my never to be forgotten friend Brother T. Oliver, whose wife was to me as a Mother ever after. On Sunday March 23, 1828, in great weakness and fear, I opened my Mission there by preaching there on John 3 Chpt 16 verse. I then went on, trusting in God, and doing the best I could, but I have often wondered how the people bore with my weakness, but God gave me grace in their eyes, and prospered me, and gave me repeated assurances that he own'd and bless'd my feeble labours. And at the end of the year the Conference was kind enough to continue me on trial. Conference met this year in Charleston in Feb. 1829. This year I was appointed to the Columbus Mission afterwards called Flint River Circuit. Here I found serious difficulties again on leaving home—the distance, a new country—settling fast with all grades of society—its proximity to the Indians, and many other real or imaginary troubles presented themselves to the fruitful mind of my dear Mother who took, as she supposed, a last look at her William. But commending the matter to God and relying on His promises I set out for my new field of labor on Saturday 22 Feb., 1829, in company with Bro. A. Brown with whom I travelled until we crossed the Oconee River March 5 when we parted, and on Saturday March 7 I crossed Flint River at Marshall's Old Ferry and late at night, sick and tired, I reached the house of Bro. R. Mehane. Here I found myself in the midst of friends though far from home and in a new Country. On Sunday March 2, I rode through rain to Hamilton, the place of my first appointment, but found it was not known so I did not preach until Monday night when I preached on the 40 Psalm 3 first verses in the Court House. Hamilton was at this time in the woods, its C. H. was a small house built of round logs without being ceiled or weather boarded, with a cablin roof, and earth floor, and this was all the Church we had there. I found a few Methodists who were formed into a Class before I came. (My work for this year included the Counties of Havriass, Muscogee, Marion, Crawford, and Talbot. My route from Hamilton lay along the Mulberry River for some 25 or 30 miles then along the Chattahooche River 25 miles to Columbus. There I crossed the

River and went to Asbury Mission 8 miles from there across the river again 25 miles to Hiloca, an old Indian Town, from there 15 miles crossing Lightwood Knot and Uppertoy Rivers to Dunn's. From there 10 miles to Langfords, then 12 miles to Talboton, from there 30 miles through the woods to Richee, an old Indian Town, from there 20 miles, without seeing a house, to Williams, near Buzzards Roost, from there on an Indian Trail 20 miles to Capt. Henry Crowell's near old fort Lawrence, from there along Flint River about 50 miles to the valley between the Oak and Pine Mountains, from there 15 miles to Hamilton again. This large scope of country was very thinly settled and accommodations generally very poor.) But wherever I could find a few persons, and get them together, I preached to them in dwelling houses or in the woods as it suited their convenience, very often in old Indian huts, and sometimes standing on the ground, or on a log. Thus again the saying of Jesus was fulfilled, "The poor have the Gospel preached unto them." On Friday March 13, I arrived in Columbus, it situated on the Chattahooche River at the Great falls. Here I found two hotels, one of them owned by Gen. I Howard, a member of our Church, at which I stayed when there, but his house (though at the time the best in Columbus) was not more than half completed, I believe only covered in and some floors laid. The streets were full of trees standing lying that had not yet been removed. My situation here I thought not very pleasant, but I commended myself to God, and found comfort. Saturday, 14th, I visited Mr. Cookergee's family where I ever after found kind friends. Sunday 15 preached my first sermon in Columbus on John 3 Chpt 14 verse in a small house that had been raised for a store house, but not finished, it was covered in, and part of the floor laid with rough boards, part of it loose, and part had nothing. It had a Pulpit of rough boards, and this at that time was the only house in Columbus that could be used as a Church; indeed was Court House, Council house, and Church. Monday 16th I spent in Columbus, and Tuesday 17 in company with Brother A. Hamil I crossed the Chattahooche River, and for the first time in my life found myself in an uncivilized land in the Creek Nation, in the evening we came to the Asbury Mission house 8 miles from Columbus, and 1 from Fort Mitchell. The Mission house was then occupied by Brothers N. Rhodes and Robert Rogers. There were about 50 Indian Children at the School and from 20 to 30 Indians members of the Church there, and about 40 Negroes. Wednesday I rode with Bro. Hamill to the late dwelling of Little Prince who was known as an active warrior in the Revolution in favor of the British, and when they were in possession of Augusta, Georgia, they presented him a full suit of officer's clothes as a reward for services rendered them against the Colonies, which suit he kept as long as he lived, but how simple and plain was the habitation of this Great Man, beloved in life, and respected in death. His house was a single story double cabin with round logs or poles for its walls, and for a floor what is there called punching—its roof part of board and part of bark. From his house I went to his Tomb which was something superior to any other that I saw in the Nation, but no marble marks the place where this once great man now lies—it was a simple paling of about 8 feet long and 4 wide. O how vain are all sound-

ing titles here—if this is all that all the great must soon be!

On the same day I visited Paddy Carr, who was at that time United States Linguist. He is quite rich. He owns near one hundred slaves and very large stock of horses and cattle, and a very large plantation. But O! how degraded is human nature without the Gospel! Here I found two Women both having the same husband, and both employed in working for him in peace, but little raised above the condition of his slaves. I then visited Fort Mitchell—this is a delightful place situated on a very high hill one mile west of the Chattahoochee River, and in the evening returned to the Mission house. Wednesday I crossed the River again and made my way through woods and swamps to Hiloca Town, where I found a few people living in old Indian houses. I made myself and my business known, and soon had the whole Town together in the house occupied by Mr. Wm. Henry. I found one professor of Religion there who had been a member of the Baptist Church in Sumter, South Carolina. From there I made my way on the next day (through much difficulty, the waters being high and no bridges and often no roads) to Talboton, where I found another village in the woods, its streets covered with timber so that it was difficult to pass through it. Here I preached in a private house, the Court house not being in order. It is also a small cabin without a floor. Monday I spent a pleasant day at Col. Mims', a member of our Church. Tuesday 24, I rode 30 miles through an uninhabited country to Uchee Town in Marion County, and spent the night at a Mr. Newberry's but not being able to collect a congregation that night I left an appointment and rode next day 40 miles to Capt. Crowell's in Crawford County, here I found myself in a comfortable house and among kind friends though they had no religion.

During this year I experienced much of the toil and privation that is common to a new, unsettled Country, and indeed I believe all that I was well able to bear. I endured to an injurious degree hunger, and thirst, and fatigue more than my body was able to endure riding sometimes for 20 to 40 miles in the day often through swamps without roads and nothing to eat, preaching at night and sleeping in open and often damp houses. In May my health began to fail and I often preached in so much pain from inflammation of the lungs that I thought it doubtful whether I would ever try to preach again, but I cast my care upon the Lord (and tried to live a day at a time doing all that I could) and he sustained me and brought me through the year with a broken constitution, but I think with increased faith in his promises.

In June I visited an old Indian Council house. It was probably one of the finest in the Nation. It is a large building in circular form about 50 feet in diameter and 50 high, its appearance something like a pyramid, in its construction very simple, but strong and secure from rain. First a large post is set up in the centre 50 high. 2. very strong posts about 8 feet high are set in the ground at suitable distances from each other, and about 25 from the centre post. 3. from these (there are poles) extending to the top of the centre post where they all meet and are fastened together. 4. these poles are closely interwoven with splints until the frame is made very strong. 5. it is then covered over very thick with pine bark

and is all together so strong and well covered that it will stand many years and turns rain well. 6. the seats are arranged around the building inside in circular form commencing at the wall until they leave a small place in the centre which is used as a fire place, how simple?—

December 24th, 1829, I took my leave of that then laborious, but interesting field of labor and crossed Flint River at Old Fort Lawrence, and passed through Knoxville, and came that night to Macon. Friday 25 (Christmas day) I heard Rev. T. Few preach in Macon. I then rode to Clinton. Saturday 26 rode to Col. Chambers' at Popcastle. Sunday 27th I preached at Concord Church, and spent the night and next day at Maj. Alexander's. Tuesday 29 I rode to Mr. Courie's near Greensboro, Green Co. Wednesday 30 I rode to Lexington, and Thursday 31 to Elberton, where I found myself again at the house of my old friend Brother Oliver. I preached there that night on Matthew 5 Chpt 8 verse ("Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Friday, January 1st, 1830, I rested there and preached again at night on Luke 13 Chpt 7 verse) and Saturday 2 I rode to Buckersville and preached on Romans 1 Chpt. 16 verse. Sunday 3 I preached there again on Colossians 1 Chpt 28 verse, and staid that night at Mr. Bedford Harper's. Monday 4 I crossed the Savannah River and bade farewell to Georgia and that night staid with a baptist friend in Anderson Dis., S. C. Tuesday 5 I rode to Greenville, Wednesday 6 to Spartanburg. Thursday 7 to Mr. Julian's in Rutherford, N. C., Friday 8 to Lincolnton and Saturday 9 to my Mother's and once more found myself in her fond arms. I remained there until Conference which was held in Columbia, S. C., for this year. It commenced on Wednesday 27th Jan., 1830 and on Sunday 31 Jan. 1830 I was ordained Deacon in the M. E. Church by Bishop Soule, I was appointed this year to the Yadkin now Centre Circuit in N. C., where I laboured with very little apparent success until the close of the year. Conference was held this year in Fayetteville, N. C. It commenced on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 1831, at which I was appointed to Yadkin Circuit and Recommended my labour there with much fear and prayer, and the Lord heard and answered and sent His Holy Spirit to aid us. The work began sometime in July and continued to the end of the year. At our Camp Meeting held at Centre about the middle of September I think we had the most display of Divine Providence that I ever witnessed in my life. Conversions were numerous, of every age from ten up to sixty years. I there experienced a deeper work of grace in my own soul than I had ever before felt and professors were generally very much strengthened in faith, and Eternity alone can unfold the good that was done there. At the close of this year Conference was held in Darlington, S. C. It commenced Thursday 26 Jan. 1832 and on Sunday 29 Jan. 1832 I was ordained Elder in the M. E. Church by Bishop Hedding, and this year appointed to Deep River Circuit. Many circumstances concurred to render this appointment discouraging to me. It was a five weeks Circuit with 32 preaching places and only 296 white members. I had often to preach in private houses, and where the people were not Methodist, add to all this my health was very poor, and I feared that I would be unable to do the work. I went to it fearing, weeping, and praying, and I believe the Lord went with me. Sunday 12 Feb. 1832 I



opened my Mission there by preaching at Poplar Spring on 2 Corinth. 5 Chpt. 20 verse, and from day to day I went on preaching, praying, and often weeping for the state of the Church there, but in a few months I began to see some tokens for good, the Lord owned and blessed his word, and our prospects began to brighten, but as the prospect increased, my labor increased, I preached, prayed, and exhorted both by day and by night. Early in the summer I found my health growing worse almost every day. My friends, many of them became alarmed for me and begged me to rest but I could see no place to rest, for everywhere I went I found the people hungry for the bread of life, and believing that my time to labor was short, and that I should find time enough to rest in the tomb I could not consent to do it while sinners were crying for mercy, and I could in any way be the means of pointing them to the "Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world." I therefore went on working with all my power in the vineyard of my Master trusting in Him believing His promise true. "All things work together for good to them that love God," and he sustained me. Thursday June 28 I went to a four days meeting in Pittsboro and remained there until Sunday morning July first, after sunrise prayer meeting. I then rode 20 miles to Poplar Spring and preached at 11 o'clock to a large congregation in the open air, and addressed the colored people and Baptised a number of them, and rode 4 miles to Pleasant Grove and preached again. Monday 2 I rode 9 miles to Redhill and preached, and rode 10 miles to Mrs. McRay's, Tuesday 3 to Mineral Spring 4 miles and preached and returned to Mrs. Mc's. Wednesday 4 I rode 6 miles to Hebron and preached on Galatians 5 Chpt. 1 verse, and then rode 28 miles to Mrs. McIver's and staid there that night. Thursday 5 I rode 4 miles to Fayetteville to breakfast. I went there to attend a 4 days meeting with Brothers N. Talley, E. Sinclair, I. P. Davidson, I. M. Bradly, and B. H. Capers. Sunday 8 the Lord began to make bare his arm of power and some souls were converted, we concluded to protract the meeting, though the preachers all had to leave but Bro. Capers and myself, we continued the meeting from day to day until Sunday 15th and souls were converted every day. Sunday night 15 I continued among the mourners at the altar until 11 o'clock, and then left it surrounded with mourners and went to Brt. T. Blake's, took a cup of coffee and at one o'clock left there in my sulky to meet my appointment at 12 o'clock Monday 16 which was 42 miles from Fayetteville. I rode 30 miles to Col. Douglas' and breakfasted and rested one hour, and then rode 12 miles to my appointment and preached on Isaiah 55 Chpt 6 verse, and went to the hospitable house of Bro. Birkhead faint and weary, where I rested until Wednesday morning 18 when I left there, rode 25 miles and preached at Spinks Meetinghouse, and staid at Bro. Spinks' house that night. Thursday 19 in company with Brothers Leadbetter, Covington, and Boasman, I rode about 12 miles to Salem to my own Campmeeting which commenced that day. There we had hard work both day and night, and the Lord owned, and blessed our efforts and many souls were converted. We continued the meeting until one o'clock P.M. on Monday 23. I then left there and rode 18 miles to Sisters. Tuesday 24 I rode 30 miles to Bro. Atkings, where I was stopped by an accident,



as I drove down a long hill both shafts of my sulky broke and threw me down at the feet of my horse without any power over him, but that God who has said that a sparrow fall not without His notice was there, and I came off unhurt. Wednesday 25 I rode 8 miles to Centre where Campmeeting commenced that day. I continued there from day to day until Tuesday 31 the meeting broke. Such a meeting from first to last I never attended for the general and mighty displays of divine power. It was thought that there were 150 converted during the meeting. Tuesday 31 I left there and rode 12 miles to Brother William Mask's, where I rested one day which makes two days since the 5th of June, that I have rested. During this time I attended two Campmeetings and two 4 days meetings, and in that time I had about 10 regular night's rest. Friday August 3 I rode 25 miles to Carthage and Saturday resumed my regular work on the Circuit. In the month of September I attended a Campmeeting in the Haw River Circuit, Virginia Con., where I met with several members of that Conference; viz., Carson, Hammett, McDonald, Starr, White and Hane. In October I held a Campmeeting at Meroneys (a place that had lain in ruins many years). The Lord was with us there and many souls were converted, and a Society formed at the place consisting of about 20 members. About this time I opened a Subscription for the purpose of building a church at a place called Shallowell in Cumberland County where Methodism had hitherto been almost unknown. The prospect at first was gloomy, but the Lord was with me and gave me success. Col. A. Merchison gave me a lot of land for the purpose containing 13 acres. I got a surveyor and had it run on the 29 of December 1832. I carried one end of the chain myself. I soon after employed a workman to build the house went to Fayetteville and procured nails, hinges, and glass and sent them to him, and on Sunday 6 Jan. 1833 I went to the place for the last time and had the pleasure of seeing the timber prepared and everything in readiness to build. I took my stand near a large pine surrounded by a large congregation of anxious hearers and preached to them from Luke 13 Chpt 7 verse, the Lord was present and owned his word, many were cut to the heart and constrained to cry for mercy. I continued there until near night. I then requested the congregation to retire, and to meet me as soon as they could at Mrs. McNeil's. They reluctantly complied, and left the pine grove, some of them praying and weeping as they went and neither ate nor drank until we met again. When I came near the house I heard the cry of true penitence, "God be merciful to me a sinner"—proceeding from several of those who had come from the grove to the house seeking "Jesus"—notwithstanding I had laboured four hours in the open air and had taken but a few minutes rest I felt the Spirit of the Lord come upon me, and in his strength I resolved to preach. I preached on Matthew 11 Chpt 28 verse. The power of the Lord was felt among the people and two or three were converted while I was preaching and several afterwards. How many professed conversion this day I do not know, but I believe this day be remembered when the world is no more, and all earthly things are forgotten. Monday<sup>7</sup> I took my leave of this dear people, and preached at New Hope. Never while I live can I forget this day. It was a very damp cloudy day and the house was open and only

half covered over, but our congregation was very large, not half of them could get in the house. I saw persons there that had walked 5-6-8-10 and some 12 and 13 miles to get there, to get as they said a last look of poor unworthy me, and to hear me preach for the last time. I was deeply affected at the scene and tried in the name of Jesus to preach his word to them in simplicity and He was in it and His presence was felt by many that I think will not forget that day. After preaching I took my leave of simple hearted people while tears were shed, and many blessings invoked upon me. Tuesday 8 I preached at Silars Old Meeting house and although there was a great fall of rain and snow I had a large congregation, and I exhorted them to take heed to themselves St. Pauls,—Wednesday I preached at Birkheads Meeting house, and Thursday took my final leave of Deep River Circuit and rode through a storm of snow 25 miles to W. Mask's in Montgomery Co. Friday 11 over frozen road and ice 15 miles to Sister Randles. Saturday 12 to Bro. I. Kendall's. Sunday 13 I preached at Centre, and staid at Brother Turner's. Monday 14 I rode to the house of my old friend Ge. Smith, Tuesday 15 I preached at Bethel. Wednesday 16 rode to Brother Roger's in Cabarrus and Thursday 17 to my mother's where I found myself again under her kind roof and fed at her table O! what a privilege after the toils, and labours and cares of the year are ended to retire to rest a few days in the society of a kind and affectionate mother.

Thursday 24 Jan., our Conference for this year commenced in Lincolnton, N. C. Bishop Andrew presided, we felt that the great head of the Church was with us. Our Session was short and harmonious. It closed on Monday 28 Inst. I was appointed this year to the Darlington Circuit, and Monday Feby 11th 1834 I left my Mother's house for Darlington and rode 27 miles to Brother Rogers' and remained there until Wednesday 13. I rode 33 miles to Mr. A.'s in Anson Co., Thursday 19, 24 miles to Wadesboro and preached at night on Matthew 5 Chpt. 8 verse. Friday 15—25 miles to Cheraw, S. C., and staid that night at Brother Johnson's. Saturday 16—30 miles to Darlington, and stopped at Brother Gibson's. Sunday 17 I preached there on Matthew 11 Chpt 3 verse. I found here that politicks had run so high that Religion had well nigh been forgotten, and no effort that I could make seemed to avail anything. I went on, however, preached, praying, hoping, fearing, and trying to believe, sowing the good seed from day to day. My first quarterly meeting was at Cypress where we were favored with the presence and labours of our worthy P. E. Brother W. M. Kennedy. There were some tokens for good, a few persons joined the Church. In the month of June my colleague took the fever and did nothing more until September. Near the last of June I received a letter from my mother requesting me to go home to attend to some business| My appointments were standing all around the Circuit and could not then be called in. So I left Darlington Tuesday June 25 and rode 12 miles to Bethel and preached then rode 10 miles to Bro. McClenneghan's. Wednesday 26 I rode 15 miles and preached at Cowards, Thursday I rode 12 miles and preached at Dry Creek and then rode 26 miles to Bro. Howard's. Friday 28 I arranged some business with my colleague and then rode to Capt. Jolley's. Saturday 29 I commenced

a 2 days meeting at Liberty. Sunday 30 I held love feast there at 9 o'clock, preached at 11 and administered the Sacrament, and then rode 22 miles to Darlington. Monday July 1st I rode 45 miles to Mr. Bryan's in Chesterfield. Tuesday 2 I rode 50 miles to Mr. Black's in Mecklenburg, N. C. Wednesday 3, 8 miles to Charlotte for breakfast, and then 20 to my Mother's, attended to the business and left there at 12 o'clock Thursday 4 and rode 20 miles to Charlotte, and preached that night on Matthew 5 Chpt 8 verse. Friday 5 I rode 50 m's to Mr. Blakeney's in Chesterfield, Saturday 6, 42 miles to Society Hill, and Sunday 7 reached my appointment in Darlington in good time.

Friday 12 July my Second quarterly meeting commenced at New Church, and Sunday 14 at night I preached in Darlington, where we continued our meeting from day to day until Monday 22. Several persons professed conversion and joined the Church during the meeting. Thursday 25 I left Darlington for a Campmeeting in Sumter District, where I remained until Monday 28. I returned to Darlington and Tuesday 30 I again commenced my regular work on the Circuit. During the month of August I was engaged in my ordinary labour on the Circuit. About the first of September my health became very feeble, and my Colleague being now able to work I gave him my appointments and rested a few days. Saturday Sept. 17 I went to a two days meeting at Society Hill and preached three times that day. Sunday 8 I held love feast, preached, administered the Sacrament, and then Baptised several persons, and that night I was very sick. Monday 9 I rode 9 M's to Antioch where the Baptists were holding a protracted meeting, and that evening to Bro. C. Cogdel's. Tuesday 10 I rested there, Wednesday 11 I rode 25 miles to Mrs. Blakeney's in Chesterfield, from there I went with Brother McGilvray to a two days meeting near the C. H. On the 14 & 15th, Monday and Tuesday, I rested at the C. H. Wednesday 18 rode to Fork Creek where a Campmeeting commenced on Thursday 19th and continued until Monday 23. I rode that day to Cogdels, Tuesday 24 I preached at Wright's Meetinghouse, and Wednesday 25 returned to my own appointments. Thursday October 3 my C. M. commenced at Salem in Darlington Dis. and continued until Monday 7. There were a professed conversions here.

Tuesday Oct. 15th I left Darlington and rode 25 Mis. to Cap. F. Kennedy's in Sumter. Wednesday 16 to Camden and preached at night, after which Bro. W. M. Kennedy married Rev. William Murrah to Miss Mary Cureton of Camden in the M. E. Church. Thursday 17 in company with Bro. Kennedy I rode 18 miles to a Campmeeting in Long Town in Fairfield Dis. which continued until Tuesday morning 22. Many souls were converted here though we had rain most of the time, yet the Lord was with us and blessed our efforts. Tuesday I left there and rode to Capt. Kennedy's whose daughter was married that night. Wednesday 23 I returned to Darlington and resumed my regular work until the 25 of December. Our fourth Quarterly meeting commenced in Darlington that day. I preached on John 1 Chpt 14 verse after we had a meeting of the Missionary Society. The quarterly closed Sunday night 29, Monday 30th I left Darlington and rode 36 miles to Chesterfield C. M. and preached there that night. Tuesday 31 I rode 50 miles to Mr. Burnett's in Mecklenburg

Co. N. C. Wednes 1 January 1834 I rode 26 miles to my old friend John Rogers' in Cabarrus. Thursday 2 I rode through rain 27 miles to Mr. J. D. Graham's in Lincoln Co., and Friday 3 at my mother's once more, here again I find myself in the society of her who took care of me when I was incapable of taking care of myself. I find year after year as I go and come that time is busy ploughing furrows in her cheeks, and she is growing weaker and weaker. O! God keep her ever under the shadow of thine Almighty wing while life shall last and then receive her to thyself. Saturday a storm of snow fell which lay on the ground for several days.

My time at home was spent in making arrangements for another year's absence, and on Saturday Jan. 11th 1834 I again left home, and crossed the Catawba River with difficulty as the water was rising very fast, and rode through rain 15 miles to the house of J. W. Martin. Sunday 12 I started with the rising of the Sun and rode 25 miles to Rogers' meeting house and preached on the 6 first verses of the 50 Psalm. Monday I rode 40 M's to Centre in Montgomery Co., Tuesday I rode 36 to Chesterfield C. M. Wednesday 53 to Thos Brown's in Darlington and married his daughter Ann to Mr .D. Lowry. Thursday 16 I went to the C. H. and rested until Sunday 19. I preached there and through the ensuing week filled several appointments in Country and attended to unsettled business. Sunday 26th I preached at Snowhill and then rode to the C. H. and preached my last sermon for the Circuit on Hebrews 13 Chpt 1 verse, "Let brotherly love continue." Monday I rested, Tuesday 28 with Bro. McGilvary I set out for Conference. That night we staid at old Brother Jenkins' in Sumter. Wednesday he joined us, and we rode 20 miles to Sumter C. H. I preached there at night. Thursday 30 we rode to Col. Benbow's on Santee, Friday 31 through rain 15 miles to Moorie's for dinner. Here we were joined by Bros. Kennedy, Danely, Stacey, McCall, and Anthony and rode with them to Bradwells, and Saturday Feby 1 we arrived safe in Charleston.

Sunday 2 I preached in Bethel on Romans 14 Chpt 17 verse. I boarded during Conference at Mr. L. G. Capers' in King Street. Monday 3 I spent in walking about over the City. Tuesday 4 I spent in reading and writing and at night heard preaching. Wednesday 5th Conference commenced. Bishop Emory presided, Bishop Andrew was also present. Thursday, Friday and Saturday were spent in Conference. Sunday 9—This morning I heard Bishop Emory preach in Trinity, in the afternoon Bro. English, and at night Bro. Spain in Cumberland. Monday 10 in Conference and at night the anniversary of the Missionary Society. An appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. E. Drake from Virginia. Tuesday 11th Conference adjourned, and I was appointed to labour this year with Brothers W. M. Kennedy and G. F. Pierce in the City of Charleston. My feelings on this occasion I need not attempt to describe for it beggars language. I now was second in this important charge, which was at that time torn with internal broils, and party spirit, but casting myself on the mercy of him who has ever sustained me, I determined to do the best I could trusting to him for assisting and supporting grace. Wednesday 12, Thursday 13, Friday 14, and Saturday 15 were spent by myself and Brother Kennedy in arranging things about the Parsonage house, and forming some



acquaintance with our work, and our people.

Sunday 16 I preached in Cumberland, in the morning on 2 Corinthians 5 Chpt 20 verse. in the afternoon heard Brother Bell preach in Trinity and at night held prayer meeting in Trinity. Monday 17, this day was spent in attending to the office and learning its business and at night prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 18, this day was spent in study. In the evening Bro. Pierce arrived with his family, at night I held prayer meeting in Bethel. Wednesday 19, this day I spent with Brother Pierce in overlooking our Church books, and at night held Society meeting for the colored people. Thursday 20, this day devoted to study and at night married a couple. Friday 21 spent in the office with the colored people. Saturday 22, this day was spent in preparation for the Sabbath. Sunday 23 in the morning I heard Brother Pierce preach in Bethel. In the afternoon I preached in Bethel on 2 Corinthians 5 Chpt 20 verse, and Baptised a number of colored children, and at night preached in Cumberland on Matthew 11th Chpt 3 verse. Monday 24 I spent in reading and writing, and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 25, this morning I spent in reading, the afternoon in visiting, and at night I went to St. Stephens Chapel to a Temperance meeting and heard an address by Mr. Thos. S. Grimpe. Wednesday 26, this day to reading and visiting, and at night in the office with the leaders. Thursday 27, this day to reading, writing, and visiting, and at night held love feast in Cumberland. Friday 28, this day to study and at night preached in Cumberland on Matthew 18 Chpt 20 verse. Saturday March 1st in reading and prayer. Sunday 2, preached in the morning in Trinity on John 17 Chpt 1 verse, and administered the Sacrament to the Whites, in the afternoon preached in Bethel and Baptised, and received into full membership colored persons whose probation was out, and at night preached in Cumberland on John 8 Chpt 36 verse. Monday 3 spent in study and at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 4 in morning to study, in the afternoon Class meeting, and at Society meeting for the whites. Wednesday 5 to study, and at night held society meeting for the colored people in Cumberland Thursday 6, this was spent in visiting and at night I heard Dr. Tying, an Episeopal Minister from New York preach in the old Theatre. Friday 7 was spent in visiting, and praying with the people. At night at Church. Saturday 8 to preparation for the Sabbath.

Sunday 9 at 8 o'clock at S. School, at half past 10 I preached in Bethel on Jeremiah 6 Chpt. 16 verse, and then went to Trinity and administered the Sacrament to a large congregation of colored people. In the afternoon I preached in Cumberland on Jeremiah 8 Chpt 22 verse and administered the Sacrament again to the colored people, and at night preached in Trinity on the first Psalm. Monday 10 I spent in study, and at night at prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 11 to study. Wednesday 12, this day to visiting, and at night I heard Bro. Shepherd preach on Charity. "O Charity! Eldest daughter of the skies! If thou were embodied surely all men would love thee!" Thursday 13, this morning I went to see a Schooner launched, and afterward visited some families, and in the afternoon met a Class, and at night met another. Friday 14, this morning with the dawn of day I set out with several brethren, to see and lay off a spot



of ground for a Campmeeting 12 miles up the Wandoe River. We were in a fine little boat well manned, and soon arrived at the place. We ran out the land, and then under a large pine we knelt down and I offered up the first prayer ever heard on that ground now consecrated to the service of the most high. We then returned to our little boat and through a heavy fall of rain returned to the city a little after dark. Saturday 15, this day was spent in study.

Sunday 16 in the morning at half past 8 S. School, at half past 10 I preached in Trinity on Romans 8 Chpt 16-17 verses, and at night in Cumberland on Isaiah 35 Chpt 8-9-10 verses. Monday 17 to visiting. Tuesday 18 to visiting in the morning, in the afternoon Class meeting, and at night prayer meeting. Wednesday 19, in the morning I attended the funeral of Mr. Hatch, in the afternoon visited several families, and here I found one of the happy effects of having been raised poor. I was well prepared on a recollection of the past to sympathize with, and pray for the poor widow and her orphan children. At night I heard Bro. G. F. Pierce preach in Trinity. Thursday 20th, this morning I visited the Orphan house, and here I can but stop and exclaim O! Christianity, what hast thou done for the relief of the poor and the helpless. Here I see 150 orphan children fed, and clothed, and educated and taught to fear God; living in the most spacious house in Charleston, where their every want is supplied by kind hands without their care, who must otherwise have been exposed to hunger, cold, insult, and contempt, and have grown up without the knowledge or fear of God. If Christianity had done nothing more for the human family than the establishment of such Charitable institutions as this its author would be entitled to all honour that men and Angels can bestow upon him. I afterward met one class in the afternoon and one at night. Friday 21, this day I set apart as a day of fasting and prayer. During the day I visited and prayed with two colored women, both of them on the verge of the grave, and I there saw what Religion can do for its votaries when everything else fails. I saw the Child of God in a miserable garret scarcely able to speak still happy in the love of God. At night I preached in Cumberland on John 14 Chpt 14 verse. Saturday 22 I spent in preparing for the Sabbath.

Sunday 23rd at 8 o'clock I was in S. School, at half past 10 preached in Cumberland on Matthew 3 Chpt 11 verse, at 3 in Trinity on Colossians 1 Chpt 28 verse, and afterward Baptised two children, and at night preached in Bethel on Romans 5 Chpt 1-5 verses, and retired faint, and weary. O, that God may give me strength, and grace for this great work! Monday 24, this morning at 9 o'clock I buried a man in Trinity, at 3 in the afternoon held Class meeting and at night prayer meeting—here the Lord was present to bless his people. Tuesday 25, this morning I went with Brother Pierce to see a representation of the opening of the Sixth Seal in painting which surpassed anything of the kind that I had ever seen. There I could almost see the Sun clothed in darkness, the Moon wrapped in blood, the Stars falling, the Elements melting, the Earth burning, the Lightenings flashing, the rocks bursting, the graves opening, the dead rising, the Judge coming, "and all the mighty men, chief captains, and Kings falling down, and calling for rocks, and mountains, to

fall on them and hide them from the presence of the Lamb for the Great day of His wrath is come and who shall be able to stand!" And must I soon witness this scene in reality!, awful thought, I must. Wednesday 26, this day I devoted to reading and prayer, at night preached in Trinity. O may I be able everyday to do something that may redound to glory of God, and the salvation of souls! then, how sweet is sleep to the wearied body that has a good conscience!—Thursday 27, Spent this day in packing and sending away the Minutes of Conference. Friday 28 being Good Friday I heard Bro. Pierce preach in the morning, spent the afternoon in visiting and praying with the people, and at night Church. Saturday 29, this morning was spent in preparing for the Sabbath, in the afternoon I visited a poor sick man, where I saw an awful picture of the degraded state human nature, where God is not known. O! what poverty, ignorance, and wretchedness are combined here! On leaving this abode of almost everything that is bad I could but exclaim Great God hast thou made such creatures as these! O! how has the gold changed!

Sunday 30, this morning at 8 o'clock I attended S. School, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on Luke 24 Chpt 34 verse—it being Easter Sunday, in the afternoon in Cumberland on Luke 24 Chpt. 46-47 verses, and at night in Trinity on Luke 13 Chpt 24 verse. Monday 31, this day visited and prayed with a few families and at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday April 1st, this morning at break I walked to the rail road to deliver a package of Minutes, spent the morning in study, the afternoon in visiting among the poor of both colours. Oh what a task is the pastoral charge! A charge that might fill an Angel's mind and fill a Saviour's heart and hands! and this charge, in part, is committed to me. O Lord prepare me for it for "I am but a little one." In the evening we had a meeting of the Church on the subject of the approaching Camp-meeting. Wednesday 2nd, this morning at Sunrise I walked near a mile and Baptised a colored infant at the point of death, spent the forenoon in study, and the afternoon in visiting. At night married a couple and then went to Trinity and heard Bro. G. F. P. preach. Thursday 3rd, this day spent in writing letters, and visiting, and at night love feast, and afterwards married a couple. Friday 4th being fast day I held prayer meeting in Trinity at Sunrise, and at 11 o'clock heard Bro. Kennedy preach, at 3 was in quarterly meeting conference, and at night preached in Cumberland. Saturday 5 I heard Bro. Bass preach in the morning, spent the rest of the day in study.

Sunday 6 at sunrise held love feast for the colored people, at 8 o'clock Sunday School, at 10 heard Bro. Pierce preach, and I administered the Sacrament to the white at 3, preached on Luke 18 Chpt 1 verse, and at night in Cumberland on Phillippians 3 Chpt 20-21 verses. Monday 7, spent the day in study and visiting, and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 8, this day to visiting and study, and at night Society meeting. Wednesday 9, this day to pastoral visiting, and at night held Society meeting for the colored people. O! the weight of the pastor's here—O God prepare me for this great work! then all will be well. Thursday 10, this morning to study, in the afternoon I went with Bro. Pierce to see the Rail cars come in with 300 of the United States Troops on board. There

was 15 ears heavy loaded drawn by two engines, they left Hamburg this morning at 6 o'clock, and arrived here at half past 4 a distance of 136 miles. The passengers alone were worth to the road \$2,000. This was done in about ten hours, and must have been worth in all for that one day \$3,000—at night I married a couple. Friday, this day heavy rains all day. I spent the morning in study, in the afternoon attended a funeral, and at night heard Bro. Pierce preach. Saturday, this morning at 6 o'clock I took my seat in a car on the railroad and rode out 12 miles to Mr. Simm's, in about 40 minutes, and took breakfast and then got a horse and gig and rode 1 mile to St. Stephens Church and preached on Matthew 5 Chpt 8 verse and returned to Mr. Simm's to dinner, got in the car and rode back to Charleston in little more than half an hour Seeming to leave the very wind itself behind us.

Sunday 13, this day at 8 o'clock I was at the Bethel S. School, at 10 preached in Trinity on the 51st Psalm 10-13 verses in and administered the Sacrament to about 700 Negroes, at 3 preached in Bethel on Matthew 5 Chpt 6 verse, and then went to Cumberland and administered the Sacrament to a full house of colored people, and at night preached in Cumberland on Amos 4 Chpt 12 verse. Monday 14, this day I visited Mr. Clayton who is sick, then met the Bible Class, visited a sick woman, and at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 15, wrote a letter to Mrs. Graham on the death of her daughter, and one to Mrs. Howard on the death of her husband. Wednesday 16, this morning in company with Bro. Pierce, Col. Chambers and Lady, I visited Sullivans Island and the fort, and in the afternoon visited some sick and at night went to the Baptist Church and heard Mr. Wade the Burman Missionary preach. Thursday 17, this morning I visited some. In the evening I went again to hear Mr. Wade, and after he preached two native Priests addressed the people. Friday 18, this morning I administered the Sacrament to a dying woman, at night preached in Cumberland on John 10 Chpt 27-29 verses. Saturday 19, this day was spent in preparing for the Sabbath.

Sunday 20, at 8 o'clock in S. School, at 10 preached in Cumberland on the 84 Psalm 11 verse, at 4 in Trinity on 1 Corinthians 1 Chpt 30 verse, and at night heard Bro. Wightmen in Bethel. Monday 21, this day visited some and at night attended prayer meeting. Tuesday 22, in the morning I buried one of our old members, Sister Duhadway, who, I have no doubt, now rests with God. Wednesday 23, this morning I went to our Campmeeting on board the steamboat John Stoney. Thursday 24, at Campmeeting. Friday 25, I preached on Matthew 20 Chpt 6 verse. Saturday 26 I was very unwell. Sunday 27, still unwell. Monday 28 returned to Charleston. Tuesday 29 did some pastoral visiting, and at night married a couple. Wednesday 30 visited, and at night heard Bro. Morris Hill preach in Trinity. Thursday May 1st, morning to visiting afternoon to the office and at night love feast. Friday 2, prayer meeting at sunrise, and heard preaching at 10 o'clock and at night. Saturday 3 spent in the same way.

Sunday 4, at Sunrise I held a love feast for the colored people, heard Bro. Pierce preach at 10 and I administered the Sacrament, at 4 I preached in the Baptist Church on Romans 8 Chpt 14 verse. Monday 5,

in the morning I met the Bible Class, and at night attended prayer meeting. Tuesday 6, in the morning I held prayer meeting for those who were seeking religion, in the afternoon visited and prayed with some in their houses, and at night held Society meeting in Trinity. Wednesday 7, this morning held prayer meeting, and at night held Society meeting in Cumberland for the colored people. Thursday 8th, prayer meeting for mourners in Zion, and at night attended the wedding of Rev. Whiteford Smith as his groomsman. Friday 9, prayer meeting in the morning, and at night heard Bro. T. P. Turpin preach. Saturday 10, being very sick I kept my room all day.

Sunday 11 at 8 o'clock in S. School, at 10 heard Bro. preach. In the afternoon I administered Sacrament to the colored people in Cumberland, and at night preached in Cumberland on John 15 Chpt 14 verse. Monday 12, in the morning I met the Bible Class and at night the Anniversary of the Bible Tract and S. School Society in Trinity where addresses were delivered by Rev. G. F. Pierce, M. Hill and myself. Tuesday 13, at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Wednesday 14, held prayer meeting in the morning, and at night heard preaching in Trinity. Thursday 15, held prayer meeting in the forenoon, and in the afternoon visited. Friday 16, at night I preached in Cumberland. Saturday 17 spent in preparing for the Sabbath.

Sunday 18, this morning I met the Bethel S. School at 8 o'clock, and Trinity at 9, and at 10 preached the anniversary sermon of the S. Schools in Trinity on the 34 Psalm 11-16 verses to a very large congregation, in the afternoon in Cumberland on Isaiah 41 Chpt 30 verse. Monday 19th, in the morning met the Bible Class, and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 20 held prayer meeting in the morning, at night met the managers of the Bible Tract S. School Society in Trinity School room. Wednesday 21 held prayer meeting in the morning, and at night heard Bro. Dunwoody preach in Trinity. Thursday 22, held prayer meeting in the forenoon, and in the afternoon met a class and visited some families. Friday 23 spent the day in visiting, and praying with the people at home, and at night heard Bro. Pierce preach. Saturday 24 spent in preparation for the Sabbath.

Sunday 25 I preached in Cumberland at 10 o'clock on Proverbs 1 Chpt 33 verse, in the afternoon in Bethel on Acts 26 Chpt 28 verse, and at night in Trinity on 2 Corinthians 8 Chpt 9 verse. Monday 26, this morning spent in study, the afternoon in the Bible Class and at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 27 I spent the morning in visiting, the afternoon in Class meeting and at night heard Bro. Bass preach. This day I visited the Siamese twins, which I think the greatest natural curiosity that I have ever seen, one of the greatest in the world. Two young men now about 23 years old, who were born united together by a ligature or band about three and a half inches in length, and 8 in circumference formed at the extremity of the breast bone of each. They are so simultaneous in every motion that they appear to the beholder to be actuated by the same mind in all things, indeed I think it difficult to determine whether they possess one soul or two. They sleep and wake at the same time. They are sick or well at the same time, they seem to think the same thing and have the



same passions, and every thing they appear to be but one man with two bodies. Wednesday 28, this day devoted to study, and at night heard Bro. Leadbetter preach. Thursday 29, this day to visiting and love feast at night. Friday 30, this day spent in the office, and preached in Cumberland at night on Romans 2 Chpt 16 verse. Saturday 31, this day was spent in preparation for the holy Sabbath—Sweet day of rest.

Sunday June 1st, this morning at Sunrise I attended the colored people's love feast, at 8 o'clock S. School, at half past 10 preached in Bethel and administered the Sacrament, and, afterwards, administered to Sister Kennedy on her bed the last time that she was permitted to partake of it on earth. I then went and gave it to a sick sister Gauff who has not been able to walk for many years, and probably never will walk again. At 4 preached in Trinity on 1 Peter 4 Chpt 7 verse and at night in Cumberland on Proverbs 14 Chpt 32 verse. Monday 2nd, this morning I visited some, in the afternoon met the Bible Class, and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 3rd, This day I visited Sullivans Island and the Fort, and at night held Society meeting. Wednesday 4 I spent in visiting and at night heard Bro. Pierce preach in Trinity. Thursday 5 devoted to visiting, and at night married a couple. Friday 6 to visiting, and at night to preaching. Saturday 7 to study.

Sunday 8, in morning I visited a dying man, at 8 o'clock S. School, at half past 10 preached in Trinity on the first three verses of the 40th Psalm and administered the Sacrament to the colored people. In the afternoon heard Bro. R. Pierce preach in Cumberland, and I administered the Sacrament there, and at night preached in Bethel on 2nd Corinthians 7 Chpt 1 verse. Monday 9, in the afternoon I met the Bible Class, and at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 10th, this day devoted to study, and at night I heard Brother Kennedy preach in Bethel. Wednesday 11, this morning I visited Gadsdens Wharf and Baptised three children for parents who are too poor to take them to the Church. Here poverty appears in its native form. Oh! what wretchedness and misery is seen here! even life itself seems to be a burden too great to be borne, but poverty is not all, there I see the mind of man that was originally so great lying in ruins and he scarcely knowing that he has a soul. O God! give neither poverty nor riches, but make me content with my condition, and rich in good works that I may have treasure laid up in Heaven! The afternoon I spent in study, and at night heard Bro. Pierce preach in Trinity. Thursday 12, this day I spent in visiting the sick and the poor and at night led a Class. In the work of this day I felt more sensibly than ever before the force of that saying of our Lord the poor ye have always with you. But when I visit the widow and the orphan and find them almost without either food or clothing, and striving day and night to procure a bare subsistence, my heart groans within me and I wish to relieve them, but I can only weep and pray where most I feel. O, God, take into thine own hand the cause of the poor, and let it ever be my prayer, "give me neither poverty nor riches," but may I so live that when I die it may be said by all that pass my silent grave, there lies the friend of the poor and needy, and may my poor unworthy, though blood bought soul, find some humble place among the Sanctified near the feet of Him



who loved and died for me. Amen. Friday 13 I devoted to study and at night preached in Cumberland on Phillippians 2 Chpt 12-13 verses. Saturday 14, this day I was very sick, took medicine and kept my bed all day.

Sunday 15 I was some better though not able to be out. I took more medicine, when has a Sabbath passed and me in the house all day! I now recollect but two in six years. Oh! how much do I owe to divine goodness for the health that I have enjoyed, in the midst of constant afflictions! May my redeemed soul ever at the feet of Jesus humble adore that kindness, and mercy, that has followed me all my days. Monday 16 I was much better, in the afternoon met the Bible Class and at night waited on the colored people in the office. Tuesday 17 devoted to study. Wednesday 18, this morning to study, in the afternoon visited and administered the Sacrament to an aged mother in Israel who was very much afflicted and at night I heard Bro. Dunwoody preach in Trinity. Thursday 19, I spent the morning in study, the afternoon in visiting. O! how much work may the Minister of Christ find to do in Charleston! Friday 20, this morning I devoted to study, at 12 o'clock visited an afflicted family and Baptised a dying child. I spent the afternoon visiting from house to house, and in the evening I Baptised another child who appeared to be near its end, and then went to Church and heard Bro. P preach. Saturday 21, this day was devoted to study.

Sunday 22 at 8 o'clock I went to S. School, at ten preached in Trinity on Malachi 3 Chpt 16-17 verses, at 4 in Trinity on Romans 1 Chpt 16 verse, at 5 read burial service over highly esteemed, and much lamented Sister Kennedy who died, as she lived, in the faith of the Gospel, and now rests for her labors in the Paradise of God. After this I read the Service over a child of Mr. Coaps, and at night preached in Cumberland on Romans 2 Chpt 7-11 verses, and thus closed a laborious Sabbath, and faint and weary retired to rest. O, may I, when the work of life is over, retire to rest with God in Heaven. Monday 23 I spent the forenoon in Study, the afternoon in a Bible Class. O, what an inexhausted treasure does the Bible contain. I always find something new and interesting there—at night prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 24 I devoted to study and visiting and at night preached in Bethel on 1 Peter 2 Chpt 1-2 verses. Wednesday 25 I devoted to study and at night heard Bro. P. preach in Trinity. Thursday 26, I crossed the Bay this morning, in a small boat, to Hibbon's point where there is a delightful village, I think one the pleasantest that I have ever seen. It is situate on a point of the main land 3 miles from Charleston, and two from Sullivan's Island. It is on a high bluff from which it overlooks the Harbour, and Fort Moultrie, and Castle Pinckney, you have also a good view of the lighthouse. It has a constant sea breeze which is very fine, at night I preached there on Romans 5 Chpt 6 verse and spent the night at Bro. Hibbon's. Friday 27 I returned to the City and at night preached in Cumberland on Romans 8 Chpt 1 verse. Saturday 28 spent in preparation for the holy Sabbath.

Sunday 29, at sunrise this morning I attended the anniversary of the colored S. School, at 8 o'clock in Bethel S. School, at 10 I heard Bro. Pierce preach in Bethel, at 4 I preached in Cumberland on the first four

verses of the 37 Psalm, and at night in Trinity on Ephesians 3 Chpt 11-21 verses. Monday 30, I spent this morning in visiting, in the afternoon Baptised a sick child, and led the Bible Class, and at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday July 1st devoted to visiting, and at night heard Bro. Turpin preach in Bethel. Wednesday 2nd I spent the morning in study, the afternoon in visiting, and at night heard Bro. Pierce preach in Trinity. Thursday 3rd, this morning was spent in visiting, the afternoon in Study, and at night in love feast. Friday 4, I went this morning at Sunrise to the City Hall to see the general parade, which surpassed anything of the kind that I had ever seen. From there I went to the Battery where a salute of twenty-four guns was fired. I took break at W. O. B. Hillard's, and visited a young man, apparently at the point of death; then, I went to the Unitarian Church and heard an oration by Mr. Pettigrue, and then to the old Circus house and heard another by Mr. Duncan. In the evening I went to the Orphan house to tea and spent the evening with Mr. Kingman's family. The fire works were exhibited in the front yard, which was indeed a splendid scene passing description. Saturday 5 I spent the day in preparation for the duties of the holy Sabbath.

Sunday 6 I held love feast for the colored people at sunrise, at 8 o'clock S. School, at 10 preached in Bethel and administered the Sacrament, and then went and administered it to a sick Lady, at four I preached in Trinity on the last two verses of the 50th Psalm, and then visited and prayed with a sick man, and at night heard Bro. Pierce preach in Bethel. Monday 7, this morning I visited and Baptised a sick child, in the afternoon met the Bible Class, and then visited and Baptised another sick child, and at night attended the anniversary of the Methodist Benevolent Society in Trinity School room. Tuesday 8, I spent the morning in pastoral visiting, and in the afternoon I went on board a steam boat to Sullivan's Island, and spent the night at Sister Vaughn's. Wednesday 9, I rose at 4 o'clock and took a walk on the Beach, at 7 in company with Mrs. Munds, & Misses A. V. and C. B. I rode about two miles on the beach. The sun was shining in all his majesty, and the wind was blowing strong from the sea which made it very rough, and altogether formed a very delightful scene. The waves rolling after each other in rapid succession looked as if nothing could stop them until sometimes they were broken against our wheels, yet nothing but a feeble bank of sand appears to stay their foaming rage. Surely he who hath fixed the bounds both to sea and land hath said to these waves "Hither thou mayest come and no farther." In the afternoon I returned to the City, and at night held Society meeting for the colored people in Cumberland. Thursday 10 I devoted to study. Friday 11, This being fast day I attended prayer meeting at 10 o'clock, in the afternoon quarterly Conference where I witnessed a most painful scene such a one as I hope never to witness again. Twelve of the members, because they could not succeed in an unjust charge against the Trustees, left the room without ceremony, and apparently very angry, among these was one local preacher. They retired to W. S. Kingman's house, and soon after sent in their resignation as official members. At night I preached in Cumberland on Nahum 1 Chpt 7-8 verses. Saturday

12 I devoted to study—

Sunday 13 at 8 o'clock I met the Bethel S. School, at 10 heard Bro. Pierce preach in Cumberland and administered the Sacrament to the colored people, at 4 preached in Cumberland on Romans 6 Chpt 23 verse, and again administered the Sacrament, and at night preached in Bethel on the 17th Psalm 15 verse. Monday 14, in the morning in my study, in the afternoon met the Bible Class, and at night prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 15, I spent the morning in visiting, in the afternoon attended the funeral of a child of my old friend David Clayton, and at night met the board of managers of the Bible Tract and S. School Society. Wednesday 16 I visited several disaffected persons whose minds were troubled about the present difficulties in the Church, and at night attended a called meeting of the Society, where Brother Kennedy read for the information of the Society an exposition of the transactions of the board of Trustees which have caused so much offence. But the disaffected members, fearing to let the people know the truth, interrupted him, several times, while reading. When he sat down Brother Dunwoody rose, to conclude the meeting, when several of the disaffected members determined to speak, they were told, that at a proper time and place, they should be heard, and requested to be silent, until Brother D. would finish; but they would not listen to the request, and fearing a tumult, Bro. Kennedy requested Bro. D. to proceed and close the meeting; but when he commenced reading the hymn, two or three began to speak, at once, so loud that Bro. Dunwoody could not be heard, and Bro. Kennedy commenced singing the lines that Dun'dy had read. The other party then in great haste, and confusion, left the house, and the meeting was then closed in peace, with prayer. Thursday 17, this day I spent with Bro. K. engaged in arranging Leaders for the Classes that had been given up by their former leaders, and at night I led a Class at Major Laval's where I found the most of the Class very hostile; three of them told me, in Class meeting, that they had lost all confidence in the preachers, me with the rest. It was the first time in my life that I had met with such treatment, from professors of Religion, but I looked to God for help, and he sustained me. I felt perfectly calm, and was able to pray, for them, from my heart. Friday 18, I spent the day in visiting the sick and the poor, and at night met with the Benevolent Society; and then the board of managers of the Bible Tract, and S. School Society. Saturday 19 I devoted to study.

Sunday 20 at 8 o'clock in S. School, at 10 preached in Bethel on Isaiah 28 Chpt 16 verse, at 4 in Trinity on first Chronicles 28 Chpt 9 verse, and at night in Cumberland on Revelation 2 Chpt 10 verse. May God bless the seed that it may produce an abundant crop. Monday 21, I spent the morning in study, the afternoon met the Bible Class, and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 22, in the morning I administered the Sacrament to a dying Lady, who soon after sweetly fell asleep in the arms of Jesus. In the afternoon I led a Class, and then visited a poor sick woman lying on some boards without one apparent comfort, and without Religion. O! how miserable must a sick bed be, in deep poverty, where there is no indwelling Christ! At night I heard Bro. Pierce preach in Bethel. Wednesday 23rd I spent the morning visiting among the dis-

affected members, in the afternoon buried the body of Mrs. Doucein, whose soul, I believe, is resting in Abraham's bosom, at night I preached in Trinity on Matthew 5 Chpt 6 verse. Thursday 24, being unwell I kept my room till night and then held Class meeting. Friday 25 I took medicine and kept my room. Saturday 26 I spent the day with Brothers Kennedy and Pierce, preparing charges against some of the disaffected members, who are accused of disobedience to the order, and discipline of the Church. The Charge is as follows.

#### Disobedience to the order and Discipline of the Church

##### Specification first,

Taking part in a meeting calling itself the Church in its Corporate capacity and which assumes the right to do away at pleasure the order and modes of management prescribed in the Discipline. To remove from office its Trustees, fill their place, change their responsibility, etc.

##### Specification Second,

Receiving appointment as Trustees under the assumed authority of said meeting, then organizing a board for the transaction of the business, of the Church, in opposition to the board appointed under, and acknowledged by the Discipline.

##### Specification Third,

After a written avowal of your determination not to perform any acts that would be palpable violation of Discipline; and after having received from the preacher in charge a decision declaring the course you have adopted to be a palpable violation of Discipline: you have gone to law with the Trustees by levying on the property of one of their Tenants, thus giving evidence of a determination to pursue your own course in defiance of the Constituted authorities of the Church.

Sunday 27, this morning I troubled in my very soul, the state of things in the Church is such that, I think, prudence forbids that I should attend the S. School for the present. I therefore yield praying that God may look upon the distracted state of our Church here, and save it from ruin. At half past 10 o'clock I preached in Cumberland on Matthew 7 Chpt 24-27 verses, at 4 in Bethel on 1 Timothy 2 Chpt 8 verse, and at night in Trinity on Titus 2 Chpt 11-14 verses. Monday 28, I began this day in trouble; In the forenoon I took the above Charges to the accused persons and cited them to appear at the Parsonage for trial at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning. And at one o'clock received a Summons to appear at the City Hall at the same hour on Tuesday as witness in the suit between the accused persons and the Trustees. As we were all summoned by the civil authorities we had to submit. At night I attended prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 29, this I consider one of the most memorable days of my life. I went at 9 o'clock to the City-Hall to attend court, and took in my pocket citations for the accused persons to appear at 4 in the afternoon of that day for trial. At 11 we were dismissed from court, the decision of the case being postponed until the next day, and I handed out the citations to them before they left the house, and then with Bro. Pierce went out and summoned a Committee and had them together at 4. The accused demanded trial before the whole Church, and declared, they would not be



tried by the Committee; we told them that they could not be tried before the Society, they then became very angry and presented to us a roll containing 117 names who they said would leave the Church if they were expelled; we told them the Discipline of the Church must be sustained if every member in Charleston left us. After abusing us very much, and Threatening us with: "News-papers and court-houses" they withdrew. We proceeded to try and expel them from the Church. It was truly a distressing time. It was an event on which the faith of Methodism in Charleston seemed to depend. Trouble was seen depicted in every countenance—The very Heavens seemed to be hung in mourning, indeed, it was a scene over which Angels might weep, and Jesus did bleed! I have no doubt but the fate of some souls depended upon that hour. Such a day my God grant I may never see again! and the Church in Charleston never witness another such! At night I heard Bro. Turpin preach in Bethel and, late at night, retired to my bed, but not to rest, but to contemplate, with an aching heart, the certain past and expected, dreaded, feared future events. O God! To thee I look for help, let me not be confounded, then all shall be well.—

Wednesday 20, this morning I went to the City Hall to hear the conclusion of the suit, I there spoke to one, with whom I had been very intimate; I think: I may say we had broken sweet concel, and walked to the house of God together; but he forbade me to speak to him saying he could have nothing to say to me, together with some other insulting language. When I returned to the Parsonage I found four of the disaffected members there who had a list of names that had determined to leave the Church, the list contained 117 names, these, with the 8 expelled, made 125. They charged us with being dishonest, designing, unprincipled men, corrupt and rotten at heart, and almost everything that is bad. O God, deliver us from our enemies. At night I heard Brother Pierce preach in Trinity. Thursday 31, this morning Bro. Pierce and myself left Charleston in order to procure a committee of Local preachers to try F. D. Poyas a Local preacher. We left the City at 6 o'clock in a steam car, and at 9 were landed at Lawrences Stand 27 miles from Charleston, from there we set out on foot for the house of Dr. Jones, and after walking for more than an hour we found his house, we fixed our business and dined with him, and returned to the rail road at 3 o'clock and waited there in anxious suspense for the car until 8, and then were obliged to return to Dr. Jones's and stay there that night. Friday August 1st we staid at the Dr's until 2 o'clock and then went to the road, and at 4 and then got on the car and rode to Town, through a dreadful storm of thunder and rain, with a speed that seemed to out strip the wind.—Saturday 2nd we find things still in commotion. Surely God intends to try his Church that She may be made pure, O may we all stand firm amid the shock. Amen—

Sunday 3rd, this morning at sunrise I held love feast for the colored people in Trinity. At 8 o'clock S. School in Bethel, but O! how gloomy the prospect! how changed its appearance! A School of 90 Scholars, this morning, reduced to 37. The former Superintendent, who is now out of the Church, stood at the door and sent away the children telling them that the school was broken up. May God stop him that he do no further hurt.



At 10 I preached in Trinity on Hebrews 2 Chpt. 3 verse, and administered the Sacrament, at 4 in Cumberland on John 6 Chpt. 67 verse, and at night in Bethel on 1 Corinthians 13 Chpt 13 verse. Monday 4, this day I devoted to study and at night prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 5, I devoted this day to arranging our books and fixing the Classes, and at night Society meeting where the names of those who were expelled, and had withdrawn were read out. It was truly a painful work to read out at once an 127 names of those we loved and that had been for years acceptable members of the Church, but it must be done. The Church must be saved tho its members suffer. Wednesday 6 I left the City at 6 o'clock and rode to Lawrences 27 miles on a steam car and walked a mile to Dr. Jones's and staid there until 2 o'clock then walked back to the car, took my seat and rode back to the City, and at night preached in Trinity on John 16 Chpt 33 verse. This evening I received a letter from Mr. John H. Honour, who was formerly Superintendent of one of our S. Schools, which I will here insert.

Rev. W. Martin

Sir, I understand that you stated from the pulpit on Sunday last, that the Superintendents and Teachers of Trinity S. School prevented the children from entering the School and enticed those who were in to come out, and a report has been industriously circulated by some of your friends that I was one of the offenders. Now Sir, I do in the most unequivocal and unhesitating manner pronounce the whole affair a base fabrication. I know you were not there and consequently can have no personal knowledge of the matter. I therefore ask on what authority you made the statement? You doubtless claim to be a just man and a Christian Minister, and as such I shall expect you to make the only reparation in your power, a correction of the mistatement in as public a manner as it was made on your refusal (or?) neglect to do so, I shall be under the painful necessity of doing it myself in the plainest language and in the most public manner I can. Respectfully J. H. Honour  
August 6th 1834.

Thursday 7, I this morning wrote a reply to the above letter which I will also insert

Mr Honour,

Sir, in reply to yours of yesterday I have only to say that I did not make the statements that you say you understood I did, and as you were not there to hear for yourself, you must have been misinformed. I think my statements were about as follows. Viz At Trinity I take this opportunity to say to those concerned in our S. Schools that they will be continued as heretofore both in Bethel and Trinity, Superintendents and teachers will be supplied, I make these remarks from the circumstance of some unpleasant interference at both Schools this morning. At Cumberland I take this opportunity to say to parents who have hitherto sent their children to our Schools that they will be continued at Trinity School room and at Bethel! Superintendents and teachers will be supplied. I make this remark from the circumstances of efforts having been made at both places to turn children away from them, not saying by whom. Respectfully  
August 7th 1834

William Martin

In the afternoon as I was preparing to go to Class meeting I received another from the same hand. I read it, and went and led the Class and came home and led another Class after which I consulted the Brethren whether I should answer him, and after talking and thinking and praying I determined to do it. I will give both the letters a place here.

Rev. Mr. Martin,

Sir yours of this date is received in the former part of which you deny having made the statements mentioned in my note of yesterday and in the latter part you acknowledge the fact with the insignificant exception that you did not say in so many words that the Superintendents and Teachers, were the offenders, if there was an unpleasant interference, or if efforts had been used to turn the children away, I ask, in the name of common sense, who could be supposed to have done it but the late Superintendent and teachers? But Sir, I deny the fact, either that there was any unpleasant interference, or that efforts were made to turn the children away from Trinity School. Bethel, I know nothing about. Was it an unpleasant interference to furnish a key which did not belong to the school to enable the Superintendent to obtain books for the Children? Was it not rather a plain and unequivocal manifestation of a desire to facilitate the operations of the school? I still insist that you have done the late Superintendents and Teachers a gross injustice and common honesty requires that reparation be made.

Respectfully

August 7th 1834

I. H. Honour

Friday 7th after much prayer I answered the above which I will also insert here.

Mr. Honour,

Sir, you say in your note of yesterday that I "deny" and then "acknowledge" the statements mentioned in your first "with the insignificant exception" that I did not say "Superintendents and Teachers." You ask "in the name of common sense who can be supposed to have done it but the late Superintendents and Teachers?" Astonishing! can no person exert any influence upon a *Child* but the late Superintendents and Teachers! Could not the Teachers do it without the assistance of the Superintendent? Extensive as your influence may be, my faith is not so circumscribed as to suppose that no one can exert any influence but yourself. Nor do I believe the congregations are so exclusive in their opinions as to suppose that influence is confined to the late Superintendents and Teachers. I now repeat, I did not mention the Superintendents or Teachers. I am willing to be judged by my words, but not by the forced far fetched construction of any man who may feel inclined to find fault. I have no recantation to make, and hope that this correspondence will now cease.

Yours

August 8, 1834

W. Martin

Saturday 9th, this morning I spent in preparation for the Sabbath. In the afternoon, I met the Methodist Juvenile Missionary Society, in its first quarterly meeting, we had a large attendance of children and Teachers. Their subscriptions, with a few donations, for the first quarter amounted to 18.36. The children appeared to be deeply interested in it,

and we hope that it is only the seed of what in some future day will be felt and seen afar off—

Sunday 10 at 8 o'clock I attended and opened the S. School which is now restored to peace and quietude after an awful storm which rent from it its Superintendent and 5 Teachers and a number of children. Though we had 65 present. I acted as Superintendent. O! God make me useful in the S. School. At half past 10 I preached in Bethel on Romans 8 Chapt 16-17-18 verses with liberty and much comfort to my own soul, at 4 I heard Brother Kennedy and at night I preached in Cumberland on Matthew 22 Chapt 11-12-13 verses. Monday 11, this day I devoted to study, and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 12, this morning to visiting, the afternoon I held class meeting, and at night heard Brother Turpin preach in Bethel—

Wednesday 13, this morning in company with Brothers Kennedy and Pierce I left the city in a steam car for the purpose of meeting a committee of Local preachers appointed to investigate the case of F. D. Poyas, a local preacher who was charged with disobedience to the order and Discipline of the Church, we rode 33 miles to the house of Mr. I Innabine where the committee met, and attended to the trial and returned to the City before sunset, a distance of 66 miles and 4 hours of the time not travelling, at night I heard Brother Dunwoody preach in Trinity—

Thursday 17, this morning I went to the City Prison to visit a poor colored man under sentence of death. After recovering a little from the awe that the sight threw around me, I conversed with him on the awful situation that he was then in and soon would be, but he remained alarmingly indifferent and still professing innocence. I prayed with him, and left promising to see him again. O! God how awful to see a man in good health on the verge of the grave unfeeling and unconcerned and yet unprepared to die. In the evening I held class meeting—

Friday 15, this morning devoted to study, the afternoon in visiting, and at night preached in Cumberland on 2 Peter 3 Chpt 18 verse.

Saturday 16, this morning I again visited the poor negro in prison, but found him still impenitent, in the afternoon I led a Bible class—

Sunday 17th at 8 o'clock this morning in S. School, at half past 10 preached in Cumberland on John 3 Chpt 36 verse, at 4 in Bethel on Job 22 Chpt 21 verse, and at night in Trinity on 1 Samuel 2 Chpt 30 verse. Monday 18, this day I devoted to reading and writing and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 19, this day I spent in study and visiting and at night met the board of managers of the Bible Tract and S. School Society. Wednesday 20th, this day to study and at night I preached in Trinity on Matthew 18 Chpt 20 verse. Thursday 21, this morning I again visited the prison and conversed with a poor convict that is to be executed tomorrow. He still says that he is innocent of the charge, poor fellow whether guilty or innocent he will soon be in the presence of that God who searches and trieth the veins of the children of men. For the sake of those who may chance to read these lines when hand that writes them is cold in the grave, I will give here a short history of this man with two of his Brothers. Some 6 years back they all three became members of the M. E. C. but after running well for a short time they all with-

drew from the church, giving various reasons for doing so, and now they all became, if possible, sevenfold more the children of the Devil than they were before. Sometime last spring the eldest one in fit caused by intemperance, fell over board his boat and was drowned. The second is near the gate of death with dropsy produced by dissipation. And the third, shocking to tell, is now confined in his gloomy cell waiting for tomorrow's sun to bring to his startling soul the awful realities of an eternal world, surely it is a fearful thing to trifle with the spirit of God. This history of facts I collected from one personally acquainted with the whole case who I believe is a pious man. O! that others may take warning, not to sin against God in despising the communion of his saints.

Friday 22, this day I spent in study and visiting, and at night heard Bro. Pierce preach in Cumberland, this evening our beloved Bishop Andrew arrived here. Saturday 23, the morning in study, in the afternoon I heard a Bible class.

Sunday 24, this morning at 8 o'clock I was in S. School, at 10 read funeral service over a man, at half past 10 preached in the Circular Church on I Timothy 2 Chpt 8 verse, at 4 in Cumberland on Hebrews 10 Chpt 38-39 verses, and at night I heard Bishop Andrew preach in Bethel. Monday 25, this morning in study, in the afternoon buried a man in Trinity, and at night attended prayer meeting. Tuesday 26, I spent this morning in study, the afternoon led a class, and at night met a quarterly meeting of the Bible Tract and S. School Society. This evening Dr. Capers arrived here in good health. Wednesday 27, this morning I spent in study in the afternoon read funeral service over a man, and at night heard Dr. Capers preach in Trinity a very beautiful and appropriate sermon on John 19 Chpt 5 verse. Thursday 28, this day our four days meeting commenced. Brother H. A. C. Walker preached in the morning, in the afternoon T. P. Turpin, and at night Bishop Andrew. Our congregations are large and serious. O Lord revive Thy work. Friday 29, Brother Bass preached in the morning, Bishop Andrew in the afternoon, and Dr. Capers at night. Saturday 30, this morning I preached on Romans 4 Chpt 33 verse, in the afternoon I held prayer meeting and at night heard Brother Turpin preach in Trinity.

Sunday 31, this morning the fall of rain was so great that we had no S. School, at half past 10 I preached in Bethel on Matthew 5 Chpt 20 verse, in the afternoon I heard Dr. Capers preach, and at night Bishop Andrew. Monday September 1st, this morning I visited a few sick families and attended a funeral, in the afternoon study, and at night attended prayer meeting. Tuesday 2, this morning I spent in study, in the afternoon led a class and then attended a meeting of the Trustees to consult on the propriety of building a new church, after carefully examining the subject we determined to build. At night I heard Brother Pierce preach in Bethel. Wednesday 3 I spent the morning in study, in the afternoon visited, and at night heard Dr. Capers preach. Thursday 4, this day we were visited by an awful storm of wind and rain, which commenced last night about 10 o'clock and continued with unceasing fury until 4 this afternoon. Trees and fences suffered much. Our house shook frequently but no harm was done. We expected with the evening tide increased violence, but He



who controls both wind and sea ordered it otherwise. At night I held love feast in Cumberland. Friday 5, this is fast day, at 10 o'clock I attended a funeral, and then heard Bro. Pierce preach and at night heard Dr. Capers preach in Cumberland. Saturday 6, this morning I spent in study, in the afternoon met a Bible class.

Sunday 7, this morning at sunrise I held love feast for the colored people, at 8 o'clock in S. School, at half past 10 preached in Trinity on the 126 Psalm and administered the Sacrament, in the afternoon I heard Dr. Capers preach in Cumberland on the 89 Psalm 15 verse. Monday 8, this day I spent in study, and at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 9, in the morning in study, in the afternoon in class meeting, and at night Society meeting. Wednesday 10, this morning I spent in study, the afternoon in visiting, and at night held Society meeting for the colored people in Cumberland. Thursday 11, this day I devoted to study. Friday 12, this morning I spent in study, in the afternoon attended a funeral, and at night heard Brother Pierce preach in Cumberland. Saturday 13 devoted to study.

Sunday 14, at 8 o'clock at S. School at Trinity, at 9 buried a man, at half past, preached in Cumberland and administered the Sacraments to the colored people, at 4 preached in Bethel on the 89 Psalm 15 verse, and at night in Trinity on Matthew 5 Chpt 20 verse. Monday 15, this morning at 8 o'clock attended a funeral, then spent some time in writing, in the afternoon attended another funeral, and at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 16, this morning I devoted to study, the afternoon to visiting, and at night preached in Bethel on Romans 12 Chpt 1 verse. Wednesday 17, in the morning at 8 o'clock I attended a funeral, and spent the rest of day with our pamphlet in answer to the Seceders, and at night heard Brother Pierce preach. Thursday 18 I attended a funeral, and spent the rest of the day as yesterday. Friday 19, this day our Quarterly Conference met, and at night I preached on Luke 10 Chpt 42 verse. Saturday 20 spent in preparation for the Holy Sabbath.

Sunday 21 I went to S. School at 8 o'clock, at 9 I left the City and sailed in a small boat about 6 miles to James Island and at 11 preached to the colored people there on the 12 Chpt of Romans, in the same house that was once occupied by Lord Cornwallace. At 3 I returned and preached in Trinity at 4 on Isaiah 28 Chpt 16 verse, and at night in Cumberland on Job 22 Chpt 21 verse. Monday 22 I spent the day in study, and at night with Brother Pierce held a meeting and organized a Missionary Society and opened a Subscription and got 83 dollars at once. Tuesday 23, being sick I took medicine. Wednesday 24, in the morning visited and prayed with a sick Lady. Spent the afternoon in study and at night preached in Trinity on Gallations 5 Chpt 1 verse. Thursday 25, in the morning I attended to some business for the Church, in the afternoon read funeral service over a child. Friday 26 I spent the morning in visiting, the afternoon in study and at night heard Bro. P. preach. Saturday 27, spent the morning in study. At 4 o'clock P.M. read burial service over an infant whose coffin I do not think was more than 18 inches long, happy child! It only opened its eyes on our earth to close them again speedily and open them in a better world, there to close them no

more forever, but ever to behold the face of him who once said "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God."

Sunday 28, this morning at 8 o'clock S. S., at half past 10 preached in Cumberland on Hebrews 3 Chpt 15 verse, in the afternoon in Bethel on Matthew 3 Chpt 11 verse and Baptised 32 colored children, I think Jesus still says without respect to colour, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not." At night I heard Brother F. Rush preach in Trinity—Monday 29 this morning in study, in the afternoon visiting the sick, and at night prayer meeting. O! may I do some good every day I live on earth, then will the night of death come undeeded, and unfear'd—Tuesday 30, in the morning visited, in the afternoon studied—

Wednesday October 1st this day is set apart by the city counsel for fasting and prayer to Almighty God for protection from the Cholera. Brother Pierce preached in the morning and I at night from I Peter 4 Chpt 17 verse, we had large and attentive congregations, and hope good was done. This day is warm enough for midsummer, well calculated to aid the yellow fever in its work of death—Thursday 2nd this morning I visited a poor woman who was well raised, married a drunkard, and who has left her dependent on her needle for a scanty support, but in her poverty she has peace with God. I then read funeral service in Trinity yard over a young man of 17 years, who was hurried from the midst of life into great Eternity, from there I went to Neats Hotell and read service over a lady from Philladelphia of 45 years who fell a victim to yellow fever in four days. I spent the afternoon in study, and at night in love feast after which I read funeral service over a child making three funerals in this day. Oh death! What hast thou done? The heat is still so great that I feel almost like fainting in the great work that I have to do. I retired weak and faint to rest about 11 o'clock. O may every day of my life be spent in the service of God and the church then when the night of death shall come, I will retire to the grave in peace, and wait in hope the Resurrection triumph to wake me up with sweet Salvation in the sound. Then I hope from my grave to look up, "and cry out it is he and fly up to meet him in the sky." Then all toil and labor will be forever ended—Friday 3, this day I devoted to study, and at night heard Brother Pierce preach, it is still very warm—Saturday 4 this day was spent in study.

Sunday 5, this morning I attended love feast for the colored people at 6 o'clock, at half past 8 S. School, at half past 10 preached in Trinity on John 13 Chpt 1 verse and administered the Sacrament, at 4 preached in Cumberland on II Corinthians 6 Chpt 1 verse and at night in Bethel on Genesis 32 Chpt 12 verse, I will surely do Thee good. Thus the day has been from 6 in the morning until 8 at night devoted to the Sanctuary. Oh may all my days be thus spent in the service of God, then "to die will be gain." Monday 6, this morning spent in business for the missionary Society and visiting, the afternoon reading and at night prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 7, this morning I spent in study, the afternoon in class meeting and visiting and at night Society meeting. Wednesday 8, this morning spent in visiting, the afternoon I attended a

funeral, and at night held Society meeting for the colored people. Thursday 9, this morning at 9 o'clock I read funeral service over a child, then visited and prayed with a poor sick woman, the rest of the day I spent in the Court House, where a case was tried in which the church was interested, and in the decision of which much depended, but it terminated, I think as it should to the advantage of the Church. Surely great efforts have been made to ruin Methodism in Charleston both by its avowed enemies, and its professed friends. But a kind Superintending providence has over ruled the whole matter, and Methodism is yet unmoved, and I believe while we make the Discipline our guide it will stand in spite of all opposition During its great struggles the present year it has in every case, both in Church and State, come forth as gold tried in the fire, and has only been made brighter by the trial, for God was there, and whom thou dost keep O King of Kings no evil shall molest. Friday 10, this day I spent in study, and at night preached in Cumberland from Genesis 16 Chpt 13 verse, Thou God seest me, Solemn truth may I ever feel its weight. Saturday 11, this morning I spent in study, in the afternoon attended a funeral.

Sunday 12, this morning at 8 o'clock S. School at 10 preached in Cumberland on John 10 Chpt 9 verse and administered the Sacrament to the colored people, in the afternoon in Bethel on John 9 Chpt 27 verse, and then attended a funeral, and at night preached in Trinity on John 1 Chpt 16-50 verses. Monday 13, this day being the great annual atonement among the Jews I attended the Senagogue and witnessed some of their ceremonies. What a living testimony in favor of Divine Revelation. O! That God may speedily send Salvation to this deluded superstitious people. Tuesday 14, this morning in study, the afternoon in class meeting and at night in Church. Wednesday 15, this day I devoted to visiting, and at night preached in Trinity on Nehemiah Chpt 9. Thursday 16, this day spent in visiting, and at night in class meeting. This day I received a letter from (illegible) in which I notice several deaths among my old friends and among them I see the name of John Burton, a young man about 20 years of age. One on whom much care and money had been expended by fond parents, who looked on him as their first born son, and from his education, and advantages, were expecting to find, in him, much comfort and happiness; but alas! how uncertain is every thing below the sky! how soon the rose of spring is blasted by the scorching rays of a summers sun. or nipt by an untimely frost its short lived beauties die away. And is he gone? could not a fond Mother's tears, or a Father's prayers keep him longer? Was wealth no barrier? Surely he did not lack that. Could not the tears of tender sisters and loving brothers prevale with Thee to let him stay a little space? These were not wanting; but all would not do. Death has come and John must go. The fatal hour has arrived, and father weeps, a heart broken Mother sighs—sisters cry O my brother, my brother. Brothers sorrow but all in vain. The lovely youth who like the cedar green and flourishing promises to be the pride of the forest. So he of his family, friends and country; but fades at the touch of death and is no more seen; but is he no more? Hark a voice of inspiration, "I cannot bring him back, but I shall to him." Yes, weeping

disconsolate parents, brothers, sisters, dry up your tears your son, your brother, your John shall rise again! Oh! That Parents, Brothers and Sisters may fix their affections on things above, not on things on the earth that when they are called hence they may be found of God and peace without spot and blameless. Amen. Friday 17, this day I spent in reading, and at night attended Church. Saturday 18, this day I attended the 45 Anniversary of the Orphan house which I think one of the most interesting exhibitions that I ever witnessed in my life. An address was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Barnwell, and then one by a little orphan boy which seemed to me sufficient to have melted a heart of stone. They were then dismissed and a dinner being prepared for them I next saw those little orphans seated at a table that would not disgrace a Palace. I ask what is the cause of all this? The answer is the Bible, Revelation, Religion—Oh Christianity what hast thou done for the poor and the destitute?

Sunday 19, this morning at half past 8 o'clock in S. School, at half past 10 heard Brother Kennedy preach in Bethel, at half past 3 preached in Trinity on Daniel 3 Chpt 16-17-18 verses, and at night in Cumberland on Hebrew 4 Chpt 1 verse. Monday 20, this day I spent in reading and writing. Tuesday 21, this day I spent in visiting, and at night met the managers of the Bible Tract, and S. School Society in Trinity School Room. This day we received the Rejoinder of our Reformers, a wonderful production indeed in which no pains are spared to make us appear odious in public opinion; but yet we feel that God is with us and we fear not what men can do, for though we are cast down we are not destroyed. May God for give them for I think "they know not what they do." Wednesday 22, this day I spent in arranging our Church books, and at night preached in Trinity 1 Peter 3 Chpt 13 verse. This day Mr. Elliot left our city in a Balloon and took a tour through the air towards the upper regions. I watched him until he appeared not larger than a small star in the sky. Thursday 23, this morning I spent in the office, in the afternoon led class meeting, and at night led another class. This day I learned that Mr. Elliott returned in safety from his aerial visit. He says he ascended about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  miles from the earth when from change of air and fatigue, not being able to manage his balloon, he fainted and thinks he was an hour in that condition, as he recovered he was very sick and vomited, which relieved him, he then found himself more than three miles high, alone and his balloon ungovernable. It was now dark and he over the ocean about 12 miles outside of the barr. At length he cut a hole in the valve and came down in a few minutes into the water, and after continuing in that perilous condition for about half an hour he taken up by a Pilot Boat which happened to be out. O foolish Man! thus to sport with life. Friday 24, this day I spent in study. Saturday 25, this morning I spent in study, in the afternoon a little bareheaded boy came to the Parsonage begging a little bread. I asked him if he went to S. School? He said no—I asked him if he wished to go when I explained it to him, he said he did, but he feared his mother who was a Roman Catholic, would let him; and with tears in his eyes he begged me to go see her. I went and found her with 6 children without either a table or chair in her house and nothing to eat but as they begged it, she spoke french and



her little son interpreted. I got her consent to let him go to S. School with which he appeared well pleased, his mother also bade him tell me that she would pray for me, and surely the prayers of the poor are worth working for. Jesus said the poor have the Gospel preached unto them.

Sunday 26, this morning at half past 8 o'clock I was in S. School, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on I Peter 4 Chpt 7 verse, at 4 in Trinity on 2 Peter 1 Chpt 10-11 verses, and at night in Cumberland on Revelation 3 Chpt 20-21 verses. Monday 27, this day I spent in study and visiting, at night held prayer meeting, and then went to the Depository and heard an address by Mr. H. L. Pinkney, for the Bible Society, in which address I found learning, talent and piety happily joined. Tuesday 28, this day spent in visiting and study and at night held prayer meeting for the S. School. Wednesday 29, this day I spent in visiting, and at night heard Brother Danforth preach. Thursday 30, this day we had constant rain. I devoted the day to study, and at night held love-feast. Friday 31, this morning I attended the annual commencement of the Charleston College, in the afternoon attended a funeral and at night met the colored people in the office, and at 9 o'clock read funeral service over a colored woman. Saturday November 1st, I spent this morning in study, in the afternoon read funeral service over one who died with yellow fever, another is gone, and I still live. The Lord I hope has something for me yet to do. Another week has closed, it is gone never to return. I try to examine my heart, how have I lived the past week? And I bless God, I think I feel an increased desire to be wholly devoted to God and His Church.

Sunday 2, this morning at sunrise I held love-feast for the colored people. At 9 o'clock met S. School, at 10 visited and prayed with a sick lady, and administered the Sacrament, at half past 3 I heard Brother Foster preach in Bethel, and I baptised about 15 negroes, at 6 visited and prayed with a dying man who soon after bid adieu to time and went to appear before his final Judge. at 7 I preached in Bethel on Galatians 4 Chpt 4-5-6-7 verses, and then visited and prayed with a sick lady and thus closed a laborious Sabbath almost worn out with fatigue but with an easy conscience. Monday 3, this morning I spent in study, in the afternoon buried Mr. Moultrie, and at night held prayer meeting and then visited and prayed with a sick lady. O Lord help me to do some good every day I live, then "to die will be gain." Tuesday 4, this morning I spent in study, and at night held Society meeting. Wednesday 5, this day I spent in visiting from house to house and praying with the members, and at night met the Leader in the office. Thursday 6, this morning I spent in study, in the afternoon led a class, and at night married two pair. Friday 7, this day I spent in study, and at night heard Mr. Scott a Presbyterian preach in Cumberland. Saturday 8, this morning I spent study, in the afternoon met the Juvenile Missionary Society.

Sunday 9 at half past 8 in S. School, at half past 10 I preached in Cumberland on Acts 4 Chpt 12 verse and administered the Sacrament to the colored people. at half past 3 preached in Bethel on Matthew 5 Chpt 8 verse, and at night in Trinity on Luke 13 Chpt 5 verse. Monday 10 to study and at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 11, this day to visiting, and at night heard Brother Pierce preach in Bethel. Wednesday 12, this morn-

ing to visiting, in the afternoon visit the Charleston Museum, and at night preached in Trinity on John 6 Chpt 34 verse. Thursday 13, this day was set apart by the city council for thanksgiving to God for his mercies through the sickly season, I heard Brother Kennedy preach in the morning, and Brother Pierce in the afternoon. Friday 14, this day I visited Sullivans Island, and at night attended a monthly meeting of the Benevolent Society of the M. E. Church. Saturday November 15th, the morning spent in preparing for the Sabbath. In the afternoon I left Charleston in an open boat rowed by three negroes 6 miles to James Island to Mr. A. Wilsons who lives in the house occupied by Lord Cornwallis as head quarters during the siege of Charleston in 1779. A number of negroes were collected & I read to them the 10th of Luke gave them a lecture & prayed.

Sunday 16th at 10 o'clock a congregation of negroes collected at the same place and I preached to them on Romans 6:23 then left the Island and returned to the city. At half past 3 preached in Trinity on I Timothy 1-17, 18. At night in Cumberland on I Timothy 4 & 8. This afternoon buried a man in Trinity and baptised two children of Mr. & Mrs. Crevat. Monday 17th, this night held prayer meeting in Cumberland, after a day spent in reading. Tuesday 18, to reading & visiting at night met the managers of the Bible, Tract & S. School Society. This day buried a man in Trinity. Wednesday 19, to reading, at night heard Bro. J. Pierce preach in Trinity. Thursday 20, to visiting the sick & poor. At night married a couple. Friday 21, to reading, at night preached in Cumberland on Hebrews 4th & 9th. Saturday 22 to reading.

Sunday 23 at 8 o'clock to S. School—half past 10 preached in Trinity on Hebrews 12-25 at night in Bethel 2 Timothy 4 Chpt 7,8 verses. Monday 24 to reading—at night attended a meeting of the ministers of the city on the subject of petitioning the Legislature in behalf of the colored people. Tuesday 25 to reading, at night held prayer meeting for the S. School. Wednesday 20th visiting, at night married two couples, preached in Trinity on Matthew 7-21. Thursday—visiting. Friday 28, reading, at night heard Bro. Jenkins preach. Saturday 29—preparing for the Sabbath.

Sunday 30, S. School. I preached in Bethel Mark 13-34. Monday December 1—reading, at night prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday visiting, at night preached in Bethel on Romans 8-1. Wednesday 3 visiting, at night heard Bro. Dunwoody. Thursday 4 visiting, at night married 2 couples & attended love-feast in Cumberland. Friday 5 morning, visited—afternoon, read, night heard Bro. Pierce in Cumberland. Saturday 6, preparations for the Sabbath.

Sunday 7, commenced this day with the Sun in the cold (colored) peoples love-feast in Trinity. 9 o'clock in S. School—half past 10 preached in Cumberland Luke 14-22 verse, administered the Sacrament. Half past 3 preached in Bethel Zechariah 4-7, baptised 20 negroes—night preached a missionary sermon in Trinity Matthew 6-10. Monday 8, morning to reading—afternoon visiting, night waited on the negroes in the office on Church business. Tuesday 9 morning visiting, afternoon read burial service over a man in the poor house, night held Society meeting in Trinity. Wednesday 10, visiting from house to house. Thursday 11 in study. Fri-

day 12 visiting—night met the benevolent Society. Saturday 13 preparing for the Sabbath.

Sunday 14, 9 o'clock Sunday School in Trinity—half past 10 preached in Trinity Psalm 50th 1-2-3-4-5-6. Administered the Sacraments to the cold people. Half past 3 preached in Cumberland—Prov 27 Chpt 1. Administered the Sacrament there. Night preached in Bethel I Timothy 1-15. Monday 15, reading & visiting, night prayer meeting. Tuesday 16 morning, visiting, afternoon class meeting, night met the managers of the B.T. & S. Societies. Wednesday 17—visiting—night preached in Trinity on Matthew 22-44. Thursday 18—visiting and reading. Friday 19—reading & visiting the sick. Saturday 20—preparation for the Sabbath.

Sunday 21—preached in the morning at Bethel on Isaiah 61:1,2,3 but darkness dusted upon it very little light—afternoon in Trinity Hebrews 11:6 felt in the close. Like I might pray with the disciples “Lord, increase in faith!” for it appeared to me to be weak indeed, at night in Cumberland on Jeremiah 4:14—but Oh! how dark and gloomy. Surely there has been a striking likeness between my mind and the gloom of this day (one of constant rain). I retired with a heavy heart crying Oh Lord! Who hath believed our report and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? Oh Lord! Who is sufficient for these things well might an apostle ask, how can they preach except they be sent? and I would add, sent of God for if He but hide his face how dark and void—yea how spiritless all our services are. Oh Lord! for give the imperfections of this days service and succeed them with the healthful influence of Thy divine spirit and bring light out of darkness, be strength in weakness and save the people, for Jesus’ sake. Monday 22—reading—night pray meeting for the S. School cause. Tuesday 23—reading & visiting. Wednesday 24—reading, at night heard Bro. J. Pierce preach in Trinity. Thursday 25—Christmas. I rose at 4 o'clock, preached at 7 in Cumberland on John I chapt 17 verse—to a serious congregation and we felt that He whose birthday we celebrated, was with us indeed. At half past 10 heard Bro. Pierce preach in Trinity. The Lord owned his word and we felt it was good to wait upon Him. At 4 I went to St. Marv’s Chappel and saw them perform Mass. At 5 I went to St. Limbors Cathedral and heard Bishop England deliver an address on the nativity of Christ with which I was well pleased but while I heard the representative of the humble preaching Jesus speak so beautifully of the humility and poverty of his divine master I could but draw the contrast in my own mind between the Master and the Servant. The Master I see houseless, going about doing good. I hear him say “the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests but the son of Man hath not where to lay his head.” He was clothed in a robe without seam from top to bottom, but the servant I see at the altar of God with a dress which makes him appear ridiculous and the cost of which I have been informed was \$7000!! Is this right? I thought if this had been applied to charitable purposes how much suffering it might have prevented, how many tears it might have dried up, and how many hearts it might have made to sing for joy! About the pomp with which they worship this humble Jesus of Bethlehem I have only to say Lord if they are in error convince them of it and lead them in thy way of life everlasting. I am now closing another

Christmas day—its privileges and enjoyments are gone and are the wings of its past moments have been borne my aets, my words, and my thought to the bar of Him the anniversary of whose birth I have this day celebrated where they have passed the \_\_\_\_\_ of my Judge who cannot look upon sin but with abhorrence. Oh Jesus! give me Thy Holy Spirit of truth that I may examine my past life and repent before Thee for all my sins and may I from this day forward live more devoted to Thee, and Thy cause and now my Lord, I would with a solemn heart give myself with all I have and am afresh to Thee and Thy church. Oh God! rebaptise me with the Holy Ghost and fire and recommission me from on high that I from this night may be more useful than I have hitherto been and to Thy worthy name Father Son and Holy Ghost shall be the glory given world without end. Friday 26, this day I do but little, visit a sick woman and preach at night in Cumberland on the 73 Psalm 24. The Lord owned his word in a gracious manner. I felt that he was in our midst and our hearts were made to burn within us. Today Sister Pierce left for Savannah and I accompanied her on board the Seabrook at 9 o'clock P.M. where I gave her the parting hand scarcely daring to indulge a hope of seeing her again until all the toils of life are over. She has been my kind hostess near eleven months, has even acted to me as a friend and sister. I can now only pray for her who has been so kind a friend to me both in sickness and health—whenever the Providence of God may cast her lot may she never want a friend above all may she have him for a friend who sticketh closer than a brother. Saturday in preparation for the duties of the Holy Sabbath. Oh for an increase of faith.

Sunday 28, this morning the rain prevented the children from attending the S. School—preached in the morning in Cumberland on 2 Psalm 10, 11, 12 in the afternoon in Bethel Hebrews 13:13, 14 at night in Trinity Hebrews 12:24, 25, 26. I felt that God was with one and especially in the afternoon I felt like I could with hopes choose rather to suffer afflictions with God's people than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season for I do esteem the reproach of Christ as greater riches than all this world's goods and hope I shall ever rejoice to be counted worthy to suffer so much for the sake of Jesus who suffered so much for me. Oh for that faith that will enable me to endure as seeing Him that is invisible that I may ever walk by faith in the Son of God having peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Monday 29 reading & visiting—held prayer meeting. Oh may I do some good every day of my life then shall my Sun in smiles decline and bring a pleasing night. Tuesday 30, This morning went to the City Hall to attend the magistrate court where Mr. Kennedy was summoned to appear for the unlawful detention him of some book cases belonging to The Methodist Benevolent Society (now Protestant) left in Trinity School room and which they had never made legal application for, but by the advice of their counsel they paid the cost and withdrew the suit. In the afternoon I led a class and at night preached in Bethel on I Epistle of John 1:7. Oh, that I may ever walk in the light as He is in the light that the blood of His Son may cleanse me from all sin. I close the day in writing a letter. Wednesday 31. This day I spent in helping Bro. Pierce to prepare for leaving me tomorrow for Savannah. This the last day of



1834. Held a watch night which continued till near 1 o'clock, it was very solemn and interesting and I think it will be seen in Eternity that it was not in vain. I am now closing another year, its last moment is now on the wing. A few more moments bring in another new year. The question should and does arise with seriousness how have I spent the past year, have I done all the good I might or could? A minister of the Gospel of Christ. Have I preached it faithfully in public and in private. Have I lived the Gospel? Have I been instant in season and out of season? Have I declared the whole counsel of God? Have I prayed for and wept over the people as much as I could? Oh God, Thou knowest as a Christian has my life been exemplary? Have I walked with God? Has my conversation been in Heaven? Have I redeemed the time? I fear that being weighed in the balance I should be found wanting in many things. Oh God! for give the past and give me grace for the future I believe that I have put on paper every day's work for the past year and when I bring it all to review before me I am ashamed before God that I have done so little good in His Church so little to the glory of His name or the Salvation of souls but if this were the only place where my actions were written these leaves might soon be burned and all forgotten but there is a Book where leaves are more durable than brass when all are indelibly written by the finger of God and every secret thing with every word and deed whether it has been good or bad is written there and will be brought into judgment. Oh God! prepare me for that day! but on the whole, I feel that I have abundant reason for gratitude to God that it is as well with me as it is. The past year has been to me one of peculiar trial & temptations such as hitherto I have not known. It has pleased God to cast my lot where with my worthy colleagues we have had to pass through fire but in the midst of it all, God has been our guide and here with triumph I raise my Ebenezer and say, "hitherto, the Lord hath helped me," to his name be all praise for his goodness to me. I still feel that He is with me and on a review of the past I here solemnly enter into a fresh Covenant to be the Lord's Servant & promise in this sacred hour for Him to live and die. Lord! help me to keep this promise. Thursday January 1st 1835. This morning brings with it a new year. The past is gone—forever gone. Oh Time! How swiftly dost thou fly. This morning I heard Bro. Dunwoody preach in Trinity, in the afternoon, visited—at night, attended love-feast. This day brings with it a train of thoughts worthy of our attention. The ceaseless, silent step of time has brought us to the close of another year, 1834 has been gathered to its fathers and this day introduces us to its young successor. The past has been a most eventful year to this state one that will be long remembered by her citizens. One that will not soon be forgotten by any one devoted to the interests of his country or who feels for the good of man and the peace of society. At the opening of the past year the political horizon was darkened by the clouds of discord and the moaning of a coming storm were heard like to distant thunder. The delegates of the people in their legislative capacity had just dissolved having been principally employed in angry debate and bitter strife. The two great contending parties were worked up to the highest pitch of madness and resort to arms seemed inevitable. The whole state seemed to be

roused and preparing for battle and as the year advanced the rage increased until to all human appearance our fair fields were soon to be stained with blood. In Sept. the people were summoned to the poles when every artifice was used on both sides to get the votes of the populace & in this city the sword was almost out of its sheath. The people enraged demanded the arms of the arsenal awful crisis! it seemed that the fatal moment had come and hope that had long hovered over the city now seemed as tho she had taken her leave. The storm passed but only apparently to gather strength to return with increased fury. The Legislature assembled and every eye was turned to Columbia to see what would be the result. The cloud hung dark and gloomy and all waited in awful suspense to behold it burst but lo! a bright and unexpected star shone thro' its darkness and the sunbeam of peace drove back the demon of Discord and the white flag floated in triumph where but a few moments before the bloody red banner was streaming in defiance. Surely, every citizen ought to bring to God the offering of a grateful heart this day for his great deliverance, for truly may we say—it is God has done this—But there is another subject of deep and lasting interest to the M. E. Church in Charleston to which we cannot look but with feelings mingled with joy & sorrow. The last year found us with a cloud dark and portentous hanging over us and the storm that it threatened in the distance was beheld with dreaded apprehensions by many pious hearts without scarcely daring to guess what would be the final result. In this unhappy state the church was rent & torn by its members who had formed themselves into two parties. The cloud grew darker and darker. The distant thunder was heard. Pious hearts trembled at length. In the month of July (a month never to be forgotten) the storm burst upon us and we knew not when it would discharge its fury. The Dove of Peace seemed to have fled far from us and discord & disunion to have taken its place. The opposing party openly declared that they would listen to no terms of accommodation. We had no alternative. The Discipline must now be defended or forever abandoned here and our consciences must go with it, together, with our solemn ordination vows. We determined to defend the discipline the fearful contest began. The church was threatened it seemed almost to be shaken even to the foundation. Many of her valuable sons & daughters (of whom we can scarcely think without tears) were severed from us and from her communion perchance never to be united again. In this awful crisis when we knew not what to do or how to do He that rides upon the storm and calms the roaring sea mildly whispered thro' his word "Be not afraid, it is I." On this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it and now the storm is over past and with the new year we find the church in peace and looking for a revival and we feel like we may in the fear of God & with humility challenge our enemies to look upon Zion the city of our solemnities. Thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation a Tabernacle that shall not be taken down not one of her stakes shall be removed nor one of her cords broken let every heart and tongue unite with me in giving glory to God for His great deliverance. One more subject at this time and I am done. During the past year the destroying cholera, the scourge of nations threatened us

with death. He marshalled his pale host on our borders & walked in awful majesty up and down the Savannah River carrying terror and death every where he went but that God in whose hands are the issues of life & death warded off the threatened blow and with the new year is the disappearance of cholera in all our borders may the Lord be praised for all his goodness to us. Friday Jny. 2, 1835, This day to reading at night preached in Cumberland on Revclations 2:11. Saturday Janry. 3, in preparation for the Sabbath.

Sunday 4, this morning we had a storm of rain & small hail or snow. The streets were almost like glass & the wind was piercing cold but I recollected my mission is to be in season & out of season. I therefore went to love-feast at sunrise met a number of the colored people there. The Lord blessed the meeting and we almost forgot the cold. The storm prevented the children getting to S. School. At half past 10 I preached in Trinity on John 14:15 administered the Sacrament, preached in the afternoon at Cumberland Luke 15:2 at night we closed the churches. Monday 5, This is the most winter like day I ever saw in Charleston, morning I spent in my study, afternoon buried a man said to have been frozen the past night. Poor man gone at an unexpected hour to try the realities of great Eternity, at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 6, morning in study, afternoon buried the infant son of Bro. N. A. C. Walker. Their first born & only child about 2 months old. Dear little child! it but opened its eyes on this poor world to see its emptiness & poverty & then as though disgusted shut them to take its leave of us & retire to a fairer better clime where trouble never come but why might we not ask the little stranger why didst thou make so short a visit? Didst thou only come to gladden the hearts & gladden the spirit of thy fond parents and then to blight all their fond hopes and when all their bright expectations by thy speedy flight! or was it that thou wast only lent of the Lord and at His bidding retired from this poor earth where unnumbered sorrows awaited thee to join the heavenly songsters around Thy Father's throne? Go then lovely Babe and with the little tribes that have gone before tune thy harps & learn the songs of Paradise we cannot bring thee back (nor would we) but we may come to Thee happy soul thy race is ended the victory gained the laurel won even before the battle had commenced & thou hadst but a glimpse of the enemy before it was proclaimed in heaven thou hadst conquered & the crown was given. Take it & at the feet of Him who bought it with His blood & freely gives it to Thee wonder at, admire & adore The stupendous scheme of redemption, redeeming grace & dying love. This is the note that shall be heard above all others while Eternity endures. Redemption thro' the blood of Jesus to a lost & ruined world. May my redeemed soul ever at the feet of Jesus admire his grace in saving me. Wednesday 7, visited several families, at night preached in Trinity on John 12:26. Thursday 8 I spent in visiting the poor whom I look upon as the jewels of the flock. Oh much do these poor afflicted followers of Jesus need the Pastor's care. Lord help me to feel for and sympathize with them. I now see & feel the great benefit of poverty in early life and I do now with an honest heart thank God that I was raised poor & that I still am poor for daily observation convinces me that God

hath chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith & heirs of glory. It is here that I see the poor widow with scarcely a whole suit of clothes or a fire to keep her warm without even a loaf of bread, only as the hand of charity bestows pining away with age & disease in obscurity rejoicing in God & possessing a peace that crowned heads might envy. What can do this? Enthusiasm? No. Cold hearted infidelity that buries the soul with the body? No—but *we* know that if the earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved we have a building of God, an house not made with hands eternal in the heavens and this hope maketh us not ashamed because of the love of God which is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which He hath given unto us. It is this that enables them to rejoice in affliction knowing that these light afflictions which are but for a moment shall work out for them a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Friday 9th, a continued storm of wind and rain and hail, everything covered with ice. I kept my room close till evening. I then went to church & found it not open—when I got home my cloak was covered with ice. Strange weather for Charleston. I desire to feel very thankful to God for a comfortable room and fire of which I fear many are now destitute and especially in this city where there are so many poor. Oh Lord remember the poor and provide them friends in this trying season. Saturday 10, this morning the sun shines out as clear and beautiful as if there had never been a cloud to obscure it. How delightful everything appears. The ice has covered every house and the twig of every tree is like a spear of ice and the sun rising clear upon it makes it appear dazzling beyond description. How poor every invention of man appears compared with nature in her simplest form. The sun this morning looks indeed like a fit emblem of the Sun of Peace whose glorious rays dispel the mists of error and vice from our moral world. This day I devote to study preparatory to the Sabbath.

Sunday 11. This morning is still very cold, the earth frozen in every place. Truly winter has spread her icy mantle over us. At half past 8 I met the S. School, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on Exodus 33:14, at 3 in Cumberland on Jeremiah 6:16, at night in Trinity on Jeremiah 17:7, 8. I thus closed the day. Monday Janry. 12. This morning wrote a letter to my mother, at 10 o'clock in the ladies working society assisted them in electing officers for the ensuing year and delivered them an address, at night I held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday—This day I devoted to reading & visiting some whom I consider as jewels in the flock of Christ some poor widows whose only treasure is in Heaven & yet they are content with their condition. Lord Jesus! continue thy loving kindness to them & still supply their every want. At night preached in Bethel on 2 Peter 3:18. Wednesday 14. This day I devoted to visiting, at night heard Bro. Bass. Thursday 15—Reading & visiting. Friday 16. Reading & visiting, at night hear Bro. Whiteford Smith preach. Saturday 17, preparation for the Sabbath.

Sunday 18, met a few children in S. School, at half past 10 preached in Cumberland 2 Corinthians 1:12, half past 3 in Trinity 1 Corinthians 1:12, 24 at night in Bethel Hebrews 4:15, thus closed the duties of the day. May God bless the labors & water the seed sown for Jesus sake. Monday 19th,



reading, at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 20, visiting the sick & poor, at night preached in Bethel on Hebrews 6:1. Wednesday 21, reading & visiting, at night attended a meeting of the society in Trinity. Thursday 22, this morning Bro. Spaulding our African missionary arrived here with his wife from Savannah. Bro. Fulton also from Holstein Conference came with them. They are to stay with me until our conference comes on in Columbia. I here enter something of the rule on which I have been living for some time past. The stewards give me what they think will support me and I to save something for the poor have burned one fire, ate meat once a day & by this means have found myself able of my small allowance to give a little to those whom I considered as more needy but not less deserving than myself. Oh may the Lord ever give me both a heart & hand to feed the hungry & clothe the naked. In the morning I rise early and spend my morning hours with the Bible which has been my custom from my early life for which I think I have great reason to be thankful to God. May He grant me grace & wisdom to understand and digest its sacred contents that it may ever be my rule of life through all my pilgrimage below & then conduct me safe to heaven. Friday 23 visited some—baptised a sick child & at 10 heard Bro. Fulton preach. This day we were called to mourn the sudden death of Bro. S. W. Huff, one of the stewards of our church whose loss will be long felt here. He was on board a ship attending to his duty as a custom house officer, when the master called and he in a moment obeyed the summons & entered into Eternity without time to speak one word to anyone. How mysterious are thy ways Oh Lord God! and Thy Providence past finding out! Oh may I so live from day to day that if I am called in the same way to leave the world in a moment I may be ready to go in peace as I believe, from the life of Bro. Huff has gone to meet the reward of the faithful. Saturday 24 in preparation for the Sabbath.

Sunday 25, this morning at half past 8 attended S. School, at half past 10 heard Bro. R. Spaulding, at half past 12 attended the funeral of our departed Bro. Huff from his late residence to the Lutheran Church. Dr. Capers read 15 of Corinthians & delivered an address, Mr. Bachman of the Lutheran Church offered prayer & Bro. Kennedy read the service. At half past 3 I preached in Cumberland. Monday 26 reading, at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 27 but little done, at night held prayer meeting for the Bible Tract & Mis. S. School cause. Wednesday 28 visited & at night heard Bro. Fulton. Thursday 29 visited, at night held love feast, married a couple. Friday 30. Our quarterly conference, at night heard Dr. Capers. Saturday 31, Juvenile missionary society met, a most interesting time. The dear little children coming forward early in life contributing to that stream that is soon to deluge the world with righteousness. They send to the conference missionary society this year \$95 for a commencement. Oh that they may ever prosper these & like societies until the world is converted to Christ.

Sunday February 1, at sunrise attended col'd people's love feast, at half past 8 S. School in Bethel, at half past 10 heard Whitefoord Smith in Trinity, administered the Sacrament, in the afternoon heard Walker, at night Dr. Capers. Monday 2 reading, at night prayer meeting. Tues-

day visited, night held Society meeting in Trinity. Wednesday visited, night heard W. Smith preach. Thursday 5, Bro. Kennedy left for conference. I am left alone to take charge of the flock so I find myself for the time being, Bishop of the M. E. Church in Charleston. God give me grace for the mighty charge! Friday visited, at night met the col'd leaders in the office. Saturday spent in preparing for the Sabbath.

Sunday 8th at sunrise went to meet the Juvenile missionary society of the free col'd people but the severe cold prevented a meeting. It is considered the coldest day in the history of Charleston not remembered by the oldest inhabitants so intensely cold a day. At half past 10 preached in Cumberland Romans 10:1 & administered the Sacrament when I found the cold so great that the wine froze in the glass so as with difficulty to be used, in the afternoon preached in Trinity on John 14:14, at night heard Bro. Crook in Bethel. Monday 9, reading & writing, at night met the col'd leaders. Tuesday 10 visited, at night preached on John 15:15. Wednesday 11 visited, at night met the leaders. Thursday 12. This morning called to see a dying man who was yesterday in good health. I found him motionless and insensible. He was struggling hard for breath in a paralytic stroke. I prayed with him. In the afternoon led a class, wrote a letter, then again visited the before mentioned man (Mr. Kingman). I found his spirit had fled and left his body a lifeless corpse. How uncertain is every thing below the skies. Surely, in the midst of life we are in death. The deceased has been a professor of religion for more than 50 years, most of that time in the M. E. Church he had however left this church and joined the Methodist Protestants a few months back and now he has gone to the world of spirits and I hope to the land of rest where things appear as they are. He has left a large family to mourn their loss in him and the orphan-house that noble institution where he has been many years steward will long feel his loss. Friday 13, attended to the business of the office, at night met the benevolent society. Saturday buried an infant, prepared for the Sabbath.

Sunday 15 at about half past one o'clock alarm early the cry of fire! When I arose I saw the flame was making headway rapidly. It continued about three hours and burned about 60 houses among which was the oldest church in the city. It was built in 1723 and had stood the ravages of time for more than a century but it is now a heap of smoking ruins—at half past 10 preached in Trinity on Acts 3:19, at half past 3 in Cumberland Luke 19:41, 42, night heard Bro. E. Sinclair. Monday 16 wrote two letters and attended in the office. Tuesday 17, reading & visiting. Wednesday 18 read funeral service over an old member of our church. Visited some in the afternoon—night met the stewards in the office. Thursday visited, in the afternoon had a singular visit from an old lady member of the Baptist Church with a complaint against one of our members for evil speaking but before she told the charge prefaced it herself with such a volley of evil-speaking as I have not heard for many days. This evening Bro. Spaulding arrived from Colb. with news from the conference and I am again stationed in Charleston. I feel fearful it may not be for the best but I hope it is of God and He will do all things *right*. Oh that He may interpose and cause that this may be for His Glory & my good.

The prosperity of the church and the salvation of many Souls! Friday 20, visited, met the col'd people in the office. Bro. Gamewell the junior preacher of the station arrives in good health. He is the son of John Gamewell well known as a man of God & excellent preacher, may God make his son very useful here. This afternoon I buried Mr. Duhadwy, in April last I buried his good wife who is now in glory. The poor man lived and died, I believe a drunkard! Saturday 21 preparing to visit my mother in N. Carolina, in the afternoon visited a sick young man in order to carry him some money that had been collected for him. May God bless him and bless the givers of that small relief that they may never be reduced to the same circumstances. I afterwards read funeral service over a little girl who died in the orphan house. Six months ago there were father, mother & three children. There is now one child left alone, all the rest in that short time been called away to try the realities of great Eternity. Oh may the remaining one ever be kept under the shadow of Thy wing, most merciful Lord! This evening Bishop Andrew arrived here.

Sunday February 22, half past 8 at S. School, half past 10 heard Bro. Smith in Bethel, half past 3 Dr. Capers, night Bishop Andrew. Monday 23 in company with Bishop Andrew visited Asbury Chapel, dined with him & Dr. Capers at Bro. Williams', also Bro. Spaulding & Lady—in the evening met the Bible Tract & S. School Society—visited and prayed with three families.

Tuesday in company with Bro. Spaulding & Lady crossed the Bay in an open boat, took stage at 6 for Georgetown. Travelled all night and got to Georgetown at 9 o'clock a.m. Wednesday 25. We stopped together at the hospitable house of Bro. Waterman. After dinner I walked over the town, I find in it a few public buildings viz. a courthouse, jail, market—3 churches—Methodist, Baptist, Episcopal. I was interested in the history of the Episcopal Church. I learn it was used during the revolution as a hospital. The town looks old and I think is on the decline. Thursday 26 left Georgetown to Godfrey's ferry on Peedee where I parted from my much loved and never to be forgotten Br. & Sister Spaulding. All night at McNeills. Friday 27, detained all day. Saturday 28 to Darlington at the house of my old friend Capt. J. I. Gibson.

Sunday March 1st, preached in Darlington 1 Corinth 1:30 then rode out to Col. Settles'. Monday 2, rode 45 miles to Mr. Johnsons. Tuesday 3, 45 miles to Mr. Barnets in Mecklenburg, N. C. This day it snowed on me half the day. Wednesday 4. Still snowing. Rode 25 miles to Jas. W. Martin's & after supper walked one mile to the place I was born. My brother J. D. Martin lives now in the place. I there found both my sisters at my brothers. A train of reflections crowded on my mind which I would be glad to put on paper, here is the house where I was born—here are the fields over which I ran in childhood. The large oak under which I spent so many hours of thoughtless happiness. The house in which my father died and here my dear sisters who watched over me & took care of me when I could not take care of myself, but Oh what cares have we all passed through since we so innocently played together here. I have travelled some thousands of miles and have often been in want among strangers and have tried to preach the gospel to many thousand—have often

been exposed to sickness and death but out of all the Lord hath kindly brought me by His grace and I am again at my birth place with my brother and sisters to converse and pray together. We are soon to separate and I go back to Charleston where I may be called to finish my work and to home to Eternity. Oh Lord! prepare me to live or die as thou seest best and all will be well. Thursday 5, in consequence of the great snow could not travel. Friday 6, Snowing again all day.

Saturday 7, Rode through a deep snow to my dear Mother's. Oh how pleasant after the toils and anxieties of 14 months to be permitted to retire from the cares and perplexities of business of every kind and rest awhile with my much loved Mother and then look away to that glorious rest when I shall be free from all the cares and troubles, pains and sorrows incident to this life and with all those that are near and dear to me enter into the full enjoyment of that rest that remains for the people of God. March 8, I went to Old Friendship where I first became a member of the church, heard Bro. Watts. Monday 9th, visiting friends & attending to business. Tuesday 10, Attended a Temperance meeting at Unity and delivered an address. Wednesday 11, Visiting. Thursday 12, Visiting. Friday 13, do. Saturday, Temperance meeting at Friendship where I delivered an address.

Sunday 15, Preached in the morning in Friendship on 50 Psalm 1, 6, in the evening at the Academy 1 Corinth 1:30. Monday, Took leave of my Mother, visited my old friend Mr. Connor and got to J. Rogers, Cabarrus Co. Tuesday 17, Mecklenburg—Preached at night in Trinity on I Tim 1: 18, 19. Staid at J. W. Martin's. Wednesday March 18, Rode through a heavy fall of rain 29 miles to Mr. Osborns where I staid, found this family simple-hearted and kind to strangers. Thursday 19, rode 35 miles to Mrs. Blakeney's on Linches Creek. Friday 20, to my friend Col. Settles. Saturday 21 to Darlington.

Sunday 22, preached in The Presbyterian Church. Monday 23, took stage & rode to Godfrey's ferry & stayed at McNeills. Tuesday 24 rode to Georgetown, stopped at Mrs. Lesters' Hotel. Wednesday 25, took the accommodating stage to Charleston, arrived in safety & friends glad to see me back. Thursday 26, visiting. Friday, do—heard Bro. Pearce preach. Saturday 28, prepared for the Sabbath.

Sunday 29, Met the S School in Bethel, afternoon preached 2 Ephesians 2:8, baptised 25 col. children. Monday 30. Met the ladies working Society at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 31 visited, at night held prayer meeting. Wednesday April 1st visited, at night preached in Trinity on Acts 16:30. Thursday 2 visiting, at night married a couple. Friday 3 heard Bro. Alison in Trinity, at night preached in Cumberland on John 5:24. Sat. April 4, preparing for Sabbath.

Sund 5, in the morning love-feast, half past 8 Cold S. School, half past 10 preached in Trinity on 2 Corinth 1:12, in the afternoon Bro. Gamewell, baptised 30 adults, at night preached in Bethel on Galatians 3:26. Monday 6, Ladies Working Society, at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 7, visited and at night held Society meeting. Wed. 8 visited and at night Society Meeting for the Col. Thur. 9 visited. Friday 10 visited, at night met the benevolent Society. Saturday 11, Read, in the afternoon attended a



funeral.

Sunday 12. In the morning met Cold. S. School, half past 10 preached in Mariner's Church Prov 27:1, at 4 in Cumberland on Romans 4:25, administered the Sacrament to the Cold people—at night preached Bethel 73 Psalm 23 verse. Monday 13, met the ladies working Society, afternoon attended a funeral, at night held prayer meeting. Tuesday 14 in the morning attended a funeral—held Class meeting & visited some, at night heard Bro. Ware. Wed. 15, reading. Thurs. 16 visited, at night heard a Quaker Lady preach. Friday 17, Good Friday—heard Bro. Lee preach afternoon. held prayer meeting at night, again heard the Quaker Lady Mrs. Backhouse. Saturday 18 preparing for the Sabbath. At night married a couple.

Sunday 19. This morning met the S. School, at half past 10 preached on 1 Corinth 15:22, 23. Then buried a lovely youth of 14 years, at 4 preached on I Kings 18:21, performed funeral service over his grave. At night heard Mr. Abeal Missionary to China deliver an address on the condition of the Chinese. Monday 20, Met the ladies working Society. Visited and held prayer meeting. Tuesday 21 visited. Met the Managers of the Bible Tract & Missionary Societies. Wednesday 22, Visited, at night heard Bro. Talley. Thursday 23, Visited and married a couple. Friday 24, Attended to the office and met the Col'd leaders. Saturday 25, preparing for the duties of the Sabbath.

Sunday 26, Met the S. School, heard Bro. Alison preach, at 4 preached on Acts 24:14, 15, 16, at night in Trinity on Romans 8:9. Monday visited—funeral of a woman—met the old leaders at night. Tuesday 28, preparation for the approaching camp meeting—at night prayer meeting. Wed 29, by steamboat Charleston, Capt. Bonnel, for Camp ground in St. Thomas' Parish—opened the services of the meeting by preaching on Hebrews 3:4, 5. Thursday Camp meeting—heard 3 sermons. May 1st 1835, Camp meeting. Sat 2, preached on Matthews 3:11. Sunday 3, Camp meeting. Monday 4, the prospect so good protracted the meeting another day & the Lord was with us of a truth and did bless us. Tuesday 5, the meeting broke up—returned to the city in the afternoon buried a child. Wednesday 6, Visited among the sick and poor. Thurs 7, Visited, at night love-feast. Fri 8, Visited, at night met the benevolent Society. Sat 9, Met the Juvenile ben. Society, prepared for Sab.

Sund 10 at sunrise met the Cold love-feast, S. School, preached John 17:1, administered Sacrament, in the afternoon heard Bro. Capers, at night preached in Asbury Chapel on 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18. Monday 11, All day with Bro. Capers begging for subscriptions to the Manual Labors School, at night prayer meeting. Tuesday 12 with Bro. Capers, in the afternoon I saw the splendid new ship Thos. Bennet launched, at night held Society meeting. Wednesday 13, with Bro. Capers, at night met the Stewards. Thurs 14 with Bro. Capers in begging. Friday 15 reading, preached at night on Matthew 11:28. Saturday 16, This day I visited a panorama of Geneva which far excels any painting that I have ever seen.

Sunday 17, this morning in S. School at half past 8, at 10 preached in Cumberland on 2 Corinthians 7 Chpt 1 verse and administered the Sacrament to the Colored people, when I think I saw and felt as much of the divine power and presence as I have on any former occasion in my life—

at 4, I preached in Asbury Chapel on Romans 2 Chpt 16 verse, and at night in Bethel on Amos 4 Chpt 12 verse—"Prepare to meet thy God O Israel." Monday 18, this morning I administered the Sacrament to colored man who has been a regular member of the M. E. Church for 57 years, and now appears to be near his home, he is full of faith and the Holy Ghost, and to use his own language, "waiting for Jesus." "Let me die the death of the righteous and let my last end be like his"—I waited on the Col'd people in the office and at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 19, this day to study, and at night the anniversary of the Bible Tract & S. School Society, Brother Alison preached and I read the report. Wednesday 20, this day to visiting. Thursday 21, we commenced a four days meeting. Brother G. F. Pierce was with us, I preached in Trinity in the morning on Matthew 10 Chpt 42-43 verse, in the afternoon I heard Bro Pierce preach and at night married a couple. Fri 22, this morning I heard Bro Gamewell preach, in the afternoon Bro. Kennedy and at night Brother Pierce. Saturday 23, this morning I heard Brother Alison preach, in the afternoon I preached on John 9 Chpt 31 verse for the special benefit of Mr. Shecut who has been a universalist and began to fear that he had been too great a sinner for God to hear him pray, I had unusual liberty in preaching, and I believe the Lord blessed it to the good of the man. At night I heard Bro. Pierce preach.

Sunday 24, this morning at 8 o'clock I met the colored S. School in Cumberland, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on 8 Chpt 36 verse, in the afternoon in Trinity on Acts 17 Chpt 30-31 verses. The Lord was with me and assisted me, at night I heard Bro. Pierce. Monday 25, this day I spent in study and at night heard Bro. Allison preach. We have a happy excitement in the Church at this time, there has been several conversions, and we hope for better times. Tuesday 26, Sunrise prayer meeting. We had a goodly number who are earnestly seeking religion. At night Bro. Talley preached. Wednesday 27, prayer meeting for those who anxious about their souls and wished to be prayed with and instructed in the right way, and at night I preached in Trinity on John 9 Chpt 4 verse. Thursday 28, To prayer and Class meetings. Friday 29, Prayer meetings, at night Bro. Talley preached in Cumberland.

Sunday 31, this morning at 8 preached in the colored S. School in Cumberland, at 9 buried a child in Trinity, at 10 closed the S. School in Bethel, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on 1 Timothy Chpt 5 verse, and from the Church visited a sick man, at 4 preached in Cumberland on Romans 8 Chpt 16-17 verses, and at night in Asbury on John 3 Chpt 13-21 verses, and this closed a day all the time of which was employed in the service of the sanctuary. The labors are now with the people and wait the day of Judgment to unfold their effects. Oh God help me always to preach and live as in sight of the Judgment seat then all will be done in thy fear and to thy Glory. Monday 1 June, this afternoon I baptised two children of Mr. & Mrs. Welsh, and at night held prayer meeting in Cumberland. Tuesday 2, This morning prayer meeting, and then I visited several poor families and administered to their wants, surely the saying of Jesus is verified in this City "The poor you have always with you, and when you will you may do them good," and poverty and misery seems to be in this

place, almost synonymous terms, for it is hard to find them separated. It is true that misery dwells where poverty does not, and poverty may exist where all is cheerful and happy, for where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty and I bless God that this is sometimes found in the midst of poverty. In the afternoon I attended the funeral of Mrs. Hervey, a member of our church, who lived and died the life and death of a Christian, and at night held prayer meeting for the S. School. Wednesday 8, this day I spent in visiting and at night heard Bro. Gamewell preach in T—. Thursday 4, this morning prayer meeting, in the afternoon a funeral, and at night I attended love feast in Cumberland. Friday 5, this morning I Baptised a child and at night preached in Cumberland on Matthew 8 Chpt 3 verse. Saturday 6, this morning I was waked by the alarm of fire at half past 12 o'clock which proved the most awful scene that I ever witnessed, and was I believe the most destructive fire that Charleston has ever experienced. It continued to burn from half past 12 until half past 9 and consumed about 190 houses, among which was St. Stephens Chapel, and the Baptist lecture room.

The fire of Saturday 6th June 1835—at half past 12 a.m. I was roused by the ringing of bells which seemed to betoken distress, my room which was at least half a mile from the fire was so light that I thought it was daylight. There was at the time a sheet of cloud hanging over the city, and the fire shining against it gave it the appearance of one great sheet of fire in the sky so that it looked as though the elements were on fire. I hastened to the scene of ruin where the raging flame was spreading in every direction and destroying in its widening course all that lay in its reach, and now it was bending its destructive course towards Trinity Church which was in imminent danger. Houses of all sizes were burning round it until it appeared like the whole place had become combustible, and flying pieces of burning wood fell thick on our venerated temple, and very often hope itself fled, but still many friends both white and colored continued to labor as men working for life, while many others who were not able to work were engaged in fervent prayer to Almighty God in behalf of the house where they had so often worshipped and he who rules the fire and the storm said to the fire on that occasion hitherto mayest thou go, but no farther and the house was saved for which my own heart joined with many others in returning thanks to God for his merciful care over his people.

Sunday 7th, this morning at half past 8 I met the Colored S. School, and at half past nine the Bethel S. School, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on the 75 Psalm 1 verse, at 4 in Asbury Chapel on the 42 Psalm 5 verse, and at night in Cumberland on the 119 Psalm 5 verse, and thus closed the day. Saturday 13th, The past week has been spent principally in visiting and as far as possible in relieving the wants of the sufferers from the late fire, many of whom are poor widows who have lost everything and have large families to provide for, may the Lord bless them, and prove himself to them the widow's friend and the orphan's father.

Sunday 14, this morning at 8 Colored S. School in Cumberland—at half past 10 I preached in Trinity on Luke 10 Chpt #2 verse and administered the Sacrament to the colored people. At 4 I preached in Cumber-

land and administered the Sacrament again, and at night preached in Asbury Chapel on Hebrews 6 Chpt 1 verse and closed another laborious day. I find myself sinking under this constant toil but it is for the Lord, and for the souls that he purchased with his own blood. May he whose I am, and whom I serve bless the word and make fruitful in the salvation of souls. Thursday 18 June, I went, in company with Brother Talley and his family, and Brother Gamewell and some Ladies, over to Sullivan's Island where we spent the day. At 9 o'clock I rode round the beach about two miles and then walked on alone to the extreme end of the Island. Here my mind was led to contemplate the wonderful power and goodness of God, here I walk secure on a feeble bank of sand, on my left hand are little hillocks that have been thrown up by the action of wind and water, and are so light and dry that the wind is ever and anon changing them from place to place, on my right the broad Atlantic Ocean rolling and tossing as if impatient to be freed from its confinement. Sometimes its waves are seen retiring calmly, and smoothly, from the beach leaving it naked, and presenting a calm and smiling surface, that would lead the beholder to believe that she had given the struggle over and was content with her own limits, but soon she is seen returning with increased violence to the attack, where she again dashes her waves with fury against the feeble sand, that yields to my foot as I walk over it, and what is yet more remarkable this strife has been going on at least four thousand years, and yet all the power of wind and wave has not been able to break down this feeble bank. I ask why is it, or how that this sand bar has been able to resist wind and wave so long? Who hath fixed the bounds to the waves of the sea that they may not pass over it? Who has said to the mighty oceans so far shalt thou come and no farther? It is He at the blast of whose nostrils the Channels of water were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered; He who shut up the sea with doors, when it brake forth, as if it had issued from the womb, and made the cloud the garment thereof, and thick darkness a swaddling band for it, and made for it a decree and set bars and doors, and said here shalt thy proud waves be stayed. He commands and the winds and seas obey his voice, for

"He rides upon the stormy sky  
and calms the roaring sea."

Then may we not ask "what is man that thou takest notice of him"? Yea what am I, a poor worm of earth that I should have any claims upon him, or be permitted to draw near unto him? Yet, wondrous love

"This awful God is ours,  
our father and our love,  
He will send down his heavenly powers  
to carry us above."

May my redeemed spirit ever bow, under a proper sense of his greatness, and my own littleness, at his feet and humbly believe and constantly obey his holy word that I may be at last, through his infinite goodness and mercy, permitted to know even as I am known, and to enter into and forever enjoy the fulness of that rest that remains to the people of God—and unto God the father, son, and Holy Ghost shall be praised as it was,



is now, and shall forever be world without end Amen

William Martin

Sunday June 21st, This morning I attended the colored S. School at 8 o'clock, at half past 10 preached in Cumberland on the first Psalm, and at night in Bethel on Philipians 3 Chpt 13 & 14 verses. Saturday 27th, This week has been spent in pastoral duties, may God smile upon and bless pastor & people.

Sunday 28th, As wont in the Colored S. School at 8 o'clock, at half past 10 I preached in Trinity on John 5 Chpt 39 verse, at 4 in Bethel on 1 Corinthians 1 Chpt 23 & 24 verses, and Baptised about 30 colored children, and at night preached in Asbury Chapel on 1 Peter 4 Chpt 10 verse.

Tuesday 30th, This evening I heard Bishop Andrew preach in Bethel as usual a plain good sermon. Wednesday July 1st I preached in Trinity at night on Hebrews 4 Chpt 16 verse. Friday 3, I visited a poor widow who is here a stranger in a strange land. She is a Spaniard by birth, though she speaks English tolerably well, she has four children for whom she is not able to provide either food or clothing, but so ignorant and foolish is she that she will not permit them to be taken to the orphan house where they would be provided for.

Sunday 5th, This morning in very feeble health I began the labor of the day, in the Colored S. School, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on Matthew 6 Chpt 33 verse and administered the holy Sacrament to a serious congregation, at 4 I preached in Trinity on 2 Corinthians 5 Chpt 9 & 10 verses, and at night in Cumberland on Matthew 3 Chpt 12 verse. Wednesday 8, I preached at night in Trinity on Genesis 32 Chpt 12 verse, this day I was called on to Baptise a child, but when I arrived at the place I found it a corpse. Oh! how uncertain is life. Saturday 11, this day I have devoted to study, what I seldom find time to do in this City, may my head, and heart both be the better for it.

Sunday 12, I began again in the Colored S. School, a work in which my heart feels a deep interest. At half past 10 I preached in Trinity on Thessalonians 5 Chpt 19 verse and administered the Sacrament to a large congregation of Colored people, at 4 I preached in Cumberland on Matthew 20 Chpt 6 verse, and administered the Sacrament to about 700 Negroes, and at night preached in Asbury on Romans 8 Chpt 9 verse. Tuesday 14, at night I preached in Bethel on Romans 8 Chpt 14 verse. Friday 17, this day I have given to reading. Here I find myself in the middle of the year, half of it is past, and my time here will soon close, what I do for this people must be done soon, for I shall soon be called to leave them and see many of them no more until time shall end. Lord help me to be more faithful.

Sunday 19, this morning in Colored S. School, at half past 10 o'clock preached in Cumberland on John 6 Chpt 37 verse, at 4 in the Lutheran Church on 1 Timothy 2 Chpt 8 verse, and at night in Bethel on John 4 Chpt 14 verse, and this closed another Sabbath day's labor which in this place is no small thing. Wednesday 22, this day I buried a young man just entering upon life's busy scenes, who was hurried from time in a few days by running a small splinter in his foot, which terminated in spasms, in the midst of life we are in death. Thursday 23, this day I visited an

afflicted widow and Baptised her only child, she has, in a very short time, lost her husband and two children and this little one is all she has left. O death what hast thou done!

Sunday 26, this morning at 8 I was at my place in the Colored S. School, it is still large and flourishing, we have now 136 Scholars in this school, may the blessing of God ever be upon it. At 9 I visited the Trinity School, at half past 10 preached in Asbury and formed a S. School there, at 4 preached in Bethel on 1 Timothy 1 Chpt 18 & 19 verses and Baptised 37 colored children, at night I preached in Trinity on 1 Corinthians 15 Chpt 25-26 verses. Before I closed there was an alarm of fire which drew the congregation out of the house in confusion. How easily the attention may be taken from things of greatest importance and fixed on things of small note, showing plainly where our treasure is; another Sabbath is gone, its labors and privileges are ended, and its swiftly flying wings, have borne to the bar of God my actions and words & when a few more Sabbaths are past I must follow them there—O Lord help me so to live that I may be found of thee in peace without spot and blameless. Wednesday 29th, this evening I preached in Trinity on 1 Samuel 2 Chpt 30 verse. Thus my days pass swiftly on and like the ever flowing stream are ever bearing me onward to the tomb, surely our days are as a span, and pass away as a tale that is told, yea they fly as swiftly as the weaver's shuttle—Lord help me to redeem the time for it is short. Friday 31st, this day I visited a boy of about ten years old who had fallen from a new building and was taken up nearly dead. His afflicted Mother told me that he had disobeyed her order several times, and she had rebuked him for it, and he became angry, left the house and in a few minutes was brought to her with his jaw bone broken and his face very much bruised. Surely none may disobey their parents and prosper. I will here give another case that came under my own observation in 1830 in Montgomery County N. Carolina. A little boy has ascended a tree, his Mother ordered him down, but he refused. She repeated the order three times without effect when he without any known cause let go and fell headlong to the ground and was taken up lifeless, his neck was broken by the fall. Children obey your parents—honor thy father and thy Mother that thy days may be long on the earth which the Lord Thy God giveth thee.

Sunday August 2, this has been to me a day of labor, in the morning at 7 I Baptised a sick child, at 8 met the Colored S. School, at 9 attended the new S. School in Asbury, at half past 10 I preached in Bethel on 1 Corinthians 1 Chpt 30 verse, baptised a young lady and administered the Sacrament, at 4 preached in Trinity on 1 Corinthians 15 Chpt 25-26 verses, baptised an infant in East bay, and preached at night in Cumberland on 1 Peter 4 Chpt 17 verse and then married a couple at the altar, and thus closed this day of toil. Oh when shall I find a resting place. There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Friday 7th, This week I have devoted to pastoral duties, this day to study, in the evening preached in Cumberland on 1 Corinthians 10 Chpt 12 verse. I find that the Lord is still with me, and I find great comfort in his holy word.

Sunday 9th, this morning I commenced my labors in Asbury S. School at 8 o'clock, at 9 went to Cumberland, heard a class of Colored Children

and closed the School; at half past 10 preached in Trinity on Romans 8 Chpt 32 verse and administered the Sacrament to the colored people, at 4 preached in Cumberland on Luke 14 Chpt 18 verse and administered the Sacrament to the colored people there, and at night preached in Asbury on Matthew 1 Chpt 21 verse, and there ended another laborious Sabbath. Surely these heavy labors will soon bring my feeble body a resting place, it may be in the grave. I feel myself sinking and know that I cannot long sustain such constant and heavy labor. May the Lord help me that living or dying he may be glorified. Tuesday 11th, this evening I preached in Bethel on 1st Peter 1 Chpt 18 verse and found liberty from the Lord. Thursday 13, I find the fever is breaking out here, many poor are suffering. This morning I found a poor family, several small children with a feeble Mother and the father with country fever apparently in the arms of death. I found on inquiry that they were in want of everything. I went out and procured meat, bread, rice, tea, coffee and took it to them, and then went and got a nurse to attend him. I fear he will die, and then what will become of his poor helpless family. The poor have great need of the special promises of God to support them. O that they all would obey his commandments and trust in his truth that they might be entitled to his promises.

Sunday 16, I began this day's work in S. School in Asbury, at 9 went to the colored School in Cumberland, at half past 10 preached in Cumberland on Matthew 3 Chpt 11 verse, and felt in my own soul some of the baptismal influence of the holy Ghost. The Lord is very good to me in blessing me with the sweet consolations of that gospel which I am, in my feeble manner, preaching to others. At 4 in Asbury on Colossians 1 Chpt 27-28 verses, Christ in you the hope of glory & 6 at night in Bethel on Hebrews 4 Chpt 1 verse. Another Sabbath is gone with all its labors and privileges. May God bless the word preached every where on this day and make it fruitful. Wednesday 19, this day I was the most of the day engaged in getting some orphan children into the Orphan house and at night preached in Trinity on Proverbs 27 Chpt 12 verse.

Sunday 23, This morning I was very unwell, but seeing the work of the day before me, I entered upon it trusting in him in whose work I am engaged, and found him present to help me—I opened S. School in Asbury at 8 o'clock, at 9 went to Cumberland, heard two classes and closed the School with reading and prayer, at half past 10 preached in Asbury on 1 Chronicles 28 Chpt 9 verse, at 4 in Bethel on 2 Peter 1 Chpt 10 verse and at night in Trinity on Romans 14 Chpt 17 verse, and with much weariness of the flesh closed the day, it is the Lord alone that sustains me, I feel him present with me. Friday 28, this day makes 10 years since I joined the M. E. Church, and ever since that time I have been in my feeble manner moving on, though slowly, towards that Haven of eternal rest for which I set out on the 28th day of August 1825 with a determination never to stop till time with me is over, and this day finds me as much disposed to live, and die a Christian, and a Methodist, as this day 10 years ago did. It is true I have passed through many changes since that day, but still the Lord has so kindly sustained me that my purpose has never changed. I desire now to thank God for his goodness to me in

bringing me safe this far, and I now humbly pray for grace that I may do better for the future. This day I have been unwell all day. Saturday 29, Spent this day in preparation for the holy Sabbath, but I know the preparation of the heart and the answer of the tongue must both come from God alone, none else can fit me for the duties of the Sanctuary.

Sunday 30th, I commenced the labors of this day at half past 8 in Colored School in Cumberland, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on Romans 1 Chpt 16 verse, at 4 in Trinity on 2 Timothy 3 Chpt 16, 17 verses, and at night in Cumberland on Isaiah 3 Chpt 10 verse. Thursday 3, this day I funeralized a strange lady who died of yellow fever. She was from Philadelphia. The yellow fever prevails now to considerable extent. Friday 4, being our Conference fast day, I preached in Trinity on Matthew 9 Chpt 37-38 verses.

Sunday 6th, This morning at S. S. in Cumberland, at half past 10 preached in Trinity on Canticles 6 Chpt 10 verse and administered the Sacrament, at 4 in Bethel on Romans 6 Chpt 23 verse and baptised about 20 colored persons, and at night preached in Asbury on Ephesians 2 Chpt 8 verse. Tuesday 8th, we had a great rain in the morning, in the afternoon I visited some sick, at night held Society Meeting in Trinity and found the great head of the Church here in a very gracious manner. My own soul was much blessed. I then sat up with Brother Talley who was sick.

Saturday 19th. This day being able, for the first time, to be out for several days, I rode out, and in the evening return humble thanks to Almighty God for his good providence over me since Wednesday 9th Inst. when I was attacked with yellow fever. In the morning of that day I found myself in great pain, which was soon succeeded by a severe chill, which lasted about two hours, when a very high fever set in and threatened my life very speedily. I sent for Dr. Narden without delay, and also set myself to the examination of my heart, and my title to a home in heaven, and I bless God He gave me his spirit to bear witness with mine that all was well. I suffered very much all day and night—expecting my end. Thursday 10th the Dr. succeeded in checking the fever, but still the pain was almost beyond endurance, but the Lord sustained me, this was another day and night of sleepless suffering. Friday 11th the case was still doubtful, but in the afternoon there was a change for the better, and that night I slept a little for the first time since Wednesday morning. Saturday 12th I was a little relieved, slept at night. Sunday 13 I was still improving and so continued to improve until Wednesday 16th I was able to dress myself and sit up a little, and now on my knees I desire to devote myself anew to God, for him to live and die.—I owe a debt of gratitude to any friend in this City for their kindness to me, for which I hope the Lord will reward them.

Sunday 20th, I went to Church twice. O how good the Lord is to me in bringing me into his house once more. Thursday 24, this afternoon I visited Sister Mood who is very low with bilious fever. May I yet be useful to others is my great desire.

Sunday 27, This morning I preached in Bethel on 2 Corinthians 5 Chpt 1 verse, and was much comforted in my own soul, in the afternoon I



preached in Trinity on Matthew 10 Chpt 31 verse. Wednesday 30th at night I preached in Trinity on Hebrews 6 Chpt 1 verse—"Let us go on to perfection." Thursday October 1st, this evening was our love feast in Cumberland, truly it was a love feast. The great head of the Church was there in a very gracious manner.

Sunday 4th, this morning I attended my much loved colored S. School in Cumberland, who will take up this laborious task when I leave here? At half past 10 I preached in Trinity on Deuteronomy 5 Chpt 29 verse and administered the sacrament, in the afternoon I heard Brother Gamewell preach in Bethel and I baptised about 20 Negroes and at night preached in Bethel on 2 Corinthians 12 Chpt 9 verse, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Tuesday 6, I married a couple in the evening and then attended a Society Meeting in Trinity. Wednesday 7, I left Charleston and rode on the rail road to Branchville, and there took Stage to Orangeburg, where I spent the night at Brother M. Pooser's. Thursday 8 rode out in a gig with Bro. Talley to Sadlers Swamp Campmeeting. Friday 9, this day I preached at 11 o'clock on Deuteronomy 5 Chpt 29 verse. Saturday 10 I preached at 3 o'clock on John 9 Chpt 4 verse.

Sunday 11, this day I was too feeble to preach. I heard Brother Talley at 8, at 11 Bro. Wightman, at 3 Bro. McPherson. Monday 12th I left the Camp meeting with Brother Hart of Columbia and went to Columbia that night—where I spent several days. Wednesday 14, I preached at night on 2 Peter 3 Chpt 18 verse. Thursday 15, I left Columbia with Bro. Foster and rode 27 miles to his house where I spent the night. Friday 16 I took the stage at 4 o'clock in the morning for Branchville, there I took the railroad to Charleston where I arrived in the evening.

Sunday 18 I met the Col S. School at 8 a.m., at half past 10 I preached in Trinity on Hebrews 12 Chpt 1-2 verses, at 4 in Bethel on 2 Corinthians 5 Chpt 10 verse, and at night in Asbury on Matt 11 Chpt 28 verse. Tuesday 20th, In the morning I attended the anniversary of the Orphan house. Mr. Cobia delivered a very interesting address, after which one of the Orphan boys delivered a very fine speech. It is now 46 years since this institution was founded. It is one of the glorious triumphs of Christianity. It is what Pagans and heathen never saw. At night I preached in Bethel on Romans 9 Chpt 33 verse.

Sunday 25 I met the Colored School as usual in the morning, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on Jeremiah 4 Chpt 14 verse, at half past 3 in Trinity on Proverbs 27 Chpt 1 verse, and at night in Cumberland on the 37th Psalm 37th verse. Thursday 29th, This morning at 2 o'clock the wind began to blow and the rain to fall, as I had never known before, and continued with more or less violence until 10 at night. Most of the wharffs were injured, and many ships were very much injured, some lives lost on our coast, the tide rose higher than it has done for several years. Sullivan's Island was covered over. Such a day I have never witnessed before.

Sunday 1st November. I began the labor of this day at colored people's love feast in Trinity at sunrise, at half past 8 their S. School in Cumberland, at half past 10 preached in Trinity on 1 Timothy 1 Chpt 5 verse and administered the sacrament, at half past 3 in Bethel on Psalm 4 & 4 and baptised a number of colored persons, and at night preached in As-

bury on Romans 12 Chpt 1 verse. Thursday 5th was appointed by the city authorities a day of thanksgiving, I preached in Trinity on the 100th Psalm.

Sunday 8, as wont in S. School in Cumberland at half past 8, at half past 10 preached in Cumberland on 1 Timothy 1 Chpt 15 verse and administered the Sacrament to the Colored people, at half past 3 in Asbury on Romans 9 Chpt 33 verse and at night in Bethel on Psalm 33 & 12 verse. Tuesday 10, I spent the day over at Brother Hibbens and at night preached in Asbury on Proverbs 8 Chpt 17 verse. Thursday 12, this morning I witnessed the ceremony of laying the corner stone of St. Phillips Church, this Church was built in 1723, burned down in 1835 and now the corner stone is laid for a new building.

Sunday 15th, this morning in S. School, at half past 10 preached in Asbury on John 6 Chpt 37 verse, at half past 3 in Bethel on Luke 19 Chpt 41-42 verses, and at night in Trinity on Acts 24 Chpt 25 verse. Wednesday 18 I preached at night in Trinity on Phillipians 3 Chpt 13-14 verses. Friday 20 I preached in Cumberland on Proverbs 29 C 1 verse.

Sunday 22, at half past 8 I met the S. School in Trinity, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on Daniel 3 Chpt 18 verse, at 4 in Trinity on Zechariah 4 Chpt 7 verse, and at night in Cumberland on Matthew 25 Chpt 6 verse, and those closed the day. I feel great weakness and pain. These labors are too hard for me, may the Lord sustain me. Wednesday 25, this evening I married Mr. James Washington of Millageville Ga. to Miss M. A. Hammond of Barnwell, S. C. Friday 27, this evening I preached in Cumberland on John 9th Chpt 35 verse, "Dost thou believe on the Son of God?" I felt that the Lord was present to bless the word, I went to church heavy and cast down in soul but I came home rejoicing in God. Truly the Lord is good to all those who put their trust in him.

Sunday 29, at half past 8 in S. School in Cumberland, at half past 10 preached in Trinity on John 6 Chpt 37 verse, at half past 3 in Cumberland on Hosea 13 Chpt 9 verse, and at night in Asbury on Isaiah 1 Chpt 18 verse. Tuesday December 1st I married Mr. Samuel Dickason to Miss Eliza Webber of this City. Friday 4, I preached in Cumberland on Job 13 Chpt 27 verse.

Sunday 6, as usual in S. School at 8 o'clock. At half past 10 I preached in Cumberland on John 7 Chpt 1 verse, and administered the Sacrament, in the afternoon I heard Brother W. Gilder of Philadelphia preach in Bethel, after which I baptised a number of colored persons and at night preached in Bethel on 1 Peter 4 Chpt 17 verse. Monday 7, I married Mr. I. Gilchrist to Miss Sarah Wilmer. Tuesday 8, this morning I attended the funeral of a lady who had been married to the object of her love three weeks and four days. Alas! What is life?

Sunday 13 at half past 8 in Colored Sunday School, at half past 10 preached in Asbury Chapel on Matthew 5 Chpt 20 verse and administered the Sacrament, at half past 3 preached in Cumberland on 1 Timothy 6 thru 12 verse and administered the Sacrament, and at night in Trinity on Lamentations 4 Chpt 4 verse. Saturday 19, the past week has been chiefly taken up in pastoral duties, this day I went to the Ladies Fuel Society and procured a cord of wood for Sister Clous, a poor widow who

is sick and suffering with cold, will Lord pity the poor.

Sunday 20, this morning I attended the Bethel S. School and at half past 10 preached in Bethel on 2 Samuel 14 Chpt 14 verse, in the afternoon I heard Brother L. M. Lee, of Virginia Conference, in Trinity, and at night preached in Cumberland on Hebrews 9 Chpt 27 verse. Wednesday 23 at night I preached in Trinity on Luke 18 Chpt 18 verse. Friday 25, Christmas day. I rose early this morning and read first in the book of Proverbs from the 3 to the 7 Chpts, and then in Luke 2 Chapter and then Mr. Jay's lecture for the day, I then read several pages in Watson's Dictionary before light. At 7 o'clock I heard Brother Alison preach in Cumberland and at 11 Brother Lee in Trinity. I baptised two children in the afternoon, and at night heard Brother Talley preach in Cumberland, and thus another Christmas is gone.

Sunday 27, I met the S. School in Trinity, at half past 10 preached in Trinity on Luke 13 Chpt 7 verse, at half past 3 in Bethel on Luke 2 Chpt 15 verse and baptised about 20 Colored Children, and at night preached in Asbury on Romans 8 Chpt 17-18 verses. Thursday 31, this morning I witnessed the consecration of St. Peters Church by Bishop Bowen, and heard sermon by Rev. Mr. Barnwell, at night I attended love feast in Trinity and after love feast we held watch night which continued until after midnight which closed the year 1835.

Friday, January 1st 1836. Serious thoughts pass through my mind this morning, another year is gone and is now numbered with those beyond the flood, and by it I am one year nearer the grave, one year nearer eternity and when a few more years have past, I shall go the way whence I shall not return till the heavens and the earth are no more seen, may the Lord prepare me for that great change and take me to himself. This morning I commenced the year 1836 by preaching in Trinity on Genesis 32 Chpt 12 verse, "I will surely do thee good"—and now I devote myself anew to God, to his service, and to his church. May this prove my most happy and useful year, and may its every day bring me nearer to the image of my Master. May I live better, pray better, love better, and preach better than ever before. And now Lord I humbly give myself with all that I have and am to thee, do thou choose for me in all things, and direct my course through life, and then bring to thyself, and Kingdom, and to the worthy name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost shall be the endless Glory. Amen.

Sunday 3, In the morning I met the Bethel S. School, at half past 10 preached in Bethel on Revelation 22 Chpt 17 verse, these are the dying words of my father, I administered the Sacrament, and we felt that the great head of the Church was present to own and bless the ordinances of his house, it was a time not soon to be forgotten, in the afternoon I preached in Trinity on Hebrews 4 Chpt 9 verse and at night in Cumberland on Luke 13 Chpt 8 verse, "Lord let it alone this year also," and thus I closed the first Sabbath in the new year, suffering considerable pain in my breast, but having peace with God which is best of all. Wednesday 6th I preached in Trinity on Matthew 5 Chpt 6 verse. Saturday 9, Married Mr. Loyd to Miss Richards.

Sunday 10, I met the Colored S. School in Cumberland, at half past 10

preached in Trinity on Revelation 3 Chpt 20 verse and administered the Sacrament to the Colored people, in the afternoon in Cumberland on Romans 3 Chpt 13 verse and administered the Sacrament, and at night in Asbury on Galatians 3 Chpt 24 verse. Tuesday 12 I preached in Bethel on James 1 Chpt 22 verse.

Sunday 17, This morning in Bethel S. School, at half past 10 preached in Cumberland on Isaiah 35 Chpt 8-9-10 verses, in the afternoon in Asbury on Psalm 119 & 165 verse, and at night in Bethel on Psalm 84 & 11 verse, another Sabbath is gone. Friday 22 I visited in the morning, and at night preached in Cumberland on 2 Timothy 3 Chpt 14 verse.

Sunday 24, this day we had almost constant rain. I lectured in the morning in Asbury, in the afternoon preached in Bethel on Isaiah 48 Chpt 18 verse, and at night heard Brother Lee preach in Trinity. Wednesday 27, I preached at night in Trinity on 1 Timothy 6 Chpt 12 verse. Our City is now very much excited about the Florado war, two or three Companies have gone from the City and a great many from the country have passed through, and some are now in the City. Friday 29, this day we held our last quarterly conference for the station. Brothers R. I. Limehouse and E. M. Pendleton were Licensed to preach and Limehouse recommended to the annual Conference. Saturday the Juvenile Missionary Society held its fourth Quarterly meeting. They have collected \$80 through the year. May God bless and prosper these children.

Sunday 31, another wet Sabbath. I preached in the morning in Bethel on Jude 21 verse, "Keep yourselves in the love of God." In the afternoon I heard Brother Wightman and at night Brother W. Smith. Thursday 4 February, this night we held our last love feast for this people, the Lord was with us, my own soul was comforted. Saturday 6, this day the preachers have been coming in all day from their several fields of labor, how pleasant, after the toils of the year are over, to meet our brethren at Conference.

Sunday 7, this morning I heard Brother L. W. Capers preach in Bethel, in the afternoon Brother B. Bell, and at night Brother A. McCorquedale. Monday 8, this day to the examination of the candidates for Elders orders. Tuesday 9 to examination of candidates. Wednesday 10, this morning at 9 o'clock our Conference was opened by Brother Talley, and the Bishop not being present Brother Talley was elected President. Thursday 11, this morning Bishop Andrew appeared and took the Chair, Brother Wightman was elected Secretary, our Conference proceeded harmoniously from day to day, until Thursday when it adjourned in Trinity Church, and I am appointed to labor in Cheraw this year. Friday and Saturday I have been busy in preparing to leave this place. Friday night I preached in Cumberland on 2 Timothy 3 Chpt 14 verse.

Sunday 21, I preached in the morning in Bethel on Ephesians 4 Chpt 27 verse, and finished my ministry in this City.

Tuesday 23, I left Charleston on the rail road, at Branchville took stage and arrived in Columbia at 3 A.M. of Wednesday 24 where I remained until Thursday 25 when I took stage for Cheraw where I arrived at 2 o'clock Friday morning, and found a kind reception in the house of my old friend J. DuBose.



Sunday 28, I opened my mission here by preaching on Matthew 11 Chpt 3 verse, in the afternoon and night in consequence of the great rain the Church was not opened. Wednesday 2 March, I preached at night on John 10 Chpt 10 verse. Friday 4, through the day engaged in pastoral duties and at night held love feast. Sunday 6, this morning I preached on John 17 Chpt 1 verse and administered the Sacrament to the white congregation, in the afternoon on Jeremiah 6 Chpt 16 verse and administered the Sacrament to the colored people, and at night preached on Matthew 1 Chpt 21 verse.

Monday 7 I left Cheraw and rode through rain 36 miles to Mr. Allen's in Anson County, N. C. Tuesday 8, I rode 46 miles to my brother J. D. Martin's in Mecklenburg County. Wednesday 9th I heard Brother J. G. Postell preach in the morning and in the afternoon rode to my Mother's in Lincoln County, this is my birthday, this day makes me 29 years old. Saturday 12 I preached in Old Salem on 2 Corinthians 5 Chpt 20 verse.

Sunday 13 I preached in the morning in Unity on Canticles 6 Chpt 10 verse, at night I preached in the house of Mr. Buck on Jeremiah 6 Chpt 16 verse. Tuesday 15, I delivered an address to the Temperance Society in Unity. Wednesday 16 I left my Mother's and rode 20 miles to Trinity where I preached on 1 Timothy 2 Chpt 8 verse. Thursday 17 I rode 38 miles to Mr. Griffen's in Anson. Friday 18 I rode 42 miles to Cheraw, and at night attended Quarterly Conference, Brother Betts presiding Elder. Saturday 19, I heard Brother Betts preach in the morning and I preached at night on John 14 Chpt 14 verse.

Sunday 20 at 8 o'clock we had love feast, at 10 Brother Betts preached and administered the sacrament to the Whites, in the afternoon I preached on 2 Corinthians 5 Chpt 20 verse, and administered the Sacrament to the colored people. Brother Betts preached again at night. Wednesday 23 I left Cheraw and rode with Bro. B to Darlington and at night heard Mr. Powers preach. Thursday 24 I spent the day among my old friends and at night preached in Darlington on 1 Timothy 1 Chpt 17-18 verses. Saturday 26 I returned to Cheraw.

Sunday 27, at half past 8 o'clock I attended S. School, at 10 preached on Romans 5 Chpt 1 verse, in the afternoon on Romans 5 Chpt 6 verse, and at night on Romans 2 Chpt 16 verse. Wednesday 30 I preached at night on John 12 Chpt 26 verse. Friday 1 April being good Friday I went to the Episcopal Church and heard Mr. Marshall read a plain good sermon.

Sunday 3 Brother J. M. Bradly preached for me in the morning a very good sermon, I preached in the afternoon on Luke 24 Chpt 34 verse—"The Lord is risen indeed," glorious truth on which all the hopes of the Church and the world depend. At night Brother Bradly preached again.

Wednesday 6, Brother Petrie of the Presbyterian church preached for me at night. The Harmony Presbytery meetis in this Town tomorrow morning. I earnestly pray for the time when the Church of Christ shall be of one heart and one mind.

Sunday 10, this morning Dr. Howe preached for me, in the afternoon Brother English, and at night Brother Dubose. Monday 11, at night I heard Mr. Petrie preach in the Presbyterian Church. Wednesday 13, at

night I preached on Genesis 6 Chpt 9 verse, "And Noah walked with God."

Sunday 17, in the morning I preached on 119 Psalm 165 verse, in the afternoon, on Romans 10 Chpt 1 verse, and at night on Isaiah 3 Chpt 10 verse. Tuesday 19 I left Cheraw in the stage for Columbia where I arrived that night about 9 o'clock and spent an hour or two with my beloved M. M. Wednesday I spent very happily in Columbia and preached there at night on Isaiah 3 Chpt 10 verse. Thursday 20th in the morning I visited Barumville, spent the afternoon in Columbia most sweetly in the company of my much loved M. M. and at night she went with me to Dr. Mark's where I preached on John 5 Chpt 3-9 verse. Friday 22 I left Columbia in the Stage for Cheraw and arrived there before day Saturday morning.

Sunday 24, in the morning I was in S. School, at 11 preached on I Corinthians 1 Chpt 30 verse, in the afternoon on Luke 18 Chpt 1 verse, and at night on 1 Peter 4 Chpt 7 verse. Wednesday 27 I preached on 1 Peter 3 Chpt 14 verse. Friday 29 being Conference fast day, I held prayer meeting at sunrise, preached at 11 on Matthew 9 Chpt 28 verse, and at night held love feast.

Sunday 1 May, at sunrise I held love feast for the Colored people, at 8 met S. School and at 10 preached on Luke 14 Chpt 22 verse and administered the Sacrament in the afternoon on Acts 3 Chpt 19 verse and administered the Sacrament to the Colored people and at night preached on Matthew 3 Chpt 12 verse.

Sunday 8, No S. School in consequence of the great rain. I preached at 10 on Matthew 5 Chpt 6 verse, in the afternoon on Romans 8 Chpt. 14 verse, and at night on Proverbs 8 Chpt 34-35 verses. The Congregations were small all day, yet I hope from the attention of the few, that the word was not lost, but may yet vegetate in some heart, spring up, bud, blossom, and bring forth fruit to the Glory of God, and the Salvation of some who heard, for the race is not to the swift nor the battle to the strong, but our God is able to save by the few and feeble as well as by the strong and many.

Wednesday 11, this evening Mr. Thornwell of the Presbyterian Church preached for me, he is one of the old School in Doctrine. This day I finished reading my Bible regularly through the ninth time. Since 1826 I have read my Bible over with care and prayer nine times, and yet I find it is to me a new book; other works after being read carefully over a time or two become old and lose much of their interest to me, but not so with the Bible it is ever new and interesting.

"Most wondrous book! bright candle of the Lord  
Star of eternity! the only star  
By which the bark of man could navigate  
The sea of life, and gain the coast of Bliss  
Securely! Only star which rose on time,  
And on its dark and troubled billows, still,  
As generation, drifting swiftly by,  
Succeeded generation, threw a ray  
Of heaven's own light, and to the hills of God  
The eternal hills, pointed the Sinner's eye."

Thanks be unto God for the Bible, it has been my constant companion ever since I was a child.

Thursday 12, This morning on my knees I commenced reading my Bible over the tenth time. O Lord thou hast kept me in reading through this holy book nine times. I regret that I have learned so little of its sacred contents and I feel resolved for the future to try to understand it better and to practice its precepts more than I have hitherto done. O Spirit of the Highest shine into my heart that I may understand thy word better, preach it better and live more according to its direction. This day I commenced a four days meeting, in the afternoon I attended a funeral and at night preached on John 9 Chpt 27 verse, "Will ye also be his disciples." Friday 13, Brother Stacey preached in the morning and at night, I preached in the afternoon on 17 Psalm 15 verse. Saturday 14, Brother Stacey preached for me in the morning, I preached in the afternoon on 89 Psalm 15 verse, and at night on John 9 Chpt 4 verse.

Sunday 15, this morning I held love feast at half past 8, at 10 Brother Stacey preached for me, in the afternoon I preached on Luke 19 Chpt 41-42 verses, at night he preached again, and closed our four days meeting.

Sunday 22, this morning at 8 o'clock I attended S. School, at 10 preached on 34 Psalm 11-16 verses, in the afternoon on 1 Timothy 1 Chapt 5 verse, and at night on Luke 16 Chpt 31 verse and closed another holy Sabbath. Wednesday 25, I preached at night on Colossians 3 Chpt 1 verse.

Sunday 29 this morning I preached on Deuteronomy 5 Chpt 29 verse, in the afternoon on the 84 Psalm 11 verse, at night we had a very great rain, the Church was not opened. Monday 30th, This afternoon I with others was called to witness a very solemn scene. A youth of about 12 years old with a number of his companions had gone into the water to bathe, and after spending some time they all came out but this one who had disappeared unnoticed by anyone else, but when they dressed, they discovered his clothes, and were at once convinced that he was in the water and commenced a search, and alarmed the Town and got all the help they could, but it was too late, for when the body was found all symptoms of life were gone. Dr. McClean made all the efforts in his power for some two hours, but without effect, the spirit had fled to return no more until the last loud trump shall sound and wake the body from the grave. I was present when his afflicted Mother reached the place and saw her agony on embracing the lifeless body of her first born son, whom she had seen but a few hours before gay and lively, full of life and unsuspecting danger nigh, but alas how true it is Dangers stand thick through all the ground to push us to the tomb. In the midst of life we are in death. This gay, this lovely youth who was as the morning flower just beginning to unfold his beauty and his genius to the world was suddenly cut off in the very bud and disappeared. His weeping parents looked to have seen their youth renewed in him, and no doubt were calculating on much happiness him; but alas at an unexpected hour death came and without one moment's warning hurried him into great eternity—"Be ye also ready." Saturday June 4th, this day I rode out 8 miles to Bethel Church and

preached on 1 Timothy 2 Chpt 8 verse.

Sunday 5, at 8 o'clock in S. School, at half past 10 preached on Isaiah 35 Chpt 8-10 verses, in the afternoon on John 14 Chpt 1 verse, and at night on Revelation 2 Chpt 11 verse. Wednesday 8th I set out for Columbia, where I arrived on Thursday 9th and that night held Class meeting in the Parsonage. Friday 10th I went out to Dr. Mark's Institute and spent the morning, in the afternoon in Columbia. Saturday 11 I spent in Columbia.

Sunday 12, preached in Columbia on Isaiah 35 Chpt 8-10 verse. Monday I left Columbia and arrived in Cheraw on Wednesday 15th, and preached at night on Isaiah 48 Chpt 18 verse. Thursday 16 I attended an exhibition of the Academy.

Sunday 19 at 8 o'clock in S. School, at half past 10 I preached on Luke 14 Chpt 18 verse, "They all with one consent began to make excuse," in the afternoon on Matthew 13 Chpt 33 verse, and at night on Luke 13th Chpt 23 verse, "Lord are there few that be saved." Thursday 23 I married Dr. Boothe of Allabama to Mrs. Moffit of Marboro, S. C.

Sunday 26 I preached in the morning on Acts 17 Chpt 30-31 verses, in the afternoon I heard Brother Bradley, and at night preached on Luke 13 Chpt 10-13 verses. Wednesday 29 I read funeral service over an old Negro man who has been a member of our Church for many years, and died in peace with a sure and certain hope of a glorious Immortality, and at night preached on 2 Peter 3 Chpt 18 verse.

Sunday July 3, at sunrise I held love feast for the Colored Society, at half past 10 preached on Hebrews 2 Chpt 3 verse, in the afternoon on Jeremiah 8 Chpt 22 verse, and having preached twice and administered the Sacrament both times, I closed the Church. Monday 4th I left Cheraw in the afternoon for Columbia and arrived there Tuesday 5 and spent the evening there in company with Miss M. M. Wednesday 6, this day I spent in Columbia, and in the evening I was united in marriage to Miss Margaret Maxwell. O! what an important day is this to me! How much depends on it, of weal or woe, through future life? yea, how much of my eternal happiness depends upon this union. Great God I believe that it is through thy providence that we were brought together, and now I humbly look to thee for the Grace that we need to enable us to so live that this union may prove a blessing to us both for time and eternity, and will the Lord grant that I may be more useful in his Church and that she whom He has given me may be a true help mate to me, and enable to act at all times in that way that will lead her as well as myself nearer to the Cross of our Common Lord, and may we ever be as we should help to each other and may we bless God in heaven for uniting us on earth, and may all that we ever do be done with an eye single to the Glory of God, and with a view to the happiness of each other, and the Salvation of others. We were married in the M. E. Church in Columbia by Rev. W. M. Kennedy. Bro. K. preached on the 1st verse of the 23 Psalm. Thus we who were twain became one flesh. Lord grant that we may see many days of happiness on earth and then come up to heaven for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Thursday we set out for Cheraw where arrived on Friday to dinner.



Sunday 10th, In the morning I preached on Acts 26 Chpt 28 verse, in the afternoon on Jeremiah 4 Chpt 14 verse, and at night on Romans 6 Chpt 23 verse. Wednesday 13, in the morning, the P. E. being absent, I held Quarterly Conference, and at night preached on Romans 8 Chpt 1 verse.

Sunday 17, at 8 o'clock I was in S. School, at half past 10 preached on Matthew 3 Chpt 11 verse, in the afternoon on Luke 13 Chpt 24 verse, and at night on Hebrew 4 Chpt 1 verse. Tuesday 19 my wife and myself left Cheraw for a Camp meeting at Center in Montgomery County, N. C. We arrived there that evening and spent the night at Bro. T. Allen's. Wednesday 20, the meeting was opened at night by a sermon from Bro. Hamby. Thursday 21, I preached in the afternoon on Matthew 11 Chpt 7 verse. Friday 22 at 11 o'clock I preached on 1 Corinthians 1 Chpt 30 verse. Saturday 23 I preached at 11 on Deuteronomy 5 Chpt 29 verse.

Sunday 24 at 8 I preached on 1 Timothy 1 Chpt 15 verse. I think there was much good done at this meeting. Monday 25 we left Center and rode to Wadesboro and spent the night at Bro. W. McCorkle's. Tuesday we spent the day in Wadesboro, and at night I preached on John 9 Chpt 29 verse. Wednesday 27 we left Wadesboro and came to Cheraw where we arrived late at night. Thursday 28 Mrs. M. and myself went to Chesterfield, and spent the night at Mr. P. L. Roberson's. Friday 29 I preached in the morning on John 9 Chpt 35 verse, and at night on John 9 Chpt 14 verse. Saturday in the morning I preached on Jeremiah 6 Chpt 16 verse, and in the afternoon we rode to Cheraw. This has been a busy week, I hope it has been profitable.

Sunday 31, This morning I preached on Matthew 20 Chpt 6 verse. Wednesday August 3, I preached at night on Luke 9 Chpt 62 verse.

Sunday 7, at sunrise I held love feast for the colored people, at half past 10 preached on Romans 8 Chpt 32 verse and administered the Sacrament, in the afternoon preached to the colored people and administered the Sacrament, and at night preached on Luke 18 Chpt 1-8 verses. Wednesday 10th, Yesterday Sister Gillespie, with whom we have been boarding, left home with her family to travel in the up Country and we are left to keep house in her absence. This evening I preached on Matthew 5 Chpt 20 verse.

Sunday 14, at half past 8 this morning I was in S. School, at half past 10 preached on Isaiah 28 Chpt 16 verse, in the afternoon on John 10 Chpt 9 verse, and at night on Hebrews 3 Chpt 19 verse. Saturday 20th I delivered an address on Temperance, at Parkers Meeting house a few miles from this place in the Country. May the Lord speed the cause of Temperance until the world shall become sober. Saturday August 27 our third Quarterly meeting commenced, Brother Betts preached in the morning, in the afternoon we held Quarterly Conference, and at night I preached on Matthew 15 Chpt 21-32 verses.

Sunday 28th, Brother Betts preached in the morning and at night, and I in the afternoon on 2 Kings 10 Chpt 15 verse, "Is thy heart right?" I preached with the fever on me, and at night went to bed very sick with Bilious fever, which continued for several days, but through the abundant mercy of God, and the constant kind attention of Dr. Hopton to-

gether with the care of one of the best of nurses, my own dear wife, I was soon restored to partial health, and able to ride out Tuesday 13 September, by the advice of my kind Physician I left Cheraw for a little excursion up the Country, and rode that day to Wadesboro. Wednesday 14 we rode to Rocky River Springs, Thursday to Brother George Smith's and Friday to John Rodgers' in Cabarrus County. Saturday 17 we reached my own dear mother's house.

Sunday 18 we went to Church, and I felt so much better that I preached a short sermon to a very large and attentive congregation on 2 Kings 10 Chpt 15 verse. Wednesday 21st we left my Mother's house, on our way back to Cheraw where we arrived on Saturday 24, but when we got here I was suffering with a chill which lasted some four hours, and was succeeded by a high fever. My kind friend Dr. Hopton was again called in, and again under the direction and with the blessing of God, and the attention of my own kind attentive nurse, I was restored in a few days, and on Monday October 3 I was able to ride out a little. The kindness of Dr. Hopton I am sure I can never forget. May the Lord reward him in this world, and save him in heaven.

Sunday 10, I preached in the morning on Matthew 10 Chpt 31 verse. Thursday 13, I went to Beauty Spot Camp meeting in Marlboro. Friday 14 I preached there on Matthew 11 Chpt 7 verse, and left the meeting and returned to Cheraw in the afternoon. There is at this time a great many sick in this place. May it be sanctified to the good of the people.

November Tuesday 29, Mrs. Martin and myself left Cheraw in the stage for Columbia where we arrived on Wednesday 30th. Saturday December 3, I have been the last three days the most of the time in the State house as the Legislature is now in Session. Sunday 4 I preached on Romans 8 Chpt 32 verse. Monday 5 I attended the annual Commencement of the College. Thursday 8 I married Rev. W. A. Gamewell of the South Carolina Conference to Miss Sarah M., Daughter of Rev. W. N. Kennedy. Friday 9th I left Columbia and arrived in Cheraw Saturday 10. I left my wife in Columbia to remain there until after Conference.

Sunday 25th, this being Christmas I preached in the morning on John 1 Chpt 14 verse, in the afternoon Brother Murchison preached for me and at night it rained so hard the Church was closed. Tuesday 27 I left Cheraw in Company with Brother Bowman, Gamewell and his wife for Conference held in Wilmington, where we arrived Friday evening 30th and I put up at the house of Mr. Tippit where I met with kind friends. Saturday 31 I preached on John 9 Chpt 35 verse, and thus closed another year, it gone with all its privileges and enjoyments.

Sunday the first day of the new year, in the morning I heard Brother Bass preach after which I was permitted, with many of my brethren in the Ministry, to partake of the holy Sacrament. How sweet to begin the new year in the house of God! This may be my last year on earth. If so I pray that I may begin the next in that house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Wednesday 4, this morning our Conference opened, and the Bishop being absent N. McPherson was elected president. Letters were then read from Bishop Andrew stating that in consequence of ill health he would not be able to be with us during our Conference. We

had a pleasant Session of Conference, everything moved on smoothly and harmoniously. We closed on Wednesday 11th. I am appointed to Black Swamp Circuit for this year. O Lord go with me and give me success for Jesus Christ's Sake Amen.

Thursday 12 I left Wilmington, and reached Cheraw in time for Church Sunday morning and remained there until Monday evening when I took stage and arrived in Columbia Tuesday evening and found my dear wife in good health. I remained in Columbia until Wednesday 25 when Mrs. M. and myself set out for Black Swamp. Thursday 26 we had a great fall of snow, but situated as we were we could not stop, we therefore went on through the snow, and Saturday late at night we arrived at Mr. Seth Daniels house in Black Swamp Circuit.

Sunday 29 it rained all day, so it was to us a day of rest. Monday 30 we moved 15 miles to Major Smarts. Tuesday 31 to Brother J. N. Lawtons where we felt at home for the present. Saturday 4 I preached at Smyrna on Revelation 2 Chpt 11 verse.

Sunday 5 at Purisburg on Matthew 11 Chpt 3 verse, this is one of the oldest settlements in Carolina. It was a flourishing village when Savannah was yet in woods, but it is now a poor place with very few inhabitants. Monday 6 February we went over the river to Savannah and were kindly entertained at Brother Stone's. We spent the day there. Savannah is a handsome City built on a high bluff formerly called Zamacraw. We remained there until Tuesday when we crossed over again to Carolina, and late in the evening reached Brother Baynard's on May River about 6 miles from Hiltonhead. Here we remained until Saturday 11. I preached at the May River Church on 2 Kings 10 Chpt 15 verse, and held Quarterly Conference, Bro. Talley the P. E. being absent.

Sunday 12 Brother T. was in his place and preached for us. Monday 20th I preached at Union Church the funeral sermon of Mrs. Deloach who died on Saturday last in full view of a glorious inheritance in heaven, though she was young and rich and has a kind husband and four lovely children, one at the breast, yet her prospect was so bright that she desired to depart and be with Christ which she said was far better. My text was Philippians 1 Chpt 23 verse.

Sunday 26 I held love feast in the morning at Union and then preached on 1 Timothy Chpt 15 verse, and administered the Sacrament, in the afternoon I preached at Black Swamp Church on John 8 Chpt 36 verse. Saturday March 4th there was a heavy fall of snow along the coast from Savannah east several miles and extending back about 25 or 30 miles into the country. At Savannah it was 13 inches deep. Tuesday 14 Mrs. M. and I left Black Swamp for Columbia, where we arrived on Saturday 18. Mrs. Martin is to spend the summer here.

Sunday 19 I attended the funeral of Dr. S. Green, one of the oldest members of our church in this place, he has gone down to the grave full of years and full of honors and I trust full of a hope of immortal honour. Wednesday 22 I left Columbia, and rode to Orangeburg. Thursday to Dr. Hyer's, and Friday I reached my Circuit, and Saturday commenced my labors again by preaching at Lebanon on 2 Peter 3 Chpt 18 verse.

Sunday 25 I preached at Union in the morning on Exodus 20 Chpt 8

verse and in the afternoon at Black Swamp on 13 Chpt 28 verse. I continued on my circuit engaged in the regular duties of a pastor until April 24 when I left for Columbia, and arrived there on the 26.

Brother Kennedy had a four days meeting in Columbia commenced on Wednesday 26. Brother Sewal from Charleston, Brother Danaly and Brother Gamewell were at it. Saturday 29 I preached in the afternoon on Romans Chpt 6 23 verse. Sunday 30 I preached in the afternoon on Philippians 3 Chpt 13-19 verses. Saturday May 6th this week I have attended, several days, the convention of the Episcopal Church which was held in Columbia. Sunday 7th Brother Kennedy being absent I preached for him all day, in the morning on Exodus 20 Chpt 8 verse, in the afternoon on Matthew 5 Chpt 3 verse, and at night on Matthew 6 Chpt 10 verse. I continued in Columbia through the month of May, Mrs. M. being unwell.

Sunday June 4 at 2 o'clock in the morning my wife presented me with a fine son, my first business was before I saw the child to fall on my knees and return my thanks to God for the safe deliverance of my wife, and for blessing me with a son. I then most solemnly dedicated myself, my wife and child again to Him, humbly praying that He would give us grace to love him more and serve him better, and also to enable us to raise our son for him, and that he would take our son for his own child, that he may make of him what he will on earth and then take him to heaven. Our great desire is, that the Lord may make a Methodist Minister of him, but the will of the Lord be done, is the ruling desire of my heart. Thursday 8 I left my wife in bed, with an infant only four days old by her side, and set out for my circuit with feelings such as I never have had before nor expect to have again. I reached my work on Saturday 10, and committing my case to God and relying on His goodness to take care of and keep my wife and child, I labored on my circuit contending with feeble health until Thursday July 20th my Campmeeting began at Swallow Savannah. Brother Talley was there in health. We had rain from day to day which interrupted us not a little, but the Lord was with us and good was done in the name of Jesus.

Monday 24 our meeting closed and I left for Columbia and arrived there Tuesday evening, and to my great joy found my wife and child both living and well, my heart was filled with gratitude and my eyes ran over with tears at the goodness and mercy of God to me and mine. But my appointments were so arranged, that I had but a few days to stay at home, and Friday August 4 I left and rode 45 miles. Saturday 5 I rode 31 miles in the morning to an appointment. I rode through a heavy fall of rain this morning, and then exhorted at the Church and rode several miles afterward.

Sunday 6 I preached at Swallow Savannah on Romans 8 Chpt 16-17 verses. Saturday 12 I was at Black Swamp, but unable to preach. Sunday 13 I held love feast in the morning, and attempted to preach but my poor body gave way and yielded, and after Brother Googe had preached I administered the Sacrament. I then rode to Brother John Miner's where I spent several days suffering very much in my breast. I took medicine all week, but found no relief. Saturday 19 I was bled, but still I am unable



to preach. During the past week I have been reading Simpson Plea, and have thought much of the last hours of some Champions of Infidelity. Such as Voltaire, Hume, Newport, Rapeau and a few others who pretending to be Philosophers and men, have set at nought the Bible, and bid defiance to its great author VC. Voltaire who lived to be 84 years old and all this time knew that he must die sooner or later and consequently had all that long life to prepare and fortify himself for the Mighty conflict. But how did his principles hold out when he came to meet death? He there found that in spite of all his boasted strength and firmness, that he was unequal to the task; and therefore feared, trembled, drew back and died in despair. And is this all that infidelity can do for its Voltaires? This is all it ever has done for them. Who ever was heard to or who ever even thought, let me die the death of Voltaire, or any other infidel, and let my last end be like his? But from this gloomy picture of man's last end I would turn my eyes away and look for a moment on the Christian, as he dies fully relying on the great principles of his holy religion, and inquire how he comes up to this mighty conflict? How does he meet this last enemy? And while I gaze on his pallid cheek and quivering lip, I see his eye begin to kindle with celestial fire, while a hallowed smile gathers over his countenance, and he at first calmly surveys his past life well spent in the service of his great master, and then meekly but confidently says, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith! Hensforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the Righteous Judge, Shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." And then as he nears the end and sees more fully into eternal world bringing his faith to bear upon the promises of the Bible he almost with his expiring breath exclaims—

"Say live forever wondrous King,  
Born to redeem and strong to Save,  
Then asks the monster where's thy sting,  
And where's thy victory boasting grave—"

and without fearing the future he resigns his spirit into the hand of God confidently believing that He will receive and crown it His forever, and thus he sweetly falls asleep in Jesus. And here I may add that the history of the world cannot produce a single instance of a Christian on his death bed regretting that he had been so constant in the service of Christ, or turning Infidel in that trying hour for I am sure the more men know of Jesus the better they will love him; for the prove that his yoke is easy and his burden light.

Wednesday 23 I rode to Mr. William E. Martin's where I spent a few days. I am unable to preach and suffer severe pain all the time in my breast, I am very apprehensive of Hemerhage of the lungs. My mind is considerably depressed. I fear that I shall not be able much longer to do the work of the Ministry but I try to be resigned to the will of God in all things. I find this one of the sorest trials of my life, but God has said My grace is sufficient for thee, on his promise I depend, O for more grace.

Friday 25, I had a three days meeting commenced at Ebenezer, but

being too feeble to preach Brother Deas preached for me. Saturday 26, in much weakness I preached a short sermon on Romans 8 Chpt 9 verse. Sunday 27 I held love feast and administered the Sacrament, but was able to do no more. My pain is much increased by my labors at the meeting Saturday September 2. I have taken medicine all this week, and have not preached at all, I feel a little relief.

Sunday 3 I preached a short sermon at Union on John 5 Chpt 39 verse. Wednesday 6 at Swallow Savannah I had a tedious painful day in settling some unpleasant church business, after which I left for Columbia. Friday 8 I arrived in Columbia very weak and suffering pain. I found my dear family all well. I desire to feel increasingly thankful to God for his kindness to me and mine while separated, and in bringing us together again. I am now compelled to leave my work at least for some time. I hope to be able again to return to it but if not the will of the Lord be done, the work is his and I am his let him do with me what seemeth him good. Friday 15th I was copiously bled by cupping over the left lung which gave me some relief. Monday 18, I was cupped over the right lung and find myself better, the pain has nearly left me though I am very weak and unable to do anything

Sunday 24 I preached a short sermon in Columbia on 2 Kings 10 Chpt 15 verse "Is thine heart right?" Thursday 28 my health being a little improved I set out for a Camp meeting at Saddlers Swamp in Orangeburg. I preached once there, and returned on Monday October 2, and on Friday 6th left for my circuit. Spent the Sabbath at a Camp meeting and Monday 9 arrived in my own work but alas I am not able to do much of it. O that God may give me grace that I may be willing either to suffer or to die at his high command. Wednesday 11, my Campmeeting began at Union. I preached on Sunday morning on 2 Corinthians 1 Chpt 30 verse. Monday 16, the meeting broke. I felt very feeble all day but I feel that the Lord is with me.

Sunday 22 I preached in the morning at Union on Matthew 5 Chpt 8 verse and in the afternoon at Black Swamp on Hebrews 4 Chpt 9 verse and retired to Mr. Bosticks very feeble in body, but with a soul relying upon the goodness and mercy of God. Friday 27 I commenced travelling with Brother R. J. Limehouse on the circuit and went one round with him. Thursday 16 November I heard Brother Limehouse preach today for the last two or three weeks I have been with him, I have preached very seldom myself but have administered the Sacrament at most of our Churches. I feel some increase of strength for which I desire to be thankful to my heavenly father. Friday 17 I commenced a three days meeting at Union. Brother McCall, and Brother Boyd were with me & aided in the meeting. Sunday afternoon the meeting closed.

Monday 20 I set off for Columbia and arrived there Tuesday 21 and remained there with my family until Thursday 30th when I again left them for my work, and on Sunday December 3 I preached at Union on Matthew 3 Chpt 11 verse, and rested the week until Friday 8 I preached at Parisburg on 1 Peter 4 Chpt 7 verse. Saturday and Sunday I held a two days meeting at May River Church, on Sunday I preached and administered the Sacrament.

Monday 11 I rode 25 miles to Pocotaligo and then took the stage for Charleston, where I arrived Tuesday at 2 o'clock and remained there until Friday 15 when I returned to Pocotaligo, and Saturday 16 began my regular work again. Tuesday 19 I preached at Union on Philippians 1 Chpt 20 verse, which was my last sermon on the Circuit.

Thursday 21 I left there and Saturday 23 after riding 30 miles through cold rain I arrived safe in Columbia and was thankful to find my family all well. Monday 25 being Christmas day I heard Brother Kennedy preach. Sunday 31 I preached in Columbia on Matthew 20 Chpt 6 verse and at night with Brother Kennedy held watch night, we waited in the Church, in prayer and exhortation until after midnight.

Sunday January 7th 1838 I heard Bishop Morris preach in the morning, in the afternoon Brother N. Talley, and at night Brother J. Donaly. Monday 8 I was engaged in the examination of the Class of Ministers for the first year. Wednesday 10 our Conference began its regular Sessions, Bishop Morris in the Chair, we had a long though pleasant harmonious Session of Conference. Brother Lane, one of the Book agents, from New York was with us. Thursday 18 we adjourned and I am appointed Agent for Randolph Macon College. This year I will not be able to keep my Journal regularly, but will try to note some of the most important events of the year.

Thursday February 15th, I went to Camden to attend a Quarterly meeting which was held on Saturday & Sunday following. I left there on Tuesday 20 and went into Sumter where I spent several days and returned through Camden to Columbia. Saturday 24 in Camden I saw a full grown cow with six feet, two of them came out her back and hung down the side though they had all the joints and hoofs belonging to other legs. In consequence of unpleasant weather I remained in Columbia until Thursday March 8. I then left and that day rode 30 miles to Bro. Wm. Holms'. Friday to Mr. Cornwalls. Saturday to Yorkville where I spent the Sabbath and preached twice.

Tuesday 13 I reached my Mother's where I spent several days. Sunday 18 I preached at Friendship, the Church where I first became a Methodist, and where I once served as Class leader, and from which I was recommended for license to preach. Monday 19 I left my Mother's and spent two days in Charlotte, the place where the declaration of American independence was made May 20th 1775. This is not the center of the gold region, there is a branch of the United States Mint established here. Thursday 22 I left there and arrived in Columbia Saturday 24.

April, Sunday 1 I preached in Longtown on Revelation 2 Chpt 4-5 verses and returned to Columbia on Tuesday 3. Thursday 12 I left for Charleston and arrived there Friday evening. Sunday 15 I preached in Trinity on Matthew 5 Chpt 8 verse. Wednesday 18 up the Wando River to the Campmeeting near Canchoy where I remained until Monday 23. I returned to the City and Tuesday left there and reached Columbia Wednesday 25.

May, Tuesday 1st I set out for Cokesbury and arrived the Wednesday evening where I remained until Monday 7 when I left there and got to Columbia Wednesday 9th. A four days meeting began this evening in

this town which I attended. Sunday May 20 I spent with Brother Game-well on the Wateree Mission which is now in a very interesting condition. I preached once and administered the Sacrament and Baptism to a number of colored persons. I spent the ensuing week with Bro. G. on his Mission until Friday 25 I went into Camden. Sunday 27 I preached twice in Camden, and Monday 28 returned to Columbia.

June, Thursday 7 I left home on my agency and Saturday night arrived in Cheraw and found a revival of religion in progress in the M. E. Church. Sunday 10 I preached once there. I remained in Cheraw until Thursday 14. I went to Bennettsville and attended the examination of the Female Academy and preached at night. Friday 15 I went to Society-hill, and attended a two days meeting there Saturday and Sunday. Monday 18 I returned to Cheraw, and found the excitement still going on in the Church, I staid a few days. Friday 22 I left there and went to a Quarterly meeting in Anson County. Saturday I met with Brother B. Bell there and heard him preach both days.

Sunday evening I went to Wadesboro and preached, and Tuesday 26 I left there and rode out to Brother Bell's and was induced to spend the night at his house. It was a night never to be forgotten. Found him in good health, he was pleasant and cheerful all the evening, retired to bed about 9 o'clock and soon after complained of a chill which was soon succeeded with high fever and terminated his earthly career about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning after suffering about 7 hours, but he died the death of the *Christian*, his end was peace. I spent the day with his afflicted Widow and Thursday 28 I preached his funeral sermon and committed his body to the silent tomb to wait the Resurrection of the just. Saturday 30 I arrived in Columbia where I am at home with my family once more.

July, Monday 30, with my family I left Columbia to spend some time in the Country.

Thursday August 2, we got to Cokesbury, Campmeeting for that place was in progress, we remained there until Tuesday 7 when we left there. Wednesday night we spent in Laurenceville, I preached there. Friday 10 we spent at the Glenn Springs. Sunday 12 at Union C. M. I preached there twice. Thursday 16 we got to Mt. Pleasant in Winsboro Circuit where another C. M. was being held, and Monday 20 we came to Columbia, but only for a day. Tuesday 21 we set off again, and Thursday 23 arrived at Pleasant Grove in Mecklenburg County, N. C. where a C. M. was in progress. This is the largest Camp ground in this country. There are about 275 well built tents, a good large Church, and fine shingled shelter. There were thought to be from 6 to 10,000 persons on the ground. The tents were very much crowded, and in almost every one they had whooping cough so we occupied the church. I preached on Friday and Sunday. Monday 27 we left and went over into Anson to Mr. Godfrey's. He is one of the very few who now remain to tell the story of the Revolution. He and family are members of the Church, and I hope soldiers of Christ. Tuesday we spent the day at this hospitable place. Wednesday 29 we went to Wadesboro. Thursday we went over to Centre to a Camp meeting. Here I am reminded of the rapid march of time. A few years ago I travelled this circuit, and now many of those who then acted are



sleeping in the silent grave and others are in their place so that the Congregation has become almost strange to me. I preached three times at this meeting.

September, Monday 3 we went to the Rocky River Springs where we were kindly received and entertained at the hospitable house of my old friend Brother John Gibson of Darlington, S. C. We continued there until Friday 7 we went to a C Meeting at Concord. I preached there only once, and left Sunday evening and went out 2 miles to Brother J. Turner's. Monday 10 we turned our course for home, and came to Wadesboro, Tuesday to Chesterfield, Wednesday to Mr. Young's, Thursday to Col. Taylor's and Friday 14 we arrived safe in Columbia after having attended five Campmeetings and travelled about six hundred miles in six weeks. We found a gracious revival going on in the Church in this place.

October, Thursday 4 I again left home for the country alone, leaving my family in Columbia. That day I rode 33 miles to a C. Meeting in Orangeburg, where I spent the Sabbath, and Monday 8 I went to the C. M. Tuesday 9 I rode 35 miles to Barnwell C. M., and Wednesday 10, 44 to Union Camp Ground in Black Swamp—where I spent several days. Monday 15 I buried a child of Dr. Smith. Thursday 18 I went to a Camp meeting at Buckhead, and remained there until Monday 22. I rode 42 miles to Orangeburg C. M. Tuesday 23, 42 to Columbia through cold rain all the way. Oh! how dear is home, a home blessed with a lovely family. Wednesday 24 Brother McPherson left the station for the far west and I, for want of a better, took a temporary charge of the Station in this town.

Wednesday November 14, I married Mr. Horsey of Charleston to Miss Welch of this place. Thursday 15 I left home and rode to Statesburg and Friday 16 to St. Pauls to a Campmeeting which continued until Tuesday 20 when I left there and Wednesday evening arrived in Georgetown, and remained there until Monday 26 when I set out for home again and reached there on Thursday 29. Here my travelling for this year ended as the most of my time after this was spent in Columbia. Thus another year of my short life has passed away and I am another year nearer my end, very soon the last year will be gone, and I shall appear before my Judge and give account of my life.

January 1839—Friday 4th I set out for Conference to be in Cheraw, and arrived there Sunday morning in time for Church, and heard Brother English preach in the forenoon. in the afternoon Brother Talley, and Brother Dunwoody at night. Monday 7th I met the Class of preachers for the first year, for examination. Tuesday 8 I was engaged in the same way. Wednesday our Conference commenced its Session, Bishop Andrew was in the Chair. We had a very pleasant and harmonious Session, which closed on Wednesday 16th. It was thought best, by the Conference, that in Consequence of my feeble health, I should not take an appointment, but rest, hoping to restore my health and strength. I left Cheraw Thursday morning and arrived in Columbia Friday evening 18th and remained with my family until Monday 28 when I set out for North Carolina, and after travelling through much rain and mud I arrived in Salisbury on Friday 1st February, where the N. Carolina Conference was then in Session. I remained there until Tuesday morning when I left for Beatties-

ford where I spent several days with my dear old Mother. She is now I think about 68 years old, almost three score and ten. I left there Monday 11th and got home Thursday 14 and found my dear family well.

Friday 15 at 6 o'clock P.M. I left my dear family, and in company with Mrs. Preston I set out for Washington City. We had a crowded stage from Columbia to Branchville, but a pleasant company. There we took the Carrs to Charleston, intending to go directly on to Wilmington, that night, where we wished to spend the Sabbath but by a misunderstanding of Mr. King, who kindly took us home to dine with him, the boat left us having our trunks on board, which caused us some uneasiness through the night, and reduced us to the painful necessity of leaving there Sunday afternoon. We were kindly entertained at Mr. King's, who did all he could to render us comfortable. Sunday 17 I visited the Bethel S. School in the morning and then heard Brother Ruggles preach.

At 4 P.M. we left Charleston on the Steamer Vanderbuilt, and had a lovely evening. Mrs. P. soon became sea sick, and I was left alone to my own reflections. It was the first time in my life that I had seen the sun go down at sea where no land was to be seen, he went without a cloud to obstruct my sight. About 8 o- the wind began to blow from the N.E. and continued until about 4 in the morning—for some three or four hours we had quite a gale which gave us a very rough sea, and made me very sick. By 6 A.M. it was calm and we had a delightful run up the Capefear to Wilmington where we landed at 9 and found, to our great relief, our baggage in safe keeping. We then took railroad for Waynesboro, and on our way up we were delighted to meet with Col. Preston who was on his to meet us. We staid that night in Waynesboro and Tuesday took stage and passing through Stantonburg we got to Enfield where we spent the night, and Wednesday 20th at sun rise we took R. Road and passed through Halifax, breakfasted in Weldon, dined in Petersburg, and at 8 o'clock at night took up in the Virginia house in Richmond.

The Virginia Legislature was in Session, and a great many of the first Characters in the State were there. Thursday I spent a part of the day in the State house and part in looking at their splendid canal and Bridge, in the evening I drank tea with Sister Smith, wife of the Editor of the Virginia and N. Carolina Conference Journal. He was from home attending Conference. Friday 22 was Washington's birthday, a day dear to all Americans, but I have never seen it so much respected as here. Everybody seems to feel that it was a day never to be forgotten, there was a splendid parade of the Military, Cavalry, Infantry, and Artillery, so that I think I saw the Glory of this old State assembled at her Capital.

Friday night I left Col. & Mrs. P. in Richmond and took the R.R. at 8 o'clock, at 2 next morning we took stage at Fredericksburg and rode over 9 miles to Potomac Creek where we took Steam Boat for Washington. Saturday 23 the sun rose on us running up the Magestic Potomac, a few hours brought us in sight of the venerated spot honored with the earthly remains of that great and good man, whose name will be dear to every friend of liberty as long as time lasts, George Washington, it is called Mt. Vernon, it is a plain though beautiful Situation on the west bank of the River overlooking the River for some miles. Not far from there we passed

Ft. Washington, which is a very strong place commanding the whole River. We then touched at Alexandria, and soon arrived at the Capital of these United States very properly bearing the name of the father of our happy country, here every thing is gay and grand. I soon went to the Capital which is a most magnificent pile of building so much so that I cannot attempt to describe it—I first visited the Hall, a large and splendid room worthy of the Country to which it belongs, and of the venerated name it bears. I felt myself in the midst of great men, some of whom would do honor to any assembly on earth. From there I went through the dome to the other end of the building to the Senate Chamber, where I at once beheld the most grave, wise, intelligent and venerable body of men on earth, a body of which Rome in her proudest days might have been proud. But while I looked and wondered at and admired, such men as Calhoun, Clay, Webster, Davis, Preston, White, Wright, Ring, and many others whose names would do honor to any Nation; I was disgusted, and distressed to see that Chair next to the first in our Country filled by so unworthy a man as I believe R. M. Johnson to be, a man who never has regarded the common laws of Society, and who still lets himself down to the lowest sort of conduct, but so it is R. M. Johnson sits in the Chair as President of this wise and grave body. I then took a peep into the Library. It is large and fine and well arranged, but it would take a month to satisfy the eye in this Splendid Library. So I was compelled to put mine off with a mere glance at the numerous shelves loaded with the rich treasures of other Nations and other ages. I then visited the room of the Federal Court which was then in session, and had a view of the judges who compose that high tribunal.

In the evening I drank tea with Col. and Mrs. Elmore of Columbia and spent the night at Dr. Sewal's who is a very worthy man, and stands high in the City, he treated me with great kindness. Sunday 24 I was very unwell which rendered me unable to attend a Classmeeting, which was held in Dr. Sewell's house before breakfast, a circumstance which I very much regretted then and have done since from some excellent remarks that were made, in favor of Classmeetings by some Members of Congress, which were afterwards related to me by one who was present and heard them, they were calculated to show the great worth of these meetings to men surrounded by the gay bustle, and dissipation of Washington City during the Session of Congress. Mr. Norris of Ohio stated that when he came to the City and found himself far from home, and friends, away from his Church, and in the midst of strangers and associated with men in business many of whom had not the fear of God before their eyes, that he feared for his own safety, knowing how weak he was as a Christian, and knowing no one there with whom as a brother he might associate, but while thinking and praying over this matter, he was led to that Class room, where he at once met with brothers and sisters, who cared for his soul, and he had found a temporary home for his soul, where he had often met with his Father and his God, and had been made to rejoice in his love, "and now" said he "I believe this Class room has been an Asylum for my soul, this Classmeeting has been the means under God of saving me, and I shall ever remember them with gratitude." Two other

members expressed themselves to the same purpose, so much for Class-meetings. At 9 o'clock I visited a S. School in the Wesley Chapel, at 10 went to the Capitol and heard Brother Slicer preach. I spent the afternoon with him, and preached at night in the Foundry Chapel, and spent the night at Brother Slicer's.

Monday 25 I visited the President, Mr. Van Buren, he is a very pleasant Gentleman of pleasing manners, his house is a very splendid Mansion. I visited the general P. O. and spent the most of the day in the Capitol.

I remained in Washington until Friday, March 1st. I left there at 6 o'clock in the morning, and passed through Baltimore, Havredegance, Elkton, and Wilmington where we took Steam Boat up the beautiful broad Delaware at 2 o'clock and about two hours afterward landed in Philadelphia. Here I spent the night. Saturday 2 I left Philadelphia at 7 o'clock A.M. and passing through several handsome towns in New Jersey we landed at N. York at 2 P.M. Here I staid at the hospitable house of Mr. R. Donaldson, 15 State Street.

Sunday 3, we had a small fall of snow this morning. At 10 o'clock I went to Church in Vestry Street and heard Brother Creagh preach, and joined him in the holy Sacrament, in the afternoon I visited S. School in Green Street and then heard Dr. Lucky preach in Gr. Street Church, and at night preached myself in Vestry Street. Monday I visited the Methodist Book Concern which is thought to be the largest establishment of the kind in the world. Tuesday 4, I visited the establishment of the American Bible Society, and the Tract house. They are both large and very useful concerns. Wednesday 6, I visited some very fine paintings and Panama's, one of Jerusalem which surpassed anything of the kind I ever saw. Thursday 7th I visited the Blind Asylum, where I was not only very much interested but deeply affected. I heard two of them read in the word of life, and several of them sing and play delightfully. Thanks be unto God for Christianity, for it is to Christianity that we are indebted for this and every other institution of this kind.

Friday 8 at 8 o'clock A.M. I left N. York and crossed over the Hudson into Jersey, and passed through several Towns and villages, crossed the Delaware at Trenton, and arrived in Philadelphia at 3 p.m. where I was glad to meet with Col. and Mrs. Preston, at the Washington house, where I also had the Company of Rev. R. Breckinridge. In the evening I visited the great Chinese Museum the most rare collection in the United States. Saturday 9th, this is my birthday, this day I am thirty-two years old, a score and a half are gone, and according to the limitation of human life by its great author mine is now nearly half gone, and what have I done? Looking back on the past it looks like I have just entered on the great business of life, like the day is but opening upon me, and yet everything about me tells me that it is at least noon with me and that the whole of time with me will soon be gone. In reviewing the past I find many things of which to be ashamed, and many things for which to repent and humble myself before God, but I also find many ten thousand things for which to be thankful. Goodness and mercy have followed me all my days, and from my earliest infancy until now his hand unseen has ever sustained and kept me. I now return him my humble thanks for the past,



and resolve more implicitly to trust for time to come.

This day I visited the great Philadelphia Museum. It is a rare and splendid collection. I spent part of the day in the Court house, in the afternoon I visited the Fair Mount water works, which is deservedly the great Lion of this great City, it is a stupendous work.

Sunday 10th in the morning I preached in Salem Church, in the afternoon I went to the Union Church which was first founded by Mr. Whitefield in 1740, at night I heard President Durbin preach in St. Pauls.

Monday 11th, I spent the day in looking at different things of interest in the City. Tuesday 12 I visited the house of refuge, which is a Penitentiary in Miniature where there are some two hundred boys and girls from the age of five to 17 years who are put in here for crime, and thereby are prevented doing greater evil, and are trained to some useful trade, and also are instructed in the elementary branches of an education, are taught to fear God, so that many of them may come from this house of correction to useful walks in life in after years. I then visited the State Prison. It is a noble edifice, but an awful place. Here are about 400 cells for Solitary confinement, where the miserable convict is buried alive, for he is never to see the face of man, nor can they ever converse with each other. They are doomed to spend their lonesome days and solitary nights as much alone as if they were each the only being on earth except their food is handed to them by another, whom however they never see, and they also have the Bible read to them and preached by one they never see. I went into some of the rooms, that were then vacant, and one occupied by a woman who at the time was in another part of her prison, where they can have a little fresh air, and where the sun can shine a small part of the day. Her room was very neat and clean, its furniture consisted of a small bed, a stool, a basin, and a *Bible*. Everything about the establishment is kept very neat and clean. From there I went to the Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb which, by the benevolence of Ginard, is now a large and handsome building well conducted, has a large number of inmates and wears the appearance of neatness and comfort in all its parts, and every face looked happy and cheerful, from my soul I thanked my God for the introduction of the Christian Religion, into our poor world, to which we owe this and every other institution of this kind.

Wednesday 13th, I left Philadelphia at 7 o'clock A.M. and arrived in Baltimore at 4 P.M. and was kindly received and entertained at the house of Thos. Relso Esq. who is one of the most active and wealthy members of the M. E. Church in this City. Thursday 14th I visited the Baltimore Conference, which is now in Session. Bishop Andrew presides, Bishop Waugh is present. This is a large and respectable body of Ministers, it is the oldest Conference in the United States. It was here that the M. E. Church was organized in 1784. This is the City where the Venerable Asbury kept home, while on earth, here he was buried under the pulpit in the Eutaw Church. The lamented Emory died here and lies in the same vault with Asbury. While in this City I visited Washington's Monument, a very splendid pile of white marble about 200 feet high. It stands on a beautiful hill overlooking the whole City. It reflects honor on the State. There is another handsome monument here built by the City in

honor of some of its citizens who fell in battle near this place during the last war with Great Britain. I visited the Cathedral which is a stupendous building for size, but I think neither fine nor beautiful. It has some very old and fine paintings, but some of them are very vulgar. I saw in this city a fine representation of the crucifixion in painting. Sunday 19th in the morning I preached in Mr. R. Breckinridge's church, in the afternoon heard I. A. Collins, and at night Brother Merican.

Monday 18th I left Baltimore at 4 o'clock P.M. on the R. Road, at 6 took steam boat at Washington, at 11 stage at Potomac Creek, at 2 A.M. Tuesday R. Road at Fredericksburg, and passed through Richmond at 6, breakfasted in Petersburg at 8, dined in N. Carolina at 3 P.M., at 6 took stage at Henderson, and breakfasted in Raleigh Wednesday 20. In this City I saw the new State house that is now in progress of building, it is very large, and when finished, will be a very fine house, it is built of solid granite. The Statue of Washington that ornamented the former house, is now in ruins, and I fear will never be resuscitated. I dined at a very good house in the county, and supped in Fayetteville. Thursday 21 I passed through Cheraw, and Friday 22 arrived at home and found, to the great joy of my heart, my beloved family were all well, and anxiously waiting my return. I took an early opportunity to kneel down, before God, with my beloved wife, and return Him our united and hearty thanks for His kindness in keeping me in all my journey both by day and night while gone and for preserving my dear family in safety while I was far from them, and I knew nothing of the dangers to which they might be exposed. This is but another instance added to the many ten thousand acts of kindness with which my whole of past life has been crowded. I now feel resolved to devote myself, and all that I have and am, more exclusively to him and to his holy service. Oh that He who has kept me from infancy until now may give me grace to live and walk before Him in that manner that will glorify His name on earth and at last secure to me and mine a resting place in heaven and all the Glory, praise and power, shall ever be ascribed to Him who hath loved us and washed us in His own blood, and has thereby made us kings and priests unto God the father. To Him be glory both now and forever Amen.

From this time my journal is somewhat irregular. In 1841 and 42 I served as agent for the Bible Society of the State of S. C. During these years I occasionally noted down circumstances and feelings as they occurred, some of which I will transcribe in this book.

January 1st 1841, at night. I have just returned from a love feast at the M. E. Church in Columbia, where I enjoyed the presence of God in a very happy degree, and now wish to record my humble thanks to Him for the gracious manifestations of his love to me this evening. I desire also, tonight, most solemnly to dedicate afresh, to Almighty God, myself, my dear wife, and my children William and Isabella, with my servants and all that I have and am that we may one and all so love and serve Him on earth that we may all at last be saved in Heaven.

1842

Musing on my birthday—March 9th 1842—

Here again through the long suffering of a merciful God I am writing

on my birthday. This day I am thirty-five years old. How soft—How silent, How unperceived, and yet How swiftly does time pass away. In the course of human life, as with the natural day, Morning opens upon us, everything looks fresh and cheerful, and we are invited by all around us, to enjoy the present, and in doing so we too often forget the future. The sun still rising higher and higher pursues his onward course, time flies and it is noon, 'tis night, while yet we are in the midst of the duties of the day. So in too many cases in the day of life, childhood and youth is passed, manhood is come and gone, and our sun is fast declining, while yet, alas, we are sporting with the silvery dew drops of morning. Alas for man, when will he become wise? When will he give his early years to God and thereby secure all the blessings contained in that promise of our blessed Lord, "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." The average of human life is threescore and ten years, according to this I am today at the meridian, at the noon of life, but alas, alas for the weakness and frailty of human nature, how very few reach that period? A great proportion of the human family does not live half that time! A majority of them are cut off while it is yet morning, so that the habitations of the dead are peopled with all ranks and ages from the infant of a day to the veteran of fourscore years. There is no age, no condition, no circumstance free, none secure against the fatal darts of the destroyer. "His time there's none can tell." Death itself is a very solemn thing, how uncertain his time, we walk on the verge of the grave, "He'll in a moment call thee hence." "Be ye also ready for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of Man cometh." How does it become me now, on this my thirty-fifth birthday to look back over the time that is past, and ask myself the question how has it been improved?

Tuesday 26 July 1842. On returning home from a tour on my Bible Agency I found my dear wife quite sick, our dear Babe Margaret was also sick. I remained at home nursing them until Wednesday August 3 when believing a trip to the up country would be beneficial both to mother and child I set out with them. The babe appeared to stand the journey for a few days very well, and we entertained hopes that traveling would be serviceable to her. But my dear wife became so much worse, the second day, that I almost despaired of her life. I now became convinced that without a change she could not long survive, she suffered very greatly Thursday and Friday. Saturday 6 she was a little better, this evening we reached Greenville. Sunday 7 she was worse. Monday 8 she became so ill, that I gave up nearly all hope of her recovery and began to prepare myself, as best I could, to give her up, believing that I would be doomed to carry her home, a corpse, instead of the lovely, animated, active, breathing, thinking, loving wife. Tuesday 9 she was a little better, Wednesday 10 better but now we noticed our sweet and beautiful babe drooping more and more. But still we hoped mountain air and gentle travel might restore her, but from day to day we saw she was becoming more and more feeble. Thursday 10 we spent at Spartanburg with our good Brother Bobo. Friday, Saturday and Sunday we spent at the beautiful, romantic village of Bivingsville our Babe still growing worse. Monday 15th at Glenn Spring babe no better. Wednesday 17 Union C. M.

Babe getting worse, Thursday 18 symptoms became somewhat alarming and we determined to hasten home. Friday evening at Busbys 23 miles from Columbia, it became evident to us that we must resign our lovely flower into the hands of Him who gave her to us. We spent the night anxiously watching over her, and early Saturday morning we saw that the sad hour was at hand, we then earnestly prayed that it might please our heavenly father to take her without much severe pain, and in this we were greatly helped in seeing her pass away as calmly as if she were falling into a sweet sleep. At this trying moment the Grace of God was manifested in sustaining us, and enabling us calmly to give up our Babe, at bidding of Him whose she was. Especially do I thank God for the grace bestowed, in that hour of trial, on the afflicted Mother who was herself, at that time, to all human appearance near her end. We brought the body of our dear little departed angel to Columbia and laid it in the burying ground of the M. E. Church, there to rest until our blessed Lord shall come to make all things new, when we hope to see it raised an immortal, and glorified body. We have sorrowed, deeply sorrowed, but in the times our deepest sorrow we have been cheered and comforted by hearing the still small voice Jesus at all times kindly saying "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you their angels do always look upon the face of my father which is in Heaven. Even so it not the will of my father which is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish."

Friday 30th Sept 1842 was set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, by the M. E. Church in Columbia, for Zion's prosperity. We feel that a revival of religion is greatly needed here, the Church is in a very lifeless condition at this time. The Lord has blessed his people here for two years, with the ministerial labor of our beloved brother Whiteford Smith, who is one of the most eloquent preachers in this country, blessed with a loud, strong, yet sweet melodious voice, a glowing imagination, with a great flow of words, beauty and chasteness of language, all attended with burning energy, he captivates all the immense crowds that flock to his church. But it is to be feared most of them come to hear, and admire the preacher, while they are unmoved by the awful subject he presents, and go away not only pleased with the preacher and his sermon, but with themselves, the great deep of their hearts is not broken up, they are not brought to abhor themselves as in dust and ashes, they do not forsake their sins, and "turn unto the Lord that he *may* have mercy, and to our God that *He may* abundantly pardon."

The year 1843 I was Editor of the South Carolina Temperance Advocate. In the month of July of this year we were called to mourn the death of Mrs. Maxwell, my wife's mother. She died triumphantly in the faith of the gospel, with a calm cheering hope of glory, and we have no doubt rests in Abraham's bosom.

My dear Wife's health was feeble most of this year. At the beginning of this year, in consequence of my continued disability for the regular work of the itinerant ministry, I was located. In 1844 Feb. 13th we had another son born to us (James Donaldson). After his birth his Mother



was greatly afflicted, and I was advised to travel with her which I did. Leaving home on the 22 of April we spent the summer in New York, Poughkeepsie, Middletown, New Haven and Bridgeport, returning home in October, my wife and myself greatly benefitted by the trip. Conference met this year in Columbia on Christmas day and I returned my certificate of location and was appointed to Wilmington Station. I arrived at Wilmington Saturday 11th Jan'y 1845. Sunday 12 I preached my opening sermon on "Art thou he that should come, or look we for another." Sunday Feby 16 our beautiful new church was opened and dedicated by the Rev. Whitefoord Smith P. E. of the Dist. with an appropriate sermon. We continued preaching day and night until the 23 during which time we were favored more or less with the divine presence. We had some awakenings and some conversions. Soon after this among the persons at the altar for prayer was a lady who was a member of the P. E. Church an account of whose conversion I have given in another place.

#### Fire An Amusing Incident

One evening Feby at tea, we were alarmed with the cry of fire, and from the light thrown into our room we knew the fire was very near. I ran to the scene, and as reached the house I found the fire was in an upper room. Making my way upstairs as fast as possible, I heard a report as of a gun, then I was met by a suffocating volume of smoke of powder. Next I met Uncle Toney rushing out of the room scarcely able to keep his perpendicular vociferating at the top of his voice "I'm shot, I'm shot." I hastened to open the windows to let out the smoke that I might ascertain what had happened, when I found a window curtain had been burned and a powder gourd exploded, and Uncle Toney's hand was a little scorched with the powder.

#### Conversion of a Sea Captain

One evening in March when several persons were at the altar for prayer, among them I discovered two interesting young men, a Sea Captain and his mate, side by side. At the close of prayer, the mate arose and told me that he expected to leave port the next day, and earnestly begged an interest in the prayers of the congregation. Next morning I called, before they sailed, to see the Captain on board, and he informed me that he was converted, while at the altar the evening before. His was the first conversion in our new church.

#### Bishop Soule

The first Sabbath in March Bishop Soule preached, administered the Sacrament, and ordained Brother Mehoney to Deacon's orders. This was the first Sacramental service in our new Church.

During the month of March we had a visit from that long tried and faithful servant of God and the Church, Rev. James Jenkins, he has been a preacher more than half a century, he preached five times for us, we trust not without good effect.

#### Sunday Schools

Early in the year we reorganized our Sunday School, which has done well so far, and is now in a prosperous condition. I am Superintendent and have been absent but one Sabbath up to date September 4 which day I was with a young man who was thought to be dying, at the time

of S. School. We also organized a Sunday School for the colored children, of my charge, which is doing well, it numbers something over two hundred and fifty. My wife is principal of this school assisted by Sister Kennedy, Sister Kirkpatrick and others.

In May we were led by various and multiplied calls for relief in individual cases of poverty, to inquire into the general condition of the poor and the provision made for them & when we found them very numerous, and in many cases very destitute, and no provision made for them except in connection with the Almshouse. I was happy to find also that there were many persons here who were willing to do something for the poor, especially when sick, but from their various occupations could not find time to attend to them in person. To meet such cases and to establish some permanent, visible relief for the sick poor determined on attempting the formation of a Female Benevolent Society. With this in view I called on the Rev. Mr. Steadman pastor of the Presbyterian Church, an excellent man, I was gratified to find he entered heartily into my plans; Mrs. Martin then called on Mrs. D. wife of the pastor of the P. E. Church, and got her approbation to the enterprise, and consent to take part in the scheme. We then called a public meeting of the Ladies of the Town, when a large Society was formed, but we were sorry to learn that Mrs. D. who, at first, was pleased with the plan, and proposed entering into it, had been brought under the influence of others more exclusive than herself, who believe in "The Church," as the only place where good of any kind can be done, and therefore begged to be excused, from this work of benevolence, because it was not a *Church* project. The Lord save us from selfish bigotry. The benevolent Society soon went into successful operation and many a poor suffering sick stranger, has had abundant cause, to bless the institution, and praise the Lord for its formation.

One night about the middle of June I was aroused from sleep at midnight, Saturday night, by a pressing call from a poor sick man, who it was thought could not live till morning. I hastened to the house and found a young man, with a wife and one child, he was a day laborer, and, as I afterward learned made an honest, and comfortable living for his family but now he was sick, very sick, and his wife had been, but a few weeks before, delivered of twins, both of which were dead. She was lying in the same bed with her sick husband. I prayed with them and tried to point the Lamb of God, as the sinner's friend. After sitting sometime in their small uncomfortable room, I left them commending to the divine protection and goodness. Monday I called again and found the poor man, still very sick, his wife somewhat better. Seeing their helpless condition, I asked if they did not need help? To which the woman, modestly replied "No we don't need much of anything, and he had a little laid up from his daily savings." I often called, and after some weeks the poor man's mind having become a wreck as well as his body, I again mentioned to accept a little assistance. She did not think it necessary, for although their little stock of money was gone, yet a grocer was furnishing what little they needed on credit and when her husband recovered, he would endeavor to pay him & what a specimen of true modesty in extreme poverty!—I made known the case to the Benevolent Society,

from which his wants were supplied for several months. I believe that during his affliction he was happily converted to God.

#### Texas

The Northern part, or that part of Wilmington north of the Railroad is called Texas. It made up of a mixed population of poor white people who live by their daily labor, free colored, and a few slaves, who hire their own time, together with several paupers and some of all colors, who live in a way best known to themselves. Among the paupers I found a family consisting of a man, his wife and four children, the man had been unable to much work for several years, the wife and children had been sick one or another all the time, they had lost three children in so many years and were at the time in a deplorable state of poverty and want. The woman was a professor of religion, had some intelligence and had the appearance of having seen better days. She had two very smart boys, who promise fair to make useful men, if they could be properly raised and educated, but alas for them what can be done by a poor afflicted woman, who has a large family to support, either by her needle or by begging? Thank God this is not our abiding home. We have done what we could for this family, both by the benevolent Society, and private contributions. May God have mercy upon them and save their Souls.

Early in this year it pleased God, in a very gracious manner, to visit the colored part of my congregation, with the out pouring of his holy Spirit, and many, very many, were moved to forsake sin and turn to the living God. During the first six months of the year I received on trial some two hundred and fifty colored persons. There were a great many clear and powerful conversions among them. The Lord bless them and keep them, through the power of a living faith unto life everlasting. Amen.

# THE WILL OF JAMES MARTIN

MECKLENBURG COUNTY, N. C.

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In the name of God, Amen, I James Martin of Mecklenburg County, N. C., being in a sickly and frail state of body, but sound of mind and memory, thanks to God therefor, calling to mind the mortality of my body and approaching dissolution, do make and ordain this my last will and testament. Viz: principally and first of all I give my soul into the hands of Almighty God who gave it, and my dying body I recommend to the earth to be buried in a decent manner, at the direction of my Executors, not doubting that I shall receive the same again at the general resurrection by the Almighty Power of God, and as touching such worldly estate as it hath pleased God to bless me with in this life, I now will, give, and dispose of the same in the following manner and form, Viz: Imprimus, I give and bequeath unto my well beloved wife Peggy Martin, my negro girl Minda, now rising seven years of age to her proper use and benefit during her natural life and also the privilege of living on and enjoying the benefit of the plantation on which I now dwell so far as will be necessary for the support of the family during her widowhood, and further it is my will and pleasure that my beloved wife and children, seven in number, live and remain together in a family capacity for the term of fifteen years, and that all or so much of my personal estate shall remain in the hands of my wife Peggy during said term of fifteen years as my Executors may judge sufficient to enable her to raise, cloathe and school said children: Viz: Hannah, Samey (Samuel), Peggy L., James D., Robert N., Billy (William), and Thomas; and it is further my will and pleasure that at the expiration of the said term of fifteen years, or if my wife should marry before that time then all my personal estate except my negroes, be valued by three men named by my Executors, hereafter mentioned, and my wife Peggy and each of my children to receive an equal division of said property unless the Executors and Legatees may deem it more proper to sell said estate and receive their divisions in money: also at the said time all my negroes (except the one above bequeathed to my wife) are to be hired yearly until my children all arrive at the age of twenty-one, and in case my wife should marry or die before the arrival of that time it is my request that the land be rented till then, at which time said land and negroes is to be disposed of in the same manner as directed in the distribution of the personal estate remembering to observe that the negro above bequeathed to my wife, Peggy is to be at that time valued to her as part of her equal division of all my estate, which negro at her (Viz: wife's) death is to be disposed of to the equal benefit of all my above named children.

Item: It is my will and pleasure that in case any of my above named children should marry during the above mentioned term of fifteen years that they receive such pieces of property as my hereafter named Executors may judge proper for their assistance in taking up housekeeping:



said property to be valued to them chosen as above and counted in respect to their legacy.

Item: It is my will and pleasure that if all or any of my above named sons should incline to have a trade, they are allowed the privilege of choosing their own trade and to be bound at the age of seventeen to serve for the term of three years and then work journey work for one year, and to enjoy the benefit of their own wages and find their own clothes for said year; and further it is my desire that there be such a deduction made out of the legacy of those who may learn a trade as may be judged proper by my Executors to recompense those of my above named children who may at the time of their absence be laboring for the benefit of the estate.

Item: It is my will and pleasure that all of my lawful debts be paid.

Item: It is my will and pleasure that if my Executors may consider a surplus of property over what is sufficient for the purposes mentioned during the above mentioned fifteen years, that the money raised out of said property is to go to the use of the family if need so require, if not to be put to interest for the equal use of all my legatees.

And I do constitute and appoint my trusty friends Alexander Hinson, Thomas McGinn, and my dear beloved wife Margaret Martin and John Kerr to be my sole Executors of this my last will and testament, and in case any of them should be removed by death or otherwise, the survivors have liberty to constitute and appoint others to supply the vacancy.

And I hereby utterly revoke and disannul all and every other forms, wills, testaments, Legacies, or Executors by me in any wise named, willed or bequeathed before; ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament.

In Witness whereof I, the said James Martin, have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 22nd day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, 1810.

Signed, sealed, published, pronounced and declared by the said James Martin, his last will and testament, who in his presence, and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as Witnesses.

Witness: Hannah Martin	(signed) James Martin
Esther McClure	
Andrew Moore	