

***** **Grand Old Man of South Carolina** **Pension Fund Established by the Steel Magnate.** **Carnegie Board Made an Exception in his Case.** **Appointment Came as Complete Surprise.**

James H. Carlisle, president emeritus of Wofford college, one of the three of the secession and South Carolina's greatest, has been granted a pension of \$1000 per year by the Carnegie Foundation. Notice of this decision by the board was received in ten days ago, it not being generally known, however, until yesterday.

Granting of this pension is a compliment to Dr. Carlisle, the South Carolina and Wofford. The Carnegie Foundation was created by the celebrated millionaire for the purpose of pensioning educators who had done great services for their use. It is a rule of the board and the under that the pensions are for the professors and teachers in state and private institutions, the professors of denominational colleges being excluded. On account of the eminent services rendered to his state and the cause of education an exception was made in a case of the "Grand Old Man of South Carolina" and he became the first and only professor of a denominational college to receive a pension.

The securing of the pension was to a large extent due to the effort of Dr. I. N. Snyder, president of Wofford col-

lege. While engaged in his work as educator Dr. Snyder came in contact with Dr. Pritchard, the chairman of the Carnegie Foundation. Dr. Snyder called the attention of the chairman to the work that had been done by Dr. Carlisle. Dr. Pritchard was very much interested and after making an investigation took the matter up with the board. The result was the board, willing to recognize his great services for the cause of education overstepped the rule and voted to place Dr. Carlisle on the list of the beneficiaries of the fund.

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When called on by a Herald reporter last night, Dr. Carlisle, in speaking of the Carnegie fund, said: "When official notice reached me, ten days ago, it came as a complete surprise. I did not know that official application had been made."

Dr. Carlisle is often referred to as the grandest living South Carolinian. The "grand old man" is in his eighty-first year, and his career as a public educator is unequalled in the South. His name is a household word in many homes in this state. He was born in Winnsboro, S. C. May 4, 1815. He was prepared for college at S. C. He graduated at South

Hampton December, 1844, at the age of nineteen, and began teaching at Columbia three weeks after receiving his diploma. He taught in the city for ten years, until 1854 when he came to Spartanburg, and a member of the same year began teaching at Wofford college, as professor of Mathematics. He occupied this position until 1875, when he was elected president of the grand old institution. Twenty-eight years he was president of Wofford, resigning three years ago.

Dr. Carlisle was a member of the secession convention, and was an advisor of the board at his state needed him. Hampton was elected.

Dr. Carlisle was appointed a member of the state board of education, and assisted in re-organizing the educational laws of the state.

In 1875 he was elected president of Wofford, and continued in this position until advancing years forced him from the active service, to the more honored position of President Emeritus, which he holds to this day. He is still actively engaged in teaching, having been, what his ambition most desired, a successful teacher for sixty-two years. What his influence on the college, on the town, on the church, has been is beyond all human estimation.