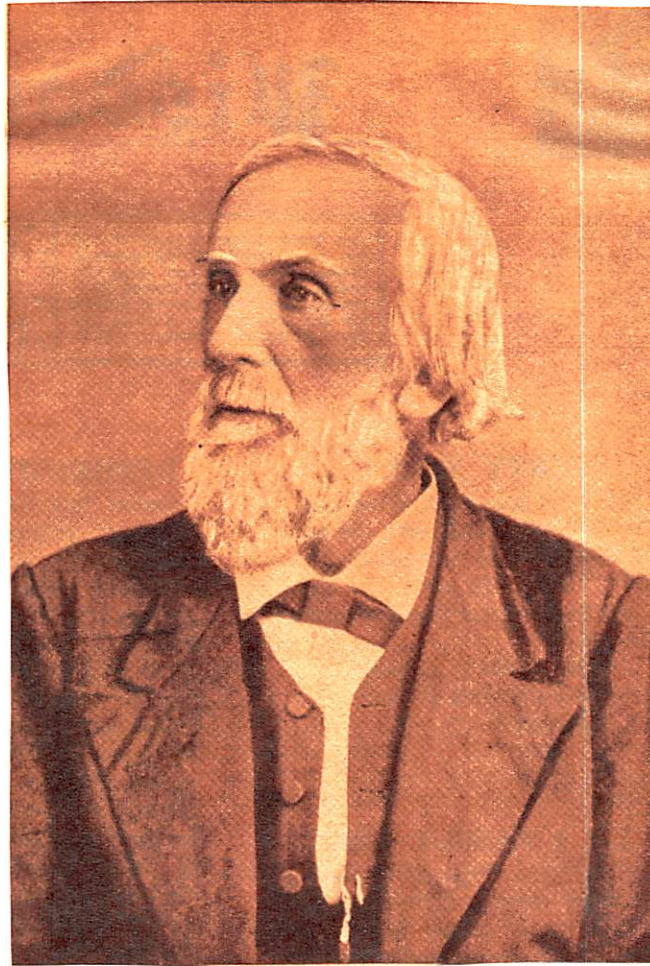


Great Citizen



DR. J. H. CARLISLE

HE WAS South Carolina's greatest citizen, but if he ever entertained such a thought about himself, no one ever suspected it. His citizenship was inspiring and enduring."

This was a tribute by Dr. Watson B. Duncan in his Carlisle Memorial Volume to Dr. James Henry Carlisle.

Winnsboro, South Carolina, has no prouder distinction than that of having been the birthplace of Doctor Carlisle. He was born there May 24, 1825, the second son of Dr. William Carlisle, a native of Ireland, and Mary Ann Buchanan, also a native of Ireland. His parents were first cousins.

Doctor Carlisle was prepared for college by James W. Hudson of the Mt. Zion academy at Winnsboro, and entered the sophomore class at the South Carolina college in 1842, having ridden to Columbia on horseback. He won second honor in the class of 1844. For nine years after

graduation he taught first in the Odd Fellow's school and then in the Columbia Male academy.

Doctor Carlisle was elected a member of the original faculty of Wofford college at the Newberry session of the South Carolina Conference in November 1853. He was professor of mathematics from 1854 to 1875 and at different times he taught astronomy, ethics, civics and the English Bible.

When Doctor Shipp resigned the presidency of Wofford in 1875 Doctor Carlisle was unanimously elected to succeed him. He continued to perform the duties of the chair of mathematics along with those of presidency, never moving from his own professor's residence into that set apart for the president.

He was frequently asked to leave Wofford college with the inducement of a larger salary and a wider field, but in every instance he declined.