

It is truly ^{said} that what Mark Hopkins was to Williams College in the North, Doctor James H. Carlisle was to Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina in the South. The parents of boys did not send them to Spartanburg; they sent them "Up to Doctor Carlisle". On his passing it was written and spoken by hundreds that he had been South Carolina's greatest man in the past half century., "the greatest agent for good."

He was born at Winnsborough, South Carolina, May 4, 1825, the son of Doctor William Carlisle born in County Antrim, Ireland, July 26, 1707, and died in Winnsboro March 28, 1867. His mother, Mary Ann Buchanan Carlisle, daughter of William Buchanan, who died in Ireland, was born in County Antrim, Ireland, February 10, 1801 and died in Winnsboro June 14, 1858. The progenitor of this Carlisle family came to Fairfield County in 1818 when his wife's widowed mother and her children- including Mary Ann Buchanan- were brought over and established here by the uncle of Mary Ann, Captain and Major John Buchanan. At first the Carlisles were settled on one of John Buchanan's plantations several miles north of the town, Winnsborough, then they moved into the village. Some of the co usins of the Carlisles still live in that locality.

Dr. James Henry Carlisle's father, William, was of two lines of Scotch and Covenanter belief, and he was a Thompsonian doctor who practiced his profession for thirty years. He was a man of several practical skills.

James Henry Carlisle born in an attractive one-story reginally-designed house still standing on the corner of Washington and Zion Streets was one of four children, "and if we judge by the son's respect and love for motherhood the inspiring influence of ^{his} mother with her devout fundamental Presbyterian faith was the dominating factor in his educational and religious life." His parents rest in the Methodist churchyard ^h next door to the old home, the site of the first Methodist Church in the county, and given by Captain John Buchanan, the uncle of Mary Ann, who also gave her her home.

The parents of James H. Carlisle were first cousins.

Prepared for college under the expert, James W. Hudson at Mt. Zion Academy at Winnsboro he entered the South Carolina College in the Sophomore class in 1842, graduating second in his class in 1844. The next nine years he taught in the Odd Fellows School and the Columbia Male Academy at Columbia.

In 1848 he married Margaret Jane Bryce, who was a devoted companion to the time of her death, December, 1891. They were the parents of four children, two of whom died in infancy; the other two, James Henry Carlisle and Sara Herbert were members of the family for life; the latter never married.

November 1853 James Henry Carlisle was elected professor of Mathematics in the first faculty of Wofford College, an honor, which came as a genuine surprise. 1854 to 1875 he taught mathematics, although he preferred philosophy. He became President 1875, resigning in 1902 he was elected President Emeritus, remaining with the college until his death October 21, 1904.

Dr. Carlisle was awarded honors, one being Doctor of Laws (as he had studied Law) by Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, during commencement. He was a member of the Southern Methodist Conference from the time it first admitted laymen to sit in the Conference. Time and time again he was sought by other colleges where he would receive a larger salary and have a wider field, but he would accept none, "I have found this a wide enough field", he replied.

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"Dr. Carlisle was truly a great teacher. Without money or political power for fifty years this old man, by the strength of his character has kept education in its highest sense alive even in the extreme poverty of the people just after the War, and has saved it from being swamped by the successful commercialism of the present time. I heard a man ask a Wofford College graduate what he studied and did he learn anything. His answer was: "I learned there to be a man".

The beloved doctor was deeply religious, the high spiritualism shining out

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in all he he said or did. His high ideals and deep love of the natural beauties that the Giver of Gifts had bestowed on him and all men, his deep love for his fellowman made him require of the young under his guidance develop to the greatest degree the talents with which they had been endowed.

His impressive appearance , his benign and humble manner, his eloquence and surprising knowledge , his inspirational sense of right and concern for every one he came in contact with made his hearers recognize the greatness of the man. He was much learned and had in addition the power to impart his knowledge to others, and was master of phrasing.. "On the platform he was as a prophet of old holding his hearers to the ideals of God and righteousness."

He was a disinterested helper in every religious cause. His patriotism was shown in his having been one of the signers of the Ordinance of Secession. He was a representative in the last Confederate Legislature 1863-64. He was the first advocate of, and public speaker for the election of a State Superintendent of Education. In 1871 he refused re-election as a member of the Taxpayers' Convention . His speech in the corruption in the state 1868-1872 was outstanding and is here quoted in part: "We must not lose hope. The only path before us in which there are no formidable difficulties, is one which leads from the point where we are now....A people who in 1865 met the shock in all their social and industrial framework, which in suddenness and universality^{is} without parallel in history, and in 1870 made one of the largest crops ever gathered- this people surely will not rush into frenzy or sink into apathy or despair. The same patience, firmness and practical wisdom which has done so much in improving the affairs of their everyday life will bring benefit when applied to our practical problem. So we face the fact that there are difficulties in any path which promises to lead us from the present position to stability and confidence,"

DR. JAMES HENRY CARLISLE.

In conclusion historian Wallace's summation of the man is: "No adequate history of South Carolina could be written without a prominent place being given to the annals of Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina, for it was Carlisle's greatness that made the institution and sustained it through the most difficult years of the State's history".

James Henry Carlisle, maker of men, in his great generosity of soul precluded no bitterness in the years of poverty and hardship following the Confederate War. No man was a more liberal friend of the negro, few made a more important contribution to the fight to rid the State of illiteracy. Temperance had in him a valient champion. Dr. Carlisle incorporated in his own life the laws which he advocated for his State.

The final accolade given the subject of this sketch is "I do not know of an instance that reveals so clearly the projectional force of character stripped of all adventitious things."

by Alice A. B. Walker.

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Doctor James Henry Carlisle intellect, love of the higher things in of life and his career as an educator and in his daily life never did this superiority desert his conduct and ideals proving he was a character of rare ability, firm belief in faith and courage in fidelity and deep concentration on doing good and fighting for what he believed were his and others destinies- the perfection as far as possible to human beings made in the image of their Maker.

Alone his eloquence and exquisite diction and perfect approach to the gems of his vast knowledge could have and would have in the separation from his other talents given him the profession of a nationally-known lecturer. In the years of his ascendancy in success of his teaching experience on the college level, his presidency of an out-standing college mysteriously strong in the weakest years of the South's history and through the popular lyceum era of information by address, Dr. Carlisle would have been famous on the national platform.

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Suffice it to say such secular acclaim from the public and the less deep purpose of such a profession would have been to such a nature as his unsatisfying to his soul.

Always in great demand as a speaker that held his audiences' close attention and we might add, their deep satisfaction in his idealism, James Henry Carlisle had a permanent record left of his addresses in a book edited by his son, James H. Carlisle, Junior, printed under Wofford College in 1910.

" Here is given the complete list of the contents of the volume, "Addresses of Doctor James Henry Carlisle."

1-Graduating Validictory Address Speech at South Carolina College, and
December 2, 1844
December 2, 1844.

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2-Character of Shelley's Writings. At South Carolina College,
December 2, 1844.
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3-Dangers of a Student's Life. Address at Academy of Cokesbury, South
Carolina, July, 1854.
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4-Study of Mathematics. Address at Wofford College Commencement, June 27,
1855.

DOCTOR JAMES HENRY CARL ISLE. 2nd paper.

5- Address at Reidsville Academy,,delivered at opening of Academy,1850.

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6-Some of the Characteristics of the Present Age as Illustrated by the Progress of Astronomy during the Last Few Years ." Address before thePreston and Calhoun Socities, July II, 1860.

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7-Some of the Mistakes A Young Teacher May Make! Address before the Educational Institute of South Carolina, December 2I, 1870.

8-"Let your Life be quiet; Let your QuietLife Leave its Memorials. "Addressbefore the young ladies of Wesleyan Female Academy,Macon, Georgia, 1875.

9-Address as Fraternal Delegate from thevMethodist Episcopal Church South. Delivered at General Conference held in Cincinnati, May 1880.

10-"Madame De Stahl".Address at Columbia College, Columbia, S.C.

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11-"On the Death of D.E.Converse. Address at funeral, October 1899.

12- "The Proper Literature of Sunday School Libraries".

13- "The South Carolina Judge".Lecture before theTeachers' Summer School, Spartanburg, SouthnCarolina, June 29, 1901.

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14-William C.Preston. Lecture before theTeachers' Summer School, Spartanburg, South Carolina,July 4, 1901.

15-"John Belton O'Neal".Lecture before the Teachers's Summer School, Spartanburg, South Carolina, July II, 1901.

16- "George McDuffie."Lecture before theTeachers' Summer School, Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 2, 1901.

17-"Regrets of an Old Teacher". Lecture before the Teachers' Summer School, Spartanburg, South Carolina July 13, 1901.

18-"Mark XI-I-15."Address delivered before the graduating class of Wolford College , Spartanburg ., South Carolina, June 5, 1904.

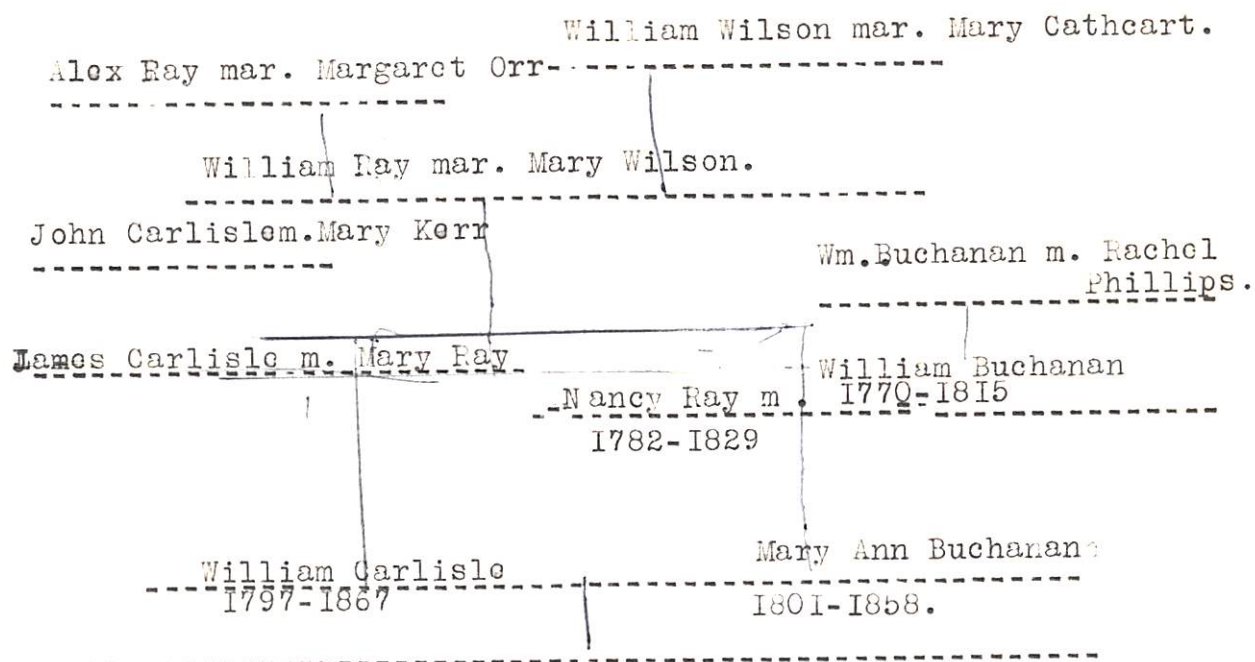
The lectures of Doctor Carlisle embraced the years from 1825 to 1909.

His Sunday sfternoon Bible class included Spartanburg citizenz as well as many of his students ; the listeners were of all denominations. A city day of grief was called on the day of his passing.

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Exhibit -I. THE JAMES H. CARLISLE FAMILY LINE FROM

GRANDSON, J.J. BURNETT, OF SPARTANBURG, S.C.



William Carlisle, born in Ireland, naturalized in 1818, married Mary Ann Buchanan, his first cousin 7/10, 1820 in Winnsboro, ceremony by the Reverend Samuel Dunwoody. He, wife, and infant son, also named James Henry, buried in cemetery of Methodist Church in Winnsboro. The children of William Carlisle and Mary Ann Buchanan Carlisle were William Buchanan Carlisle, James Henry Carlisle, born May 24, 1825, died October 21, 1909, became president of Wofford College, Spartanburg, John Wilson Carlisle, Nancy Ray Carlisle married Professor Morrison, Of Clemson College, Clemson, S.C., Rachel Buchanan Carlisle, Thomas Carlisle, Mary Ray Carlisle married Richard Gantt.

Dr. James H. Carlisle entered S.C. College 1842, graduated 1844, taught 9 years in Columbia. Read law and began practicing of law in Spartanburg 1824 where he came with his brother at the time of founding of Wofford. He came to Wofford as professor at opening of school in 1854.

William Carlisle graduated from S.C. College, and was later editor of Charleston News and Courier and one of its founders with Hayne of Russell's Magazine 1857, which flourished a few years. John Wilson Carlisle was graduate of S.C. College, and taught school in South Carolina.