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THIRTY-THIRDS ANNUAL MEETING

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Wednesday, April 23, 1969

EDWIN H. COOPER, President, Presiding

Reception and Exhibit 6:30-7:30
The South Caroliniana Library

Dinner 8:00
Campus Room, Capstone House

Business Meeting

Welcome Dr. Thomas F. Jones
President, University of South Carolina

Reports of the Executive Council and Secretary

Report on Tennent Documents Dr. Robert M. Weir

Address Frank H. Wardlaw
Director, University of Texas Press


The Library: E. L. Inabinet, Librarian; Emilie L. Carter, Jane B. Darby, Julianna B. Dinney, Clara Mae Jacobs, Jill A. King, Eleanor M. Richardson and Martha M. Workman, Administrative Staff (full and part-time); Robin Culler, Edgar W. Dickson, Susan Husman, William G. Lennon, Carole Martin, John W. Merchant, Jr., Cindy Rikard, Pamela Rogers, James Q. Siegler, Elizabeth Van Patton and Irene Van Patton, Student Assistants.
REPORT OF GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY BY MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY
DURING THE PAST YEAR

THE WILLIAM TENNENT III ALBUM, 1758-1777.

This manuscript volume, produced in 1828 by John Charles Tennent, contains copies of letters and writings of his father, William Tennent III (1740-1777). A graduate of the College of New Jersey at Princeton, with a Masters Degree from Harvard, and with forbears prominent in the field of evangelism and higher education, he was well qualified to serve as pastor of the Independent Church, Charleston, to which he was called in 1771.

Seven love letters of William, 1758-1763, to Miss Susan Vergereau, N. Y., illustrate the reserved style of courtship for the period. This union, which took place 12 July 1764, may not have occurred without the assistance of statesman and philanthropist Elias Boudinot (1740-1821), a cousin of Susan, friend of the Tennent family, and later President of the First Continental Congress. Eight of his letters, 1758-1761, reveal his close friendship and admiration for William, discuss religious thought, and offer encouragement—"Your situation is really hopeful." Two poems, 1 Aug. and 5 Sept. 1759, "The Reduction of the famous Isle of Louisbourgh," and "The Birth of Measures"; and an essay on "The rumor that St. Philips Church Steeple . . . was struck with lightning," illustrate Tennent's versatility. A message "To the Ladies of So. Carolina" [1774], explaining the evils of drinking tea, illustrates a minister's political involvement in the tea controversy. His undated letter "To the Right Honorable The Countess of Huntington," states "Without regard to Denomination we have been the steady friends of Mr. Whitfield," discusses her plans in connection with "Appropriation of the Orphan House Estate" and education for the ministry. Three letters [between June and Sept. 1774], to "Mr. Printer" and "To Inhabitants of South Carolina," signed "A Carolinian," comment on the actions of Parliament and colonial administrators. "Interesting Events as they took place in . . . South Carolina 1776" includes the order "that all prayers for the King of Great Britain & his Royal Family be omitted in the Liturgy . . . the first Ecclesiastical Order in this State," and describes events in Charleston on 5 Aug. when "The Independence of the United States . . . was . . . proclaimed." Written as a member of the General Assembly, Tennent's "Historic Remarks on the Session of Assembly began . . . Tuesday September 17th 1776" gives an account of business transacted by that body. The Album contains Tennent's speech to the Assembly on 11 Jan. 1777, which brought about the disestablishment of the Anglican Church in South Carolina and the only known copy of the Dissenters' petition for disestablishment which was also prepared by him. This was William Tennent's last major public service, for he died 11 Aug. 1777 at Capt. Singleton's High Hills of the Santee.

"To a Flower Garden, Whose Late proprietor [John Charles Tennent] departed this Life on the 9th of January 1838" was inscribed in his album by his wife Ann Martha Smith Tennent, great, great granddaughter of the First Landgrave Thomas Smith, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of Carolina, 1691.


THE WILLIAM TENNENT III JOURNAL, 1775.

A manuscript copy made by John Charles Tennent and entitled "A Fragment of a journal kept by Revd. William Tennent who was sent in conjunction with Mr. Drayton by the Committee of Safety to the Upper Country of So. Carolina to induce the Tories there to sign an Association not to bear arms against, but for their Country" reproduces his father's original account of this important mission, which began 2 Aug. and ended 15 Sept. From the first day's travel—"Met about 40 Catawba Indians at the Quarter House on their way to town"—to his return "through the greatest quantity of water I remember to have seen," Tennent relates the experience of frontier travel and the accomplishments of this trip which influenced the history of South Carolina. The following excerpts from the journal illustrate the extent of the hardships encountered and success of the venture:

"Preached in the camp . . . finding some Disaffected among the Soldiers Mr. Drayton harrangued them . . . until all seemed well satisfied & we returned to Mr. Chesnutt's"; "met a Company of militia . . . they signed the Association"; "Reached Captn. Woodards . . . his Company signed"; "Rocky Creek Meeting House . . . The heat almost meltel me, but . . . the People . . . sign[ed] the Associa-
tion fully convinced of the Necessity”; “Spent the ... day & Evening rallying & desultory talk with
... the most staunch of Flechal's Friends. The pamphlet sent up by the Governor has done much
Damage here ... taught the people that no man from Charleston can speak the Truth”; “rode 13
miles ... to a Meeting House ... on Thicketty [Creek] where found ... [Mr. Alexander] preaching ... When he had done I mounted the Pulpit & spoke near two hours ... refreshed myself & drank
out of a Cow bell, they signed the Association”; “Went ... to the General Muster at Mr. For's on
Enoree ... met only about 270 men ... Leaders armed with Pistols. Mr. Drayton ... was an-
swered ... by Kirkland ... & a terrible Riot seemed on the point of happening”; “Met with ... Robt.
Cunningham's Company ... the Centre of the Opposition in this Regiment ... it would seem that the
force of violence is broke here”; “concluded to go [to] little River Meeting house where Mr. Hart
had appointed a sermon ... & did some good”; “Went to a Meeting ... on the Long Cane Creek”;
"went to Bull Town Meeting House ... 15 miles from the Indian Line ... & many of those who had
signed Flechalls Association now subscribed ours”; “resolved ... to lodge this Night at Patrick
Calhoun's Esqr. ... This Country affords the greatest number of fine Falls for Mills ... I have ever
seen”; “the horse ran away ... we were thrown out & the Chair was torn in pieces”; “Went ... to
New Savannah ... Mr. Golphin being from home, I had but few”; “stop[ped] my horses in the
Kings highway ... to take a nap ... I hope his Majesty will not be persuaded to get an Act of
Parliament passed to constitute this Treason”; “rode to my plantation ... [all difficulties] compen-
sated by the Joy of my dear family and friends on my safe arrival.”

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The Edward Smith Tennent I Papers, 1748, 1793, and 1842-1915.

The six hundred fifty-nine manuscripts of this collection center around Edward Smith Tennent I
(1819-1862), doctor, Confederate soldier, member of a prominent low-country family, and grandson
of William Tennent III (1740-1777). Two letters of the Mother, Ann Martha Smith Tennent, one
dated Jan. 1842, to her children “To be opened after my decease,” the other dated 10 Sept. 1856, to
Edward, stress the importance of living a Christian life, designate certain personal items to be given
them; comment on a yellow fever epidemic and members of the family going to “the Springs.”
The 1748 and 1793 items are of Ann Martha Smith’s great grandfather, George Smith, son of the
first Landgrave Thomas Smith, and of a cousin Mary.

A letter of Eliza Tennent, wife of Edward’s brother William, Charleston, 18 Oct. 1860, to Hattie
Taylor, Wilmington, N. C., recommending Edward “to your acceptance” and testifying to his excellent
character reveal Edward’s intentions of marriage. Other family letters assure Hattie of a warm wel-
come extended by the entire Tennent family. The correspondence of Edward and Hattie preceding
their marriage, 20 Feb. 1861, reflects the excitement engendered by S. C.’s secession from the Union.
According to Edward’s letter, Charleston, 15 Nov. 1860, he is completely occupied with politics,
everyone in favor of secession, even the ladies are taking an active part, and he has given the names
of Hattie’s father and brother to “the Society for the distribution of political literature.” From Wil-
mington on 20 Nov. 1860, Hattie reports a meeting of the secessionists—“So, you see the ‘Old North
State’ is not so much behind the age, as we thought.”

Early in December, 1860, Edward made a trip to Asheville and Buncombe, N. C., to transact busi-
ness with his brother, Gilbert Boudinot, but on hearing that the Convention would move from
Columbia to Charleston, rushed back to witness the proceedings. On 18 Dec. Edward assures Hattie
that his absence is from a sense of duty and not desire, urges her to spend the time preparing for the
wedding, relates the “whirl of excitement, on account of Convention’s meeting ... and the Legisla-
ture tomorrow,” and states his plans to see her “as soon as the ordinance of secession has been
passed.” Edward’s letter from the “Republic of South Carolina,” 20 Dec. 1860, inquires if it is
strange “to receive a letter from a foreigner” for “I no longer owe allegiance to the United States
of America ... free from ... that miserable Free Soil Government under which you now exist,” relates
the passage of the Ordinance “before an immense audience ... numbers of ladies were present ... the
scene was very grand & imposing; when the President announced the State free ... that ... thront sent ... up ... a shout as I never heard before”; and describes “Old Charleston ... in a blaze
of excitement, Cannons firing, bells ringing and other demonstrations of rejoicing.”

After spending Christmas in Wilmington, Edward reports daily to Hattie on political and military
developments in Charleston and suggests she may become a “Soldier’s Bride.” A letter of Eliza,
sing of Gen. [Rutherford B.] Hayes' permission to publish "what I wrote you," provides information on [James H.] Hammond's family, and remarks that "nearly all those Northern men . . . behaved very badly during the rebellion . . . Gen'l Butler . . . found them the worst rebels in Louisiana," describes James L. Petigru as "the best lawyer and profoundest jurist in S. C. — perhaps in the South," states Lossing's book will strengthen the North — "Johnson is building up again the South in its arrogance . . . every Union man will be obliged to flee from the South," and relates how Gen. [James A.] Garfield inquired of Lieber for the author of a quotation from his "Civil Liberty."

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Letter of John Bratton, White Oak, [Fairfield County], 10 May 1895, to Robert Coster, N. Y., explains the delay in replying to his request was caused because "we 'cottontots' were experiencing the full extent of the disaster to our business—cotton production," states he has only one letter of Gen. R. H. Anderson and one from Gen. [Robert E.] Lee "written in pencil on the Battlefield . . . the only war relics . . . I have . . . now—My son holds them," and sends "the only Photographs . . . on hand."

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Letter of William Gilmore Simms, Charleston, 25 July [n.y.], to James T. Fields, relates his plans to leave on the 30th for New York and Philadelphia, and suggests that "you . . . seek out . . . You will hear of me in N. Y. at Putnam's or Redfield's—in Philadelphia from Lippincott or Butler."

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A book from the library of Christopher Gustavus Memminger—Repository of Wit and Humor, 1857, contains this note: "A Relic of The War. This 'Book . . . ' was found by Rev. W. D. C. Rodrock Chap­lain of the 47th Pa. Reg't in 'the Mansion' of . . . [the] Sec. of The Treasury in the Rebel States . . . our . . . Head Quarters . . . from July 1865 to January 9th 1866."

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Letter of John C. Calhoun, Fort Mill, 18 Oct. 1842, to Parke Godwin, "Editor," N. Y., informs him it will be impossible to "write off my address at the Shacko spring"; relates his time has been consumed by a heavy correspondence, preparation of materials for a sketch of his political activities "through 31 years service in the Union," review of "my speeches & reports since my return to the Senate for publication," and visits from friends; comments on an enclosed clipping concerning Calhoun's views on suffrage and relating his part in the 1808 amendment to the S. C. constitution—"the sentiment attributed to me is a sheer falsehood . . . I have ever been in favour of putting . . . suffrage on the most liberal basis" and states that no "act or sentiment of mine, hostile to popular rights, can ever be found; for none exist. I have ever aimed at the government of the whole; for all and by all as nearly as possible."

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A receipt of Mrs. Susan Erixene Adams Johnston, 3 Nov. 1862, shows her payment of the "War Tax of the Confederate States."

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Letter of Joel Roberts Poinsett, Washington, 30 Dec. 1837, to Ashbury Dickens, "Secretary of the Columbia Institute," acknowledges election as a resident member of the society "for the promotion of arts & Sciences," and expresses the "earnest desire to cooperate with it in effecting" its object.

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Letter of Matthew Calbraith Butler, Washington, 19 June 1893, to [Arthur Pue?] Gorman, requests a loan of $5,000 "to aid me in my fight in S.C.,” mentions the possibility of acquiring a controlling interest in several newspapers to be used "to get control of [the] State Com.,” emphasizes the importance of the "issue at stake . . . for if these people are successful [in S. C.] . . . it means . . . encouragement to the same class in other states."

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Letter of Samuel Francis DuPont, aboard the Wabash, [at Port Royal], 28 Jan. 1863, to Com. Theodorus Bailey, reports the return of a vessel "in a state of mutiny . . . . she and the Blackstone are the most worthless . . . supply vessels," describes the result of using an ironclad against a fort as "satisfactory . . . as giving an insight into our new tools . . . the one idea of impenetrability was established but . . . the fort was not harmed."  
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Letter of James Whitcomb Riley, "Grand Central Hotel," Columbia, 27 Nov. 1888, to Maj. James Burton Pond, requests him to send a copy of our contract for "My brother-in-law . . . is taking my affairs in hand," reports "Mr. [Edgar Wilson] Nye and I are dead in love with this city externally—internally . . . just assured by [a] visiting Editor, it's our meat tonight."  
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Letter to Christopher Cadsden, Charleston, 12 June 1790, to Messrs. LeRoy & Bayard, advises them to change "the insurance on Mr. Middleton's rice . . . from the Sloop Catherine Capt. Snell, to the Sloop Maria Capt. Elliott."  
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Letter of Francis Lieber, New York, 29 Apr. 1867, to "Cogshall . . . [Columbia University] Law School, Lafayette Place," discusses the return of a borrowed book, relates his plans to leave for Washington and hopes "that some of my teachings will recur to your mind long after I . . . have left," and informs him "of course every one can have a copy of his own paper. I should like to see yours printed somewhere."  
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Letter of Wade Hampton III, Wild Woods, Miss., 2 Jan. 1871, to "Rev. Mr. Jones," states his inability to contribute to the volume dedicated to the memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee, but if his papers were accessible he "might send some letters characteristic of him," relates Lee's last remark to him on the "disastrous results" of the war—"I did . . . what my duty demanded . . . if all was to be done over . . . I should act precisely in the same manner," and requests a copy of the volume when completed.  
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Letter of Robert Mills, Washington, 23 July 1834, to Noah A. Phelps, Middletown, Conn., discusses changes in the plans for the custom house—"I hope that we may still . . . effect the important part of the fire proof plan," relates that Congress' cut of funds forced him to review all plans for custom houses, and emphasizes the importance of conferring with the contractor on construction of the work and the expense involved.  
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Letter of Thomas Pinckney, "House of Representatives, U. S.," 11 Dec. 1798, requests information which would enable "the Committee . . . to whom was referred the . . . Petition . . . of Tennessee" to determine "what relief can be given with propriety by the Legislature."  
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Letter of Christopher Gadsden, Charleston, 16 Aug. 1753, to Thomas Lawrence, Philadelphia, reports on a debt due Lawrence of "which [I] have received One hundred pounds," and promises to make every attempt to secure the remainder.  
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Two letters of Francis Lieber, Washington, 30 June 1866, to Benjamin J. Lossing, sends "a memorandum concerning the name Copperhead . . . The Blanks . . . were filled by Gen'l [Rutherford B.] Hayes himself," suggests a footnote to "my two Lectures on the Constitution that it has . . . notes by
Hon. Horace Binney,” reports on the “Committee of the Judiciary . . . on the cognizance . . . [of] the cruel treatment inflicted on the Union prisoners,” expresses delight in “the sale and sail of your book,” advises that “Facts like buildings ought to trumpet forth their own praise,” comments on Lieber’s membership in “the French Institute of longest standing,” and calls to Lossing’s attention [George S.] Boutwell’s comments on “the history and wisdom” in Lieber’s speech on secession in 1850.

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A circular letter of J. Smith Homan, Secretary of the “Chamber of Commerce of the State of New-York,” 26 Apr. 1862, to Jefferson C. Davis, “Brigadier General U. S. Army,” informs him the medals designed by Charles Muller for each soldier engaged in the defense of Forts Sumter and Pickens will be presented on 1 May, and includes a description of the various medals and list of recipients.

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Letter of William Blanding, Camden, 11-16 Apr. 1832, to Rachel Blanding, Philadelphia, relates collection of accounts and closing of his business affairs in Camden, informs her of friends and acquaintances and an accident to the stage coach, describes activities connected with a wedding, advises her of the number of packages shipped and notes of his progress—the last from Charleston regarding his departure.

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Letter of William Gilmore Simms, Woodlands, 12 Jan. 1854, to Col. James Chesnut, Jr., requests him to send the list of subscribers to “my poems . . . as the volumes are now published & ready for distribution,” reminds Chesnut of his “quasi promise to prepare an article for the Northern Quarterly,” and trusts that “you prosper as I do not. Literature in the South is hardly worse than ditching . . . but it is hardly better.”

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Letter of John Gray Foster, “Headquarters, Department of the South, Hilton Head,” 25 Nov. 1864, to Admiral [John A. Dahlgren], is a confidential communication which informs the Admiral of plans “to take and hold, some point on the railroad,” lists assistance expected and states “The time . . . is . . . the 28th” and adds this has not been “confided . . . to any of my officers, as yet.”

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Letter of Francis Lieber, N. Y., 11 Feb. 1864, to “Mrs. Webster,” promises to “do all I can to oblige,” but explains that “Autograph collectors have constantly applied for letters of de Tocqueville, of Niebuhr &c, to that I am despoiled.”

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Seven manuscripts of Frank Durham, 1953 and 1963, contain two versions of his article, “DuBose Heyward’s (Lost Short Stories),” and correspondence concerning publication.

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Letter of Samuel B. Goodrich, Morris Island, 4 Oct. 1863, to “Friend Spofford,” advises there will be a long wait for the fall of Charleston and no indication as to what Gen. Q. A. Gillmore’s actions will be—he . . . has it in his power to . . . [burn the city] I hope . . . he will do so,” reports the strict order to prevent writing military information, relates the false news story of Fort Moultrie’s fall—“most of the news you get is false,” comments on the activity of the fleet and Lt. Col. J. C. Abbott’s return to N. H, “to see what our boys are doing about Conscripts.”

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Letter of James L. Petigru, Charleston, 8 July 1822, to Richard Leake, Savannah, informs him that no information can be obtained regarding “Doctor Brand” since his “assumed name” was not mentioned, states the “power of attorney & original note are in my hands” and will be acted on or returned when called for.

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Letter of Paul Hamilton, Executive Dept., 27 Nov. 1806, to “The President & Members of the Senate,” presents information on “the present situation of the Sheriffs of Chesterfield District” and a certain prisoner confined in the “Gaol,” recommending “the speedy election of a Sheriff”; and letter of Matthew C. Butler, U. S. Senate Chamber, 21 May 1881, to George W. Ladd, Bangor, Me., explains the delay in sending speeches “until I could have . . . [them] printed.”

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A picture, 1903, of jurors at the trial of James H. Tillman, charged with the murder of N. G. Gonzales.

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Letter of Hugh S. Legare, “Saratoga Springs,” 7 Aug. 1841, to “Brothers in Unity,” Yale College, declines their invitation to deliver an address a few days before the college commencement because of lack of time and previous engagements, and comments “my professional avocations have . . . so entirely withdrawn me from . . . literary studies that it would . . . be a difficult task . . . to write any thing worthy of such an occasion.”

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Document, 9 June 1774, is a grant of 400 acres of land on Rocky Creek, Camden District, to George Duncan, signed by William Bull as Lieutenant-Governor.

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Letter of Wade Hampton III, “Executive Department, Office of the Attorney General,” 11 May 1877, to John L. Agurs, Chester, urges his support to elect a Col. Walker to the Senate and not allow his defeat by the activities of “a secret organization in your County,” and suggests he get the young men to “show the zeal . . . they did in the late election”; and letter of Charles H. Moise, Abbeville, 24 Oct. 1885, to Mrs. Christie Benet, relates his intentions to visit Cokesbury to see the grave of [Martin Witherspoon Gary?], comments that this “Most illustrious, but most unhappy man . . . of all [S.C.’s] gallant generals died brokenhearted,” discusses the case of John Ferguson accused of murder and Gen. Moise’s connection with the case.

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Letter of Joel R. Poinsett, “Heath house, Schooley’s Mountain,” 16 June 1835, to Dr. Joseph Johnson, Charleston, comments on the ravages of the recent fire and Mrs. Poinsett’s visit to “the most celebrated dentist” in N. Y., discusses the bank business and difficulties in election of a president with mention of several candidates, relates his observations of the Morris Canal, use of lime for agricultural purposes, the method of applying, and suggesting it should be tried in S. C.

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Letter of Norris Brothers, Philadelphia, 1 July 1847, to James Gadsden, reports the completion and successful trial of the “Passenger Locomotive & Tender John C. Calhoun” with arrangements for shipping it to Charleston on board the “Schooner Maria Theresa.”

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Letter of William Gilmore Simms, Woodlands, 20 Feb. 1847, to William A. Jones, N. Y., encloses a newspaper article expressing Simms’ opinion of Jones’ volume of essays—“the occasional roughness and slipshoddiness of your style and . . . your too great devotion to the essayical form . . . but you owe . . . to your neighbors, to remove . . . the selfish imprint, when you sit in judgment upon those who toil in far different departments,” and assures Jones of writing “equally as a critic & a friend.”

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Two letters of Andrew G. Magrath, “Executive Office, State Department, Charleston,” 5 and 8 Jan. 1861, consist of a letter to the Commissioners of Ala. emphasizing the importance of Fla. “to the States about to unite in a new Confederacy”; and a covering letter to Andrew Pickens Calhoun, Montgomery, Ala., explaining this to be the “substance of a conversation which the Governor had with Mr. [Armistead] Burt & Mr. [James L.] Orr” and offering to “aid you in your mission.”

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A collection of twenty-eight “Circulars” and “General Orders” issued by Gen. Rufus Saxton, U. S. Army, Headquarters, Beaufort, 5 Aug. 1862 - 22 Apr. 1865, regulate life of the Freedmen as to food, military service, division of land, finances, observance of the anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, and direct the superintendents of plantations as to cultivation, harvesting, and sale of crops.

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Letter of N. E. Johnston, Beverly, Miss., 31 Oct. 1864, to William W. Boyce, agrees with Boyce on N’s views expressed in a printed “letter to Mr. [Jefferson] Davis,” comments on the need for people “to be correctly advised of the actual condition of our country . . . to save the liberty of their native land,” the responsibilities of editors and publishers, and possibility of peace overtures by the next president.

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Nine manuscripts of John Smythe Richardson, 1853-[c. 1900?], include a letter from a sister in England, to Mary Hort, a teacher in the Richardson family, a letter of Mrs. Richardson’s sister, Mary P. McDowell, to “Brother John,” four letters of the Civil War period, requesting to join Richardson’s company and resolutions to the ladies in the churches for aid rendered his company. The outstanding item is a letter of Richard Lathers, Charleston, 30 Apr. 1874, to Richardson, which comments on the work of our “distinguished delegation to Washington . . . in enlisting the sympathy . . . of our country to the evils . . . we suffer,” and how the President’s reception has benefitted the South, the “unwillingness of influential Congressmen to . . . [change] their policy . . . [which] would be an acknowledgement of . . . the Evils, if not the illegality of their reconstruction policy,” advocates a citizens’ organization for reforms “to have a fair election . . . that white and black men shall be defended at the poles,” comments “The Ku Klux Klan was . . . regarded by the North as a war on the federal government and the black man and hence their sympathy,” and explains his excuse for this letter is “my desire to save our people from the pests which affect them.”

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A diary of John Franklin Phillips, Orangeburg County, 31 Mar. 1873 - 31 Dec. 1876, records the daily life of a rural family, presenting an interesting picture of the difficulties in rearing a family and providing a livelihood during a period of social and political adjustment. Weather conditions, planting, cultivating and harvesting crops; attending church, Grange and the Temperance Society meetings are recorded. Hauling building materials, collecting funds for a new church at Pine Grove, and comments on church services give an insight into the religious character of the writer. Apparently the area remained relatively calm through most of the Reconstruction turbulence. One entry in 1874 comments on attending a meeting to “make arrangements concerning the excitement of the times” and several entries during the Fall of 1876 on the “Democratic Club meeting at Sawyer’s store,” Gen. Wade Hampton’s scheduled speech in Orangeburg, and election day indicate no real excitement over political events. Records of exchanging work, tools, and use of farm animals indicate a real concern for the community.

A typed copy of Mrs. Elizabeth Phillips’ “War Reminiscences,” describing life on the plantation during the Civil War, relates her marriage to “Mr. Phillips,” while on furlough two weeks before Sherman’s arrival. A biographical sketch of John Franklin Phillips, thirty-seven tax receipts, 1866-1906, and a receipt of John Phillips, 1866, to John Gardner for work on ploughs give additional information on the family and farming operations.

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**THE SAMUEL McGOWAN PAPERS, 1803, and 1845-1904.**

This collection of nine hundred eighty-eight manuscripts contains land records, promissory notes, stock certificates in various railroad companies, receipts and accounts connected with settlement of estates, correspondence concerning business interests in Arkansas, and legal correspondence as a lawyer and judge in Abbeville. The 1803 item is a plat of land on Norris Creek. The large number of land records would be valuable for a study of development in the area. Receipts, 1852 and 1859, to Francis Arnold for tuition paid to Fuller Institute and Greenwood Male Academy, and later correspondence indicate a long relationship between lawyer and client. McGowan’s service in the Confederate States Army explains the few papers for the war years. Two items, 8 July 1873, are the plat and statement of survey for McGowan’s “Homestead lot” made by James A. McCord. The specifications for the house and correspondence with the architect form an interesting unit providing information on problems and cost of building. Letters of Patterson Wardlaw deal with the settlement of his brother’s estate by Mr. McGowan. The collection also contains legal correspondence of William H. Parker, member of the law firm of Parker & McGowan. After McGowan’s death in 1897, the papers cover the settlement of his estate and include correspondence of William Christie Benet as guardian of his children who were heirs to the McGowan estate through their mother, Susan McGowan.

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One hundred thirty-nine manuscripts, 1812, 1818, and 1848-1876, of the Templeton Family of York County, contains chiefly Civil War letters of the brothers William and Joseph from camps in S. C. and Va. The early items are a receipt and subpoena to appear in court as a witness. Four letters of Mexican War soldiers from the community, 1847-1848, to Joseph W. Templeton, comment on illness in the army, advise no one should go to Mexico, and plans to settle in Texas or Miss. following the war. A document of Whitmarsh B. Seabrook, 9 July 1850, appoints Joseph W. Templeton as “Ensign of the Turkey Creek, Light Infantry . . . of South Carolina Militia.” A manuscript volume, 1853-1854, is W. A. Templeton’s arithmetic work book. Letters of A. E. Templeton in Ark. comment on problems of settling in that area. By Aug. 1861, Joseph and William had joined the Confederate States Army and their letters to the mother and sister throughout the war relate camp life, troop movements, experiences in hospitals from illness and wounds, rumors as to progress of the war, and request food and clothing. A document, 10 Apr. 1865, records William’s parole as a member of Company B, 12th Regiment of S. C. Volunteers. A letter of E. E. Templeton, Texas, 6 Jan. 1876, describes the rough country inhabited by Mexicans and Indians, and explains his living here because it is stock country and he is a trader with mention of various places to which he drives cattle.

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