

COKER DONATES TO MEMORIAL BLDG.

Hartsville Gives \$1,000 to Fund for South Carolina Memorial Building, Columbia, March 27.—David R. Coker, of Hartsville, as placed himself in the \$1,000 class donations for the South Carolina Memorial building. A check for this amount was received from him by the headquarters of the memorial commission today.

Mr. Coker, former Wood administrator for the State, has taken a decided interest in the memorial and has contributed not only his time but his money to make it a success.

Others who have contributed \$1,000 to the memorial are P. A. Willcox of Florence, and ex-Governor Richard I. Manning. The largest single donation was made by the grand lodge of Masons of South Carolina, which gave the commission a check for \$2,500, authorized at the last meeting of the grand lodge.

Renewed interest is being manifested throughout the State in the memorial; practically all the county chairmen state that they are ready to start intensive campaigns to raise the allotments of their counties.

A state-wide campaign to raise the remainder of the \$400,000 to be contributed by the people of the state will be put on from April 19th to April 30th, inclusive, and it is hoped that the full amount will be raised during this period. Members of the commission say that the prospects for this consumation look bright.

Former Governor Manning, Vice Chairman of the commission, has been putting a good deal of his time behind the movement, and will continue to remain at the steering wheel until the campaign has been concluded. He spent the larger part of last week in Columbia lining up the counties, and arranging details of the campaign.

JONES NEWS.

Jones, March 27.—Miss Mary Jones, trained nurse, has returned from Rock Hill and Gray Court.

We cordially welcome Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Adams, of Charleston, who have moved into our midst.

Mr. Phillips has finished the Dixie Highway from Ware Shoals to Turkey Creek and has moved to Newmarket, to build the road from there to Ninety Six.

Mr. James Williamson has had Delco lights put in his home.

Mr. Frank Jones is visiting relatives in Columbia.

Our nephews, Sammie and Preston Williams, of Laurens, were at Ware Shoals a few days ago.

Mrs. J. A. Hill visited relatives at Abbeville and McCormick last week.

In the death of Mr. George Berry Martin, of Enoree, another member of my father's (Capt. Mat Jones) company of the Civil War, has passed away. His bereaved family have our profound sympathy.

Mr. Alfred McNinch has sold more than one hundred dollars worth of fur this winter.

Mr. Berley Hill recently found a boll weevil on his place.

Mrs. W. M. Lee, who was seriously injured in a runaway accident on the 24th inst., is resting comfortably.

Walter and Frank Jones were in Greenwood last Thursday.

We recently met the following friends: Barmore Dunn, of Shoals Junction, Walter Tribble and Robert Williamson of Donalds, S. C. Riley of Rileys, John Bagwell, Ben Arnold and Rev. Strickland of Princeton, Frank Davenport of Greenville, Bob Cochran of Honea Path, John Boil of Laurens and Hon. M. G. Bowles, Trapp McDowell, Henry Higgins and Wm. Sproles of Greenwood.

MADDEN NEWS.

Madden, March 30.—The date reminds one that corn-planting time is here, but owing to continued rains there will be but little if any March corn planted this year.

The second epidemic of flu is over and all are up. The three small children at the home of Mr. T. L. Finley and Mr. W. H. Hudgens were the last to come down but are convalescent now.

Quite a good crowd for a Saturday afternoon meeting was at Prospect Saturday and heard a splendid sermon from our consecrated young pastor from the text, "Therefore I beseech you brethren by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice which is your reasonable service."

We regret that Uncle John Finley is not yet able to be out though he is up in his room most of the time. His old army comrade, Mr. Bill Terry, spent the week-end with him.

Friends of Mr. J. A. Wofford will be

glad to know he is able to be up and out again. He visited relatives at Woodruff for a few days last week. Owing to the heavy rainfall there were no services Sunday.

Miss Myra Wofford, a senior at Winthrop, spent ten days with her parents, recuperating after an attack of flu. She returned to college Monday.

Miss Carrie Langston spent the week-end with Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Williams at Roebuck.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Langston and children returned from Kentucky where they spent the winter.

Three Charleston Boys of Long Ago. (By Rev. Samuel A. Weber in The Sunday School Visitor.)

William May Wightman graduated at the Charleston College, in South Carolina, in 1827. He was the only member of the graduating class. Of others who had been members of the class, I mention two: James C. Furman and Edgar T. Buist. These three were Charleston boys, and each was a pious member of the Church: Buist, a Presbyterian; Furman, a Baptist; and Wightman, a Methodist. The fathers of the first two were distinguished pastors of leading Charleston Churches. Wightman's parents were Methodists, his mother an Englishwoman, who in her childhood had been petted and fondled by John Wesley.

All three went at once into the ministry, and all of them early distinguished themselves as eloquent and learned preachers of their several churches. Each was in due time made a doctor of divinity—a distinctly discriminating honor in those days. In addition, Wightman was made an LL.D. by his Alma Mater.

It was my privilege to know personally and very pleasantly each one of these great men. Dr. Buist was my co-pastor in Greenville in 1870. He was then probably a little past his prime, but was popular in the pulpit and much beloved as a pastor and a citizen. I shall never forget his instructive sermons and his beautiful and spiritual prayers. His effusive fraternity was unfeeling. Dr. Furman was president of the Furman (Baptist) University, at Greenville, while I was the Methodist pastor there. He was at that time in the mellow maturity of his nascent old age, a ripe scholar, a wise church leader, and a preacher of marvelous felicity of diction and of genuine spiritual power. He was always my favorite preacher of his denomination. Dr. (afterwards Bishop) Wightman

was my college president for three years and a half at Wofford College. My youthful admiration of him grew into still greater admiration as I knew him in later life.

I have mentioned all these facts and opinions in order to mention the interesting circumstance that these three preachers, who were boy friends and college mates in their native city, afterwards became presidents of three leading colleges, located in three adjoining counties in Upper South Carolina. Dr. Buist was president and in some sense founder of the Presbyterian College at Laurens, while Drs. Wightman and Furman laid the foundations respectively of Wofford College and Furman University, which two institutions have been greatly influential in the Methodist and Baptist Churches of South Carolina.

At a revival meeting in Spartanburg while I was a Wofford student there, I heard Dr. Wightman, while counseling early piety to a congregation consisting largely of students refer to the circumstances detailed above. He referred to the fact that the three pious boys of his college class were then at the head of the three institutions of learning in three adjoining counties. I have heard all three of these good men refer with manifest satisfaction to the story which I have just told.

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