

1871-019 Chancery Causes. Joseph B. Whitehead, extra of Joseph J. Blunt vs Vincent Blunt & al
Sale of Wright County

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Other surnames: Booth,
HARRISON, [Madison College]
[Methodist Protestant
Church, SURRY Circuit (the Chapel)]
[Superannuated Preachers
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Church of Virginia], COFER,
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Society of Virginia], [Virginia
Aid Society], [Methodist
Protestant Church, Blunts or
Bethel], GEE, Whitfield
[Missionary Society of the
Methodist Protestant Church of
Virginia] RIFE, Goodson,
Doyle, ATKINS, ATKINSON,
Booth

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J. of W. Circuit.

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Mr Haydon will put in
his note & let me
have the papers as
soon as he can, so I
can send them to
the Judge. J. R. K.

Kirby p. 9.

Loc. B. Whitehead Exor.
of Jas. J. Blunt decd

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Vincent C. Blunt tal.

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College, Uniontown Pa., The Superannuated Preachers
aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church
of the Virginia district, The Missionary
Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of
Virginia, Wm. C. Blunt, Martha Elizabeth
Lester late Blunt, and her husband Andrew
J. Lifer, Elizabeth Inance, Harrison (an Infant)
and the Superannuated Preachers aid Society
of Va. may be made Defendants, and
be required to answer the allegations herein -

That the said Legacies as set forth above as being
void may be so declared or otherwise disposed
of so as to protect your Complainant, and
that a sale of the negro, land & chattel estate
aforesaid may be made, and that all
proper relief may be granted in the premises,
consistent with Equity &c.

John R. Kilby p. v.

your Complainant has any knowledge of -
 That the Legacy in the 9th Item of said will is
 void, as there is no such Corporation as the
 Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant
 Church of Virginia, known to your Complainant
 and that the residuary Legacy in the 14th Item
 of said will is void, as there is no such
 Corporation as the Superannuated Preachers
 and Society of Va. known to your Complainant.

Your Complainant is advised that all specific
 Legacies, which may fail because no one is
 in existence to take the same, will fall into the
 residuary Legacy and if no one can be
 found to take the residuary Legacy that then
 the same will go to the heirs at law of the
 Testator who are his brother Vincent C. Blunt
 and his sister Lucilla G. Harrison wife of
 George W. Harrison, of Isle of Wight County.

In consideration whereof and as this
 Court has power to grant the relief desired;
 To the End therefore your Complainant prays
 that Vincent C. Blunt, Lucilla G. Harrison & her
 husband George W. Harrison, Joseph B. Whitehead as
 admor. of Frances M. ~~Blunt~~^{Booth} dec'd, The Methodist
 Protestant Church, Blunts or Bethel on the Smithfield Circuit
 in Isle of Wight County Va., The Methodist Protestant
 Church on the Surry Circuit (the Chapel) near Surry
 Courthouse in Surry County Virginia, Madison

as executor of said James J. Blunt dec'd
of the estate but to her for life by the Testator,
Consisting of a small Chattel estate, two negroes,
Cicero and Lewis, and of one hundred and fifty
one acres of land and of forty nine and two thirds
acres of land, adjoining each other, and situated in
Isle of Wight County, adjoining the Lands of Ro. Wilson
& Ro. G. Gibbs, and James River, near Burnell's
Bay - also two thirds of one hundred & fifty seven
acres (part of the same original farm) held by said
Frances M. ^{Borth} ~~Blunt~~ for life, all of which lands
as owned by the Testator are worth about \$3000 -

Your Complainant desires, now, to settle up
the estate of said James J. Blunt dec'd, & to
make sale of said Chattel estate, negroes, &
Lands and to pay the proceeds to those entitled,
but is at a loss to know who is entitled to the
same, and hence invokes the aid of this Court to
enable him to do so lawfully - Your Complainant
is advised that the Legacy contained in the 5th
Item of said will is void, as also the Legacy in the
6th Item of said will - That the Legacy in the 7th Item
is void, as he knows of no such Corporation as Madison
College Mountair P.^a, and if ever any existed it has
long since been out of existence, and existed, if at all
out of Virginia - That the Legacy in the 8th Item of
said will, no such corporation as the Superannuated
Preachers aid society of the Methodist Protestant Church
of the Virginia district being in existence so far as,

land and negroes & all other property I may possess, after paying my just debts, to my Mother Frances M. Booth, during her natural life. Item 2^d. At the death of my Mother, the said Frances M. Booth, 'tis my wish & desire that my land & negroes, and all other property that I owned said Frances M. Booth be sold according to law, and the proceeds of said sale to be distributed as follows — Item 3^d. I give and bequeath to my brother Vincent C. Blunt, two hundred dollars.

Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my sister Lucrecia G. Harrison one hundred dollars, and the remainder of my whole estate, I give and bequeath as follows. Item 5th. I give and bequeath to the Methodist Protestant Church, Blunts or Bethel, in the Smithfield Circuit in Isle of Wight County Va. five hundred dollars, to be held by the Trustees of the said Methodist Protestant Church for the sole use of the said church as the Trustees may, deem most beneficial. Item 6th. I give and bequeath

to the Methodist Protestant Church on the Surry Circuit (the Chapel) near Surry Court house, in Surry County Virginia, five hundred dollars to be held by the trustees of said Methodist Protestant Church, for the sole use of said Church, as the trustees of said church may deem most beneficial — Item 7th. I give and bequeath to Madison College, Uniontown Pa. five hundred dollars to be held by the Trustees of said College for the education of

the ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Item 8th. I give and bequeath five hundred dollars, to the Superannuated Preachers aid society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia District.

Item 9th. I give and bequeath three hundred dollars to the Missions society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia. Item 10th. I give and bequeath to my Cousin Wm. C. Blunt one hundred dollars.

Item 11th. I give and bequeath to my niece Martha Elizabeth Blunt one hundred dollars. Item 12th.

I give and bequeath to my niece Elizabeth Frances Harrison, fifty dollars. Item 13th. I herein request my Executor to reserve one hundred dollars, to enclose the family grave yard at Castle Hill in the County of Isle of Wight Virginia, I also request my executor to reserve one hundred dollars, to get a tombstone and place it in the center of the said grave yard, with this inscription on it (In memory of All the Blunts that sleep here.) Item 14th.

I request my Executor to divide equally the surplus of my estate, if any, to the Superannuated Preachers aid society of V.a. —

Your Complainant says that Mrs. Frances M. Blunt (a widow Lady) & mother of the said Testator has recently died in the County of Isle of Wight and a administration on her estate has been granted by Isle of Wight County Court to your Complainant, and he has taken charge

To the Honorable Judge of the Circuit Court of
Isle of Wight County - Complaining shew unto
the Court your Complainant, Joseph B.
Whitehead, Executor of James J. Blunt dec^d,
of the County of Isle of Wight.

Your Complainant respectfully represents
to the Court and says, that the said James J.
Blunt departed this life in the County of
Isle of Wight, on the day of 1853, hav-
ing first made and executed his Last will and
Testament, which was duly ordered to be recorded
in Isle of Wight County Court on the 5th day of Novem-
ber 1853 - a duly certified copy of which said
Last will and Testament is filed herewith &
marked (A). That your Complainant, the
Executor named in said will duly qualified
as such in Isle of Wight County Court on the said
5th day of November 1853 and as such took
charge of the Testator's estate, and has pro-
ceeded, as far as he could to administer the
same, and has from time to time made due
returns and settlements of his transactions as such
Executor to Isle of Wight County Court, as may be
seen by copies of three several settlements filed
herewith as part of this Bill & marked (B, C, & D.)
which he prays may be taken as correct.

That the said Testator in his said will declares,
as follows - Item 1st I leave all my property, my

Testator, in the name of the party to whom he
intended these Legacies, to go, should defeat
his intentions and wishes -

This Respondent can prove and show
that the Legacies aforesaid were designed by the
Testator for the said "Virginia Aid Society"
and therefore this Respondent prays that the
Legacies aforesaid may be paid to the said
"Virginia Aid Society",

and to. Wm. Harding, President
of "Virginia Aid Society"

~~Wm. Harding~~
Whitfield Atty

The answer of the "Virginia aid society" to a bill in chancery exhibited in the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, by Joseph B. Whitehead Executor of James J. Blunt dec^d. against Vincent C. Blunt & others -

This Respondent says, That the said "Virginia aid society" is a corporation duly incorporated by the General assembly of Virginia by an act passed on the 9th day of January 1854, and is entitled to the rights and privileges of other corporations under the Laws of Virginia, so far as the same are applicable - That one of those rights is to acquire and hold property and moneys for the uses of said Corporation -

That the Testator, James J. Blunt, named in the said Complainants' Bill, by his will filed in the cause gives, in the 8th Item thereof, five hundred dollars to the Superannuated Preachers aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia District; and by the 14th Item, the surplus, of the Testator's estate if any, is to be divided equally to the Superannuated Preachers aid Society of Virginia.

This Respondent says that the "Virginia aid Society" is the Corporation intended by the Testator to which the aforesaid Legacies are intended to be given, and that in all good conscience and equity that should be done, which was intended to be done, and that no error or mistake of the

Supernatural Provisions
aid Society of the
M. P. Church of Va

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *Supernatural*
Preachers aid Society of the Methodist
Protestant Church, of the Virginia district.

to appear before the *Circuit* Court of Isle of Wight county, at the Court-House of said County, on
first Monday in December next (being such day)
to answer the Bill in Chancery of Joseph B.
Whitehead Executor of James F. Blunt decd.

: and have then and there this

Summons. Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at his Office, this *11th*
day of *November*, 18*61*, in the *85th*

year of the Commonwealth.

Copy.

N. P. Young cl.

Methodist Protestant
Church in Sam
(Chapel)

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *The Methodist Protestant Church on the Surry Circuit (the Chapel) near Surry Courthouse, in Surry County Virginia.*

to appear before the *Circuit* Court of Isle of Wight county, at the Court-House of said County, on *first Monday in December next (being Tule day)* to answer the *Bill in Chancery of Joseph B. Whittham & Executor of James J. Blunt decd.*

: and have then and there this

Summons. Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at his Office, this *11th* day of *November*, 18*61*, in the *8^{5th}* year of the Commonwealth.

Clerk.

N. P. Young

Supernatural
Preachers and
Society of Pa

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *The Seperated*
preachers aid Society of Virginia.

to appear before the *County* Court of Isle of Wight county, at the Court-House of said County, on
first Monday in December next (being such day)
to answer the Bill in chancery of Joseph B.
Whithred Esqr. of James J. Blunt dec.

: and have then and there this

Summons. Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at his Office, this *15th.*

day of *November*, 18*61*, in the *85th*
Leahy year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young

Methodist Protestant
Church at Quincy

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON *The Methodist Protestant Church, Blunts or Bethel, on the Smithfield Circuit, in Isle of Wight County V. &*

to appear before the *Circuit* Court of Isle of Wight county, at the Court-House of said County, on *first Monday in December next (being such day)* to answer the Bill in Chancery of Joseph B. Whithead Executor of James J. Blunt decd.

: and have then and there this

Summons. Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at his Office, this *15th* day of *November*, 18*61*, in the *83th* year of the Commonwealth.

copy.

N. P. Young Clk.

The Missionary Society
of N^o Am. P. Ch.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON

*The Missionary
Society of the Methodist Protestant Church
of Virginia.*

to appear before the *Circuit* Court of Isle of Wight county, at the Court-House of said County, on
first Monday in December next (being rule day)
to answer the Bill in Chancery of Joseph B.
Whitham & 2400. of James J. Blunt decd.

: and have then and there this

Summons. Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at his Office, this *11th*.

day of *November*, 18*61*, in the *83th* year of the Commonwealth.

Copy.

N. P. Young

Executed November 1861 on
 Not Executed on Wm. Blunt. The Methodist
 Church in Surry. The missionary society
 the superannuated preaching, as a society
 M. D. Church of the superannuated preaching
 as a society of the Methodist Protestant
 Church at Blunt as I could not
 find any evidence of representing the
 same.

J. J. Chambers
 Staff

Rev. B. Whithead Esq.
 of James J. Blunt and:

43: 3 Sunday in
 103: 3 Chm.

W. C. Blunt Esq.

To Dec. 1861.

Rev. Lect.

Kilby Esq.

Entered on the 20th 1861 on page 13.
 Whithead. Rev. H. Newman & Mr. W. C.
 Blunt and. A. J. C. - tried to determine
 how copies of the edition to them
 for J. J. Blunt and.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

TO THE SHERIFF OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED TO SUMMON Vincent C. Blunt George W. Harrison & Lucilla G. his wife, Jos. B. Whithead personal representatives of Mr. Francis M. Booth decd. The Methodist Protestant Church (Blunts or Bethels) on the Smithfield Circuit in Isle of Wight County Va. The Methodist Protestant Church on Scurry Circuit (The Chapel) near Scurry Courthouse, in Scurry County Va. Madison College, Uniontown Pa. The Superannuated preachers and society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia district. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia. William C. Blunt, Andrew J. Cofer and Martha Ely his wife, Elizabeth Frances Harrison (an infant) and the Superannuated preachers and society of Virginia.

to appear before the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county, at the Court-House of said County, on the first Monday in December next, being such day, to answer the bill in chancery of Joseph B. Whithead Executor of James J. Blunt decd.

: and have then and there this

Summons. Witness, NATHANIEL P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at his Office, this 11th day of November, 1861, in the 83th year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young cl.

Whitehead Esq.
of J. J. Blunt & Co.
Es. 3/4 Sent. in
Lely.
V. L. Blunt & Co.

To April 1864
Cir. Comd.

Mrs. R. Kelly for

March 21st 1864

Excited by delivering
a copy of the within sum
to W. L. Blunt.

W. L. Blunt Esq.

J. C. Blunt Esq.

C. P.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA.

^{Serjeant} TO THE SHERIFF OF ^{City of Petersburg} ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY, — GREETING :

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON William C. Blunt

to appear at the Clerk's Office of our Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, at rules to be holden for the said Court, on the first Monday in April next, to answer this

Bill in Chancery filed against him & others
by Joseph B. Whitehead executor of James J.
Blunt dec'd

damages

and have then there this writ. WITNESS, NATHL. P. YOUNG, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this 15th day of March in the year 1864, in the 8th year of the Commonwealth.

N. P. Young

Blunt's Ego.
Mr. E. Effort,
Blunt's Ego.

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+ for^e to Sentinel
Richmond by mail
March 14. 1864.

I have now also 17
Vol. 10. C. Blunt's Ego.
to Petersburg & write to
the editor of the "Sentinel"
to see how they like it
Sent end of pub. to
"Sentinel" & the "Ego" &
also them to "Ego" to
J. M. Kelly.

Sole of Wright County to wit

 This day Jos B. Whitehead made oath
before me that the Methodist Protestant Church
(Blounts or Bethees) on the Smithfield Circuit in Sole
of Wright County Va, The Methodist Protestant
Church on the Surry Circuit (the Chapel) near
Surry Court House in Surry County Virginia —
Mardian College, Winton Pa., The Supernumerary
Preachers, and Society of the Methodist Protestant
Church of the Virginia district — The Miss-
ionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church
of Virginia — And the Supernumerary Preachers
and Society of Va., who are defendants in
a Chancery suit now pending in the
Circuit Court of Sole of Wright County, wherein
the undersigned as Executor of James J. Blount
is plaintiff & Vincent C. Blount others are
defendants, are all non residents of
Virginia, or unknown to the undersigned
signed.

Sworn to March
7 1864 before me

J. P. Honyew

Jos. B. Whitehead
Exec. of Jas. J. Blount

And further the deponent saith not.

J. M. Whitfield

The foregoing depositions of William McGee
and John G. Whitfield were taken before me
as a Commissioner of the Circuit Court of Sal-
isbury County at my office, in pursuance
of Ro. H. Whitfield Counsel for the defendants
and Geo. H. Kelly Counsel for plaintiff, on the
day & year mentioned in the caption.

A. S. Young

Deputy Exor.
n. y. Depositions
Plaintiff's Exr.

I am positive that the "Virginia Aid Society" ²
is the same society, originally known as the
"Superannuated Preachers Aid Society." The funds
thereof are derived from the same sources,
membership or terms of membership the
same, beneficiaries the same and the
constitution of the society is essentially the
same. Any changes ^{if any} which have been made
in the ^{constitution of the} society, were for the purpose of making
it conform to the charter & meet the exigencies
of the society. The charter was asked for to
legalize it & enable it to hold property.
The name was ~~not~~ changed ~~at the instance~~
~~or request of the society, but was by a~~
act of the Legislature & acquiesced in by the
society. In speaking of the Virginia Aid Society
it is now frequently called the Superannuated
preachers aid society by some persons.

I knew Mr. M. F. Booth for many years, she was
the mother of Jos. J. Blunt, she was a member
of the Methodist Protestant Church. I believe
J. J. Blunt's predilections were in favor of
said church. He frequently attended our
conferences, but not a member of the church.
The beneficiaries of said society are the super-
annuated preachers & ministers, their widows
& orphans in connection with the Methodist
Protestant Church by marriage &c. but only
at the will of the society.

Quest.

Was James B. Hunt a professor of religion.

Ans.

Not of my knowledge.

~~The respondent~~

and further this deponent with me.

Wm. McGee

Mr. G. Whitfield being first duly sworn
deposes and says.

Quest. by counsel for Defendants.

Please make a statement & answer to all
questions asked to in the previous deposition
in as full a manner as if the questions asked
of you.

Ans. I am a member of the Methodist Episcopal
Church, assisted in its organization as a
minister thereof. There was an organization
formed by said Church, known as the
superannuated preachers aid society, ^{commenced} in the
year 1839, ^{& commenced in 1840} the objects of which were the
same as set forth in the last preceding
deposition. The terms & conditions of
membership were those as set forth in
said last deposition. The society itself was
not changed, but the name of the society
by act of incorporation was changed from
that of "Superannuated preachers aid
society" to that of the "Virginia Aid Society".

Ans.

I knew Mr. M. F. Booth, & that she was the mother of Jos. J. Blunt & I believe that said Blunt's predilections were in favor of the Methodist Protestant Church. Mr. Booth was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Quist. by J. H. Council.

Could any person, other than a minister, preacher or the widow or orphan of such, of the Methodist Protestant Church, be a member of the Virginia Aid Society or or person organized under the charter?

Ans.

The terms of membership embrace all persons of any class whether a member of any church or not.

Quist.

Could any person, other than such as mentioned in the last question, be a beneficiary of said societies organized now under the charter.

Ans.

None other.

Quist.

When was the Virginia Aid Society organized under the charter now existing?

Ans.

In November 1854 & has been known or such ever since.

I mean that the objects for which the society ~~was~~^{made} continued as ~~the~~^{the} ~~crossed~~ under the original name.

Quest.

Do you say without hesitation, that the two institutions referred to are one & the same & by using the term Superannuated preachers aid society would it suggest & refer to the Virginia Aid society?

Ans.

I do and it would.

Quest.

Was it before or subsequent to the act of incorporation, the right of any benefactor to claim by right, or was such person made entitled by election by the society?

Ans.

Leave was & is granted by application made & by vote of the society, but not any such applicant was or is entitled, but the person so relieved must come from the ministry, preaching, widows & orphans of such connected with the said church.

Quest.

Did you know Frances M. Booth & if so what relation was she to James J. Blunt, of what church was she a member & had James J. Blunt any predilections for the Methodist Protestant church.

Quest.

Please state whether there ~~was~~ any society established by said Church for the aid of its ministers, & if so by what name is such society known?

Ans.

There was such society established, which was called the "Superannuated Preachers aid society."

Quest.

For what purpose was this society established and at what time?

Ans.

Its purpose was for the relief of superannuated ministers & preachers, their widows & orphans. I do not recollect the ~~at~~ exact time it was established but think about 1839.

Quest.

Was this society, or organization changed after its establishment & if so what change was made in regard to its name, objects & what name did it afterwards assume & in what manner was this change made?

Ans.

The name of the society was changed by act of incorporation in 1854 passed 9. Jan. of that year, to the "Virginia Aid Society." The purposes of the society & its beneficiaries were not changed but remained as before.

The depositions of William McGee and John L. Whitfield taken before N. P. Gentry one of the commissioners in chancery for the County of Isle of Wight to be read as evidence in behalf of the Defendant in a certain matter of a c. t. & report now pending before the said commissioners under decree of the said Circuit Court rendered on the day of Decr. 1866 in a suit in which Jas. B. Whithead Esq. of Jas. J. Blunt is plaintiff and Vincent C. Blunt, Geo. W. Harrison & wife, J. B. Whithead personal representatives of M. F. North decd. The Methodist Protestant Church, Blunts or Blunt, in Smithfield Circuit, The Superannuated preachers aid society of Virginia of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia, W. C. Blunts admr. A. J. Leifer wife & others are defendants.

William McGee being first duly sworn, deposes and says.

Deut. by counsel for Defendant.

Are you a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, how long have you been a member & in what capacity have you served?

Ans.

I am a member of said church & have been a minister therein for twenty four years continuously.

Plaints Decr. tal.

2 Comm. & sept.
3 of date with
v. Bonds.

Blank tal.

Jan 13th. 1867 filed

The Court

Received, Aug. 23^d. 1869, of the clerk of the
Sixth Circuit Court, the two bonds of W. J. Doyle,
W. R. Randolph & W. A. Stott for \$948.80 each
which were filed with this report and are to be
delivered to me by decree of May term 1869.

E. S. Shipp, Attorney of
Court of J. J. Blunt

In obedience to the annexed decree I did on the first Monday
in April 1867 before the Court house door of Isl. of Nixst Co.
sell the lands named in said decree after having
advertised the time & place of said sale according to
the directions of said decree at which sale William
J Bayle became the purchaser of a certain tract
for the one hundred & fifty one acres he gave \$1025 for
the forty nine & $\frac{2}{3}$ acres he gave \$605 & for the two
thirds of the dower he gave \$450 making in all the
sum of two thousand eighty dollar (\$2080) from
which deduct the cost Wm. Camson Sal \$71.60 Mr
Hulby's fee \$75. Clerk's fee 9.69 Sheriff's fee \$3.50 order
of publication \$9 Editor of Nixenian for advertising
sale do \$9.50 to B. I. Gray auctioneer \$4. total \$182.29
leaves the sum eighteen hundred & ninety seven dollar
seventy one cents, I have paid the cost to the parties
entitled by their receipt on the decree or filed in
it, except the \$450 which I have paid before. Mr
William J Bayle has paid the cost and executed
his bonds for the purchase money with Richard H
Mandolph & William R. Stott his securities
according to the direction of the decree which bonds
are filed with this report All of which is
respectfully Submitted

For B. Whitehead Esq
of James I. Blunt

Some News paper published in Norfolk City, which shall be in
lieu of personal service on the parties or any of them:

Teste N. P. Young clerk

Blumenthal
copy Decree
for sale and
David's copy
with record
Blumenthal
June 13. 1867 West.
field.

1867 May 6th Recd of Jos. B. Whithead Esq. Comr. the
sum of seventy five dollars, for fee, & some dollars
for amount paid for orders of Publication in
this case.

John R. Kilby atty

Recd clerk's fees to the amt of \$9.69
of Joseph B Whithead Esq
May the 5th 1867 - E & Ely diff
for N P Young clerk

1867 May 6th Recd of Jos B Whithead Comr. four dollars
my fee as auctioneer B Gray

Near Survey Court House Virginia The legacy to Madison College,
Unimolucou Pa. The legacy to the Missionary Society of the Methodist
Protestant Church of Virginia

and that as to the legacy to the Superannuated Preachers Society of the
Methodist Protestant Church of the Va. District and the Superannuated
Preachers Society of Virginia. the Court does not now express any
Opinion as to their Validity, doth further Adjudge, Order & decree that
Joseph B Whitehead the Executor of James J. Blunt decd. proceed
to sell at public Auction, before the Court house door of Isle of Wight
County, On some Court day, All the right, title & Interest
of the said James J. Blunt decd. in the lands described in the said
Bill, as One hundred & fifty One Acres, and of forty Nine and two
thirds Acres of land adjoining each Other & situated in Isle of
Wight County & adjoining the lands of Robert Wilson & Robert W.
Gibbs, & James River, Near Bunnells Bay: Also two thirds of
One hundred & fifty seven Acres (part of the same Original
farm) held by said Frances M. Boothe for life; On a Credit of
One & two Years, with Interest from day of sale, except for a sum
to pay cost of suit, expenses of sale & reasonable fees to Plaintiffs
Attorney which will be Cash: — first Advertising said sale
for three Weeks at the Court House door of said County and
at least four other public places in said County and in some
News paper published in Norfolk City Once a week for three
for three Weeks. — taking from the purchaser a Bond with
good Security, and retain the title, till the further Order of the
Court and make report to Court: And the Court doth also

Order that the said Joseph B Whitehead as Exor. Aforesaid,
sell any Chattle estate remaining, belonging to the estate of said
James J. Blunt decd. and also report to Court: — And

the Court doth further Adjudge, Order & decree that One of the
Commissioners of this Court take and settle.

First A further Account of the transactions of the said Joseph B.
Whitehead as Executor of James J. Blunt decd. (taking the
Accounts filed as exhibits with the Comptants Bill; as
Correct Subject, to be discharged and falsified:)

Second: An Account of the transactions of Joseph B Whitehead as
Administrator of Frances M. Boothe decd. Shewing what amount
if any is in his hands as such Administrator due & owing
by his intestate, Frances M. Boothe; Arising from sales of
property lent her by the last will and Testament of aforesaid
James J. Blunt decd.

Third An account or Statement of the Legacies due and unpaid.

Fourth An Account or Statement Shewing who the heirs at law of
James J. Blunt decd. are, and the fractional portions due each
One, of any Monies due by said Joseph B. Whitehead as
Executor Aforesaid, as also the fractional portions due the same
from the sales of property herein decreed to be sold: And the Court
doth further Adjudge, Order & decree that a Commissioner of this
Court Ascertain by proper evidence, and report his Opinion with
the evidence in Support of the same, whether or no, the Legacy to
The Superannuated Preachers Society of the Methodist Protestant
Church of the Virginia District, and the Superannuated Preachers
and Society of Virginia, was intended by the said James J. Blunt,
as a Legacy to "the Virginia Aid Society" and make report to
Court with any Matters Specially Stated deemed pertinent
by himself or that any of the parties may require to be so
Stated. — And that Notice of the taking of such Accounts
be published: — Once a Week for four successive Weeks, in

In the Circuit Court held for the County of Isle of Wight October
the 19th 1866.

Joseph B Whitehead Exor. of James J. Blunt decd? Compls.
Against Vincent B Blunt, George W Harrison & Lucilla G. his wife, Joseph
B. Whitehead personal representative of J. M. Boothe decd? & als. Defts.
This Cause, in which the plaintiff has proceeded in the mode prescribed
by law, Against Absent and unknown Defendants, as to the Methodist
Protestant Church (Blunts or Bethel) On the Smithfield Circuit in
Isle of Wight County Virginia: The Protestant Church On the Circuit
(the Chapel) Near Burg Court House Va: Madison College Uniontown Pa
The Supernumerated Preachers Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant
Church of the Virginia, District: The Missionary Society of the
Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia, and the Supernumerated
Preachers Aid Society of Virginia; Came on this day to be heard on the
Bill of the Complants: taken for Confessed as to these Defendants, and
also as to the Defendants Vincent B Blunt, George W Harrison and
Lucilla G his wife, Joseph B Whitehead personal representative of
Francis M Boothe decd? William B Blunt, Andrew J Coper and
Martha Elizabeth his wife, on whom the process in this Cause
had been executed and they still failing to Answer: & On the Answer
of the Virginia Aid Society" this day filed by leave of ^{the} Court and
on general replication to said Answer & on exhibits filed with
said Bill, and was Argued by Counsel: On consideration whereof,
the Court doth Adjudge, Order and decree that the several legacies
named in the last Will and Testament of James J Blunt decd?
and Specified as below, are Null and Void and of no effect, that is
to say, The Legacy to the Methodist Protestant Church (Blunts or Bethel)
on the Smithfield Circuit in Isle of Wight County Virginia: The Legacy
to the Methodist Protestant Church on the Burg Circuit (the Chapel)

Blunt's Ex.

as

Blunt & als -

Commissioner Hayden
Report -

March 31. 1868 filed

The Estate of James I Blunt - Deceased
In account with Joseph B Whitehead Trust Executor

1863

Nov	4	To portion of Balance of \$54.25 due Executor by last report due in par currency -	13 99	84
"	"	portion of do due in Confederate Currency	49 42	
March	12	" Cash paid Taxes for 1862 in Confederate Currency -	3 27	
Nov	4	One years interest on \$13.99 - par		84
"	"	do on \$49.42 (Confederate)	2 96	
"	"	Commissions on \$50.00	2 50	
			\$ 72 14	\$ 1 68

1864

March		By tentative portion of Rent of Land 2/3 for 1863 in Confederate currency	50 00	
Nov	4	" Balance due Executor as per debit in Confederate currency	8 15	
"	"	do due do in par currency.	13 99	1 68
			\$ 72 14	\$ 1 68

1864

Nov	4	To Balance due Executor on this date in par currency as above	13 99	1 68
"	"	do in Confederate do -	8 15	
Nov	4	One years interest on \$13.99		84
"	"	do on 8.15 -	4 9	
Dec	31	" Paid Mrs Lucilla P Harrison in part of her Legacy of \$100.00 in Confederate currency -	92 00	
			\$ 104 63	\$ 2 52

1865

Nov	4	By Balance due Executor in par currency	13 99	2 52
"	"	do due do in Confederate currency	90 84	
			\$ 104 63	\$ 2 52

No Rents or Hires for 1864

1865	Nov	4	To Balance due Executor in Par currency	13 99	2 62	
"	"	"	do in Confederate currency			
			\$90.64 equal in par currency to	1 83		
			" Cash paid Taxes for 1865-	1 13		
1866	Nov	4	" One years interest on \$15.84-		95	
				\$ 16 97	\$ 3 47	
1866	Nov	4	By Balance due Executor as per debit -	16 97	3 47	
1866	Nov	4	To Balance due Executor	16 97	3 47	
			" Cash paid Taxes for 1866	1 56		
			" do recording deed -	1 00		
1867	Nov	4	" One year interest on \$16.97		1 02	
				\$ 19 53	\$ 4 49	
1867	Nov	4	By Balance due Executor as per debit	\$ 19 53	\$ 4 49	
1867	Nov	4	To Balance due Executor -	\$ 19 53	\$ 4 49	

Testator's portion of Rent for
1865 - \$50.00 - Bond uncollected -

Appraisal Legacies under Will of
James J. Blunt Decd -

William C Blunt. Legacy of
Interest on \$1000 from Oct 1st 1862,
to Oct 1st 1868 - 36 00 \$ 136 00

Marianne Elizabeth Blunt, (who has
intermarried with A. J. Coker Legacy of
Int from Oct 1st 1862, to Oct 1st 1868. 36 00 \$ 136 00

Elizabeth Frances Harrison Legacy of
Int from Oct 1st 1862 to Oct 1st 1868. 50 00 18 00 \$ 68 00

Lucilla F Harrison (who now inter-
married with Wm W Rife Legacy
of Int on from Oct 1st 1862 to Oct 1st 1868. 150 00 36 00 136 00

deduct \$92.00 paid in Confederate
Money on the 31, 1864, equal in
par currency to - 2 22
Balance due Legates on Oct 1st 1868 - \$ 133 78

Statement of the Heirs at Law
of James J. Blunt -

Frances M Booth, Mother of Testator
J C Blunt a mother of the full blood
Lucilla F Harrison (now Lucilla
F Rife wife of Wm W Rife)
a sister of the half blood -

The above heirs at law of James J Blunt if entitled to share in his
estate at all will share in the following manner - Frances M
Booth & J C Blunt each to 2/5th & Lucilla F Rife to 1/5th

The Estate of Frances M Booth dec'd
In account with Joseph B Whitehead her Executor

1864	Jan	16	To Cash paid Nancy Barham for clothes for Archer in Confederate Currency	995-
	"	24	" do to Eliza Atkins in payment of Legacy undistributed will in Confederate Money -	5000
	Nov	4	" Commissions on \$36.19	181
	"	"	Balance due Estate per contra	103 22 24 24
				\$ 103 22 \$ 8600

1863	Nov	4	By Balance due Estate on this date per last ac	103 22 49 81
1864	Nov	4	" One years interest on \$103.22 -	36 19
				\$ 103 22 \$ 8600

1864					
Nov	4	Balance due Estate of Principal	103	22	
"	"	do of Interest	24	24	127 46
		deduct Amount of Legacy due			
		Eliza Atkinson on this date			
		as per statement A -			53 77
		Amount for distribution among			\$ 573 69
		distributees of testatrix			

O C Blunt a Distributee of Frances M Booth
In account with her Estate

1867	Nov	4	To Balance due O C Blunt as per contra -	338 47 \$ 338 47
1864	Nov	4	By your 1/2 of \$573.69	286 84
1867	Nov	"	" Interest on do to date	51 63 \$ 338 47

Lucilla F Harrison a distributee of Frances M Booth
In account with her Estate.

1852 Feb	21	To this amount paid your husband F. H. Harrison -	32 00	
June 1854	18	do paid do -	30 00	
Nov	4	Interest on \$32.00 to date -	52 0	
"	"	do \$30.00	42 7	
"	"	Balance due Lucilla F Harrison as per contra -	215 37	\$246 84
1854 Nov	4	By 1/2 of \$573.19 your portion of balance due from Frances M Booth's Estate on this date	246 84	\$246 84
1857 Nov	4	To Balance due Lucilla F Harrison from Lucilla S Rife wife of Mr Rife	254 13	\$254 13
1854 Nov	4	By this amount due on this date as above	215 37	
1857 Nov	4	Interest on do to date -	38 7 1/2	\$254 13
1857 Nov	4	By Amount due Lucilla S Rife as above -		\$254 13

Statement A of Eliza Atkins Legacy -

Legacy of	50 00
Interest on from Oct 15 1852 (one year from testatrix death) to Nov 4 1857 -	62 7 3/4
Jan 24/54 Paid \$50.00 in (sufficient) amount equal in par amount to	2 50
Amount due Legatee Nov 4 1857 -	\$53 77

List of Bonds held by Joseph B Whitehead as
Executor of Frances M Booth which he has been unable
to collect in account of the stay Law:

Bond of Mrs 18 Canson of Nov 20/51 for	87 52
Saml Wilson & James Cander	9 50
do	15 00
BC Blunt (credited Nov 20/51 with payment of \$200.00) for	53 08 1/4
J. W. Harrison, A H Bunon, Ed Lee E L Wilkins, W R Bonders Thos Kendall	21 13

Commissioners Office
Smithfield March 31st 1858

To the Circuit Court of
The of Wight County,

Pursuant to a decree of the said
court, rendered on the 12th day of October 1855, in a suit
in Chancery depending in said Court between, Joseph B Whitehead
Executor of James J Blunt - Plff & Vincent C Blunt, Geo W Harrison
& Lucilla F his wife, Joseph B Whitehead Executor of F M Booth
decd. - (The Methodist Protestant Church, Blunt & Bethel)
Smithfield (inuit Isle of Wight) - The Methodist Protestant
Church in Sny County (the chapel near Sny Court-
House, - Madison College Union town Pa - The Super-
annuated Preachers Aid Society of 8th District of the
Methodist Protestant Church - The Missionary Society of
the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia, Williams C

Blunt - Andrew J Coper & M C his wife - Elizabeth F Harrison
an infant & The Superannuated Preachers Aid Society of
Virginia Defendants - The undersigned, one of the
Commissioners of said Court - to whom was referred for settle-
ment, & said decree; a further account of the transactions of
the said Joseph B Whitehead as Executor of James J Blunt -
An account of the transactions of Joseph B Whitehead as
Administrator of Frances M Booth, showing what amount if
any is in his hands as such Administrator due & owing by Frances
M Booth, arising from sales of property lent her by the last &
will Testament of James J Blunt - an account of the
legacies due & unpaid - An account - showing who are
the heirs at law of James J Blunt & of the fractional parts
due each of said heirs of any moneys due & said Joseph B
Whitehead as Executor of said & also the fractional
parts due the same from the sales of property directed
by said decree to be sold, reports to the Court that on the 20th
day of February last he issued notices to the parties aforesaid
requiring them to attend the settlements of said accounts,
before him at his said office, on the 3rd day of March 1868;
which were returned to your commission duly acknowledged
by the Counsel for said parties respectively, That the said
Joseph B Whitehead appeared before him in obedience to
said notices & he thereupon examined the vouchers, stated &
settled the foregoing accounts of said Joseph B Whitehead as
Executor of James J Blunt & as Executor of Frances M Booth
& on the 4th day of Nov. 1867 finds a balance of \$24.02 (of
which \$4.49 is interest & \$19.53 is principal) to be due from the
estate of said James J Blunt to said Executor - That the
unpaid legacies under the will of James J Blunt, are
William C Blunt & Martha E Coper (formerly Blunt) wife of
A J Coper to whom there is respectively due on the 1st of October 1868,
\$136.00 with interest from that date on \$100.00; Elizabeth Frances Harrison

\$18.00, on Oct 1st 1868, with interest on \$2.00 from that
date, Lucilla F Harrison (now the wife of W H Rife
\$133.74 ~~on Oct 1st 1868~~ with interest on \$100.00 from that
date -

That the Heirs at Law of James J Blunt are
1st his Mother Frances M Booth -

2nd W C Blunt a brother of the full blood &

3rd Lucilla F Harrison (now Lucilla F Rife

wife of W H Rife - a sister of the 1/2 blood -

That if entitled to share in the estate of the said James J
Blunt or in the proceeds of sale of his realty, the
said Frances M Booth & W C Blunt - are respectively
entitled to 2/5 & the said Lucilla F Rife to 1/5th

That the said Frances M Booth has departed this life
leaving as her distributees & heirs at law the said W C Blunt -
& the said Lucilla F Rife -

That no portion of the balance due from Joseph B White-
head as Executor of Frances M Booth was derived from the sale
of property held ^{for} her life under the will of James J Blunt -

That there is due from Joseph B Whitehead as Executor of
Frances M Booth to said Estate on Nov 4, 1864 \$427.46
of which \$103.22 is principal, which on Nov 4th 1867 is
distributable as follows, to W C Blunt \$338.47 of which
\$284.84 is principal - to Lucilla F Rife on that date
\$254.13 of which \$215.37 is principal: to Eliza Atkins
on the same date \$53.77 of which \$50.00 is principal
as will appear from the distributee account of said
parties herewith reported - That he has also reported
at the request of said Joseph B Whitehead a list of
Bonds held by him as Executor of said Frances M
Booth, which have been already ^{credited to} said estate & compose
a part of the foregoing balance reported as due by him
to said estate, which on account of the Stay Law he has

been unable to collect - The commissioner further reports to the court that after the completion of the said account, he retained the same in his office ten days for the examination of the parties - The decree notices of a said are herewith returned -

Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid, the day & year first aforesaid -

C. B. Hayden Commissioner

Time employed in stating

acc - report & copy

for execution 34 hours - Fee of 25.50 (Lg Sam 11 Blunt Eye -

Blunt
vs
Blunt

Vouchers with
Commission
Ely's Report of
Collection

TO THE CLERK OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY :

suggests that there is a liability on

for the amount of judgment obtained

against

for

by reason of the lien of the writ of fieri facias which

and delivered

to

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Those of the heirs who demand immediate payment, but he cannot cancel the entire debt to the Society at this time. If such an arrangement can be made, it will bring the greatest relief to one who is suffering the most intense anxiety about the matter, & whose misfortunes are due to circumstances entirely beyond his control. I had an interview with Bro. W. Lee on Saturday. He promised that he would write to you & see what could be done. Hoping that you will let me hear from you at your earliest convenience, I am,

Respectfully & truly yrs.

M. Goodson

No 102 North 5th St.

Richmond, Va.
Jan'y. 3. 1870.

Rev. Mrs. G. Whitfield,

My dear Sir,

Some year ago or more, my brother-in-law W^m J. Boyle, of Esleight Co., purchased the farm on James River, known as the "Boothe Farm", belonging to Joseph Blunt decd. I learn that various circumstances have placed the purchase money, excepting a small amt, left to relatives, under the control of the "Preachers Aid Society" of the Va. Conference of the Methodist Prot. Church; & that, at its last session, you were appointed to attend to its Collection.

Owing to failure of crops & other misfortunes, Mr. Boyle has not been able to meet the payments, &

Mr. Hayden, in whose hands the claims have been placed, has sued him, & presented to him the distressing alternative of borrowing the money, or of selling his property at a ruinous sacrifice.

At the commencement of last year, he was fully confident in his ability to pay the whole claim by the middle of October. His pea-vine crop alone, under ordinary circumstances, would have realized him nearly \$4000; & with that amt, he could have more than met all his obligations. But the protracted drought, & failure of the fruit crop, completely frustrated his plans. As soon as he became aware of the failure of his crops he commenced making efforts to borrow the money to meet the claims referred to. He has offered to pay a large interest, & to give a deed of trust on unencumbered real estate, worth from \$8000 to \$10,000, to secure the loan of \$2000 or \$3000: but, notwithstanding

standing his repeated efforts in this direction for the last six months, & the ample security he has offered, he has met with no success, & unless he can get relief, the early sale of his property seems to be inevitable.

I learn from Mr. Wilson, that the amt. appropriated out of this fund by the last Conference, for immediate use, was about \$5000.

I write, in behalf of Mr. Doyle, to inquire, whether, if he raised the \$5000 to meet the immediate demands of the Society, it would be willing to wait on him a reasonable time for the balance, & instruct Mr. Hayden to refrain from pushing the matter to the last extremity - provided he will give the Society the same security, & pay the same interest that he would have to pay private parties to secure the desired loan. He can raise the above amt. & enough to satisfy

Exm L. Eley Admr. J. P. Blunt

1868

To C. B. Hayden D. P.

Oct.

1 To Commissioner's Fee in
suit of Blunt's Exr. vs. Blunt

25 50

1869

" Fee & Wit Tax in two suits on

Bonds w. Doyle & Co.

31 00

" Do for motion on F. C. B.

5 00

\$61 50

Received Payment

12.50

C. B. Hayden



any Adv. as executor of B's estate (confidentially) belong to B's estate or to my brother. I have inquired of Mr. M. but she has not informed me, what is the legal scale? Will the scale be according to Virginia or New?

Yours very truly

J. W. H. Field.

P.S. If the accommodation can be given to Mr. D. as proposed by Mrs. S. I suggest that it should be a fund-raiser for the meeting of the Society on Nov. next.

Enfield Jan^y 4 1870

L. B. Hayden Esq

Dear Sir

Please find enclosed
a letter from Mr S. W. Goodson. I state in reply to
Mr Goodson, that so far as I am concerned, I am
perfectly missing to the proposal in his letter, that
the Church should appoint no one, but doubt
whether I have any authority in the matter, as
I was ^{apparently} receiver of the funds by the Society. I might
probably be authorized to invest until next meeting
of the Society, that the funds of collected would
have to be invested and I suppose any local
estate such as Mr S. proposes would be a good
investment for the time and the place. That if you
think it can be legally done with my consent
then I am willing to it. Mr Deffe of course pay-
ing all cost necessary for such arrangement.
I suggested further that probably, that if I
had not the authority for Mr S. W. Goodson
don't get the money right, who has authority
to invest funds, after they come into his hands,
I requested Mr John W. Reddick to enquire
on this subject; but Mr S. W. letter makes it needless
to address you immediately. I leave the matter for
your decision.

Can you inform me whether the land I own

undoubted cheques. Perhaps if any control
does, ^{not} authorize that of the Rev. Treasurer. Rev
George R. Burdett, London Secy, though I think
the doubtful. This is all I can say on the
matter.

Yours very truly

E. Whittaker

Whittaker
Letters -

Mr. S. H. Garrison

Exeter July 4th 1870

Dear Bro

Yours of 3rd just received
Recd in the same subject a note from Bro McKee
yesterday; the result of your conversation with
him on same subject. I have to say unhesitatingly
that so far as I am concerned I am perfectly
willing to comply with your proposals: to pay \$600
and wait with Mr Doyle, on the security offered
a reasonable time. Indeed, in his distress, as you
state it, I think it ought to done; Certainly the
Church should "unnecessarily" the oppressor of any
one. Besides, if collected, the money would have
to be invested, and the best investment would
be ample security in real estate. But the difficul-
ty is, to know who has the authority to effect such
an arrangement, at the present time. It is to be regretted
that the case was not referred to the Society at
its last session, which no doubt, would have
given the accommodation. I will do what I
can, to extend the loan till next Session of Soci-
ety in November next; but think I am without
authority, as I am only appointed to receive
the money when collected. If Mr Hayden will
make the arrangement, or thinks it can be done
legally with any consent, till then, my consent will
be given, Mr Doyle of course defraying all costs,

Mr Rife

May 8th - 1870 - Recd of E L Eley Commissioner
under decree of the Circuit Court of the City of High of
May Term 1869, in suit of Blunt, vs Blunt-
Executors One Hundred & Forty Three Dollars
& Nine Cents; amount due me in right of
my wife Lucilla P, under said decree being
the sum of \$ 133.78, with interest ^{on \$100.00} ~~thereon~~ from
6 Sept^r 1868 -

W. W. Rife



A J Cooper

Seal 3

for 3 Bluntadam

Cooper

\$45⁸³/₁₀₀



May 19th 1870. Received of Edmund
Pley Committee of the Ex. of J. G. Blunt and
the sum of One Hundred & Forty Five
Dollars & Eighty Three Cents, amount
due my wife Martha E. under
Decree of Circuit Court of Sale of
Wright of May Term 1869. in suit of
Blunt's Ex. vs. Blunt

A. J. Coper

J. G. Whitfield
Ag. of 1st Aid Society

Receipt

N. P. Young

\$940⁶⁰/₁₀₀

August 12th 1871 Received of Edmund L. Eley
Sheriff and Committee of James B. Hunt
Deceased the sum of "Nine Hundred
and Forty Dollars and Sixty Cents" second
payment on the amount due "The
Virginia Aid Society" under the
Decree of the Circuit Court of
Isle of Wight County of May Term 1869
in the suit of James B. Hunt's Exr.
vs. William C. B. Hunt & al.

Wm. H. Nichols Agent
Of the Virginia Aid Society

(X)

Filed May 26
1869

Extract from the Minutes of the Virginia
aid Society at the Meeting held November 1868.

"On motion the Society Constituted
Rev. J. G. Whitfield its Agent to receive
any money which may be coming to it
(the Society) from the Blount estate."

Note

A true copy.

Wm McGehee, Secy.

following persons as appears by Comr. Hayden's report to wit:
To William C. Blunt \$136.00 with interest on \$100.00 part there-
of from the 1st of Oct^r 1868 To A. J. Cofer & Martha Elizabeth his wife \$1.00 with
interest on \$100.00 part thereof from the 1st of Oct^r 1868.
To Elizabeth Francis Harrison \$68.00 with interest on \$50.00 part
thereof from the 1st of Oct^r 1868, To William W Rife & Lucilla
G his wife \$133.78 with interest on \$100.00 from the 1st of Oct^r
1868. and that what may remain of said fund pay to
Rev. John G. Whitfield Agent of the Virginia aid society who
is authorized to receive the same as per paper (X)
this day filed and that the said Exm. L. Cley as repre-
-sentative de bonis non of said James J. Blunt decd.,
Execute to Wm. T. Doyle a Deed with special warranty
in the usual form for the land sold by former
decree in this cause. And the Court doth further
adjudge order & decree that Exm. L. Cley Sheriff and
committee of said Joseph B. Whitehead decd. proceed
to collect the assets reported by Comr. Hayden as yet-
due to said Joseph B. Whitehead as executor of Francis
M. Boothe an acct of the proceeds pay ratably if not
sufficient to pay in full the sum of \$593.69 Cents balance
due by Joseph B. Whitehead as executor to the estate of Francis
M. Boothe as appears by Comr. Hayden's account as follows.
To V. C. Blunt \$338.47 Cents with interest on \$286.84 Cents part
thereof from the 4th of November 1867. To Wm W. Rife and
Lucilla G. his wife late Harrison the sum of \$254.13 Cents
with interest on \$215.37 Cts part thereof from the 4th of Nov^r
1867. And make report to Court.

A copy. Justo, N. S. Gentry & Co.

Wm. T. Doyle
or J. H. Hester
Adm^r of the
Estate of
James J. Blunt

In the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County, May 18th 1869.
Joseph B. Whitehead, Exor of James J. Blunt decd. Plff:

vs. } In Charge
William C. Blunt & als.

Defds:

It appearing to the Court that Joseph B. Whitehead executor of James J. Blunt & executor of Francis M. Boothe has died and the estates of Whitehead, Blunt, & Boothe, have been committed to the hands of Exam. S. Eley Sheriff of Isle of Wight County for administration it is ordered that the cause be proceeded in accordingly. And this cause came on this day to be again heard on the papers formerly read, and on the report of Joseph B. Whitehead of the sale of the real estate of James J. Blunt and on the report of C. B. Hayden Commissioner made pursuant to the decree of the 12th of Oct. 1866, and on examination of witnesses and surafacias reviving the cause against Exam. S. Eley as Sheriff and committee of Joseph B. Whitehead decd. And on papers this day filed marked (X), and was argued by Counsel on consideration whereof the Court doth confirm the said reports, (there being no exceptions to the same) and it having been decided by the former Judge of this Court, in an opinion filed in the cause that the Virginia aid Society is the residuary legatee of said James J. Blunt decd. and as such entitled to the legacy given by said James J. Blunt decd. to the superannuated preachers aid society of Virginia, doth adjudge order & decree that Exam. S. Eley Sheriff and Committee of James J. Blunt decd. as aforesaid, receive of the Clerk of this Court who will deliver the same to him the Bonds of William T. Doyle, R. H. Randolph and William A. Stott each for \$948.86 cents and collect the same, and out of the proceeds pay any further costs due in the cause and retain \$19.53 and \$4.49 cents balance of principle & interest due by James J. Blunt's estate to Joseph B. Whitehead, his late exor. And then pay the several money legacies due to the

Statement A.

1890

Cash at Law

May 17	By Cash from Wm. J. Doyle in part of judgment on Purchase Bonds	1300 00
Dec 1	" Cash from do. in full of do.	1094 07
		2394 07

To Cash paid Ck's fees in suits at Law	4 53
" Do. Sheriff's fees in do.	6 00
" Do. Sheriff's commissions in do.	86 62
" Do. Attorney's Fee & Writ Tax in do.	36 00
" Net Balance to be credited in Chancery suit as per Contra	2256 52
	<u>\$2394 07</u> <u>\$2394 07</u>

Statement B.

Costs of suit in Chancery

By amount as above net proceeds of suits at Law on Sale Bonds	2256 52
To Administrator's Commissions @ 5 per cent on \$2292 ⁵² gross proceeds of suits at Law paid Executor.	114 62
" Cash paid Ck's fees in Chancery suit	7 87
" Do. Sheriff's Fees	50
" Do. Commissioner's Fees	25 50
" Do. Drawing Deed to Purchaser of Land	5 00
" Balance as per Contra for Distribution	2103 08
	<u>\$2256 52</u> <u>\$2256 52</u>

Statement C.
Of Payment of Legacies.
By Amount for Distribution as per
Statement B.

2103 03

1870

May

17 To this amount retained as Administrator
of Wm. C. Blunt under said Decree 145 70

" Amt retained for Elizabeth Frances Harrison 72 58

" Do. retained as Administrator of Joseph B. Whittead 24 02

" Amount paid Legacy to Wm. P. in right of his
wife Lucilla B. under said Decree 143 90

" 19 " Amount paid A. A. Hofer in right of his
wife Martha C. under said Decree 145 83

" 31 " Amount paid John K. Whitfield Agent of
"The Virginia Aid Society" under said
Decree. 611 00

Aug 12 " Paid Do 940 60

" Balance as per Contra 19 10

\$2103 03 \$2103 03

Balance in hands of Administrator \$19 10

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Blunt & Exor.

Report
of
Edward Eley

Octo. 2^d 1841 filed
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to the future order of the Court.
The Receipts of the parties for the
payments aforesaid are herewith filed
Owing to the insolvency of the Parties he
has been unable to collect any portion of
Bonds due Joseph B. Whitehead as Executor
of Frances M. Booth & has been conse-
quently unable to pay any of the Legacies
due ^{of} said Frances M. Booth's Estate. On the
payment in full of the amount due from
William T. Doyle the undersigned
executed & delivered to him a Deed as
required by said Decree.

E. L. Ely

of paying the costs of the suits, the
preferred Legacies & the said payment
of \$611⁰⁰ to "The Virginia Aid Society."
That out of the said sum of \$1300⁰⁰, & the
further sum of \$1094⁰⁰ in full of the
amount recovered in the suit at Law on
said Bonds, paid on December the 4th
1870. your Commissioner paid the costs in the
suits at Law as per Statement A herewith annexed,
& of the suit in Chancery as per Statement
B herewith annexed, the preferred Legacies
as directed by said Decree, the said sum
of \$611⁰⁰ to the "Virginia Aid Society," which was
paid on the 31st day of May 1870 out of
the first payment of \$1300⁰⁰, & the
further payment of \$940⁰⁰ to said
Society made on the 12th day of August 1871
as per Statement C. herewith annexed,
leaving a balance in the hands of the
undersigned as Administrator of J^{es} B^{lunt}
of \$19⁰⁰ which he has
retained to meet the contingent
expenses of a final settlement of the
Estate. The said Frances Elizabeth Harrison
mentioned in said Decree & in
Statement C being a Minor without
Guardian, her Legacy of \$72⁸⁸ has
been retained by the undersigned subject

To the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight County:

The undersigned reports to the Court that pursuant to the annexed Decree of said Court of May Term 1870 in the suit of James B. Hunt's Executor vs. William C. Hunt & al. that he received from the Clerk of the Court the Bonds in said Decree mentioned for collection, but was unable to collect the same without suit for which purpose said Bonds were placed in the hands of an Attorney, who brought suit & recovered Judgment on the same. On the judgments thus obtained Forthcoming Bonds were given by the Defendants. On one of these Forthcoming Bonds Judgment was obtained the other having been paid off before Judgment.

The Rev. John B. Whitfield "Agent for the Virginia Aid Society" having authorized indulgence to the purchasers of the land as to the balance of the purchase money after paying the said Society \$6,000, as per his Letters herewith filed. The undersigned therefore on the 17th of May 1870. only collected on the said Bonds the sum of \$1,300⁰⁰, for the purpose

Notice of the taking of such accounts be
published, once a week for four successive
weeks, in some newspaper published in
Norfolk City, which shall be in lieu
of personal service on the parties or any
of them.

Whitcomb & Co

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Abstracted.

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Oct. Court. Decease.

To be entered

R. H. Barker

Protestant Church on the Sunny Circuit (the Chapel) near Sunny Court house Va., The Legacy to Madison College, Uniontown Pa.; The Legacy to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia,

And that as to the Legacy to the Superannuated Preachers and Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Va. District, and the Superannuated Preachers and Society of Va. the Court does not now express any opinion as to their validity, doth further adjudge, order and decree that Joseph B. Whitehead, the Executor of James J. Blunt decd, proceed to sell at public auction, before the Court house door of Isle of Wight County, on some County Court day, all the right, title and Interest of the said James J. Blunt decd, in the Lands described in the said Rice, as One hundred and fifty one acres, and of fifty nine and two thirds acres of Land, adjoining each other and situated in Isle of Wight County & adjoining the Lands of Ro. Wilson & Ro. J. Gibbs, and James River, near Burnell's Bay; Also two thirds of one hundred & fifty seven acres (part of the same original farm) held by said Francis M. Borthe for life; On a credit of one and two years, with interest ^{except for a sum to pay costs of suit, expenses of sale & reasonable fees to plaintiff's attorney} from day of sale & first advertising ^{which said sale} for three weeks, at the Court house door of said County & at least four other public places in said County & in some newspaper published in Norfolk City once a week for three weeks, taking from the purchaser a Bond with good security, & retain the title till the further order of Court, and make report to Court.

and the Court doth also order, that the said Joseph B. Whitehead as Executor aforesaid, sell

any Chattle estate remaining, belonging to the estate of said James J. Blunt decd, and also report to Court.

And the Court doth further adjudge, order & decree that one of the Comrs. of this Court take and settle

First - a further account of the transactions of the said Joseph B. Whitehead as Executor of James J. Blunt decd (taking the accounts filed as Exhibits with the Complainants' Bill as correct, subject to be surcharged & falsified); Second - An account of the transactions of Joseph B. Whitehead as admr. of Francis M. Borthe decd, shewing what amount, if any is in his hands as such admr. due & owing by his Intestate, Francis M. Borthe, arising from sales of property lent her by the Last will & Testament of said James J. Blunt decd;

Third - an account or statement of the ~~specific~~ Legacies due & unpaid; Fourth, an account or statement shewing who the heirs at Law of James J. Blunt decd, are, and the fractional portions due each one, of any moneys due by said Joseph B. Whitehead as Exr. aforesaid, as also the ^{fractional portions} ~~portions~~ due the same, from the sales of property herein decreed to be sold; ~~And report~~ ~~thereon~~ (And the Court doth further adjudge, order and decree that a Comr. of this Court ascertain by proper evidence, report his opinion with the evidence in support of the same, whether or no, the Legacy to "The Superannuated Preachers and Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia District, & to the "Superannuated Preachers and Society of Va." was intended by the said James J. Blunt, as a Legacy to "The Virginia Aid Society", and make report thereon with any matters specially stated deemed pertinent by himself, or ~~that~~ any of the parties, may require to be so stated - and that

Whitehead Exr. of Blunt, &c.

This cause, in which the plaintiff has proceeded in the mode prescribed by law, against about and unknown Defendants, as to "The Methodist Protestant Church (Blunts or Bethel) on the Smithfield Circuit, in Isle of Wight County Va.; The Protestant Church on the Surry Circuit (the Chapel) near Surry Court house Va.; Madison College, Uniontown Pa.;

The Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia District; The Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia, and the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society of Virginia, came on this day, to be heard on the Bill of the Complainant taken for compelled as to these Defendants; and also as to the Defendants Vincent C. Blunt, George W. Harrison and Lucilla G. his wife; Joseph B. Whitehead personal representative of Frances M. Boothe dec'd; Wm. C. Blunt, Andrew J. Cofer and Martha Elizabeth his wife, on whom the process in this cause had been duly executed & they still feeling to answer; and on the answer of "The Virginia Aid Society" this day filed by leave of the Court & on general replication & said answer & on Exhibits filed with said Bill, and was argued by Counsel;

On Consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, order and decree that the several Legacies named in the Last will and Testament of James J. Blunt dec'd, and specified as below, are null and void and of no effect, that is to say, "The Legacy to the "The Methodist Protestant Church (Blunts or Bethel) on the Smithfield Circuit, in Isle of Wight County Va.; The Legacy to the Methodist

and that Notice of the taking of such Accounts be published Once a Week for four successive Weeks in some News paper published in Norfolk City, which shall be in lieu of personal service on the parties or any of them.

Teste. A. P. Young Clerk.
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A. P. Young Clerk.

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The Legacy to the Methodist Protestant Church on the
Surry Circuit (the Chapel) Near Surry Court house Va.
The Legacy to the Madison College Uniontown Pa.
The Legacy to the Missionary Society of the Methodist
Protestant Church of Virginia. — And that as
to the Legacy to the Suprammated Preachers Aid
Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the
Virginia District, and the Suprammated Preachers ~~and~~
Aid Society of ~~the Methodist Protestant Church of the Va.~~
~~District and the Suprammated Preachers Aid Society~~
~~of Virginia~~. The Court does not now express any
Opinion as to their Validity. doth further Adjudge,
Order and decree that Joseph B. Whithead the Executor
of James J. Blunt decd. proceed to sell at Auction, before
the ^{Court} house door of Isle of Wight County, on some County
Court day. All the right, title and Interest of the said
James J. Blunt decd. in the lands described in the
said Bill, As One hundred and fifty one acres, and
of forty nine and two thirds acres of land adjoining
each other and situated in Isle of Wight County and
adjoining the lands of Robert Wilson, Robert W. Gibbs,
and James River, Near Bennetts Bay: also two thirds
of One hundred and fifty seven ~~hundred~~ acres (part of the same
Original farm) held by said Francis M. Booth for life;
on a Credit of One and two years, With Interest from day
of Sale, except for a sum to pay Cost of Suit, expenses of
Sale and reasonable fees to Plaintiffs Attorney which
will be Cash, first Advertising said Sale for three
Weeks at the Court house door of said County and
at least four other public places in said County
and in some News paper published in Norfolk
City Once a Week for three Weeks taking from the
purchaser a Bond with good security, and
retain the title till the further order of Court and

make report to Court. And the Court doth also Order
that the said Joseph B. Whithead as Executor Aforesaid,
sell any Chattle estate remaining, belonging to the
estate of said James J. Blunt decd. and also report
to Court. — And the Court doth further Adjudge, Order
and decree that one of the Commissioners of this
Court take and settle. First A further Account of the
Transactions of the said Joseph B. Whithead as Exor.
of James J. Blunt decd. (taking the Accounts filed
as Exhibits with the Complainants Bill, as correct,
Subject to be searched & falsified) Second: An Account
of the transactions of Joseph B. Whithead as admr.
of Francis M. Booths decd. Showing what amount
if any is in his hands as such admr. due and owing
by his Intestate, Francis M. Booth, arising from
Sales of property lent him by the last Will and Testament
of Aforesaid James J. Blunt decd. Third: An
Account or ~~Statement~~ ^{Fourth: an account or statement} showing who the heirs at law
of James J. Blunt decd. are, and the fractional portions
due each One, of any Monies due by said Joseph B.
Whithead as Executor Aforesaid, As also the fractional
portions due the same from the sales of property herein
decreed to be sold, — And the Court doth further Adjudge,
Order and decree that a Commissioner of this Court
Ascertain by proper evidence; & report his Opinion
with the evidence in Support of the same, whether or
no the Legacy to the "Suprammated Preachers ^{Aid} Society
of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia
District", And to the "Suprammated Preachers Aid
Society of Virginia" was intended by the said James
J. Blunt as a Legacy to "the Virginia Aid Society"
and make report to Court with any Matters Spe-
cially Stated deemed pertinent by himself or
that any of the parties may require to be so Stated.

At a Circuit Court held for the County of Isle of Wight
On the 17th day of October 1866.

Joseph B. Whitehead Executor of James J. Blunt dec'd.
Against

Vincent C. Blunt, George W. Harrison & Lucilla G. his wife, Is.
B. Whitehead personal representatives of F. M. Booth dec'd. & also. Defts
This Cause, in which the plaintiff has proceeded in
the mode prescribed by law. Against Absent and
Unknown Defendants, as to the Methodist Protestant
Church (Blunts or Bethells) on the Smithfield Circuit
in Isle of Wight County Va. The Protestant Church on
the Surry Circuit (the Chapel) Near Surry Court house Va.
Madison College Uniontown Pa. The Supernannated
Preachers Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church
of the Virginia, ^{district} ~~the~~ ^{Magnifying Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of}
Aid Society of Virginia, Came on this day to be heard
On the Bill of the complaints taken for confessed
as to these Defendants and also as to the Defendants
Vincent C. Blunt, George W. Harrison & Lucilla G. his wife,
Joseph B. Whitehead personally represented of Frances
M. Booth dec'd. William C. Blunt, Andrew J. Coper &
Martha Elizabeth his wife, on whom the process in
this Cause had been duly executed and they still
failing to answer, and on the answer of the Virginia
Aid Society this day filed by leave of the Court and
on general replication to said answer and on exhibits
filed with said Bill. and was argued by Council. On
consideration whereof, the Court doth adjudge, Order
and decree that the several Legacies named in the
last Will and testament of James J. Blunt dec'd.
and specified as belows, are null & void and of no
effect, that is to say. The Legacy to the Methodist
Protestant Church (Blunts or Bethells) on the Smith-
field Circuit in Isle of Wight County Virginia

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Decree

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rotably if not sufficient to pay in full
to the same pay the sum of \$573.69
Balance due by said Jos. B. Whitehead a,
Exor to the estate of Francis M. Booth a,
appears by Court Hazden acct. as follows
To V. C. Blunt \$338.47, with Int. on \$286.84
paid thereof from the 1st Nov. 1867 — To
W. W. Rife and Lucille G. his wife, late
Harris on the sum of \$254.13 with Int.
on \$215.37 paid thereof
~~thereon~~ from the 1st Nov. 1864 — ~~do~~
and make report to Court.

his late Executor
~~executors~~, and then pay the several
money legacies due to the following persons,
as appears by Com Hayden's Report its int.
to Wm C. Blunt \$136, with Int. on \$100,
paid thereof from 1st Oct 1868 - To A. J. Cifer
and Martha Elizabeth his wife \$136, with
Int. on \$100 paid thereof from the 1st Oct. 1868,
To Elizabeth Francis Harris on \$68, with
Int. on \$50. paid thereof from 1st Oct 1868
To Wm W. Rife & Lucilia G. his wife
\$138.78 with Int. on \$100 from the 1st Oct
1868, and that what ^{may} remain of said
fund pay to ^{Rev} Bro. G. Whitfield, agent
of the Virginia Aid Society, who is
authorized to receive the same as per
paper (+) this day filed -

and that the said Execut L. Ely
as representative of the said
James J. Blunt dec'd. execute to Wm
J. Boyle a deed with special
warranty in the usual form for the
Land sold by former decree in
this cause

and the Court doth further adjudge
order and decree that Execut L. Ely Sh. &
Covener of said Mr. B. Whitehead dec'd. ~~out~~
~~of any money in his hands belonging~~
~~to said estate said estate, and applicable~~
proceeds to collect the assets reported by Com
Hayden as yet due to said Mr. B. Whitehead as
Exec. of James M. Booth and of the proceeds
pay ~~exactly the same out of~~ —

Blunt v. Blunt — It appearing
to the Court that Mr. B. Whitehead Esq. of
Jas. J. Blunt & Esq. of Francis M. Booth has
and that the estate of said Whitehead, Blunt
said Booth have been committed to the hands of
~~James J. Blunt~~ ^{James J. Blunt} ~~Esq.~~
Esq. L. Ely Sheriff of Jefferson County for administration
It is ordered that the cause be proceeded in according
and this cause came on this day to be
again heard on the papers formerly
read & on the report of Mr. B. Whitehead
of the sale of the real estate of Jas. J. Blunt
& on the Report of C. B. Hayden, Comr.,
made pursuant to the Decree of the 19th
of October 1866, & on Examination of
witnesses, & Scire facias reviving the cause
against Esq. L. Ely as Sheriff & Com-
mitter of Mr. B. Whitehead Decedent
& on paper this day filed marked "X".
and was argued by Counsel. on consid-
eration whereof, the Court doth Confirm the
said Report (there being no exception to the
and it having been decided by the former Judge of this Court ^{in an opinion}
same) & ~~the Court deciding~~ that the
Virginia Aid Society is the residuary
Legatee of said James J. Blunt decd &
as such entitled to the Legacy given by
said James J. Blunt decd to the Superannuated
Preachers aid Society of Virginia, both
adjudge order and Decree that Esq.
L. Ely, Sheriff & Comr. of ^{James J. Blunt decd} ~~Mr. B. Whitehead~~
as aforesaid, receive of the Clerk of this Court
who will deliver the same to him, the ^{five} Bonds of
Mr. J. Doyle, R. H. Randolph & Wm. A. Stille, each
for \$948.86, and collect the same, out of
the proceeds pay any further costs due in the
cause & retain \$19.53 & \$4.49, Balance of Principal
& Int. due by Jas. J. Blunt's estate to said Mr. B. Whitehead

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Blunt's Exr.

This cause this day came on to be again heard on the papers formerly read & on the Report of Exr. T. Eley under the Decree herein of May Term 1869, It was argued by counsel, on consideration whereof the court doth adjudge, order, & decree that said Report, to which no exceptions were filed be confirmed, & that the said Exr. T. Eley appropriate the balance in his hands as shown by said report in accordance with said decree ^{by consent of parties} & that this case be removed from the docket, with liberty to any party interested to restore the same

Blunt's Exec vs Blunt & others. 1

By a Decree rendered in this cause at the October Term 1866, a Commissioner of the Court was directed to ascertain by proper evidence and report his opinion with the evidence in support of the same, whether or not the legacy to the "Superannuated Preachers Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia District" and to the "Superannuated Preachers Aid Society of Virginia" was intended by the said James I Blunt as a legacy to the "Virginia Aid Society". In accordance with this decree Commissioner Young has taken and returned the depositions of the Rev William McKee and Rev John G Whitfield which are sufficient, I think, to show that the Testator had reference to the "Virginia Aid Society" when he made the bequests referred to. But the question arises, Can the "Virginia Aid Society" take and hold the property mentioned in the will? I submit that the bequest is void upon two grounds 1st. Because it is in contravention of a well settled principle of public policy and repugnant to the Constitution of the State. 2nd. Because the Beneficiaries of this Charity are too indefinite and uncertain. The whole history of our State Legislation, from the foundation of the Government to the present time, shows a very decided jealousy of religious Corporations and an unwillingness to allow them to accumulate property in this State as they have done elsewhere. Nor have our Courts been at all disposed to encourage the alienation of property for religious uses. Without stopping now to inquire

into the causes which have produced this jealousy. I may ² remark that the wise Caution of our Legislatures and Courts upon this subject has been universally conceded. In the State Constitution adopted in 1851, it is provided that "the General Assembly shall not grant a Charter of Incorporation to any Church or Religious Denomination". Is the Virginia Aid Society a Religious Denomination? The Charter which was granted in January 1854 provides that "the Capital and income of said Society or such part thereof as a majority of the members may direct shall be applied to the relief or maintenance of such indigent persons as the said Society may select and to no other purpose". And the Constitution of the Society Art 6th provides that the Beneficiaries of the Society shall be reported by the Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church. The testimony of Mr Mesher & Mr Whetfield shows that while any person may be a member of said Society no one can be a Beneficiary but a Minister or Preacher of the Methodist Protestant Church or their widows and orphans. The minutes of the "Society" filed in this cause show that it is part and parcel of the Methodist Protestant Church. It is described in terms as the "Superannuated Preachers Aid Society" (now the Virginia Aid Society) of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia District. It thus appears, I think, conclusively that the Virginia Aid Society is a mere adjunct of the Methodist Protestant Church. that ~~it~~ constitutes a part of the

organization of that Church and that it is to all
 intents and purposes a religious ~~foundation~~ Associa-
 tion. The cases referred to by Mr Kelly show that
 bequests made to such Associations are void. But
 if it should be conceded that the incorporation of the
 "Virginia Aid Society" is not in violation of the pro-
 visions of the State Constitution which have been
 quoted, it seems to me that the legacy must be pro-
 nounced void for uncertainty - because it is a
 charitable bequest of a vague and indefinite char-
 acter which cannot be enforced in Virginia since
 the repeal of the Statute of Charitable Uses of 43rd
 Elizabeth. We are sustained in this position by
 the ruling of the Court of Appeals in the cases of
 Gallegos & Co vs the Atty Genl 3rd Leigh & 50. Brook
 or Shacklett 13th Grot 301 and Seaburns & Co vs
 Seaburn & others 15th Grot 423. The English Statute
 of "Charitable uses" having been repealed in Virginia,
 our Chancery Courts have no jurisdiction to decree
 charities where the objects are indefinite and uncer-
 tain. Whenever a bequest is uncertain as to the
 Beneficiaries, it is void and of no effect -
 Now who are the Beneficiaries of this fund? Can
 they be named with any degree of certainty? The
 Beneficiaries are not the Ministers & Preachers of
 the Methodist Protestant Church, their widows
 and orphans - but such of them as may be selected
by a vote of the Society - The Charter does not desig-
 nate any persons or particular class of persons.

as Beneficiaries, but it is left entirely to the will of ^{the} Society to select them. No particular Individual can claim to be a Beneficiary and nobody knows whether he or she is a Beneficiary or not until a vote of the Society has been had. How then can the Virginia Aid Society demand the benefit of this fund? It does not belong to the Society but to such Beneficiaries only as the Society may think proper to select. Judge Tucker says in Gallegos Exr vs the "Atty Genl" "the intervention of a Trustee does not surmount a single difficulty. There is not more necessity for a properly defined grantee in a deed than for a cestuique trust capable of taking and so defined and pointed out that the trust will not be void for uncertainty. In short there cannot be a trust without a cestuique trust; and if it cannot be ascertained who the cestuique trust is, it is the same thing as if there was none". Can the Court ascertain who the cestuique trust is in this bequest? The Society itself could not now ascertain because that depends upon a vote of the Society here after to be taken. It will not be contended, I suppose, that the Testator intended to make this bequest to the Virginia Aid Society as such or to the individual members composing it. It is to be presumed that he was well acquainted with the Constitution and By Laws of the Society which provide that none can be its Beneficiaries except ~~such~~ Ministers and Members of the Methodist Protestant Church and their widows and orphans who may have the good fortune to be selected by a vote of the Society. So that we are authorized to conclude that this bequest was intended to be made to the Va Aid Society in trust for the benefit of those who could take under its Charter Constitution & By Laws.

Mr Haydon seems to think that this case is not within the ruling of Gallego vs the Atty Genl and the other cases which have been quoted in support of it, because in none of these cases was the bequest made to an "Incorporation" and in support of this view he relies upon the case of the Baptists Association vs Harts Dyer & the Wheaton. In that case the bequest was made to "the Baptist Association that meets at Philadelphia annually for the education of youths of the Baptist Denomination who shall appear promising for the Ministry" In that case there was some degree of certainty as to the Beneficiaries intended - but in the case before us the Beneficiaries are altogether vague, indefinite and uncertain. The Charter of this Society provides that "the Capital and income of said Society or such part thereof as a majority of the members may direct shall be applied to the relief or maintenance of such indigent persons as the said Society may select". Under this language of the Charter, nothing can be more uncertain than the question who are to be the Beneficiaries of this Society. Will the fact that the Society has been incorporated remove the difficulty? It has been shown by Mr Skilly in his reference to 2 Kents Com, Corporations to whom legacies for charitable purposes are given are left in the same state as if the Statute of Uses had not been passed - and the decisions of the Court of Appeals already referred to show conclusively that all bequests for charitable purposes are void and ineffectual where the Beneficiaries are uncertain.

If therefore the Court shall agree with us in the opinion that the Beneficiaries in this case are indefinite and uncertain, I do not think the act of incorporation under the principles enumerated can remove the difficulty and upon this ground if no other it seems to me that the bequest must be pronounced null and void.

Respectfully x

John Goode for my
for V. C. Blunt.

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Note of Arguments -
C B Haslam
Council for War
Aid Society -

that corporations like the Virginia Aid Society
& others last mentioned were devised & are
sustained by the Courts, as laudable objects
of a wise public policy. It is therefore asked
that the Court will sustain the aforesaid
legacies to the Virginia Aid Society including
in the residuary legacy such lapsed legacies
as have fallen into said residuum from
having been decided by the Court to be void.

C B Hayden

Counsel for the V^a Aid Society -

Virginia. What more uncertain than the poor orphans, who ultimately will be selected by the Officers of the incorporated Orphan Asylums so common in our cities & whose ability to take a bequest has never been doubted. In these & many other analogous cases, which might be cited, the legacy is good, because the Testary Fund, the Incorporation &c; the immediate beneficiaries are certain though the ultimate beneficiaries are uncertain. It is to the former & not to the latter that the rule relied on by Mr Kilby applies, which rule it is conceived has no application to the legacy under Blunt's will to the "Virginia Aid Society".

Nor is there any force in the argument of Mrs Kilby based on the uncertainty of the beneficiaries, because under the act of incorporation of the "Virginia Aid Society" the objects of the aid are to be selected by the society, because of the reasons already given.

The argument proves too much; for it would render void every legacy to the Incorporated Benevolent Societies and Orphan Asylums in Virginia for the objects of their bounty, are always selected & must necessarily be selected by such Societies & Asyla. Indeed it is for the very purpose of applying & carrying out charity to general & unascertained objects,

is false; the beneficiary intended is the
"Virginia Aid Society" ^{it is} ~~they are~~ the immediate
object of the testator's bounty, to it the legacy is
given, absolutely & unconditionally, & hence
the beneficiary of Blunt being the
"Virginia Aid Society," an incorporation having
a legal existence such beneficiary is definite
& certain. Any conclusion of the argument of
Mr Kilby drawn from the premise of the
uncertainty of the beneficiary fails, because
the premise is false. It is ~~true~~ that these
ministers &c are the remote, ultimate &
indirect beneficiaries of the testator; but it is
not to such remote beneficiaries, that the ^{applies} rule,
~~that~~ the uncertainty of beneficiaries renders a
legacy void — if so legacies & conveyances of
every day occurrence sustained by the Courts,
would fail for uncertainty. Thus under the
code of Va a legacy to the ~~Lottery~~ ^{Lottery} Fund is good,
yet nothing is more uncertain than the
ultimate beneficiaries of such a bequest; they
are indigent children to be selected by
School commissioners who are themselves to be
selected by the County Court. What can be
more uncertain than the members of a religious
congregation worshiping at or connected with a
particular Church, yet such a congregation
constantly fluctuating & changing may be the
beneficiaries of a conveyance under the law of

incorporated is incapable of taking the trust. In the Baptists Association vs Harts ex'ors Hart the testator bequeathed property "to the Baptist Association for a perpetual fund for the education of youths of the Baptist denomination who shall appear promising for the ministry, always giving a preference to the descendants of my father's family".

L. J. Marshall in that case admits that if the Baptist Association had been incorporated the bequest would have been good, notwithstanding the indefiniteness of the beneficiaries. So that under the ruling of L. J. Marshall in the last case (the foundation as before remarked of Galligo's & the other Va cases) the "Virginia Aid Society" would be entitled to the legacy even under the assumption of Mr Philby's argument, that the bequest is to the "Virginia Aid Society" in trust for the ministers & preachers of the Protestant Methodist Church their widows & orphans. Mr Philby having shown that under the by-laws of the Society such ^{only receive its charity} ministers widows orphans &c, assumes that they are the beneficiaries of the legacy under Blunt's will & such beneficiaries being indefinite the legacy is void for uncertainty under the rulings of Galligo's & the other Va cases.

But it is respectfully submitted that the assumption that these preachers ministers &c are the beneficiaries intended by the testator Blunt

in consequence of any abuse of the trust by the Trustee & the latter by proper legal means would be required to enforce the trust.

Secondly it is argued that the "Virginia Aid Society" even if the intended object of the testator's bounty, & even if a constitutional incorporation, that the legacy is void for uncertainty, being a charitable bequest of an indefinite character only enforceable by means of the statute of charitable uses of 43rd Elizabeth which statute is not in operation in Va; it is contended that this case is within the principals of Gallego's ex'ors vs. The Attorney General 3rd Leigh 450, and the subsequent cases confirming it of Brook vs Shacklett, 13th Gratt 301 & Seaburn ex'or vs Seaburn & others 15th Gratt 423.

On behalf of the "Virginia Aid Society," it is denied that this case is within the ruling of Gallego's case & the other cases quoted confirmatory of it, for in none of those cases was the bequest to an incorporation, but the property was given to individuals in trust, & no legal interest vested, and ^{the} legacies failed because the bequest could only be enforced through ^{the} statute of Elizabeth aforesaid. Gallego's case was decided on the authenticity of the Baptists Association vs Hart ex'or 4th Wheaton p 1st. In that case G. J. Marshall expressly says the Association not being

But whether this be true or not, it certainly must be true that a charter of incorporation like that of the "Virginia Aid Society" constitutional in itself can ^{not} be rendered unconstitutional by an unconstitutional by-law of the society, even on the supposition that the aforesaid regulation restricting the charities of the society to the Ministers of a particular Church their widows & orphans is ^{unconstitutional}. The Legislature of Virginia has steadily refused to incorporate any Theological Seminary, - because by such an incorporation the tenets of a particular sect would be propagated & such an incorporation is in this state regarded as if not unconstitutional, at least as against public policy. but suppose an Institution of Learning to be incorporated for the general purpose of education, with the right to acquire property for such purpose by a gift or devise, & suppose that by accident or design the visitors and teachers should all be selected from ~~that~~ a particular sect & should adopt a regulation requiring the tenets of their creed to be systematically & exclusively taught; could it be pretended that a general legacy to such institution would fail because of such regulation? It is presumed not. The legacy being for the general purpose of the incorporation, & such purpose being legal, the legacy would not fail.

Virginia, which allows the Legislature to secure the title to Church property to be limited by law; this does not authorize a conveyance for a burial ground or a parsonage, & conveyances for these purposes do not rest upon any enabling power in the constitution. Not only by the said 8th & 10th § of chap 11, may property be held for the special use of a particular sect as a Church a parsonage or burial place without violating the constitution, but by further provisions of said chap Benevolent Societies, are recognized & authorized to hold property for the benefit of the objects of their charity & among the charitable purposes thus recognized is the education & maintenance of indigent children. In all the larger cities of the State in order to organize the charities of the different denominations, each sect through an orphan asylum or other incorporated Benevolent Institution of similar nature dispenses its charity to the indigent children of its own Church & while ^{sustaining such incorporations} no judicial decision is known^{ly} yet the frequency of Legislative acts by means of which such restricted charities are sustained it is a proof that they are regarded as constitutional. It is presumed that a charter of a Benevolent association, which by its language restricted its charity to persons connected with a particular communion would be constitutional.

By the provisions of chapter 77 Section 8, Code of Virginia pg 412, a conveyance of land for the use of a particular religious congregation as the place of public worship the residence of a minister of such particular Church or as a burial place is authorized & by the 10th § of said chapter books & furniture may be held to be used in the ceremonies of public worship & ~~that~~ the residence of a Minister.

By these provisions privileges & advantages ^{may be} conferred on religious in their character ^{on} particular sects & denominations & conveyances by virtue of these provisions are every day made conferring such peculiar privileges upon particular sects & denominations. Yet the Constitutionality of these provisions has never been doubted but on the contrary are every day sustained & enforced by the Courts, & in Brook & others vs Shacklett & Carter & others vs Wolfe 13th Gratt '302, & Seaburn's ex'or vs Seaburn & others 15th Gratt - 423. conveyances for religious uses under these provisions were not questioned. If peculiar religious privileges thus conferred upon a particular sect is not unconstitutional, a fortiori a mere benevolence conferred upon the indigent of a particular sect is not unconstitutional.

If it should be said that a conveyance of land to be used as a Church by a particular religious congregation is within the saving of the latter part of the aforesaid 32 § of the constitution of

constitutes the Society a religious incorporation or confers upon any sect or denomination peculiar privileges. It does not confer a privilege; because as appears from said deposition that the charity of the Society is not a right or privilege of any or all the indigent ministers of said Church their widows & orphans but only such of them as may be selected by the members of said Society; the membership of which Society, as appears from said Deposition & by article 3rd of the constitution of said Society, see page 18 of the Minutes of the Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church filed in the cause, is open to all persons & not confined to the members of said or any other Church. It is hence competent to said Society to select any persons as the beneficiaries of its charity whether members of said or any other Church or although not members of any Church and therefore a regulation thus temporary in its character, liable to change, & necessarily changing with the predominating opinions of the members of the Society cannot be regarded as conferring any peculiar privileges on any sect or denomination.

Said regulation does not constitute the "Virginia Aid Society" in violation of the Constitution an Incorporation of a Church or a Religious Denomination.

of such indigent persons as the said Society may select & by the 3rd section of said charter no religious or denominational test is to be applied to the membership of said Society, not only therefore does the said charter not attempt to confer any peculiar privileges on any sect or denomination, but such discrimination is by the very terms of the charter expressly prohibited.

But it is argued that the "Virginia Aid Society" is practically an incorporation of a religious denomination because it is disclosed by the testimony in the cause that by the regulation in the Society no one can be a beneficiary of said Society but the indigent ministers & preachers of the Protestant Methodist Church, their widows & orphans. To which it may be replied that if said regulation constitutes it a religious corporation or confers any privileges on any sect or denomination, such unconstitutional ends are not attained by virtue of said charter but in direct violation of it. ~~But it is contended on behalf of~~ ~~xxxx Society~~ Even therefore if the regulation complained of is unconstitutional, the charter being constitutional the society can nevertheless take & hold said legacy, & relief may be had by forcing the Society to repeal said regulation & apply its charity in accordance with its charter. But it is contended on behalf of said Society, that the regulation thus confining the charity to the ministers of a particular Church & the widows & orphans of such ministers the latter not being required to belong to said Church neither

First - the act of incorporation of said Society is void; being in violation of the 32nd section of the Constitution of Virginia, Code of Virginia page 47, prohibiting the grant of a charter of incorporation to any Church or religious denomination & of the 15th section of said Constitution, Code of Virginia pg 45 - prohibiting the Legislature from conferring any peculiar privileges or advantages on any sect or denomination & Secondly, - because the objects of the legacy are uncertain, -

First - it is contended that the act of incorporation is a violation of the aforesaid clause in the Constitution prohibiting a charter of incorporation to a Church or religious denomination & the conferring of peculiar privileges on any sect or denomination.

There is nothing in the charter to support the argument, the charter does not confer by its language any privileges upon any sect or denomination, nor is any mention made in said charter of any Church or religious denomination whatever, there is hence nothing in the language of the charter rendering it liable to these constitutional objections. The charter is merely the incorporation of a Society for Charitable purposes with the power to hold property which by its 2nd section may be applied to the relief

of as the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society &c., even after the date of said incorporation, and that it is still frequently called Superannuated Preachers Aid Society. The will of the testator bears date 23rd of March 1855 - a little more than a year after the change of the name of the Society ~~after~~^{by} the act of incorporation, & it was hence not strange that the testator should not have learned of a change of name so lately made; it still retaining its original name in common use. This was a mere mistake by the testator in the name of the Society, & there can be no doubt that the "Virginia Aid Society" was the intended object of his bounty. —

The authorities are ample to show that when the name of a legatee is erroneous & there is no reasonable doubt as to the person intended to be named, the mistake will not disappoint the bequest, 2nd Loman on Executors, page 62 —
x + the mistake in the name may be corrected by parol evidence & extraneous proof, *ibid*, 63
The same rule applies whether the mistake is in the name of a person or a corporation
x 1st Loman on Wills p' 328-329. The identity of the "Virginia Aid Society" as the intended object of the testators bounty, indeed is conceded by the Council for the testators Executor & the testators Heirs at law & next of kin, but it is contended that even if the testator intended the said bequest for the "Virginia Aid Society": such Society cannot take the said legacy because

Blunt Executor &c -

- vs -

Blunt & Others -

James I Blunt by the 8th -
clause of his will gives & bequeathes \$500-00 to
the Superannuated preachers aid Society of the
Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia
District. By the 14th clause he gives the surplus
of his estate to the Superannuated preachers aid
Society of Virginia.

"The Virginia Aid Society," has filed its
answer in this cause claiming that the
testator intended ~~that~~ the aforesaid bequests to
the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society, to
bequeath the subject of said legacies to the
"Virginia Aid Society," the latter being the
Corporate name of a Society which from 1839
to 1854 was organized, known, & conducted, under
the name & style of the Superannuated Preachers
Aid Society. In 1854 January 9th as appears from
the depositions of the Rev. John P. Whitfield &
the Rev. William McFee - Ministers of the
Protestant Methodist Church, & original members
of the Superannuated Preachers Aid Society, this
Society without any change of its plan or objects,
& for the furtherance of these objects, obtained
from the Virginia Legislature. "See acts of '53 & '54 -
page 71 - a charter as a corporation under the
name of the "Virginia Aid Society" it also appears
that said Society was generally known & spoken

who can claim the benefit of its provisions.
But only such can be beneficiaries as the
Corporation or Society may think proper to select—
them, so far from having any person or class
of persons who might under the charter claim
demanded its benefits, it depends on the
will of the Society — And as I conceive
according to the rule in Va, the beneficiaries
being uncertain the Corporation cannot, any
more than any other Trustee, claim the
Legacy.

The Legacy is void therefore as against
Public policy and repugnant to the
Constitution Sec. 32, above quoted & section
25 (latter part) which prohibits the Legislature
"from conferring any peculiar privileges
or advantages on any sect or denomination"
and is void because, Corporations cannot
take for charitable uses, especially where
beneficiaries are uncertain.

John R. Kilby

29 July 1868

(Atty for Exr.)

Mr. R. Kilby
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Can the mere Intention of an agent
whether he be a Trustee named by
Deed or will, or by act of the Legislature
alter the case?

According to the Principles in
Gallego's case, the mere Intention
of an agent will not answer, when the
beneficiaries are uncertain.

The Statute of 43 Eliz. has been
repealed in Va (13 Stat. p. 309), and hence
the English rule which allows Corporations
to take for charitable uses, does not prevail
in Va. ^{Hence in Va} ~~and~~ such Corporations cannot
take for charitable uses.

In 2 Kent's Com it is said in reference
to this subject " They (Corporations to whom
"Legacies for charitable purposes are given)
"are left in the same state as if the statute
"of 43 Eliz. had not been passed" . and we
have seen that in Va. that act is not in force
and gifts to charitable purposes cannot
be enforced when beneficiaries are uncertain.

The mere naming a Corporation as a Legatee
does not secure the Legacy (for charitable uses)
unless the beneficiaries are certain — Now in
the Charter of the Va. aid society, there
are no fixed persons or class of persons who
by the Charter are designated as beneficiaries &

General Purposes

§ 34 "The General assembly shall not frame a charter of Incorporation to any Church or religious denomination".

In the "Virginia aid society", a religious denomination, and are the objects of the society so fully expressed as to indicate who are its beneficiaries.

The Charter, provides that "the Capital and Income of said society, or such part thereof as a majority of the members may deem, shall be applied to the relief or maintenance of such indigent persons as the said society may select and to no other purpose".

The testimony shows that the beneficiaries of said society are only the 'ministers & Preachers, their widows & orphans of the Methodist Protestant Church, and others, according to the Bylaws of said society -

other persons might be mere members of the corporation, but none but those named could be beneficiaries.

Practically the society is a Religious one, and the Policy of our Law is against allowing Religious societies ~~from~~ taking as Legates - The case of Gallejo's Exor. v. atty Genl. 3 L. 450 - Brooke v. Shaddock 13 Gratt 301 & Seabum v. Seabum 15 Gratt. 423 &c. &c. show that such gifts are void.

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- The only points now open are
- 1st Did Jas. J. Blunt, the Testator intend by the words "superannuated Preachers aid Society of Va." ~~intend~~ to make a bequest to the "Virginia aid Society" which was incorporated by the Legislature of Virginia on the 9th Jan'y 1834 (see acts 1833-4 p. 71. Can
 - 2^d If so, can the "Virginia aid Society" take and legally hold the property thus bequeathed to it.

Now I admit that the Testimony of ~~Rev.~~ John H. Whitfield & Rev. W. M. Lee, show that the Testator had reference to the "Virginia aid Society", when he made the bequest to the ^{superannuated} Preachers aid Society &c.

The Virginia aid Society was incorporated on 9 Jan'y 1834, and the Will made 23^d March 1833, about one year after the act of Incorporation.

But can the said Corporation of the "Va. aid Society" take the property bequeathed in the will -

The Constitution of the State of Va. in 1857 for the first time, contains this clause

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Blunt, 4000

Isle of Wight

Oct: 16. 1868.

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I have examined this case as well as my state of health, ~~would~~ ^{would} ~~permeate~~ ^{permeate} & the limited time allowed me would permit, and have come to the following conclusions

1. That the corporation to which the testator referred in his will is shown ^{to be the one claiming in this case} by the testimony, and is therefore capable of suing or being sued as such.
2. That the charter of incorporation (sup. vol. of 1853-4 page 71) is not such as to defeat the charitable bequest in question upon the ground that it is intended to advance any particular sect or denomination of religion. The charter declares that the funds shall be applied to relief or maintenance of such indigent persons as the said society may select and to no other purpose: and it also declares that persons desiring to become members of the society shall not be subjected to any religious or denominational test. The test by which it is to be ascertained what religious

societies are excluded from taking as beneficiaries under our law, is clearly set forth in the case of Brooke & al vs Shack-
 ell 13 Grattan 309, and according to the reasoning in that case the result probably is that the bequest in this case would not, under any circumstances, be obnoxious to the supposed prohibition.

3. The third and most important point is in respect to the uncertainty of the beneficiaries: this question ~~is~~, upon the authorities, ~~is~~ is not clear, and I say this especially because the conclusion to which I have in ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~own~~ ^{own} ~~mind~~ ^{mind} arrived, is different from that to which my mind first ~~arrived~~ ^{inclined}: the question is whether a bequest to a corporation, under the law, is good without that certainty as to the beneficiaries which is admitted to be necessary in the case of a bequest to a trustee or other unincorporated person.

One of the counsel refers to Kent to show that the rule in both cases is the same, but if he will look at a later edition of the same work (2 vol: p: 321 seq) he will find many obstacles in coming to the conclusion he desires: Judge Marshall in one of the cases referred to speaks of the means of giving to a corporation as a remedy to prevent disappointment to unascertained beneficiaries, and there are many incorporations under our laws authorized to take property for the use and benefit of individuals to be selected by themselves: Perhaps there is no case in Virginia which in toluen verbis settles the question we are considering:

but there ^{of} both Virginia & other authorities
which substantially seem to settle the
law in favor of ~~the~~ ^{such} uncertain claimants.

The case of Janey's exor. Latane
4 P. Luch 327. was a devise to school ^{comers}
for the poor children of a certain
district, and the court decided against
the bequest, because the comers were not
incorporated.

The case of the Literary fund v Dawson
was a devise to exors. with authority
to build school houses for the education
of such youths as were not able to
pay: the court held the bequest to be
uncertain & void: but an act of incor-
poration was afterwards passed & the
fund ^{went} passed into the hands of the Literary
fund, & the bequest made effectual.

The case of Inglis v The Sailors of
Swing Harbour of New York 3 Peters
99. was a bequest to trustees for the

purpose of supporting decayed & worn
 out sailors: the court held the legacy
 void for uncertainty: but in less than
 five years afterwards an incorporation
 was passed, which took possession of the
 fund & it was applied as directed by
 the will: In this case too the court says
 in respect to the case of the Baptist
 association v Hart's exor. if the testator
 had bequeathed the property to the Baptist
 association, or bequeathed the same after incor-
 -porated, the subsequent incorporation
 would have ~~affected~~ ^{been} ~~later~~ ^{managed} the
 fund -

R. H. Baker

Decree for the Society $\frac{3}{3}$ Oct: 16. 1868

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Copy J. J. Plants will
file with Bill.

(A.)

I James I Blunt of Isle of Wight Co: and State of Virginia do Make and Ordain this to be my last Will and testament in manner and form following hereby revoking all Other Wills by me made.

Item 1st I leave all my property My land and Negroes and all the property I may possess after paying my Just debts, to my Mother Frances M Booth during her Natural life.

Item 2nd At the death of my Mother the said Frances M Booth to my wish and desire that my land and Negroes and all other property that I leave said Frances M Booth be sold according to Law, and the proceeds of said sale to be distributed as follows. Item 3rd I give and bequeath

to my brother Vincent L Blunt, two hundred dollars.

Item 4th I give and bequeath to my sister Lucilla J Harrison One hundred dollars, (and the remainder of my estate

I give and bequeath as follows. Item 5th I give and

bequeath to the Methodist Protestant Church Blunts

or Bethel on the Smithfield Circuit in Isle of Wight County

Va. Five hundred dollars to be held by the trustees of said Church for the sole use of said Church as the trustees may deem most beneficial.

Item 6th I give and bequeath to the Methodist Protestant Church on the Surry Circuit the Chapel, Near Surry Court House in Surry County Virginia, Five hundred dollars to be held by the trustees of said Methodist Protestant Church for the sole use of said Church as the trustees of said Church may deem most beneficial. Item 7th I give and bequeath to

Madison College Unontawon Pa Five hundred dollars to be ^{held} by the trustees of said College for the education of the Ministers of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Item 8th I give and bequeath Five hundred dollars to the Superannuated preachers aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia District. Item 9th I give and bequeath three hundred dollars to the Missions Society of

Blunt's Exr.,

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4 Exhibits filed with the
Bill

exhibited before him a statement of all the money he had received - become chargeable with - or had disbursed during the period embraced in the foregoing account. together with the vouchers for the disbursements. That he finds a balance of \$181.48. to be due by the said Executor to the said Estate - on the 14th day of November 1859. of which amt. \$117.36. is principal. That the said account is supported by satisfactory vouchers - and that the said Executor has given such bond as the law requires, the penalty and securities whereof are sufficient. That the Executor was embraced in the list of Fiduciaries - whose account were before him for settlement. posted at the front door of the Court House of said County. On the 1st day of March Court last. and on the date of this report, (ten days having elapsed since the same was thus posted.) the foregoing account was made up & completed. Given under my hand as Comm^r of said Court the day & year first above written.

C. B. Hayden Com^r.

In the County Court of Isle of Wight County. September 5th 1859. the foregoing account having been filed in the clerks office of said Court for one month, and no exceptions being filed thereto, was confirmed by said Court & ordered to be recorded.

Teste N. S. Young cl.

Attest

Teste J. C. Latimer d.c.

Jos. J. Whitcomb Esq

Wm. B. Whitcomb Esq

Jos. B. Whitcomb Esq

Attest

(Ex. D.)

3rd ofc

The Estate of James J. Hunt decd.
In afc. with Jos. B. Whitehead his Executor.

1858	Jan'y	9.	To Cash paid E. P. Crenshaw	39 23		
	Mar.	16	" " R. M. Gibbs (bal. on bond)	38 41		
	Apr.	15	" " Thornast Adams & Co.	125 00		
	"	"	" " I. B. Southall meal bill w. Negroes	5 00		
	"	"	" " C. C. Chalmers afc.	1 13		
	"	"	" " Clerks tickets	1 00		
	"	"	" " No. W. Hankins	33 91		
	Oct.	"	" " J. R. Hankins admr.	17 92		
	"	15	" " do.	9 95		
	"	"	" " E. P. Crenshaw bal. on afc.	29 00		
	"	"	" " Clerks tickets	2 78		
	Nov.	4	" " Commission on \$25.20. Interest			12 60
	"	"	" " Do Do on \$3.11 Principal			16
	"	"	" " Retained to pay Com. for this afc. & copy for Edger	2 25		
	"	"	" " Balance due Estate as pr. Contrn.	117 36	64 12	
				423 10	\$65 38	
1857.			Cr.			
	Nov.	4	By balance due estate as pr last afc.	419 96	40 18	
1858	"	"	" " Amt of Land tax refunded by heirs	3 14		
	Nov.	4	" " One years interest on balance			25 20
1858				423 10	\$65 38	
	Nov.	4	Balance due Estate of Principal	117 36		
	"	"	" " do. due do. of Interest.	64 12		
				\$281 48		

Commissioners Office, Smithfield May 10th 1859.
To the County Court of Isle of Wight County.
Your Commissioners Reports to the Court that on the 7th day
of March last. Jos. B. Whitehead exor. of James J. Hunt.

Nov. 4	To Commissions on \$996.00. Anne's	49 80	
" "	Retained to pay cash for this acct & copy for Exor.	3 75	
" "	Balance due estate as fr. Castro	419 69	\$ 40 18
		1700 77	\$ 42 29
1856	<u>Cr.</u>		
Nov. 4	By Balance as fr. last acct.	704 77	
1857			
Jan. 1	By Hire of Cicers for 1856.	96 00	
Sept 7	" Amt. of Sales of Potatoes & Chiles.	900 00	
Nov. 4	" One years interest on \$704.77.		42 29
		1700 77	\$ 42 29
1857			
Nov. 4	Amt. of Principal due Estate	419 96	
" "	do. of Interest. " "	40 18	
		\$ 460 14	

Commissioners Office, Smithfield January 1st 1858.

To the County Court of Isle of Wight County: Your Commissioner reports to the court that on the 5th day of October 1857. Jos. B. Whitehead the Exor. of Jas. J. Blunt exhibited before him a statement of all the money he had received become chargeable with or had disbursed, during the period embraced in the foregoing acct. together with the vouchers for such disbursements, That he finds a balance of \$460.14. to be due by the Exor. to the said Estate. On the 4th day of Nov. 1857. of which sum \$419.60. is principal & \$40.18. is interest. That the said account is supported by satisfactory vouchers, & that said Executor has given such bond as the law requires, the personally & securities whereof are sufficient. That the said Exor. was embraced in the list of Fiduciaries whose accounts were before him for settlement. posted at the door of the Court house of said County on the 1st Dec. last & on the date of this report. (ten days having elapsed since the same was thus posted, the foregoing acct was made up & completed. Given under my hand as Comm. aforesaid the day & year first aforesaid.

C. B. Hazleton Comr.

In the County Court of Isle of Wight County. March 1st 1858.

The foregoing account having been filed in the clerks office of said court for one month & no exceptions being filed thereto, was confirmed by said court. & ordered to be recorded.

Teste

A. P. Young co

Attest. J. C. Latimer D.C.

1855
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20. By Cash from Thomas Adams & Co.

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21. " Amt of Sales due this day.

1686 34 1/2 1911 39

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The Estate of Jas. J. Blunt dec'd.

M. a/c. with Joseph B. Whitehead his Executor

Nov.	22	To Cash paid S. P. Jordan	note	95 26
"	"	" " paid tax on Land & Comm. tickets		2 46
Dec.	3.	" " p. Am. A. Edwards	a/c	21 19
"	"	" " p. Gill, Ellis & Wrenn	"	14 19
"	"	" " " J. A. Hummell	"	6 25
"	"	" " " J. S. Sturfield	on	40 —
"	4	" " R. W. Wilson	"	4 —
"	"	" " M. Gwatney & Co.	"	50 —
"	13	" " D. B. Posters	"	2 —
"	"	" " Clerks tickets of J. of W.		4 37
Mar.	20	" " J. Wilson	Med.?	21 —
1857	31	" " M. Gwatney & Co	"	49 32
Long.	9	" " J. S. Sturfield	a/c. p. on order of Mr. Borth	30 —
June	2	" " G. W. Harrison & Lucilla his wife, under deed of her lot	of Isle of Wight. of May term 1857.	316 58
"	4	" " R. W. Gibbs	open. of Lane Holloway b. of due bill	35 69
"	"	" " do.	in part of testators bond	340 98
"	"	" " Jas. H. Hitchmest	a/c.	6 50
"	"	" " J. S. Wrenn	"	57 42
"	22	" " J. H. Holt	"	2 13
"	"	" " Shff. of J. of Wight	Costs of suit in Harrison	
"	"	" " wife vs. J. J. Blunt, Ept. & also:		33 82
July	21.	" " C. Clayton	a/c.	43 40
"	"	" " Park Charity	"	7 84
"	"	" " Geo. W. Carroll	"	4 10
Sept	7.	" " Act for keeping Salience school when sick &c.		31 30
Oct.	3	" " Warren & Holloway	a/c	6 03
"	"	" " Shff. of Entry	Taxes	1 43
Nov.	11	" " Commissioners on \$42.29.	Receipts of Profits	2.11

Commissioners Office, Smithfield Dec. 4th 1856.

To the County Court of Isle of Wight County.

Your Commissioner reports to the court, that on the 3^d of November 1856. Joseph B. Whitehead exhibited before him a statement of all money rec'd. by him as Executor, or with which he had become chargeable with, or disbursed—during the period embraced in the foregoing account—

together with the vouchers in support of the disbursements, that he finds a balance of \$704.77. to be due by said Executor to the said Estate, On the 4th day of November 1856. That the said account is supported by satisfactory vouchers, and that the said Executor has given such bond as the law requires, the penalty and securities whereof, are sufficient, and that the said Executor was embraced in the list of Fiduciaries whose accounts were before him for settlement, posted at the front door of the Court House of said County, on the 1st day of November Court last, and on the date of this report. (ten days having elapsed since the said account was thus posted) Completes the foregoing account. Given under my hand as Commissioner aforesaid—the day & year first aforesaid.

C. B. Haydon Comr.

In Isle of Wight County Court. March 2^d 1857.

The foregoing account having ~~elapsed~~ been filed in the clerks office of said Court for one month, and no exception being filed thereto, was confirmed by said Court & ordered to be recorded.

Teste.

A. S. Young co.

Attest. J. C. Lattimer Dc

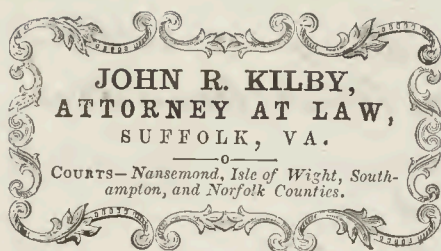
The Estate of Jas. J. Blunt decd.

In acq. with Joseph B. Whitehead his Executor

1855

Nov.	5	To Cash paid probat tax	75	
"	21	" paid Gill - Ellis & Wrenn on ac.	60	—
"	"	" paid B. Stringfield in part of menses ac.	55	25
"	"	" do W. Lawson	3	33
Dec.	3	" Bal. of tax for 1855.	6	07
"	4	" M. Gwaltney	17	97
"	5	" B. Stringfield bal. of wages	34	75
"	7	" D. A. Clarke for Coffin &c.	27	00
1856	"	" Atkinson & Chalmers	19	44
Feb.	21	" Wm. Folk	29	25
"	"	" Wm. T. Jordan	5	63
"	"	" R. F. Barrett	3	50
"	"	" Thomas & Adams Interest on bond	19	50
Apr.	7	" C. E. Coeks	1	00
"	"	" appraisers	2	00
May	21	" P. Sykes Due bill	12	34
"	"	" James Sykes do	31	24
"	"	" Mrs. C. Thomas Store ac.	14	79
"	"	" Daniel Sykes	4	50
"	"	" J. M. Booth	39	60
June	28	" C. C. Chalmers (in part of ac.)	81	00
July	7	" Wm. Clements	18	50
Oct.	26	" Mrs. T. Jordan (crier at sale)	7	50
"	"	" C. C. Chalmers bal. of ac.	64	62
"	"	" M. Gwaltney &c. (part of ac.)	60	00
"	"	" Mrs. A. Williams ac.	3	95
Nov.	14	" Commissions on \$1911.39.	95	57
"	"	" Retained to pay comm. for this ac.	2	25
"	"	Balance due Estate as per contra	704	77

\$1911.39



Suffolk Va.

March 12 1864

N. P. Young Esq
Sticksford

Dear Sir

In Blunt's case
I give an alias sum. m. w. c.
Blunt, as I see the process is returned
executed as to him, and enclose it
to Sergeant of Petersburg to take him
to call on Mr. Geo. Morrison who can
tell him where to find Mr. Blunt.

I give the order of Publication
according to the affidavit made
I now send you — & forward it to the
"Sentinel" Richmond & direct them
to charge to me.

I shall not amend the Bill.
I send you the style of the suit so
you may know how to refer to the
parties in the ord. pub. Of

Could you will prepare a copy
to be set up at Court House door.

Style of writ.

Joseph B. Whitehead Executor
of James J. Blunt decd
vs.

Vincent C. Blunt — Genl.
vs. Harrison & Lucille G. his wife;
Jas. B. Whitehead personal Representative
of Mrs Frances M. North decd; The
Methodist Protestant Church (Blunts or
Bethel) on the Smithfield Circuit in Isle
of Wight County Va; The Methodist
Protestant Church in Surry Circuit (the
Chapel) near Surry Court house, in Surry
County Va; Madison College, Uniontown
Pa; The Superannuated Preachers aid
Society of the Methodist Protestant Church
of Virginia district; The Missionary
Society of the Methodist Protestant
Church of Virginia; William C.
Blunt, Andrew J. Cofer and Martha
Elizabeth his wife; Elizabeth France,

Harrison (an infant) and the
Superannuated Preachers aid
Society of Virginia

Your speedy attention requested.

Very Resp^y
John R. Kilby

P.S. - The affidavit now enclosed
Bring to you next Court to be
filed with the papers, which
I will bring up.

2^d P.S. - Negro soldiers all gone from
Bernards - no force there now except
4 white Comp^s. as usual & I don't
think they'll come out here soon again.
8 negroes were killed - no prisoners -
It was quite exciting - I saw it all.

V. C. Blunt

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THE Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, in the Virginia District, commenced its twenty-seventh session, in the Presbyterian church, in the city of Norfolk, on Thursday, the 2d of November, 1854.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., the President, the Rev. J. G. Whitfield, called the Conference to order, and, at his request, the Rev. F. A. Davis opened the session by religious exercises.

The Rev. W. McGee was appointed Secretary, and the Rev. J. M. Haines assistant.

MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

REV. J. G. WHITFIELD, *President*.

LYNCHBURG STATION.—*Rev. T. C. Jennings, *Sup't*; Col. M. Langhorne, *Delegate*.

NORFOLK STATION.—Rev. J. Clift, *Assis't*, Rev. W. Knott; James S. Gaskings, G. F. Outten, *R. Capps, *del*.

ABINGDON STATION.—*Rev. L. F. Cosby, *Sup't*, *Rev. J. M. Dillard, *Assis't*, Rev. G. R. Barr.

PRINCESS ANNE CIRCUIT.—Rev. W. A. Crocker, *Sup't*, Rev. J. D. Berryman, *Assis't*; J. F. Foreman, Gen. H. B. Woodhouse, *del*.

SMITHFIELD CIRCUIT.—Rev. W. McGee, Rev. Dr. W. B. Snead; W. W. Wright, J. F. Crocker, *del*.

SURRY CIRCUIT.—Rev. I. Spangler, Rev. R. W. Berryman; Col. T. Barham, W. Thompson, *del*.

NEW KENT CIRCUIT.—Rev. M. J. Langhorne, *Sup't*; L. A. Lamb, *del*.

HAMPTON CIRCUIT.—Rev. R. B. Thomson, *Sup't*, Rev. J. M. Willis, *Assis't*; Dr. C. Hubbard, J. W. Brown, *del*.

HEATHSVILLE CIRCUIT.—Rev. W. W. Walker, *Sup't*, *Rev. B. G. Burgess, *Assis't*, *Rev. Dr. J. Godwin; *J. F. Harding, *S. Jett, S. B. Burgess, *del*.

SUSSEX CIRCUIT.—Rev. J. Paris, *Sup't*; J. W. Claud, *del*.

GREENSVILLE CIRCUIT.—Rev. J. M. Haines, *Sup't*, Rev. J. M. Wood; W. W. Lee, *S. C. Pearson, *del*.

CAMPBELL CIRCUIT.—Rev. S. Walker, *Sup't*, *Rev. W. H. Pearman, *Assis't*, *Rev. B. C. Stratton; B. A. Jones, W. D. Elam, *del*.

GOOD HOPE CIRCUIT.—*Rev. J. Forkner, *Sup't*, *Rev. J. M. Woods, *Assis't*; *J. A. Duff, *J. Keys, *del*.

RYE COVE CIRCUIT.—*Rev. B. S. Sizemore, *Sup't*, *Rev. J. Pendleton, *Assis't*, *Rev. J. Riggs, Sr.

JONESVILLE CIRCUIT.—*Rev. Dr. H. S. Whitehurst, *Sup't*.

MATTHEWS CIRCUIT.—

WYTHEVILLE MISSION.—*Rev. L. Hubble, *Sup't*.

CURRITUCK MISSION.—Rev. E. Burroughs, *Sup't*.

BEDFORD MISSION.—Rev. A. Doniphan, *Sup't*.

GOOD HOPE MISSION.—Rev. E. T. Berryman, *Sup't*.

PRINCE EDWARD MISSION.—†Rev. A. S. Fleshman.

Those marked thus (*) were absent—(†) deceased.

On motion of brother Crocker, the rules of order for the Conference heretofore, were adopted for this session.

Brother C. Winfree, of Lynchburg, being present, and an *original reformer*, was invited to an honorary seat.

The Rev. F. A. Davis, of the Pittsburg Conference, was introduced and invited to take a seat within the bar, as an honorary member.

The Rev. Mr. Head, of the M. E. Church, South, was invited to sit within the bar.

On motion, the order of business recommended in the Discipline, for the government of Annual Conferences, was adopted for this session.

On motion, the election of President was made the order of the day for Friday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint the Committees required by the Discipline, except the Conference Steward and assistants, and the standing District Committee.

On motion, brother Thomson was elected Conference Steward, and Dr. C. Hubbard and J. F. Crocker, Esq., to assist him.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Head.

Thursday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Conference met and was opened with religious service by brother Crocker.

On motion of brother McGee, the regular business was suspended to take up the appeal of R. A. Sloan, from the decision of a committee of trial on the Campbell Circuit, pending the consideration of which Conference adjourned. Prayer by brother S. Walker.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Conference met, and was opened in form by brother J. M. Willis. Communications were received from the Pastors of the Baptist and

M. E. Churches of Cumberland street, tendering their pulpits for the use of the Conference on Sunday next.

Brother L. A. Lamb, from the N. Kent Circuit, and T. Barham, and Willis Thompson from the Surry Circuit, presented certificates of election, and took their seats as delegates to this Conference.

A communication from the delegates of the Good Hope Circuit, was received and read, and ordered to be filed.

The President announced the following Committees, viz :

1. *To examine journals for unfinished business.*—J. Spangler, J. W. Brown, J. L. Gaskins.

2. *To examine candidates for Itinerancy and Orders.*—J. M. Willis, W. A. Crocker, L. A. Lamb.

3. *On Boundaries and necessities of Circuits and Stations.*—R. B. Thomson, M. J. Langhorne, Dr. C. Hubbard.

4. *On Finance.*—W. W. Walker, W. W. Wright, M. Langhorne, Jr.

5. *To arrange for Preaching.*—W. McGee, J. S. Gaskins.

6. *On Publication and Obituaries.*—W. A. Crocker, Dr. W. B. Snead, J. F. Crocker.

On motion of brother Crocker, the Conference was constituted the *Committee of Appeals*, excepting the *Appellant* and the *Stationing Authority*.

On motion of brother McGee, the case of R. A. Sloan was taken up. After some debate on the constitutionality of his appeal to this Conference, he being unordained, it was resolved to entertain his appeal in private session.

On motion of brother W. Walker, Conference ordered the reading of the papers in the case.

On motion of brother Spangler, brother Thomson was appointed prosecutor on the part of the accuser, and brother Whitfield was appointed advocate on the part of the appellant.

After an argument of the case the Conference determined to grant the appellant a new trial.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Prayer by brother Crocker.

Friday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Conference met, and was opened in form by brother Spangler.

The order of the day being the election of President for the ensuing year, Conference went into the election; and on the first ballot, Rev. J. G. Whitfield was nearly unanimously elected, and he, on accepting the office, addressed the conference in appropriate terms.

Brother Thomson presented the following Resolution, which was adopted, viz :—Resolved, That in granting the appellant (R. A. Sloan) a new trial, the grant is made upon the ground that the verdict of the Committee in his case, finds him guilty of the charges preferred against him, when, in fact, according to the documents in the case before us, three of the charges were not considered at all at the time of trial.

A Resolution of the Quarterly Conference of the Smithfield Circuit was offered recommending brother Isaac Hunter to the Annual Conference to receive Deacon's Orders, which, on motion, were referred to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders.

The following preamble and resolution were referred to the Committee on Boundaries, viz:

Whereas there is ground to be occupied, and which should be occupied by this Conference, amongst the colored people in parts of Surry and Isle of Wight, *Resolved*, that the colored people about "Oak Grove," in Surry, Bethel, Smithfield and Shiloh in Isle of Wight, be set off into a Mission, to be known as the "Smithfield African Mission."

A. McGEE,
J. M. HAINES.

On motion, the Chair appointed a Committee on Statistics, composed of W. McGee, H. F. Woodhouse, J. F. Foreman.

The Conference now proceeded with the examination of the official character of its Ministers and Preachers. The following brethren responded to their names, and their character passed, viz:—J. G. Whitfield, R. B. Thomson, W. W. Walker, W. McGee, and J. Spangler.

On the motion of brother McGee, the Conference agreed to lay over the cases of such brethren as are absent, until they shall be heard from.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Armstrong.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Conference met, and was opened in order by brother Haines.

A communication from Rev. W. H. Pearman was received and read, and ordered to be filed.

A certificate of election from Sussex Circuit was read, announcing J. W. Clويد as its Delegate; and he was admitted to his seat.

On motion of brother McGee, H. S. Whitehurst was recommended to the Committee on Itinerancy and Orders, in view of his receiving Elder's Orders.

Brother Thomson requested that the Rev. J. Scott, the corresponding Secretary of the "Board of Missions," be permitted to address the Conference upon the subject of his agency; which request was granted, and the agent addressed the Conference.

The Conference then proceeded with the examination of the official character of its Ministers; and the following brethren responded to their names, and their character passed, viz: W. A. Crocker, J. D. Berryman, S. Walker, R. W. Berryman, A. Doniphan, J. Paris, W. H. Pearman, J. M. Haines, J. Clift, and J. M. Willis.

Brother J. M. Willis, requested an unstationed relation. Granted.

The following paper was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That this Conference entirely approves the plan of operation recently adopted by the "Board of Missions" of the M. P. Church, and pledges to the Board its hearty co-operation and cordial support.

Resolved, That the Missionary and Sunday School Journal, published by the Board, is every way worthy of the support of every friend of the M. P. Church, and that we will use our best efforts to place a copy of this valuable paper in every family within the bounds of our District.

W. A. CROCKER,
R. B. THOMSON.

The following was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That a Quarterly Conference has no authority to re-instate an expelled Minister.

W. McGEE,
J. M. HAINES.

A motion to reconsider the above *resolution* was lost.

Brother Spangler offered the following paper, which was referred to a Committee consisting of Brothers Spangler, Thomson, and W. Walker, viz:

Resolved, That this Conference requests all Quarterly Conferences, for the future, to be governed by the above resolution; and, further, that all Quarterly Conferences who may have acted contrary to it, are requested to reconsider their course, and cause all persons to whom they may have returned credentials, to be received as probationers first, then into full membership; after which the Quarterly Conference may license to preach, and the Annual Conference may restore credentials.

Brother Thomson requested that Rev. G. Brown, D. D., of Madison College, be now permitted to address the Conference in behalf of the College; which request was granted, and brother Brown addressed the Conference.

The Committee on Itinerancy and Orders made the following report, viz:

The Committee to examine Candidates for the Itinerancy and Orders, and to whom was referred a resolution of the Quarterly Conference of the Smithfield Circuit, recommends brother J. Hunter for deacon's orders, having duly examined Brother Hunter, recommend that he be elected to Deacon's Orders.

On motion of brother W. Walker, the action of the General Conference, in reference to the "Book Concern and Paper," was referred to a committee of five. The Chair appointed brothers Thomson, H. B. Woodhouse, Paris, Doniphan, and J. F. Crocker the said committee.

Brother Paris offered the following paper which was laid on the table:

Whereas unanimity of sentiment, and consequently of practice, does not exist amongst our Ministry and Membership, touching the re-baptism of persons who have been once properly baptized by a regularly ordained Minister of the Gospel,

Therefore, *Resolved*, by this Annual Conference, that re-baptism in such cases is irregular and improper.

A communication from Rev. T. C. Jennings was received and read, and ordered to be filed.

Conference adjourned. Prayer by brother Scott.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Conference met, and was opened in form by brother Brown.

On motion, Conference adjourned to give place to the Missionary Society of the Conference.

That Society having adjourned, Conference resumed its session.

The paper presented by Brother Paris this morning, on the subject of re-baptizing, was called up, and elicited considerable discussion; pending which the Conference adjourned. Prayer by brother Reese.

Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Conference met, and was opened in order by brother Paris.

Communications from brothers Barr, Cosby, Hubble, Burroughs, and Duff were, received and read. The letter from brother Duff was, on motion, laid on the table for the present.

Brother Spangler from the Committee to "examine journals for unfinished business," presented the following report, which was considered by items, for adoption, viz :

1. A resolution requiring a committee to prepare a tract, or tracts, setting forth the peculiarities of the M. P. Church, which resolution was laid on the table at the last Annual Conference.

2. A resolution requiring the Secretary of Conference to open an account with the subscribers to the perpetual scholarship in Madison College, purchased by that Conference, in which account shall be entered each year, the amount paid on said scholarship.

3. A resolution requesting brother Thomson to preach on the subject of Sabbath Schools during this [present] session of Conference.

4. A resolution requesting brother Langhorne to lecture on Church Government during the [present] session of Conference—and brother Spangler his alternate.

5. A resolution that any Minister in connection with this Conference, who shall not make it his business to serve the Church, shall, in case of deficiency, have no claim upon the Conference collection.

6. A committee to publish Minutes of Conference in pamphlet form.

Brother Crocker offered the following, in connection with the first item in the report, viz :

Resolved, That this Conference request that the brethren of this Conference prepare a tract, or tracts, setting forth the peculiarities of the M. P. Church; and that a committee be appointed to examine said tract or tracts, and to select from those presented one or more, which shall be judged most suitable for publication by authority of this Conference; and as an inducement to brethren to prepare such tracts, that the proceeds arising from such publication shall be equally divided between the author and the Home Missionary Department of this Conference.

For the second item in the report, brother Crocker offered the following, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the second item of the report be so amended as to require the Agent of Madison College to make out said account, and that the Secretary be required to enter the same upon the journals of the Conference.

And for the third and fourth items in the report, Brother Crocker offered the following, which was adopted, viz :

Resolved, That the Committee to fix the appointments for preaching be requested to fix a time for the delivery of the Sermon contemplated in the third item; and that, under the existing circumstances in which the Conference finds itself placed, not having the use of our own house of worship, the Lecture on Church Government be dispensed with during the present session.

Brother M. J. Langhorne moved, in connection with the fifth item in the report, that the Conference Steward be governed by said resolution in making out his report. Carried.

In connection with the sixth item in the report, brother McGee offered the following report, which was adopted, viz :—"Committee to publish minutes in account with the Conference."

To amount paid for printing and binding minutes,	\$60 00
" Express conveyance,	3 00
" Mailing manuscript,	50
	\$63 50

BY AMOUNT RECEIVED.

From Princess Anne,	\$5 00
" Norfolk,	5 00
" Hampton,	3 00
" Heathsville,	5 00
" Smithfield,	5 00
" Surry,	5 00
" Charles City,	4 72
" Greensville,	2 00
" Sussex,	2 00
" Campbell,	2 00
" Lynchburg,	5 91
" Abingdon,	2 00
" Treasurer of S. P. A. Society,	16 00
" Last year's fund,	87

Total, \$63 50

Brother Thomson, from the Committee on "Boundaries, etc.," presented the following report, viz :

The Committee on "Boundaries, &c.," have considered the resolutions of brother McGee, to constitute an African Mission amongst the colored people of Surry and Isle of Wight Counties, to be called the Smithfield African Mission, and recommend the Conference to constitute the said Mission, and appoint a Minister to take charge of it.

Adopted.

Brother McGee presented the following resolution of the Third Quarterly Conference of the Smithfield Circuit, which was referred to the Committee on "Boundaries, etc." viz :

Resolved, That this Quarterly Conference request the Princess Anne Circuit to join us in a request to the next Annual Conference, to set off "New Jerusalem," from the Smithfield Circuit, and "Sharon" from the Princess Anne Circuit, and constitute them a Mission, and appoint a Minister to the said Mission.

A certificate from the New Kent Circuit, recommending brother John Minson to receive Deacon's Orders, was received and referred to the Committee on Examination, etc.

The Conference here gave place to the S. P. Aid Society and the Missionary Society, which Societies having transacted their business, Conference again went into session.

On motion of brother W. Walker, the Committee on Preaching was requested to arrange some time to hold a Missionary Meeting.

Dr. Snead moved that the recommendation of brother E. Parker to the Annual Conference of 1853, to receive Deacon's Orders, be acted

on by this Conference; pending the consideration of that motion Conference adjourned. Prayer by brother Crocker.

Monday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Conference met, and was opened in order by Dr. Snead.

Brother W. Walker, from the "Committee on Finance," presented the following report, which was received and considered by items for adoption, viz:

The Finance Committee, to which was referred the action of the late General Conference in relation to the salaries of Ministers and Preachers, beg leave to report:

Item 1st. That having had the same under careful consideration, they are of opinion that the charge which has lately taken place in the relative value of money, and the enhanced price of most of the necessities of life, has rendered the salary of our Ministers [always inadequate to their support], now still more so. They therefore recommend that the salaries be increased at least 50 per cent., so that the amount allowed to a single preacher shall be \$150, and his traveling expenses.

Item 2d. And that of a married preacher and his wife be \$300 and his traveling expenses.

Item 3d. And for such of his children as are under 18 years of age, \$30.

Item 4th. And such additional expenses as the Quarterly Conference and the preacher shall agree upon.

Item 5th. They furthermore recommend that each Circuit shall pay to its preacher an amount equal to 20 per cent. upon the cost of his horse and traveling carriage, provided the sum upon which this allowance is made shall not exceed for a single preacher, \$200; and for a married preacher, \$300.

On the first item the yeas and nays were called, and, on motion, the Conference determined that the Ministers and Laymen should vote separately. The following was the result, viz:

LAYMEN—Yeas, J. W. Brown, J. F. Foreman, H. F. Woodhouse, H. B. Woodhouse, G. F. Autten, W. W. Wright, J. F. Crocker, B. A. Jones, M. Langhorne, Jr., T. Barham, W. Thompson, S. Burgess.—12.

LAYMEN—Nays, W. W. Lee, Dr. C. Hubbard, L. A. Lamb.—3.

MINISTERS—Yeas, R. B. Thomson, M. J. Langhorne, A. Doniphan, W. W. Walker, W. McGee, W. A. Crocker, J. D. Berryman, S. Walker, W. B. Snead, R. W. Berryman, J. Paris, J. M. Haines, E. T. Berryman, W. Knott.—14.

MINISTERS—Nays, J. Spangler, J. M. Wood.—2.

On motion, the 2d, 3d, 4th, and 5th items were adopted.

A motion to adopt the 6th was lost.*

Brother M. J. Langhorne moved, in the place of the 6th item, that the Conference recommend each Circuit to provide itself with a traveling conveyance for its preacher; which motion was lost.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Prayer by brother Spangler.

Tuesday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Conference met, and was opened in form by brother R. W. Berryman.

On motion of brother Willis, the Conference proceeded with the examination of official character. The following brethren responded to their names, and their character passed, viz: M. J. Langhorne, J.

* The above is a true copy from the record. It is presumed, however, that the Secretary has made a mistake in marking the 2d item where the 3d properly stands.—R. B. T.

M. Wood, E. T. Berryman, L. Hubble, G. R. Barr, L. F. Cosby, E. Burroughs and J. Forkner. (The five last by letter.)

Brother Thomson, from the Special Committee, to whom was referred the action of the last General Conference in reference to the "Book Concern and Paper," made the following report, which was adopted, viz:

Whereas the late General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, held in Steubenville, Ohio, did divorce the "Methodist Protestant" and "Book Concern," from all connection whatsoever with it; and did authorize the establishment of a separate Paper and Book Concern, to be under the control of such Annual Conferences, East and West, as may unite together for the purpose; and whereas the said General Conference did authorize the Annual Conferences sustaining, or that may hereafter sustain the Methodist Protestant and Book Concern, at their next Session to appoint two Commissioners, one Minister and one Layman, from such Annual Conference, to assemble in general meeting in the City of Baltimore, on the 1st Wednesday in June next, 1855; who shall have power to mature a permanent plan for the future management and control of said "Paper and Book Concern" in said city.

Therefore, resolved, that the Virginia Annual Conference most cordially approves of the proceedings of the General Conference upon this subject, as being well calculated to serve and promote the interests of the Methodist Protestant Church, by extending the circulation of its periodicals, by allaying the sectional feelings which would otherwise exist in full force, and by operating as a strong bond of union between all sections of the Church.

Resolved, That in accordance with the foregoing plan, we elect two Commissioners who shall represent this Conference in the Convention to be holden in Baltimore, on the first Wednesday in June next, 1855.

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend the "Methodist Protestant" and "Book Concern," at Baltimore, to the confidence and patronage of all our members and friends within the Virginia District, and pledge ourselves to renewed exertions to promote that object.

Resolved, That we cordially sympathize with our sister Conferences in the West, and wish them a full realization of all their hopes in their new enterprise.

R. B. THOMSON, Chairman.

On motion, Conference resolved to appoint the Commissioners contemplated in the above report; whereupon, Bro. Thomson was nominated and elected Ministerial Commissioner.

Col. Langhorne, Capt. W. Harding, Dr. Hubbard and Gen. H. B. Woodhouse, were put in nomination, and Gen. H. B. Woodhouse was chosen as the Lay-Commissioner.

Bro. M. J. Langhorne, was elected Ministerial Alternate, and Capt. Harding, as Lay-Alternate.

Bro. Willis, from the Committee to examine candidates for Orders, reported in favor of Bro. Minson, who was recommended from the new Kent Circuit, for the Order of Deacon, and he was accordingly elected to that Order.

Bro. Thomson, from the "Committee on Boundaries, etc.," made the following report, which was adopted, viz: The Committee on Boundaries, etc., of Circuits, Stations and Missions, recommend, according to the resolution of the Smithfield Circuit, the Constitution of a Mission, to be made of "New Jerusalem Church," on the Smithfield Circuit and "Sharon Church" on the Princess Anne Circuit, if the appointing power can supply the said Mission with a Minister or Preacher.

Bro. Willis, from the "Committee on Orders, etc.," recommended, that Bro. H. F. Whitehurst, be elected to the Order of Elder.

Adopted.

And, on motion of Bro. M. J. Langhorne, Conference ordered that Bros. G. R. Barr, L. F. Cosby and J. Forkner, proceed as soon as practicable to ordain said Brother.

On motion of Bro. McGee, Conference proceeded to select the place for holding the next annual session.

Abingdon was put in nomination, and, after some debate, was selected as the place to hold the next annual session.

On motion, the first Thursday of November, 1855, was chosen as the time for the meeting of Conference.

A motion of Bro. Paris, to take up his paper upon the subject of re-baptizing, was negatived.

Bro. Crocker offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference recommend the formation of a "Literary Society" in connection with the Conference, with a view of aiding in the endowment of Madison College, and such other educational objects as may hereafter be agreed upon by the said Society.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Doniphan.

Tuesday, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Conference met, and was opened in form, by W. W. Walker.

Communications from Bros. S. Sizemore, I. Pendleton, and J. Riggs, Jr., were received and read.

Bro. Doniphan moved to refer the application of Bro. Wade, to the Committee of Examination for Candidates, etc.

On motion, Bro. Crocker proceeded to record the names of such persons as would become members of the Literary Society, and Conference suspended its business, that said Society might be organized.

On motion of Bro. W. W. Walker, Mrs. French, Mrs. Norment, Mrs. Comann and child, were recommended to the "Virginia Aid Society."

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Bro. Spangler, respecting the authority of Quarterly Conferences to re-instate expelled Ministers, beg leave to report: That they have given the subject due consideration, and are of the opinion, that the resolution already adopted by the Conference is sufficient to answer the purpose designed.

Adopted.

J. SPANGLER, *Chairman*.

Bro. Crocker called up the case of Bro. Parker.

On motion of Bro. W. W. Walker, *Resolved*, That this Conference does not consider itself authorized to act upon a recommendation for Orders made to the last Conference.

On motion of Bro. Crocker, the Portsmouth Mission and its necessities, were referred to committee on Boundaries, etc.

On motion Conference adjourned.

Wednesday 9, o'clock, A. M.

Conference met, and was opened in order, by Bro. S. Walker. Bro. Willis in the chair.

Bro. S. Walker made a verbal communication from brother B. C. Stratton, upon which his official character passed.

On motion of Bro. McGee, *Resolved*, That R. B. Thomson be a committee, to publish 1000 copies of minutes of Conference, and to distribute them; and that the Financial Committee be instructed, to apportion to the Circuits and Stations \$60 to defray the expenses of publication.

Bro. Willis, reported as follows: The committee on Itinerancy and Orders recommend Bro. J. R. Wade, to be received under the stationing authority of Conference, which report was adopted.

The Conference Steward made the following report, which was considered by items and adopted, viz: The Conference Steward pretends the following report of accounts between the Ministers and Preachers, and the Circuits and stations of the Virginia District.

CHARGES	MINISTERS AND PREACHERS.	Salary and Expenses.	Amount Received.	Deficits.	Con- Col- lections.	Apportion- ment.	REMARKS.
Lynchburg Station,	T. C. Jennings,	\$305 37	\$30 5	---	\$8 00	---	No Report.
Abingdon "	L. F. Cosby,	---	---	---	20 00	---	"
Norfolk "	---	---	---	---	27 76	---	Heathsville paid
Heathsville Circuit,	W. W. Walker,	125 00	125 00	---	---	---	New Kent \$300
Matthew's "	---	---	---	---	---	---	and to Hampton
Princess Anne "	W. A. Crocker,	515 00	515 00	---	21 00	---	\$50. Goodhope
" "	J. D. Berryman,	25 00	25 00	---	---	---	received no ap-
Smithfield "	W. McGee,	295 00	295 00	---	50 00	---	pointment, be-
Sussex "	John Paris,	265 00	245 88	12	12 09	11 60	cause of a rule
Greenville "	J. W. Hines,	265 00	265 00	---	---	---	of Con. found on
New Kent "	M. J. Langhorne,	635 00	635 00	---	7 35	---	printed min. of
Hampton "	R. B. Thomson,	650 00	625 00	25 00	11 04	15 18	1853 page 6, but
Surry "	J. Spangler,	255 00	255 00	---	16 18	---	an amount was
Good Hope "	J. Forkner,	200 06	70 00	130 00	2 50	---	sent (?) made up
Campbell "	S. Walker,	290 60	212 74	77 26	5 51	46 88	by some mem-
Jonesville "	H. S. Whitehurst,	269 34	201 00	68 34	5 50	41 50	bers of Confer-
The District	J. G. Whitfield,	650 00	531 00	118 80	---	71 76	ences. Surry c.
							was to have pd,
		\$4744 71	4306 19	438 52	186 92	186 92	\$50 to Hampton

but paid only \$25, Smithfield Circuit paid \$50 to Campbell Circuit.

The President's deficiencies occurred on the following Circuits, and Stations, viz: Norfolk \$25. Greenville \$21; Sussex \$11; Goodhope \$19.55; Rye Cove 25; Jonesville \$7.25; Wytheville, \$10. Total \$118.

R. B. THOMSON, *Conference Steward*.

On motion, Conference adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Langhorne.

Wednesday, 3 o'clock, A. M.

Conference met, and was opened in order by brother R. Berryman.

Brother Paris offered the following paper, which was adopted, viz:

"Whereas female education at present occupies a position in the public mind more prominently than heretofore, and whereas the various religious denominations of our country are getting up, and putting into operation Female Academies of a high order;

Therefore, *Resolved* by this Annual Conference, that the subject merits at our hands the careful Consideration and high regard to which it is always entitled.

Resolved, That this Annual Conference appoint a Committee of five, Ministers and Laymen, to take into consideration the subject of establishing a Female Institute of learning of a high order, to be under the jurisdiction of the Annual Conference; and report to our next session upon the propriety and expediency of the enterprise.

Brothers Paris, Thompson, and W. A. Crocker, Ministers, and J. F. Crocker and H. F. Woodhouse, Laymen, were appointed to be the Committee contemplated in the above resolution.

Brother Spangler offered the following paper, which was adopted, viz:

Whereas the labors of the past year have not been attended with that success which is desirable on our Circuits and Stations; and feeling the need of more humility, self-denial and zeal in the cause of Christ, on the part of the Ministry and membership;

Therefore Resolved, That this Conference recommends to the Circuits, Missions, and Stations in the Virginia District, that the first Saturday in June, 1855, be observed as a day of fasting and prayer, that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon his people, and that our Ministers and Preachers may have abundant success in winning souls to Christ, and building up the Church.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet after the service in the Methodist Protestant Church to-night. Prayer by Bro. Willis.

9 o'clock, P. M.

Conference met in the Methodist Protestant church.

On the motion of brother McGee, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the Pastor and congregation of the Presbyterian Church in this city, for the very kind offer and use of their house of worship, for divine service and for the transaction of business during our Annual Session; and that we shall ever cherish a grateful remembrance of this act of their christian courtesy.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this conference are due, and are hereby tendered to the Pastors of those churches in this city and in Portsmouth, who kindly tendered their pulpits to the use of our Ministers.

3. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this conference be, and are hereby tendered to those brethren and friends who have so kindly entertained us during our present session.

4. *Resolved*, That this conference is highly gratified by the visit of our beloved brethren, the Rev. G. Brown, D. D., Rev. E. Y. Reese, D. D., Rev. J. Scott and Rev. F. A. Davis, and cordially invite them to repeat their visit to the Virginia Annual Conference, whenever it shall suit their convenience to do so.

5. *Resolved*, That this conference appoint two visitors each to attend the next session of the Maryland and North Carolina Annual conference. Whereupon brothers Whitfield and McGee were appointed to visit the North Carolina Conference; and brothers W. A. Crocker and Haines to visit the Maryland Conference.

The Conference now removed its session to the dwelling of brother W. T. White.

The committee on boundaries, &c., reported that "Matthews" be set off as a mission, adopted.

The President announced the following plan of appointments for the ensuing year, viz:

J. D. WHITFIELD, *President*.

Lynchburg Station—	W. W. Walker, <i>Sup't.</i>		
Abingdon	"	To be supplied.	
Norfolk	"	To be supplied,	J. Cleft, <i>Ass't.</i>
Princess Anne Ct.—	J. Paris,	"	J. D. Berryman,
Smithfield	"	J. Spangler,	"
Sussex,	"	M. J. Langhorne,	"
Greenville	"	J. M. Haines.	J. M. Wood,
New Kent	"	To be supplied,	"
Hampton,	"	R. B. Thompson,	J. M. Willis,
Matthews,	"	J. R. Wade,	"
Heathsville	"	W. A. Crocker,	B. C. Burgess,
		"	T. C. Jennings,
Campbell	"	S. Walker,	W. H. Pearman,
Good Hope	"	J. M. Woods,	"
Rye Cove	"	Unsupplied,	
Louisville	"	H. S. Whitehurst,	J. M. Dillard,
Surry	"	W. McGee,	"
Bedford	"	M. A. Doniphan,	"
Waterville	"	M. L. Hubble,	"
Currituck	"	M. E. Burroughs,	"
Smithfield, African—	R. W. Berryman,	"	
Good Hope	"	E. T. Berryman,	"
Richmond,	"	Unsupplied.	
Portsmouth,	"	"	
Prince Edward	"	"	
Olive Branch	"	"	

Without appointments at their own request: L. F. Cosby, G. R. Barr, J. Forkner, J. Pendleton, S. B. Sizemore, J. Riggs, Jr., W. Knott.

In the hands of the President, W. B. Snead. Not heard from, J. Godwin. Deceased, A. L. Fleshman.

The Finance Committee reported that the allowance to the President for the ensuing year be \$1700; and be apportioned as follows, viz:

Lynchburg to pay	75	Campbell,	25
Norfolk, "	30	Greenville,	50
Abingdon, "	30	Sussex,	20
Princess Anne,	50	Good Hope,	30
Smithfield, "	70	Rye Cove,	25
Surry, "	45	Jonesville,	25
New Kent, "	45	Wytheville, "	10
Hampton, "	25	Bedford, "	15
Matthews, "	20		
Heathsville, "	120		\$700

And to defray the expenses of publishing the Minutes the following Circuits were apportioned \$5 each, viz:—Lynchburg, Norfolk, Princess

Anne, Smithfield, Hampton, Surry, New Kent, Matthews, Heathsville, Campbell, Greenville.

W. W. WALKER, *Chairman*.

On the motion of brother McGee, the following brethren were elected as the standing District Committee, viz: R. B. Thomson, J. M. Willis, J. Paris, H. B. Woodhouse, E. E. Phillips, C. L. Smith.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet the first Thursday in November, 1855, at 10 o'clock, A. M., in the town of Abingdon. Prayer by brother J. M. Willis.

J. G. WHITFIELD, *President*.

W. McGEE, }
J. M. HARRIS. } *Secretaries*.

NOTES.—Smithfield Circuit is to pay \$200 to Sussex, and Heathsville to pay \$150 to the same.

In consequence of the want of full returns from all the Circuits and Missions, a complete *statistical report* cannot be made out, and I have thought it better to publish *none* rather than an *imperfect* one.

Brother Minson, of New Kent, was solemnly ordained to the Order of Deacon, in the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Publisher deems it proper to say that, in several instances, he has taken the liberty to change the *language* of the record, but in no instance has he changed its *sense*.

R. B. THOMSON, *Pub. Com.*

EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society,
OF THE
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH,
OF THE VIRGINIA DISTRICT.

This Society met in the Presbyterian Church, in the city of Norfolk, on Monday, the 6th November, 1854.

The President being absent, Genl. H. B. Woodhouse, 1st Vice President, took the chair, and called the society to order.

The Minutes of the last annual meeting were read, and the unfinished business of that meeting was called up.

Brother Doniphan, who was appointed Agent for the Society to secure a bequest of Mr. Moon, of Buckingham county, reported that he had made every proper exertion, and found that, by reason of the phraseology of the will of Mr. Moon, it was impossible for the Society to recover said bequest.

Brother W. W. Walker reported that he had succeeded in procuring from the Virginia Legislature a charter for the Society. No change was made in the Constitution of the Society: its name, however, was changed to "The Virginia Aid Society."

On the motion of brother Thomson, the Constitution was referred to a Committee of three, to be so modified as to conform to the language and terms of the charter. Committee, R. B. Thomson, W. Walker, Col. S. Burgess.

On motion, the Society proceeded to elect Officers for the ensuing year, and the Officers of the last year were re-elected.

Brother W. Walker and J. F. Crocker were appointed to present the claims of the Society before the congregation on to-morrow night.

Tuesday Night.

The Society met in the Methodist Protestant Church.

After the delivery of appropriate addresses by Rev. G. Brown, D. D., Rev. W. W. Walker, and Mr. J. F. Crocker, a collection was taken up for the Society, amounting to \$19.31; and Fifty-two Life Memberships were obtained, at \$20 each.

On motion, the Treasurer was directed to pay to the Beneficiaries, the same amounts which were paid on last year, and all incidental expenses.

Wednesday Afternoon.

The Society met in the Conference room.

The Treasurer read his annual report, which was received and adopted. See report.

The Committee to modify the Constitution, reported it in the following form, and it was accordingly adopted.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Society shall be called "The Virginia Aid Society."

ARTICLE II.

The Officers of this Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Recording and Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, appointed annually by the Society.

ARTICLE III.

The payment of five dollars shall constitute any person a member of this Society, and the sum of one dollar every year afterwards; and any person may become a life member of this Society by paying the sum of twenty dollars.

ARTICLE IV.

Aid Societies may become auxiliary to this Society by furnishing a copy of their Constitution, and the payment of five dollars annually.

ARTICLE V.

The Society shall have power to make whatever investments of the funds in hand that a majority of its members at any of its annual meetings shall deem most profitable; provided, that no investment nor appropriation be made contrary to the contemplated objects of the Society.

ARTICLE VI.

The Beneficiaries of this Society shall be reported by the Annual Conference; provided, however, that this article shall not be so construed as to make any recommendation of the conference binding on the Society.

ARTICLE VII.

This Society shall hold its annual meeting some time during the session of the annual Conference.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Treasurer of this Society shall render an account of his transactions at every annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by two-thirds of the members of the society present at any of its annual meetings; provided that notice of such alteration or amendment be given, at the previous annual meeting, and published with the proceedings of the society.

Mr. Benedict Walker resigned his office as Trustee of this Society, and J. J. Burroughs was elected in his place.

Resolved, That the Treasurer shall not have power to make any investment of the funds of this Society, except authorized by vote of the Society, and that he be requested to deposit all certificates of stock as directed by the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to have printed, at the expense of the Society, five hundred bonds of a form suited to its present character, and that he furnish as many as may be necessary to the Sub-Treasurers, and request them to collect the bonds now due, or renew them according to the form furnished to them.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and is hereby directed to loan to Ryland Capps, James S. Gaskins, W. M. Buskey and W. Vesey, of Norfolk City, One Thousand Dollars, or as much as may be in hand; and take negotiable notes from them at six months, at which time they shall pay the interest, renew and curtail their note.

Resolved, That this Society hereby authorize and empower its Treasurer, H. F. Woodhouse, to receive all dividends that may accrue upon all stocks owned by the Society.

On motion the Society adjourned.

H. B. WOODHOUSE, *Vice President.*

J. SPANGLER, *Secretary.*

OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY.

Capt. Wm. Harding, *President*, Genl. H. B. Woodhouse, Col. J. M. Smith, *Vice Presidents*, J. Spangler, *Recording Secretary*, W. W. Walker, *Corresponding Secretary*, H. F. Woodhouse, *Treasurer*.

SUB-TREASURERS.

Abingdon,	-	-	-	G. R. BARR.
Lynchburg,	-	-	-	M. S. LANGHORNE.
Norfolk,	-	-	-	RYLAND CAPPS.
Bedford,	-	-	-	J. F. HAWKINS.
Campbell,	-	-	-	W. H. PEARMAN.
Greensville,	-	-	-	DR. R. S. SIMMS.
Smithsfield,	-	-	-	R. H. B. DENSON.
Surry,	-	-	-	{ P. HOLMES.
				{ R. W. BERRYMAN.
Sussex,	-	-	-	J. W. MARABLE.
Matthews,	-	-	-	G. C. WADDILL.
New Kent,	-	-	-	W. G. WALKER.
Heathsville,	-	-	-	CAPT. W. HARDING.
Princess Anne,	-	-	-	JONATHAN HUNTER.
Hampton,	-	-	-	C. S. SMITH.

ABSTRACT of REPORT of the TREASURER of the SUPERANNUATED
PREACHERS' AID SOCIETY, made in November, 1853.

*The Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society, Virginia District, Methodist Protestant
Church, in Account with H. F. WOODHOUSE, Treasurer.*

		Principal.	Interest.	TOTAL.
1853.				
Nov.	By Cash received during Session of Conference, in payment of bonds due the Society	950 56	\$126 36	\$1,076 92
	By Cash, annual dues of sundry Members		12 00	12 00
	" " Donation, collections to make sundry persons lifemembers, &c.	379 60		379 60
		\$1,330 16	138 36	1,468 52
	Deduct amount due Treasurer after investing and paying claims on Society		16 73	16 73
		1,330 16	121 63	1,451 79
	By Cash on deposit in Savings Institution, Norfolk, with interest to 1st July last	2,052 56		2,052 56
		3,382 72	121 63	3,504 35
	By Bonds in hand at this date	3,203 80	415 42	3,619 22
	Deduct amount collected as above	950 56	126 36	1,076 92
		2,253 24	289 06	2,542 30
Nov. 12.	By Bonds rec'd during session of Conf'nce	480 00		480 00
		2,733 24	289 06	3,022 30
	By Cash, as above	3,382 72	121 63	3,504 35
	Total Cash and Bonds	\$6,115 96	\$410 69	\$6,526 65

H. F. WOODHOUSE, Treasurer.

REPORT of the TREASURER of the SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS' AID
SOCIETY, made the day of November, 1854.

*The Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society of the Virginia District in account with
H. F. WOODHOUSE, Treasurer.*

		Principal.	Interest.	TOTAL.
1853.				
Nov. 11.	To Cash deposited this day in the Norfolk Savings Institution			\$1,100 00
1854.	To Cash paid Mrs. Normant			75 00
	" " " Mrs. Coman			50 00
	" " deposited in Sav. Inst. Norfolk			107 00
	" " paid for printing Minutes of Soc'y			16 00
	" " " Rev. W. W. Walker to pay expenses of obtaining a Charter			70 00
	To Cash paid in part purchase of Stock			25 00
	" " " Mrs. French			50 00
				\$1,493 00

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.—(Continued.)

		Principal.	Interest.	TOTAL.
1853.				
Nov. 10.	By Cash in hand, as per last Report	\$1,330 16	121 63	1,451 79
1854.	" Interest		23 00	23 00
Nov.	" Cash received from Thomas Dashfield, to constitute self a Life Member, by Rev. Wm. M'Gee	20 00		20 00
		\$1,350 16	144 63	1,494 79
	To Credits			1,493 00
Nov. 6.	By Balance in hands of Treasurer			1 79
	BY CASH FROM—			
	Rev. R. W. Berryman, interest		72	72
	W. W. Lee, in full of bond	20 00	12 00	32 00
	C. L. Smith, interest		1 20	1 20
	Miss M. Westwood, annual due		1 00	1 00
	J. F. Crocker, interest		1 20	1 20
	Mrs. F. H. Powell, interest		1 20	1 20
	Rev. J. M. Willis		1 20	1 20
	" W. W. Walker		1 20	1 20
	E. D. Young		1 00	1 00
	L. A. Lamb, annual due		1 20	1 20
	Mrs. Elizabeth Cosby, interest		1 20	1 20
	Rev. J. M. Haynes, interest		3 60	3 60
	Col. S. B. Burgess, interest		1 20	1 20
	A. J. Eskridge, interest		3 00	3 00
	Mrs. F. H. Booth, annual dues	10 00	1 20	11 20
	P. J. Holmes, in full of bond	7 43	7 57	15 00
	Rev. R. B. Thomson, in part of bond		3 60	3 60
	G. F. Outten, interest		1 20	1 20
	John B. Winfree, interest		2 40	2 40
	Mrs. S. S. Hawkins (now Mrs. Apperson), interest		6 00	6 00
	J. M. Apperson		1 00	1 00
	Mrs. Sarah F. Corbell, annual due		1 00	1 00
	" Ann Cowling, annual due		1 00	1 00
	" S. A. Eley, annual due		1 00	1 00
	" M. M. Butts, annual due		1 20	1 20
	J. T. Phillips, annual due		1 20	1 20
	J. C. Meador, interest		2 40	2 40
	R. H. B. Denson, interest	10 00	1 20	11 20
	J. Foreman, in full of bond		1 20	1 20
	B. Walker, Jr., interest		1 20	1 20
	B. Walker, Jr., and T. S. W., interest		7 20	67 20
	James Walker, interest	60 00	1 80	1 80
	Mrs. Elizabeth Poindexter, in full of bd.		90	90
	Miss M. A. Burton, interest		1 20	1 20
	J. M. Caffee, interest		90	90
	F. W. Jett, interest		1 20	1 20
	J. J. Deal, interest		1 20	1 20
	A. Barnes, interest		2 40	2 40
	Dr. W. B. Snead, interest		1 20	21 20
	Rev. Josiah Cleft, interest	20 00	1 20	1 20
	Mrs. A. Ogden, in full of bond		1 20	1 20
	Jesse A. Burton		1 20	1 20
	Miss R. Percival			

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.—(Continued.)

		Principal.	Interest.	TOTAL.
1854.				
Nov. 6.	Miss Susan Percival		1 20	1 20
	" T. G. Glenn		1 20	1 20
	" M. Victor		1 20	1 20
	Rev. A. Doniphan		1 20	1 20
	H. F. Woodhouse		1 20	1 20
	Rev. J. D. Berryman, to constitute self a Life Member	20 00		20 00
	Willis Thompson, do do	20 00		20 00
	Sundry, to constitute Miss A. H. Whit- field a Life Member	20 00		20 00
	Sundry, to constitute Rev. J. Scott do Col. M. Langhorne, to constitute Miss E. C. Burroughs a Life Member	20 00		20 00
	Miss V. Woodhouse, Miss E. Burroughs " Dozier and W. Pennington, to con- stitute Miss F. Crocker a Life Member Collection	20 00 19 31		20 00 19 31
		\$266 74	\$93 89	\$363 42
1853.	STATEMENT OF BONDS.			
Nov. 9.	By Bonds in hand at this date, as per Rep't	\$2,733 24	\$289 06	\$3,022 30
1854.	" Interest on do (\$2,733.24) for 1 year .		163 99	163 99
Nov.		2,733 24	453 05	3,186 29
Nov. 7.	To Cash received to date	127 43	83 89	211 32
	By Bonds now in hand	\$2,605 81	\$369 16	\$2,974 97
	BY BOND OF—			
	R. A. E. Stratton	20 00		20 00
	H. F. Woodhouse	20 00		20 00
	H. B. Woodhouse	20 00		20 00
	Rev. W. W. Walker	20 00		20 00
	" J. M. Willis	40 00		40 00
	" J. M. Haines	40 00		40 00
	" E. T. Berryman	20 00		20 00
	" R. B. Thomson	20 00		20 00
	" William McGee	20 00		20 00
	" I. Spangler	20 00		20 00
	Mrs. Eliza M. Poindexter	20 00		20 00
	A. Barnes	40 00		40 00
	Thomas Barham	20 00		20 00
	B. Walker, Jr.	20 00		20 00
	John Morrison	20 00		20 00
	James Coles	20 00		20 00
	W. W. Lee	20 00		20 00
	John McAllister	20 00		20 00
	Moses Hudjins	20 00		20 00
	Mrs. Ann E. Pendleton	20 00		20 00
	J. J. Deal	20 00		20 00
	Mary Marable	20 00		20 00
	Miss Mary F. Moore	20 00		20 00
	R. H. B. Denson	20 00		20 00
	Jesse M. Caffee	40 00		40 00
	R. C. Foster	20 00		20 00
		\$3,205 81	\$369 16	\$3,574 97

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.—(Continued.)

	INVESTMENTS, &c.	Principal.	Interest.	TOTAL.
1853.				
Nov. 9.	By Cash on Deposit in the Savings' Insti- tution, with Interest to July last . .	\$2,052 56		\$2,052 56
" 11.	By Cash this day deposited	1,100 00		1,100 00
1854.	" " " " "	107 00		107 00
July 1.	" "		121 49	121 49
		3,259 56	121 49	3,381 05
April.	To Cash withdrawn \$400			
Oct. 28.	" " " 2,500	2,900 00		2,900 00
	Balance on Deposit	359 56	121 49	481 05
" "	By 5 Shares Virginia Bank Stock . . .	75 00		75 00
" "	" 25 " Virginia State Stock . . .	2,500 00	50 00	2,550 00
" "	" Cash as above	266 74	93 89	363 42
" "	" " "	3,205 81	369 16	3,574 97
		\$8,628 60	\$512 05	\$7,343 44

H. F. WOODHOUSE, Treasurer.

EXTRACT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Officers of the last year were re-elected.

The title of the Society was altered so as to read "auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church."

The Treasurer reported his receipts for 1853 to be \$57.79 which is deposited in the Norfolk Savings Bank.

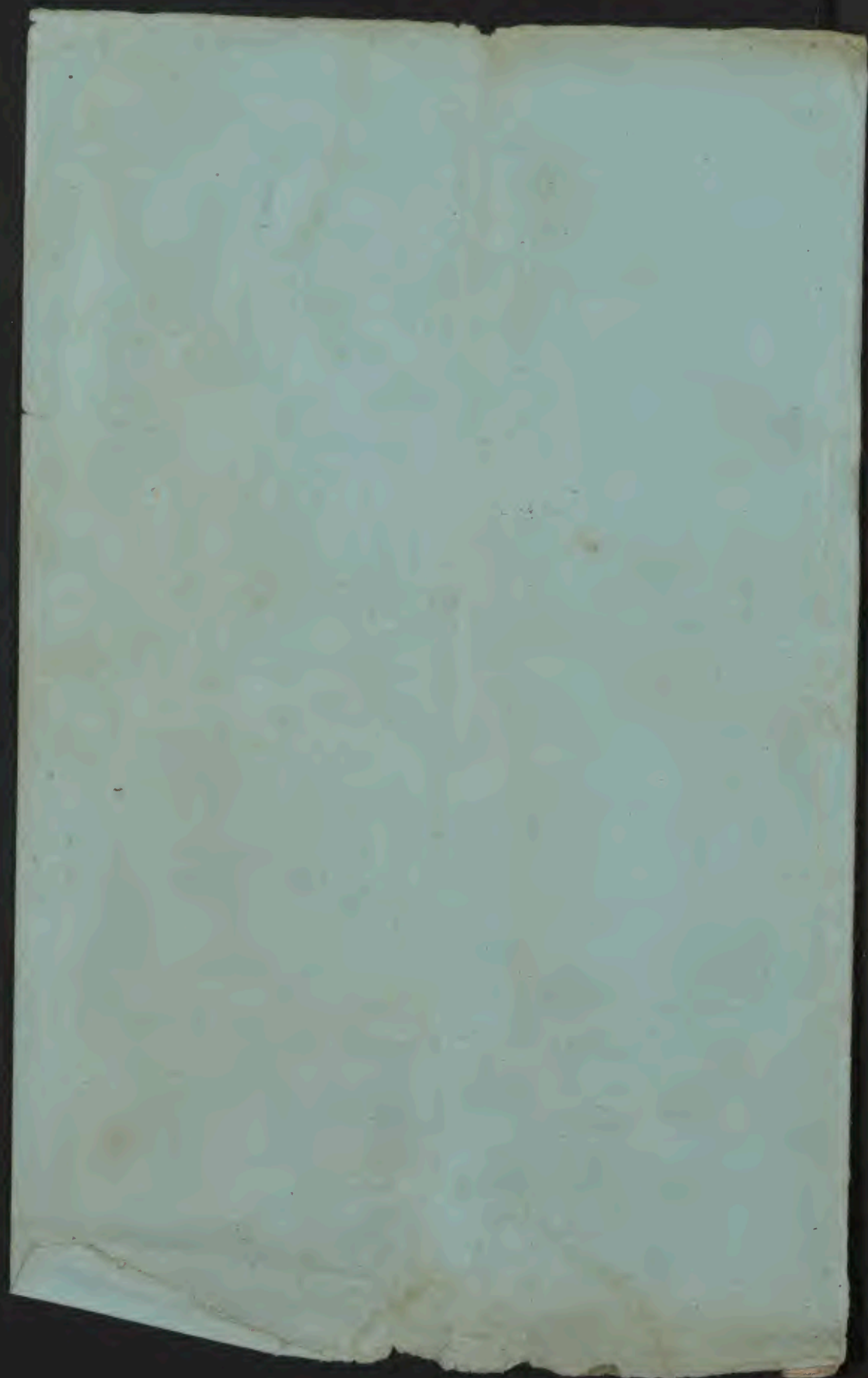
Receipts at present session from Heathsville, - -	\$93 00
do. " " Good Hope Mission Society,	33 25
do. " " Olive Branch do.	15 00
do. " " Micah do.	12 50
do. " " Hopewell do.	7 50
do. " " Smithfield Circuit,	23'00 184,25
Total	\$242,04

A public collection of \$48,25 was given to Rev. Bro. Seott, the Cor. Secretary of the "Board of Missions;" also \$31,75 in addition to \$18,25 contributed by "Good Hope Mis. So. for foreign purposes, so as to make the amount \$50.

The President of the Annual Conference was authorized to draw upon the Treasurer to the amount of two-hundred dollars, for the aid of *home missions*, provided he and the President and Vice President of the Society concurred as to the necessity of such aid.

J. PARIS, Sec'y *pro tem*.

NOTE.—There is no account on the record of the amount collected from the members of the Society at this session.—PUB.



Service acknowledged

C B Hayden

Attorney for Mr W Rife Snider

of Cape Snider & Aid Society.

Robt Whitehead Esq

for Virginia Aid Society —

John R. Kelly atty

for D. B. Whitehead Esq.

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as } Chancery
Blount Co. }

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Notice

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To Joseph B Whitehead Executor of James J Blunt -

Vincent C Blunt, Wm H Rife & Lucilla F his wife
Joseph B Whitehead Exr of F M Booth - The Supernumated
Preachers Aid Society of Virginia District of the Methodist
Protestant Church, Emma L Eley Admtr of Wm C Blunt -
Andrew J Coper M & his wife, Elizabeth T Harrison &
The Supernumated Preachers Aid Society of Virginia.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed on the
3^d day of March next to take & settle, at my office the
account of the transactions of J B Whitehead as Executor
respectively of James J Blunt & F M Booth - showing what
amount if any is in the hands of said executor of F M Booth
owing & the latter arising from sales of property lent her
by the last will & testament of James J Blunt - An asc of
the unpaid legacies of the heirs at law of James J
Blunt - The fractional portions due each one of them
by said Joseph B Whitehead as executor of said &
also the fractional portions due the same of any money
arising from the sales of property directed by said decree,
directed to be taken by the decree of Oct. Term 1866 of the
Circuit Court of the State of West Virginia in a suit in chancery
in said court pending wherein you are parties plaintiff
& defendants - At which time & place you are required to
attend -

Given under my hand as Commissioner of said
Court this 20th day of February 1868

C B Hayden

Commissioner -

Blunt's Exor.
or 3 Scripfares
Blunt's Exor.

To May Cir. Ct. 1869.

Accepted for legal service of this court
J. D. Wiley, Clerk of the Court

The Commonwealth of Virginia, To the Sheriff of Isle
of Wight County, Greeting: Whereas, a suit in chancery
has been depending in our circuit court for the
County of Isle of Wight between Joseph B. Whithead
executor of James J. Booth decd: plaintiff and Joseph
B. Whithead representative of the estate of J. M.
Booth decd: and others, and before a final decree
was given therein, the said Joseph B. Whithead
died, and the plaintiff representative has applied
for a scire facias against Edmund S. Eley Sheriff of
Isle of Wight County and as such administrator of
the Joseph B. Whithead decd: with his will annexed,
and the said E. S. Eley Sheriff and as such administra-
tor of the estate of M. J. Booth decd: Therefore,
we command you that you make known to the
said E. S. Eley Sheriff and administrator of the estate
of the said Joseph B. Whithead and J. M. Booth
decd: as aforesaid, that he be before the judge of
our said court, at the courthouse, on the first
day of the next term, to show cause, if any he
can, why the said suit should not be proceeded
in to a final decree. And have them there
this writ. Witness N. P. Young Clerk of our said
court, at the court house, the 29th day of
January, 1869, in the 9th year of the Common-
wealth.

N. P. Young Clerk.

Ord. of pub.

Filed 4 June 1864

AT RULES held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county, on the 24th day of March, 1864—

Joseph B. Whitehead, executor of James J. Blunt, deceased, complainant—In Chancery.

Against,
Vincent C. Blunt, George W. Harrison and Lucilla G. his wife; Joseph B. Whitehead, personal representative of Frances M. Blunt, deceased; the Methodist Protestant Church (Blunt's or Bethell), on the Smithfield circuit, in Isle of Wight county, Va.; the Methodist Protestant Church on Surry circuit (the Chapel) near Surry Court-House, in Surry county, Va.; Madison College Uniontown, Pa.; the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia district; the Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia; William C. Blunt, Andrew J. Jeffer and Mary Elizabeth his wife; Elizabeth Frances Harrison, (an infant,) and the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society of Virginia—Defendants.

The object of this suit is to test the validity of certain bequests in the will of James J. Blunt, deceased, and to obtain a decree for the proper disposition of his estate, &c. And it appearing by the affidavit of the complainant, filed in the cause, that the Methodist Protestant Church, (Blunt's or Bethell), on the Smithfield circuit, in Isle of Wight county, Va.; the Methodist Protestant Church on the Surry circuit, (the Chapel,) near Surry Court-House, Va.; Madison College, Uniontown, Pa.; the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the Virginia district; the Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of Virginia, and the Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society of Virginia, who are defendants in this cause, "are non residents of Virginia, or unknown to the complainant." On the motion of the complainant, it is ordered, That the said non-residents or unknown defendants do appear before the Circuit Court of Isle of Wight county, at rules to be held in the Clerk's office, on the first Monday in May next, to do what is necessary to protect their interests; and that a copy of this order be published in the Sentinel, a newspaper published in the city of Richmond, for one month, and an other copy posted at the court-house door of said county, according to law. A copy—lease:

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N. P. YOUNG,
Clerk Court.

"Sentinel" Office, Richmond Va
May 3, 1864

I hereby Certify, that the above Court Order, Joseph B. Whitehead, Executor, &c. vs. Vincent C. Blunt &c. was published in the "Sentinel Newspaper" of Richmond, of which I am one of the proprietors, four weeks in succession weekly, — the said publication commencing on the 18th day of March A.D. 1864 —

C. J. M. Bailey
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(The above fee paid by me
J. R. K.)

Pay Capt Adams
Jas Sullivan
on "Oregon"

San Antonio, Texas

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Mr J^r B Whitehead, Smithfield

To The Norfolk Virginian, Dr.

S. HODGES & CO.

To Advertising

1867

Mar 8th Advertising Land for Sale. Sub of
J. B. Whitehead Esq; to Blunt 4 sq 1 ac 3 in
Proprietor, 50 Haverhill - off Sale

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3 00 - 10 00

Recd Cash
S. Hodges & Co

Blunt! Expt.

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cents.

Blunt Lab.

To Acta. Ct. 1866.

Receipts Recd.

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Recd. to Octo. 1866.

Att. for Story - \$16.00

clks. fees . . . 11.19

Shff. Clements . . 3.00

Shff. Petersen . . . 50

Ac. S. p. k. h. - 2.50

\$33.19

To

W. P. Young

Blunt's Egg.

n: 3 Bill of Coats

Blunt's Egg.

Blunts' Exor.

no. : $\frac{3}{4}$ Bill of Costs.
to Accts. Ct. 1866.

Blunt & als.

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\$ 39.34