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HUGUENOT CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C.

THE  
FRENCH PROTESTANT,  
(HUGUENOT)  
CHURCH IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON,  
SOUTH CAROLINA.



## APPEAL

OF

## The French Protestant (Huguenot) Church,

IN THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, S. C.

The French Protestant Church, of Charleston, South Carolina, a sketch of which accompanies this paper, was founded more than two centuries ago by emigrants to South Carolina, driven from their homes by persecution for their faith and later by the revocation of the Edict of Nantes.

Its sister Churches, established by their fellow refugees in various portions of the Colony gradually succumbed to the wasting force of time, and the formation of new ties and associations, and have ceased to exist. The Congregations founded by their co-religionists in the other Colonies of America have also become scattered and have passed away. So this Church remains the only distinctive Huguenot Congregation in all this broad land. During these centuries of its existence, the Huguenot Church in Charleston experienced all forms of disaster—flood, fire, invasion, earthquake. By the blessing of God and the earnest, faithful devotion of its founders and their descendants, it has preserved its existence. The tablets upon its walls, the tombs and graves in the cemetery around it commemorate the names, and embalm the merits of the first emigrants and of their descendants, who sleep within its shadow. Sunday after Sunday within its sacred walls is repeated the simple and beautiful liturgy brought by their fathers from the vine clad hills and fertile valleys of France, and the songs of Zion which gave hope, confidence and endurance to Huguenot Martyrs, resound within its walls. The struggle for its life was hard, earnest, sustained by undying faith and sup-

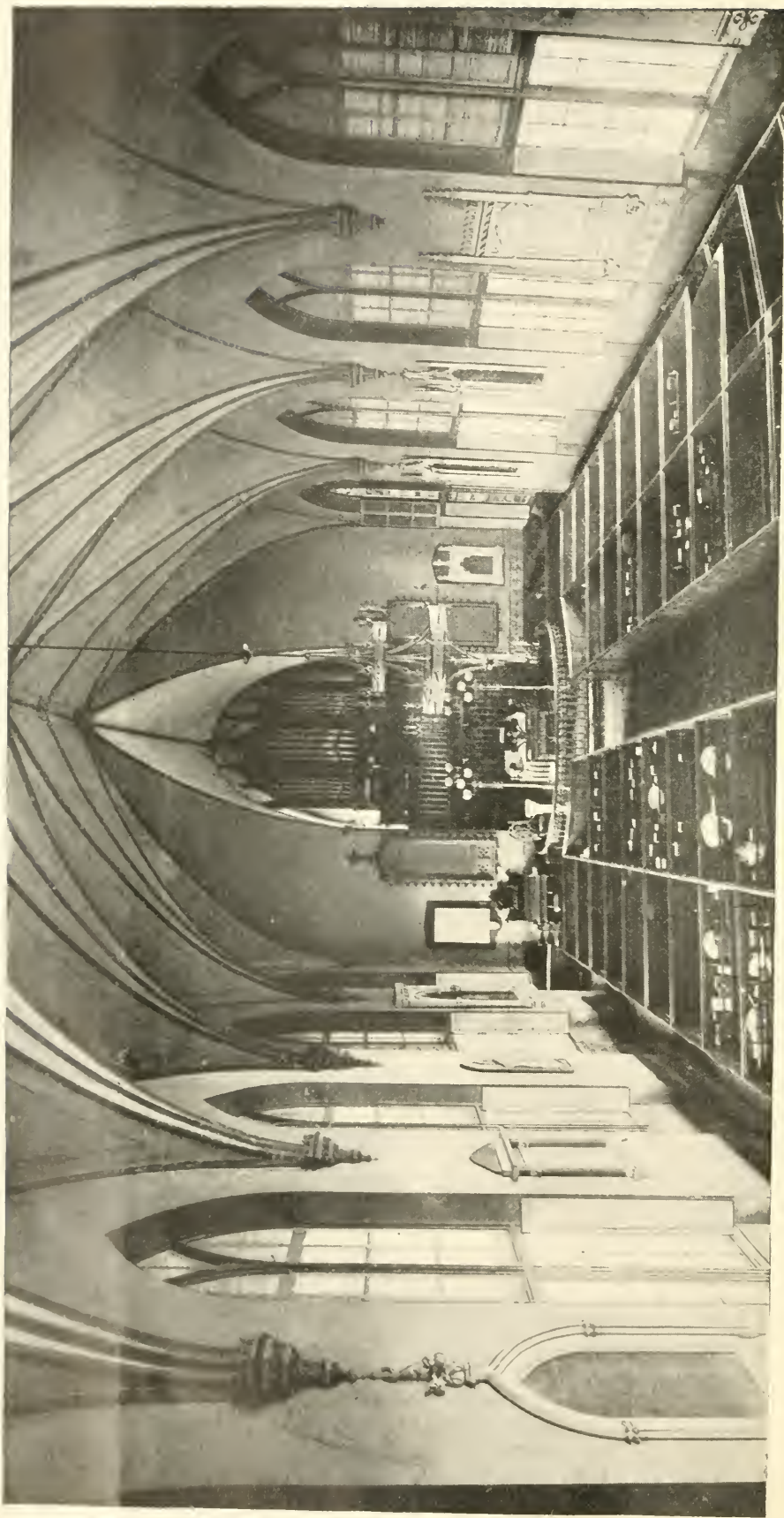
ported by unflinching courage. But these years of endurance and suffering have made their mark. The funds which sustained the Church have grown smaller. The fortunes of its supporters have been impaired or wrecked. The necessities of the times have prevented the congregation from giving the pecuniary aid which it needs, and they are now threatened with the sad necessity of closing their Church forever. To prevent this calamity, they have determined to make one last effort. They seek to establish a permanent fund by means of which their Church may be preserved through all time, as the memorial of the virtues, the suffering, the heroism and the martyrdom of their Huguenot fathers. A memorial, not in stone and bronze, but a living temple of God, in which shall sound ever praise and prayers to the great Father who has so miraculously preserved their ancestors and themselves, in which shall be preserved and taught the simple tenets and the holy faith, which nerved the arms and strengthened the hearts of Huguenots in time of disaster, famine, persecution, rapine and ruin. A living memorial of the truth of the Gospel, shedding its light, and extending its beneficial influence abroad.

To this end they cordially and affectionately invite the aid of all descendants of Huguenots in this and in other lands, asking their liberal co-operation and assistance in this holy work, sacred and dear to them as well as to themselves. The fund will be carefully invested and religiously preserved. The Church can thus be made a monument in all the coming years to the children of Protestant France, of the grand endurance, and sublime courage of their forefathers.

HENRY A. DESAUSSURE.  
 CHARLES H. SIMONTON.  
 WM. C. RAVENEL, M. D.,  
 ISAAC HAMMOND,  
 JAS. S. MAZYCK,

*Committee.*





HUGUENOT CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C.

# THE HUGUENOT CHURCH,

CHARLESTON. S. C.

FOUNDED 1681-.2

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Huguenots were strangely a part of the very beginning of American history. The first Protestant settlement upon this Continent was that of Jean Ribaut, within the present limits of South Carolina. When the colony failed, from Providential causes, and the permanent occupation of the State was adjourned for more than a century, we find Huguenot names among the immigrants who came in 1670, with the first English Governor, William Sayle.

The first child born in New York City was Jean Vigné, and the first born in Albany, New York, was Sarah Rappelyea—children of Huguenot parents. Peter Stuyvesant, the famous Dutch Governor of New York, married Judith Bayard, the daughter of a Huguenot minister, and the Governor's sister, in turn, married a Bayard. The Vice-Governor of New York, DeLille, was a Huguenot. In 1670, one-fourth of the population of New York City were Huguenots.

The Pilgrim Colony of Plymouth, Massachusetts, was of date 1620, and among the passengers of the Mayflower, who formed that colony, was one who has been regarded as the typical Puritan Maiden—Priscilla, the heroine of history, romance, poetry and art; the Priscilla of Miles Standish, John Alden and the poet Longfellow—Priscilla Molines, the daughter of William Molines, a Huguenot.

John Esten Cooke, the historian of Virginia, says of the Huguenot colony which came to that State in 1699—"They infused a stream of rich and pure blood into Virginia society."

In 1680, the date of the settlement of the present City of

Charleston, South Carolina, a colony of Huguenots arrived there, having been sent out by the English Government to cultivate oil, wine and silk. But the larger immigration came in 1685-6, when French Protestants flocked to the State in great numbers. They formed four settlements, one in the City of Charleston, and the other three in the country. Each of these settlements had its Church. The people were remarkable for their piety, industry and probity, and for the harmony and identity of feeling and interest in which they lived.

The three Churches of French Protestants outside of the city were, after a time, merged in the established Church of the colony. The Church of England became established in 1706. Too poor to sustain, uninterrupted, by their own religious ordinances, subject to great disabilities had they been able; offered support for their Church and minister by the established Church, they gradually yielded. Practically, they did not conform to Episcopal authority until after the decease of their Huguenot ministers.

The Huguenot Church established in the City of Charleston, however, retained its autonomy and identity, and continues to this day. Its first recognized Pastor was Elias Prioleau, who fled from France at the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, in 1685; but there is the strongest reason for believing that the Church in Charleston was in full existence at the time of his arrival, and that it was served by a pastor who had come out with the colony in 1680, or soon thereafter. Fleeing to the new world for the privilege of free worship, it is scarcely necessary to have documentary proof of the fact that they organized themselves into congenial Church relations without a moment's needless delay. The will of Cæsar Moze, made in 1687, bequeaths a sum of money to the "Church of French Protestant Refugees," then existing, and the purpose of the bequest is to aid in the establishment of another Church in the country. Since that early period, the Huguenot Church of Charleston has continued, under a long succession of Pastors, until it is now—1898—the only Church on this Continent

which retains the distinctive features of the Huguenot service. The Spiritual concerns of the Church are managed by a Consistory, composed of the Pastor, and a bench of Elders, elected by members of the Corporation. Its temporal concerns are controlled by the Corporation. The Confession of Faith was composed by John Calvin, and is that adopted by the Reformed Church of France in 1659. A liturgical form has always been used in the Church. The liturgical form first adopted is believed to have been that of the Church at Geneva. After the fire of 1740, which destroyed all the records of the Church, the Liturgy of Neufchatel and Vallangin was adopted, and is still in use. From the year 1816 to 1819, the French language was partially disused—preaching alternating between this and the English. This gave much dissatisfaction, and a return to the exclusive use of French was made. But that tongue had largely ceased to be spoken or understood, especially by the young, and, therefore, in 1828, it was determined to employ only the English tongue in the service.

The French Liturgy was referred to a committee of eminent gentlemen for translation. This translation is that which has ever since been used in the Church. Some changes were made in the order and arrangement of the liturgy of Neufchatel and Vallangin, and some additions, copied from the book of the French Church in London and kindred sources. Some occasional and concluding prayers were supplied. The sources from which the Book of Common Prayer was furnished were laid under tribute. As the Reformed Church of France had no burial service—their funerals being in silence, and at night, because otherwise prohibited by the Government, the committee had either to prepare one entirely new, or adopt one already in use. They chose the Scriptural and impressive burial service of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Following the example of the Church of France, this Church has always kept Christmas, Good Friday and Easter.

The present beautiful and chaste Church edifice is believed to be the fourth upon the present site—the others having

given way, in turn, to new ones, and one being swept away in a great fire which visited Charleston. The Church now used for worship is purely Gothic in architecture, and chaste and classic in all its appointments. It was completed and occupied in May, 1845. Its interior is adorned with mural tablets of great beauty and interest. One to a generous benefactor of the Church in later days, Mr. J. F. D. Lanier, of New York City, and this stone also records the munificent gift of his son, Mr. Charles Lanier, for the restoration of the Church building after the earthquake of 1886. An elaborate and beautiful stained window, also erected by the Hon. Elihu B. Washburne, our ambassador at Paris during the horrors of the French Commune, commemorates the name of his wife, the grand daughter of General Gratiot, the companion in arms of the illustrious Huguenot, Francis Marion.

MURAL TABLETS IN THE HUGUENOT CHURCH,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.

1699—REV. ELIAS PRIOLEAU. Dedicated to the memory of ELIAS PRIOLEAU, Minister of the Gospel according to the doctrines of the Reformed Church of France. A native of Pons in Saintonge. He was one of the Emigrants, who, on the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, sought freedom of conscience in South Carolina. When he commenced his Ministerial labors in France is not known; but some of his Manuscript addresses, still preserved, show that he was engaged in them in 1677. In this country he continued those labors as Minister of this Church. His father, Samuel Prioleau, son of Antonio Prioli, was born in Venice about 1618; was educated in France, where he embraced the doctrines of the Reformation, and became a Minister of Christ, first at Rochelle, and afterwards at Pons, at which place he died in 1683. The Rev. Elias Prioleau died in the autumn of 1699, at his farm on Midway, now Back River, in St. James Goose Creek; and there, his remains repose. This tablet is erected by several of his descendants, worshippers in this edifice, built on the site of that in which he preached. 1850.

1735-1770-1835—ISAAC MAZYCK, AND HIS SONS, ISAAC AND PAUL MAZYCK. In memory of ISAAC MAZYCK; born at St. Martin, in the Isle of Rhé, 11th of June, 1661, left France in 1685, in consequence of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantz, settled in South Carolina in 1686, and died 7th of March, 1735; and of his eldest son, ISAAC MAZYCK; born in Charleston, 6th of March, 1700, died 25th of July, 1770. He was many years a leading member of the Provincial Assembly, and was appointed one of the Assistant Judges of the Province in 1740. Their remains were interred at the East end of the old French Protestant Church, and are now covered by this building. This monument is erected in obedience to the testamentary directions of PAUL MAZYCK, sixth son of the latter, who was born 4th January, 1744, and died 6th June, 1835. His remains are deposited in the cemetery of this church.

1716—LOUIS GOURDIN. LOUIS GOURDIN, the ancestor of the family of Gourdin in South Carolina, was born in the Province of Artois, France, a Huguenot, and on the Revocation of the Edict of Nantz in 1685, a refugee, he came to the Province of Carolina, settled on the Echaw, near the Santee River, and died

in 1716. Time has consigned to oblivion his virtues and his frailties: nevertheless, venerating his steadfastness to principle, and grateful that, under the Divine guidance, he has given them an inheritance in a land blessed with civil and religious liberty, the fourth and fifth generations of his descendants dedicate this tablet to his name and memory. "The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places." 1860.

1726-1727—ISAAC PORCHER, M. D., AND HIS WIFE, CLAUDE CHERIGNY. In memory of ISAAC PORCHER, M. D., a native of Sevère, Province of Berry, in France; and of his wife, CLAUDE CHERIGNY, a native of La Roche Posay, Touraine. Attached to the faith professed by the French Protestant Church, they sought a refuge from persecution after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, first in England, and afterwards in the Province of Carolina, where they found a home in the Parish of St. James, Berkeley County. After a union of forty-four years and eleven months, she died September 10th, 1726, aged sixty-five years and four months; he died March, 1727. This tablet is erected in pursuance of the intention of Samuel Porcher, of St. Stephens, their great grandson. 1859.

PETER CHARLES GAILLARD—Fifth in descent from PIERRE GAILLARD, the Huguenot, of Poitou, France. Born December 29th, 1812, died January 11th, 1889. An Elder of this Church, 1861-1865, Colonel 27th Regt., S. C. V. C. S. A. 1866, Mayor of Charleston. "The memory of the just is blessed."

1761—ANTOINE DE SAUSSURE AND HENRI DE SAUSSURE. ANTOINE DE SAUSSURE, Seigneur de Dommartin, et de Monteuil, near Amance, France, having embraced the principles of the Reformation, abandoned his dignities and estates in Lorraine, and fled with his family from persecution into Switzerland in 1551, where he was an influential advocate of the Protestant faith. He took a bold and active part in the cause of the Reformation at Metz, Strasbourg, Geneva and Neufchatel; from the latter of which this church derives its Liturgical Services. Between John Calvin and himself there existed a close friendship, as evinced by their reciprocal letters still preserved by the branch of the family residing at Geneva. His descendants continue true to the Reformed Faith: one of them, HENRI DE SAUSSURE, removed from Lausanne, Switzerland, to South Carolina, in 1730, and settled as a planter in Beaufort District, where he died in 1761, highly esteemed and respected. A monumental stone near Coosawatchie, marks the place of his sepulture, and attests the filial piety of his children. In the

war of the Revolution his four sons, and a grandson, took an active part. In the cause of Independence, Louis and Thomas died on battle-fields; Henry from disease caused by exposures of the camp; Daniel, the eldest son, was a member of the Provincial Congress of South Carolina, and was one of the exiles to St. Augustine after the Capitulation of Charleston, in 1780; while his son, then a youth of seventeen years, afterwards Chancellor Henry Wm. deSaussure, was at the same time confined on board a British Prison Ship in Charleston Harbour. In veneration of men thus devoted to civil and religious liberty, their descendants and relatives have erected this monument. 1859.

1736—ELIAS HORRY. To the memory of ELIAS HORRY, the venerable ancestor of the Horrys of South Carolina. He was born in France in the year 1664, and was the son of an Elder of a church in Paris, who died a martyr, for the Protestant faith, when the Edict of Nantes was Revoked by Louis XIV in 1685. Escaping the persecution, he fled to Holland, thence to England, and came to South Carolina about the year 1690, and settled near the Santee, in the Parish of St. George Winyaw, where he resided forty-six years. He died in Charleston on the 25th of September, 1736, aged seventy-two years, and was buried in the cemetery of the French Church. "*The South Carolina Gazette*," which records his death, states that he was "one of the oldest settlers in the Province, and who, by his merits and services to the country, had left behind him a very good character." Elias, the son of Thomas, and grandson of Col. Elias Horry, erects this monument to the memory of his great grandfather. 1825.

1799—DANIEL HUGER. In memory of DANIEL HUGER, born in South Carolina February 20th, 1741; died July 6th, 1799.

1873—DANIEL RAVENEL. DANIEL RAVENEL, son of Daniel Ravenel, of Wantoot, in St. John's Parish, Berkeley, and Catherine Prioleau, his wife, was born the 26th October, 1789, and died in this city the 7th September, 1873, in his 84th year. From early youth to latest age he obeyed the Commandments of God and the precepts of, Jesus. Religion assimilated his spiritual nature, sanctifying the passions, the affections, the intellect, and he was righteous, pure and holy amid the trials and temptations of life. He walked humbly with God. His Christianity was catholic, and the charities of his heart widened and deepened as he grew in years. The moral and material interests of his native State and City had always his enlightened support. In manners grave, yet genial in temper, warm and steadfast in friendship, sincerely courteous, his influence refined and elevated society. Of Huguenot

lineage, descended (through the emigrant Renè Ravenel, of Bretagne, and the Rev. Elias Prioleau, in 1686, Pastor at Pons, in Saintonge, and probably the first Minister of this Church) from Pastors and Elders of the Reformed Church of France, the stern adherence of his ancestors to their Protestant faith stirred the chivalry of his soul; he venerated the Church for which they suffered; its tenets satisfied his judgment; the spirituality of its simple worship was in harmony with his religious nature; the solemnity of its quiet Ritual, with his deep reverence when communing with God. The revival of this ancient Church was a fixed purpose of his life; his intellect, his theological and ecclesiastical learning, his force, when heart and judgment concentrated their strength, fitted him for the work, and when the time for its accomplishment had come, he was, under Providence, the chiefest human instrument through which prayer, thanksgiving and praise ascend once more from this Church of our fathers to their and to our God. He assisted in the translation of the Liturgy. Thirty-eight years an Elder, and, for the last twenty-seven, President of the Church, his wisdom guided its councils, in difficulties of organization, his piety and moderation bound it together in harmony. To perpetuate the remembrance of this life, with gratitude to God that it was largely dedicated to its service, the Church lovingly erects this monument. 1880.

1882—ST. JULIEN RAVENEL, M. D., Aetat LXII. Chemist, Naturalist, Philosopher. His delight was in Science; Knowledge was more to him than Fame and Fortune. His labors enriched the community. His discoveries were free to mankind. The Agricultural Society of South Carolina, grateful for his work and example, erect this memorial of his genius and worth.

JAMES F. D. LANIER, of New York. Born November 22, 1800, at Washington, Beaufort County, No. Ca. Died August 27th, 1881. This tablet commemorates a generous benefactor of this Church, and perpetuates within its walls the name of his son, CHARLES LANIER, also of New York, who gave munificently to its restoration after the destructive earthquake of 31st August, 1886. 1887.

#### STAINED GLASS WINDOW.

In Memoriam. GRATIOT WASHBURNE. Born at Galena, Illinois, May 6, 1849. Died at Louisville, Ky., Dec. 17, 1886.

In Memoriam. ADELE GRATIOT WASHBURNE. Born at Galena, Illinois, Nov. 12, 1826. Died at Chicago, Illinois, March 18, 1887.

# RULES

OF THE

# FRENCH PROTESTANT CHURCH

IN THE CITY OF

CHARLESTON, S. C.

ADOPTED AFTER REVISION,

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R U L E S

OF THE

French Protestant Church,

IN THE CITY OF

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA.

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PREAMBLE.

The church now recognized in law, by the corporate name of "The French Protestant Church in the city of Charleston," was founded by French Protestant Christians, who having left France to avoid the persecution which followed the Revocation of the Edict of Nantz, in the year 1685, sought civil and religious liberty in South Carolina. Its tenets are contained in the articles entitled "*Confession de Foi, faite d'un commun accord par les Eglises reformees du Royaume de France.*" And its government and discipline were, as far as local circumstances permitted, in accordance with the principles laid down and explained in the book entitled "*Le discipline Ecclesiastique des Eglises Reformees de France.*" Its worship was liturgical. The book used, as far back as memory extends, is an edition in quarto, entitled "*La Liturgie ou la Maniere de Celebrer le Service Divin, que est etablie dans les Eglises de la Principaute de Neufchatel et Vallangin. Seconde Edition. Revue et a Corrigeé a Neufchatel, chez Jonas Gallandre & Compagnie, 1737.*" The psalmody of the church was conducted according to the book entitled *Les Pseaumes de David, mis en rime Francoise, par Clement Marot et Theodore de Beze:* in which Book the Psalms are set to music. But the worship of the church, for a long time subject to interruptions,

in consequence of the necessity of procuring Ministers from Europe, had for years been suspended, partly for the reason just stated, but chiefly on account of a gradual dispersion of the families of members among churches in which the services were conducted in English. This being the language of the country, had become the language of the descendants of the French. A corresponding change in the services of the church was not made in due time. Its necessity, slowly admitted, eventually led to measures for effecting a translation of the Liturgies into English; which work having been accomplished, an edition was printed, by order of the Corporation, in 1836.

The church owns an ancient endowment from the Lords Proprietors of the Province of Carolina, of two lots on the East side of King street in Charleston, designated in the Plan of the town by numbers 92 and 93;<sup>1</sup> also the lots at the South east corner of Church and Queen streets, supposed to form the original site of the church, and to have been acquired by purchase.

On part of the latter, a new and more commodious House of Worship, on the original site and partly on the foundation of the former house, was commenced in 1844, completed in 1845 and dedicated to the service of God on the 11th of May, in the latter year.

Thus provided with means, with a pure and scriptural liturgy in a language familiar to us, and with a convenient edifice, this ancient church again gathered a congregation deeply interested in its history and prospects, to whom divine worship and sacred instruction, according to the forms and principles of its founders, have been afforded.

But experience has shown that some changes are necessary and proper in the system under which the revival of our services was commenced.

In humble trust, therefore that the blessing of God will

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<sup>1</sup> The necessities of the Church forced the sale of these lots about 1892.

rest on the right use of the means and privileges vouchsafed to us, the following rules are adopted.

### ARTICLE I.

The services of this Church shall, in accordance with former usage, be conducted with an established Liturgy. When conducted in the French language, the Liturgies of the Churches of Neufchatel and Vallangin shall be used as heretofore, with the omission or alteration of such parts as are inapplicable to our local and civil relations. When conducted in the English language, the Liturgies used shall be those contained in the book prepared by a Committee of the Corporation, entitled "*The Liturgy of the French Protestant Church, translated from the editions of 1737 and 1772, published at Neufchatel, with additional prayers carefully selected, and some alterations; arranged for the use of the Congregation in the City of Charleston, S. C., printed at Charleston, by James S. Burges, 1836*" or in such new and amended edition of the same as shall have been approved and authorized by the Consistory of this Church, and also by the Corporation.

Liturgies to be used.

The several services of this book may be used on any occasions of public worship, without regard to the day of the week for which they are designed, provided the Consistory authorize such use of them.

### ARTICLE II.

There shall be two stated meetings of the Corporation annually viz. on the second Mondays of January and July.

Meetings of Corporation.

Special meetings may be called by order of the President, or by the Secretary at request of any seven members of the Corporation, expressed to him in writing. The business for which special meetings are called must be stated *in general terms* in the notice; and at such meeting no other business shall be transacted.

<sup>1</sup>Ten members of the Corporation shall constitute a quorum.

Quorum and adjournments

<sup>1</sup> "Seven" now.

If there be not a quorum, the members may adjourn to some other time, and from time to time, until there be a quorum.

Every adjournment shall be considered a continuance of the meeting held, or intended to be held.

Notices.

Notice of the stated meetings shall be given in two newspapers of the city, not less than three times in each.

Special meetings shall be called by notice in two newspapers of the city, three times in each, or by immediate written notice from the Secretary to each member.

One days notice in two newspapers shall be sufficient for any adjourned meeting. But if the adjournment be made by a meeting with a quorum for business, then the mode and length of notice may be determined by the meeting.

### ARTICLE III.

Election by Corporation.

At the stated meeting in January, in every year, or if the election be not then made, at any subsequent meeting held in accordance with Article II., a President, who shall be *ex-officio* an Elder, and Chairman of the Elders, and four other elders, a Treasurer, a Secretary, and an executive Committee of three members, shall be elected by ballot. They shall continue in office until the annual election in January, or if it be not then made, until another election.

### ARTICLE IV.

Temporal concerns.

The temporal affairs of the Church shall continue under the control of the Corporation, who shall have authority to direct in the management of the property, fix the pew rents, the Pastor's salary, and all other salaries, the term of services of the Pastor, and of all officers and determine the general expenditures.

Spiritual concerns.

The spiritual concerns of the Church shall be managed by the Pastor and Elders, who shall form the Consistory.

### ARTICLE V.

Minister, nomination of.

The Minister of this Church shall be one ordained in conformity with the principles thereof. It shall be the office of

the Elders to select and nominate a Minister approved for piety and doctrine, to the Corporators who shall have authority to approve or reject such nomination by ballot.

#### ARTICLE VI.

When the nomination of a Minister is to be submitted to the Corporators a meeting shall be called for the purpose by the President, or by the Elders, within 15 days after the nomination shall have been made. Such meetings may be adjourned from time to time.

#### ARTICLE VII.

In order that the holy influence of the pastoral office may not be impaired by the collisions which sometimes arise in the transactions of business, but that it may be reserved to promote harmony and brotherly love, the Minister shall not be present at any meetings of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

During a vacancy of the pulpit, the Elders may make such temporary arrangements for Divine Service, as they shall approve, not to extend beyond the first meeting of the Corporation thereafter.

#### ARTICLE IX.

No collection shall be made, but by consent of the Elders except the alms of the Holy Communion.

#### ARTICLE X.

The Minister for the time being, shall keep a Register of Marriages, Births, Baptisms, Deaths and Burials, and give certificates therefrom when required.

This Register shall be kept in a book provided for the purpose, as the property of the Church. During a vacancy of the pastoral office, the Register shall be kept by the Treasurer,

who in such case and during the absence of the Minister shall be authorized to give certificates therefrom.

#### ARTICLE XI.

Executive  
Committee.

The Executive Committee to be elected under Article III, shall be charged with the general supervision of the Church edifice and other property, real and personal of the Church; and shall counsel and direct the Treasurer and other temporal officers in all matters with which they may be respectively charged under our rules, subject always to the direction of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE XII.

The Treasurer shall let the pews or parts of pews when vacant. In case of dispute between two or more applicants, he shall refer the matter to the Executive Committee. He shall let the Houses and Lands, and shall always do so by written lease. He shall not make a lease for more than one year, but by the consent of the Executive Committee, given in writing. He shall invest moneys, but only with the approbation of the Executive Committee, first obtained. He shall collect and deposit all moneys in bank, in the corporate name of the Church, and shall draw the same under power of attorney from the Executive Committee, revocable by a majority of them at pleasure; and all payments shall be made by checks. He shall take charge of all the deeds, securities for money, certificates of stock and other property, of which he shall exhibit a schedule at the stated meetings, and whensoever required by the Executive Committee or Corporation.

His bond.

He shall at those meetings, and also when required as above, exhibit an account of his receipts and payments, a list of the tenants of houses, and of pews and parts of pews, and the rents in arrear. He shall keep such books as the Executive Committee may direct and all the books kept by him are to be considered as Church property. He shall, before he shall enter upon the duties of his office, give bond to the Corpor-

ation in the sum of \$2000, with such security and condition as the Executive Committee shall approve. The bond to continue in force so long as he shall continue in office under these rules and by virtue of his first or any succeeding elections, and until he shall have finally and fully accounted and settled, and fulfilled his trust. The Executive Committee may require additional security at any time. The compensation of the Compensation Treasurer for his services, shall be fixed by the Executive Committee.

### ARTICLE XIII.

Pew-rents shall be paid semi-annually. The pews may be Pew Rents. rented to persons not members of the Corporation; provided that if there be any application for a pew by a member, such application shall always be preferred.

### ARTICLE XIV.

The Elders shall have charge of the Communion Plate, and Communion plate. direct by whom it shall be kept.

### ARTICLE XV.

The Secretary shall attend the meetings and keep a fair Secretary. journal of all proceedings of the Corporation, give notices of meetings in accordance with Article II, and record their proceedings.

### ARTICLE XVI.

A Clerk, Organist and Sexton may be appointed by the Clerk, Organist, Sexton. Elders. The offices of Clerk and Sexton may be united, in the discretion of the Elders.

### ARTICLE XVII.

Every white man of the age of twenty-one years, being a Membership of Corporation citizen of South Carolina, a Protestant Christian, and a descendant of the Huguenots, or a descendant of present or former members of this Corporation, or a Pew-holder in this Church

shall be eligible as a member of this Corporation. He shall apply by letter, read at one meeting and be ballotted for at any subsequent meeting; and if two-thirds of the members present, ballot in his favor, he shall on paying to the Treasurer, the sum of \$5 be a member.

And every white man of the age of twenty-one years, who is a Pew-holder in this Church, shall so long as he holds a pew in the said Church, be considered a Corporator, and entitled to all the Rights and privileges of the other Corporators under the preceeding part of this Rule.

Any member may be expelled upon motion made at one meeting, and determined at a subsequent meeting not less than a fortnight thereafter, by a vote of three-fourths of the members present.

No member shall be entitled to a vote, who shall be in arrears, for one year, for pew rent.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

**Sexton.**

The Sexton shall have charge of the Church and Chureyard and the opening of graves. No horse or other animal shall be suffered to remain in the Churchyard.

**Monuments.**

No monument of any description, except Head and Foot stones, shall be erected in the yard.

## ARTICLE XIX.

**Interments.**

Members of the Corporation and their families, may be interred in the Churchyard; but in every case, Twenty Dollars shall be paid the Treasurer. The widows and descendants of former members interred therein, who are not worshippers in this Church, and persons who are not members, who shall have worshipped in this Church, one year immediately preceeding their death, may be buried in the yard on the payment of Thirty Dollars to the Treasurer on a written order from one of the Executive Committee. Worshippers in this Church, being the widows and descendants of members, may

be buried upon the same terms as members. No other persons, but those above shall be buried in the yard.

### ARTICLE XX.

Such fees shall be paid as are prescribed in the following Fees. table, viz:

*To the Minister,*

For searching the Register.....	\$0 50
For a certified copy from the same.....	1 00

*To the Clerk and Sexton,*

For a Horse and Hearse.....	3 00
To the Clerk for attendance at funerals, when required	1 00
To the Sexton for opening a grave.....	2 00
For attendance and opening yard for the purpose of having a monument erected therein, per day.....	1 00

### ARTICLE XXI.

No part of this Constitution shall be altered or amended; <sup>Alteration of these Rules.</sup> unless the proposed alteration or amendment, shall have been proposed and read a first time at one meeting, and ordered to a second reading at a subsequent meeting and then adopted; provided, that the votes of two-thirds of the members present shall be necessary to such alteration or amendment.

### ARTICLE XXII.

This Constitution shall be recorded in the book already provided for that purpose, and in the same book shall be kept a register of the names of all persons who now are or who shall hereafter become members of the Corporation, in their proper signatures, if practicable; those hereafter to be admitted, setting the date of admission opposite their names. <sup>Constitution to be recorded.</sup>

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