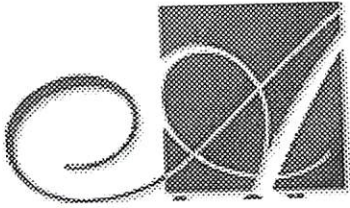


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Dear Robert,

In the process of reading *The Leverett Letters: Correspondence of a South Carolina Family 1851-1868*, edited by Frances Wallace Taylor, Catherine Taylor Matthews, and J. Tracy Power (University of South Carolina Press, 2000), which was released this month. I have been watching for it because Power had described the references to Brisbane. I think you would enjoy reading the book, and I recommend it to you.

The principal is the Rev. Charles Edward Leverett (1805-1868), native of New England, he became president of Beaufort College and then was ordained Protestant Episcopal and was rector of Sheldon Church near McPhersonville. One of his sons referred to Brisbane, understandably, as "that contemptible old scoundrel" while trying to recover their Bay Street house in Beaufort (still standing). The book contains a brief biographical identification of Brisbane and the index lists three additional references. I find a fourth not in the index.

I had met Tracy Power, with the South Carolina Department of Archives and History, at a Madison, Wisconsin conference. He is the professional historian for the project. The transcriptions were done by Mrs. Taylor and her daughter Mrs. Matthews.

I am in contact with Norwich University in Vermont where Brisbane attended for a couple of years. In addition to three of the Ball boys as classmates, I learned recently that Navy Secretary Gideon Wells was also in that class. They wish me to do a biographical article and also a bibliographical monograph for them. The issue of the South Carolina Baptist History Society journal with my article has not yet appeared.

I hope the two of you are well and continuing to be productive.

Love, joy, peace.

Wallace