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Beaufort Unveils Tablet to Miss Hamilton

Beaufort, March 17.—Special Impressive exercises took place Sunday afternoon at the Beaufort grammar school building, the occasion being the unveiling of a marble tablet to the memory of Miss Mary Hamilton, who taught in the Beaufort schools for thirty-five years.

The tablet was purchased by voluntary subscriptions raised by the Beaufort people who were taught by Miss Hamilton. This movement was begun several years ago, but the funds were lost in the failure of the Beaufort bank. About a year ago, however, the movement was revived and the tablet is there now to do honor to the memory of this well-beloved woman.

Miss Hamilton began her teaching career when a young girl of sixteen or seventeen, when immediately after the Confederate war, she undertook to instruct the youth of Beaufort in an improvised school room in the slave quarters of her father's home, The Oaks, on the Point. She then went north and taught for several years, but returned to Beaufort on account of her mother's health. It was then she began teaching in the public school of Beaufort. She taught continuously until 1902, during which year she and her sister, Mrs. Phoebe Seabrook, opened a finishing school for girls at Washington, D. C. She died in 1924.

Bishop Emmet Walsh of Charleston, who was in one of her classes, made the principal address of the occasion, giving briefly, a history of this educator's life, and paying a beautiful tribute to her. Another tribute was given by Miss Mary Waterhouse, also one of her pupils.

Resolutions touching her memory were offered by J. A. Kinghorn. The invocation was made by the Rev. C. K. Turner and the benediction by the Rev. E. Wells.