




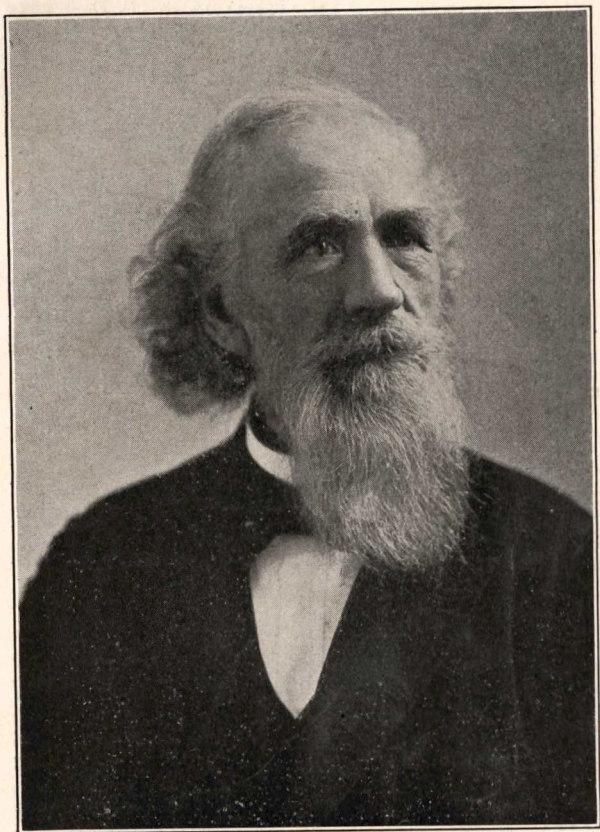
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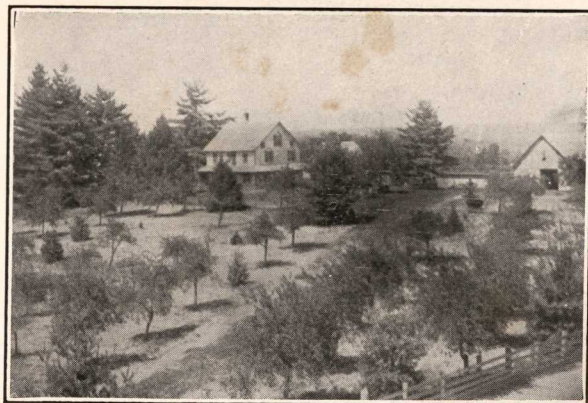


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THE WIGHTMAN HOME.

INTRODUCTION.

*"Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget."*

"And thou shalt remember all the way that the Lord thy God led thee." The School at Pleasant Hill has grown up from small beginnings, but to one who followed with interested mind that growth it seems that God's providence has been about this work, that in spite of hard places His stamp of approval has been upon this institution. In writing this history I am especially indebted to manuscript notes left by my father who began such a history. In places I shall quote from him. As I have been closely connected with this work almost from its beginning I can speak also as an eye witness. In some ways this can be but the barest outline. It would hardly be practical for me to give you, even if I could, an account of the stormy periods of stress and trial that have come to us in one way and another from time to time. But such times come to the life of a school as they do in individual lives and a teacher's life is one to develop trust in dark times as well as to feel the joy of accomplishment as our boys and girls go out and do something in the world of work.



THE ACADEMY.

CHAPTER FIRST.

BEGINNING.

*“Back of the snowy leaf is the flour, and back of the flour is
the mill,
And back of the mill is the wheat and the sun and the shower
and the Father’s will.”*

Not long after the close of the civil war there were rumors that a railway was to come to this part of the mountain and a few northern settlers came to Pleasant Hill lured by the charms of climate and the prospect of business. The railway however, left them far on one side and passed through Rockwood, Tennessee. After a few year’s residence some moved away. Among those left was the large family of Mr. Amos Wightman who came from Illinois in the fall of 1868. For years Pleasant Hill was a very small hamlet. In 1883 Mr. Wightman began to seek for missionary help for the children here. Through his correspondence in reference to this and through a visit of Mrs. Wightman to Boston help was obtained from the American Missionary Association. A small school house had been built some time before by the people here. It still stands and is used as a dwelling house. In February 1884, a teacher was sent by the American Missionary Association. Through the quarter of a century this Association has been continuing the support of this school and through this channel thousands of dollars have been used to help the young people of this mountain region.

The first teacher was Miss Mary Santley. She taught a three months’ school. She felt that school work alone was not enough and suggested to the Association the need of a pastor. In accordance with this advice a pastor was sent. This was Rev. Benjamin Dodge who on the 12th of November of that year was sixty-six years old. He had a firm faith in the stirring qualities of the people of these mountains. He saw their needs and felt that the next generation should have better opportunities than

their parents. With these things on his heart he acted and he proved that "Age is opportunity no less than youth though in another dress."

Miss Santley did not return to Pleasant Hill and in her place came Mrs. Hannah A. Lord who taught two years in the little school house. In March 1885, Dr. Joseph E. Roy, field superintendent of the American Missionary Association, and Prof. Bennet of Nashville, came to help organize a Congregational Church of sixteen members.

As the months passed by the need of a larger school building was felt. This matter was laid before Dr. Roy who also saw the need. He told Mr. Dodge to go on and build such a house as circumstances called for saying, "We will stand by you," meaning the officers of the A. M. A.

Plans were soon made. Mrs. Lewis Bennett, a former resident of the place, gave five acres of land and \$50. This with Mr. Dodge's subscription made \$100 and the people about Pleasant Hill increased it in lumber and labor enough to swell the amount to \$300. Then the work was begun in earnest. The foundation was let to Mr. Cullam Taylor. Mr. Taylor was anxious that his children should have school advantages and he quarried the stone and laid the foundation for \$60. Those whose subscriptions were in labor and lumber cut timber for a frame and hauled it to the spot. It was hewed and fitted each stick to its place.

The day was set for the raising and invitations were sent out. People came through the woods and foot paths, in wagons, on horseback or mule-back or on foot. Men, women and children. Mothers with little babies. The building was raised in the old fashioned way. The frame—not sawed but hewed—was very heavy. There was danger in this sort of work if everything did not go right. The company gathered about the stone foundation and with heads bowed before Almighty God they sought His blessing upon the great undertaking and that He would keep all from harm and accident. This prayer has been answered and in the erection of these different buildings no serious accident has occurred. After this Mrs. Lord, the teacher, with her pupils advanced singing with them words composed by herself and taught to the children. At noon a basket dinner was served.

The men took hold of the work with firmness and enthusiasm and obedience. That night saw the frame complete even to the frame work of the tower. It was like a great skeleton waiting for its flesh. "Where was the flesh?" The \$100 was gone into the foundation and hewing of the timber. Mrs. Lord was able to raise a few hundreds but a larger part of the money was raised by the same one who afterward raised the money for the first boys' hall and the girls' hall. Father Dodge could go only as fast as he could collect the money and it came slowly. But the frame must be covered as soon as possible. The following is word for word extracts from his story of it. He says:

"I took four men and went with them into the forest to cut logs and haul them to an old mill where we hoped to saw them; but while sawing the second log with the old style up and down saw the leaky dam failed to hold the water, and as spring rains were over, sawing there was at an end. What shall we do next? We have no money and the logs already cut are lost for we cannot saw them. There was no use in wasting time brooding over the failure. I obtained \$15, and in the saddle through the wilderness I rode to Lost Creek, seventeen miles distant, where I learned was a saw mill. Arriving there I purchased \$15 worth of inch boards and the proprietor added to the purchase 1,000 feet. I returned the same day with courage and faith in the undertaking. I engaged a young man to haul the lumber. It was a discouraging job to haul over such a road taking two days to haul one load and sleep by a camp fire at night, (but he was a rare young man with genuine stuff.) Load after load he dragged up the terrible mountain road till every board purchased was at Pleasant Hill. We at once set about sheeting the building, putting boards inside the frame to give firmness to the plaster. I wrote letters to personal friends explaining the work and its needs, who sent a few dollars now and then and as I made a plan to go no faster than I could pay all bills every Saturday evening the work must move slowly.

When the building was about half completed I came to the "dead line." Money failed for three weeks. We sent the one carpenter home because we could not pay him. Some said it would take seven years to build, others said it is too large and as Job felt so did I, "miserable comforters are ye all." The heavens were brass, the earth powder, and the streams of be-

nevolence seemed dried up. But the three weeks of thick darkness were enough. At the end of the third I resolved to try one week myself and recalled the carpenter at \$1 a day. Monday morning he came and the eleven o'clock mail brought \$6 from the church in Edgecomb, Maine. Saturday evening I paid the carpenter, squaring all accounts and told him to come another week. He came again on Monday and the eleven o'clock mail the second time brought \$7 from the church in Orrington, Maine. The third time I told him to come and again the third time eleven o'clock mail brought deliverance with \$25 from J. J. H. Gregory, of Marblehead, Mass. Reproved for lack of faith I resolved not to stop work again which I did not until the building was finished, furnished and paid for to the last dime. This was a work that made a strong demand on faith and muscle. The finished lumber must be purchased in Sparta and hauled seventeen miles (three miles of the way was to climb the jagged side of the plateau.) From the foot to the top was an elevation of 1,500 feet. I have been told that a good team must stop forty times in making the ascent with a load in order to "get breath." It is a strong pull for a few rods and then another until the plateau is reached. The upward grade is three miles. It took two days to get a load but money came in slowly so there was plenty of time for horses and mules to rest between the loads but it was a hard and expensive way to build, taking nearly two days to get one load. But after about two years of tug and toil saving and planning the Academy was finished and furnished."



CHAPTER SECOND.

"Be strong and of a good courage; for unto this people shalt thou divide for an inheritance the land which I sware unto their fathers to give them."

Early in 1887, twenty-two months after the laying of the first foundation stone, the new building was occupied as a school house. (A word in passing might be given to our bell which was the gift of Mr. J. J. H. Gregory of Marblehead, Mass., where it formerly rang out its welcome to church goers. It was cast in 1817 in the foundry of Revere of Revolutionary fame. Its weight as billed on the railroad with wheel, etc. included, was 1,100 lbs.)

When the time came for the new house to be dedicated it was expected and hoped that some one connected with the New York Office could be present. But the person or persons who were coming failed to get here and the services had no such help. This was a disappointment.

There were two teachers in the new house. The principal was Miss Jeanne Calkins and the assistant was Miss E. F. Dodge. What is now our assembly room was then divided into two school rooms. The house has been enlarged since. It was about this time that the Y. P. S. C. E. was first organized. Tuition was very cheap in the early years. It is still cheap but one of our early alumni has told of studying geometry for twenty-five cents a month. This included tuition for all his studies.

In those days there were almost no accommodations for boarding pupils. Yet young men and women were seeking admission. In a very few homes or small vacant houses some students obtained rooms to board themselves. This is not a satisfactory way, not good for the pupil. Besides there were other young people for whom there was no room. A boarding hall seemed imperative. The American Missionary Association could see the need but the administration could do nothing towards its erection. After some delay and trouble formal consent was given that such a hall should be built, provided Mr. Dodge raise the money without calling on the treasury at New



EMMA F. DODGE.



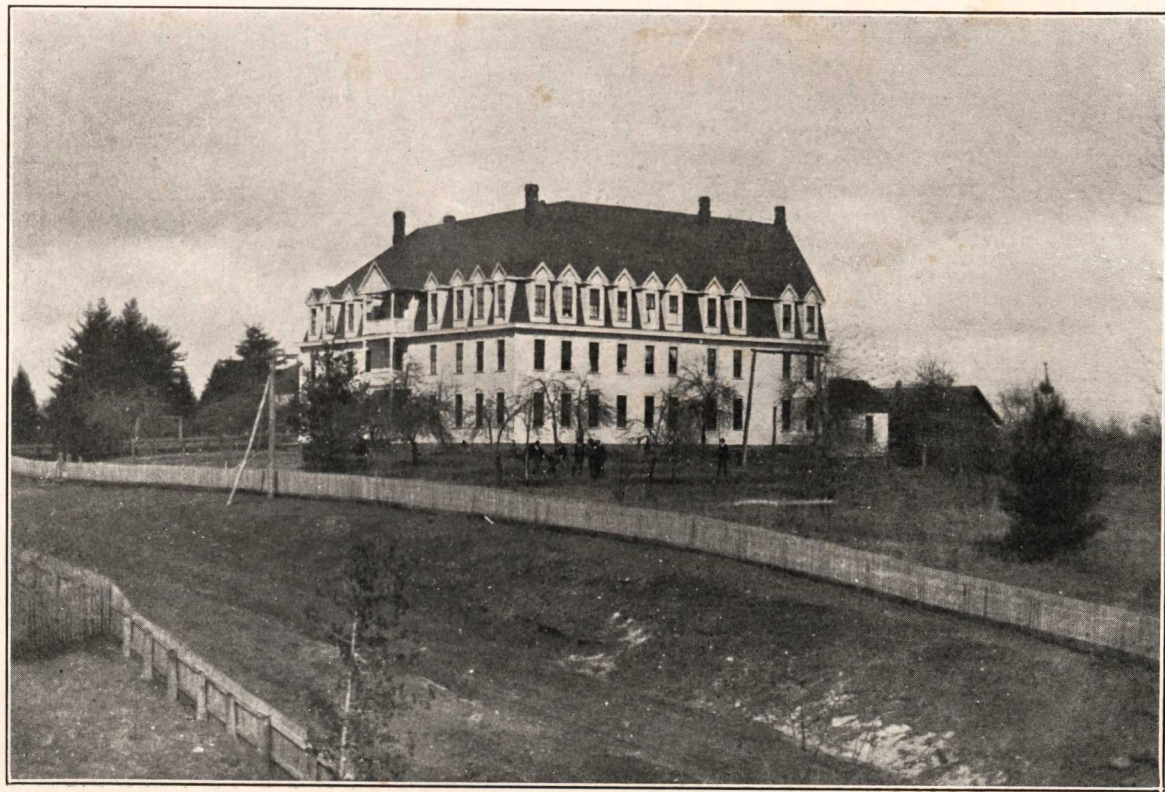
THE DODGE HOME.

York. So he went on raising money, making purchases, employing and paying help in connection with his other work.

A boarding hall was planned to be 56 ft. long and 30 ft. wide, three stories high including the Mansard roof and to contain 24 rooms. As a beginning Mr. Dodge sold a cow for \$20 towards starting the foundation. Soon there came \$100 from Central Church, Bangor, Me. Dr. Woodworth of Boston, collected \$400 more and the work went on. All lumber did not have to be hauled as far as for the Academy, neither was the frame hewed out with broad axe. Frame and boards were hauled from England's Cove ten miles away and up the steep mountain side—but not so long a climb as from Sparta. The shingles were shaved by hand in the forest and from white oak. They were coated with crude petroleum and then a coat of mineral paint and this has preserved them through the years with occasional renewing of paint. The finished lumber still had to be hauled from Sparta.

The building stood on ground afterward given to the A. M. A. by Father Dodge. One method of raising money was the sale for a small price of clothing sent from the north for the use of the work here. Those who bought it sometimes paid in barter. This was used in our family or on our farm and the value turned into the account. Among articles so received the account book records berries, chickens, eggs and ashes. This building has since been named Pioneer Hall because it was first among the dormitories. It grew slowly and bills were paid as the work went on until nearing the autumn when the work was rushed. While the last work was being done Mr. Dodge went to Massachusetts and raised the \$500 needed and came back and paid the bills.

If Pioneer Hall could talk how many different tales it might tell. It was first used as a boarding hall for both boys and girls, there were however, very few girls. A matron had been added to the faculty. The first year in Pioneer Hall was one of change for the school. Miss Calkins was still principal during the fall term but she had another assistant and part of the time two. In the middle of the year she left and both her place and the place of the assistant were taken, the first by Miss Ninette Hayes the second by Miss Barbara Buchanan. Miss Eliza Frey also assisted part of this year. In the fall of 1889 Rev. W. H. Thrall



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came as pastor and teacher, Miss Hayes remaining principal. In the latter part of that school year the lady teachers and matron moved to the new girls' hall and Mr. and Mrs. Thrall remained in Pioneer Hall. The next year brought other workers and these did not return.

As the school increased and more school room was needed the dining-room at Pioneer was taken for a primary school room and during the summer in which the Academy was enlarged this room was used for church services. After that it was divided into small rooms. In more recent years another change has been made and we now have there a suite of rooms for the music teacher.

Pioneer Hall was occupied in the fall of 1889. Before the year was over the need of a hall for the girls was very apparent. Father Dodge accordingly laid the plea before one of the Secretaries at New York. The answer was that no appropriation could be made for that object although there was need. At length Dr. Beard came to visit the work here and being providentially delayed some three days by a storm it became clear to him that a girls' hall there must be. He also took note of the fact of the favorable situation of the school far from the temptations of larger places, even the railway being miles away. Dr. Beard accordingly asked Mr. Dodge to start for Massachusetts the very next Monday to raise money for a new building. This Mr. Dodge could not do very well, but he did go in about two weeks. Four thousand dollars was soon raised. One thousand of this was given by a gentleman who promised to be one of five to give that amount. This hall was begun in May, 1889, and finished in December. One feature of the building may be of interest. An item of expense in regard to chimneys is the hauling of brick over miles of mountain roads. The bricks for the chimneys of the girls' hall were made here at Pleasant Hill in a temporary brick yard. For some years the girls' hall has gone by the name of Wheeler Hall.

The fall of 1890 Pleasant Hill had its first gentleman principal. This was Mr. Henry L. Ballou and associated with him as assistant principal was Miss Laura Miller. A third teacher, Miss Flora Woodbury, taught the primary grades and music. Somewhere about this time or a little later a piano was secured through the help of Mr. James Coats the thread manufacturer.

The school was now on the road to better things. In the spring of 1891 Miss Flora M. Cone and Miss Emma F. Dodge were added to the teaching force. As the school building was too small, besides using the old dining room of Pioneer for a primary room there was also a recitation room in the girls' hall—a room which with another has since been thrown into the large dining room. During the summer of 1891 the Academy building was enlarged. There were added three recitation rooms and a primary room. This latter room is now used for the fifth and sixth grades and twelve feet have been added to its length.

Mr. Ballou remained here two school years. He then prepared for the ministry and has been a pastor in New England since finishing his course.

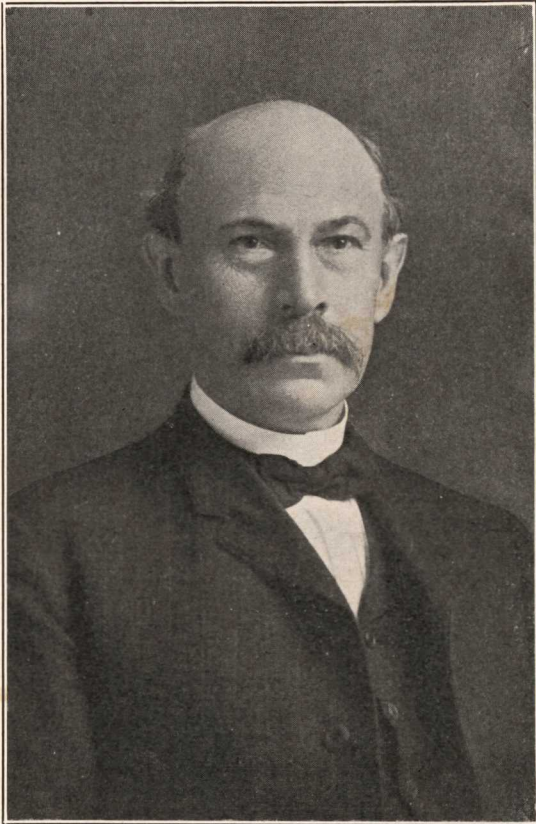


CHAPTER THREE.

"That they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

In the fall of 1892 Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Wheeler came to Pleasant Hill as principal and music teacher. They occupied rooms in Pioneer Hall as did Mr. and Mrs. Ballou. They had both had experience in school work of this kind. Through Mrs. Wheeler the music department began to develop and through her strong Christian influence impressions were made on the lives of the students. She was especially helpful to the young men, holding up to them a better standard of good morals and gentle manners. Principal Wheeler was also pastor, and Mrs. Wheeler in addition to her other duties sought to be his assistant in this line of work.

With almost no advertising the school continued to increase. Families desired to come here to put young children in school. Even in earlier years there had been a little building by families for this purpose. Now the number of small houses increased. The boys' dormitory building, Pioneer Hall, began to be too small. Additional rooms for boys were found in two small buildings. One of these built for that purpose contained three rooms and for fun was called Emergency Hall. There was evident need of more room for young men. Principal and Mrs. Wheeler felt that they wished the next hall to be built in the lifetime of Father Dodge who was getting to be an old man. In this building Father Dodge and Principal Wheeler were co-laborers as to its financial burdens, for like much of the other building done here the treasury of the Association was empty as far as any direct appropriation was concerned. The old story of raising funds had to be repeated. Mrs. M. B. Erskine, of Racine, Wis., an old friend of Mr. Wheeler, started the fund with \$500. There was however, an additional feature of interest in the erection of Dodge Hall as it has been named. In building the hall for the girls a few young men students had been hired to help during vacation. In this second boys' hall a very large part of the carpenter work was done by students. There were fathers of students

REV. W. E. WHEELER, *Principal.*

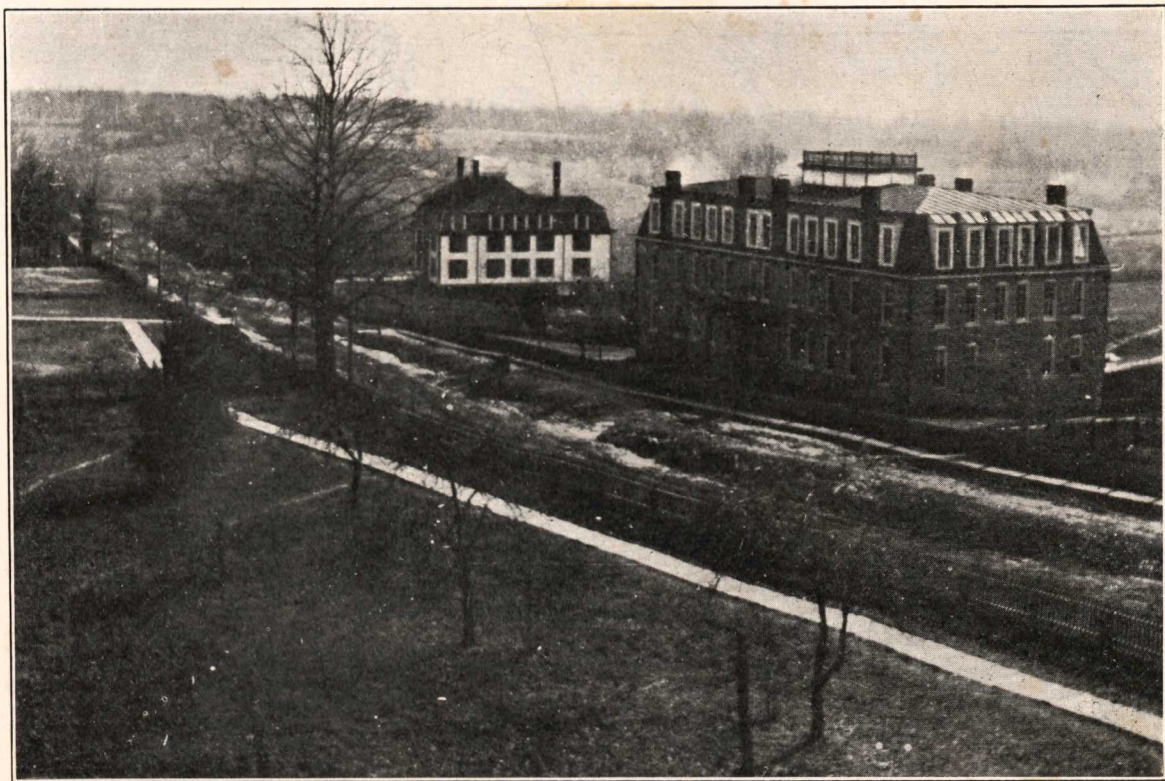
also who helped in building Dodge Hall. Their wages were applied to their children's expenses. Some or all of these men helped with suggestions as to certain parts of the work.

Previous to this Mr. Dodge had been interested in obtaining possession of an old mill site. With the help of Northern friends this was furnished with good machinery and was a help in preparing both rough and finished lumber. The mill was the same one which had been such a disappointment at the beginning of the Academy but machinery made a great difference. All the previous houses had been made of wood. It was determined to build this one of brick. Accordingly another temporary brick yard was made but in another place and enough brick were made to build the hall. Most of this work also was done by student labor but under the direction of a foreman. Like Pioneer Hall Dodge Hall was ceiled instead of being plastered. One reason of this was that it was difficult to make good plastering that would stay on. Dodge Hall was built 40 ft. wide, 80 ft. long and three stories high including the roof. It cost only \$2,500 of contribution from northern friends for its erection.

At the close of the spring term of 1896 arrangements were made for the dedication of Dodge Hall. Commencement time here is especially marked by a throng of visitors but this year especial effort was made and commencement week had more elaborate exercises than usual. The first building—the Academy—was dedicated with no outside help. Dodge Hall was dedicated with the help and approval of many.

Only a little over a year longer was Father Dodge to remain with this work of his love. In July, 1897, he was stricken with apoplexy and he died in something less than two weeks. The day before he was stricken he wrote letters in effort to secure a library building but no such building has yet come to us. The commencement before he died he delivered the sermon before the graduating class. The words he closed with are engraved on his monument in the cemetery, they are:

Consecration	}	To the right
Courage		To grapple with it
Perseverance		Forever.



PIONEER AND DODGE HALL.

In 1903 another devoted worker was called to service in the life beyond. Mrs. Kate L. Wheeler died after a lingering and painful illness. She had done and suffered much for this school through the years in which she had been connected with it. But though she is here no more, in various places her influence still lives in the lives of those whom she sought to help.



CHAPTER FOUR.

"But time and chance happeneth to them all."

The reader may be interested in some of the perils by fire that have come to us. In this we have been very fortunate. Our dormitory rooms are all heated by small wood stoves. There is only one furnace in all and that is a poor old furnace in the Academy which does very little good so that we have to use stoves in all the school rooms. Coal is burned in one stove there.

There have been some narrow escapes from serious fire in all the halls. One year the girls' hall had an alarm of fire three times and but for prompt action on the part of the teachers and girls the results would have been far different. In times of fire the girls of the boarding department have shown themselves as a rule cool, self-possessed and helpful always. Two fires have been more serious than the others and yet from both of these benefits have followed. During commencement time of 1897 while the graduates were upon the platform it was discovered that the stable was in flames. It was a small building occupying nearly the site of our present primary school house. The flames were coming directly towards the Academy. For a short time there was a recess—for half an hour or so. The stable was burned to the ground but the wind had changed and the danger to the Academy had passed. The graduating exercises were resumed and the young lady who had been reading her essay again made the trial and the program went on in an orderly manner.

The most serious fire was the burning of the Academy in the winter of 1905. It began at the noon hour, catching from an over heated chimney. We have few facilities to put out fire. There are wells at neighbors' houses. At the girls' hall there were cisterns, but these were some distance from the Academy. There was a heavy fall of snow on the roof and the flames which soon reached the roof spread slowly. To those who looked on it seemed a helpless task to put out the fire. Nevertheless



RECEPTION ROOM, WHEELER HALL.



PRIMARY BUILDING,

men and women, girls and boys went to work bringing the water with which men fought the fire and at last it was extinguished, after burning away a large share of the roof of the main building. The insurance man thought it very unusual for fire to be put out with so little facilities for fighting it. However in one respect good came out of seeming evil. The roof of the Academy had needed renewing and a new floor had seemed very much needed. The insurance money brought these two things which otherwise seemed very hard to obtain at the time.

As a school we were for some weeks in a rather unhappy condition until repairs could be made. Our assembly room was useless. We could have no chapel exercises. Our preaching service was held in the primary building which had been built. Benches could be brought in but if it chanced to the lot of a tall man to occupy the seat of a little child the result could not have been very comfortable. The upper grades had three recitation rooms for their classes in three separate buildings. The arrangements were not altogether convenient or helpful for good order but some things come to an end sometimes and before many weeks we were back in the Academy.

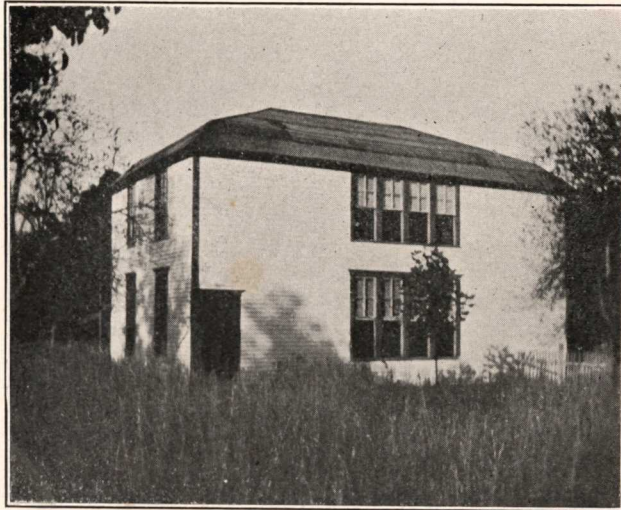
As families moved to Pleasant Hill the number of younger pupils increased. This led to the building of a house for the primary school. For this the money contribution was \$100. It was rendered much less expensive because of the help which the mill gave. The building is a good model for a country school house. For the past few years our numbers being still greater this house is now used for the grades below the third and there is an intermediate department.

In building the girls' hall one room was arranged for a sewing room and a little was done towards teaching sewing by Mrs. Dodge and others. This was not continued long as the time of the teachers was needed for other things and there was no regular sewing teacher. In 1900 Miss Bertha Norris came to fill the position of assistant matron. Since she had enjoyed special training for teaching sewing classes, she in connection with her other work organized such classes and thus our sewing department began.

In recent years Miss Grace K. Blair has had charge of this work and has dropped the work of assistant matron. The ac-

commodation for sewing classes has not been sufficient, there has also been need of a schoolroom for the intermediate grades. Through the sale of articles made by the sewing department some needs for that work have been supplied. Over \$200 raised by that department were turned over towards a new building for the needed classes. The consent of the administration in New York was given and an appropriation given for a new building. And now we have it, a pleasant and useful addition to our school village.





DOMESTIC SCIENCE BUILDING.



SEWING CLASS.

CHAPTER FIVE.

A Look Backward and a Look Forward.

The church in Pleasant Hill was organized in 1885—a Congregational church since the school is supported by that denomination. This does not mean however that the school was established to further that particular sect. The aim of the Academy is Christian education, and in so far as the soul is helped to higher things so far is there success. Through the years the effort to build up Congregationalism has been slight. The first pastor was Mr. Dodge. In the earlier years he was also pastor at Pomona, preaching at both places each Sunday—in Pomona in the morning, at Pleasant Hill in the afternoon. The distance is five miles and the roads were at least no better than now, while for some time the bridge over Caney Fork was a very poor affair. Sunday School at Pleasant Hill was at two o'clock with Mrs. Dodge as superintendent at first.

When the Academy building was occupied the Y. P. S. C. E. was organized. Miss Calkins was the principal at that time and was instrumental in its organization. It was perhaps the first one ever organized in Tennessee. With the growth of the school its numbers increased and its influence on the religious life of the school has been especially helpful; for while Christian students belonged to various denominations, in the Y. P. S. C. E. they might unite in work for the Master and in showing their allegiance to Him. The meetings are held on Sunday evenings and take the place of the regular evening service. They are well attended by town people and boarding students. In 1889-1890 Rev. W. H. Thrall was pastor of the church here. Dr. Thrall has now been for years under the Congregational Home Missionary Society as Superintendent for South Dakota. When Mr. Ballou came he supplied the pulpit one school year although he was not a minister. The second year of Mr. Ballou's principalship Rev. Geo. H. Marsh was pastor.

In the first years of Rev. W. E. Wheeler's connection with the school he served in the threefold capacity of principal, pas-

tor and treasurer. With the increase of the school this proved too much for one man. In 1898-1899 Rev. A. T. Burnell Ph. D., held the principal's place while Mr. Wheeler still acted as pastor, treasurer and industrial director. Mr. John C. Campbell was principal 1899-1900. He has since been president of Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga. The year 1900-1901 Mr. Ellsworth Merriam was principal. During these years Mr. Wheeler was pastor. The year 1901-1902 Mr. Wheeler again became principal and Rev. H. E. Partridge became pastor, while Rev. J. L. Blanks was treasurer. The next change in pastors was when in 1906 Rev. J. K. Higginbotham who was already treasurer became pastor. In the fall of 1908 Rev. W. E. Wheeler became pastor once more, retaining at the same time the principalship.

The church has increased in membership to 63. Owing to a school population being transient we have a large absent list. One thing sorely needed is a church building. To use one room for school, church and entertainments is not helpful in a religious way and a reverent spirit is not advanced. Deacon Wightman (who was instrumental in getting the school here is an old man now.) He is much interested in having a church building. He has sold, cheap, a lot of land for this purpose. The money to buy this lot was given by a friend of the school and a few more dollars by others towards a house of worship.

The work of literary societies has its place in school life. This has been true at Pleasant Hill. As long ago as when there were but two teachers the young men were interested in debate and the public arguments in which they indulged were an interesting feature of those days. About the time of Dr. Thrall's work here a literary society called the Athenaeum was organized. This has continued through the years. Not so much time is taken in debate as formerly when some who are now in public or political life were having their training. But the bi-weekly meetings are still a source of profit and entertainment and are still very largely attended by school and town people.

From our Academy course have graduated some 150 men and women. The alumni are scattered in other States as well as Tennessee. There are a few doctors of medicine—one of these has a hospital in the new State of Okla. There are a few lawyers—two of these have served in the State Legislature and are practicing in Tennessee. There are some ministers of the gospel



A VIEW IN THE PARK.



BASE BALL TEAM.

—one is a foreign missionary in China. Another not a minister is a Sunday School missionary in Oklahoma. Farmers too are represented. Most of our graduates teach more or less. Some make it a permanent profession. One young woman is serving as county superintendent of public instruction in an adjoining county. One young man has with trial of poverty with perseverance and much hard work built up a school for poor boys and girls taking as an example Pleasant Hill Academy, but having no missionary aid. One young woman has been a teacher of the Indians in the U. S. government schools for years—there doing missionary work as there is opportunity. There are other graduates in various callings of business life and there are mothers in the homes training their little ones. A few, and among them some of our brightest and best, who it seemed might have been so useful in God's vineyard here have passed beyond our ken to another field of labor.

What of the work of today for those who work here? We draw our students from fifteen or twenty counties, sometimes from beyond the limits of Tennessee. If we compare our enrollment with that of the first year when Principal Wheeler was here we may note the increase. In the year '91-'92 the enrollment was 125. In the year 1907-1908 it was 400. The boarding department in '91-'92 was at its fullest between 40 and 50. In 1907-1908 it was between 165 and 175.

From our school go out every year numerous teachers for the public schools of the country round about. These are both graduates and undergraduates of our higher grades. In the summer of 1907 fifty students of the previous year were teaching. It is not uncommon for our students to make up from one-fourth to one-half of the teachers in the public schools of the surrounding counties.

What of the future? Pupils in the school have their part to perform and in their power it lies to keep the school true to the purpose for which it was established. If each one would strive to make himself or herself the most possible—intellectually, physically, spiritually—what a school we should have! Pupils thus acting should have the help of parents not alone in a financial way but even more they should have their moral influence. To those who have gone out as graduates their Alma Mater may look for encouragement. If the alumni stand as clean,

true men and women their lives tell. Their influence is speaking either for or against Pleasant Hill Academy. More financial aid from them would be most acceptable in helping the boys and girls of the present.

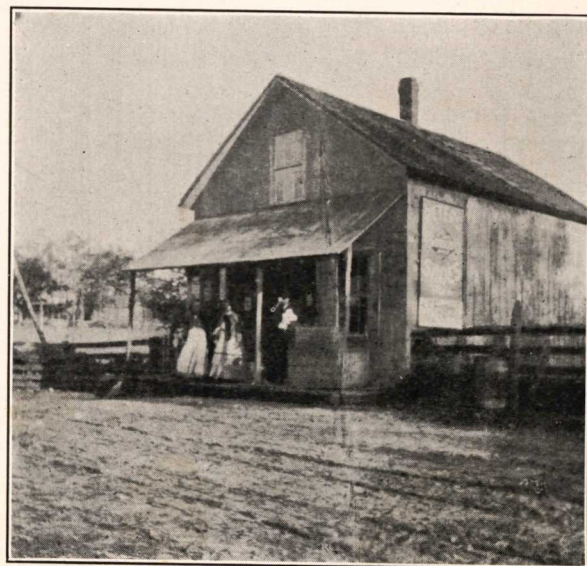
With the continued help of pupils, patrons and alumni the teachers upon whom the burden at times rests heavily will be encouraged to do their best. The benefactors who through the work of the American Missionary Association are making Pleasant Hill Academy possible will still give their means whether they have much or little. The State and nation will be aided in the men and women who go out from this school from time to time. Above all the God who has guided and protected it will be honored.

The End.





THE OLD SCHOOL HOUSE.



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Pleasant Hill Academy

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Pastors.

Rev. B. Dodge, Rev. W. H. Thrall, Rev. Geo. H. Marsh, Rev. W. E. Wheeler, Rev. H. E. Partridge, Rev. J. K. Higginbotham.

Teachers Normal Department.

E. F. Dodge, Mary Wylie, Mrs. Laure Miller Grout, Hattie Finnigan, F. M. Cone, Mrs. Jean Brown Hanson, Harriet Brown, Mrs. H. L. Ballou, Jennie Mathias, Mrs. Hattie E. Hayes, F. A. Jackson, Lulu Palmer, Flora M. Crane, Mrs. A. T. Burnell, Mrs. Edna DeGolia ———, Eugenia Hepler, Mrs. Kate Adams Wheeler, Mary Richards, Elizabeth Johnson, Edith Butts, Mrs. Carrie E. Paige, Anne E. Cobb, Winnifred C. Jones, Delia D. Leavens, Carrie Contryman.

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Music Department.

Mrs. Flora Woodbury ———; Mrs. Kate L. Wheeler, Lida M. Steele, Mrs. E. W. Payne, Stella Hoyt, Bertha B. Morley.

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Lizzie Hayes, Mrs. Jennie Schoyer, Mrs. Annie McClure, Mrs. S. A. Hayes, Mrs. Frances Russell Swanson, S. J. Scott, Louise Holmes, Mrs. W. W. Wheeler, Alice Hanger.

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Charles Blanks.



CLASS OF 1907.

GRADUATES.

1888.

MISS MILLIE FREY, Merchant.....Pleasant Hill
THOS. FINLEY, Lawyer and Ex. State Rep.....Cookeville, Tenn

1890.

*WM. L. FARRIS
WILLIAM WALLACE SIMPSON, Missionary in Tibet.....Asia

1891.

WM. M. MAIR, Pastor.....South Dakota
D. M. MEREDITH, Lawyer and Ex. State Rep.....Sparta, Tenn
MARION L. TAYLOR, Farmer.....Taylors Chapel, Tenn
MISS ANNA FREY, Teacher in Gov. Ind. S.....Genoa, Neb
MRS. LOUISE (FREY) CECIL.....Melrose, N. M
*MRS. LOU (SIMPSON) GRIBBLE.....

1893.

L. R. SIMPSON, TeacherOkla

1894.

J. L. BLANKS, Merchant.....Webster, S. Dak
*GEO. E. CALLAHAN
HARRISON G. MARTIN, Lawyer.....Washington, Okla
MRS. MABEL (HULL) FRANKS.....
MISS ESTHER YOUNG, Teacher.....Solon, Tenn

1895.

MRS. EMMA CALLAHAN.....Va.
MRS. LONA (GRAHAM) MARTIN.....Pomona, Tenn
MISS SOPHIA WIGHTMAN, Stenographer... ..Cleveland, O
CHAS. HAMPTON, MinisterArdmore, Ind. Ter
DILLARD R. HUDSON, Commercial traveler.....Nashville
RANSOM I. HUTCHINGS, Principal.....Hutchings Academy
W. R. McDOWELL, MerchantAmada, Tenn
S. V. SUTTLE, Merchant.....Cliff Springs, Tenn

*Deceased.

Pleasant Hill Academy

1896.

CLARENCE BELL, Cashier bank.....New Mexico
 WALTER DENHAM
 HAMPTON FANCHER, PhysicianOrme, Tenn

1897.

AUGUSTUS A. BRADLEY, Physician.....Ravenscroft, Tenn
 FLORENCE E. BELL, U. S. Service.....Washington, D. C
 A. J. CHISM, Graduate State Normal Ex. Co. Supt..Putnam Co
 MRS. OVELLA (HUDSON) GOODWIN.....Bakers X Roads, Tenn
 *FRANK S. HUDSON
 MRS. LULU M. JOHNSON.....DeKalb, Tenn
 MAGGIE J. JONES, Teacher.....Sparta, Tenn
 RENA C. LORD, Teacher.....Little Rock, Ark
 *THOS. A. REED
 HORACE REED, Physician and Surgeon.....Okla. City, Okla
 ELLA SNODGRASS, Co. Supt.....Yankeetown, Tenn

1898.

MILES P. REHON, Grad. Ky. State UniversityKy.
 JOHN SHELLITO, Lawyer.....N. Y. City

1899.

CHAS. B. BUSSELL.....Mexico
 N. M. DRAPER, Grad. Mo. State Univ., Phys.....St. Louis
 MRS. KITTIE (CROOK) HUDGINS....Cookeville, Tenn., R. D
 *GEO. T. GORE, Real Estate Agent.....Meade, Kan
 JOHN M. LOWRY, Electrical Engineer.....Jasonville, Ind
 *CLINTON OAKES, TeacherTexas
 LESTER SWAFFORD, BusinessQuanah, Texas
 CHRISTINE THOMPSON, Teacher.....Idaho
 MRS. GRACE (VANDEVER) LEE.....Litton, Bledsoe

1900.

JAMES M. COTTON, Prin Oliver Springs School.....Tenn
 MRS. ANNA (FANCHER) SMARTT.....McMinnville
 FRANK GRACY, Prin. Eastland SchoolTenn
 GEO. GODFREY, PhysicianSt. Louis, Mo.

*Deceased.

MRS. PINAH (HUDSON) ———. Ga
 DANIEL HAGGARD, Physician. Bridgeport, Ala
 MRS. NINA (POPE) HOWARD. Clarkesville, Ark
 AVERETT McCOIN, Merchant. Pacific, Tenn
 ORVILLE MAGGART, Teacher. Smith Co
 MRS. MARY (FANCHER) MITCHELL. Sparta, Tenn
 VERNON MAGGART, Teacher. Smith Co
 ELLA OWEN, Teacher. White Co
 SAM ROGERS, Graduate Piedmont College. . . Student, Vanderbilt
 SAMUEL SWINDELL, Minister. Ga

1905.

GROVER BILLINGSLEY, Bookkeeper. Nashville, Tenn
 JAMES BURNETT, State University. Kan
 KATE FARRISS Teacher. Stratford, Okla
 LAWRENCE LEE, Piedmont College. Demorest, Ga
 JAMES PHIFER, Merchant. R. D. Sparta, Tenn
 MRS. JULIA (THOMPSON) PHIFER. R. D. Sparta, Tenn
 LELA SNODGRASS. Monterey, Tenn
 BEECHER PENNINGTON, Piedmont College. Demorest Ga
 VESTAL PEEK, Teacher. Peek, Okla
 PEARL SNODGRASS, Teacher. White Co

1906.

DALLAS COOLEY, Teacher. Eufaula, Okla
 L. D. CHAPIN Merced, Cal
 SALLY COOK, Teacher. Cumberland Co
 JOHN COOK, Tel. Operator Tenn. Cen. R. R.
 ROBERT GEER, Polytechnic College. Dallas, Tex
 DICY GOLDEN, Teacher. White Co
 MARTHA GOLDEN, Teacher. Metcalf, Okla
 ETHEL HEDGECOTH, Teacher. Cumberland Co
 MRS. MARY (DOUGHERTY) HANCOCK. Alice, Tex
 MRS. LULA (PEEK) JULIAN. Crossville, Tenn
 CLARA LEE, Teacher. Litton, Tenn
 CHESTER PATTON, Teacher. Putnam Co
 JENNIE PEEK, Teacher. Monday, Tex
 JEFF ROBINSON, Merchant. R. D. Monterey, Tex
 MRS. HATTIE (CLARK) STANLEY. Pleasant Hill
 LUTHER SIMPSON, Teacher. Dallas, Tex

OLIVER SWIFT, Teacher.....Dallas, Tex
ELIZABETH TAYLOR, Teacher.....Nine Mile, Tenn
ZORA TAYLOR, Teacher.....Waxahacie, Tex

1907.

MAUDE ANDERSON, Teacher.....Melrose, N. M.
SIMON P. BURGESS, Teacher.....Eufaula, Okla
YOUNG BOSWELL, Prin. School.....Oakdale, Tenn
PERRY COPELAND, Traveling Salesman.....Okla
MRS. VERA (TITTSWORTH) COPELAND.....Okla
E. WALTER CONLEY, S. S. Miss.....Warren, Okla
JAMES A. GREEN, U. S. Army.....Ft. Leavenworth, Kan
HERBERT MAGGART, Teacher.....Smith Co
ALFRED MADDUX, Teacher.....Putnam Co
LILLIAN PEEK, Piedmont College.....Demorest, Ga
ZONA PEEK, Piedmont College.....Demorest, Ga
PEARL PEEK, Teacher.....Cumberland Co
EMMA TANNER, Teacher.....Pleasant Hill
ETTA TAYLOR, Teacher.....Cumberland Co
OLIVER UNDERHILL, Teacher.....DeKalb, Co

1908.

ERNEST ALLRED, State University.....Knoxville, Tenn
WALTER H. CONATSER, Knoxville School.....Knoxville, Tenn
LENA MAY DRAPER, Teacher.....Putnam Co
JAMES L. HALE, Teacher.....Bledsoe Co
ALVIA JOHNSON, Teacher.....Putnam Co
LONNIE PHILLIPS, Farmer.....Algood
WALTER REED, Teacher.....White Co
LUTHER SMITH, Teacher.....Eufaula, Okla
CORA SMITH, Teacher.....Cumberland Co
J. P. SIMPSON, Teacher.....White Co
HERBERT A. SMITH, Machinist.....DeKalb Co
MALACHI SEHON, Telephone Operator.....Texas
WARNER SMITH, Teacher.....Spokane, Wash
MRS. EDNA (COOK) WHITLOW, Teacher.....Buckhead, Ga

SENIOR CLASS 1909.

DORA BRADFORD.....Pleasant Hill
ARTHUR ELLIS.....Baxter, Putnam Co
CLARENCE GENTRY.....Baxter, Putnam Co

MAUDE HAMBY	Pleasant Hill
MARY LEFTWICH	Bridgeport, Ala
WILL MORGAN	Cookeville, Putnam Co
JAY MAXWELL	Baxter, Putnam Co
ISAAC MEDLEY	Baxter, Putnam Co
NELL MAGGART	Maggart, Smith Co
DAVID NASH	Baxter, Putnam Co
DELANIE PHILLIPS	Algood, Putnam Co
BENTON PHIFER	Goffton, Putnam Co
ETTA PENNINGTON	Taylor's, White Co
MARY POINTER	Morrison, Warren Co
HENRY ROBBINS	Sparta, White Co
A. J. SMITH	Little Crab, Fentress Co
HARRISON SMITH	Nettle Carrier, Overton Co
ROSS SWAFFORD	Pikeville, R. D. 1; Bledsoe Co
HUGH STUBBLEFIELD	Morrison, Warren Co
MARY TAYLOR	Baxter, Putnam Co
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