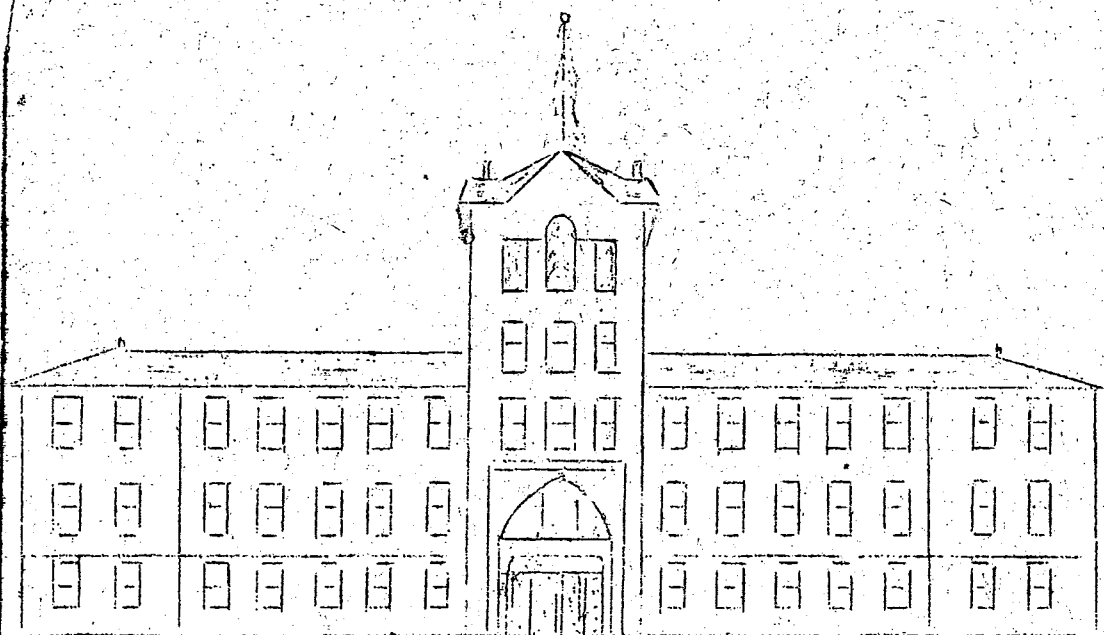


MEMOIRS

OF

LILLIAN E. WOOD



M E M O I R S

P R E F A C E

I was born in Madison County, Ohio, near the town of Mt. Sterling. My father was a miller and the home was on the banks of Deer Creek. I was the fourth child, several years younger than the others, two sisters and one brother. They called me "Lily", though my real name was Elizabeth, after two aunts, one on each side of the family. "Lily" I was until schoolmates began to write it "Lillie", and then until a friend thought that too elementary and began to call me Lilla. I then began to write it Lillian E., so that is what I am still known as. I tried to say I was Elizabeth, but forgot to answer to that, so I remain Lillian E. Wood to this day.

My father and mother were Christian, Methodists, good people. My father, an Englishman, never spoke an angry word. My mother was a little Irishwoman, and often spoke up and told her mind. This, I do not know that I remember, I must have been told; when a baby I was held up to meet a colored baby. I stooped and kissed the other child. I wonder if God then designed me to go to the colored people.

At the age of fifteen, my mother took me to a little country church, white, not brown, at the side of the road, McKendrie Chapel, during a revival there. Seeing I was disturbed, she took me to the altar, and I became a Christian. I gave up all my naughty habits then and there, and joined the Methodist Church in Mt. Sterling. Soon after, I was admitted to the high school in London, the county seat of Madison County, completing the course there in two years, (which I should not have done.)

Receiving a certificate to teach, I began to teach in the country and small town of the county. My family, in the meantime, moved to London, where my father and brother bought a shoe store, much to the family detriment, losing most of what they had.

I was busy in the church and school work. Perhaps I should insert here what I forgot to tell sooner, that, when I went to the altar for prayer, I took with me my little colored playmate, Winnie Williams. She and her sister, the baby mentioned before, were converted and joined the church there, I suppose.

Returning to my account: after teaching two years, I entered Ohio Wesleyan University as a Freshman. I did not complete the year, as brother William secured me a school and called me home. The family needed the money I could earn, and so did I.

I continued my church work of teaching in the Sunday School and the young people's work.

I had many experiences in the work in elementary schools in Madison County, and some "love" experiences. The first was with a fellow teacher and principal, who became a lawyer. This was rather one-sided and came to naught. One indeed nearly finished my Christian zeal and was really a love affair. He was a wealthy farmer and I a poor school teacher. Afterward, when he was to be married to another of his own, Jesus my Lord, came to me in a dream. He was wearing a blue robe and stood by my bed. I knew Him at once, and stretched forth my hand and exclaimed, "O, Christ, let me touch Thee". He answered by taking my hand in both His. This was a wonderful experience, and I have not told it to anyone before, except to my sister, Florence. This is true. So, I was to be kept for service before intended.

After the death of my parents and the marriage of my brother, Will, the three sisters of us were left a mortgaged house. My unfortunate love affair, and the failing health of Florence, were barriers to my success in London. Florence was forced by nervous prostration to give up teaching of piano. We went to Chicago so that she could recuperate, selling the property. There she studied millinery. I stayed one week, thinking perhaps I might take up art work, having had experience in portrait crayon work. However, I was called back to Ohio by Will, to look after an aged aunt, Elizabeth O'Day, who was a widow; she had lost her only child, a daughter. I went and did what I could for her, thinking I would begin teaching in Mt. Sterling. However, her brother-in-law moved in on me (to hold the property), and I went back to London to visit my brother. His wife, I should not say, perhaps, was not agreeable. So, I planned to join Florence in Toledo, Ohio, where she had settled as a milliner. I went, taking with me the household furniture. We secured rooms in Toledo and started a store. It was not successful, of course. Then we moved to a small town, Deshler, where I began teaching to help out finance. I taught one year a country school, then in the town. Not succeeding much in Deshler, we removed to Paulding, O. to try again. I made some good friends in Paulding, as well as Deshler, among the church people, especially. I became principal of a suburb school in Paulding, a position I held for, I think, three years. Then disaster again overtook us. Florence lost her health and money, and in the middle of the summer of 1907 I found my name left off the list of teachers in the town paper. I went to the pastor of the church for advice, and his wife said, "Go South". The pastor, Rev. Stockstill advised me to write Bishop Warren. I did so, and he answered, "Go to Dr. Judson S. Hill". I wrote Dr. Hill, and he answered immediately, "Come on". My sister, Alma, always a problem because, especially, she could stick to nothing, was there with us. What should we do? Consulting a lawyer, we sent the millinery goods back to the wholesale dealers. Consulting a

Chapter I.

1907-1908.

I entered Crary Hall of Morristown College in the fall of 1907, as Matron of boys and girls. The office was in the middle, separating the boys from the girls. My bedroom adjoined. I was a novice at such work, and I suppose advantage was taken of me because of inexperience. My assistant was Miss Edith Weems, and experienced hand at such. She had charge of the dining hall in the basement, and oversight of the kitchen adjoining. I was to see that rooms and halls were kept in order and to make the students behave. There were about 100 on each side. The parlor was opposite my office. No one could go from either side to the other without passing through the office.

On the second and third floors were teachers' sitting rooms and bedrooms separating the two divisions. It was a capital arrangement for co-educational work. I was contented but rather bewildered. I found to my surprise, for one thing, that there was a difference between a "missionary" and a "friend". Some teachers were one thing and some were the other. Miss Eugenie Hepler, teacher of languages and history was a "friend" of the colored people. She took me under her care, God bless her memory, and I became, as she was, a "friend". For thirteen years we lived and worked together. We were joined by Miss Pearl Temple, colored teacher in the grades. (The school included the grades then), and good times we had, the three of us, and useful ones, too, I must say, to me. There were four of us when Miss Naomi Turner (colored) became a teacher and lived in Crary Hall.

During the first year there was a strike among the boys. The Dean (a young white man) the boys thought cared too much for the girls. They quit their classes in protest. A trial of the Dean was called. I liked the young man and took his part at first. He called me as a witness for him. I gladly consented, but before I was called to testify I overheard the testimony of the girls, and quickly changed my mind and stood up for the students. The Dean was acquitted, but resigned his position. This made me rather unpopular with some and more popular than I had been with the students. Miss Hepler was made Acting Dean and appointed me to teach the twelfth grade English. It was then I became better acquainted with Charles Boyd, the darling of the school, with John Howard whom I still consider one of my sons, and with James Pickett, now in Heaven, as also is Charles Boyd.

I should say here, that I had substituted in the Eighth Grade several times when the teacher could not go to class. Prof. Andrew Fulton, teaching next to me, overheard my teaching and recommended me as a teacher, by saying, "She can teach."

Charles Boyd was a singer, and having acquaintance with a quartet in Cleveland, Ohio, when on a committee in a church in

Paulding, I had the pleasure of recommending him as a member of that quartet. He went soon. Some of the family are still in Cleveland, because of that.

It was during this first year that Herman Holt had his experience. Herman was full of mischief and had had some pranks not pleasing to Dr. Hill. He had an appetite, also, as other boys. On examining the rooms, as I did every morning, one day I found a pie in his bed. I reported the matter to Dr. Hill (should have managed differently) and he lost all patience with Herman and sent him home, even making it "expelled" according to the yearly catalog. The next year, Dr. Hill regretted, I suppose, his action and received him again. Miss Kepler gave him extra lessons and he was graduated. Herman afterward became a preacher of the Gospel. In fact a few years after he returned at Commencement and gave the Baccalaureate address. He said to me, "Miss Wood, I never got a bit of that pie."

The Clarks were in school that year, four of them: Gertrude, Lizzie, Roy and Robert. Rev. J. W. Manning came too. He was already a preacher having completed an English course in a seminary, but he lacked a high school education. He and I became good friends. I was always rather partial to preachers. He became interested in Gertrude Clark and asked me to introduce them. I did so, and ever afterward he referred to me as having made a match, for he married her. In that way I became known by some as a "Matchmaker". However, I did not always live up to that reputation, as Sadie Martin afterward testified. Sadie is now Mrs. Page of New York, friend indeed. There were others who became firm friends. I remember, especially, Mamie Goins, now Mrs. Dwinn, who then lived in this very cottage, where I am writing, with Miss Metcalf and Miss Roberts, two of the teachers. Also I must mention Valerie Pleasants who was an honor student, Gleevy Warren, an outstanding student, Maey Cain, a greatly loved girl afterward became a teacher, Lafayette Hamilton, who became a Gospel Minister, and many others. It was in this year I was made sponsor for the "Friends of Africa" a position of honor. This society has been a vital part of the school since, and has led to the acceptance of several native Africans who will be mentioned later.

I wish to acknowledge the friendship of Miss Lou Johnson, matron of the New Jersey Girls' Home. She went to the trouble of asking Dr. Hill to keep me in the school because of my prayers. All honor to her memory.

I neglected to mention the program for Thanksgiving which had been and still is an integral part of the school. I had charge of this and have had that duty from that time to this (with the exception of the following year, when the new matron took charge.)

I should say that after the first year, when I was a matron, Dr. Hill said he thought I would make a better teacher (which was the truth) so he promoted (?) me as a teacher. I was much dis-

appointed at first, because of pleasant contacts as matron.

Chapter II.

1908-1909.

After spending the summer vacation in Knoxville with my sisters, I returned to Crary Hall and roomed with Miss Hepler on the second floor. We had a sitting room in which was a grate for open fire, and a bedroom on each side. She had oversight of boys and I over girls. This was a pleasant arrangement. During study hours the students had access to us for instruction and advice. The class rooms were down the hill in the old "slave market". I had the eighth grade classes (except mathematics). The room was so crowded that I had standing room only.

Many students were interesting to me, such as Eugene Walker, Maud Stone, Arthus Owens, Nannie Leggett, Rozelle Ernest (who afterward became Mrs. Charles Boyd), Nellie Bruce, and Helen Hypsher. I remember one instance distinctly: Eugene Walker in my class would answer questions out of turn. I called him "The Piper".

At this time I met my friend student, Paul West, who was converted at my side in a revival meeting in the chapel of the old building. We remember each other to this day. He was a soldier in the first World War, stayed some time in Ethiopia, Africa, and is now in Chicago,

I continued my work as sponsor for "Friends of Africa" and also had the appointment of "Polly Cray Literary Society". My duties were arduous but extremely pleasant. Miss Hepler and I were very congenial. We made several trips to Rev. Manning's churches. She was a good public speaker. That I was not. We also did visiting in the town. Miss Hepler was an inspiration to me. Prize for essay on African missions was won by Bessie Myers, and for hymn by Helen Hypsher.

We had a new dean I. W. Bush, a very good dean. The matron of Crary Hall was Miss Agnes Pearson, an English woman, who seemed to think us very peculiar. Mr. Middleton was with us as a broom maker. This was a very lucrative section. My friend, Charlotte Cooper, was a practice teacher, as were others mentioned before.

I must mention Rev. E. A. Webber, a wonderful inspiration for many years to all of us. He visited us often and was always welcome. Miss Roberts and Miss Metcalf still lived in the cottage which I now occupy, keeping with them Mamie Goins (Mrs. Dwinn).

I think it was during this year that the church at the foot of the hill was erected under the leadership of Rev. D. T. Turner. The old church was very uncomfortable, and indeed unsafe.

I remember one instance which I must relate, since it shows a great difference between sentiment then and now. I was chaperoning a number of students during a service. The preacher was a white man. The white conference was in session here. He made the remark, "Negroes will be in heaven, of course, but they will be in the kitchen." I turned to my students and said, "Well, I am going with you."

From the record it seems that my friend, Miss Hepler, was absent part of this year, because of illness, and that Miss Bessie Huntley substituted for her. Miss Hepler was delicate and not able for all she undertook. However, she recovered and returned to us the following year. Miss Weems (afterward Mrs. Cox) was not with us this year, nor the following year. We surely missed her. Miss Anna Thaxton took her place. In most things it was pleasant for me. I was relieved of the program for Thanksgiving this year, the new matron, Miss Pearson, officiated.

Rozelle Ernest was awarded honors for scholarship this year.

Chapter III.

1909-1910.

During the summer vacation I entered University of Tennessee, hoping to take a thorough course leading to a degree, but my work being changed at the school more than once, I was compelled to change my course in the University, and I never did receive a degree in anything there. However, I took a course in Bible at Johnson Bible College by mail and received the degree of Bachelor of Sacred Literature which I still hold. During the sessions at the University I took a course in story writing and published a book, "Let my People Go." This was inspired by an instance which happened while in class at work. A young girl came to me weeping, dress torn and soiled. She ran to me and told me that she had attempted to put a letter in the mailbox and was accosted by boys who shouted "Niggers not allowed to put letters in mailbox". This led me to think of other conditions relating to Negro discrimination, and I endeavored to find a solution by writing this book. The book was a failure as far as its object was concerned for I meant it for the white people, who did not receive it. However, my friends, the colored people, have always spoken well of it. I am glad to say that interracial relations have improved much since the book was published. I continued my work in the University for many summers. The school has been a great benefit to me.

This year there came as Dean, H. B. Perry. This was a great advantage to the school. He brought his wife and child and lived in the cottage. They were gracious persons to know and did good work. Dean Perry remained with us for five years when God called him to Heaven. Mrs. Brewster was matron of Crary Hall.

This was the first, according to the catalog, when graduates were listed and contains many names too numerous to mention. Some have been already mentioned in these memoirs.

Edward Y. Hill was still instructor in printing and G. W. Middleton in broom-making, Mrs. Carolina Kennedy in domestic science, and Miss Gertrude Clark in sewing. During these years much was made of industrial work with good results.

Sandy Reid of delightful memory was president of the Y.M.C.A., William Witten of Friends of Africa, Nannie Watson of Y.W.C.A., Isaac Springs of Henry Warren Literary Society, Maud Stone, a great friend of mine, of Polly Crary Literary Society, Frank Lennon (afterward our Dr. Lennon of Knoxville) of the Athletic Association.

I began to make it my duty and my pleasure to go to see Mrs. Hill once a week, at least. She was such a sweet person and a good friend. Her daughter, Anna (Mrs. Portrum) was always nice to me. Clara, the other daughter, was married to Judge Tate of Knoxville soon after she graduated from High School, and I did not see her often in those days.

Chapter IV.

1910-1911.

It was during the years of 1910 and 1911, I believe, when work was being done on the new Administration building. The foundation was laid eight years before Dr. Hill could get sufficient funds to complete it. The Administration Building bears the name, Laura Yard Hill, in honor of Mrs. Hill. She was a great inspiration to Dr. Hill in all of his work. Dr. Hill cannot be praised enough for his victorious work in bringing this school to its present comfortable situation. He with his pleasant personality contacted men of philanthropic inclinations and built up this school. All honor to him and to his family by inheritance.

It was this year that Miss Breckinridge came to us as teacher of oratory and dramatics. She was a powerful personality. Judson S. Hill, Jr. was made Superintendent of Industrial work. He was a great friend of mine, and his wife and daughter were charming. It was he who improved the cottage to its snug proportions. Miss Cassie Cannon, of pleasant memory, was instructor in sewing. Rev. J. W. Manning graduated from College Preparatory, Miss Lorena Barnett was teacher in primary department, Mrs. Mary E. Brayman was installed as matron of Crary Hall, a position she kept for several years.

The Industrial work was continued to an extended degree, including masonry, blacksmithing, woodworking, machine shop, and foundry. In those days the industrial work comprised a more exten-

sive portion than in this day (1953). The Boyd Industrial building was there in constant use in all departments. We still had to go to the foot of the hill to meet our classes. Samuel Delaney was given a prize for oratory, also Paralee Hill; for scholarship Nannie Watson received the honor. The prizes on Africa were given to Paul West and Rev. J. W. Manning, and for hymns to Paralee Hill and Alexander Pierce.

This year I brought from Kentucky by scholarship given by London, Ohio, Hattie Mae Jones. I also became friends with Maud Stone, a very fine student. Leander Hill (later a dentist in Toledo, Ohio - and since passed), I learned to know for the first time. He was one of my boys and a life-long friend. Natalie Phillips who became the wife of our teacher, Prof. Leon James, is listed for the first time in the catalog. She was a fine girl and a fine singer. Two Turners, Clemma and Lillian are also listed. Clemma has passed beyond, and Lillian (now Mrs. Whiteside) is with us. Mrs. Whiteside is now Mrs. Foast of Bean Station.

This was a very enjoyable year to me, I remember that boys asked Miss Hepler and me for the privilege of carrying our books up the hill to the Hall from the old school-building. Some teachers had to carry their own books and complained to us about it. Miss Hepler and I were very happy in our work, and congenial. The fireside evenings were enjoyable..

Miss Clara Hill had become Mrs. Hugh Tate and lived in Knoxville. Clara Hill is now Mrs. Emery. Mr. Emery recently moved to Morristown. He has been and is a great asset to the town and community, as well as the school. He is especially interested in welfare of children. Mr. and Mrs. Tate joined the Second Presbyterian Church. I took the liberty of remonstrating with the Methodists for not being friendly with strangers, once during the summer vacation. I aroused some opposition to my attitude. Perhaps I was too premature - I was a stranger to them, also. It had led to loss of members, but it was not my business. This reminds me that once I asked a young Prebysterian preacher if he were a Christian. Of course I did not know that he was a preacher. I was often, I suppose, too aggressive in those days.

Chapter V.

1911-1912.

During this year (1911-1912) the Administration Building was being erected, and a great building it was and is. Dr. Hill was so proud of it that he said: "Hats must not be worn in this building." It is still considered one of the best school buildings in the south. We are proud of it.

This year Hattie Mae Jones and Ethel Walker graduated. Leander Hill received the prize for oratory, also Marie Wilson.

Edgar Hamblen received honors in Scholarship. Prizes for essays on Africa were awarded to Ethel Walker and Samuel De Laney, and for hymns to Margaret Grant and Maude Stone. Edgar became a minister of the Gospel.

It is interesting to note that the population of Morristown in 1911 was only five thousand. We have grown to three times that. At that time the saloons had been voted out. Dr. Hill led his colored friends to the polls to help out, and to this day there are none that I know of.

There were 348 students with us, including elementary. Industrial work was at its height, especially brick-making under the leadership of William Coleman. The school had not reached its name of "college", but there was a department called College Preparatory which prepared students to enter accredited colleges. There was a department called "Normal" which gave instruction in teaching and many students became teachers upon finishing that course, and good teachers they became.

Leander Hill was president of the Y.M.C.A., Maude Stone of Polly Crary Society. Leander was also president of the Athletic Association, Natalia Phillips was president of the Girls Athletic Association. Paralee was president of Friends of Africa.

It was, I think, during this year that John Phillips was taken ill. I had the honor of conveying him to Knoxville, putting him on the train and charging the crew to take care of him. They no doubt thought he was my son, as he was white in color.

Chapter VI.

1912-1913.

During the year 1912-1913, the new Administration Building was occupied, some description of which I have given. It is a beautiful building and we are proud of it. For a time we had to approach it through a narrow lane between the campus property and the Carriger residence. Soon, however, Dr. Hill succeeded to purchasing the Carriger Property and the campus extended. The Dean of the school soon resided in that fine residence.

At the end of the year Paralee graduated, also Ellis Higgins, Frank Lennon, Orley Hendricks, Clarence Huff, Dillar Martin, Henrietta Martin, William Tipton and Ernest Reinhardt were entered in the Normal course. Amy Neal also graduated this year. She is now Mrs. Henry Chestnut. Mr. Chestnut was one of our teachers for years and when the grades were removed, was principal of Judson S. Hill School until the year of 1951. I cannot mention all names; I have to limit myself to those with whom I came especially in contact.

The music department became more prominent and was a great advertisement for the school, as it is to this day. Miss Alice McNeal had charge of Domestic Science. Miss Lela R. Doyde, a talented musician was in those days with us. She brought out the voices of Leander Hill and Natalie Phillips a great deal so that they became fine singers indeed.

It was during these years, as I remember, that William Ayers came to us from Africa. He was brought here by a Lutheran Missionary, at the age of fourteen, and remained with us for ten years. He was and is a remarkable character and has done well in this country. He wishes now to return to Liberia as a teacher. He has succeeded in securing two degrees during summer sessions in Youngstown, Ohio, College.

It was this year, I think, when Miss Madalene Evans came, near the close of the year, to help with Commencement music. She was indeed a help. She had graduated some years before and had spent her years here with the family of Dr. Hill. She is at this writing Superintendent of Crary Hall.

"Bible" had been added to my teaching duties.

Chapter VII.

1913-1914.

Miss Mary Cain, Miss Lorena Barnett, and Mrs. Hattie Walker were teachers in the English Department. I mention them, I suppose, because they were and are great friends of mine. Mrs. Green, also a friend of long standing, was teacher of sewing. Miss Weems continued as Assistant matron of Crary Hall.

It was a great year in our new classrooms and in dear old Crary Hall. This year Leander and Paralee both graduated as did Lillian Turner, Wilma Cannon and Melvin Swaggerty. I continued my work as instructor in "Bible" and Eighth Grade, to which was added General History. The library was not well established but consisted of a number of valuable books unclassified.

During the summer I continued my studies in the University taking "Bible" under Jewish Rabbis. These Rabbis were very interesting because of their nationality and ability. They surely knew the prophets. I studied the minor prophets. I also entered classes in history and literature.

My sisters and I lived in a pleasant house on Henley Street in Knoxville. About that time our Aunt Elizabeth O'Day passed and we inherited a small amount of money, about \$200.00 a piece was left and some fine old furniture. Florence was doing well with music and Alma did some private teaching. It was while living in the Henley Street house that in that summer I wrote my

little book, "Let My People Go", of which I have spoken. Miss Hepler spent the Christmas holidays with me. We attended the First Methodist Church.

In the summer Florence and I went to Ohio to see about our little inheritance. We saw some old friends. An old friend of sister's, a lawyer, helped us in our task.

It was in this year that Miller Boyd entered school. I remember how when he came into our sitting room that I thought he introduced himself as the Miller boy. He explained that he was a brother of Charles Boyd. He surely then was heartily received, and he was a great accession. It proved to be as he, after finishing college in Lincoln University, became a teacher in the school and afterward became President of the College.

Also John Phillips re-entered, three Miller boys and two Mitchell girls. William Tipton entered this year. He was indeed an asset as he was a fine musician. He and Mabel Goff were afterward married. William Burt Greeby, native of Liberia, entered in the fall of 1913. He surely made good. I will speak of him afterward. He was and is a great friend of mine and of the Lord, being made a Missionary in his homeland, and helping in the Government also. He had charge of the Friends of Africa for two years, was a fine student and was so well-thought of in the town that the people helped him financially. He was the first African I had known.

Chapter VIII.

1914-1915.

This year I remember with sadness for our Dean Perry passed away in the middle of the year. Mr. Joseph Sheeley was elected to finish the year. It was also in this year that Miss Hepler left us to take up work in Fiske University. However, she liked us better and returned the next year to us, at her old work of languages and literature. Miss Ethel Ault became matron of Crary Hall and Miss Ellsworth Apperson became matron of New Jersey Home.

Robert Craig, Edgar Hamblen, Eugene Walker, Janie Few, Clarence Huff and Jethroe Spann graduated in 1915. We had quite a band of musicians that year. Prof. Leon James was still with us. He and Natalie Phillips were married and lived on the campus. Mamie Guess and Mabel Goff I especially remember as students this year. In these memoirs I sometimes get mixed on dates, remembering students' faces and deeds better. J. D. Martin was installed president of the Y.M.C.A., Nola Kyle of Y. W. C. A., Janie Few of Friends of Africa, Cleopha McDonald of Polly Crary Society.

Chapter IX.

1915-1916.

This year saw the arrival of two more Africans: Philip Davis, now a teacher in Liberia, and Philip Brown, still in New York. Philip Brown visits the school often and is a help to us. For several years he was President of the National Alumni Association. When Africans have arrived in New York, he has directed them to this school.

At the end of this year Herbert Johnson, a very good student, as were others, three Redmonds (James is a prominent lawyer), Dillar Martin (afterward one of our teachers), Agelastus Simpson and others graduated.

Prizes were given to Agelastus Simpson for oratory, to George Swan for scholarship, to Mamie Guess for essay on Africa, and to Anna Hypsher and Daisy Kincaid for hymn writing.

At this time Naomi Turner was added to the faculty and a fine teacher she proved to be, a great helper to the school. She was a firm friend of mine and joined Miss Hepler and me in our conferences and celebrations. Mrs. Lawrence joined us as matron of the Girls' New Jersey Home. She was indeed an asset, a fine speaker and a good mother to the girls.

Herbert Johnson was president of the Henry Warren Literary Society and Lois Redmond of the Polly Cray Literary Society, Agelastus Simpson of the Friends of Africa, William Thornton of the Y.M.C.A. (William had a magnificent bass voice and was a great help in the Musicals), and Roberta Mitchell of the Y.W.C.A. We had a fine lot of students and enjoyed the year very much. The music made quite a record this year. William Tipton was still with us as pianist.

Chapter X.

1916-1917.

During the year 1916-1917 Dr. Hill was planning a dormitory for the boys so as to leave Cray Hall to the girls alone. We still had Prof. James and Miss Hepler with us, also Miss Weems. Miss Cain and Miss Turner, necessary to me, and Miss Hepler. To us were added Miss Uhl and Mrs. Hornbeck (Matron of Cray Hall). The last named was recommended by me; coming from London, Ohio. I regret to say that she was not so well received as she had hoped and was not returned after the year. She thought I should have helped her more, but it seemed I could not. Perhaps I was partly wrong.

This year Miller Boyd graduated and entered Lincoln

University. He was a help to the school even then and made good in oratory and Mathematics in Lincoln. Geegby, Tipton and Harvey Dickerson, outstanding students, also graduated in 1917. Geegby entered Ohio Wesleyan, at my recommendation and made a good record, going from there back to Africa where he founded a school and married a native girl. I remember I said that perhaps he would have to stay in the University five years on account of rather poor use of the English language. He was offended and proved that I was wrong by completing the course in four years. Tipton was a teacher until he passed, and a very good one. He was married to Mabel Goff and left three children. These are all making good as well as Mrs. Mabel Tipton, Walter Owens and Ruberta Mitchell outstanding students, also finished in 1917.

We surely have missed these outstanding students and many others through the years. They have been true to the standard of the school and an immense help to its continuance and influence.

Chapter XI.

1917-1918.

I find by the catalog that William Ayers first came to us as a member of the Seventh Grade. I spoke of him before, probably because I had him on my mind, not remembering the exact year in which he came to us. He had been adopted by a Lutheran Missionary in Liberia, Dr. Ayers. We were all especially interested in him. He was fourteen years old and especially bright. Mrs. Dickerson, our new Matron, had some trouble keeping up with him. I remember once he came running into our sitting room out of breath. He said "She was 'after' me". We are still proud of William Ayers. See other accounts of him.

This was the last year for Mamie Guess, Ross Whiteside, Ethel Tate, Beatrice Reinhardt, Anna Hypsher, Nola Kyle and many others, who were greatly missed as the years went on.

James Lare was president of the Henry Warren Literary Society and Tereso Snell of the Polly Crary. Of the Friends of Africa, we had for president a native of Africa, Philip Davis (mentioned before) and as vice-president, Thomas Adams (a fine student). William Hendricks was president of the Y.M.C.A. and Virginia Walker of the Y. W. C. A. Natalie Phillips, at this time Mrs. L. C. James, was helping in the Mutual Aid Club.

The new boys' dormitory had not materialized, though its picture appeared in the catalog. The boys had a club "Just Us" with William Harvey Brown as president. I see George Holmes' name in this year's catalog as treasurer of the Henry Warren. I think I mentioned George before. He has been more help to the school and to me perhaps than any one person. He is head of the National Alumni at this time and has been for many years. I must mention

even here that he aroused the Alumni to give me a fine Frigidaire, now in the cottage. He is now a business man in New York.

Chapter XII.

1918-1919.

In the year 1918 Mary Braden came to us from Walden University, which was discontinued that year. She was indeed a help to the school for years. She was a proficient piano teacher and trainer of choruses. She purchased a cottage on the campus which she afterward gave to the school. It is still a good cottage, making a home for members of the faculty. Miss Doyle remained also with us for the year.

Among the graduates of this year I must mention Philip Davis, Nena Goins, Willie and Frances Johnson, Mattie Payne, Pearl Whitson, Mollie Chestnut, Frank Tate, and Lubertha Leeper. Philip Brown was head of the Athletic Association, Joel Hyatt of the "Just Us" Club, Friends of Africa and Y.M.C.A., and Philip Davis of the Student Council. Daisy Love won a prize for an essay on Africa and Beatrice Froe for hymn writing. Beatrice Reinhardt was the best scholar and Willis Brown the best orator for boys and Theophile Chambers for girls. Pearl Whitson was president of the Y.W.C.A.

During the years 1918-1919 the Wallace Farm was secured through the generosity of Mr. Frank Wallace. It consisted of 300 acres with house, barn, and other outbuildings. A large dairy barn was added, representing an outlay of \$30,000. This was a great help to the Agricultural Department. There was also added through the generosity of Mrs. Frances Kellogg a large brick building known as the Kellogg Creamery.

Prizes were awarded to Daisy Love for essay on Africa, to Beatrice Froe for Hymn writing, to Beatrice Reinhardt for scholarship, to Willis Brown for oratory for boys and Theophile Chambers for girls. (These were for 1918). Pearl Whitson visited the school in 1951 and helped George Holmes to make plans for the Frigidaire given to me in 1952. She is fine. Mattie Payne has made good in life. She lives in Columbus, Ohio. Kilburn Smith was an outstanding student.

During the year 1919-1920 my friend Miss Hepler developed cancer. She was operated upon in the city, and we had hopes of her recovery, but on returning home the disease returned and she never fully recovered and passed away in the height of her usefulness. We and the school will never forget her great love for the Negroes.

Sometime ago I had received a certificate to teach English in High Schools. This certificate was renewable and has

been of great value to me. I had been relieved of the Eighth grade. Miss Lucy Uhl had that grade in 1919-1920, Miss Alice McLean was still with us, a life long friend. Miss Doyle left us this year. We still had the farm and majored in Agriculture and home gardening. Mrs. Lawrence was still with us, also Miss Cornelia Lauderback and Miss Naomi Turner.

Chapter XIII.

1919-1920.

This year I was relieved of the Eighth Grade for High School English, General History and Bible. Beatrice Reinhardt, Mrs. Julia Goode and Miss Willie Fulton were added to the faculty.

More attention was given to Agriculture and Home Gardening. Industrial work in other lines increased; we had printing, upholstering, steam fitting, foundry work, machine work, blacksmithing, carpentry and broom making. The Domestic Science department was in full running order.

Hazel Lindsey was president of the Y.W.C.A. Joel Hyatt of the Y.M.C.A., Albert Smith of Henry Warren literary Society, Janie Gillenwater of Polly Crary Society, Wayman Hamilton of "Just Us" Club, and Phillip Brown of the Athletic Association. Among the graduates were Thomas Adams, Elizabeth Bragg, Bruce Bailey, Beatrice Ward, Janie Gillenwater, Bertha Harmon, India Riggs, and Ada Sinkford. Thomas Adams came to visit the school in 1953. He has been true to us all these years, and God has blessed him.

This year Alonzo Cannon graduated in broom making. He afterward had a factory of his own and made quite a success of it. Ivalena Franklin and Robert Johnson were students of note.

The sewing Department was of importance with Miss Harriet Smith in charge, as were all industrial departments. Mrs. Elnora Marquis, a long time friend, came to us as head of the dining room (assistant matron). The farm was in full operation. Philip Brown is still in New York and has supported the school since leaving. Diana Beaman was one of my girls, having a scholarship from London, Ohio.

It was this year that I was troubled by neuritis in my arm. I had it for about a year when it disappeared completely because of a shock caused by the great fire. Miss Smith sympathized with me and helped.

Chapter XIV.

1920-1921.

The McCabes came to us in 1920, Mr. McCabe as Dean and Mrs.

McCabe as a teacher of Psychology. Miss Walker taught in the Normal Department, Mrs. Frankée Pounds (Blaluck) had the Eighth Grade, Mrs. Pearl Bell (Temple) was still with us. Mrs. Green became my roommate in the suite of rooms Miss Hepler and I had occupied for so long. This year Ivolena Franklin graduated, Joel Hyatt, Jennie V. Spann, Ulysses Barten, Mae Frazier, Swan Spann and other important students. I cannot mention all in these memoirs. Some will be mentioned later.

During this year Mae Frazier was president of Y.W.C.A., Willie Mae Coleman of "Polly Crary" and of "Willing Workers", Swan Spann was president of Henry Warren Literary, Joel Hyatt of Friends of Africa.

Prizes were awarded Arthus Owens for oratory, Mae Frazier for scholarship and for Hymn writing, Arizona Morrow for essay on Africa. The Calfee sisters were important students. The names of graduates are often held over until the following year in the catalog, because the readings for the catalog were made before the commencement. This accounts for some mistakes in these memoirs of the years of those graduates and perhaps of account of other happenings and repetitions.

Chapter XV.

1921-1922.

I may be confused as to the year of the happenings of some things, but I do know that in 1922 the great fire came. Crary Hall burned to the ground. The cause of it was never fully determined, but the fact remained. Our beautiful building was no more, but the memory of it and what happened in it is fresh and abiding. I stood and watched some of my beloved furniture pass in flames. An antique sofa, from Aunt's estate was burned, as well as what jewelry I possessed. One thing destroyed was my neuritis which had afflicted me for a year or more. I never felt it again. The shock was too much for it. I had had trouble keeping it under control so that I could do my work. The summer before I had come over from Knoxville to help in a young people's conference and I suffered greatly while trying to teach in that.

Dr. Hill gathered us in the chapel after it was all over and talked to us. He said, "Out of the ashes of Crary Hall shall rise a new and better Morristown."

Chapter XVI.

1921-1922. Continued.

This prophesy has been fulfilled. Immediately he began a campaign to raise money for the new buildings. These you can now see upon the hill.

In the meantime the girls and teachers were transferred to the Administration building where (the library books being removed) we were given cots in the library and music rooms. Mrs. Green and I were moved there to look after the girls. The matron and assistant left the school. This with our teaching was a task. After the year passed Mrs. Green left and I was in charge solely.

Miller W. Boyd had returned from college and was teaching Mathematics. Miss Maude McMahan was secretary to the president. The boys were placed in the old building at the foot of the hill until their new building could be erected.

Mrs. Marquis was in charge of meals, which were served in the domestic science rooms in the administration building. It was this year that Jesse Cody came to us as Superintendent of grounds. In the spring (1922) the foundation was laid for Wallace Hall. This building was completed first, because of the inconveniences of the old building for accommodations for the boys.

Chapter XVII.

1922-1923.

I can find little record of the year 1922-1923, but have the names of five students who graduated in the spring of 1923. They are William Burroughs, Alonzo Cannon (spoken of before as a broom maker), Florence Reed, Laura Sheigh, Loftus James and Henrietta Spann (a good friend of mine), Ellsworth Calfee, also Macee Hughes.

The work progressed on Wallace Hall. I may say here that in the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone of the new Crary Hall I had a part. Mrs. Hill laid the first stone and I the second. I consider this a great honor and hasten to record it.

I was very busy looking after the girls and the teaching of my classes. Dr. Hill was very nice to me and friends helped me. Miss Minnie Salsman (Farr) was with us as domestic science teacher. She was from Neoga, Ill. She and I were good friends. She visited me in Knoxville while she was here.

During the year 1922-1923 we were pretty well torn up after the fire. All I can remember was a great deal of trouble and discomfort.

Graduated in the spring of 1923 were Loftus James, who afterwards married Ivolina Franklin, Ethel Few, George Holmes (already mentioned), Sadie Martin (Mrs. Page) Arizona Officer (Morrow) and others.

In 1923 Charles Bills and E. M. Heal were added to the faculty. I mention these especially because they became my firm

friends. Isaac Springs was with us. (He and Ethel Tate were married).

Plans were being rapidly made for the new buildings, pictures of which appeared in the catalog, different however from final appearance.

William Ayers, John and Lillian Blair, Mabel Wright, Robert Officer (who married Arizona Morrow, before Commencement), Violet Anderson (afterward Mrs. Dewitt Dykes), and others graduated in the year 1923-1924.

My mother & father

Chapter XVIII.

1923-1924.

Elsworth Calfee won Scholarship honors in 1923-1924, Obie McCollum and William Ayers won essay prizes, Ralph Rogers won a hymn writing prize. Laura Speigh was president of the Y.W.C.A., Robert Chapman of the Y.M.C.A., William Ayers of Friends of Africa and of Henry Warren Literary Society, and Harriette Spamm of the Polly Cray Society.

Wallace Hall was completed quickly and the boys moved into it. The brick was made and burned on the campus for all the buildings. The industrial work was even helped by the fire. Mr. Coleman was builder.

During this year it is interesting to note that many short essays were written by students and printed in "College News". One of these was especially interesting to me. It was written by Artis Graves (now Dr. Graves). Another was written by Garland Kyle (now Dr. Kyle), another by Marcus Houston, a native of Africa, and there were others equally interesting.

I neglected to say, before, that upon the completion of the new Cray Hall, the girls were all removed from New Jersey Home and placed in the Hall. Now we were all together. This was better in many ways. We had access to all the girls (boarding) and were more united. Before this there had been some rivalry among the girls and some jealousy. There were really three divisions. The New Jersey girls seemed to claim and have the position of "Aristocrats", or the better class. At least, our girls in the Hall thought so, especially were they jealous about the attention of the boys. The town girls were sensitive about both and thought they were neglected. Such is youth.

A lady by the name of Mrs. Murphy recommended the change. She had been in charge of the Home as Matron and thought it was a needless expense to keep the Home going as there was plenty of room in the Hall for the girls. New Jersey Home is still an asset to the school. It was converted into a department for Home Economics for which it is still used. It was afterwards used as a Canteen

where food is still sold cheaply to students who go hungry. This saves them from going to town so often where they might be tempted to spend too much money. The Home also provides accommodations for visitors during special occasions, when the Halls would be overcrowded. Of late years we have a class in Cosmetology there. This is a great attraction for the school.

Thus the school has been progressing year by year and is attracting attention both in the United States and abroad. Again, I say that all honor should be given to the name of Judson S. Hill for what he did for the country and for the world.

Chapter XIX.

1924-1925.

During this year the new Crary Hall was being built. As I have said, Mrs. Hill laid the first corner stone and I had the honor of laying the second one. My room was on the second floor, just above the parlor. At first I stayed with my friend Mrs. Marquis in her suite in the basement of the new Kenwood Refectory, (which had been completed) the second in the trio of buildings. It is between Wallace and Crary Halls, of easy access from each. However, my health seemed to be failing in the basement and I removed to my room in Crary Hall, much to my regret on account of my friend, Mrs. Marquis.

Miss Coeyman, the new librarian, became a close friend of mine and when at liberty I helped her in the library. The books (few in number) were not classified. She began heroically to do the job which she did not have time to finish. The books were not in the library proper until later, those rooms had been used as bedrooms as I stated before, after the burning of old Crary Hall.

During this year, Dean Zedler came to us. He and his family lived in the old Carriger property which Dr. Hill had purchased several years before. He attempted to grade the school into a Junior High School and Junior College, I remember. The grading was not a success, but the attempt led later to the establishment of a regular Junior College, with College Freshman and College Sophomore rank. This is still the standard of the school.

This was the year my little book "Let My People Go" came from the publishers. It was not well received by some white members of the faculty, even, and was refused by some book sellers. They thought it too radical and pushed the Negro forward too much. This would not be said in these days. Times have changed since then.

The records are a little confused because of the change in grading. An attempt was made to classify for Junior College. Success came later. Graduates of this year were Violet Anderson, Gilbert Johnson, Albert Smith and Obie McCollum.

Chapter XX.

1925-1926.

There was little change in faculty this year; some of course. I remember that Artis Graves (now Ph.D) was president of the Y.M.C.A., also of "H. B. Club", that Marcus Houston (African) of Friends of Africa, Viola Wood of "Polly Crary", also of the Y. W. C. A., Joseph Travis of "Henry Warren" and Obie McCollum of the "Dramatic Club". The last named became quite a fine newspaper man, which I think he is to this day. Mrs. Dwinn (Mamie Goins) was a student unclassified. Seven students are recorded as "Freshmen". Among them were Gilbert Johnson (still a teacher in the Judson S. Hill School), Obie McCollum and Albert Smith. Graduates are mentioned as Olga M. Richards, Valedictorian and Bernard Witten as Salutatorian. Garland Kyle (now Ph.D.), Mildred Turner, Ralph Martin and others received honors.

I seem to be somewhat confused about records for this year also. Mrs. Greenwood and her sister came to us. Mrs. Greenwood made a fine member of the faculty. Both she and her sister were well received. But her sister was not well and indeed passed away while here. Mrs. Greenwood remained for a while. She was a very positive personality and an excellent teacher. Mrs. Greenwood had influence over the students, especially over Marcus Houston (African). This I regretted for her views on religion were peculiar, at least different from mine. We were not very congenial, I am sorry to say.

I have neglected to mention my friendship with Mrs. Hill. This continued during her life here. I visited her at least once a week and derived comfort from her presence. The family have always been nice to me to this day. Judson and Howard have been especially friendly. Warren and I are also friends from the time he ran to meet me when a child and threw his arms about me. Mrs. Portrum was a friend and Clara, (Tate), now Mrs. Emery, is still a steadfast friend. Dr. Hill never complimented me, but he kept me here, which is a better proof of regard.

Chapter XXI.

1926-1927.

In the year 1926-1927 the new Crary Hall caught fire from some unknown cause, perhaps in the elevator system for removing rubbish. There was great excitement of course. My clothing was removed by the help of my friend, Mr. Bills. I lost some things in my excitement. My room was not affected after all, except by the water used to extinguish the blaze. The girls were taken to the New Jersey Home. I do not remember where the teachers went, all of them. Two of them went with the girls to New Jersey Home. Mrs. Anderson, our new matron, took me with her to New Jersey Home where we stayed the remainder of the year. The damage was not great to the

Hall and it was quickly repaired.

Mrs. Anderson was a fine looking lady and very popular. The teachers had a reception for her, to which I am sorry to record, I was not invited. However, Mrs. Anderson chose me as her special friend at once. Things are very strange at times.

The buildings were now complete, due to the untiring efforts of our Dr. Judson S. Hill. The faculty was fine but too large. Some were dropped the next year. During this year a Dodge was bought by Miss Coeyman and the secretary. This eventually became mine, so I record it here. The Dodge would not obey me. More about that later, perhaps.

The Ninth to Twelfth grades were called Academy, the others Junior College. I was not popular with Dean Zedler, but I did not find that out until after he had passed. One cannot be popular with everybody. Dean Zedler brought to the school Mabel Rainwater, a fine girl and a fine student. She stayed until graduation and made a fine record.

I remember Mrs. Greenwood and her sister stayed with Dean Zedler for a time.

A central heating plant had been installed. Two buildings were used for industrial work. Wallace Farm was in full operation.

Hortense Brown was president of the Y.W.C.A., with Mabel Bell as Vice-President, Joseph Travis of the Y.M.C.A., Artis Graves of the Athletic Association, Marcus Houston of the Friends of Africa, Reva Silence of the Polly Cray with Rose Frazier as vice-president. Rose was also president of the Dramatic Club. I can find no record of prizes but I know the Friends of Africa were at work as usual. We had with us Marcus Houston and William Ayers (Africans).

Chapter XXII.

1927-1928.

During the year 1927-1928 we lost our Dean, John Zedler. A great loss to the school was occasioned by his death. We had with us Miss Zoa Mitchell, a friend of the Zedler's. Miss Emma Brown, a fine teacher, was in Austin High, of Knoxville. There was also Miss Virginia Wilson and others who were of importance. Mabel Rainwater, protege of the Zedler's, was president of the Y.W.C.A., Joseph Travis of the Y.M.C.A., Artis Graves of the Athletic Association and Henry Warren, Mabel Bell of Friends of Africa, Evelyn Anderson of Polly Cray and Frances Johnson of the Dramatic Club. A Diploma was given to Rose Frazier and certificates to Artis Graves, Garland Kyle, Richard Martin and Dewitt Dykes. Scholarship medal was given to Garland Kyle and to Mabel Rainwater, also.

My work was confined to the Bible for this year. I helped some in the library.

The Agricultural and Industrial Departments were in full swing. Our faculty was large. There were three tables of us in the dining hall. Afterwards the faculty number was reduced and the course modified and named differently. An attempt was made to make the school a full college, as I understand it.

It was in the year 1928 when Miller Boyd was married to Mary Georgia Witten of Bristol. This was indeed a great event, though we did not know it at that time. Miller Boyd in after years became President of the college, and after his passing Mrs. Boyd was and is, at this writing, Acting President. I record this here because of its later importance.

I have no record of prizes, but the Friends of Africa was still in action as it has been to this day.

Chapter XXIII.

1927-1928.

Dean J. Allen Hunter came to us with his family. He was a good Dean. I was given Bible and Missions for that year; Miss Carrie Taylor had English, Miss Emma Brown, Latin and History. We had a new gymnasium named after the Kellogg's. The school was now called Junior College. We had a pre-legal course, a pre-dental course, a commercial course (still) and all the industries. The farm was important and all the rest mentioned before. We had a department called "Graduate Students", one called "Academy" and one called "Elementary".

Mabel Bell was president of the Y.W.C.A., Charlie Willie Harris of Polly Crary, Wade Morris of Henry Warren, Lucius Donaldson of the Dramatic Club. Joseph Travis was chief editor of our new paper "The Radio". We had an Honor List of nine names, mentioned before. College diplomas were given Wm. Ayers, Robert Neal, Madison Lennon, and Mildred Turner.

This was a great year for other reasons. Two students (and the only ones so far) were given degrees. They were Gilbert Johns, and Fred Smith. I do not know what the degrees were called, but we thought we were now full-fledged.

Junior College diplomas were given to Mamie Dwinn (Goin), Marcus Houston, Walter Johnson, Inez Patton and Joseph Travis. Honor in scholarship was won by Adelene Foster. The officers of the societies were Mabel Bell, Y.W.C.A., Harry Lytle, Y.M.C.A., Mabel Wright, Friends of Africa and Polly Crary, Henry Warren (now for Academy Students only). Almeda Ford, Cecil Wilkey was head of the Radio staff. Elijah Moore and Clyde Clark were on the staff.

Chapter XXIV.

1928- 1930.

This year 1929 brought a change for me. The Board of Education decided that the faculty was too large and that those who had no college degrees should be dropped. Now those were Misses Coeyman, Wood, Brechenridge and Mrs. Greenwood. Dr. Hill came to tell me about it in the summer. He told me of the big fact first and then informed me casually that he could reclaim one of the four and he had chosen to retain me, and that I was to take charge of the library. When school opened the other three, not being notified I suppose, reappeared. They were indignant and one of them demanded of me why? I replied that I had a certificate to teach High School English, etc. Miss Coeyman, not understanding, decided to stay without salary, as she had a small pension. She took charge as usual of the library. I appeared as her assistant (as usual). After a while the truth dawned upon her and she asked me if I had the appointment. Upon my answer she prepared to leave. Not only the library, but the car referred to before, fell to me.

I was relieved of the Bible work for the present but continued my work in English. I found some of the books unclassified and the books were far too few. They were still in a small room to which they had been moved at the burning of Crary Hall. The girls who had been helping Miss Coeyman refused to help me. I suppose they thought they knew more about library work than I did. This was true. Still, perhaps, I knew more about what was in the books. I was in a dilemma sure enough. I still had classes in English and those books on my hands. I must record here the great friendship of Carmella Toney, one of our fine students, a Morristown girl. She came and offered to help me (on no salary). I shall never forget her. We went to work and got things under control. Then in the summer vacation I studied Library Science in the University of Tennessee, giving several summers to the study. I have been librarian ever since until nearly all of the books had been classified and cataloged by me. The cards should be typed. That, I was not able to do. The latest librarian has typed some of them which are in separate boxes. More about this later.

Graduated from Junior College included Grace Coleman, Garland Kyle, George Lennox, Mildred Simpson and Cecil Walker.

Chapter XXV.

1929-1930.

This year Samuel Grindstaff came to us as bookkeeper. He was a good friend of mine and an excellent bookkeeper. We still had the grades with us. These, we were soon to lose by the erection of a building by the city for them. This is known as the Judson S. Hill School. The ground was donated by the Board of

Education from the campus at the foot of the hill. This made a change in our classification. Now we had the High School and the Junior College.

Meanwhile I was busy getting hold of the library. I might as well say here that Dean Hunter helped me move the books to the library rooms. We used at first just the main reading room and one room at the right (facing the desk). Afterward I secured the room beyond for books on religion and missions and still later the two rooms to the left of the desk for fiction and history. The children's library is also in the first room to the left. There are now 15,000 books in the library, nearly.

As graduates we had Jack Stokes, Bernice Turner and others, ten in all. As president of the Y.W.C.A. we had Dorothy Rutledge, of the Y.M.C.A. Benson Tipton, of friends of Africa, Frazier Horton. Dorothy Rutledge also received medal for first honor. Benson Tipton also won prize for essay on Africa; Second prize went to Carmella Toney (mentioned before as my helper in the library) prize for hymn went to William Davis

Chapter XXVI.

1930-1931.

This year was the only time we had a vice-president, Ray Stomlin. This did not work and was soon discontinued. However for one year that was the plan. Herman Koepler was dean and registrar. Miller Boyd was principal of the High School. I was librarian, teacher of English and Bible, and registrar for one term only. I think I was not wanted for the remainder of the year. (I insisted that grades be in, by teachers, too soon for them). Anyhow I had too much to do. Miss Mildred Ellis, a fine person, was in charge of music. Samuel Grindstaff was secretary and treasurer, Andrew Fulton had study hall only. Mrs. Boyd was teacher in the elementary department, also was Mrs. Lulu Neal. Mrs. Marquis was in charge of the boys' dormitory. The grades were transferred to the new building the next year.

Adelena Foster was president of the Y.W.C.A., Carl James Dockery of Friends of Africa, Griffen Green of the Y.M.C.A. Clyde Clark, Cecil Mattison and Mary Watkins made H. S. Council, Smith Fleming (part of the year) was president of Delta Kappa Zeta Club, Lucus Donaldson followed him. Evelyn Wilkey received honors for Scholarship, Gladys Jobe for deportment. Frances Clark is mentioned as proficient in Industrial Department for foods and clothing. Prizes are not recorded for this year, but the "Friends of Africa" was still at work.

Chapter XXVII.

1931-1932.

Graduates are listed Burnett Cox (who afterward married

Adelene Foster), Adelene Foster, Una Gorman, Waldrene Woodford, Floretta Smith and others. Hubert Clark graduated from High School. He went from here to Clark University. He is now an eminent physician in Knoxville. Peyton Manning is listed in Eleventh Grade. He is now a prominent minister of the Gospel.

The highest scholarship was won by Adelene Foster, Minnie Simpson won first prize for essay on Africa and Frencha Kyle for hymn-writing. Mabel Bell won a prize of \$25.00 for essay on Prohibition and Smith Flemming \$15.00 for same. Clinton Crooks (afterward Mabel Bell's husband) \$10.00, also William Davis \$10.00. This is the only time such awards were given.

This was the fiftieth anniversary for Dr. Hill's service to the school. Preparations had been made by him and by the faculty to celebrate the event. The chapel had been newly decorated and plans were underway. We went on with the celebration in sorrow, but we did it. I had some part in the program, what it was I do not clearly remember. We all went forward with our duties, perhaps with heavy hearts. The school was in progress as I have already reported. We did without a president. Mrs. Hill kept the president's house until she too passed away at the age of 92.

It was while we were enrolling students that the sad news came that our Dr. Hill had passed. We stopped our work in sorrow and astonishment. He had been in a sanatorium for treatment, but we did not know that his condition was dangerous. There was a great funeral in the chapel, and then we resumed work.

Dr. Ralph Minard had been appointed by Dr. Hill as dean. He came to us then for the first time, bringing his wife, who was a teacher of art and very competent. Dr. Minard was our leader. The faculty remained the same. Dr. Boyd was still here as was also Miss Brown, Mrs. Marquis and others of importance. I was given Bible work again from which I had been relieved the year before. Dr. Kloefer was still with us. I neglected to say before Artis Graves was also a teacher this year of physical science; also, C. G. Guthrie as teacher of German and Science.

Chapter XXVIII.

1932-1933.

In 1932 Dr. Chassel member of the Board of Schools of the Methodist church came to take charge. Our salaries were cut in half, for we were out of money and in debt. My salary was never raised. However, I received and am still receiving a retiring allowance from the Board. I had purchased a house in Knoxville unfortunately. There was a flaw in the title, too, so that times were hard for me. Dr. Chassel was very kind and went with me to Knoxville to see a lawyer. We did not accomplish anything much during that visit, but afterward secured the boundary line on one

side by having the ground surveyed. On the other side I had to pay about \$100.00 to secure the property. The lawyer was the one employed during the purchase so he did not charge me anything for his services, seeing that he was partly to blame for the trouble. Dr. Minard was still Dean. Mrs. Minard was employed in fine arts. The faculty remained for the most part and worked harder than ever for less money. I had still English and Bible as well as library work.

Among the graduates were Jack Stokes (married afterward to Miss Brown), Benson Tipton (excellent pianist), Gladys Jobe and Bernice Turner. Special college students, in number eleven, were listed among whom was Jesse Garrison (native African). There were others, married women of the town. Among High School graduates were Frances Clark (a fine student, now registrar in Knoxville College), Nathaniel Baskill, Henry Cardwell, Daisy Johnson, Peyton Manning and Cecile Mattison. Dorothy Rutledge was given honors for the highest grades in the college, Ollie Nichols in the High School. The prize for essay on Africa went to Benson Tipton, for hymnal to William Davis. President of Y.M.C.A. was Benson Tipton, of Y.W.C.A. Dorothy Rutledge, of F. Of A.

Among graduates were Walter Goodson, Lela M. Mattison, Mary Watkins, Mrs. Edith Witten (Steward), Mareno Wood, Laura Sheigh and Margaret Turner. High School graduates were Grace Coleman, Omega Goins, Viola Hannah, Bessie Jobe, John W. Manning, George Pierce, Eugene Smith and others. We had special students of twelve, among whom were Mrs. Lessie Brazelton, Mrs. Lula Neal, Mrs. Mae Swaggerty (Frazier), and ~~Bernice Turner~~.

Chapter XXIX.

1933-1934.

Dr. Paustian came to us as our President in the fall of 1933. Dr. Minard was still Dean, C. G. Guthrie was teacher of German and Science, Artis Graves of Physical Education, Leonda Hessel (now Mrs. Kloefer), Mrs. Minard and others were still with us. I still had Bible teaching and library work. The teachers had asked for a president. In fact, we wanted Miller Boyd and some of us waited upon him about the matter. He looked doubtful and did not consent to apply. The school continued with low salaries.

Dr. Paustian tried and succeeded later in doing away with most of the industrial work. He strongly believed in making the college a school for intellectual development only. He recommended new things and discarding of the old. We had more languages. Miss Braden was retired then and lived in her cottage.

Arthus Nicholls had highest honors for scholarship for 1933, for best hymn, Pauline Shields (Mrs. Cardwell), for best essay on Africa, Mary Hoard. We had a small number enrolled, only 126.

It was in 1933 that my sister Alma passed. I was summoned early in the morning to go to Knoxville. Dr. Minard assisted me in departing. We took her to Mr. Sterling. Here for the last time, Florence and I saw our cousins, Neffs and Marshalls. Elizabeth Wood (niece) then teaching in Grandville College was at the funeral. This was the last time I saw Elizabeth. I was gone a week. I do not know if the library was opened. Carmella Toney had been with my sisters for several weeks. She was a friend to them and to me still.

Chapter XXX.

1934-1935.

Dr. Paustein was still President. L. E. Cousins came to us for philosophy and religion, Mr. and Mrs. Lyons came for music, Mrs. Loma Richardson for French, etc. Thus we had an increase of faculty members. There were only 135 enrolled. Scholarship medal was given to Mary Hoard, prize for essay on Africa to Dorence Dobbins, second prize for essay to Neal Rodgers.

The graduates for 1934 and for 1935 are not listed in the catalog. I cannot remember the year or the date of some of the students. I only remember that I knew them. Some prominent (to me) students were Mollie Chestnut, Omega Goins, Frazier Horton, Axie A. Johnson (pianist), J. W. Manning, Jr., Mrs. Lula Neal, Neal Rodgers, Eugene Peck, Earl Penn (afterward noted clergyman), Frankie Pounds, and others.

I was relieved of all classes to teach and had library work only. We had eight special students. This year was more prosperous.

Chapter XXXI.

1935-1936.

Dr. Paustian was still president. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons also were with us. Mrs. Dovie Reeves came as matron of the girls. Mr. and Mrs. Woodland for Sociology and Home Economics.

The school was getting more and more in debt. Dr. Minard left us for a time. Mrs. Lula Neal was matron of the campus, Mrs. Marquis is listed as Superintendent of dining hall again. Her name was omitted the year before.

Some students I will mention: Edith Ely, James Harper, Ollie Nicholls (Mackey). Bruce Mackey, Charles Rhoden and Charlesie Lawrence. We had six special students among whom were Louise Tate, Omega Goins, and Mrs. Neal.

I still had no classes to teach. Dr. Paustian brought from the buildings vacated by Walden University, which had been

discontinued, a number of good books. I was busy enough without teaching.

Chapter XXXII.

1936-1937.

I can find no record of this year. I remember that Dr. Paustian left us for other work. He gave the faculty a farewell dinner. Miss Worker, his secretary, also left us. Miss Worker became Mrs. Paustian later. We had our usual activities. The Friends of Africa still working, the library in full blast.

Earl Penn graduated this year. Earl went to Clark and Gammon and then to India as Chaplain in the World War II. He is now a pastor in Indiana, having recently left Kansas City for that post, when he was building a church. He is a Doctor of Theology. Others were James Harper, Katherine Mattison, Charlotte Peters, Mary Wolfe, Mrs. Ada Clark (Wingate) and Mattie Brabson. Katherine Cubbersen, Jesse Tobe, Henry Breedlove, Ollie Nichols and others were Freshmen. We also had six special students, Arthur Nichols (now principal in the Elementary School) was graduated from High School, also Thelma Howell and Naomi Whitson.

Mr. Lyons was stricken and passed away suddenly. This was a great calamity. His wife resigned. These were surely fine teachers and their loss was deeply felt.

Georgia Thompson won the medal for scholarship in High School, Frances Rutledge in College, also the prize for essay on Africa, Menona Burleigh also won for essay, George Clark, Naomi Whitson, William Rhodan, Mary Connelly and Eugene Patterson are mentioned as best students. We had 134 enrolled, an increase.

Chapter XXXIII.

1937-1938.

This year Dr. Haywood came to us as President. He brought his wife and settled in the old Carriger house, now the Dean's house. Mrs. Hill and her family were still in the President's House. They were and are firm friends of mine. Dr. Haywood was the first colored president and the school took a turn for the better. Money was scarce and Dr. Haywood found it necessary to sell the farm. I took the liberty to remonstrate with him, but of no avail. It had to go to get us out of debt, and at a sacrifice.

However, the work went on. Mr. Boyd was still with us, Adelene Foster, Miss Reeves, Martha Richardson (a firm friend), Frances Clark (English) and Jessie Hall for music.

For sophomores we had Golden Brown, Thelma Howell, Gertrude Manning, Hazel Mattison, William Rhoden, Naomi Whitson, Victoria Davis and others.

It was at this time that sister Florence came over to live with me, on account of failing health. I left the Hall and we lived for a time on Hill Street. After moving to a house on E. Third Street I was in debt very much and worried. The board of Education came to my rescue and gave me a bonus because of low salaries, so that I saved the house. I soon afterward sold it to my agent, at a loss. It was a mistake to invest in a house in Knoxville. However, I was free of it and out of debt.

After a year or so, the Edward Hill family moved out of this cottage and Dr. Haywood let us have it. This was fine as rent is free. It has six rooms and bath, before known as the Woolstone property.

Medals for spring of 1936: Scholarship, H. S. Georgia Thompson, for college, Frances Rutledge, for best student character, Clifford Johnson, for best essay on Africa, Frances Rutledge and Menona Burleigh. Best students were Naomi Williams, William Rhoden, Mary Connelly, and Eugene Patterson.

Chapter XXXIV.

1938-1939.

This year (1938-1939) Dr. Haywood was still president. We had an enrollment of 147. Prizes for essays on Africa were won by Elcatelia Johnson and Genna Owens. The valedictorian was Ola Mae Parker, best representative of college, Anderson Davis. The valedictorian for High School was Edith Thompson, for salutatorian (H.S.) was Edith Sharp.

The record is incomplete and my memory is poor. This year, Florence and I moved to the cottage. Here the Friends of Africa met and students came. Some students I especially remember were William Whiteside (now caretaker of the grounds), Willie V. Irvin, Mamie Bowers, Anderson Davis, Elizabeth Carr, Teresa Chestnut, Elizabeth Guthrie and Elizabeth Johnson (who helped me in the library).

Mrs. Hill and family were still in the president's home. Howard and Warren were with her. They were very nice to me, especially in the use of their car.

Chapter XXXV.

1939-1940-

Dr. Haywood continued with us in 1939-1940. Frances Clark was here, Miss Reeves, also Mrs. Martha Richardson, always a good

friend of mine.

Anderson Davis was a sophomore, also Mamie Bowers, Herbert Ganey, Willie V. Irvins, and William Whiteside.

I may have the record mixed as to the years, but these names came to me as those of good students, and as I write of them, their faces come before my memory.

During two of these years under Dr. Haywood, I was given College English work, which I enjoyed exceedingly. I must say that after teaching in college, the Board refused to renew my certificate to teach in High School. That was surprising. However, I did not need it, as about my last public teaching in English was in College.

I remember especially Herman Hyatt who wrote in my class a drama, a fine thing, gave it in chapel under his direction, actors and all. I asked that he might receive the dramatic prize, but was refused. The prize was to go to a High School student. However, he surely deserved the prize.

Other students were interesting in these classes. I remember Susie Brown, neice of Dr. Boyd, who did so well in public speaking. One year there were a number from Jefferson City High School; these were exceptional students all of them.

Chapter XXXVI.

1940-1941.

This year Buford Jones won prize for essay on Africa. The salutatorian was Josephine Christmas, the valedictorian was Phyllis Dykes, a science prize was given Magnolia Johnson, a music prize to Glenna Owens, an English prize to Richard Boyd. The valedictorian in the High School was Sarah Pearson, the salutatorian Gusta Verble. E. H. Lennon, Jr. received the dramatic prize.

Dr. Haywood was still with us. Seth Grenshaw, Lee Frazier Gallie E. Hendricks. There were many others. B. T. White, A. Crothers, C. Holcombe and others were faculty members. Miss Reeves and Mr. Boyd were still with us.

I was still at work in the library and had other work of teaching. I think this was one year I had Freshman English. My memory is short here and records are scarce.

Elwood Harris graduated this year. He was a firm friend of mine, a minister, now in the Army. Lewis Williams and Gladus Howell graduated in the spring of 1941.

Chapter XXXVII

1941-1942.

The Prize essay on Africa was given to Thelma Moore. The valedictorian was Mary Penson, the salutatorian of High School, Eugene Walker, Jr., the oratorical prize was given to William Polk.

The faculty was made of the same, including O. D. Froe, V. Carter, M. Thompson and others.

Valuable students were Henrietta Chestnut, Jerry Flack, Brice Hamilton, Margaret McGravey, Joe E. Scruggs, Phyllis Walker, Helen Page and others. Judson Whiteside was in High School. He left for the army soon and did not finish his work here.

Mr. Boyd and wife were on leave for two years. They were doing social service work for the T.V.A. They did efficient and profitable work according to reports. I am always glad to record something about Dr. and Mrs. Boyd; They have been a saving asset to the school.

Chapter XXXVIII.

1942-1943.

This year (1942-1943) saw George Easterly (now one of our teachers) as a sophomore in the college. Also Wilfred Hyatt, Helen Page, Edith Sharper. Lewis Smith, Gustee Verble and other fine students.

George Tate (now a noted minister) won prize for dramatics, Edith Sharper won prize in Home Making. In High School, Diana Mattison was valedictorian, and Beverly Bowers, Salutatorian. The prize for essay on Africa was given to Thelma Henley, Bible Prize to George Tate, Valedictorian prize went to Lyda Yett, Salutatorian prize to Edith Sharper.

To the faculty was added O. D. Froe, A. Thompson, Miss Reeves was still with us. Mr. Boyd was on leave, Dr. Haywood was still with us. Mrs. Haywood gave a \$5.00 prize for oratory. Prof. Garland Kyle gave a prize.

I still had the Friends of Africa, but attendance was small.

Chapter XXXIX.

1943-1944.

This was the last year Dr. Haywood and Mrs. Haywood were with us. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd were back from having finished their

mission with T.V.A. Miss Reeves, too, was still with us. Ruth Hargrove, a fine girl, was secretary. Mr. Branson was still with us as Bookkeeper. He went to Gammon with Dr. Haywood at the end of the year. He had been with us for several years. He was a good bookkeeper and Bursar.

Among sophomores we had Thelma Henley, Mary Renson, Clara Riddle, Elizabeth Diffe, Eugene Walker, Jr. (part of year), Virginia Whitten. The prize for Essay on Africa went to James McCallum, the English prize to Helen Hamilton, the science prize to Eugene Walker, Jr., the ideals of the school was honored.

Chapter XL.

1944-1945.

This was the first year (1945-1946) Dr. Boyd was President. Lincoln University had given him the title of Doctor of Pedegogy. We entered upon a new era, having one of our graduates at the head of the school. D. O. Froe was Dean, Julius C. Johnson (part of the year), Religious Education. I still had the library and some Bible work for the year. Mary Penson was financial secretary and Mrs. Hawkins superintendent of Wallace Hall, and Frencha Kyle (Widby) matron of Crary Hall.

Theodore and Vivian Swann, Sarah Bolden, Mary Hendricks, James McCallum was a valuable member of Friends of Africa. He also won the prize for essay on Africa.

Dr. Boyd is to be praised for this: he won friends in the town as we had never had them. It was this that saved the school, together with the Founder's Day Program. It was the latter that gave the Alumni the zeal it has shown ever since. The school was and is now on a sound financial basis as far as the running expenses of the school are concerned. I should also add that our East Tennessee Conference and the Holston Conference also came to the rescue under Dr. Boyd.

We need a library building and other equipment. That will come.

It was in March, 1946 when Florence passed. She had fallen twice and broken her hip. The first time she recovered and continued her music lessons. The second time was too much. I was alone. Dr. Minard went with me to Mt. Sterling, Ohio. The Church helped me, also Mrs. Emery (Clara Hill). This was the worst sorrow of my life. I lived alone until the Fall following when the Franklin girls, Leo and Lady Bea, came to me.

Chapter XLI.

1945-1946.

This year saw great progress. Dr. Boyd was doing fine work.

We had D. O. Froe for Dean, T. M. Crowns for social Science, and other good teachers. I was still in the library, having some Bible work.

Religious Education prize was won by Hazel Bankhead, for greatest interest in Morristown College, William Thompson. Friends of Africe prize was won by Louise Miller. The valedictorian was Marguerite Evancel, the salutatorian, Kathleen Wilson, student most helpful in music, Marie Cherry, Dramatic prize, Eugene Brice, Home Economics, Margaret Bowman.

We had a long list of sophomores, some of whom were: Frank Benson (Who was entitled to rank of salutatorian, but gave way for a girl classmate), Douglas Brown (a friend and helper, nephew of Dr. Boyd), Harry Coleman (minister), Lady Bea Franklin (second prize for Oratory) and Wilber Hendricks.

There were 366 enrolled, the largest number, to date, in history of the college.

Henri Dennis was our student from Liberia, Africa. He did not stay with us long.

Lady Bea Franklin was with me in the cottage. The Friends of Africa were doing good work. I was librarian and doing Bible work. Lea Franklin was with me, too, for one year. These girls are very dear to me. Lady Bea is teaching in her home town, White Pine, and doing church work besides helping her mother on the farm. Lea finished in Nashville with a degree in Home Economics. She is teaching in Mississippi. Now in Newport, Odessa is Secretary of Dr. Branch in Newport.

Chapter XLII.

1946-1947.

The records seem mixed and so is my memory. I know that in this year (or another) that Harry Coleman was my greatest helper and that his wife was my helper in regard to my health. I remember them with gratitude. Harry also was voted as having the greatest Christian influence. The valedictorian was Louis Miller, the salutatorian, Mary Ruth Jobe. The science prize was won by my friend, Frank Benson, the music prize by Beulah Goins, the Home Economics prize by Vilét L. Franklin, Religious Education prize by Hazel Bankhead. A prize for essay on Africa was won by Louise Miller. We had 366 on the roll.

I have given a list of the teachers. Dr. Minard was still with us. Blake Moore was Dean, Bruce Mackey was Coach, Alberta Snowdon won one of the mathematics prizes. Ruth Hargrove helped in the library, James McCullum is mentioned as having Christian influence.

The valedictorian was Virginia Belcher, the salutatorian, Helen Johnson, the Citizenship prize was won by Mary Hendricks, the mathematics prize by John Patton, the Bible prize by Allen Merrick, the English prize by Gertrude Sheppard.

I continued my work with Friends of Africa, Harry Coleman leading. The club met in the cottage. It seemed to be more successful in the cottage when I could get the girls here. Many social events were sometimes in the way of religious work. However, we usually had a day in Chapel for Friends of Africa. The chapel programs were benefical always - usually under the leadership of the students. This is a fine work, giving students practise in public and church work.

Chapter XLIII.

1947-1948.

Some of my best friends graduated this year (1947-1948), among whom were Douglas Brown, Frank Benson, Harry Coleman, James Davis, Lady Bea Franklin, Thelma Moore, Gladys Verble and Margaret Webb.

Beulah Tucker was with me in the cottage, and Barbara, also spent her nights here. The girls were very nice to me and I tried to help Beulah in her lessons. There was some trouble about her music and other subjects. Prof. Cain helped her out and I was appointed to examine her in music. That was a surprise, but having heard piano lessons all my life, I undertook the task and passed her. She received her certificate. She built her parents a house with the money she earned, and then passed away. I remember Beulah with pleasure, and sorrow for her going. I was and am sorry that I displeased some of the faculty, but it seems I had to try to save my girl.

We had an enrollment of 346. I must say here that at times the catalogs were out too early, before Commencement when honors were not in. So that the years may be mixed regarding these honors and graduations. Thus I seem to have the graduates for 1947 in my record here.

The school was continuing to prosper under Dr. Boyd, who, fortunately had specialized in Public Speaking and in Mathematics. We had help in the Ensemble, also in Athletics. Social life was very agreeable. Prizes by admiring friends were being increased. The town and Conference were true. I should note here that the New Jersey Conference was and is standing by the school in honor of Dr. Hill, who came here from New Jersey. The Commercial Department was increasing in importance also.

Graduates are listed in 1949-1950, among them are Beulah Tucker.

At the beginning of the second semester I gave up to a sudden illness and left the library work for a month or six weeks. Miss Laura Jones had been appointed before, and fortunately came to the rescue at that time. After a short illness I returned to help Miss Jones. I cataloged the books and assisted some at the desk. Miss Jones was earnest and progressive, but could not make things go as she wished because of lack of help and equipment. She stayed with us the remainder of the year and the next year when she left us for more lucrative work.

Chapter XLIV.

1948-1949.

During this year we had Rev. J. H. Lovell as Pastor of Church and School and director of Religious Education. Ulysses McPherson was head of Athletics and Social Science, Miss Berthena Stevens helped with music, Claudia M. Patton in the Commercial department, and Pearl M. Strong was Cosmetologist. The last two named are so efficient they are still with us. Charles Roddy was made Director of Wallace Hall. He was indeed a great help to the School. He afterward married Beatrice Cody. Miss Katie Downs was Cook; now Dining Hall Superintendent, Blake Moore was Dean of Men; Willie M. Crawford (Coleman) as Dean of Women. We had a School Nurse, Viletta Wilkins. The School was progressing. Miss Jones was still with us as Librarian. I was able still to help and do the cataloging.

Graduates for 1948 were Louise Coryton, valedictorian, Douglas Brown, Beulah Goins, Leon Hull, Thelma Moore, and fifty others graduated. About the same number listed as Sophomores for 1948 and 1949.

The Founder's Day program had been inaugurated by Naomi Turner and was in full swing. It had saved the School in a great way.

It was in the Spring that Yaw Mann and Kwassi Sireboe came to us from Gold Coast, Africa. They had a hard time getting here. They came through Liberia to the U.S. They had lost their money and clothes on the way. Dr. Boyd heard of them and notified Philip Brown to meet them. This, Philip did and directed them to Morristown. They evidently had been told about Morristown by missionaries in Gold Coast. They arrived. At once the people of Morristown, led, I believe, by Mrs. Emery and Mrs. Eugene Walker, gathered clothes for them, some of which were in the cottage for a time, so that they had more wardrobes than any other boys. Dr. Boyd saw to their finance through the churches. They were established in the High School shortly.

Chapter XLV.

1949-1950.

This year Mrs. Boyd was Registrar, Mrs. Rippetoe came to us as Dietician, Dr. Branch was School Physician, Miss Clement was Librarian, Miss Dorothy Allen had English. Many others were still in their positions. I was able to help in the library and did the cataloging.

George Johnson was a Sophomore also, Liberta Woods and son, Leon Woods. It was this year that Samuel Roberts came to stay with me. He was sent by Rev. Earl Penn, then in Kansas City, to me for advice. I asked him to stay in the cottage, having no one with me at the time. His sister, Sadie came the second semester and also stayed with me. Sadie graduated in the Spring from the High School. Samuel was back one semester in English which he made up in Freshman year, so he could also be counted a graduate in 1950. He was never classified in Twelfth Grade. Samuel has always been a comfort to me. Sadie did not return for college work.

James Hopkins was valedictorian in 1949. George Byrd finished and went from here to Nashville for ministerial training. The Anderson Davis Citizenship prize went to Clarice Mitchell. The Eddie Tate prize was won by James Spann. The valedictorian for High School was ~~Anthony Eckel~~. The Dennis Branch prize for oratory was won by Dahlia Broadway. Morris Perry, a friend, graduated from College.

Lillian Richardson Hokanson
We had for enrollment 435. The School was growing and progressing under Dr. Boyd. The Friends of Africa prize was won by Samuel Roberts (essay on Missions) and the prize for Hymns was won by George Johnson. George was assistant registrar for a while. He had been in the Army and returned after this year. He is now in Germany.

Chapter XLVI.

1950-1951.

This year Mrs. Cole came as Librarian. I still classified books, but Mrs. Cole wished (and rightly) to have the cards all typed, so I left that part of the work.

Samuel Roberts was with me for his Freshman work, Rev. Penn and I thought it best for him to get as many credits as possible from this school. He was good company and helped in the missionary work in the town. I neglected to say before that I now called my Club Student Volunteer. I had belonged to the Student Volunteer when in Ohio Wesleyan - but that was not the only reason. I thought the students ought to have more training in Home Missions and so made two departments of the Club. The members visited the

sick and shut-ins of the town and occasionally gave baskets of food to them.

Some time during the year I took an overdose of medicine given me by Dr. Branch and became very sick, fainting away twice, but I recovered again. Dr. Branch thought I might have a cancer, but it proved to be a false hint. However I took treatments in a local hospital and soon recovered from that. I was sorry to be so out of harness, but was able to return to the library after a while. Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Edwards were very fine to visit and help me, as they still are.

The School was still flourishing. Dean Edwards made and still make a fine Dean. Prof Cain is bringing the High School to near perfection. It is now in control and payment of the city.

Dr. Minard is still with us, was and is a good friend to me. What I should do without him I do not know.

The Friends of Africa, under Student Volunteer, were greatly helped by Yaw Mau and Kwassi Siriboe.

Yaw won the essay prize. Perry Freeman won the hymn writing prize.

Chapter XLVII.

1951-1952.

It was during this year that Kwassi Siriboe won the prize for essay on Africa and Sematha Gregory won for essay on Home Missions. Joel Avant won the prize for hymn-writing. We had rather a slim attendance after the first meeting when the room was crowded. Alma Burdine was elected unanimously as President. Samuel Roberts was vice-president. Alma was unable to perform duties because of her demand as a singer, but Samuel helped us through. We did more in the Home Missions line, as Samuel, sometimes with the help of other members, visited the sick and shut-ins and carried baskets of food to them.

I could not help much in the library, but classified some books. It was this Spring that Mrs. Cole handed in her resignation (afterwards now accepted) so I went ahead with the catalogs having the help of Elfrida Cardwell, a fine typist and good help otherwise. There were about 1500 books which came to us from Dr. Hill's library. These we cataloged and put on the shelves. There were some others we did not get to. Elfrida should be a librarian. Mrs. Cole did return and I think she was relieved that so much had been done.

Samuel Roberts graduated in the Spring with honors and went to Knoxville College for his Junior Year. Margaret Bowman also graduated with honors and went to Nashville. Harold E. Franklin was Valedictorian.

At Commencement, the Alumnae, by Mrs. Sadie Martin Thompson, presented me with my Frigidaire. This surely was and still is an honor, as well as a great convenience for me, saving food and strength. I shall never forget George Holmes and the members of the Alumnae who worked so earnestly to give me this.

Chapter XLVIII.

1952 - 1953

The year, 1952, began with a terrible blow due to the sudden death of our beloved President, Mr. Miller Boyd. He had had in November of 1952 a strange and sudden attack of heart trouble (thought at the time to be serious stomach trouble), while at a meeting in Chattanooga. However, after coming home he seemed to recover, so much so that he had charge as usual of Thanksgiving exercises, making a fine address. On the following days he did his usual work, giving an address on Sunday at the Church at which time he presented the Church treasurer with \$100.00 which he had collected; then on Monday he made his usual address in Chapel, attended a political meeting in the city and felt much better, we thought. At 1 o'clock Tuesday morning he began again to suffer and was taken to a hospital where he passed from us about 4 o'clock December 2nd. Rev. Cannon came and told me of it early in the morning. This was a shock to me I shall never forget.

There was a largely attended funeral in the Chapel, which was banked with flowers. Many notable people gave sorrowful addresses and we all wept. At that time Mrs. Boyd was appointed Acting President, and at once took charge of the office. This was not only the best thing for the School but for her - for with her hands full of work she had little time for thinking and despairing. She had done a fine work as you will see by the tribute which follows.

This year our Africans went to other schools - Manu to Berea, Ky. College. He wanted journalism, and we had no press. Siriboe went to Milwaukee, Wis. for engineering, which we could not give him. I had one letter from him from there, but not since he left there. He could not meet expenses so I heard. He had to leave and went to Wilberforce, Ohio to an A. M. E. College there. We hope and pray for these two. They have three more years in these United States.

The Friends of Africa, under Student Volunteer Club, progressed finely. We had a new president during the latter part of the year, Miss Grace Davis. We had an enjoyable "get together" at a banquet held in the cottage. The Club invited Samuel Roberts from Knoxville College to deliver an address. Arnette Callands won the prize for essay on Home Missions and Coletta Palmer and Charles Fulton won prizes for hymn writing.

I was not able to get to the Library much and there was so little for me to do that I declined my salary, and too, I wished to help Mrs. Boyd in her struggle to meet expenses. The Board of Education raised my retiring allowance to \$50.00 per month. This was enough under present conditions, but I can not help students quite as much as I have been doing. (This income has now been increased by Social Security.)

The School is doing fine under the supervision of Mrs. Boyd. She is, as one of her brothers-in-law said to her, level-headed. The money exceeded those of other years even. Mrs. William Manning came ahead in Founder's Day collection with over \$300.00 and was given a scholarship. Other students came surprisingly near. The Conferences, Holston and East Tennessee and New Jersey were very liberal in donations. If we could get some big money for buildings and equipment we would surely make it.

A good many of my old friends came to Commencement: George Holmes, William Ayers among them. I was glad, too, to see some of my old girls, among them were Mabel Coff Tipton and Arizona Morrow. George McCravey was valedictorian and went to Knoxville College on scholarship. Wilbur Shaw, Clyde Bishop, William Lee and other good friends graduated.

We had 310 enrolled. The Industrial work progressed, especially carpentry, under Saunders Thompson. The "Radio" published comments of teachers on progress of the School under Mrs. Boyd, and these were all complimentary. I enclose a poem I wrote about that entitled "No Void".

Chapel programs were largely in hand of students. This is a good practice, giving a development in organizing and appearance in public. The Commercial Department is very efficient under Miss Patton. Some students won recognition abroad for efficiency. Eugene Goodson deserves special mention in this line. He is also a fine singer.

Miss Madeline Evans is a fine Matron of girls, and Mrs. Kines (Mother Kines, the boys call her) is indeed good for the boys. Mrs. Downs is a good supervisor of Kenwood Refectory. Rev. Cannon, Pastor of School and Church is a fine preacher and instructor. The interesting Chapel programs are largely due to him. Mrs. Pearl Strong still has Cosmetology and is successful. Dean Edwards and Principal Cain are standing by Mrs. Boyd valiantly, while John T. Williams, as Business Director, is indispensable.

In my report about funds I neglected to tell of "League of a Thousand Friends", the Alumnae, of course, being a part, but others participating. The members contribute \$10.00 each year. Of course this helps a great deal in meeting the expenses of the year.

Chapter XLIX

1953 - 1954.

I have given in the preceding chapters much I remembered about our fine students, but I know that my memory has sometimes failed me so I am writing this extra chapter to give credit to many others.

Anderson Davis, now Rev. A. Davis, has been a help to the School and to the world since he graduated. John Philips, now a leading dentist in Washington, D. C., was once taken for my son, as indeed he is in a spiritual sense. He has made good in his profession and has brought honor to all of us. E. H. and Henry Forrest have supported the School and have both gone to their reward. Andrew Fulton, whose grandchildren are students here, gave his life in service. He was sold as a slave, was rescued, was educated here and was a teacher here for many years. It was he who recommended me as a teacher. Sallie Gill, an early graduate, was a missionary in the West Indies for years. John Holt, a prosperous physician, was an early graduate. Leander Hill, who recently passed, was pronounced the best dentist known by many. He was also an honest Christian. His sister, Paralee, was my friend. She made me a lovely scarf with her own hands. I remember her with love.

Mae Frazier (once Swaggerty - now Leeper) has spent her life in Christian service. Leon James, an early graduate, taught here. He is doing effective service for humanity. Lubertha Leeper (Johnson) is doing good as a minister's wife. Arthus Nicholls, of good standing here, is making good too, as Principal of the Judson S. Hill School. Swann Spann has done well in that he has sent to us many students. Mrs. Hattie Walker, an early graduate, lives in Morristown, and has been a help to the School, as teacher and friend, as well as Mother to the Church at the foot of the hill. Edith Weems (Cox) was teacher and Matron for years, and afterwards served Christ as a preacher's wife.

I remember certain students with great pleasure whom I had in the grades. Some of these are: Nena Goins and Willie Johnson, firm friends; Carl James Dockery and Alma Dwinn, afterwards husband and wife; Payton Manning and Francis Clark, cousins. The friendship of these good students has been continued pleasure to me. Eddie Tate and Mary Ruth Jobe were in my tenth grade English Class and were a comfort, especially because of fine scholarship.

Honorable mention should be made of Cladus Howell (now a veterinary surgeon, who helped me so much to clean up the cottage. He was and is a fine young man. Joe Harland, High School graduate in 1949, now in the Flying Force of the U. S. A., was one of my best friends. He even did work for me in the cottage and would take no pay, ever. Walter Tard, student minister, was interested in "Let My People Go" and sold a number of the books, all I had left, for me. He passed away before graduation, to our sorrow.

Jack Tate, one of our students left January, 1953. He is now in Alaska in the Army. John Carmen and Dewey Cain, High School graduates, are in the Air Force. Clifford Johnson, one of our best graduates, has helped greatly in the industrial work, as student and teacher. Maralyn Riddle helped in the library by typing. She left before graduation to take a position. Wilbur Shaw, son of Bishop Shaw, graduated in the Spring of 1953. He was a good and faithful student.

The Bishop family of Morristown has helped the School and Church greatly. Clyde Bishop was a fine student. The Goodson family has also helped. Eugene won prizes. He is a fine singer. Dorothy Blevins, relative of my friend Blevins, of Knoxville, has been of value to the faculty as typist. Rebecca Courtney left us before graduation. My Mother's name was Rebecca, and my father's name was Courtney, so I was especially interested in this pretty girl, and hated to have her leave us. Edward Talley helped me in one of my Thanksgiving programs. Of late years the attendance was small because of students scattered for Thanksgiving holidays and because of football games. I should speak of Bobby Fulton who graduated in the Spring of 1952. She is a fine pianist and helped the school greatly. She is now in Knoxville College. Edward Cockran, a young minister, was with us until graduation. He was and is a special friend of mine. I should also mention the continued friendship of Hazel Banthead, of Teresa Blair, of Dorothy Johnson, of Mrs. Irvin (Cannon), of Dr. and Mrs. Lennon, of Beatrice Reinhardt and of Winifred Moore.

I remember with pleasure a student names Donell Robinson of Mobile, Alabama. I think I have not mentioned him before. I have not said enough about Martha Richardson, now in Pittsburg, Pa., who has been a true friend for years. She was a teacher here for several years. She invited me to visit her. Dr. and Mrs. Lennon, of Knoxville, have been true friends to the school, especially in remembrance of their son who was one of our fine students. The Gorman girls, Irene and Una V. Gorman, of Newport, are life-long friends. I must mention Clifford Johnson, one of our best students, who served his country in the Army and his School when he returned. James Davis, one of our good students, was a great help to me in "Friends of Africa" Club and helped the School in other ways.

The Reverend Howard has been one of the stays of the School for years. I remember, too, that I went to teach in one of his Conferences for young people in Bluefield, Va., during one summer. This was a pleasure to me. Delilah Harrison, a fine girl, was a helper to me in the Club. Viola Wood Collins I remember with pleasure. The Hendricks family, all of whom I taught, were good friends of mine. I think I mentioned Joseph Travis, founder of "The Radio", our fine school paper.

Toby and Henry Pearson are making good. Toby, who is married to Barbara Allen, is now in the Army. The Mother of these fine boys was a good friend of mine, and their Aunt Roberta, also,

who is an excellent singer. I do not know that I have mentioned a soldier boy, Tommy Nowlin, who has served his country and is now continuing his education. Soldiers who return to private life are to be commended for doing what Tommy has done.

My good friend, Mabel Wright Bryant, a former student, sent her son to us recently. It is gratifying when former students send their children to us. It speaks well for the School. Mabel and Virginia Bianchi, were students here recently. Mabel went to another school for one year, but returned here to finish our course. This, too, is gratifying. It makes us feel that our standing is not poor.

As to gratitude, I remember Dorothy Johnson, who gave me a present for a little help with her lessons. This is a good example for all people in every walk of life. The Ford sisters, of Knoxville, I do not forget ever. Mrs. Clark, a good teacher, and her son Clyde were good students of ours. Frencha Kyle, sister of Dr. Kyle, was a firm friend of mine. Saunders Thompson and Mrs. Thompson (Louise Tate) are some of the best friends of the School. Mr. Thompson is one of our teachers and Mrs. Thompson often substitutes.

Elizabeth Saunders and Eddie Tate give prizes for good work in their lines every Commencement. Lloyd Hawkins was President of the "Friends of Africa" and I know that now he has the missionary spirit. Leon James was one of my fellow teachers after graduation, Loftus James was our pianist while here. His daughter was with me in the cottage for a time. His wife, Iva Lena Franklin, was one of my girls long ago. I must mention again that Dr. and Mrs. Kloefer, now of Knoxville College, have been a great help in the matter of living. Naomi Whitson helped so much. Alonzo Hodge, a young preacher, has been and is a faithful friend. Theresa Blair came to me for help one summer and was more help to me than I was to her. David Crosby, of some years ago, I remember with joy. Clarissa Mitchell was a help in the Club. Bruce Mackey and wife (Ollie Nichols) were a comfort to me always. Warren Hill, 6 years of age, used to run to meet me when I returned from week-ends. Clara Hill had just graduated from High School. I remember Clarence Huff, a fine young man, and William Hight, a young minister, and many others who have been a success and an honor to the School.

After Samuel Roberts left me, I was alone. I needed some one very badly and God helped me as usual by sending to me Robert (Bobby) Hayden during the summer of 1952. He was a great comfort to me, and continued to live in the cottage until the Spring of 1953, when he went to the dormitory after a brief illness.

Thomas Burten came to my rescue in the Spring of 1953, and now in 1953-1954 is with me. He is a good son, and we live together in harmony.

The Friends of Africa, now known as the Volunteer Club

is prospering under the leadership of Grace Davis. Special committees for Home and Foreign Missions are working earnestly and attendance is very good. This work leads me to think I am not utterly useless. We now have two young ministers, Lovell Wilson and Howard Hinson, who are a great help to the club. Ophelia Hudson and Nancy Wyson are doing effective work as heads of committees.

I should mention here that we have some fine additions to the faculty: for instance, the Reverend Cannon, an excellent preacher, Mrs. Jaems, a most efficient English teacher, and Miss Hight, daughter of Joel Hight, mentioned before, a very good librarian. It is gratifying when former students sent to us their children to work in the school. This gives us prestige.

I am afraid I have not given enough recognition to the Jobe girls who were such good friends of mine. There was Gladys, who married Griffen Green and whose son is now with us, Jesse Mae Jobe, who helped me much in the library, Mary Ruth, my fine student who became a good teacher. I wish also to speak again of the Franklin sisters. Odessa, a student of mine, is now secretary to Dr. Branch in Newport, Lea V. now a teacher in Newport, who stayed with me one year, Lady Bea who was with me two years, since then a teacher in White Pine.

I promised to give a copy of "No Void" to these memoirs, but I am unable to find a copy and therefore am not able to keep my promise. "No Void" was in commemoration of the splendid work of Mrs. Boyd, assisted by the faculty, the student and the conferences, after the passing of Dr. Boyd.

In conclusion, I must say that I owe much to my friends, both teachers and students, who have been an inspiration to me, some of whom I may not have had space or memory to mention.

A new era may be dawning upon Morristown College with the advent of the new President, H. L. Dickerson. Those gone before have done a superior job. Success to the new regime.