

Farwell, W. H. Atchison, A. Newcomer and F. B. Brayton.

September 16, 1873, the executive committee reported that "they, together with R. R. Hitt, had secured the services of N. C. Dougherty, as principal, together with a full and competent faculty, under whose management the school had been opened with the most satisfactory results," and recommended that they be elected and confirmed.

Accordingly Prof. N. C. Dougherty was elected principal; R. Arthur Edwards, professor of Latin and Greek; Miss Lottie M. Smith, preceptress; Miss Maria Hitt, teacher of music.

In 1878, the Board of Trustees consisted of F. G. Petrie, president; Frederick B. Brayton, secretary; Hon. Robert R. Hitt, N. C. Dougherty, (ex officio), Andrew Newcomer, Rev. Richard Edwards, Rev. W. H. Tibbals, Rev. W. A. Burns, B. F. Sheets, Capt. John W. Hitt, Chas. Newcomer, Isaac Rice and Jackson Farwell.

The faculty consisted of Newton C. Dougherty, principal; Richard A. Edwards, instructor in Latin and Greek; John H. Parr, instructor in natural science and mathematics; Florence Farnsworth, instructor in reading and grammar; Edward L. Wells, instructor in the science and art of teaching; Florence Brayton, instructor in instrumental music; Lillian D. Brayton, instructor in penciling and painting.

Toward the close of the principalship of Prof. Dougherty, the seminary bore the appearance of prosperity, but an expensive faculty was too much of a burden upon the financial resources of the institution, and the school finally closed down in 1878 for that reason. Then, too, the Methodists had established at Evanston a much larger and better-equipped school known as the Northwestern University, which encroached very seriously upon the territory from which the seminary had drawn her students. The heavy mortgage upon the property of the seminary finally ended the administration of the Methodists. To satisfy the creditors the property was sold, Hon. R. R. Hitt being the purchaser. Mr. Hitt kept the seminary property in his possession for

some time, but finally disposed of the two old buildings and campus to Elder Melchor Newcomer for the sum of six thousand dollars. The two blocks west of the present campus, now known as the Seminary Addition, Mr. Hitt had platted and sold in lots.

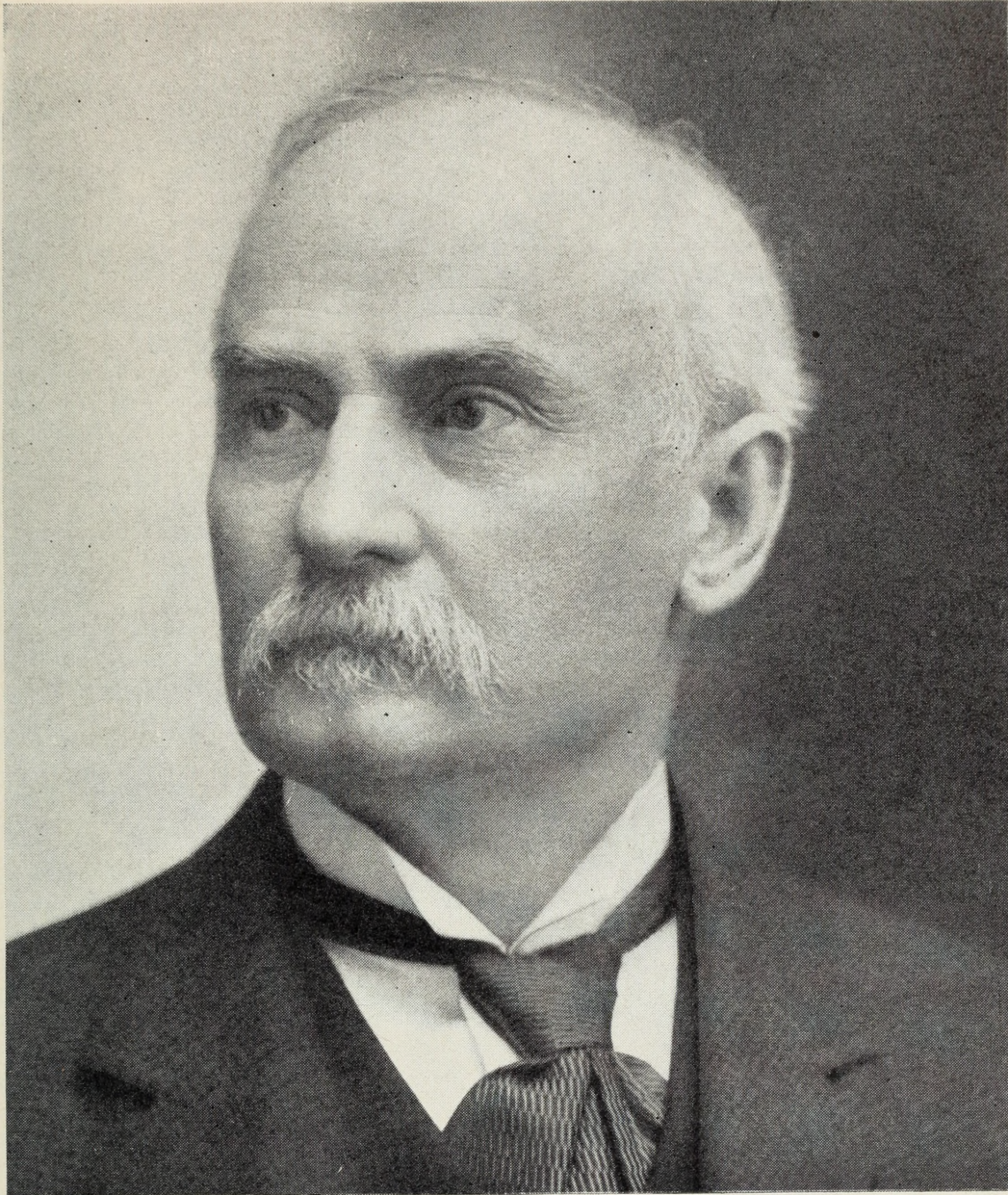
Thus ended the career of the renowned and time-honored Rock River Seminary, after a checkered but influential life of forty years.

The following extract from a historical sketch, contained in the catalog of the Institution for 1874 was written by Robert R. Hitt:

"The country was then very sparsely settled—a wide region of far-sweeping prairies, with winding strips of woodland following the course of the streams—the few people scattered here and there were mostly persons with narrow means, working diligently to open farms, living in small, inconvenient, temporary houses, with the pressure of necessity—clothing, food, the improvement of land, their stock and crops—to divert their attention from the future value of education to their sons and daughters. They generally possessed more individual energy and force of character than is found in the average citizen nowadays, and responded readily to the appeals of the agents of the Seminary and the enthusiastic Methodist circuit riders, who entered upon this cause as heartily as they do upon every other good thing. The students who came were, many of them, crude and awkward beginners; a few were advanced by previous advantages in the east, but they were generally of good families, and their education in the school was preceded and supplemented by home and social education, rendering it ten-fold more valuable. They grew up with the spirit of the period upon them, the energy characteristic of a new country, and, as a result, there is a surprising proportion of those whose names occur as students in the catalog of those days who have risen to distinction as clergymen, lawyers, merchants, politicians, editors, influential and substantial citizens, or accomplished, useful and honored women. Among those who appeared in the first catalog were Dr. Augustus H. Ankeny,

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CONGRESSMAN ROBERT R. HITT was probably the most distinguished citizen that Mount Morris ever produced. His father was Rev. Thomas S. Hitt, a Methodist minister, who brought his family to Mount Morris in the fall of 1837. Robert, the second son, was born at Urbana, Ohio, Jan. 16, 1834, and was therefore only three years of age when he arrived here. He received his first learning under A. Quinby Allen in a private school. He attended Rock River Seminary in Mount Morris, and later graduated from Asbury Academy, Greencastle, Ind., in 1855.

He began his career as a law reporter and newspaper writer in Chicago in 1857. He became an adept shorthand reporter and reported the famous Lincoln-Douglas debate in 1858. In 1868, he made an extensive tour of Europe and eastern countries. In 1873, when Rock River Seminary was in financial trouble, he purchased the property and gave financial support. Later he sold it to Melchor Newcomer and it became a Dunkard institution. In 1874, he was appointed by Pres. Grant to be first secretary of the American Legation at Paris. Under Pres. Garfield, he was appointed Assistant Secretary of State, under Secretary Blaine. In 1882, he was nominated by the Republicans for Representative in Congress from this district and was elected in the fall election by a large majority over his Democratic opponent, J. S. Ticknor. He took his seat in December, 1882, and was continuously elected thereafter until his death in 1906. For a number of years he was chairman of the important committee on Foreign Affairs.

In 1874, Mr. Hitt married Miss Sallie Reynolds of Lafayette, Ind., and they had two sons, Robert Reynolds and Wm. Floyd. He passed away Sept. 20, 1906, at the age of 72 years, and is buried in Oakwood Cemetery. Mrs. Hitt is still living in Washington

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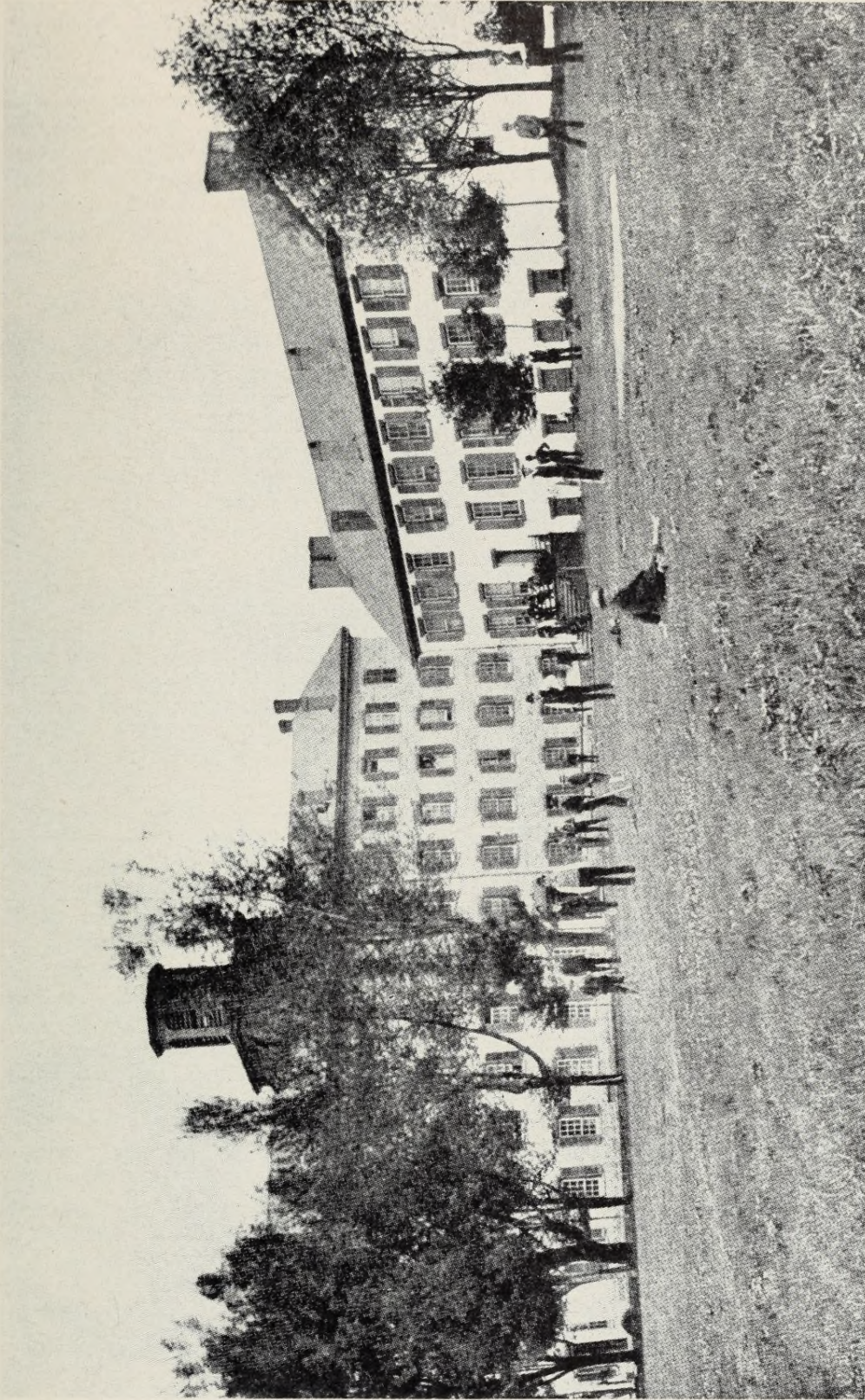
later a leading and wealthy citizen of Clinton, Iowa; T. C. Ankeny, of Viroqua, editor of the *Wisconsin Independent*; Rev. Jno. Emery Clark, a well-known Methodist educator; John B. Cheney, afterward a brilliant lawyer; Albert Deere, the manufacturer of the Deere plow, at Moline; Prof. S. M. Fellows, long a teacher here, a man of great worth and thorough scholarship; Richard N. Hamilton, of Chicago; James C. T. Phelps, William J. Mix of Oregon; Rev. Wm. R. Irvine, Hon. James D. Turner, Gen. W. H. L. Wallace, afterward a prominent lawyer, a soldier of distinction in the Mexican war, and in the Civil War rising to the rank of a General officer, fell gallantly fighting at Shiloh; Gen. M. R. M. Wallace, brother of the preceding, who became Judge of the Cook County Court; Capt. John F. Wallace, another brother, who served in the army and died at Galveston, Texas. Among the ladies, Margaret C. Hitt, wife of Hon. D. J. Pinckney; Helen M. Judson, wife of Gov. Jno. L. Beveridge; Elizabeth Reynolds, wife of Hon. L. P. Sanger. Scores of others, equally well known and honored, might be mentioned from the 156 names in the first catalog."

Since the writing of the foregoing in 1874, some of the persons mentioned advanced to still more prominent positions. In addition to those already mentioned must also be added the former member of Congress from this District, Hon. Robert R. Hitt; John W. Hitt, for many years a prominent citizen of Mount Morris; Robert S. Hitt, of Chicago; Dr. Benj. G. Stephens, who died in Mount Morris many years ago; Almira M. Robertson, later Mrs. A. M. Bacon of Oregon; Ann E. Swingley, later Mrs. J. C. Phelps of Oregon; John Hitt, Deputy Collector of Customs at Chicago over thirty years; James Martin, afterwards a professor in the institution, and later principal of a seminary near Sacramento, Cal. During later years when Prof. Pinckney was principal, a great many other prominent men attended the seminary, among whom were Gen. John A. Rawlins, Secretary of War under President Grant; Gov. John L. Beveridge; Senator Shelby M. Cullom; Hon. G. L. Fort, member of

Congress; Hon. James H. Beveridge, ex-State Treasurer; Hon. Henry L. Magoon, at one time member of Congress from Wisconsin; Rev. Dr. Fowler, editor of the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, New York; Daniel H. Wheeler, afterward professor at Cornell College and Northwestern University at Evanston, and later editor of the *Methodist* at New York; Hon. Moses Hallett, afterward United States Judge in Colorado; John V. Farwell, a partner in one of the largest wholesale dry-goods houses in Chicago; Congressman George W. Curtis, of Iowa; James H. Cartwright, Chief Justice of Illinois; John P. Hand, Justice Supreme Court of Illinois; Judge Theodore D. Murphy, Woodstock, Illinois; Judge Edmund W. Burke, Chicago; Judge Lucien C. Blanchard, Oskaaloosa, Iowa; Judge Reuben C. Bassett, Seneca, Kansas; Gen. Smith D. Atkins, Freeport, Illinois; Prof. Fernando Sanford, Leland Stanford University, California; and many others who achieved success, but cannot readily be traced.

STUDENTS REUNION OF 1886

IN December, 1885, after the institution had been under the control of the Brethren for several years, a number of the citizens of Mount Morris, who still harbored a warm affection in their hearts for the old school, conceived the idea of having a reunion of the alumni of the seminary, together with all those who attended from its origin in 1839 to the close in 1879. The plan received enthusiastic support, and the reunion, which occurred in June, 1886, was a great success. The first move toward the carrying out of the project was the calling of a meeting in February, which resulted in the appointment of the following officers: Hon. R. R. Hitt, president; A. W. Brayton, treasurer; Dr. W. T. Speaker, secretary. As many names and addresses of old students and teachers were obtained as possible, and a circular issued, requesting names and addresses of others. This circular was sent to about three hundred persons, and from this small nucleus the whereabouts of more than sixteen hundred of "Old Sandstone's" graduates and students were learned.



THE BUILDINGS of Rock River Seminary as they appeared in the seventies. The building at the right was the first permanent structure erected in Mount Morris and was built in 1839 by James B. McCoy. The stone building on the left was built in 1853 by Jacob M. Myers.

From north and south, east and west, came letters conveying the names and addresses of farmers, merchants, clergymen, governors, senators, legislators, judges, bishops, poets, and men and women occupying the most prominent and enviable positions in life. Also missives from across the briny deep told in tender and loving words of the deep regrets, and the longings to be present with that noble band of boys and girls, students of "Old Rock River Seminary." From the flattering results obtained from the first circular, committees were appointed to carry forward the completion of, and arrange dates for, the grand reunion. The twenty-ninth and thirtieth days of June and the first day of July, 1886, were the days selected for the occasion, with a program filled with many rare treats.

Not less than 7,500 students went out into the world from the shades of "Old Sandstone" since its foundation. Out of this number, 365 names were enrolled on the secretary's book at the reunion, and their owners answered "present" at the "roll-call" during "chapel exercises." Mount Morris gave the visitors a royal welcome. Wesley Street was gaily decorated with evergreens and flags, and the "Welcome," in huge letters, stretched entirely across the street, showing due appreciation of the event. A large flag was also stretched above the stile at the east entrance of the college campus. In the southeast corner of the beautiful grassy campus, under the foliage of large spreading maples, seats were erected for a thousand people, and a stage that would accommodate a hundred.

The programs of the three days were participated in by scores of men who possessed great ability. Thousands of people gathered each day to hear them relate tales of their old college days, and tell of the pleasures, as well as the hardships, of the days spent in acquiring knowledge within "Old Sandstone." Among the old students who gave the longest and most interesting speeches were Hon. John Hitt, of Chicago; Col. B. F. Sheets, of Oregon; and Hon. R. R. Hitt. Later in the summer, there was published a 56-page booklet, containing

a complete report of the proceedings of the three days, also the letters of regret sent in to the secretary, and the entire roll of all the old students who attended the reunion.

The reunion was a grand success, and the pleasure and profit afforded by the three days spent in talking over "auld lang syne" will not be forgotten by those present while life lasts. And may it be likewise with "Old Rock River Seminary!"

LEGAL TRANSACTIONS

THE abstract of title of the Seminary property covers a large number of transactions which show the financial difficulties which the Seminary had during the period of its existence.

The original entry on all of the land on which Mount Morris is located, including the Seminary property, was made on August 17, 1841, and it appeared on the abstract as follows: "United States to Anthony Pitzer. The Auditor of the State certifies to the County Clerk of Ogle County that said Anthony Pitzer on August 17, 1841, entered the East $\frac{1}{2}$ of the South East $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 27 in Township 24 North, Range 9 East of the 4th P. M., containing 80 acres."

It appears that the government survey of this part of Ogle County had not been completed when the original settlers arrived here and they simply made their claims as squatters, and legal titles were not issued until later. This land which was entered in the name of Anthony Pitzer, who was one of the trustees of Rock River Seminary, doubtless was originally claimed by Nathaniel Swingley and Samuel M. Hitt, and they probably donated the claim to Rock River Seminary.

The incorporation of Rock River Seminary as recorded, dated February 18, 1841, was authorized by a Special Act of the Illinois State Legislature. The first and second sections of the act to incorporate are as follows:

"Sec. 1. Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Illinois Represented in the General Assembly: That John Clark, Leander S. Walker, Thomas S. Hitt, Jacob B. Crist, C. Burr Artz, Samuel M. Hitt, John Wallace, Nathaniel

Swingley, Anthony Pitzer, James J. Beatty, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate under the name and style of 'The Rock River Seminary,' and henceforth should be styled and known by that name; and by that name and style to remain and have perpetual succession; the number of trustees shall not exceed twelve, exclusive of the principal or presiding officer of the Seminary, who shall ex-officio be a member of the Board of Trustees.

"Sec. 2. The object of said corporation shall be the promotion of the general interest of education, to qualify the youth of our country to engage in the several employments and professions of society, and to discharge honorably and usefully the various duties of life.

"The entire 80 acres which had been transferred from the government to Anthony Pitzer was deeded October 18, 1842, to Rock River Seminary with the following provision: 'To have and to hold said premises unto the said party of the second part and their successors forever for a Seminary of Learning under the supervision and control of the Rock River Conference of the Methodist Church.'"

On June 3, 1841, a mortgage was filed by James B. McCoy for \$5,000.00 which was released March 22, 1842. Mr. McCoy was the contractor for the building of Old Sandstone.

On March 22, 1842, another mortgage was given to Contractor James B. McCoy for \$5,449.88. This was released April 18, 1844.

On March 25, 1845, a mortgage was given to Selvy Kidder, of the State of Ohio for \$6,069.93. This was released September 14, 1852.

On September 14, 1852, a mortgage was given to John T. Allen, New York City, for \$7,000.00. Payment of this mortgage was in default and the property was sold at a Master-in-Chancery sale to Edwin P. Smith, of New York City for the sum of \$5,230.86, he being the highest bidder. However, this sale did not include the original 80 acres,

but approximately 12½ acres, and included only the Seminary Square, consisting of four blocks.

On November 1, 1862, Edwin P. Smith agreed to sell the property back to a new organization, The Rock River Joint Stock Association, for the sum of \$3,000.00 and on November 1, 1864, the property was deeded to Frederick B. Brayton, President of the Rock River Seminary Joint Stock Association. The property transferred was described as follows: "Northerly by Main Street 990 feet, Easterly by Wesley Avenue 574 feet, Southerly by Center Street 990 feet and Westerly by Mulberry Street 574 feet, containing 12½ acres.

On September 13, 1866, this same property was deeded by Frederick B. Brayton, President of the Rock River Seminary Joint Stock Association, to F. B. Petrie, President of the Trustees of Rock River Seminary.

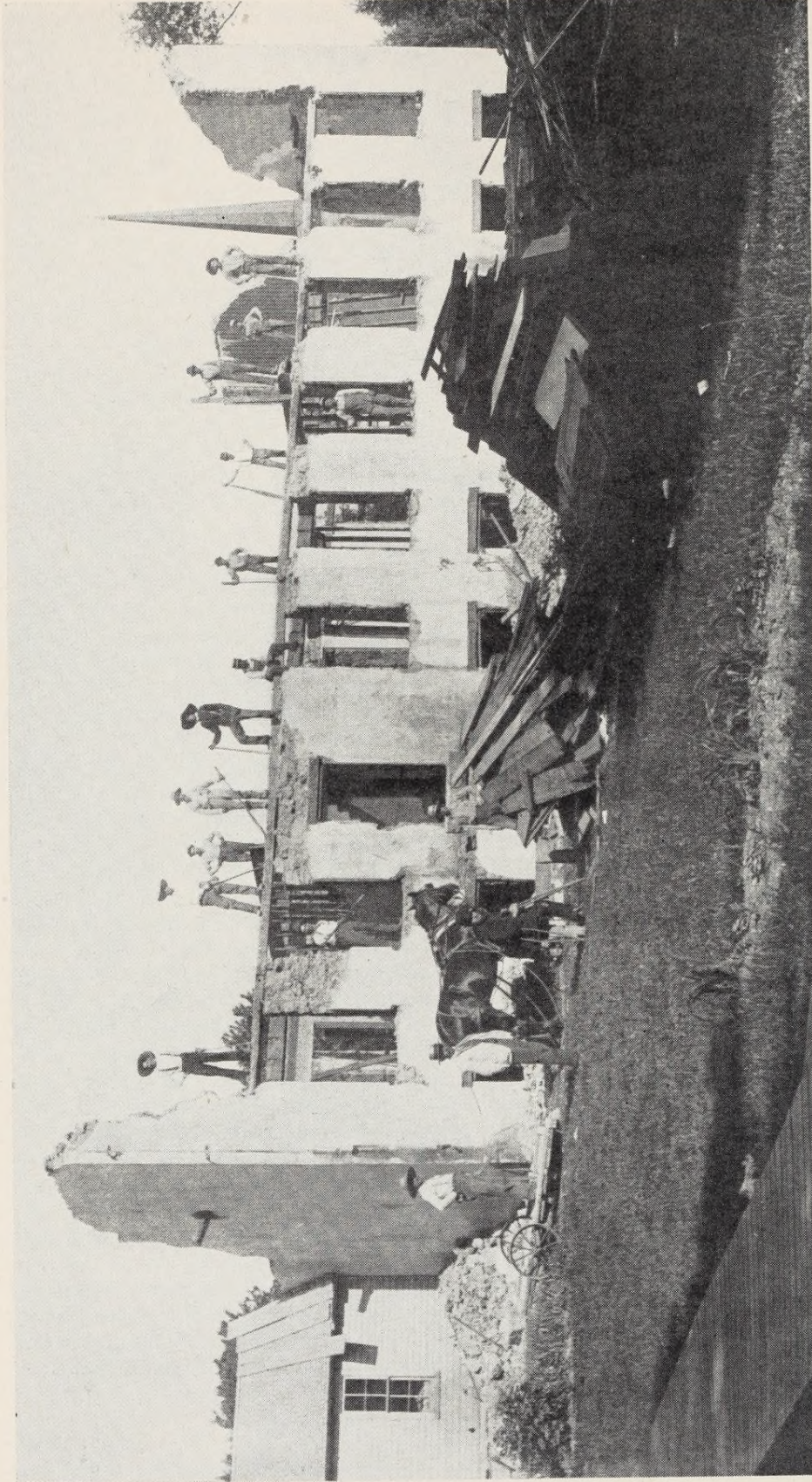
It appears that the name of the corporation owning this property was changed and on May 30, 1867, Frederick G. Petrie deeded the property to the Rock River Seminary and Collegiate Institute.

On April 1, 1868, the Rock River Seminary and Collegiate Institute Trustees issued a trust deed to Daniel Dow, of Rockford, for the sum of \$2,000.00 and on February 18, 1870, this was increased to \$3,000.00 with interest at 10%.

On August 12, 1872, this trust deed was transferred to Robert R. Hitt, who in turn gave a warranty deed dated January 1, 1875, to Newton C. Dougherty. This transfer apparently included only the east half of the property comprising the present college campus and Mr. Hitt retained ownership of the two blocks west of the campus. The consideration was \$6,000.00.

On June 28, 1875, Newton C. Dougherty gave a trust deed to Albert N. Newcomer for \$5,000.00. This was released June 3, 1878.

At this juncture Rock River Seminary was forced to close its doors and Newton C. Dougherty deeded the property back to Robert R. Hitt for the sum of \$5,000.00.



repaired and allowed to stand permanently as a monument to the founding of the village. There was plenty of space on the campus for the new building and it would appear from this perspective that a great mistake was made in wrecking this historic old building.

THIS PICTURE was taken in 1893 and shows the original "Old Sandstone" being wrecked to make room for the new ladies' dormitory. This old building was built in 1839 and was the first permanent structure to be built in Mount Morris. The walls were of heavy masonry and covered with plaster. This building could have stood for centuries and it is regrettable that it was not

Chapter 6

MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE

AS has been noted in the preceding chapter, Rock River Seminary, during the seventies, became involved financially and finally was forced to close her doors in 1878, after a glorious career of forty years. Hon. R. R. Hitt purchased the property and after standing idle for a year, Mr. Hitt disposed of the two east blocks of the property on which the two old buildings stood to Melchor S. Newcomer for the sum of \$6,000. This marked the beginning of the movement to establish an educational institution for the Church of the Brethren, or Dunkards, as they were more commonly known. With the moral support of John H. Moore, M. M. Eshelman, Samuel C. Price, John Price, Daniel Wingert, and others, Elder Newcomer associated with him J. W. Stein of Missouri and D. L. Miller, each taking a third interest. Mr. Stein was elected president and Mr. Miller secretary and business manager. After expending several thousand dollars in improvements, the three gentlemen reopened the school under the name of Rock River Seminary and Collegiate Institute. A catalog and a circular were issued, a competent faculty engaged, and all preparations made to reestablish the institution.

On Aug. 20, 1879, the first term of the school under the management of these Brethren was opened. Sixty students—a very encouraging beginning considering all the circumstances—were in attendance. Prof. Stein displayed remarkable ability as president of the college and as an instructor, but in the year 1881 he became the principal of an escapade, the equal of which never occurred in Mount Morris before or since. On pretense of going to Europe for his health, he left his wife and family and eloped with his ward, Miss Delilah

Tombaugh, who had been living with the family and attending the college.

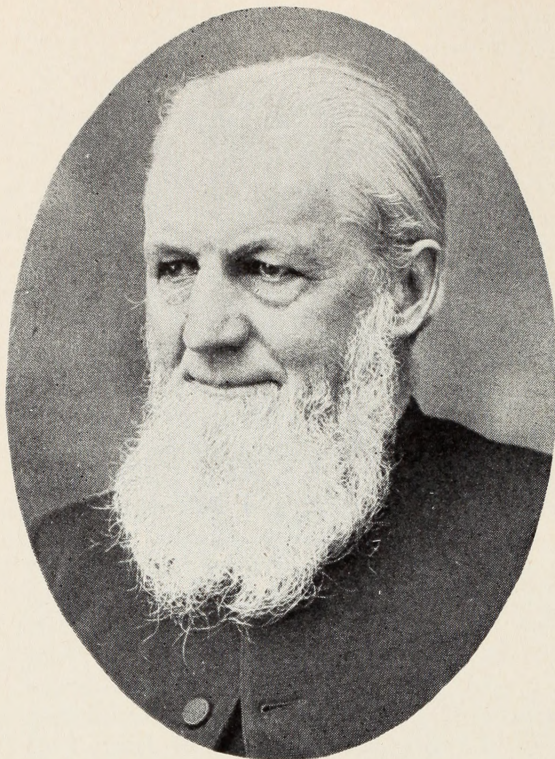
The desertion of the institution by President Stein was a hard blow on the infant school. The block of ground west of the college campus had been purchased, a new college building planned, a farm of 160 acres was being negotiated for, and the prospects for the success of the school were very bright. Then came the blow as a clap of thunder from a clear sky. And discouragements came not singly. At that time, at a conference of the Northern District of Illinois of the church, all the elders, save one, advised Newcomer and Miller to close the school. Under these most depressing influences, the entire burden resting on the two men, the building project was abandoned, the negotiations for the farm ended, and the block of ground, now built over with substantial residences, was allowed to revert to the original owners.

After the departure of President Stein, D. L. Miller became president and also continued as business manager of the college, which rather dignified title the institution was then beginning to assume. Under his management the patronage of the school rapidly increased, young men and women coming from all parts of the country where members of the Church of the Brethren were located.

In 1884, the trustees obtained a new charter for the school and changed the name to Mount Morris College. The capital stock at that time amounted to \$30,000. In that year, Prof. J. G. Royer came here with his family from Indiana and invested considerable money in stock. He was then elected president, which position he filled with much credit for twenty years. From that time the advancement of the college was

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MELCHOR S. NEWCOMER, son of Isaac and Elizabeth Newcomer, was born in Washington County, Md., Jan. 28, 1842, and died Feb. 18, 1920, aged 78 years. At the age of 12, he came to Illinois with his parents, who settled on a farm six miles northwest of Mount Morris. He continued to reside in or near Mount Morris the remainder of his life. He was one of the organizers of Mount Morris College in 1879, after the close of Rock River Seminary. He was elected to the ministry of the Brethren Church in 1869, and served the West Branch congregation for a number of years. He was married in 1865 to Mary Eliza Hammer, and they had nine children. Four of them preceded the father in death and those remaining were Elizabeth Mertz, Ruth Shelly, Elva Cripe, Grace and John. Mrs. Newcomer died April 30, 1920, aged 77 years.

steady, and its development was noted with much pleasure by the citizens of Mount Morris. Each year new improvements were added and the equipment and facilities of the college greatly increased for the better accommodation of the young men and women who came from nearly all parts of the Union to develop their moral and intellectual capabilities.

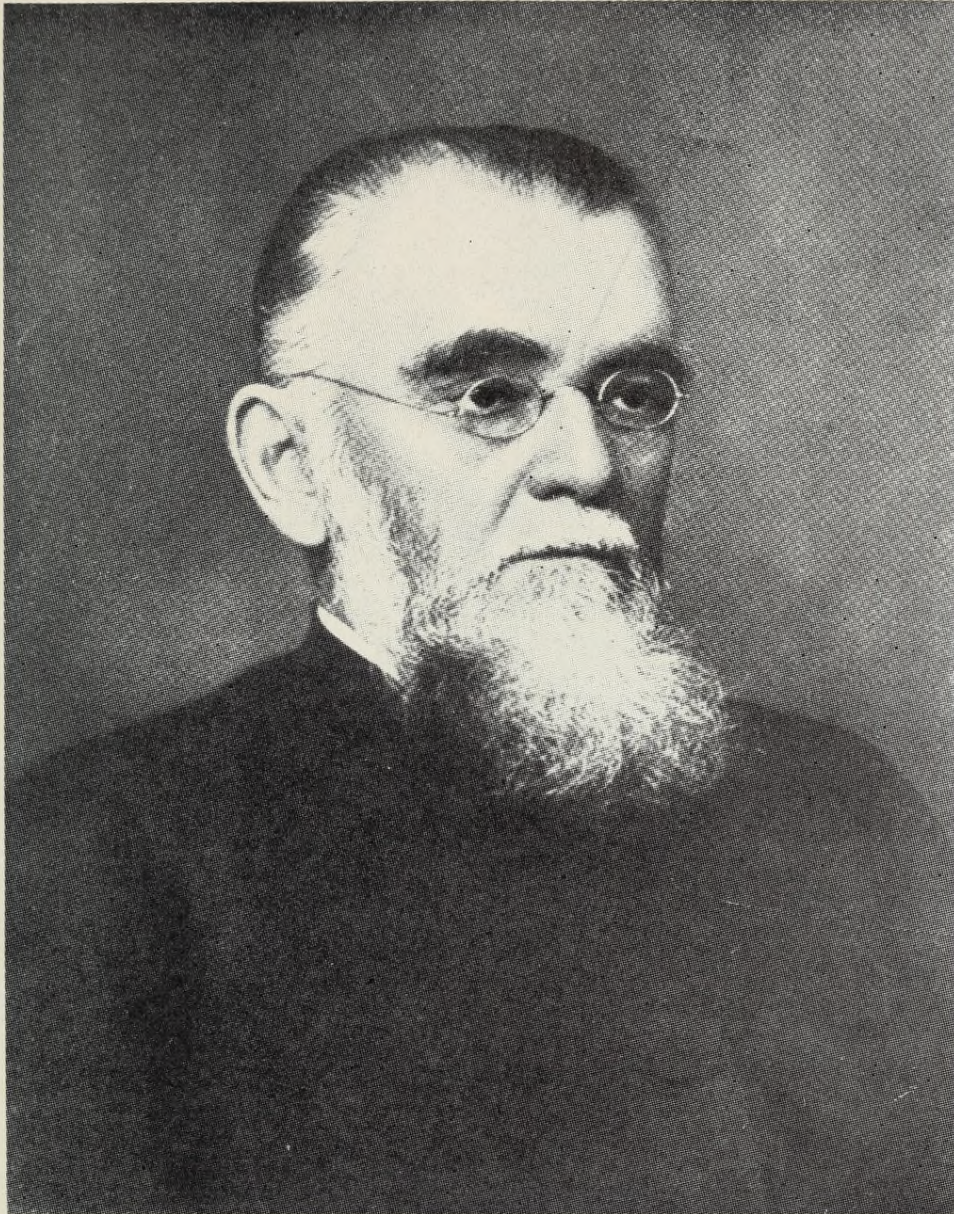
During the latter part of the eighties, the two original seminary buildings became entirely inadequate for the growing necessities of the college. Accord-

ingly, plans were set on foot for the erecting of a new building. About \$20,000 were necessary for the erection of the desired building, and Pres. Royer started to solicit the amount by subscription throughout the Brotherhood. The canvass proved successful and the contract was given to N. E. Buser. Ground was broken for the building in

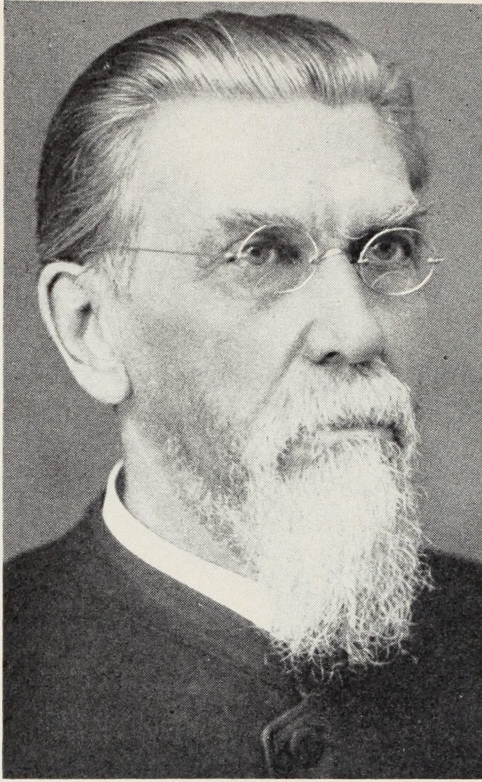
PROF. J. W. STEIN was the first president of Mount Morris College from 1879 to 1881, when he disappeared under very peculiar circumstances. It appears that when Prof. Stein and his family came to Mount Morris they were accompanied by Miss Delilah Tombaugh, who is said to have been a girl of strikingly handsome face and form. She came to Mount Morris to enjoy the educational advantages of the college. In intellect she was far the superior of Mrs. Stein, and she and Stein were constantly studying together, possessing, it is said, an affinity of tastes. The result of this companionship can be conjectured. Though there was a difference of twenty years in their ages, the president of the college and his pupil fell in love with each other. The vigilant public soon discovered this fact and Stein commenced to devise ways and means to evade the consequences of his guilty amour. He gave out that the duties of the presidency were weighing upon him to such an extent that it was imperative for him to take a trip to Europe in order to recuperate. He also represented that Miss Tombaugh was to be married to a young man named Petri, in Chicago, and he accompanied her thither, returning with a glowing account of the wedding. Later he started on his supposed trip to Europe. With the exception of a letter from New York and one from Vienna, nothing further was heard from him for two years. The Brethren became alarmed, and through Congressman Hitt, then Assistant Secretary of State, inquiries were set on foot and search made by ministers and consuls in all the principal cities of Europe for six months, but without success. At last Stein was given up for dead. Two years later, however, a letter came from the missing man, who was living in Portland, Oregon. In his communication, Stein confessed that he had never been to Europe, but that he was living with Miss Tombaugh on a government claim in Oregon. The letter from Vienna was only a blind, he having given it at New York to a German tourist, who mailed it for him when he arrived at the Austrian capital. The news of Stein's duplicity came upon the Brethren like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky. They had reposed the utmost confidence in him as a reliable educator and a faithful minister of the gospel. Under the circumstances, they were compelled to disown him.

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ELDER D. L. MILLER, one of Mount Morris' most distinguished citizens, was born near Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 5, 1841, and died June 7, 1921, aged nearly 80 years. His boyhood was spent in his father's mill in Maryland, and he came to Ogle County in 1860. In 1868, he married Elizabeth Talley, and they located in Polo, where Mr. Miller engaged in business for 13 years. In 1879, he came to Mount Morris to become part owner and business manager of Mount Morris College. He was also the principal owner of the Brethren Publishing Company and for many years editor of the Gospel Messenger. In later years he gave his holdings in both institutions to the Brethren Church. He was elected to the ministry of the church, and before his death was given the title of bishop. He was doubtless the most prominent and best known figure in the church, because of his many lecture tours among the churches, concerning his frequent trips to the Holy Land, and his several trips around the world. He wrote a number of books on his travels, among them being "Wanderings in the Bible Lands," "Seven Churches of Asia," "Girdling the Globe," and "The Eternal Verities." Mrs. Miller, who accompanied him on most of his travels, died in 1926. They had no children.



PROF. J. G. ROYER, for twenty years president of Mount Morris College, died January 25, 1917, aged 79 years. He was the son of Jacob and Susan (Myers) Royer, and was born in Union County, Pa., on April 22, 1838. At the age of 16, he began to teach school, and taught in various places in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Indiana, and in 1884 he identified himself with Mount Morris College. He served as president of the institution for a period of twenty years, and thousands of young people came under his influence. He gave himself wholly to the cause of Christian education, and the college prospered under his guidance. He was also a minister of the Brethren Church. In 1861, he was married to Elizabeth Reiff, to whom were born one son and seven daughters as follows: Galen B. Royer, Susie (Mrs. E. S. Young), Nettie (Mrs. J. A. Brubaker), Lillie (Mrs. James Fogerty), Ida (Mrs. J. M. Myers), Josephine (Mrs. G. W. Brumbaugh), Myrtle (Mrs. M. R. Myers) and Mary Royer. Mrs. Royer died Nov. 21, 1927, aged 89 years.

March, 1890, and it was completed and ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term of 1891. This building is a plain substantial, brick-veneered building with 72 feet front and, including a spacious chapel, 122 feet long. It was built on the north side of the campus and was known as "College Hall."

In the year 1893, a new dormitory for the ladies was found to be a necessity, and the historic "Old Sandstone," which had been used for that purpose for so many years, was leveled to the ground and a larger and more modern structure erected. The new dormitory cost in the neighborhood of \$10,000, and was erected by N. E. Buser, who also erected College Hall. The building was a fine three-story brick-veneered structure, with a basement; its dimensions were 30 x 80 feet. It was situated several rods to the west of the old seminary building. The greater part of the basement was taken

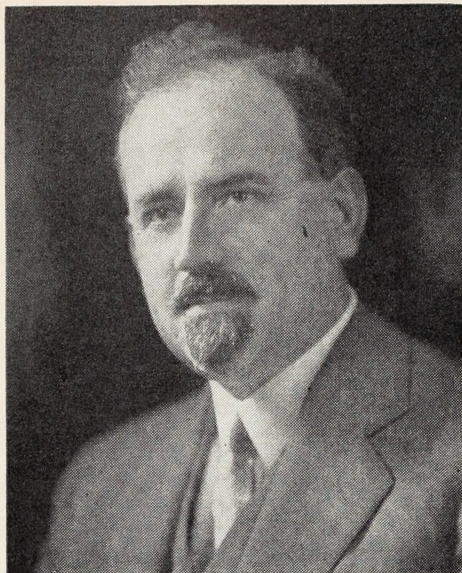


JOHN EZRA MILLER was president of Mount Morris College from 1904 to 1915, following the long term of service of Prof. J. G. Royer. Prof. Miller was born near Milledgeville, Ill., March 13, 1865. He entered Mount Morris College in 1884 and graduated in 1892 with the B.L. degree. He then entered the University of Michigan and received his B.A. degree in 1894. For six years he taught Latin and Greek in Mount Morris College and in 1900 went to the University of Illinois, taught Latin and Greek for four years and received his Master's degree in 1902. In 1904, he accepted the position of president of Mount Morris College, which he held until 1915, when he resigned and accepted an editorial position with the Brethren Publishing House at Elgin where he is now located. In 1912, he received the degree of LL.D. from Mount Morris College.

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THE ABOVE GROUP represents the faculty of Mount Morris College for the school year 1900-1901. Pres. Royer and Profs. Furrey, Weaver and Clair have been dead some years. Lucia McCosh married L. R. Maltbie and lives in New York City. Josephine Royer married and later passed away.



PROF. J. S. NOFFSINGER, who was president of Mount Morris College from 1915 to 1918, is a man of large experience and high attainments in the field of education. He was the son of Amos and Fianna (Neidech) Noffsinger, and was born Dec. 21, 1886, at Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from the Dayton High School in 1904 and attended Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago from 1906 to 1908. He attended Mount Morris College from 1908 to 1913, receiving his A. B. degree. He continued his education at the University of Chicago, with A. M. degree in 1915, and Columbia University with Ph.D. degree in 1925. His wide experience as an educator started as a teacher in the public schools at Dayton, Ohio; for two years he was superintendent of schools in Bayombong, Philippine Islands; two years superintendent of schools at Ashton, Ill.; 1915-1918, President of Mount Morris College; 1918-1921, pastor, Church of the Brethren, Brooklyn, N.Y.; 1918-1924, inspector, Federal Board for Vocational Education, New York City; 1924-26, member staff, Carnegie Corporation of New York; 1921-1934, secretary, General Education Board, Church of the Brethren, and since 1926 has been executive director of the National Home Study Council. He is also author of a number of books. Prof. Noffsinger married Florence M. Wieand in 1912 and they have a daughter, Pauline J. (Mrs. E. A. Joliet). Their present address is 3635 Ordway St., N.W., Washington, D.C.

up for the college dining-hall. With the exception of several parlors, the upper three stories were divided into rooms for the accommodation of about seventy of the fair sex.

A year or so after the erection of the two new buildings, a number of changes

in "Old Sandstone" No. 2 became necessary, there being a demand for more rooms for young men. Consequently, the building was given a thorough overhauling. Every floor and partition was torn out; in fact, everything was changed except the walls.

President J. G. Royer continued at the head of the college for a period of twenty years, during which time he had the pleasure of seeing College Hall erected in 1890, Ladies' Dormitory in 1893 and Old Sandstone remodeled in 1896. He retired from the presidency in the spring of 1904 and engaged in evangelistic work until his death in 1917.

In casting about for a new president, the trustees selected John Ezra Miller, a former student, and he took charge in 1904 and successfully conducted the institution until 1915 when he resigned. During this period, the new auditorium-gymnasium was erected in 1908.

On Jan. 15, 1912, at 2 p.m., "Old Sandstone," crowded with students at the time, was found to be on fire, and by



PROF. LEVI S. SHIVELY served as president of Mount Morris College from 1918 to 1921. He was born near Cerro Gordo, Ill., and came to Mount Morris to attend the college. He was professor of Mathematics in Mount Morris College from 1908 to 1928, except for two years in Chicago. He did graduate work in the University of Chicago from 1915 to 1917 and received his A.M. degree in 1916 and Ph.D. in 1917. In 1928, he became associate professor of mathematics in Ball State Teachers College at Muncie, Ind., and at present is serving as acting dean of that school.

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THIS IS ALL that was left of historic "Old Sandstone" after the disastrous fire of Jan. 15, 1912. The thick heavy walls were found to be solid and were used in rebuilding the structure. The new floors were made of reinforced concrete which resisted the fire of April 12, 1931.

nightfall only the outer walls of the building were left standing. The walls were found to be uninjured and with the generous response of townspeople and former students, the building was rebuilt with reinforced concrete floors. This work was completed for the opening of school in the fall of 1913.

During the regime of Pres. J. E. Miller, from 1904 to 1915, the college continued to develop rapidly. Pres. Miller had associated with him, as a Board of Management, D. D. Culler, M. W. Emmert, George W. Furrey, and N. J. Miller. Upon the resignation of the latter two, M. M. Sherrick, I. R. Hendrickson and L. S. Shively were added to the board.

When Pres. Miller resigned in 1915 the Board of Management was discontinued and a Board of Trustees assumed control and directed the affairs of the school for the six cooperating church districts in Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota and eastern Montana.

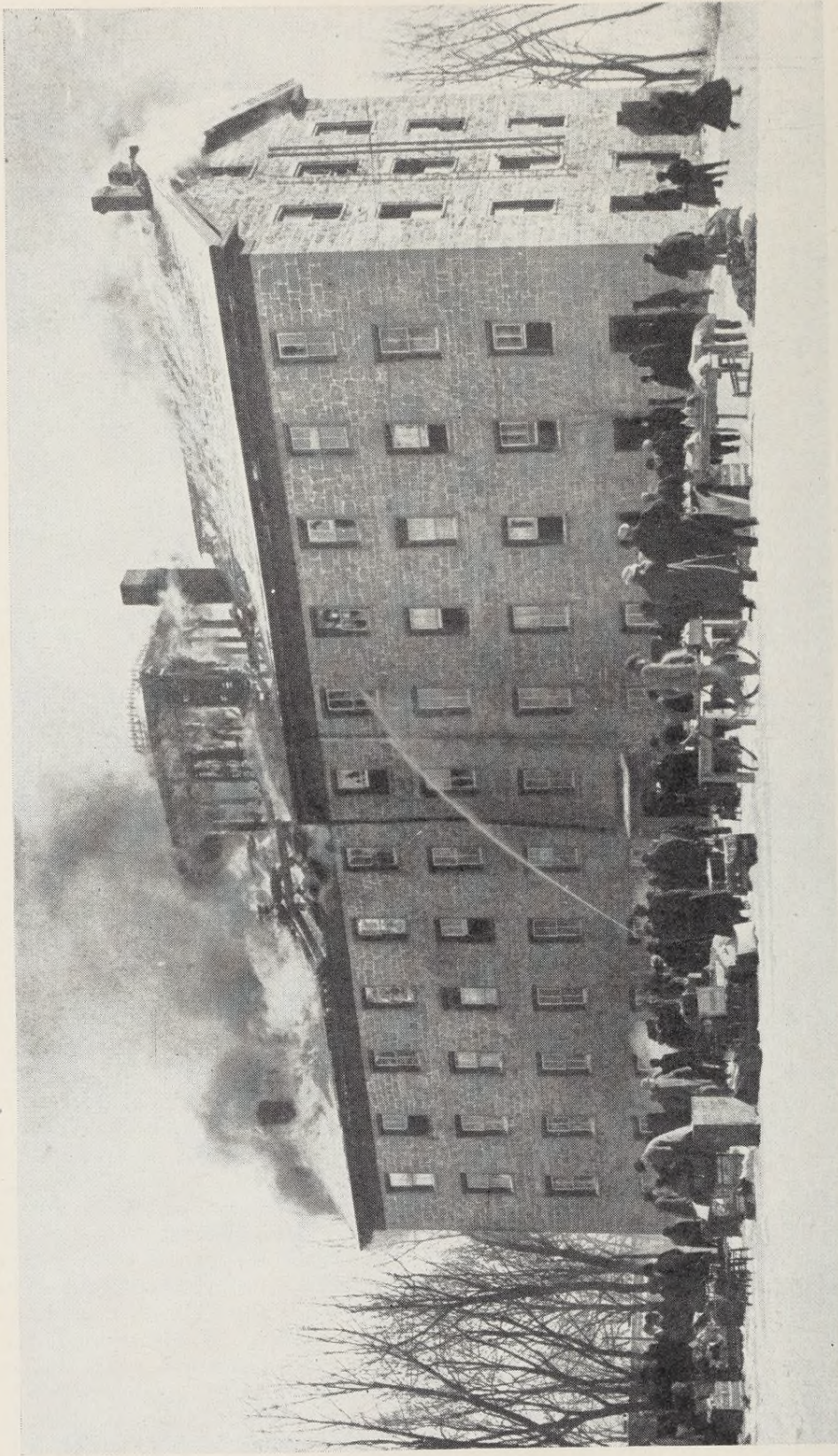
During the period following the resignation of Pres. Miller and the closing of the school in 1932, six different men

served the college as presidents for periods of from one to four years. All of these men were competent, conscientious educators, but the increasing difficulty of financial problems made it impossible to operate the college successfully. The support of the church gradually waned and it became inevitable that sooner or later the college would be forced to close.

In 1915, the Board of Trustees selected J. S. Noffsinger, a former student, as president and he served acceptably for three years. He was followed by Levi S. Shively, also a former student and instructor, who served as president until 1921. A. J. Brumbaugh then became president for a four-year term and was followed by W. W. Peters, who came from Manchester College, and who made a supreme effort to put the school on a firm foundation, but he found it an impossible task and resigned in 1928. O. W. Neher served as president the following year and in 1929, C. Ernest Davis came from California and assumed the presidency, only to encounter fresh financial difficulties due to the great depression. He

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the fire, although the entire interior was gutted. Students found lodging in private homes about town until the new men's dormitory was built in 1912-1913.

THIS PICTURE shows the burning of Old Sandstone on Jan. 15, 1912. This building was used from the time of its erection in 1853 as a dormitory for men, and at the time it was burned was occupied by 84 students. The heavy stone walls were not injured by



Brubaker, a former student, was the architect who planned the repairs. The floors were built of reinforced concrete and resisted the fire of 1931, although the roof burned off.

THIS PICTURE shows, in comparison to the picture on the opposite page, how Old Sandstone was beautified and improved in appearance when rebuilt after the fire of Jan. 15, 1912. Samuel H.



PROF. A. J. BRUMBAUGH served as president of Mount Morris College during the school years of 1921 to 1925. He came to Mount Morris as a student in 1910 and graduated with the class of 1914. He continued his education at the University of Chicago, receiving his M. A. degree in 1918 and his Ph. D. degree in 1929. At present he is professor of education and dean of the college in the University of Chicago. Prof. Brumbaugh is the son of Francis and Frances (Gehman) Brumbaugh and was born in Stark County, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1890. In 1914, he married Ruth Sherrick, daughter of Prof. M. M. Sherrick, and they have two children, Robert S. and Dorothy June.

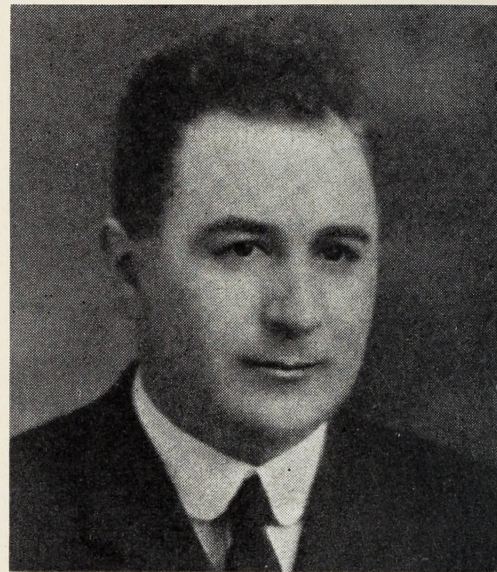
fought valiantly against overwhelming odds and finally in the spring of 1932 the Board of Trustees decided to close the school and merge with the Brethren school at North Manchester, Ind.

Mount Morris College made valuable contributions to the work of the world through her students and alumni. Her representatives are in every continent. More than thirty-five missionaries of the Church of the Brethren have received at least part of their training at Mount Morris. She has given two hundred sixty-five ministers, besides other religious leaders, to Christian service in the home land. She counts among her former students many of national importance in education, business and government. To thousands of men and women the names of "Mount Morris" and "Old Sandstone" awaken pleasant memories of the institution

that gave them new visions, great ideals and a spirit of service.

In its closing years Mount Morris put on a program that showed aggressive leadership. The great fire of April, 1931, which took three of the five campus buildings, quickly manifested the loyalty of her friends and the buildings were restored within a few months.

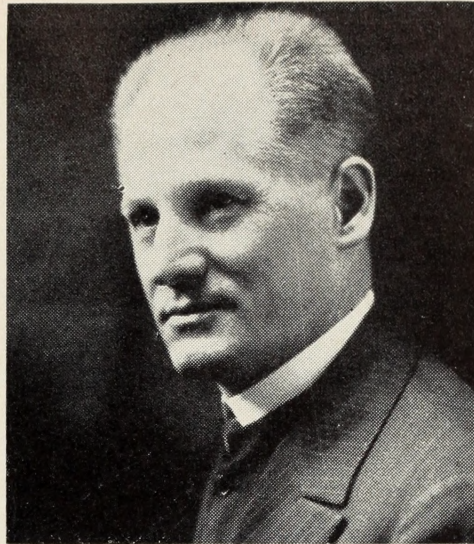
An important adjunct in the life of Rock River Seminary and Mount Morris College were the Amphictyon and Philorhetorian Literary Societies. Scores of men who have achieved fame in the various avenues of life derived their power of oratory from their early attempts at speaking and debating in these literary societies. The halls of our national Congress have often rung with the stirring oratory of men who attribute much of their success to the early training which they received from their society work. The history of both the societies extends further back than that



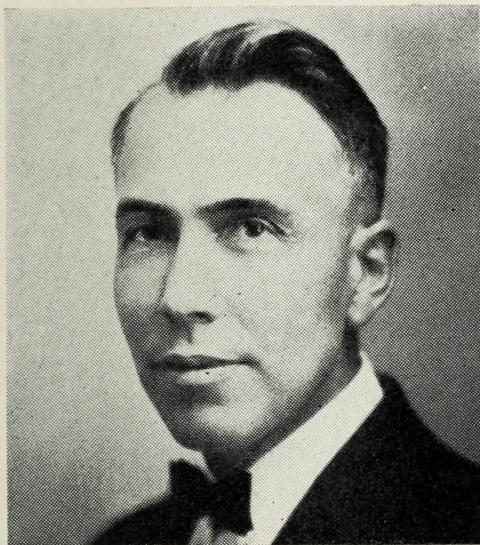
PROF. W. W. PETERS came to Mount Morris as president of Mount Morris College in September, 1925. He is a native of Virginia and secured his education at Manchester College and Ohio State University where he was granted his Master's degree in 1922. He also did graduate work at Columbia University in New York City. He resigned as president of the college in 1928 to study at the University of Illinois. At present he is dean and professor of education at Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

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of Mount Morris College, the Amphictyon being nearly as old as Rock River Seminary. It was organized in about the year 1846 and, with the exception of a number of short-lived organizations, was the only literary society in the seminary until the winter of 1851-52, when a division occurred in the Amphictyon ranks, and the Philorhetorician Literary Society was organized. It seems that there were many of the "Amphics" who resided in the country and no longer had any connection with the school, or took any interest in the society except to attend on special occasions, to take prominent part in controlling elections, etc. The other members were students, who were active in literary work, many of them being young people of more than ordinary ability. Trouble naturally grew

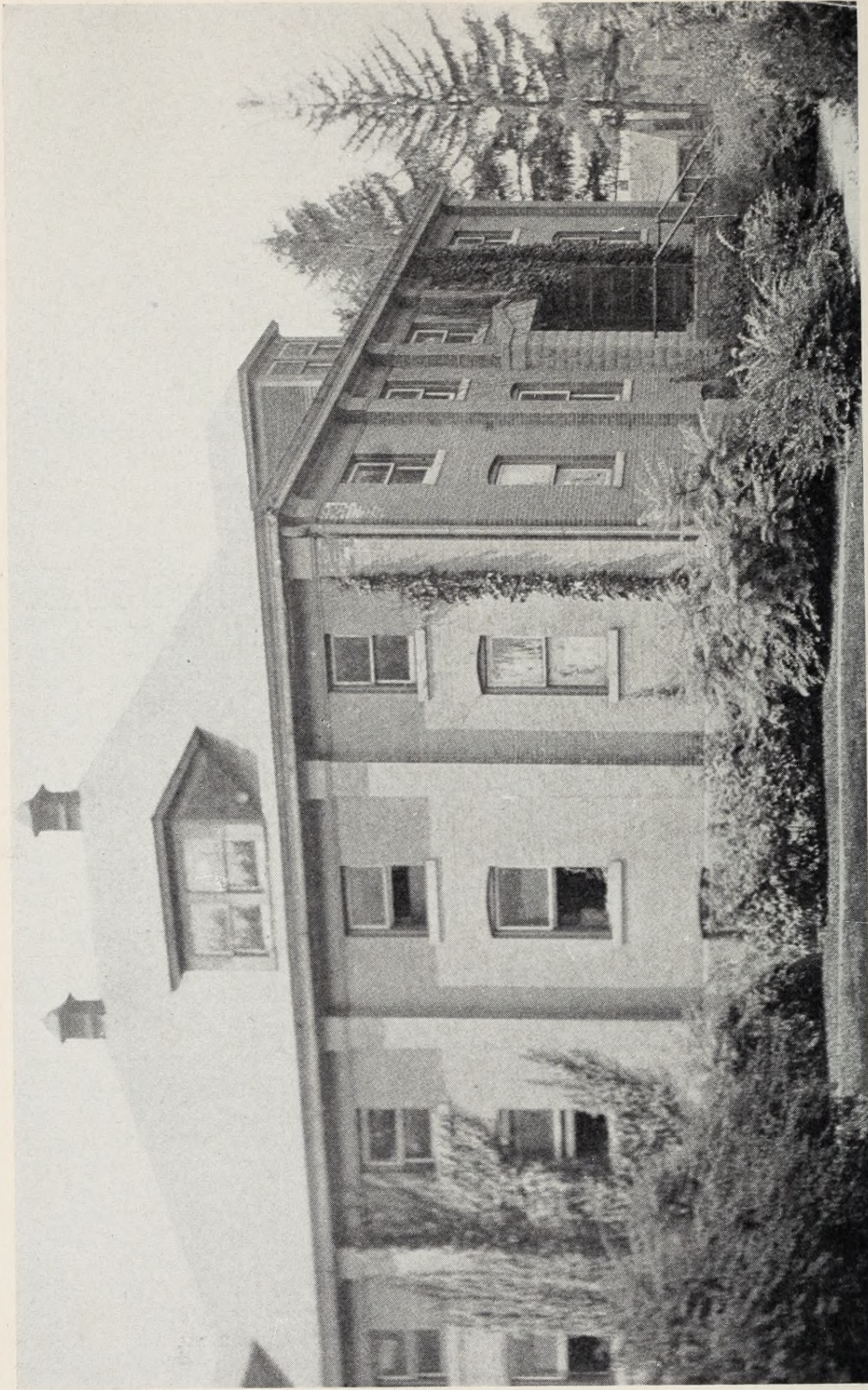


C. ERNEST DAVIS, president of Mount Morris College from 1929 until the college closed in 1932, was the son of Chas. W. and Linna (Worster) Davis and was born Jan. 23, 1893, at Lawrenceburg, Tenn. He was educated at LaVerne College and the College of the Pacific. He taught four years in the public schools of California, and also taught two years in LaVerne College. He was ordained a minister in the Church of the Brethren and held pastorates at Chico, Calif., Patterson, Calif., Wenatchee, Wash., and Independence, Kans. He came to Mount Morris from Wenatchee, Wash., and in 1932 went to Independence, Kans., where he served as pastor for nearly four years. From 1936 to 1938 he was professor of Religious Education and field representative of McPherson College, McPherson, Kans. On August 1, 1938, he became president of LaVerne College, his alma mater, at La Verne, Calif. Mr. Davis married in 1915 to Miss Grace Heisel and they have five children: Philip B., Barbara E., Charles E., John R., Rodney and Virginia C. While serving as president of Mount Morris College, Prof. Davis made an excellent record fighting an up-hill battle against the lack of proper financial support.

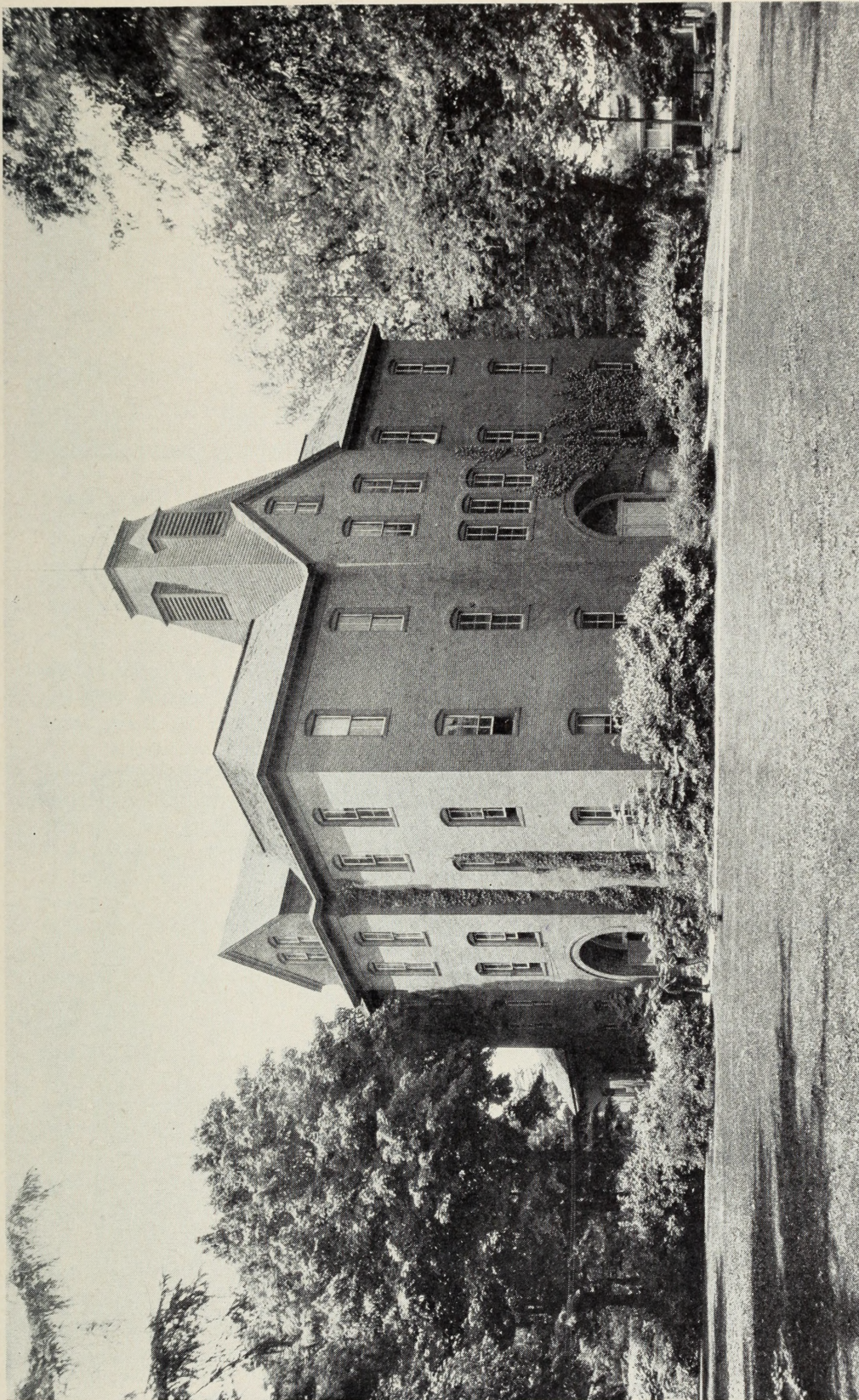


PROF. O. W. NEHER served as president of Mount Morris College during the school year 1928-1929. He came to Mount Morris as a student in the academy in 1910 and graduated from the college in 1916. Later he attended Iowa State College and the University of Chicago. He taught in Mount Morris Academy from 1911 to 1916 and in the college from 1924 to 1932. At present he is instructor in the biology department of Manchester College at North Manchester, Ind., and pastor of the Antioch Church. Prof. Neher is the son of David and Lucinda (Warner) Neher and was born June 22, 1887, at Petroleum, Ind. He married Etha Mae Trostle in 1920 and they have three children: Dortha Jean, Lois Leone and Robert Trostle. Prof. Neher is a brother of George Neher of Mount Morris.

out of such a condition of affairs, and there was an attempt made to exclude those members who were no longer active. There were some turbulent scenes, and finally a part of the members drew off and formed another society, which they called the Philorhetorician. The Amphictyon Society originally held its meetings in the historic old chapel at the north end of the basement of the original "Old Sandstone." After the organization of the Philorhetorician Society, separate rooms on the upper floor were assigned to the societies.



THIS GYMNASIUM AUDITORIUM was built in 1908 at a cost of about \$10,000. It was destroyed by fire April 12, 1931, and nothing but the foundation walls now remain. The fire originated in the basement of this building and spread to the Ladies' Dormitory and "Old Sandstone."



COLLEGE HALL was erected in 1890 and 1891 by N. E. Buser at a cost of about \$20,000. It was ready for occupancy at the opening of school in September, 1891. After the college was compelled to close its doors the building passed to the ownership of Kable Brothers Company and several years later was sold to the Kable News Company. The entire building is now occupied by that company which is engaged in the national distribution of magazines through newsstand dealers.



THIS is all that was left of the three large buildings after the disastrous fire of April 12, 1931. The ladies dormitory in the foreground was completely destroyed and the gymnasium at the right was gutted so that it could not be restored. "Old Sandstone," however, having reinforced concrete floors, was not damaged below the third floor except by water and was restored by putting on a new roof. The two other buildings on the campus were not damaged to any great extent.

When the building now known as "Old Sandstone" was completed, the societies occupied rooms on the fourth floor, the "Amphics" at the east end and the "Philos" at the west end. When "College Hall" was erected, fine quarters were provided on the third floor for both societies and they continued to prosper until the closing of the college.

Because of the lack of proper finances, the College was shut down in 1932 and the property was deeded in trust to I. D. Leatherman, Harvey Long and E. R. Henricks, who on Oct. 28, 1932, sold the property to Kable Brothers Company, who assumed all outstanding indebtedness of the College and took over the entire property, including all accounts receivable.

Thus ended, after a period of nearly 100 years, a career of this institution of learning which during the greater part of that period was almost the sole business of the community. During this long period thousands came to Mount Morris from all points of the compass and while the venture was never a very prosperous one, the efforts put forth by the educators of Rock River Seminary and Mount Morris College were doubt-

less well worth while, for many of the students received an education and inspiration here that led to their later success in life in many vocations.

Since the sale of the College property to Kable Brothers Company, the various buildings have been disposed of. The center strip containing the new gymnasium and the band shell was deeded to the Village of Mount Morris. The north side of the property was sold to Kable News Company and they in turn sold the northwest corner to the United States Government for a post office site. The old boys' dormitory on the southwest corner was sold to Mrs. Edith Kable, who converted it into an apartment house. Old Sandstone and the southeast corner of the campus together with the heating plant remain the property of Kable Brothers Company.

The list of those graduating in literary courses is as follows:

1881—Harry C. Newcomer, Alfonzo G. Newcomer, E. D. Peifer, A. W. Vaniman, Angie Yarger, S. H. Anrand, Fred N. Rice.

1882—Adaline Hofh Beery, J. H. Brubaker, J. T. Brubaker, L. H. Eby, Flora Grant Mershon, Reba Kosier Newcomer, J. Carson Miller, Mary E. Miller, C. W. Lehman, Isaac H. Miller.

1883—Jennie Fearer, Albert Gebhardt,

John Heckman, A. L. Shute, Jennie Mackay, Anna L. Sharp Davis, E. S. Young, Grant Mahan, Albert Motschman, Mary J. Stees, Annie S. Miller, Kate Kepner, G. E. Dawson, G. N. Falkenstein.

1884—Effie Mackay, B. G. Davis, E. A. Orr, Marcellus Rohrbaugh, Elmer Sanford, Levi Benbow, S. L. Hanger, Edward C. Page, Georgia Bixler Jenks.

1885—James M. Neff, Cyrus Newcomer, Allen P. Sword, W. B. Thompson, Jennie Tice Peifer.

1886—James M. Neff, E. B. Hohf, G. L. Shoemaker, Abba Fager, Elva Newcomer Cripe, M. Eliza Canode.

1887—J. K. Shellenberger, Laura V. Ullom, J. P. Yoder.

1888—C. E. Culp, Ida Royer Myers, Nettie Royer Brubaker, Lizzie Shaw Evans, Fannie Stephens, Chauncey Vaniman, C. M. Vaniman, Cyrus Walleck.

1889—Alice J. Boone, Charles Carpenter, Anna Gouckly Hohf, W. Lewis Eikenberry, Charles Lehman, Ed. Markley, T. M. Miller, Nettie Royer Brubaker, Salome Stoner Myers, Vinnie Stoner, Ida Shellenberger Oren, Wilbur B. Stover.

1890—J. E. Miller, Minnie Windle Harnley, T. T. Myers, Tobias J. C. Diekhoff, Lillie Royer Fogerty, N. R. Baker, Frank Mertz, Ivey D. Eversole, J. N. Brubaker, Will Mertz, O. Perry Hoover, Ida M. Wagner Hoff, E. J. Zern, Mary Emmert Stover, Will E. Carpenter, Daisy Kemp.

1891—Wilbur B. Stover, Ida M. Royer Myers, Salome A. Stoner Myers, J. Z. Gilbert, Ella Amick Eckerle, Dollie Ste-

phens, Lou Ella Replogle, W. I. T. Hoover, Sarah Whitmore Harnley.

1892—Tobias J. C. Diekhoff, J. E. Miller, W. L. Eikenberry, O. P. Hoover, C. F. Ford, G. V. Goshorn, J. D. Clear, S. S. Young, E. N. Goshorn, Anna Eversole, W. P. Rodabaugh, W. I. Thomas, E. R. Yundt, M. S. Bolinger, J. H. Harnley.

1893—G. W. Tanreuther, N. J. Brubaker, Bertha I. Miller, D. D. Culler, D. L. Forney, M. W. Emmert, S. C. Garber, M. Alice King Eby, N. J. Miller, Lydia E. Taylor, H. M. Barwick, Salome A. Stoner Myers.

1894—E. R. Yundt, E. N. Goshorn, I. B. Hendrickson, J. S. Flory, E. C. Thomas, O. L. Shaw, A. M. Stine, L. A. Pollock, Charles Leckrone, O. R. Myers, Katherine Hershey Young, M. W. Emmert, Anna May Miller, H. M. Spickler.

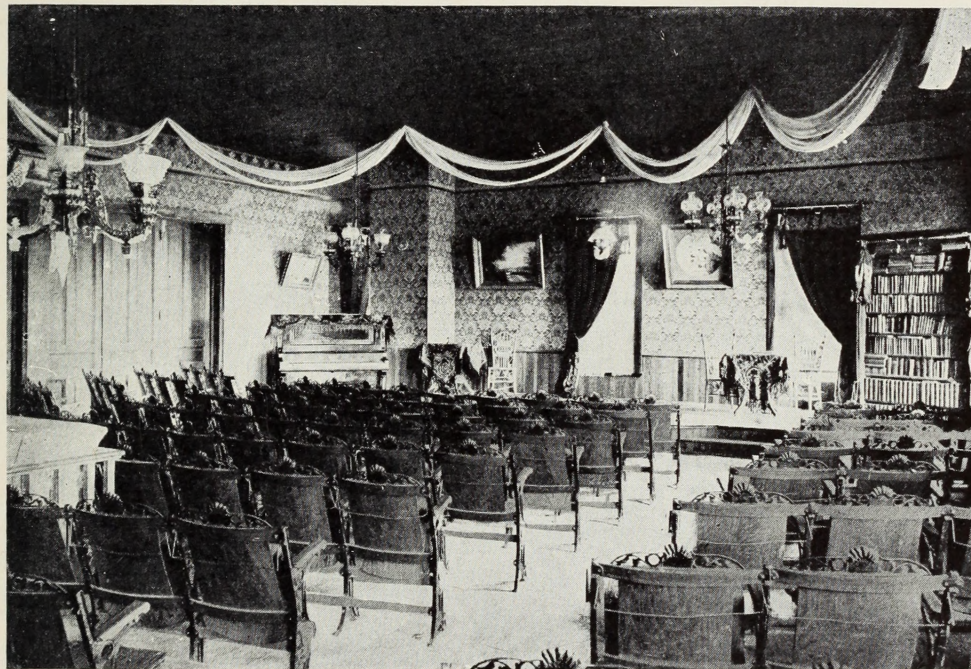
1895—Maude Carpenter, S. M. Hoover, Josephine Royer, Della Snyder Lehner, Lizzie Grater.

1896—G. W. Furrey, J. W. Thomas, O. A. Fackler, L. H. Carpenter, S. A. Long, Viola Trostle Undt.

1897—J. B. Carpenter, Lucia McCosh, Lizzie Myers Emmert, Arthur M. Stine, Etta Moore Long, Della Myers Peifer, J. M. Myers, Mamie Yarger, Nettie Felt-house, C. H. Shock, S. A. Long.

1898—E. T. Keiser, Lulu Kable, J. C. Shaw, Etta Rowland, Harvey J. Kable, Dollie Kepner, H. B. Metzger, W. H. Weybright, Emma Horning, Thomas E. Newcomer, Blanche Lentz, J. D. Suter.

1899—Calvin McNelly, J. P. Wilson, Ma-



THE AMPHICTYON LITERARY SOCIETY HALL was located on the third floor of "College Hall," opposite the Philorhetorian Hall, and many students got valuable experience in public speaking in participating in these Friday night programs. Many town people regularly attended these literary society meetings.

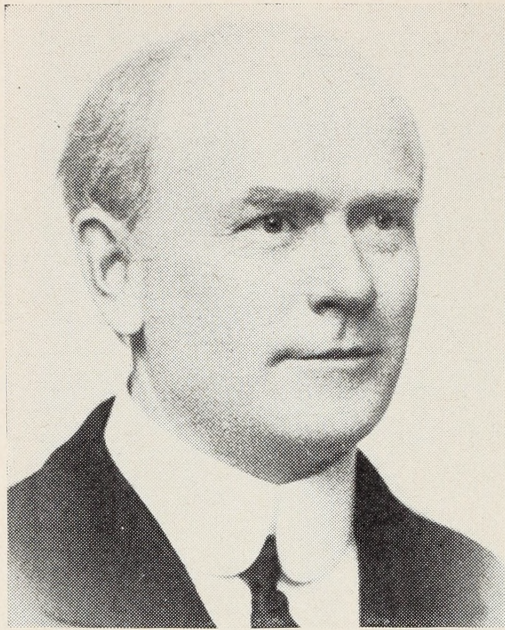


STUDENTS OF MOUNT MORRIS COLLEGE, 1909-1910

1. Prof. D. D. Culler
 2. Prof. I.R. Hendrickson
 3. Prof. M. W. Emmert
 4. Prof. H. S. Hulbert
 5. Prof. U. C. Nye
 6. Miss Marie Jenkins
 7. Prof. J. E. Miller
 8. Miss Elizabeth Snyder
 9. Prof. L. S. Shively
 10. Prof. M. M. Sherrick
 11. Edna McNeel
 12. Samuel Zook
 13. Harvey Schulta
 14. Elbert McCann
 15. Orpha Wise
 16. Alma Wise
 17. Irvin Gibson
 18. Ruth Wiley
 19. Orley G. Davis
 20. Grace Steele
 21. O. S. Dinnes
 22. Myrtle Whistler
 23. Clifford Windle
 24. Frank Bock
 25. Emma Dinnes
 26. Ethel Whitmer
 27. Clarence Mote
 28. Wentworth Sharer
 29. Myrta Mortimore
 30. Chas. Holsinger
 31. Bert A. Baker
 32. Robt. Mohler
 33. Mrs. Clyde Bates
 34. U. J. Fike
 35. Clyde Bates
 36. A. E. Myers
 37. Roy Puterbaugh
 38. Mabel Etnoyer
 39. Mrs. Emma Shively
 40. Hazel Kable
 41. Maude Whitmer
 42. Alma Hollinger
 43. Jno. S. Noffsinger
44. Stuart Hamer
 45. Edna Shearer
 46. Grace Neher
 47. Belva Smith
 48. Bess Whitman
 49. Ruth Mumma
 50. Max Sharer
 51. Goldie Swartz
 52. Florence Wieand
 53. Samuel Yohn
 54. Mrs. G. W. Blair
 55. Marion Snyder
 56. Katie Schumaker
 57. Ella Neher
 58. Viola Burkhardt
 59. Mrs. Warner
 60. Mr. Warner
 61. Wm. J. Buckley
 62. Harry Zellers
 63. Iva Feldkirchner
 64. Effa Mitchell
 65. Pearl Feldkirchner
 66. May Book
 67. Grayce Fike
 68. Nora Shively
 69. Viola Shively
 70. Clifford Miller
 71. Agnes Shearer
 72. Martha Oliver
 73. Netta Joseph
 74. Mildred Hinds
 75. Mary Price
 76. Milford Hinds
 77. Lola Swift
 78. Dan Miller
 79. Amon Swope
 80. Joseph Nickey
 81. George Bock
 82. Alice Mortimore
 83. John Whitmer
 84. Lulu Lutz
 85. Ruth Sherrick
 86. Dorothy Sherrick
87. Nettie Rieken
 88. Grayce Smyth
 89. Bessie Cover
 90. Mary Cully
 91. Lulu Mohler
 92. Sarah Spoerlein
 93. Erma Switzer
 94. Milford Eller
 95. Frank Correll
 96. Morris Harnley
 97. Wm. H. Allen
 98. Ray Holsinger
 99. Wm. Furniss
 100. Harvey Swartz
 101. Belle Jenkins
 102. Grace Replogle
 103. Myrtle Book
 104. Jessie Switzer
 105. Emma Hewitt
 106. Gertrude Sharp
 107. Lizzie Fike
 108. Mabel Foutz
 109. Dora Wagner
 110. Alice Gibbel
 111. Mary Stouffer
 112. Walter Blough
 113. Willard B. Goshorn
 114. Chas. V. Taylor
 115. John Silvins
 116. Letta Kapperman
 117. Millie Blair
 118. Orletta Blair
 119. Pauline Eychner
 120. Mabel Miller
 121. Bess Sharer
 122. Vernena Dow
 123. Wanda Mortimore
 124. Marilla Shook
 125. Marguerite Swank
 125a. Ethel Studebaker
 126. Gail Brubaker
 127. Ruth Wine
 128. Hazel Bowman
129. Lulu Puterbaugh
 130. Ethel Cripe
 131. Frank Willifred
 132. Ed. McCoy
 133. Howard Shaw
 134. Verna Blickenstaff
 135. Lona Cripe
 136. Tressie Fager
 137. Ariana Boyer
 138. Hazel Yetter
 139. Emma Canfield
 140. May Miller
 141. Bess Kosier
 142. Eva Brubaker
 143. Maude Stiess
 144. Virgil Dierdorff
 145. Dayton Klepinger
 146. D. Earl Brubaker
 147. Logan Sellers
 148. Anna Miller
 149. Laura Wagner
 150. Adelia Long
 151. Andrew Butterbaugh
 152. Pearl Shire
 153. Mabelle Grant
 154. Helen Wylie
 155. Vinette Mishler
 156. Lester Parsons
 157. Geo. Williamson
 158. Ephraim Gerdes
 159. Walter Koeller
 160. Edward Rothermel
 161. Ernest Hollinger
 162. Erratt Diehl
 163. Hubert Shaw
 164. Mac McCosh
 165. Floyd Olson
 166. Beni Reiff
 167. Matilda Bock
 168. Jean McCosh
 169. Ruth Daily
 170. Dorsey Blough
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 173. Mae Dimmes
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 197. Mary Beard
 198. Claude Marker
 199. Clayton Parkinson
 200. Harold Hays
 201. Modest Long
 202. John Mishler
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 207. Samuel Brown
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 209. Ed. Hoy
 210. Harry Stouffer
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PROF. GEORGE W. FURREY was born near Monticello, Ind., July 4, 1867, and died at Evanston, Ill., June 22, 1926, aged 59 years. His parents moved to Colorado when he was a lad, where he attended school. Later he entered Mount Morris College, where he graduated, and later graduated from the University of Michigan. He then returned to Mount Morris College as teacher of mathematics, which position he held for a number of years, after which he taught in Northwestern Academy at Evanston and in the Chicago public schools. Prof. Furrey married Miss Martha Hershey and they had four children; Margaret, Gladys, Darwin and Joyce.

rie Strickfaden, Elmer Meztger, J. S. Flory, Cora Amick, Leslie Rees, W. S. Sanford, Myrtle Royer, O. G. Brubaker.

1900—Frank C. Scott, B. L. Brayton, William Hohl, Edna Felder, Lizzie Shirk, O. T. Sadler, Frank D. Miller, B. B. Baker, A. B. Keller, E. H. Price, C. K. Burkholder, Reuben Marshall, I. E. Finney.

1901—Oren L. Clapper, Martha McClure, Florence Shaw, Burton Stroock.

1902—Nora Arnold, Chas. Holsinger, E. R. Hoover, B. S. Kiester, D. J. Lichty, Minerva Metzger, Alice Moore, Elmer S. Shank, F. F. Suter.

1903—Bertha Brunskill, O. D. Buck, Orpha A. Foft, H. M. Foglesonger, Lloyd Holsinger, Philip Kuhl, Anna Miller, Maud C. Newcomer, Ruth Whitehead.

1904—George W. Blair, Q. O. Gilbert, Elizabeth Griswold, B. F. Heckman, Marie Jasper, G. W. Kieffaber, Harvey Long, Nana B. McNelly, Jennie T. Miller, Eunice Moore, Paul Nickey, Cyrus W. Plum, Ella Royer, W. H. Royer, Levi S. Shively.

1905—Zelda M. Ayres, Kathryn Barkdoll, Robert E. Buser, Demetrius Chiri-

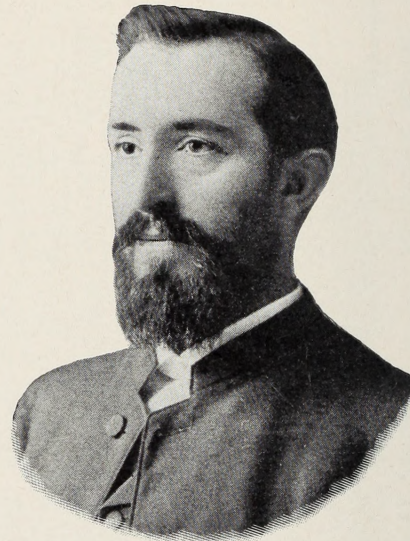
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1906—Alice Begeman, Jennie Blough, Effie Buckingham, Chas. Cushing, Clyde Davis, R. H. Durborow, Uriah J. Fike, Mattie Lehman, Edith Miles, Ella Miller, Verna Olson, Grace Peacock, Ira Smith, Mary Thomas, Lela Wirt.

1907—Frank S. Barkdoll, Enoch Eby, J. Price Heckman, Mildred Hinds, Edith Knapp, Samuel Long, John I. Marker, Daniel L. Miller, Barbara Nickey, Eva Palmer, Frank H. Senger, Chas. W. Slifer, Ray R. Thomas, Ida Ward, Roy O. Warberg.

1908—Minnie Barnhizer, Benj. F. Buckingham, Ida E. Buckingham, Cornelia A. Crawford, O. Stuart Hamer, Clark M. Heckman, Lloyd T. Motter, Helen Nowe, Roy H. Roberts, Mrs. W. A. Robinson, Chas. W. Sharer.

1909—Estella Arnold, Leo R. Blickenstaff, Helen L. Cushing, Arta L. Demy, Lottie M. Eller, Ernest F. Hanes, Hazel G. Kable, Hazel L. Kretsinger, Arvel A. Landes, Julius A. Lehman, Wm. H. Mey-



PROF. AARON L. CLAIR died March 23, 1911, as a result of injuries received in a saw mill accident at Willard, Wis. He was the son of Preston and Mary Clair and was born on a farm near Lena, Ill., July 25, 1866, and at the time of his untimely death he was nearly 45 years of age. At the age of 23, he entered Mount Morris College, and graduated from the commercial department in 1890. In 1893, he was chosen principal of the department and business manager of the college. He served in this capacity for nine years, and in 1904 he resigned. In 1906, he moved to Willard, Wis., where he met his death. On June 16, 1892, he was married to Elizabeth R. Albright, and they had seven children.

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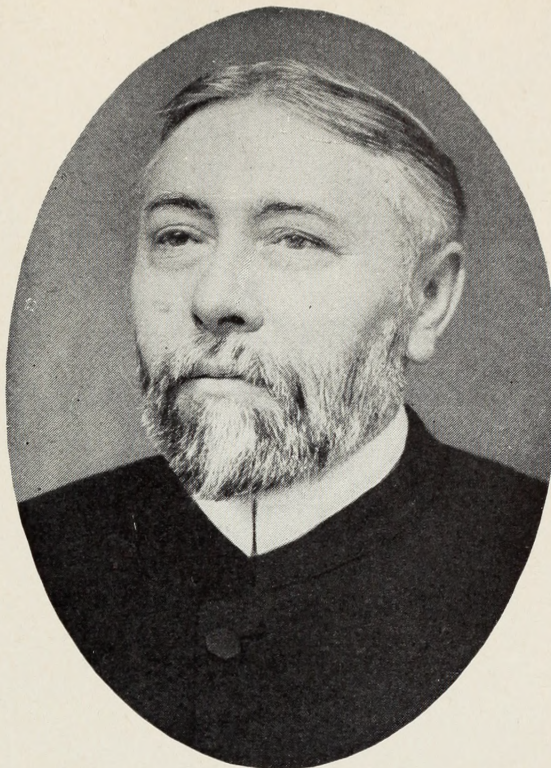
ers, Nora Mae Miller, Arthur E. Myers, Joseph G. Nickey, Cora M. Rebman, Hubert O. Shaw, Samuel L. Whistler, Precious J. Zuck.

1910—Verna Blickenstaff, Frank Bock, Orley G. Davis, Emma Dinnes, Orla S. Dinnes, Irvin J. Gibson, Ernest C. Miller, Clarence C. Mote, David M. Sharer, Viola B. Snively, Grace G. Steele, Goldie E. Swartz, Myrtle E. Whisler, Ethel G. Whitmer, Florence M. Wieand, Clifford C. Windle, Ruth B. Wylie, Samuel J. Yohn, Nora M. Shively.

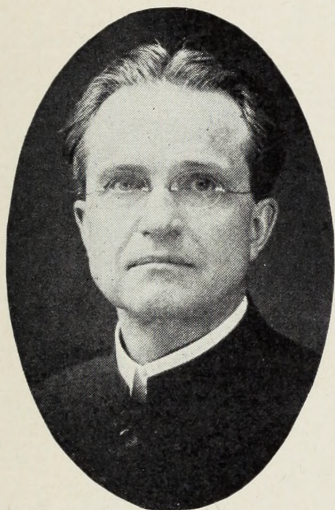
1911—May E. Dinnes, Alice M. Gibbel, A. Clare Irvin, Dayton P. Klepinger, Martha E. Oliver, Elizabeth Sharer, Gertrude Sharp, Ruth Sherrick, Bessie E. Stimson, Jacob J. Storm, Dora M. Wagner.

1912—Edith Brubaker, Minnie Buckingham, Velma Landis, Arthur Miller, Lorin Mayer, Frances Miller, Illegia Miller, John Mitchell, Harvey Swartz, Erma Switzer, Bertha Tholen, Maurine Wingert, Helen Wylie.

Note—From this point, in addition to the names of four-year graduates, is also given the present location and occupation of each graduate. This information was



PROF. D. D. CULLER died December 3, 1915, at the age of 50 years. He was born near Clay City, Ind., Nov. 11, 1865. After the usual common school education and some teaching in rural schools, he entered Mount Morris College and graduated with the class of 1893. In 1896, he received the degree of Ph.B. from DePauw University, the degree of A.M. from the University of Michigan in 1902, and the degree of Ph.D. from Denver University in 1904. After graduating from DePauw, he taught four years in Mount Morris College, and in 1904 became a member of the management, which obligation he efficiently discharged until a few months before his death. Prof. Culler was married in 1896 to Mina Hoover of Ohio, and to them were born five children. Two died in infancy, and those surviving are Dr. Arthur Merl Culler of Dayton, Ohio; Mary Esther Hazzard of Mount Morris; and Miriam Elizabeth Sperberg of Havana, Cuba.



MICHAEL W. EMMERT, son of Theodore and Catherine Wolfe Emmert, was born on a farm north of Mount Morris, March 2, 1870, and died July 21, 1931, aged 61 years. At the age of five, he moved with his parents to a farm near Adel, Iowa, where he grew to manhood. When 18 years of age he entered Mount Morris College and later attended Drake University and Chicago University. He became a minister of the Brethren Church and in 1900 was elected dean of the Bible Department of Mount Morris College, which work he continued for 12 years, after which he became field manager for the college. In 1899, he married Elizabeth Myers, and they had five children: Emery M., Walter Leroy, Viola C. Stone, Marie Brady and Ruth E. Cannon.

compiled in July, 1938, and the addresses given are the latest available.

1913—O. Stuart Hamer, No. Manchester, Ind., college professor; J. Hugh Heckman, deceased; John S. Noffsinger, 3635 Ordway St., N.W., Washington, D.C., educator; J. B. White, 1701 Archwood Ave., Nashville, Tenn., teacher.

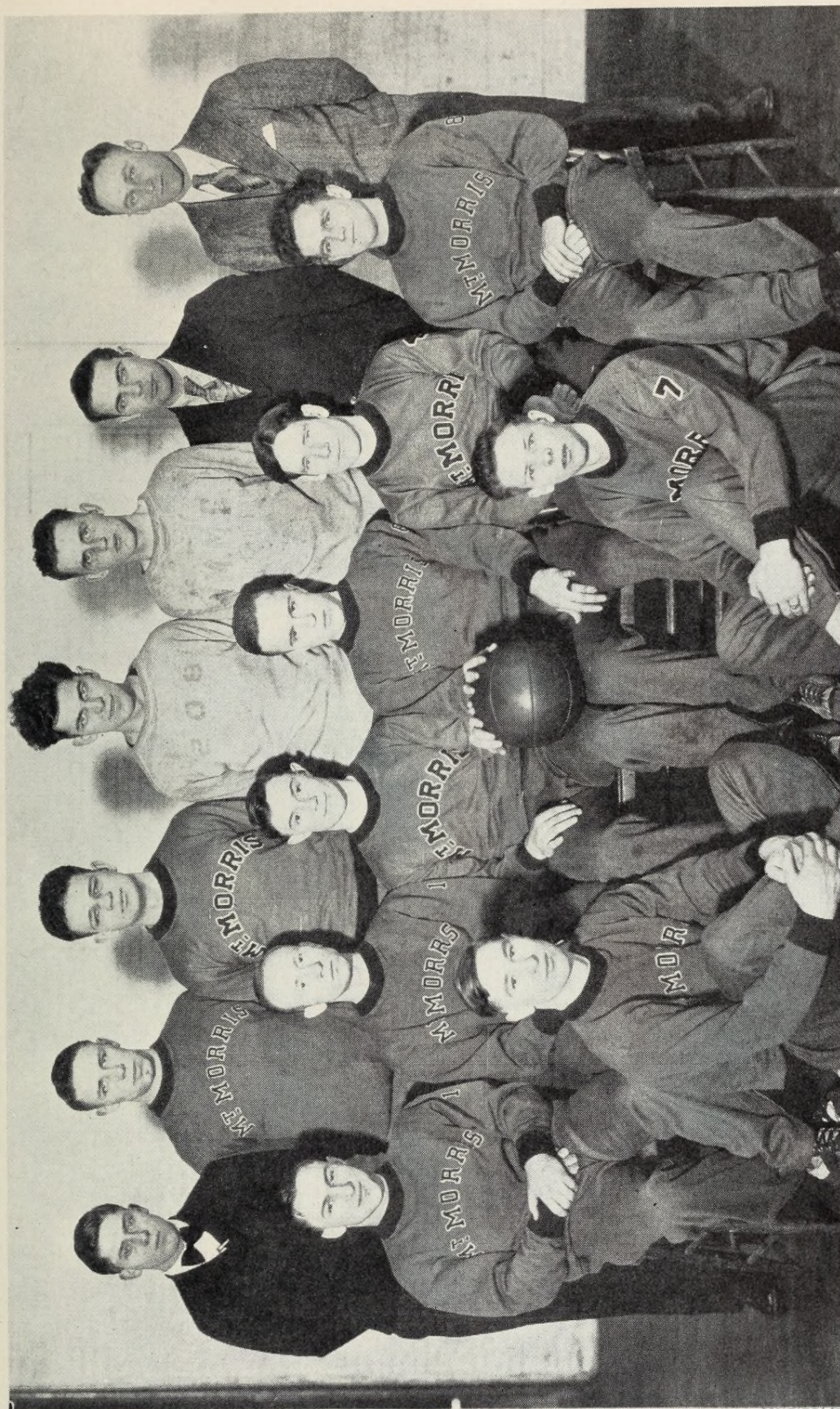
1914—A. J. Brumbaugh, 5630 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill., Dean, Univ. of Chicago; W. H. Meyers, Fresno, Calif., R. 7, Box 266, farmer; Frank A. Myers, 265 N. Flint St., Canton, Ill., pastor; David Shorb, Fontanet Courts, 1400 Fairmont S., N.W., Washington, D.C., attorney;

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL SQUAD, 1929: Front row, Gerald Powers, Verne Guldin, Sherman Bucher, Ralph Bucher, Albert Greve, Harry Royer, Jack Graham, Paul Greene; second row, William Hacker, Merlin Root, John Thomas, Francis Shenefelt, Paul Shenefelt, Willard Powers, Jay Daughenbaugh, Ralph Friesner, Glaydon Miller, Harold Wickler, Everett Brubaker; back row, Fred Parker (coach), Ralph Petry, Russell Lamb, Clell Tarrence, Harold Wold, Stacey Jordan, Earl Boyer, Clarence Yeager, Wilbur Wickert, John Masterson, Harry Long.



BASKETBALL SQUAD, 1929-1930: Front row, John Thomas, Curtis Long; second row, Albert Greve, Clyde Coffman, Donald Mulcay, Vernon Coffman, Jack Graham, Ralph Bucher; back row, Clell Tarrence, Jay Daughenbaugh, Paul Shenefelt, Willard Powers, Stacey Jordan, Paul Greene, Fred Parker (coach).



PROF. M. M. SHERRICK came to Mount Morris in 1906 as professor of modern languages and education. He was born at Three Rivers, Mich., and graduated from Coe College in 1896 and from the University of Michigan in 1902. He taught at Manchester College before coming to Mount Morris and returned there in 1923. He married Minnie Buck in 1892.

Amy Naomi (Trout) White, 1701 Archwood Ave., Nashville, Tenn., teacher.

1915—Leo Blickenstaff, 1720 Crilly St., Chicago, Ill.; H. Walter Blough, Benton, Ill., business; Ruth (Sherrick) Brumbaugh, 5630 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Wm. A. Robinson, 450 95th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., Y.M.C.A. director.

1916—O. W. Neher, No. Manchester, Ind., college professor; D. A. Stouffer, Whittier H.S., Whittier, Calif., school supt.

1917—John Barwick, 142 E. Market St., York, Pa., travel service; Homer Blough, Clear Lake, Iowa, pastor; Carol (Miller) Blough, Clear Lake, Iowa; Lewis H. Brumbaugh, 33 Ridge Road, Westminster, Md., college professor; Amos R. Eikenberry, No. Manchester, Ind., college professor; Ira H. Frantz, No. Manchester, Ind., minister; Nora (Reber) Hollenberg, 121 Rosedale, Modesta, Calif.; Merlin G. Miller, 1502 W. 15th St., Emporia, Kan., college teacher; Florence (Wieand) Noffsinger, 3635 Ordway St., N.W., Washington, D.C.; Howard Price, deceased; Dorothy Sherrick, 6437 Kimbark Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Chalmer Shull, Vada, Thana District, India; Harlan Smith, 1604 15th St., Eldora, Iowa; J. Elmer Wagoner, deceased.

1918—Hugh Bonar, 916 N. 10th St., Manitowoc, Wis., school supt.; F. J. Byer, 707 W. 3rd St., Williamsburg, Pa.; Forrest Eisenbise, 122 N. Hudson Ave., Pasadena, Calif., pastor; Viola (Eisenbise) Gerdes, Sterling, Ill.; I. J. Gibson, Astoria, Ill., teacher; Ethel (Mummert) Gibson, Astoria, Ill.

1918—Harvey Long, Mount Morris, Ill., business; Jennie (Blough) Miller, deceased; Benjamin Summer, Mooreland, Ind., pastor.

1919—J. Howard Blough, 1105 Hershey, Muscatine, Iowa, pastor; Mabel (Miller)

Bonar, 916 N. 10th St., Manitowoc, Wis.; Andrew Butterbaugh, deceased; Ralph Fahrney, 721 W. 17th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa, college professor; Irene (Van Dyke) Fierheller, 927 So. Oak Ave., Freeport, Ill.; Velma (Frantz) Gear, Fruita, Colo.; J. W. Lear, Glendora, Calif., pastor; Walter K. Mahan, Rehobeth, Md., farmer; Edna (Kessler) McCann, Jones, Okla.; Elizabeth (Kimmel) Miller, No. English, Iowa; Lawrence A. Miller, N. English, Iowa, physician; Galen B. Royer, Huntingdon, Pa., pastor; Charles Seeley, Oakland, Calif., business; J. Emmert Stover, La Verne, Calif., teacher; Ira Wagenman, 5631 Kenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill., teacher; Florence (Wirt) Yohn, Clarendon Hills, Ill.

1920—Elva Brower, 910 Midland Savings Bldg., Denver, Colo., business; Dr. A. M. Culler, 530 Fidelity Bldg., Dayton, Ohio, physician; Paul J. Gibbel, Gettysburg, Ohio, physician; Forrest A. Miller, North English, Iowa; Etha (Trostle) Neher, No. Manchester, Ind.; Paul Sherrick, 740 N. Wabash, Chicago, Ill., business; Harvey Snell, Riverdale, Calif., principal; Lucille (Royer) Strohm, 603 S. Judson, Ft. Scott, Kansas; Milo Zimmerman, Mount Morris, Ill., business.



MYRTLE ROYER MYERS, daughter of Prof. J. G. and Elizabeth (Reiff) Royer, was born at Monticello, Ind., July 18, 1880, and came with her parents to Mount Morris in 1882. She graduated from the commercial, academic, music and art departments of Mount Morris College and taught music and art in the college from 1900 to 1904. In 1903 she graduated from Chicago Musical College. She sang at many college affairs, led the singing in the Brethren church for many years and trained college glee clubs. She was married in 1904 to Millard R. Myers and they have three children: Sarah Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert Gollan), Millard R. and William L. Mrs. Myers is now interested in art and is doing painting in water colors and oil. The family home is at 4380 Central Ave., Western Springs, Ill.

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