

1810, and on the 27th of April following, the Rev. Charles Coffin was elected to succeed him by a unanimous vote of the trustees, as one eminently qualified for that position.

In 1818, President Coffin, as financial agent, collected \$3162 cash, and obtained \$227 on subscription. At other times also he obtained considerable sums, so that personally he obtained upwards of \$20,000, by personal efforts, a large part of which was invested, and yielded a considerable amount for the support of the instructors. The last of his tours to the East was in the summer of 1822. On his return, he received the thanks of the board for "his patriotic exertions on behalf of the College." In this year, a two-story brick boarding house was erected on the college grounds.

The Rev. Oramel Hinckley, and after him the Rev. Stephen Foster, filled the chair of mathematics and natural philosophy, in connection with Dr. Coffin.

In 1827, there seems, from the records, to have been factional movements connected with the board of trustees, unpleasant to Dr. Coffin, and he having been elected, by the Legislature, president of East Tennessee College at Knoxville, resigned the presidency of Greeneville College, April 23, 1827, and accepted the other position.

This was a loss from which Greeneville College never recovered to the enjoyment of any considerable prosperity. It would be tedious and uninteresting to detail the changes connected with its struggles, decline, and final extinction.

It no longer enjoyed the former public favor and confidence; its efforts to obtain funds were various but generally unsuccessful, and instead of retaining the investments that had supported the instructors, first the dividends and afterwards the principal began to be used for repairs and other expenses, until no proper faculty could be employed or sustained in the institution.

Mr. Henry Hoss, of Greene county, succeeded Dr. Coffin in 1828, and presided until his death in 1836. In 1838, Rev. James McLin, formerly president of Washington College, was elected successor to Mr. Hoss.

In 1839, the school was removed to the Rhea Academy building in Greeneville, and a committee appointed to secure a lot and to erect a new college building in the same town. In 1840, Mr. Valentine Sevier offered the donation of a lot, which was accepted by the trustees as the site. A building committee and agents to collect funds for erecting the edifice were appointed. But these agents had little success, and the building was erected by selling what remained of the investment in the Union Bank of Maryland, in Baltimore. The building was of brick and stood on the ground now occupied by the residence of Mr. Naff, on the north-east border of the town of Greeneville, and was built by Joseph D. Price for \$3025. It was opened for instruction on the 16th of October, 1843. In the meantime President McLin resigned, in 1840, and his successors were Rev. Samuel Mathews, 1843-45; Rev. Charles A. Van Vleck, one year, 1846; Rev. John J. Fleming, one year, 1847. During the years 1847-1854 there occurred a vacancy in which the building was neglected and many of the books and pieces of apparatus were carried off. In 1854, the Trustees made some repairs, and elected the Rev. William B. Rankin President, with whom they associated as Professor of Mathematics, etc., in 1855, the Rev. A.J. Brown, of Blountville. The latter resigned in 1857, and Mr. S.V. McCorkle was employed in his room with President Rankin, one year, 1858.

Under President Rankin there was a temporary revival of interest and efficiency. In