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PARDEE HALL

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On the outside cover of the Range is a picture of Pardee Hall, the present dormitory for the boys. A short history of the present dormitory follows:

During the Christmas holidays of 1915 a disastrous fire completely destroyed the boys' dormitory, Mee Hall. Because of lack of funds it was impossible to rebuild the dormitory and the boys were forced to find lodging wherever they could. Three years later, in the fall of 1918 the Administration Building was also destroyed by fire and a building program for Milligan became imperative.

One hundred thousand dollars was raised for each building. Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Pardee made a generous donation and in appreciation for the liberal gifts which they had made over a period of years Pardee Hall was named for them.

Every dollar needed for the construction of the building was received before the day of dedication. Mr. C. C. Mitchell of Johnson City was employed as the architect and Mr. Linville as the builder. On Sunday October 10, 1919, Pardee Hall was dedicated by Mr. Sweeney, ex-ambassador to Turkey, and an outstanding Christian Preacher.

Professor and Mrs. Cochrane were the first occupants of the building, and for nineteen years

they have ably and kindly served as father and mother to the boys.

Pardee Hall, an imposing structure, has three floors and a basement which has also been converted into living quarters for the boys. The first floor has fourteen rooms, having two large parlors, eight rooms for the boys and the remainder serving as an apartment for Professor and Mrs. Cochrane. The other two floors have eighteen rooms each and there are three rooms in the basement. About half of the rooms are each occupied by three boys, these rooms containing double-deck beds. Today the dormitory comfortably houses one hundred and twenty boys.

Of the Pardees, for whom the dormitory was named, President Derthick says, "Mr. and Mrs. Pardee were lovers of youth. It was a joy for the college to honor them by naming the boys' dormitory Pardee Hall. They not only loved youth, but preserved their own youth by their courage, cheerfulness, daring, thoughtfulness, and goodness of heart. Even though the eight children which were born into their home demanded their love, affection, and support, yet their hearts, so full, had plenty of room for the thousands of youth who shall have attended Milligan and for the hundreds of boys who have and shall have enjoyed Pardee Hall."