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For a period of 16 years the school grew and prospered under the able management of Professor W.H. Witherow. For many years Miss Emily O'Bear, one of the few professional women teachers of the state, devoted her time and talent untiringly to the training of the boys and girls of Mt. Zion high school.

For twelve years under the splendid leadership of Superintendent J. H. Thornwell, the old school lived up the title given it by Dr. Jas. H. Carlisle. During those years Mt. Zion was the "light on the Hill."

Two years after Mr. Thornwell's resignation another real educator, Mr. G. F. Patton, took charge of the school and the twenty-four years he labored at Mt. Zion were marked with progress and growth.

And through the cooperation of all concerned in 1922 the building which was so "large and well



Miss Emily Obear

arranged in 1881" was torn away and the grammar school building was erected. It was used for both graded and high school until 1936 when a new high school building and beautiful auditorium were erected.

When the high school was erected, a lovely library was added. This was probably one of the most outstanding high school libraries in the State of South Carolina at that time.

Dr. Patterson Wardlaw of the University of South Carolina, who was at one time a superintendent of Mt. Zion, wrote a beautiful tribute to the school and closed with these words, "And so, Finally, Mount Zion means Hope." Truly in the past she has meant courage, possibility, and character building.

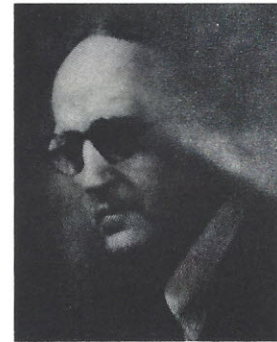
Through the years as Mt. Zion students pursue their studies in higher colleges, it is noteworthy that they are usually top ranking scholars. And as mature citizens we see them making good as statesmen, soldiers, educators — in all walks of life.

There has been a number of buildings erected on the site. Several were destroyed by fire. The building housing Mount Zion Institute, a high school, succumbed to fire in 1922.

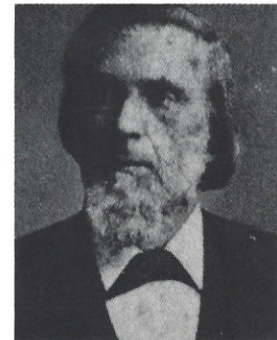
The class of 1960 was the last high school class to graduate from Mount Zion Institute. Winnsboro High School replaced this Faculty and Mt. Zion became an elementary school, housing grades six and seven, in the building completed in 1936.

One of the original buildings was destroyed by fire in September of 1981.

Mount Zion Intermediate School became a reality in 1986. This is the last year for Mt. Zion Intermediate.



J.H. Thornwell



Dr. James H. Carlisle