sermons entitles him to fame. He married a daughter of Judge Wright, and was the father of Adam Empie, Esq.

Other teachers at the "Old Academy" were Rev. Mr. Lathrop, Captain Mitchell, who had been a sea captain, Messrs. Hartshorn, Lowry, Joy, Wilkes, and Burke.

A review of the educational facilities of Wilmington prior to the war of 1861 would be incomplete without reference to the admirable private school for boys conducted by Mr. Levin Meginney, a contemporary of Mr. G. W. Jewett, whose institute has been mentioned elsewhere in the *Chronicles*. These two school principals were widely divergent in their professional characteristics, but they worked in harmony, and Mr. Meginney extended to us (of the Jewett school) the courtesy of the use of his larger auditorium for our weekly declamations.

Mr. Meginney was a Marylander, who came to Wilmington during the forties. Buying the building that had been used for the Odd Fellows' School, he opened an institute that became the largest in Wilmington at the time. He was recognized as one of the foremost educators of his day, and his strong moral influence was a blessing to the community, the far-reaching effects of which are still felt in the men of character and purpose who, as youths, were trained in his school. Although unable, because of injury to one arm, to shoulder a musket, he did what he could, as a devoted Southerner, for the cause of the Confederacy during the War between the States, giving largely of his means, and in particular helping to fit out one of the first gunboats. Though giving his enthusiastic love and loyalty unreservedly to the Southern cause, both during the war and in the trying days following it, Mr. Meginney was just and generous to the teachers who came to Wilmington from other sections. He was the first to welcome Miss Amy Bradley, a Northern lady, who came after the war to open the Hemenway School. There are many yet living who remember his gracious, old-time courtesy to all, and the sweet and beneficent influence of his fine character. Some of the most prominent men in Wilmington were his pupils and remember him with gratitude and affection.

Shortly before the war, among other schools at Wilmington was Radcliffe's Military Academy; and for girls there were the high school kept by Rev. Mr. Backus and the fine school of the Misses Burr and James. After the war, the latter was reopened; and the wife of Gen. Robert Ransom had a finishing

school, while General Colston for years kept a fine military academy.

Another excellent school was that of Miss Kate Kennedy and Miss Annie Hart, which was established shortly after the four years' war. It was thoroughly equipped with prominent and efficient instructors, notably Professors Mumford, Bunker, Meade, Graham, Baudry, Tallichet, Tamborrella, Joseph Denck, and Miss Mordecai. After Miss Kennedy's marriage to Dr. A. J. DeRosset, in 1877, the school passed under new management. It is now conducted by Miss Hart and Miss Brown, ably assisted by Miss Hobday, of Virginia. Mrs. A. M. Waddell and Mrs. Devereux Lippitt were for a time instructors in music and in painting. The reputation of this school in Wilmington is unexcelled.

One of the most useful teachers connected with private education in Wilmington was Mrs. Laura P. Rothwell, whose record as a teacher here extended over sixty-seven years. Her devoted Christian life was reflected in many homes blessed by her careful training and by her beautiful life of faithful service. Mrs. Rothwell died in 1899, at the age of eighty-three.

Public Education in Wilmington.

In every community there are builders of character, and the building is based on the gold, silver, and precious stones of love and sacrifice. That great apostle of education, Lord Brougham, has said: "It is with unspeakable delight that I contemplate the rich gifts that have been bestowed, the honest zeal displayed, by private persons for the benefit of their fellow-creatures. How many persons do I myself know to whom it is only necessary to say there are men without employment, children uneducated, sufferers in prison, victims of disease, wretches pining in want, and straightway they will abandon all other pursuits, as if they themselves had not large families to provide for, and toil for days and for nights, stolen from their most necessary avocations, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shed upon the children of the poor that inestimable blessing of education, which gave themselves the wish and the power to relieve their fellow-men."

Of Mr. James H. Chadbourn, sr., one of our citizens who presented his body a living sacrifice for others, it may be said