

From the Rock Hill Herald, July 11, 1903:

“High School Leased”

The High School, which it was hoped would become the property of the City, has been leased by Rev. D. J. Brimm, D. D. of Columbia, and Prof. J. D. Cozby, a Citadel cadet, recently commandant of cadets in the university school in New Orleans and with nine years experience, with probably Prof. J. Palmer Smith, as associate. Rev. Dr. Brimm has been professor in the Theological Seminary in Columbia for a number of years and is well known to all our people as a scholar and distinguished educator. The name of the school has been changed to “The Rock Hill Training School.”

The school will begin exercised the first of September and will be conducted as a training school for boys, preparing them for any college, with the stipulation that if a boy after taking the course here fails to enter Davidson, the South Carolina College, or other like institution, one year’s additional schooling will be given free of charge. The ambition of the lessees will be to make “The Rock Hill Training School” the best of its kind in the South. South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia will be canvassed at once for students, and arrangements will be made at once to put the main building in thorough repair and such improvements will be made on the dormitory as will render it attractive and comfortable for students.

If the tuition rates are put within the reach of our citizens, we feel assured that the lessees may expect a very hearty patronage of parents in Rock Hill having boys, for many who have been lukewarm before have begun to realize the high importance of having a school for boys and even young men in our midst.

The school we understand will be non-sectarian and will make military training a feature.

Dr. Brimm has a family consisting of his wife and three little children. Prof. Cozby has his wife and one child and they will move to Rock Hill within two weeks, while Prof. Smith, who is well known to our people, has his wife and one child. Prof. Cosby’s family upon moving to Rock Hill will move into the High School dormitory.

Dr. Brimm passed through Rock Hill yesterday on the way to Columbia, having been called there on account of the death of his wife’s mother. He had been to Davidson College, where he on Thursday signed the lease for the High School for a term of three years, with the privilege of purchase.