

THE GOODWIN HOUSE: ARCHIVAL MATERIAL

ON EARLY DAYS OF NORTHWEST

Bible Institute

Seattle, Wash.

1940 to 1958

Among the private homes in which NBI students lived during the early days of the school were two that stand out and almost became institutional part of the school. One was the Goodwin house on Weedon Place where a number of young men students stayed, and the other was the Kott house on E. 69th St. where a number of women students stayed.

Mrs. John W. Goodwin and her husband moved to Seattle around 1940. After Mr. Goodwin's death, Mrs. Leora Goodwin took students into her home, and for all practical purposes was a "house mother" to them. Her influence upon them is attested to by the fact that the majority of them continued to keep in touch with her through the years after graduation. Her association and interest in NBI was ^{much} ~~far~~ more than a commercial one involving the renting of rooms. It was a heart interest, and she invested something of significance of herself in the work of the school, though she never held any official portfolio.

Around 1958 she sold her home and moved to California where she lived in Chico for several years and later at Carmel with her daughter Mrs. Leola Grover, at the time of her death about 1965.

Of a Quaker background, this remarkable lady possessed a serenity of spirit that distinguished her. She was a member of Calvary Temple in Seattle. While others taught students in the class rooms of the school this lady in her dignified and quiet way taught them in her home. Many a NBI student has arisen to "call her blessed" and to thank God ^{her} ~~for the~~ influence ~~of her life~~ upon him.