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At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee held in Memphis in December, the Building Committee of the Board consisting of General Cary F. Spence, Mr. George C. Rowlett, Mr. Paul J. Kruesi, Mr. Thomas H. Allen and Mr. Williston M. Cox were authorized to name the new chemistry building recently erected on the University campus in Knoxville. The committee has unanimously voted to name this building Dabney Hall in honor of Dr. Charles William Dabney who was President of the University of Tennessee from 1887 to 1904.

Dr. Dabney came to the University from North Carolina where he was Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station. He was born in Virginia and educated at Hampden-Sydney College and the University of Virginia. He received his Ph.D. degree from Gottingen, Germany. The honorary degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon him by Davidson College, Washington and Lee University, Yale University and Johns Hopkins University. He was Professor of Chemistry at Emory and Henry College for one year, and also Professor of Chemistry at the University of North Carolina and Director of the North Carolina Experiment Station.

During Dr. Dabney's administration as president of The University of Tennessee the institution began a new life and he laid the foundation for the future growth of the institution. He was Assistant Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture from 1893 to 1896. He was Chief of the Department of State and Government exhibits at the New Orleans Exposition in 1883-1884, and was chairman of the board of managers of government exhibits at the Atlanta Exposition in 1895, and the Tennessee Centennial Exposition

in 1897. He was a member of the Jury of Awards of the Paris Exposition in 1900. Dr. Dabney resigned from the Presidency of The University of Tennessee in 1904 and became President of the University of Cincinnati and served that institution as president until 1920 when he retired. During his administration of The University of Tennessee, the Summer School of the South was started in 1902 and became one of the greatest institutions of its kind in this country. Dr. Dabney is noted as a scholar and as one of the most distinguished educators in the nation. His many friends will be glad to know that his name will appear on one of the new buildings of the institution which he served so long and for which he did so much.