

be encouraged in this Nation." So even as early as 1839, they took a definite stand that schools was probably the basis of their civilization.

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF FIRST SCHOOLS

After the founding of Dwight, other schools were soon established. One of the first was Fairville Mission about fifteen miles north of Dwight in the present Adair county. Shortly thereafter, the Mormon Church working through the American Board and Commissioner of Foreign Missions founded a school on the Illinois River. And two years later, 1832, some eighty Cherokee Baptist families settled in what is now Delaware County, and a mission school under the direction of Reverend Dunkin O'Brian was established in Delaware County.

Another of the early schools was Park Hill Academy, an institution that profoundly affected the lives and the fortunes of the Cherokees, was founded by Samuel Worcester, Doctor Samuel Worcester, in 1830. This institution was one of the most successful of the early schools and they had a continuous existence which is something a little bit unusual with these early schools. It continued until it closed at Civil War.

One of the most interesting reports pertaining to the early Cherokee schools is one relative to Mountain Zion which was established in 1843 by Doctor Buttrick and his wife. The school opened with fifty students. Conditions were such that its growth and prosperity seemed quite assured. However, at this point, Doctor Buttrick's health failed and soon became apparent that it would be necessary to hire an instructor. Consequently, after an exhaustive search, an instructor was found who demanded and received twenty dollars a month for her services. So, this was the amount that was paid to top White people back during this period. Another number of schools similar