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Students and faculty at Littleton Female College, 1892. North Carolina by Grady L. E. Carroll Sr., 2006Collection, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Library.

Littleton College, a Methodist institution of higher learning in Littleton, opened in 1882. Founded as Central Institute and subsequently renamed Littleton Female College and, finally, Littleton College, the school was housed in several substantial three-story buildings. In 1905 it claimed 22 teachers. Though privately owned, Littleton was regarded as a Methodist ^[2] college. Accounts of its progress were included in the church's annual *North Carolina Conference Journal*. The college offered courses in chemistry, physics, physiology, and psychology, among other disciplines. More than 200 students were enrolled yearly. In 1907 enrollment stood at 274 students.

Methodist minister and educator James Manly Rhodes (1850-1941) was, except for a two-year period, Littleton's president throughout its existence. The school operated until 1919 when a fire destroyed its buildings; it was never reopened.

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