

Mr. Lord's most heart-felt thanks were reserved for Senator Pemberton, who had worked for the dormitory since 1903. He wrote the Senator:

I am unable to convey to you my deep appreciation of all that you have done for this school, and I am especially grateful to you for what you have done in getting the bill for our building through the Legislature. . . . You have done much to make our work pleasant and effective and have asked nothing from any of us in return except that we make a good school. Generations of young women will be grateful to you for making it possible for them to have a delightful home while attending this school.²⁴

As the building neared completion in the early winter of 1908 the question arose of giving it a name. At Mr. Lord's suggestion the Board of Trustees named it "Pemberton Hall" in honor of the Senator who had been its most effective champion. Mr. Lord wrote to Senator Pemberton that the name seemed appropriate to him, and anticipated that the Senator would "look with as much satisfaction upon the establishing of this building as upon anything that has occurred in your legislative experience." He remarked that "Pemberton Hall" was a "fine high-sounding name" that was also that of the principal woman's building at Bryn Mawr.²⁵

The naming of Pemberton Hall evoked a chuckle from the *Springfield Journal*. After referring to certain Chicago politicians who had sought unsuccessfully to defeat Pemberton in the 1908 election the *Journal* took delight in noting that the Senator

. . . has been honored by having his name attached to a public school building. And it isn't any ordinary sort of building either. It's a hall—one of those halls you read of in those delightful old English novels. Though, of course, it isn't an old hall now. It hopes to be some day, and to have ivy clinging to its moss-covered walls and great wide-spreading trees surrounding it, in the shade of which innumerable generations of students will loll in reflective contemplation of the greatness of Senator Pemberton . . .²⁶

This was the first time that the State of Illinois had built for such a purpose. As Mr. Lord said later, "I made the fight for all the other colleges, and Senator Pemberton is the man who really won it. . . . So we named it Pemberton Hall. I never go by in the evening when the girls are in their rooms and the lights in all the windows without feeling anew the satisfaction of it."²⁷

The other state schools were not slow in seeking similar buildings. With much satisfaction Mr. Lord was able to write to Senator Pem-

²⁴Letter, L. C. Lord to Senator S. C. Pemberton, Oakland, May 31, 1907. Lord Letterbooks, No. 24.

²⁵Letter, L. C. Lord to Senator S. C. Pemberton, Oakland, December 21, 1908. Lord Letterbooks, No. 24.

²⁶Springfield, Illinois, *Journal*, December 23, 1908. Copy sent to Mr. Lord by Senator Pemberton with letter of December 24. Lord Letterbooks, No. 24. Senator Pemberton lived to the age of 86. He died on May 25, 1944.

²⁷McKinney: *Mr. Lord*, pp. 237-238.