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WHERE UNION SOLDIERS WERE GIVEN CARE

Crozer Theological Seminary located within the incorporated borough of Upland, just on the outskirts of Chester, reached by Upland line of trolley cars, was established in 1868, by the Crozer family as a memorial to their father, the late John P. Crozer. He, in 1857, had begun the erection of the present main building, at a cost of \$45,000, as an institution for the teaching of the higher grades of learning and as such it remained for several years.

When the war storm burst over the country, Mr. Crozer tendered the building to the United States Government as a hospital and the offer was accepted. There were 1000 beds in the building. Until July 1863, the place was used almost exclusively for the treatment of Union soldiers, but after the battle of Gettysburg it became necessary for the authorities at Washington to designate a certain hospital for the care of the wounded rebels left on the field by General Lee, and this building was designated for the purpose.

During its use as a hospital, it is estimated that over 6,000 wounded soldiers of the Northern and Southern armies were treated there. At the conclusion of the war, the building was turned over again to the owner. After his death in 1868, the family decided to open it as a memorial, and the building was formally dedicated to this purpose. There is a large library and spacious hall on the grounds, together with numerous dwellings for members of the seminary faculty.

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