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DR. VALLANDIGHAM ADDRESSES STUDENTS

Professor E. N. Vallandigham, formerly connected with this college and now a literary critic of some repute, has been visiting relatives in Newark. He has been a most welcome visitor about the college, and the several talks that he has given us at our Chapel time have been most entertaining and instructive, and there is always some kernel of wisdom and truth left in the mind of the student body which will assist them in their struggle for knowledge. Prof. Vallandigham, in speaking to the students early last week, addressed them as follows: "Doctor Mitchell warns me that I must take little of your valuable time, young gentlemen, and since he that wastes time wastes eternity, I have written out what I have to say lest I say too much. Since this is a free forum, I am about to speak out of my own heart and mind, and without previous consultation with anybody in authority; so that the whole responsibility of what I say is solely my own. It ill becomes one far beyond military age to urge younger men to take the risks of battle, but as I see it, when we declared war, the frontier of the Union automatically crossed the Atlantic, and to fight wherever our allies faced the foe became for every Patriotic American of fighting age mere home-guard duty. Whether or not you are to face that foe, there is likely to be a war after the war, one in which you must take part, and it is of the utmost moment that you prepare yourselves to take the right side. That battle will be within our own territorial limits, and fought out at the ballot box. We are now one people as we have not been before within the memory of living men, for Americans of all sorts, black and white, rich and poor, are one in the world-wide fight to make democracy safe. When the war of arms shall cease, however, there is danger that our unity may also cease. Our spoiled darlings of privilege have cheerfully given of their vast means in taxes and otherwise to aid the world's and the country's needs, and have nobly added their personal services. Patriotism demanded that they do both just a millions of men, with less wealth and less skill and power, have freely given of their substance, and offered their very life-blood. We are grateful to all, rich and poor, who have done thus, and he is a churl that cynically questions the motive of the giver, whether his gift has been as small as the widow's mite, or as great as the treasure of Croesus. When peace comes, however, we must be ready to say no, and say it firmly, even sternly, to such of the privileged as may demand of a grateful country that their privileges be continued and extended, for priv-

ilege means finally naught but the unjust prerogative of the privileged to take from the earnings of all to fill their own coffers. If the American world is to be safe for true democracy; if we are not to be split in twain; gathered into warring camps; and be exposed to the blind violence of those that take the wrongs of the many with savage bitterness, we must deny special privilege to any, and secure equal opportunity to all. You may be tempted by the rich offers of the privileged to help continue and extend their privileges, and may even be urged in the name of patriotism to this hateful thing but if you are to be true friends of democracy, to be clearheaded patriots, not for revenue only, but for the good of all, you must learn to say no to the tempters and to resist their subtle arguments. For while we owe to a generous giver the recent splendid development at Delaware College, you have won

Farewell Gathering of Ag Club

On Monday evening the Ag Club held a reception in the Lounge of O. C. H. for the Ag faculty and seniors. Missouri mumschaums were passed around and every one proceeded to smoke up. Refreshments in the form of ice cream and cake were served and every one had all they could eat. President O'Rourke called the meeting to order and introduced the principal speaker of the evening, Dean Hayward.

Dean Hayward made a short but impressive speech. He emphasized the fact that the college was behind every student that was graduated in Agriculture and would do its very best to see that he made good. Professors Pailthorpe and Nicholas, who are leaving us, gave very interesting talks. Impromptu speeches were made by several of the faculty and students. Everyone seemed to agree that many of the Ag students especially the Freshmen did not realize the value of practical work. Toastmaster O'Rourke ended the

CHEMICAL SOCIETY TO MEET AT DELAWARE

Delaware Section Will Visit College Today

The Delaware Section of the American Chemical Society will hold their May meeting as the guests of Delaware College on Saturday afternoon and evening, May 11th. The American Chemical Society is a national association of chemists. It has about 11,000 members and is the largest organization of its kind in the world. The Delaware Section was organized about six months ago with the State of Delaware and Salem County, N. J., as its territory and already has about two hundred members.

On this occasion the members who will be accompanied by their wives will spend the afternoon visiting the Women's College and the various departments of Delaware College as well as the Interscholastic Field meet on Frazer Field. Dinner will be served in Old College Hall at 6 o'clock. At 8 P. M. the regular meeting will

THE LIB- ERTY LOAN

Delaware may justly feel proud of itself when the results of the Liberty Loan campaign of the past few weeks, are placed before us.

When the campaign started, the committee of the four class presidents with Dr. Greenfield as chairman, did not see a very bright outlook or a smooth path ahead. The students had rallied gloriously to the call of the Y. M. C. A.; and the War Savings and former Liberty Loans had received their due attention. It was felt that it was almost too much to ask that he students should "come across" for this loan. It was decided, however, to make the effort to raise two thousand dollars. But how to raise the sum? Club subscriptions by classes appeared to be a solution of the problem. After some thought, it was suggested that a personal canvass of the student body be made, just to see what could be raised. The results of this personal campaign speak for themselves, and are here given by classes:

Senior	\$2,050	14 subscribers
Junior	600	9 subscribers
Sophomore	400	7 subscribers
Freshman	\$1,250	21 subscribers

This makes a total of \$4,300 with fifty-one subscribers. Mr. Rodney Sharp was kind enough to place a \$10,000 subscription thru the college, and thus the total amount subscribed is FOURTEEN THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS. This amount is exclusive of Faculty subscriptions.

It would be well to mention here that the Women's College subscriptions, students and faculty, amounted to \$4,250.

It is evident that a little effort and work will work wonders for such a cause as this one, and we may term the result a real victory.

"But what good came of it at last?" Quoth little Peterkin.

"Why that I cannot tell," said he; "But 'twas a famous victory."

It is true that we cannot as yet see the good it will bring; but it is evident that whatever the outcome may be, each one can say:

"La victoire me suit, et tout suit la victoire."

SONS OF DELAWARE TO COME HERE

May Reunion to be Held at the College

The Sons of Delaware have accepted the invitation of Delaware College to spend the afternoon and evening of May 25th here. About two hundred loyal Delawareans who now reside in Pennsylvania, are expected to attend the reunion which is held annually in the home state. E. B. Frazer, mayor of Newark, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Delaware College, assisted by H. R. Sharp, of Wilmington, is in charge of arrangements. The guests will visit the Farm and later inspect the new College buildings. Dinner will be served in the main dining room of Old College Hall at six o'clock. Governor Townsend has been asked to be present and be one of the speakers.

Mr. Willetts, the president of the Corn Exchange National Bank of Philadelphia, is president of the organization.



Old College Hall

here, chiefly, through the munificence of all your American fellow citizens, who for fifty years have taxed themselves more and more to offer educational opportunities free to all, such specialized skill as should make you materially successful and highly useful. You will be the worst of the engiater if you use the free gift of your fellow-citizens to fix upon them the cruelly oppressive burdens of a privileged class. Remember, this war after the war, if it comes (and let us hope that may not come, that the unity of today may be perpetuated) will test in you that rarest virtue, civic courage, and remember also, that whosoever turns his back upon his country in such an hour of need, is that vile and selfish thing, a civic coward."

Speeches of this style are an inspiration and incentive to the students, and we are in hopes that we may be favored with others in the near future.

meeting by urging every one in college next year to get behind the Ag Club and boost.

McKay Leaves College

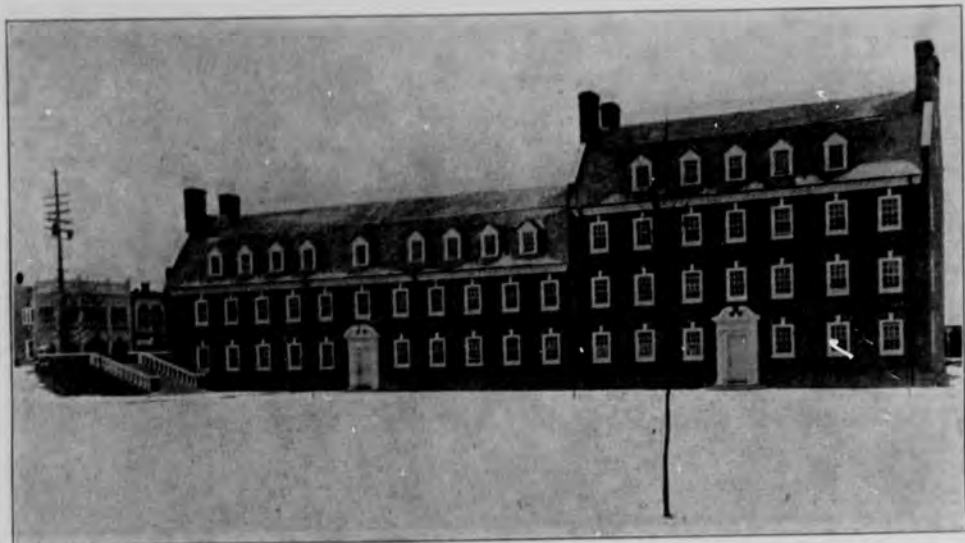
Herman McKay, a member of the Junior Class of Delaware, left college last week. "Herm" has become known to almost everyone in college during his three years in Delaware, and he is well liked. He is now perfecting himself in special lines of work and he expects to seek admission to the Hospital Corps soon. He is a member of the Omega Alpha fraternity.

New Stadium for U. of P.

The University of Pennsylvania has a movement on foot to provide a new stadium. The proposed structure will be the largest one of its kind in the world for collegiate contests, its seating capacity to be 100,000 persons.

be held in Wolf Hall, at which Professor Robertson Matthews of Cornell University will speak on the relation of colleges to war work. Short addresses will also be given by other prominent speakers. This is to be an open meeting and all who are interested are cordially invited to attend.

The officers of the Delaware Section are: Chairman, Lamot duPont; vice chairman, J. G. Melendy, General Chemical Company; secretary, Dr. R. P. Calvert, duPont Experimental Station; treasurer, D. S. Ashbrook, Joseph Bancroft's Sons; chairman membership committee, F. W. Barker, Jr., National Aniline and Chemical Company, Marcus Hook, Pa.; chairman entertainment committee, D. S. Ashbrook; chairman program committee, R. P. Calvert; counsellors, C. M. Stine, Chemical Department duPont Company and Firman Thompson, Delaware College.



Harter Hall

A YEAR IN HARTER HALL

The student committee in charge at Harter Hall has acted as the regular channel of communication with the college authorities. It has also been the duty of the committee to stand for the ideals of the men on the dorms. The committee has not held regular meetings. It has dispensed with rules and penalties. Davis and his men proceeded on the principle that leaven is more powerful than shot. The half dozen or so of regulations which the committee presented to the trustees at the beginning of the year, and which were ratified, represent the irreducible minimum of decency and orderliness; and they have enforced themselves, with the exception of the one declaring against throwing fruitskins and other rubbish out of the windows, which has had to be followed up with action by the committee. And the action in this case was no more than a suggestion which resulted in a general clean-up of the campus around the dorms, where bottles, cans, socks, shoes, and other male detritus had emerged as the snow melted in the spring sunshine. The incident goes to indicate that a certain wholesome pride in the property, similar to that which keeps the fraternity yards in trim, is showing a green shoot.

Possibly another evidence of the same pride is the good condition of the interior. After a year it does not seem the worse for wear. One does not expect to find a boy's dorm spick and span, but when you drop in at Harter Hall, you find the lavatories clean; the corridors free from litter, and most of the rooms tidy and decent. This condition is no doubt largely attributable to the work of Mrs. Bennett and the two maids, who are employed to

keep the building in order, and to the construction of the building. A long corridor is a standing temptation to throw something, and the architect understood dormitories who divided the corridors into the little vestibule-compartments through which the student passes to his room in Harter Hall. Nevertheless such a well-kept dormitory as Harter Hall seems to be after a year of hard usage, would scarcely be possible were there not some interest and pride in it felt among the occupants.

Evidence is not wanting that the new dorms are not merely a decent place in which to live, but that they have proved homelike. There have been very few vacancies. There would have been even greater demand for rooms had it not been for ties of loyalty that bind the fraternity men to their chapter houses. As it is, a number of the residents, including Davis himself and two members of the committee are fraternity men.

Has a genuine esprit de corps sprung up among the men whose lives have been thrown together by the dorms? It is very hard for an outsider to judge of this. The student into whose hands the position of greatest influence fell is fortunately one who realized from the first the significance of his job. He had enough imagination to grasp the importance to the college of making a conspicuous success of the experiment in student self-government at Harter Hall, for it is a fact that there are few colleges in this country where liberty as complete has been given the students in running a dormitory. The ideal he set for his men was to found this year a lasting tradition, which should consist in good order, decency, and fellowship. As he put it himself, the ideal was to have "everybody having a good time, without injuring anybody else."

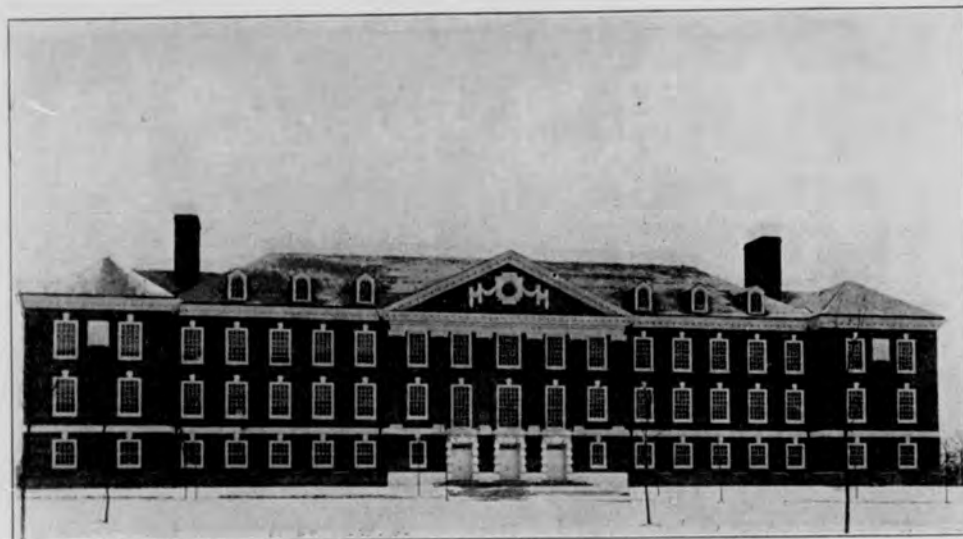
There can be little question about the spirit of good fellowship on the dorms. Curiously there does not seem to be the usual hang-out and loafing joint for which somebody's room usually serves in a dormitory, but there is a great deal of friendly visiting around, and this means healthy spirit. The men on the dorms are by no means like the dwellers in an apartment house: their sense of solidarity comes to the surface, if in nothing else in the discipline which they

tobacco smoke of the present residents when they have become reminiscent alumni—as for instance, the gatherings in the Devils' Den, where Truss, already a premature alumnus, was one of the familiar spirits; and Levey's harangues, and his famous "drunk" on the night when Baron O'Rourke was so terrified that he lost control of his locomotion; and the conclaves and the banquet of the cabalistic A. H. Club. About this A. H. Club the uninitiated are left in the frozen dark, except to know that is the first offspring of the kind which the dorms life has produced. It is well known that the club has no rules. Indeed it seems to be studiously negligee in every particular, the essence of informality organized. This cryptic society made itself famous by its midwinter banquet, in suite 101. Fifteen or twenty are said to have shared in that Olympian feast, over which Levey himself presided. Miss Stewart catered. The banquet is said to have passed off in a banquet-like manner.

It is evident that the House Committee undertook something much more ambitious and difficult than police duty. What is there to show for their enterprise at the end of a year? Is it fair to judge the experiment yet? As Davis put it,

ing development in character and personality during the year as any of the fraternities. At least it can be said with certainty that the common life at the dorms has not failed to furnish sufficient opportunity, for those who seized it, for developing a skill in handling men. The other test is scholarship. A careful comparison of records in the Dean's office shows that at the extremes the dormitory men have led the college in scholarship. There have been more of them among the best students, and fewer of them among the absolute flunks. Possibly this is as much because good students come to the dorms as that the dorms make good students. But the fact stands and it is creditable.

One night recently the writer was sitting in one of the rooms in Section B, when a rollicking song, carried by several voices in good harmony, rang through the hall, and died away as the men scattered to their rooms. It was a new note in the life of Delaware College, a voice of the new student life of the college. It seemed to express the creation of something of which the fine new buildings are simply the preliminary condition, the prelude.



Wolf Hall

occasionally take upon themselves to inflict. The scene of the lynching is generally the cold shower. The hazing of this sort that has taken place seems always to have been good-humored and, on the whole, salutary; and other things have occurred this year, and characters distinguished themselves that without a doubt are passing into a legend that will glow enticingly in the banquet

the influence of the dorms cannot be expected to show as a distinct ingredient of life at Delaware until 1920 or 1921. Superficially there seems to be much that might be improved. Life at Harter Hall does not proceed as methodically perhaps as it would if it had been more strictly regulated. A strong esprit de corps, driving home with silent pressure the ideals of the leading and the better balanced men, has not matured. It has been found impossible to form a successful Bible study class in the dorms like those in the fraternities, and the difference answerable for the failure is probably the absence of the solidarity that prevails in the fraternity groups. But is so much to be expected at the end of the first year? Is it not enough if there are signs that a vital growth has begun?

There are two tests by which one might judge whether the atmosphere of a student-residence, be it dorm or chapter house, is wholesome, invigorating. One is, the number of men who are "brought out" as a result of their residence. The dorms can probably show as many cases of strik-



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