

hundreds unable to gain admittance. Plans had already been prepared for an enlargement of the Old Chapel, the estimated cost of which would be \$60,000.00, and Mr. Schwab, after consulting with Mrs. Schwab, as has been his happy custom in years gone by, finding that in their united judgment this enlargement was one of the most urgent immediate needs of the College, assumed jointly with her, without suggestion or request from any outside source, the entire proposed cost. Later in the day, they expressed their preference for a new, separate structure, at an estimated cost of \$100,000.00. The designs finally adopted involved a cost of \$155,000.00, and that sum they have contributed in the construction of this noble and beautiful Auditorium in which we are now assembled. No words can exaggerate either the gratitude of the whole College Community for this magnificent gift, or the immense influence it has had in elevating the tone of College life. It became at once the centre of all the public activities of the College, and is held as a precious and inviolable trust.

"Owing to circumstances beyond their control, neither Mr. nor Mrs. Schwab was able to be present at the dedication of the building, but a personal representative brought their greetings and good wishes, and carried back in return the testimonials and messages of our grateful hearts. Today we are more fortunate. Both Mr. and Mrs. Schwab are present with us, and we are glad that both should have this opportunity to see the fine and noble use to which their splendid gift allies itself.

"A gentleman recently told me that, a few years ago in the western part of this State, a friend said to him, 'You know a good many people around here, do you know Charlie Schwab? No? Well, you had better keep your eyes on him. He is a man with a future.' Two years ago, and again today, we have fixed our eyes on Charlie Schwab, and I have great pleasure and delight in presenting him to speak to you." (Applause)

The students arose and gave the "State Rally" for Mr. Schwab:

"Pennsylvania! Pennsylvania! State! State! State! Schwab! Schwab! Schwab!" (Applause)

Mr. Schwab then spoke as follows:

ADDRESS OF CHAS. M. SCHWAB

"Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

"When Mr. Carnegie invited me

to come up today with him, I accepted his invitation without any intention of speaking of this hall or even of making any address upon this occasion.

"I do want to say that it was a great disappointment that ill health prevented our being here last year at the dedication of this hall but that the pleasure of hearing from your good President of its utility and value has quite made up for the disappointment at our inability to be present.

"You have heard this morning much of learning with reference to the history of Pennsylvania, the possibilities of Pennsylvania literature etc., and I will not encroach upon your time to speak of any of these things. I promised Dr. Atherton not to take more than



PRESIDENT GEO. W. ATHERTON

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five minutes today and I just wish to repeat a few words and to add a few new thoughts to that of which I spoke to you some two years ago.

"Pennsylvania is great by reason of her industrial achievements. The boys of The Penn'a State College are the men of the future, upon whom devolves the duty of maintaining Pennsylvania supremacy. (Applause) I want to say to you, as one who has had experience, that it is a pleasant occupation. To me, who have seen some of the various sides of business life there is no greater pleasure than the conceiving of a machine or a project or a process and the building or carrying out of the same. As our good old friend, Capt. Jones, expresses it, 'No music so sweet in the world as the whirr of the mechanical wheels'. You will find greater pleasure, my dear young friends,

especially these engineering friends, in this, than in the making of all the money in the world, even though your fortunes be as great as Mr. Carnegie's. (Laughter) (applause). I am sure that there are none of you, even if you do reap as rich and as great a fortune, who will not be just as generous with it after today as he has been with his. (Laughter) (applause).

"It is always with reluctance that I speak of him, especially when he is present. He has spoken so often to me, (and I place some emphasis upon the *to*) (laughter) but it has never been for any other purpose than the good to be accomplished. Now this reminds me of a thought that Mr. Carnegie and I discussed much yesterday.

"The brightest minds in the world directed in one single channel will never accomplish very much but, when rubbed up against a great many people, those bright minds take the best thoughts from all and the best results are thus attained.

"I hope this hall will be the central meeting place of this great student body, where an interchange of ideas will result in the ultimate development of all. Even the geniuses will be improved by the contact of their less favored brethren. (Laughter—applause)

"There is one more idea that I wish you students would never forget. Not having had the advantage of such an education as you are having here, I realize its importance and that is, that the man who is a graduate of a great institution of this sort is in no higher plane socially than the boy who has received his education in the practical university of the world, the workshop. (Applause.) You have the advantage of the boy who has been in the university of the workshop but, if you will realize that your social status is the same and will use the same application, the same assiduity, you are bound to eclipse him and bound to succeed.

"Now I have taken my five minutes. I thank you very much for your kindly reception and before closing, I want to thank you, the students, for Mrs. Schwab for the kindly testimonial which you so generously presented her, through her representatives, last year, and above all, for the kindly sentimental way in which it was done. We thank you all." (Great applause.)

Directly after the conclusion of Mr. Schwab's remarks, an adjournment was taken, and upwards.