

still waters run deep, and the deeper a man's feeling is the less is he able to express it.

"I can only say, Mr. Carnegie, that, with a full appreciation of your munificence, with a full appreciation of the heart that is behind it, with a full appreciation of the mind that is behind this gift, we accept it at your hand because we know it comes from the heart and its foundations are laid deeply, according to your own ideas of what a Library ought to be. It is to be administered in the interests of these young fellows and their successors coming, as you see, in increasing numbers.

"The only difficulty about it will be the difficulty that I see ahead of us already in regard to everything that we are doing at this College, that we haven't room enough. But we have made this part of the Library, as you will see, what it is to be I hope for a generation, and the end of the stack can go out whenever the books press it out and it can be enlarged in that direction. (Applause.)

"So far as you young men are concerned, so far as your general reading and your scientific research are concerned, here is your laboratory; there are your special laboratories, these scientific laboratories and these seminars which are devoted to personal research and to personal investigation. I needn't say, make use of them. You have been waiting for them, you have been longing for them, and here they are. They ought to help you and will help you to do the thing that Ruskin said was one of the great things of life.

"I need not speak further upon that, as time is passing, but all that is in my mind and all that is in my heart goes out to you, Mr. Carnegie, for your magnificent gift which I accept, on behalf of the Trustees of The Pennsylvania State College and the insignia of which I pass over to Dr. Atherton, the President of the Institution, under whose administration all this wealth of learning and of munificence is to be expended in behalf of you students who are here on this floor and those who are to come after you." (Applause)

ACCEPTANCE OF THE TRUST

After the address of General Beaver, President Atherton spoke as follows:

"Mr. Carnegie, Mr. President of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the college Faculty and Students, I accept this key, as a symbol of the trust reposed in us by the donor and by the Board of Trustees, and I am happy this day to be able, as I will indicate presently, to pledge this whole college family to the wise and conservative and progressive administration of this great gift.

"We were perplexed with the problem which meets all Libraries—how to have all the resources of the library open to every one, without the necessity of espionage and policing. Every library, I imagine, has to encounter more or less difficulty with the pilfering of books; sometimes it is

serious, sometimes very trifling; we have had a comparatively limited amount. The faculty believed, Mr. Carnegie and Gen. Beaver, that the time had come when this Library should be thrown open to the free use of the students, that they should be permitted to go to the separate alcoves, to the separate departments, to the stack room, take down the books, handle them themselves, compare, examine, select, take them out to the light and look at them, come to the desk here and receive instruction or criticism or help and all that on the basis of a common standard of honor and common fellowship in safe-guarding the trust.

"That question I submitted to the student body. I did not then ask them for a vote; I asked them to think it over. Yesterday morning in the Auditorium the President of the Senior class said: 'We have voted unanimously that we will stand on that platform and maintain that system.' (Applause) The President of the Junior class said 'We have voted unanimously that we will stand on that system.' The Sophomore class had already sent in a written communication to that effect. The Freshman class, not having taken formal action, arose in their places, to a man, pledging themselves to the same system, and in like manner the Sub Freshman class; and thus, Mr. Carnegie, you have put this great trust not into the hands of the Trustees alone, nor of the Faculty but into the hands of the Student body for all generations to come, to be administered on the basis of honor.

"And now, with profound gratitude for the past and with highest hopes for its future, I dedicate this building, of which this key is a symbol, to the propagation of truth and honor among men, to the preservation and diffusion of the garnered riches of wisdom and to the advancement of all those influences that uplift humanity.

"But my task is only partly done. The trustees have wished to express in some enduring form their sense of appreciation of this gift, and so have adopted resolutions, which have already been forwarded to you, but which also have been engrossed on parchment in permanent form, enrolled in the college colors, blue and white—emblems of purity, truth and courage—and that expresses only in a most imperfect way the sentiment the whole college community feel. I respectfully hand this scroll to you as a symbol. And then we have called in the aid of the artist to create a fitting casket to contain them, striving thus to convey more fully what we could not ourselves express. On the top—I wish all could see it—we have a reproduction, which we think highly successful of the features of the donor which we shall remember as long as life endures, beneath which the artist has placed those words which, with all deepest respect and sincerity I say have been the guiding inspiration of his life—'More light, more light'—he has surrounded these features with his masses of

books through which the light may be conveyed, enclosing all in a border of Scotch Thistle and the Ivy of Friendship. An inscription, stating the fact that it is presented by the Board of Trustees follows, and then, some of the great names that stand out in human literature—Homer, Plato, Virgil, Dante, Shakespeare, with the all-embracing motto, 'The truth shall make you free.' Finally he presented an emblem of liberty and enlightenment, the inspiration of all that the American Republic stands for, with a sketch of the library building on the front and the date of the dedication. This we lock with a golden key, because nothing less would express the richness of our sentiment of appreciation, and we ask you to accept it in the hope that you will treasure it among your memorials and recollections of this, to us, so happy day." (Applause)

MR. CARNEGIE'S RESPONSE

In response, Mr. Carnegie said:

"Mr. President:

"This as you know, is a surprise to me. I knew nothing of this. I had already received the written resolutions and supposed that was all, but there is no end to genuine feeling.

"The other night in New York, in accepting a testimonial, I had occasion to say that the world might be divided into three classes: first, men who did not get as much as they deserved; second, men who were rewarded according to their merit, and the third class, those who get one thousand times more than they are entitled to. After to day's proceedings, gentlemen, there cannot lie in your minds the slightest doubt as to which of the three classes your humble servant belongs in.

"Now, gentlemen, I am not going to tell you that I do not like to receive this, that it does not give me pleasure. There are gifts perhaps that elevate but there are also gifts that humble. I confess to you that, surrounded as I am—and I keep them in sight in my library around me—I look up at these numerous testimonials and they are to me teachers of what is good and I also confess that I need their support. Don't mistake, none of you know what human nature, even at the best, is, how many trials come, how many temptations, how many troublesome things; these are my teachers, saying to me, 'Consider what your fellow men think you are; contrast it with what you know you are yourself.' I don't know anything that so *prostrates* a man as that; but he would be a poor wretch who would not resolve, by the Eternal, I will so live my life that I shall strive to approach somewhat nearer and nearer to the imaginary character which they have so partially given me.

"I thank you, therefore, for this gift. It will add another tie binding me to live a life of which the State College of Pennsylvania may never have cause to be ashamed, and it will lead me on, stronger and stronger, in my purpose so to live my life that, come what may, you gentlemen will never have cause