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## DR. SPARKS CORDIALLY RECEIVED

### President-Elect Welcomed by Faculty and Students on His First Visit

After attending the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in Harrisburg on January 21, Dr. Sparks made the first visit since his election as president to the scene of his future labors. His arrival on the evening of the 22nd was made the occasion of a stirring serenade by a large number of students. This affair was entirely spontaneous and proved to be a hearty expression of good will on the part of the student body.

On the following afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Sparks were the guests of honor at a reception given to the members of the faculty by Dr. and Mrs. Welsh. This function marked the beginning of pleasant relations between our new executive head and his assistants.

In spite of examinations on the morrow a fair sized audience gathered to hear Dr. Sparks lecture on "Robert Morris." His talk was full of quaint and humorous anecdotes of Revolutionary times, delightfully and interestingly related. As a public speaker he left a most pleasing impression. At the conclusion of the lecture all who desired to do so were presented to Dr. Sparks on the platform.

During chapel exercises on the following morning he made his first appearance before the student body

amid great applause. When given an opportunity to speak he expressed his pleasure at being able to visit the college at this time, referred to his former connection with the institution, and paid a touching tribute to the lifework of Dr. Atherton. Then he continued somewhat as follows: "If I have any ambition, it is not to tear down or alter the work so well begun here, but rather to maintain present standards and ideals. If I have another ambition, it is to make conditions such that every student will be glad of the four years spent here. If still another ambition remains it is to make the standard of work such that a diploma from Penn State will mean as much as one from any other institution in the country and that an alumnus may not fear to compare notes with the graduates of any college or university in the land. If yet another ambition be mine, it is to make the people of the Pennsylvania proud of their college and its work. In conclusion let me say, not farewell or good by, but au revoir. I'll see you in June."

The impression left by the brief visit of Dr. and Mrs. Sparks was a very pleasing one and the whole college community stands ready to extend a hearty welcome when they come to us in June.

During the latter part of February Dr. Sparks will meet the alumni in various cities. The detailed list will appear in the next issue.

## SENIOR WEEK.

Gay House Parties the Order of the Day Between Semesters.

The innovation of Senior Week between semesters brought a goodly number of visitors to the college to partake in the numerous scheduled attractions, and in spite of a raging blizzard all agreed that this event was second only to Commencement Week.

The Terpsichorean dance in McAllister Hall, on Friday night began the real celebration of Senior Week. It was well attended, and a success in every way. There were several fraternity house dances the same night.

"Pop" Golden's athletic exhibition on Saturday afternoon was the drawing card for a very large audience. The program included music by the orchestra and mandolin and glee clubs. Boxing, fencing, club swinging, wrestling, and a single stick exhibition filled out a program of great interest.

The same night the glee and mandolin clubs held their entertainment in the Auditorium. Owing to the raging blizzard many were afraid to venture out, but those who braved the storm enjoyed the best program ever rendered by these clubs. The mandolin club did exceptionally fine work, while the usual excellence of of the glee club was enhanced by the splendid work of Messrs. Wyckoff and Armstrong in several solos. Each received much applause. The sacred concert given under Miss Atherton's direction, on Sunday night was worthy of great praise and all who took part deserve the thanks of their auditors.