

Mayor Reyburn told of his first experience with the college when he was chairman of the appropriations committee. "I came, I saw, and I was conquered," he said. "The college at the time was small. When I first served in the legislature one never heard a good word for it. Every farmer in the state was opposed to it. The greatest thing in private or public life is to be approachable, and to listen to every man, no matter who he is, who wishes to explain the thing he wants to accomplish. I paid no attention to the requests for aid for the State College at first, for I confess I thought little of it. The late President Atherton called upon me, and I was so impressed with the earnestness of the man that I agreed to have him explain to me all of his plans. As a result the next legislature appropriated \$149,000 for the college. The appropriations committee was prejudiced until we visited the grounds. Two of the members were practical farmers who had not believed in what they called fancy farming. They also became convinced. Years have passed since that day, but I am glad that we decided to let the state aid this institution. I believe we should not stop now, however, but should lift this college up to the highest plane. * * * I am here not as mayor of Philadelphia, but as a citizen sympathizing with the institution and wishing you godspeed."

General manager Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania railroad, who had accompanied Mayor Reyburn and his son from Philadelphia, urged the importance of "profoundly touching" this next legislature.

Representative Cox, of Pittsburg, caused somewhat of a sensation when he told that he might be timber for speaker of the next House. He also stated his belief that there will be a raid on the state treasury, because the legislators were deeply

impressed by their visit here.

Senator Blewitt also succeeded in springing a political surprise when he predicted that mayor Reyburn would be the next governor of Pennsylvania.

Representative Creasy emphasized the need of more educated farmers. "Today competition has become so keen," he said, "that not only must they be posted in one, but in a dozen different subjects. I believe that there is no greater opening in any field today in this commonwealth than in agriculture, and I commend this institution for extending its work so that rising young farmers can receive material benefit."

At the conclusion of the program luncheon was served at McAllister Hall to seventy three of the guests, and twelve were entertained at the President's house. A number of the guests left on Saturday, but some remained until Monday.

Among the prominent visitors was J. W. Walker, a prominent retired manufacturer of Pittsburg. This was his first visit to the college, and he was greatly impressed, particularly with the college farm. He expects to return during farmers' week, and will bring his farm foremen with him for the week.

The Hospital.

A committee from the Woman's Literary club, consisting of Mrs. Runkle, Miss Harkness, Mrs. D. G. Meek, Mrs. D. F. Kapp, and Mrs. W. S. Glenn, visited the hospital with President Sparks recently and examined it with a view to possible improvements.

The interior of the building was found to be in very good condition, for which the housekeeper was commended. There are three rooms kept in readiness for patients. Two of these were furnished by the Woman's Literary club, and the third by the class of 1907. All these furnishings are well cared for.

At the request of President Sparks, the kitchen has been partitioned off from the other rooms of the hospital, greatly improving the sanitary arrangement. A further and much needed change is that all rooms used by the housekeeper should be completely isolated from the rooms used by patients. This would necessarily involve considerable expense. There was no heat in the hospital at the time of the committee's inspection and there was that cold, chilly atmosphere which is always attendant upon unused, unheated rooms. Furnace fires should be lighted at intervals, whether the building contains patients or not. Moreover there should be additional means of heating provided for the severest winter weather when the building is occupied.

Externally the outlook is gloomy. The building is placed at the edge of a dense grove and dead leaves lie a foot deep at its very door; the trees are so near and so dense as to exclude the sunlight. These facts the committee resolved to report to the superintendent of grounds and buildings, and ask that they be remedied; also that telephone utilities be provided for emergencies.

There is need of a few cooking utensils, dishes, napkins, and some silver for the use of nurse and patients. These the committee would like to provide and has decided to ask the members of the literary club to make a Thanksgiving offering for this purpose.

The members of the hospital committee expect to put themselves in communication with the nurse in case of illness and to be of whatever service they can be to add to the patients' comfort and cheer.

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