WHAT THE PROPOSITION MEANS

A Letter From General Beaver Depicts the Necessity for Concerted Action by Students, F. culty, Alumn. and Trustees.

My dear Doctor Sparks :--

I am pleased to learn that you "are planning a campaign for the Social Hall." Dr. Atherton took up the question of a Social Hall several years ago. It was very fully discussed between us and some four or five different plans were offered by as many different architects, out haing the needs of such a building, or rather institution; but the amount of money involved in carrying out any of the plans was such that it seemed to be next to a hopeless task.

We were planning then for an accommodation of from 300 to 500 students. We must plan now for men actually on the campus, or at least enrolled for the year, of between 1400 and 1500, facing a certainty of anywhere from 2500 to 3000 students during the next five years. This makes the undertaking one of immense responsibility.

But, in my judgment, it cannot be undertaken any too soon, and we must approach it with at least the probability that it must depend very largely, if not entirely, upon the efforts of the friends of the College. We can scarcely expect the state to appropriate money for this building or series of buildings It is difficult to secure what is absolutely necessary for the educational needs of the institution proper and it is, therefore, probable that what is needed for the social, ethical and recuperative lines of the development of the student life and character must be provided by the friends of the college and of the student body, present and prospec-

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