

From My Summer Session Note-Book

By Dr. E. E. Sparks

Dr. Hunt, who gave the patriotic sermon last Sunday, is a clergyman of the Baptist faith. He served as president of Denison University, Ohio, from 1902 to 1913 and last year became president of Bucknell University. He sailed for France yesterday to visit the battlefields.

The odds this year seem to be in favor of the Open Air Theatre and against the Weather Man and the Auditorium. However, he has plenty of time yet to show what he can do with the aid of Jupiter Pluvius and his sprinkling can.

Dr. O. S. Kriebel, of Perkiomen Seminary, was here last week to gather up his family, as he calls it, consisting of a member of the faculty, the wife of another member, a grandson and two undergraduates. He and his believe in Penn State.

Wonder if the college will ever be obliged to limit the attendance at the Summer Session as it is doing this year with the Incoming Freshman class, when probably one thousand applicants will be refused for lack of classrooms and laboratories. The enrollment in the Summer Session this year is only about half the number during the winter, but it must be remembered that the shops and laboratories used by the largest school, Engineering, are useless in the Summer Session except for the Vocational and Continuation School students. A prophet would say that the crowded condition in the regular session will be repeated in the summer within the next three years.

Did you hear the community singing on Wednesday night? It sounded like the old days when students take a hand in campus singing. And the way in which the girls caught up the college songs made one half believe that there was individual teaching. Why not have a rest of a few minutes during which some talented person can tell a story—and let it be short!

My dear friends, who have not been

here before? What do you think of our campus assemblies? What would some school, located in the heat and glare of a city with the students so scattered that acquaintance is impossible, give for such an opportunity and such a setting?

There seems a serious air among the students this year. Few have come for an outing. And the serious behaviour will no doubt be even more apparent toward the end of the month when the superintendents and directors arrive for their sessions. That's the time when all will have opportunity of hearing the new Superintendent of Public Instruction, Dr. Finegan.

Some day when you have an hour free, go down to the Engineering units and walk through them and see the machinery. They are open on all teaching days. Or get up a party and arrange with Dr. Smith to see the Mining building equipment. If these lines of teaching are far removed from your line of thought and activity, you will get some idea of the breadth of

training offered in a technical college. And watch for the day the Mining Museum is open on the east campus. It's worth the effort. And how does it seem to go to work at eight o'clock in the morning? Perhaps "It's nicer to lie abed," as Harry Lauder sings. Well, eight o'clock is the beginning hour all during the year and every student will testify that it comes earlier in the winter than at this season of the year.

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