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DURING the past few years Jefferson Alumni have repeatedly requested the publication of a bulletin to contain news of the College and Hospital and of the activities of graduates in various portions of the world. There can be no doubt that many things of interest are happening daily, and the alumni of Jefferson should know of these happenings. Moreover, alumni should be in closer touch with the College. This first edition of the Alumni Bulletin inaugurates the policy of acquainting the alumni with the latest news concerning Jefferson. If the interest and support on the part of the alumni are sufficiently encouraging, additional bulletins will be issued from time to time. Expressions of opinion concerning the desirability and future character of the Bulletin should be addressed to the Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association on August 25, 1922, the opinion was expressed by several members present that there still existed an impression among certain of the alumni that Jefferson might ultimately merge with the University of Pennsylvania. The Executive Committee passed a resolution that the Alumni Bulletin should contain a statement from the Board of Trustees in regard to the matter of merger. A letter was addressed to Mr. Potter, President of the Board of Trustees, who replied as follows:

"Dear Dr. Funk:

"Yours of the 16th inst. received. It is indeed amazing that there should exist in the mind of any Jefferson alumnus, the thought that there might still be a merger with any friendly rival institution of medicine.

"The administration of Jefferson Medical College is unanimous that we continue as the great independent medical school of the United States, whose fame is national and international. The Jefferson doctor passes more State Boards, and the number of living graduates of Jefferson is greater than that of any other medical college.

"I can conceive of no change in this fixed policy unless unhappily the alumni of Jefferson should cease to continue a vital interest in their distinguished Alma Mater.

"The Jefferson Medical College possesses sound traditions and men who are 'carrying on.' One of our pressing needs, however, is more and more money to keep abreast with friendly but formidable rivals. We have, in the past, with the spur of poverty back of us, kept abreast of this rivalry and God willing, if our large alumni, scattered all over the world, will add to their own interest, the interest of their friends, Jefferson will maintain her present most enviable position.

"Yours faithfully,

"WILLIAM POTTER,
"President, Board of Trustees."
Excerpts from the Address of Dr. I. P. Strittmatter, President of the Alumni Association

It is regretted that the limits of these columns will not permit the inclusion of Dr. Strittmatter's address in full. Doctor Strittmatter is one of the most enthusiastic and hard working Presidents the Alumni Association has ever had. He has been doing big things for Jefferson. The splendid address which he delivered at the time of the Annual Banquet last June, was full of inspiration and enthusiasm. The following are excerpts from that address:

"On this our annual meeting banquet, I feel that one of the chief duties and pleasures for both the President of the Board of Trustees and the presiding officer of the Alumni Association, is to greet and welcome the Class of 1922, to congratulate them on their successful study, the passing of the final examinations, to wish them God speed at the beginning of their real study and labor, and to remind them that their labor thus far has only served to lay the foundation upon which they will be expected to build their life work for science and humanity. "May God bless them with long and vigorous lives and give them the inspiration, upon asking, to reach the highest eminence in the conquest over the scientific problems of our times, the time of acquisition, in due time, of the privilege, in their Alma Mater, provided they make good in their State Board examinations. "On occasion such as this, it becomes the privilege, and perhaps the duty of the presiding officer, who for the present moment, happens to be the President of the Alumni Association, to express himself on almost any topic relating to the Alumni body or to our Alma Mater. "These annual meetings should offer an opportunity for a frank expression of views on the part of all as to what appears to be, at least for the time being, for the best interest of the College and for the Alumni. Their interests are mutual, their relations are ever as mother and children. At the present moment our hearts and minds are filled with rich memories of the past, of agreeable impressions of the present, and bright anticipations of the future. "To some of us the history of the College in the past forty years records a long series of notable achievements that have made their impress on the medical life of this country. Its Faculties were composed of men who possessed great knowledge, who were gifted teachers, admirable surgeons and practitioners, and who contributed much to the development of medical science. These teachers, by reason of their intellectual gifts, were enabled to gather around them and inspire some thousands of young men with a love of professional work that enabled them to meet the duties that devolved upon them in their subsequent years. "The methods of teaching, in which THEY excelled, became in due time, insufficient to meet the growing needs of medical education. Therefore, some twenty-five years ago, it became obvious that for the reputation of the College, and for modern methods of instruction, a new and modern equipment was necessary, hence our very capable and generous-minded Board of Trustees at once began to devise ways and means to secure for the College all that was deemed necessary. In a few years they erected and placed at the disposal of the Faculty the present admirable hospital and college buildings with their splendid equipment for teaching. "In this work they labored faithfully and self-sacrificingly, giving much of their time, energy, and money, in order that the noble work in which the Faculty and teachers generally were engaged, should be carried on with undiminished splendor in the years to come. In how far they succeeded, the present equipment, the College, the Hospital, the Baugh Institute, the Maternity Hospital, and the Department for Diseases of the Chest fully testify.
“During this new period, the Faculties have likewise maintained the reputation of their predecessors, not only the Alumni but graduates of other schools have been anxious to send sons and friends to the College, to have the advantage of their instruction and the stimulation of their example. TO-DAY, the Jefferson Medical College stands reasonably secure among the medical institutions throughout the country. The Alumni are men of good repute in all phases of professional work, in general practice, in the health work of city and state, and in the Army and Naval branches of our general government. In the recent war, the services of the Jefferson College men aroused our pride and generous admiration. Everywhere they reflected credit on the educational work of their Alma Mater.

“But, my friends, medical science and education are progressing; there is no such thing as cessation of activity as long as there is life. Progress means change and improvements to meet new conditions. New conditions are arising, indeed, have arisen, which necessitate new and enlarged buildings if the College is to maintain its present high position.

“Our present Board of Trustees with their customary foresight, zeal, and enthusiasm for the best interests of the College, are about to undertake the erection of a new and imposing Hospital building in which will be placed all modern appliances for the treatment of the sick, and the education of the students. Our indebtedness to these generous-minded men cannot be too clearly recognized, or too gratefully appreciated.

“It seems to me very desirable that the Laboratory instruction in the fundamental branches of medical science be extended and elaborated in accordance with the ever advancing tide of scientific medicine. This has been accomplished in the Department of Anatomy, which is worthy of all praise. But the time is coming, it not already here, when our Alma Mater should possess two Laboratory buildings, one capable of accommodating the Department of Physiology and Physiological Chemistry, the other the Department of Pharmacology and Bacteriology.

“The erection of two such buildings would afford ample facilities for all necessary instruction and investigation for many years to come and would place the College on an equal footing with all the best medical schools of the country.

“This, however, would require the expenditure of an amount of money, greater, perhaps, than the Trustees may have at their disposal, therefore, it seems to me that the time is now opportune for the Alumni to come to the rescue and show that degree of loyalty to the Alma Mater that she has a right to expect. It is the privilege, yea, the duty of every Alumnus to extend a helping hand in this hour of need. The amount that each Alumnus has paid is small indeed for the education he has received.

“The College is and ought to be of as much interest to the Alumni as it is to the Board of Trustees. In 1925, the one-hundredth anniversary of the College will be celebrated. Would it not be a source of great pride and satisfaction if these desirable buildings could be finished and the endowment of the College be fully secured for the celebration of the Centennial?

“Jefferson Medical College is exclusively a Medical College, and as such has distributed its successful Alumni into every civilized country on the globe to the number of 14,103, exclusive of the Class of 1922.

“Should we, the College and Alumni, be satisfied in the second century of our existence to drag along or just to keep pace with our competitors, or shall we lead the pace, Head and Neck above? That is the glowing, burning question for the eyes and heart of every Alumnus to-day.

“In the past quarter of a century, our altruistic, untiring President, with his earnest, able Board of Trustees, has accomplished, what was at the beginning of their administration, deemed an impossibility. Their only reward, thus far—The Monumental Accomplishments—
that will go on doing good to the end of time.

"But what tangible expression of help, gratitude or appreciation has come from the rank and file of the Alumni? I will not answer that question. Let every Alumnus answer for himself according to his knowledge and conviction, AFTER a careful auscultation, palpation, and vigorous Mea Culpa percussion of his heart, coupling therewith a look at least at his personal recollections of—What have I done for my Alma Mater?

"Would it not be well to be up with the times and have a so-called 'Drive' among ourselves with our slogan HEAD AND NECK AHEAD AS A MEDICAL SCHOOL OF ANY ON THIS OR ANY OTHER CONTINENT? As a school Alumni I think you will all admit we have less enthusiastic affiliation and organization than any other school of similar size in the world. We should, therefore, stand shoulder to shoulder with each other now for a greater Jefferson.

"Can it be possible that the Alumni, after studying the great accomplishment of our Board of Trustees during the past quarter of a century, and witnessing the enthusiasm, loyalty, cheerful co-operation, and uplifting help of the Alumni of other schools, will be satisfied with themselves to go down in history as having been asleep for just a hundred years?

As your executive officer for this year, I am sure I voice your sentiments when I answer most emphatically, NO!

"The already organized Alumni Fund Committee is completing its arrangements for reaching every alumnus for the purpose of obtaining his help—We need it NOW—His moral and financial aid and we want and beg for his physical presence at the celebration of our centennial in 1925, to whoop and root when our one hundred year old Jefferson slides down the ways for its second century trip on the sea of time, equipped with the latest and best.

"Let us be fully impressed to-day and let us by all means impress upon every alumnus during the next three years that SHE will lag and drag or be bow ahead just as we individually and collectively push her.

"In conclusion, I take pleasure in thanking you and in expressing my appreciation for the honor you have conferred upon me by electing me to represent you to-night.

"I wish each and every one of you God speed for your happiness and success and that so blessed you will not put off or forget to help boost Jefferson, not only 'OVER THE TOP,' my dear friends, but on to that eminence upon which we all shall be proud to see her entrenched at the beginning of the second century."

Inauguration of the Ninety-Eighth Annual Session

DR. ROSS V. PATTERSON, Dean.

THE Ninety-eighth Annual Session of the Jefferson Medical College was inaugurated on the evening of September 25, 1922. The student body, numbering over six hundred men, was assembled in the lower amphitheater. The exercises consisted of introductory remarks by Dean Patterson, an address of welcome on behalf of the Administration by President Potter, and a formal lecture by Professor Anspach, representing the Faculty.

The enrollment for the Session 1922-1923 has reached in each class the limit of the number that can be afforded satisfactory instructional opportunities. The applications for admission far exceeded the number of those who could be accepted. New admissions were restricted to the First and Third Year Classes. The total enrollment is as follows:

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In addition to the 168 in the First Year Class, there were 27 new students admitted to the Third Year Class, making a total of 195 new students, while an additional 408 students of previous years were readmitted for a continuation of the course.

The First Year Class
Perhaps the greatest interest attaches to the incoming class, and the circumstances attendant upon its formation. Approximately 1670 young gentlemen requested information as to the conditions under which they could be admitted to the First Year Class; and, after receiving the Circular of Information and blank forms of application, 550 submitted formal certificates of preliminary education. About 100 of these certificates failed satisfactorily to meet the specified educational requirements, while about 450 ultimately were found unexceptional insofar as compliance with the requirements was concerned.

All certificates of preliminary education, both high school and college, were evaluated by a special bureau of the Department of Public Instruction of Pennsylvania, which agency possesses the advantages of being entirely impartial and disinterested with every facility for determining the character of work done, and the standing of the institution in which it has been performed.

The task which devolves upon the Dean is that of selecting from those certified as qualified by the Department of Public Instruction, those best fitted to excel in medical study and practice. The inherent difficulties of the undertaking are obvious. The desirability of careful selection to form a student body of high personal character and of unusual scholastic excellence is also evident. In the endeavor to attain these objects a general plan has been followed in which weight has been given to the following:

(1) Scholarship. The college records of applicants have been carefully scrutinized to determine their scholastic standing. Especial importance has been attached to letters from professors of science branches in literary colleges, since it is believed that proficiency in those subjects is the best index as to aptitude for medical study. Many of those admitted received the highest possible commendation, and in every instance the record was creditable. No hesitation has been shown in rejecting those whose records were low, even if the applicant had obtained a degree. More than twenty college graduates were declined because of a lack of high scholarship, in some instances from institutions of the highest standing. The final selections show forty-five First Year students with degrees, while forty-three additional have completed three full years of College work. Many of the latter group are registered as Seniors "in absentia," and after the successful completion of the first year in medicine, will receive either an Arts or Science degree from the literary colleges in which they were prepared for medical study.

(2) Character. All applicants have been required to submit letters of general recommendation bearing upon their standing in their home communities, and an endeavor made to determine the probability as to the applicants' fitness to assume the responsibilities and opportunities of the profession of medicine. In support of applications, letters of recommendation have been received from Governors of States, United States Senators, Congressmen, State Senators, Representatives, Mayors of Cities, other state and municipal officers, Foreign Ambassadors, Presidents of colleges, Principals of schools, Judges, lawyers, business men, ministers, rabbis, priests, and those more or less prominent in nearly every walk of life. All these letters have been given consideration, and an endeavor made to assign to them whatever importance they deserve. The volume of the correspondence incident to many applications has made it impossible individually to acknowledge every communication which has been received.

(3) Medical Recommendations. Every matriculant has been endorsed by two
The student body of Jefferson Medical College has a wider geographical distribution than that of any other medical college, and the institution, at least in this sense, is more national in scope than any other of its kind.

Admissions to Advanced Standing

The regulations governing admission to advanced standing enforced by the College, provide that only such students as have unconditional and unexceptional standing in Class A medical schools may be favorably considered. All of the twenty-seven students admitted to the Third Year Class were required to submit certificates of preliminary education and recommendations in the same manner as those seeking admission to the First Year. Their medical credits were all scrutinized and found to be unexceptional in every way, and the applicant in each case was recommended by the Dean of the school from which he is accredited. It may be taken as an unusual evidence of the high esteem in which Jefferson is generally held, that nearly three hundred students in fifty of the sixty-seven Class A medical schools of this country signified a desire to transfer to Jefferson for the completion of their medical education. Ninety-five such submitted credentials, of which number eighty fully met the specified requirements, and twenty-seven were accepted from the following thirteen different medical schools:

- Baylor University
- Dartmouth Medical School
- Emory University
- Ohio State University
- University of Alabama
- University of Georgia
- University of Iowa
- University of Missouri
- University of North Carolina
- University of Oregon
- University of Utah
- Wake Forest College
- West Virginia University

The Student Body

It may be asserted with confidence, but without unseemly pride, that the student body of Jefferson is a group of unusually fine young men selected with painstaking care with regard to both moral and scholastic fitness for the profession of medicine.

After admission, only those who demonstrate proficiency are continued in the course. Those who fail of promotion are dropped from the rolls and are declined further registration. In pursuit of this policy, 44 students were rejected because of failure to attain a satisfactory standard during the previous session. The far-reaching influence of the College is indicated by the geographical and institutional origin of its students, who come from 48 different states and foreign countries and 142 different colleges and universities. Those with academic degrees number 200, including 45 in the First Year, 49 in the Second Year, 39 in the Third Year, and 67 in the Fourth Year.
The Jefferson Medical College Unit of the R.O.T.C., Senior Division, one of the first, if not the very first, of such units to be established in this country in 1920, should shortly attain a total enrollment of two hundred men.

In Conclusion

Finally, it is desired to enlist the sympathetic support and co-operation of the Alumni of the College in the aim and purpose of their Alma Mater to advance and maintain high personal and professional standards in her students and graduates, to the end that they may all have pride in the consciousness that they are her sons, and enthusiasm in their support of her great work.

Jefferson Alumni Fund

OBJECT: To Provide for the Further Growth and Development of the College

GOAL: 100% Alumni Subscribers.

AMOUNT: Unlimited.

For 97 years The Jefferson Medical College has adhered to its belief that the chief object of a physician's life is healing the sick and that a Medical School exists primarily to teach him how to do it. The policy of the College has consistently conformed to this belief, with the result that it always has been and is to-day the GREATEST SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE IN THE COUNTRY, its leadership in this respect undisputed.

Every department at Jefferson is headed by a man of the first grade, ably assisted by a corps of extraordinary capable Juniors. Jefferson Alumni are occupying positions of similar importance in other Medical Schools throughout the country.

Jefferson Hospital is pronounced by the Auditor-General of Pennsylvania and the State Board of Charities to be the most economically and efficiently conducted hospital in the State. The College is DIRECTED BY THE SAME BOARD and LIVES WITHIN ITS INCOME. Its present endowment is only $634,950.

Jefferson is second to none in its chosen field, but in order to retain its present unexcelled position the College needs a LARGER ENDOWMENT to provide for an increase in its laboratory facilities and to amplify the Junior teaching corps. The Joint Committee of Trustees and Alumni on Endowment has adopted the following plan:

A JEFFERSON ALUMNI FUND has been established, divided into two parts, INCOME AND PRINCIPAL. Every alumnus is asked to pledge himself to one or the other.

GIFTS TO INCOME are to be paid annually and may be in any amount. Particular emphasis is laid on the fact that NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS IS THE OBJECT SOUGHT, not any given amount of contribution. Those in a position to do so will doubtless be glad to give liberally, but even the young alumnus who has worked his way through the Medical School and has been obliged to borrow money to equip his office is not shut out. Let him devote one extra dollar every year to Jefferson. Such a man is bound to succeed, and in twenty years he will be giving $100 or more annually, and will take pride in the thought that he has ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE JEFFERSON ALUMNI FUND. We urge every alumnus to form the habit of giving to his Alma Mater.

GIFTS TO PRINCIPAL may also be in any amount. They may be paid in one sum, or in instalments, as the donor may prefer. The money will be invested and only the income used.

BEQUESTS of any amount may be given to the College specifically for the Alumni Fund. Unless otherwise indicated they will be credited to principal.

GIFTS to the Alumni Fund FROM OTHERS THAN ALUMNI will be credited to the alumnus through whom they are obtained.

The Pennsylvania Company of Philadelphia is the TREASURER of the Col-
lege and also treasurer of the Fund, and will administer it in precisely the same way as other endowments.

It is proposed to KEEP THE ALUMNI INFORMED of College Progress, so that they may know the benefits due to their generosity, but a man who pays his pledge promptly will not be annoyed by appeals for money other than an annual reminder when his pledge is due.

Before the war, plans were laid to raise a $2,000,000 Endowment, and $315,000 of that sum was secured in 1916. If the Jefferson Alumni Fund, under this new plan, can secure an INCOME of $85,000 annually, the same goal will have been reached, but by a route that brings, in addition to money, a spirit of loyalty and devotion that will surmount all obstacles. Who can measure the force of such a spirit, standing ever behind the devoted Trustees, Faculty and Teachers, heartening their efforts to maintain Jefferson standards and still further to extend her teaching and ideals?

To quote the words of President Emeritus Hadley, in his last report to the Yale Corporation ** ** "The indirect effect of the (Yale Alumni) Fund has been as striking as the direct ones. For an Alumni Fund means more than can be represented by dollars and cents. It means intellectual liberty for the institution, in the largest and best sense of the term. ** ** The College or University which successfully appeals for support to its graduates as a body, is by that very fact free from the control of a class or a party and able to meet the emergencies which arise as a free and self-determining institution."

Let every Alumnus do his part to keep Jefferson in the front rank of such free institutions. Send your pledge and check to the Jefferson Alumni Fund, 1001 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Our Alumni in the Northwest

PROFESSOR HOBART A. HARE has just returned from a trip to Seattle. During the past six years the University of Washington has annually arranged for a course of medical lectures to be given to practitioners in the northwest. The three chief lectures for the course of 1922 were Dr. John B. Deaver of the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. H. A. Hare of the Jefferson Medical College, and Dr. Marriott of St. Louis.

About 250 men subscribed to the course, which covered a period of five days. On Wednesday evening, July 19, the Jefferson graduates gave a dinner at which about twenty-five men were present. Altogether there were about forty Jefferson men in attendance on the lectures, most of them from Seattle or its neighborhood, but many of them from much more distant points, as, for example, Dr. Sprague, who came from Pocatello, Idaho, one thousand miles distant.

The greatest possible loyalty and enthusiasm were expressed on the part of the Alumni for the Faculty and the School. It was repeatedly stated that
Our Alumni in Iowa

PROFESSOR EDWARD P. DAVIS attended early in May of this year the Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of Iowa at Des Moines. He reports that the meeting was largely attended and the program was very interesting.

Dr. Thomas B. Throckmorton, Jefferson '09, is the Secretary of the Society. It is a well recognized fact that the success of a meeting among medical societies depends very largely upon the work of the secretary. Dr. Throckmorton has been secretary of this society for a number of years and is most successful. His medical work lies principally in diseases of the nervous system. His loyalty to Jefferson is shown in many ways, for example, he has named his two sons Hobart Amory Hare Throckmorton and Francis Dercum Throckmorton as a token of his appreciation of these members of the Faculty.

Another Jefferson Alumni who had much to do with the success of the meeting is Dr. Agnew whose work lies in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. He organized and successfully conducted a section of the Society for this subject, the only separate section which the Society has.

There were two addresses by visitors, one by Professor Christian of the Harvard Medical School on "The Use and Abuse of Digitalis," and the other by Professor Davis of Jefferson. Professor Davis reviewed our present day knowledge and opinion on Caesarean Section and illustrated his address by lantern slides.

Both these addresses were received by large audiences; the room crowded beyond its seating capacity, and physicians standing in various portions of the room. These addresses will be published in the Journal of the State Society.

There was a most enjoyable banquet and smoker, and there were many exceedingly interesting informal discussions and conversations among the physicians present.

A very interesting occasion was luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce to which Professor Davis was invited, and at which the newly elected City Government was present.

There are not a great many Jefferson Alumni in the State of Iowa, but those who are there, practice successfully and are upholding the honor and traditions of the Jefferson College. Any Jefferson man having occasion to visit among the medical men of Iowa, will receive a cordial welcome and will find much of interest.

The New Building to be Added to the Jefferson Hospital

R. HENRY K. MOHLER, the Medical Director of the Jefferson Hospital, has prepared for the Alumni Bulletin the following in regard to the new buildings to be added to the Jefferson Hospital.

The present hospital buildings are five in number, located as follows: The Main Hospital building at 10th and Sansom Streets; the Department for Diseases of the Chest at 236-238 Pine Street; the Maternity Department at 224-226 S. Seventh Street; the Maternity Dispensary at 2545 Wharton Street, and "Ivy-croft Farm," the Convalescent Home for Men, at Wayne, Pa.

When the present Main Hospital building was opened in 1907, it was thought that ample allowance had been made for the growth and extension of the work for many years in the future. In 1917, scarcely ten years later, many patients were turned away because of the lack of adequate hospital accommodations, and the Board of Trustees was compelled to consider how best to meet the demands for necessary additional hospital space. After the consideration of many plans,
it was finally decided in the Autumn of 1921 that the most available location for an addition to the present hospital would be the site of the old hospital building and Clinical Amphitheatre, the former having been used as a Nurses' Home since 1907.

In July, 1922, demolition of these buildings was begun to make way for the erection of a new fourteen-story annex to the present hospital building.

The Trustees have instructed their architect, Mr. John H. Windrim, to plan for the most modern type of hospital, and embody in the specifications all the latest and best thought in hospital construction.

The plan of the building, in a general way, provides for the following: A roof garden on the top of the fourteenth floor, which will be enclosed so that it can be used in inclement weather, as well as in clear weather. The Hospital Laboratories will be located on top of the enclosed portion of the roof garden, where, in the presence of an abundance of light and ventilation, the laboratories will obtain the increased space and facilities so urgently needed.

Three surgical operating rooms and two delivery rooms will be located on the fourteenth floor. A surgeon's dressing room, anesthetizing rooms, nurses' work room and sterilizing room will be provided on this floor adjacent to the operating rooms.

The eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth floors will be private room floors, each floor to contain nineteen private rooms, a service room, diet kitchen and nurses' office.

The third, fourth, fifth and sixth floors will be used for rooms for pupil nurses, until such time as a Nurses' Home can be built. The plans of these rooms will be such that with few changes the nurses' rooms can be converted into rooms for patients when the demand arises.

On the second floor of the building will be located additional X-Ray rooms, the Dental clinic, and the Bronchoscopic clinic.

The first floor will contain the hospital office for this building, a Staff room, the Social Service Department, and rooms for occupational therapy.

The Clinical Amphitheatre will occupy the southeast portion of the basement, first and second floors, and will have a seating capacity of five hundred.

The basement will have an anesthetizing room, surgeons' dressing room, and sterilizing room, and will be on a level with the floor of the Clinical Amphitheatre.

The Neurological, Orthopedic, Clinical Medicine, and Gastro-enterological Out-Patient Departments will also be located on this floor.

The sub-basement will be occupied by store rooms, the engine room, and laundry.

The architect's drawing of the new hospital annex, as it will appear when completed, is reproduced on the last page of the present issue of the Alumni Bulletin.

The Reserve Officers' Training Corps Unit at Jefferson

EARLY in the autumn of 1920, the Jefferson Medical College established and completed the organization of a Medical Corps Unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, Senior Division, under the direction of Major John T. Aydelotte, M.C., detailed to the College by the Surgeon-General of the U. S. Army, as Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

Units of the R. O. T. C. are instituted under authority of the Army Reorganization Act of June 4, 1920. The Jefferson Unit was among the first five units established in the medical schools of the United States at the invitation of the Surgeon-General, being the second actually to be organized. The main purpose of the Corps is to provide special instruction and training in military science and tactics to a selected group of regular medical students, who will, upon the satisfactory completion of both the regular and specified courses, be pre-
pared to qualify for commissions as officers in the Reserve Corps of the United States Army. A special course of instruction is given by a regular officer of the Medical Corps, U. S. A., specially detailed for the purpose by the Surgeon-General, which does not in any way interfere with the regular medical instruction, but constitutes, in fact, a valuable addition to it. Those enrolled in the Unit are not required to wear uniforms, or to be under military regulations while at the medical college. At the end of the Sophomore Year, R. O. T. C. students have the opportunity to attend a six weeks' summer camp, where outdoor drills and recreation are combined with lectures and instruction covering the duties of medical officers in the field. The student lives under field conditions, and receives instruction in discipline, character, and military bearing; the hygiene and preparation of food, and the care of military camps, including disposal of waste, and the detection and destruction of mosquitoes and flies.

Attendance at the summer camp is obligatory for those students who enroll for the final two years of the course. The Dean is required to designate at the end of the Sophomore Year those students who are eligible to continue in the R. O. T. C. course during the last two years. Junior and Senior students who have completed the First and Second Year courses satisfactorily, and are enrolled in the advanced courses, receive commutation of rations amounting to about $10.00 per month, throughout both years, including the intervening summer vacation; and, in addition, the pay of a private soldier, travelling expenses, board, quarters, and medical care while they are in attendance at the six weeks' summer camp following the Sophomore Year. These allowances are of considerable help in enabling students to pursue the medical course. The summer vacation encampments are held at the Medical Field Service School, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

One hundred and fifty Jefferson students have already enrolled in the R. O. T. C. unit, the percentage increase having been a progressive one. It is estimated that the corps should within the next two years reach a total of 250 students, who will receive special training beyond that of the regular medical course, fitting them for military service in case of need, and enabling them to enter the Medical Corps, or the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States Army. The acceptance of a commission at the termination of the course is encouraged, but is in no way obligatory.

Those students who have become members of the Corps are enthusiastic with regard to its advantages. They are particularly enthusiastic with regard to the Summer encampment at which during last July they were at Carlisle and Gettysburg at the time of the Marine Corps encampment at the latter place. They had an opportunity to see the historic battle field under unusually favorable circumstances, and from a military viewpoint. At Carlisle a succession of distinguished visitors tended to stimulate the esprit de corps. Students from all the different medical corps units of the country were assembled there, and gave Jefferson men an opportunity to compare experiences with medical students in many other medical schools. They were accorded the status of young medical officers in training, and received the greatest possible consideration and attention from those in charge of the camp. The courses were intensive, instructive and interesting, with ample time for recreation, and every opportunity for the enjoyment of out-of-door sports and competitive games among the various teams organized by the different Companies. It is a matter of pride to the officers of the College that the Jefferson students, in conjunction with those of the University of Minnesota, combined together to form one Company, took first honors in a military way, and that Surgeon-General Ireland, after an inspection of the camp, took occasion to communicate congratulations to the Dean of the College with regard to the high standing attained by Jefferson students at the Carlisle Camp.