



There are 225 Student Soldiers in this picture. Captain Philip Bro

## A YEAR OF NEW THINGS AT KNOX

Enrollment Largest in College History—War Aims Course Added to Curriculum—  
French Goes "Over the Top"—President Reviews Situation

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THE eighty-third year at Knox has opened auspiciously. It will be a year of new things. The President is new, both to this section of the country and to the responsibilities that go with the administration of a college; he does not feel that he is absolutely unacquainted with the work of Knox College, however, since it is his distinct impression that Knox is attempting exactly the same type of work for which the colleges of New England—such as Yale, Bowdoin and Dartmouth—are noted. There are more new students than ever before—indeed, the total registration of the College is the largest in its history; the Freshman class numbers three hundred, which means that the College faces the big problem of inculcating Knox ideals and Knox spirit in an unusually large group of newcomers in a much shorter time than heretofore, as some of the older boys who entered last month may be called to active service early in the winter. Fortunately there are not many changes in the faculty; of those who were on the faculty last commencement, only five have not returned. One has gone to teach in another institution, two were unable to return on account of illness at home, and one is engaged in war work in France. Even the newcomers to our faculty are not all

new to Knox; two are graduates of the College and three have been on the faculty before.

The biggest "new" thing at Knox College, however, is the unit of the Students' Army Training Corps, full information about which is given elsewhere in this issue. The fact that practically all of our boys will soon be in khaki and are now under army discipline has resulted in many conditions new to the College. For the first time for many years the College has a mess hall, where all the men eat, and a men's dormitory—the two floors of barracks in the gymnasium and the barracks over the mess hall. It is to be hoped that soon after peace comes the much-needed permanent dormitory for men may be found upon our campus. It is probably a new experience to most of our boys to be up at 5:30 and at 7, almost before sunrise, they are drilling on the athletic field! Two hours of study every evening in the library, under military supervision, will also be a new sensation to some boys whose college studying may have been rather occasional! The city of Galesburg will have a number of new experiences also; no Knox College men on the street or in the theatres after 6 p. m., no college boys to mow lawns or take care of furnaces; no



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Brown and President James L. McConaughy are at extreme left.

boys or girls at social affairs on Friday evenings (for by order of the War Department college classes continue up to Saturday noon)—these are but a few of the changes. One result of the new order of things on the campus which will probably be welcomed by all friends of the College is the fact that all socials and dances which take place at Knox this year will be for groups of the whole College, either by military companies or by college classes, instead of the social gatherings promoted by the fraternities and sororities in the past; in the eyes of Uncle Sam there is no line drawn between fraternity and non-fraternity men, and in the College this year social lines will be much less stressed than ever before.

In the courses in the College itself, the newest is the War Aims Course, in which every student in the College is enrolled, to consider for three hours a week, in six sections, the various problems connected with the war. An amazing amount of ignorance on the part of our college students has already been disclosed! The French Department has gone "over the top" with a vengeance; there are more students studying the language of our ally than any other subject of the college curriculum except the required war course. The decrease in the number of upper-class men has made it necessary to drop a few of the advanced courses. Knox, however, has maintained itself as a college and has not sacrificed its academic standards or its regular courses

on account of the presence of the army unit here.

As the gymnasium is given over entirely as a barracks for the men and headquarters for the S. A. T. C. unit, arrangements are being made for the girls to use the new gymnasium and swimming pool of the local high school; in the physical training for under-class women military drill will be given under one of the members of the faculty who attended the officers' course at Fort Sheridan.

The Knox College which the alumni knew is still here in all its ideals and aims. Like everything else, its strength has been thrown in helping win the war. The alumni will, we feel sure, be gratified to read of the large contribution that Knox is making in the present crisis and will also be gratified to realize that the distinctive character of the College has in no way been changed. The College is dedicated to exactly the same type of training of youth as in the past; it is simply showing its consecration to this ideal in a war-time way.

"Ziggy" Hamblin, ex-'19, Knox's great negro athlete, left during July for Chicago to take special training in the mechanics' division of the aviation corps. He has recently been transferred to the medical corps and is now at Chattanooga, Tenn., but expects to go across soon. At a track meet held at the army camp at Chattanooga "Zig" won the 440 yard dash from a large field of contenders, receiving a silver medal as a prize.