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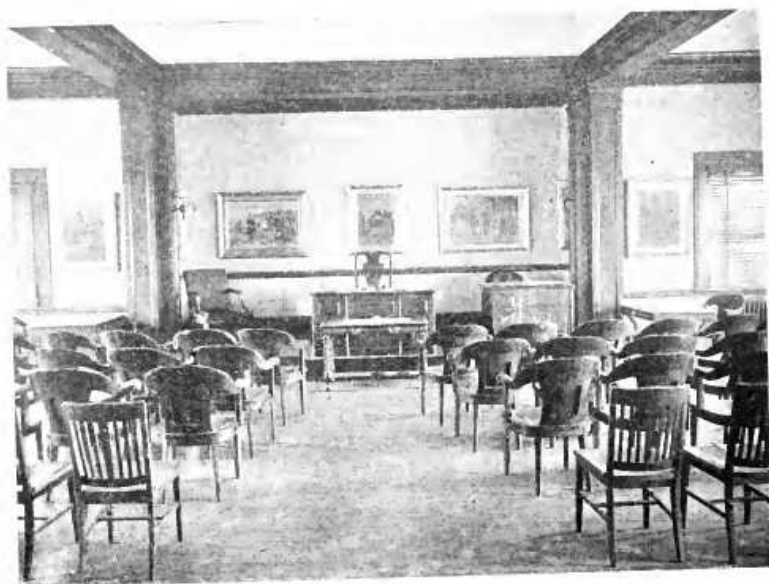
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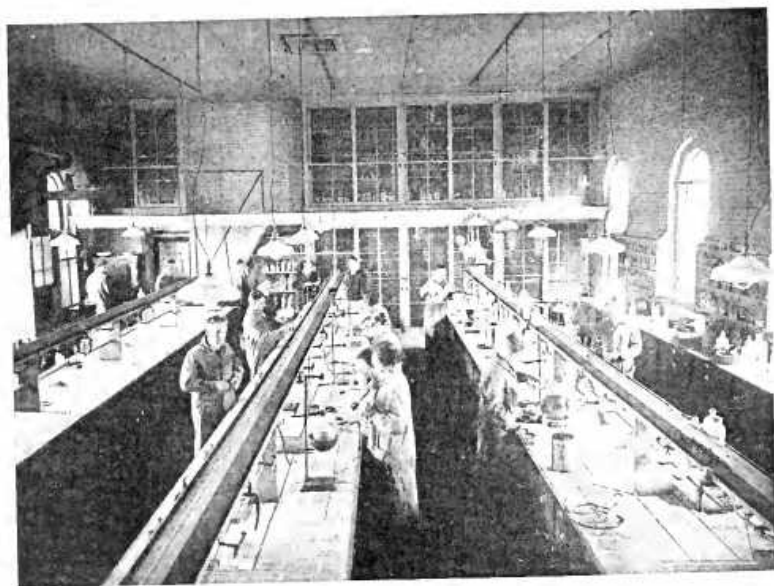
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## PROBLEMS OF ACADEMIC RECONSTRUCTION

*By Professor Albert D. Mead*

Now that the war is over, what is Brown going to do for the boys in service who wish to complete their college work?

Will the future educational policy and program of studies be modified as a consequence of the war and in view of the new peace conditions that will follow the war? These two questions have been asked many times since the armistice was signed.

The first question has been considered specifically by the Faculty and answered. We are immediately going on to a peace basis. Generous academic credit will be given for military service and training, the amount to depend upon the character of the work and the quality of its performance in individual cases. Many of the courses, for the remainder of the year, have been revised and re-adjusted in order that students may repair courses of study that have been broken up and may also begin new subjects. Every effort will be made to assist returning students, and those whose work has been disrupted by the emergency regime of the S. A. T. C., in finishing out their courses and clearing up their academic records. The work of advising students individually in the matter of readjustment is now being carried on by faculty committees. Moreover unless the present plans are unexpectedly altered a summer session will be held that will give further opportunity to students for clearing up work so that they may resume regular, well organized schedules of study next fall. Attendance on the summer session will be optional. The session is essentially an extra term planned in the interest of regular students for a definite purpose. It is not expected

that all courses of any of the regular terms will be repeated. The student may take fewer courses than usual in greater concentration.

The second question, concerning the future educational policy and curriculum in view of the new conditions of peace and the problems of reconstruction, is one of even greater interest and importance. It is scheduled for thorough discussion by the Faculty before the present year closes. At present of course the question cannot be answered and the disposition to prophesy has not been encouraged by the events of the last two years. Nevertheless as one reviews the reactions of the University organism during this troubled time there appears a certain sequence of symptoms that perhaps might warrant each one in making his own prognosis.

As President Faunce remarked, Brown not only sent her sons to the war but went into the war herself. The first year she sent her sons, the next year she went in as an institution.

Patriotism and the desire to help do the big job right were motives that produced at once among Corporation, Faculty and students a unanimity that was phenomenal—even at Brown, but the ideas of how best to serve as a university underwent a remarkable change during the first year.

When war was declared, at first the predominant idea of service was sacrifice. In modesty and humility the academic work was relegated to the background; every concession was made to the promotion of individual service, military, industrial, agricultural. Without hesitation,