College Opening in September 1926 when Miss Denmark had been made dean of women.

I wrote to Dr. White over a month ago and asked him if he wanted me to make a speech on opening day! He answered my letter with two typewritten pages of the most interesting material. I could hardly read it fast enough, so eager was I to know my fate—only to find that my good President did not refer to my important inquiry at all.

So I have no prepared speech. But Anderson College had been uppermost in my mind all the summer. All that I have done, or read, or thought has been with the definite consciousness of how it might relate to my work here in AC. I find myself today, happy, very happy. I feel that my life has turned a sharp corner, that I have entered upon a new era, but I feel also that the turning has come in answer to prayer and yearning to be of more vital and direct service to the young womanhood of our college.

I have two emotions that are new and thrilling, the one is, that for the first time in my life I am a mother—a spiritual mother, a godmother. Some of you girls have been writing me this summer and calling me your college mother. It is a great privilege to me, that for three-fourths of a year, I am to be the one to whom you girls may come with all your problems, with whatever is in your hearts. Your families have believed in you, and you have lived on that belief. They still believe in you, but they are not here now. You will need some one to put the center back into your lives, and it is because, I believe that God has called me to be that some one, that I am happy today.

The other emotion is, that I am to be a home-maker. We are here as one family, and from the very first we must make love the motive for every action and by love, I mean, a desire to do the best thing in the total situation. Let us build our home life here on the model set us back yonder in Genesis, where the youth and the ancient sage "walked both of them together." In our modern day, there are so many influences which seek to intrude themselves between parents and children, between faculty and students. But this year, I long to see a renewed companionship between teachers and pupils, without which we shall never "have a temple on Mt. Moriah!" There are many things I shall want to change in our home and correct. Maybe I shall not be able to do any particular thing in a particular way, but I want my heart to be so full of a yearning solicitude for every girl in school, and for every phase of the work here, that I shall be bound to get something of God's own desire for us, and put it into operation in our daily living.

Dr. White teases me sometimes, and says he is making a preacher out of me. Maybe he is. I don't know. But if I had time for a sermon this morning, I should take as my text right now these words. "Whatsoever things ye desire when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

I have just been telling you somewhat of my desires and aspirations for our college. I have many more things to tell you, but you couldn't bear to hear them now.

Now, girls, I want to ask you, what desires have you brought with you to your Alma Mater? What have been your deepest anxieties during the summer, as you have been planning to come to Anderson College?
How much are you going to do now to carry out your desires? Set them high, and as the days and weeks come and go, let them develop into the very embodiment of love and work, and splendid college morale.

And Faculty! What are your desires for A. C. this year? My desire for you, is that your attitude may be finer, more purposeful and more spiritual than we have ever known here. I am depending upon you to help me to carry out my ideals. I cannot do it alone. I need your complete cooperation and sympathy! And trustees! You men of business and business occupations, you, too, have a responsibility toward A. C. What are your desires today, as you contemplate the school which God has intrusted to your care?

And all our friends and Christian ministers from the city.