

At Simmons College in Boston, Massachusetts, a new dormitory, Evans Hall, is fast nearing completion. This will represent as nearly as we can make it the most modern type of dormitory, built with all the comforts which may be called for by the present generation and, we hope, future generations of students.

It is a red brick building of Colonial design in keeping with our other houses, and has a capacity of seventy-two students. As we are fortunate in having a central Refectory in the group of buildings of which this is one, we are not under the necessity of providing dining-rooms or kitchens. We therefore hope to complete the building, including the furnishings, for one hundred eighty thousand dollars. The

The building consists of four stories and what the students have already designated as a "penthouse," since the top floor, the fifth, has single rooms for eight students, ample bathrooms and a roof terrace. There is a kitchenette and small laundry on every floor. On the third and fifth floors there is a sitting-room in which the girls may smoke. In the basement is a large smoking and recreation room with a kitchenette, various offices and a general mail receiving room for the campus group. The plan is also to include a room where typewriting may be done at night. The single rooms are 9' x 15' in general, including an ample closet, while the double rooms approximate 13' x 15'. There are two double rooms and two single rooms on the first floor, which is given over otherwise to a living-room with French windows opening onto a terrace, two smaller parlors, a reception room, kitchen, and a suite of rooms with bath for the Resident Head. A small waiting- and coat-room is set aside for men callers. A telephone switchboard near the entrance will have buzzer connections with each bedroom, making it possible to summon students to the floor telephones for incoming calls. There will also be telephone booths on each floor for outgoing calls.

The new building, which we hope is the first unit of a group of six dormitories, was designed by Mr. Edwin S. Dodge, the Boston architect, whose firm completed the dormitory development of Smith College, built Bennington College and recently constructed a dormitory for Radcliffe. We expect that Evans Hall will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the academic year 1939-40.

Dean of Simmons College

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