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NEW DORMITORY FOR SWARTHMORE COLLEGE – Plans Completed and Contract Signed For Another Section of Wharton Hall Yesterday

The plans have been completed and the contract signed for the erection of another section of Wharton Hall, the men's dormitory of Swarthmore College. The recent bequest of \$100,000 by the late Joseph Wharton makes it possible to begin at once on the new section. Before his death Dr. Wharton erected the foundation of the new wing of the dormitory, but his illness prevented the completion of the work. The contract was signed yesterday by Isaac H. Clothier, president of the Board of Managers, and the contractor, William Provost, Jr. of Chester. Bunting & Shrigley of Philadelphia are the architects.

The general plan of the dormitory comprises a common study room for two or three students with separate bedrooms adjoining, together with a number of single rooms. The rooms will all be well lighted, it being arranged so that each room will receive direct sunlight during some part of the day. The plans for the new structure show that the section will be erected west of the present building, leaving a third section to be added later which will connect the two wings and complete a dormitory, the total cost of which will be about \$150,000. The work will be begun at once and the dormitory will be ready for use at the beginning of the next college year.

The building is to be of stone, the roof of red slate with copper gutters, trimmings, etc. The interior will be finished in hard wood throughout. These plans were approved by Dr. Wharton before his death.

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