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Page 12, The President's Report.

The war is throwing a sad shadow over the anniversary celebration. The thundering sounds of the war have with different levels of violence rolled in over the old world and threatening clouds of un-peace have now settled in over our own country and they have now discharged in "storm and bloody dress". We are now in this world war, which demands such enormous offer of life, blood and material things, and it will impoverish and bleed people to death. Times of high expenses and starvation will follow in the tracks of the war. There are worrisome and challenging times of us and our country.

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The home for age in Lindsborg is in excellent shape and serves its cause in a joyous way. The home needs to expand but during times of war it is not the best time for new constructions.

Page 41, Ernst Pihlblad [Bethany College President]

It is with great worry I think want the nearest future will bring for higher education in general and for our own institution in particular. Our country has entered the war. It is possible that before this annual report is presented at the conference, our young men have been drafted for the war. There is no doubt that it will happen soon, anyway. You can sense that young people are worried and it interferes with their studies, and many have been examined for the purpose of being called out to war. At the state schools they discuss whether or not to cancel this year's commencement.

Page 42, Ernst Pihlblad [Bethany College President]

When the board meets next week regarding this academic year they have a difficult task. What can be expect of the fall semester? Can we look forward to an increased number of students, or will the young people, especially the young men, be called out to war, or to farms to prevent starvation? Will the institution's income dry out so there won't be money to pay for the work? These and other similar questions is what the board has to find answers to.

Page 44, Ernst Pihlblad [Bethany College President]

The educational materials have been concentrated on the department of natural sciences and the conservatory. New tools have been purchased, especially for the physics department. Among other things there has been a wireless telegraph installed. This happened with minimum spending for the institution, teachers, students and friends of the school have donated gifts through the help of Professor Welin. The station cannot currently be used due to the war.