

Welcome

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Bad news: Robert Frost

Program long: Speech length

Surroundings suggest barn raising rather than
solemn ac. Ceremony

Bldg const. changed char. neighborly aid. No less real
Audience & larger about 231 - Others came & work

Simple rejoicing money given: plans completed:

Contracts let: today hand & spade: tomorrow
tractors & steam shovel digging begun. Sept 1932

Claim importance beyond these facts. Many of
recd. message talk & shrillings. grateful positively
who tell myself. crowd how desire to survive
passing moment? Top of imitable future.

Whether cult. grow useful variation lw. insts

Phys. plant & Est. plus designed used use - hoped person

Adapt to changing future rather monuments resist
change & decay.

Bldgs on grounds use. New flexible home grown
Beauty derive from appropriateness. honest
wholesomeness of past.

Prosperity never attempt strain beauty structures
borrowed other ages & other uses.

X Dwellings and workshops rather than monuments.

Educ. program - used use. Not enam. present forged
past and growth mode: drift fashion: degeneration
Act. Chang world: science, lit, and, soc insts
not yet caught up.

Means flexible program contact stud & life. Personal
Change normal: usual & temp. interruptions.

Newness. hardships. Advantages. need wt. varying trial.
Adv. of oppats even for a gen. ourgen justify efforts
put forth in creating the insts

GROUND BREAKING

BENNINGTON COLLEGE

August 16, 1931

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President Robert Devore Leigh
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Canon of Washington Cathedral

MUSIC

Under the Direction of Mr. Franz Lorenz
Director of the Hartford
Symphony Orchestra

Greetings from State

7 yrs. ago & stage facilities

Mr. Rappard - representative

7 colleges

High school educ. in Am

Comm. ambitious. Origins

Institute going back.

League of Nations: Chief

P.O. Sect. Mandate Comm

Academics: Univ. School

Trustee of Bennington College

Fisher, Rappard, Trustees

Newest - oldest friends

Earliest Conference

Mrs. Fisher

Dr. Booth: obscure

To an indig. always

Turning point: plans

Dreamed of it. should

start in college.

Const. eg. to begin

bldg. operations.

Cost
not much with the
consp. cost