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Now the time has come to which I have looked forward for five years - to show you what a wonderful thing you have done for Deerfield, and to send you Mr. and Mrs. Boyden's heartfelt thanks, and my own.

The pictures in the attached folder, with their captions, tell most of the story. They are by William Leftwich, one of New York's top commercial photographers. He, like most of the people who go to Deerfield, fell under its charm and sent us such a small bill that we promised never to tell.

The skilled workers in and around Deerfield still cherish the old traditions. They are proud of their work. There are no limitations or slow-downs in their out-put. And Frank made them feel that the buildings were really theirs - with a result in beauty and quality which tells its own story, and a savings of hundreds of thousands of dollars in money.

We were fortunate that we started when we did. I asked Frank to get one of the leading construction experts in the area to tell me what was the actual cost of construction and furnishing of the Infirmary, the Dining Hall, and the Alumni Memorial Building; and how much more they would have cost if we were starting them now. His figures are as follows:

	<u>Year</u> <u>Started</u>	<u>Actual</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>1951</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>in Cost</u>	<u>Per Cent</u> <u>Increase</u>
Infirmary	1947	\$ 315,949	\$ 442,000	\$ 126,051	40%
Dining Hall	1947	652,625	913,000	260,375	40%
Memorial Building	1950	632,508	727,384	94,876	15%