

HISTORY



This view of the Lawn from the south, taken by McKim, Mead, and White in 1896, shows a glimpse of Pavilions IX and X

impress strangers unfavorably.”¹²³ The 1889-90 annual report noted that “*Improvements in grounds and buildings* made, and in process of construction, since the last annual report have been extensive, and have added greatly both to the appearance of the University and to the comfort and convenience of its members. The largest item is the new pavement of the lawn with artificial stone—a handsome and, it is hoped, a durable improvement in the much worn brick pavements heretofore in use there...new galleries have been built; Venetian blinds added for doors and windows, and the whole quarter completely renovated. New roofs have been put on two of the professors’ pavilions.”¹²⁴ The 1890-91 annual report revealed that “\$4,167.70 for repairing the lawn sidewalks in a handsome and durable manner” had been authorized, and an additional \$184.23 for water pipes and sewers was also recorded. Another \$285.40 was spent on water pipes and sewers the next year.¹²⁵

1905-1927, THOMAS FITZ-HUGH

By the turn of the twentieth century the Board of Visitors finally felt that the state of the buildings and grounds suitably reflected the prestige of the institution. “The University has the reputation of being the most beautiful College in the world, in its grouping of