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Ottawa University,

 Enclosed is a picture of O. U. student body in 1885. I thot you might like it for your archives. It was given me many years ago by Miss Grace Meeker, who is in the picture I believe. The man with pin hole (hold to light) in is coat is my uncle, Arthur Clement Carpenter 1866-1953. who attended O.U. that year, taking elocution. Later he became a patent medicine salesman, working for the S. F. Baker Co for 40 yrs until 1937. At first he had a fleet of 6 wagons based in Keokuk Iowa. They were stocked with medicine and extracts. I like to think his elocution at O. U. helped him hawk his wares. Tauy Jones was the only building in 1885. Students lived in rooms on top floor, a club of 16 ate in the basement and they went to classes in between.

 We are moving from Ottawa in March and I’m trying to unload our home at 930 Hickory of 37 years accumulation. ugh!

 In the attic are some 30 women hats in 2 huge cartons- the oldest (1924) is hand made of georgette and was expensive. I hope your drama department has a room for costumes and will think they need a stock of hats for plays prior to 1965. After attending your delightful Eng feast at xmas I believe many could be adapted to that event

 I also have some old dresses. If you are interested please send some one over to help me get them out of the attic & to you before March. Please phone before coming.

 Sincerely

 Mrs. Max Ward

 930 Hickory

[written in pencil in different hand]

1885 on steps of TJ Hall