



HAMPDEN-SYDNEY COLLEGE

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To Whom It May Concern:

The faculty of the Chemistry Department of Hampden-Sydney College sends our heart-felt congratulations to the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society on the occasion of the one hundredth anniversary of the establishment of the section.

In keeping with the College's extended Virginia history, our association with chemistry and the American Chemical Society has deep roots. Jonathan P. Cushing, the first designated science faculty member, was appointed Professor of Chemistry and Mathematics in 1817 and became president of the College in 1820. He was the first layman and first non-Presbyterian to be president and oversaw the modernization of the College by replacing the original 1775 era buildings with what is now known as Cushing Hall during his fourteen-year tenure (1821-1835).

President Cushing's successor in the sciences was the world-renowned chemist, Dr. John W. Draper, who built the first camera to photograph a living person, and was professor of chemistry at Hampden-Sydney from 1836 to 1839. When the American Chemical Society was organized in 1876, Professor Draper was chosen to be the first president of the society.

With fondest wishes for continuing success of the Virginia Section of the American Chemical Society in advancing the chemical sciences, we are:

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