

enjoy the many rights of citizenship without recognizing his responsibility for the duties of citizenship.

The advocates of a Cadet System do not wish any change in the law which makes every man between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years responsible for the defence of his country. They do, however, regard it as a grievous mistake to make all men within these age limits liable for military service, as the law now does, without providing in some way for their training in order that they may be able to render efficient service without the terrible sacrifice of life that would naturally result from the vain attempts of masses of untrained men to perform the duty required of them.

### UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING.

Universal liability for defence service is unquestionably right. This being true, it clearly follows that all men should, in some way, be prepared to perform the duty laid upon them by their country. The country that demands universal service without providing some adequate system of universal training for the men on whom it properly lays the duty is culpably negligent.

The question to be solved really is : What is the most effective and most economical system for giving universal training ?

The Cadet System has the following merits from the national standpoint :—

1. It is given at a time when lessons learned by operative processes are never forgotten. Drill is an operative process. Operative processes are not recorded in the memories, but in the lives of students.
2. It costs the country less to train the coming citizens in the schools than in any other way.
3. It interferes with the ordinary duties of men less than any other possible plan to have the foundation of military drill given in the schools.
4. It qualifies the men of the country for more complete military training in much shorter time than it would take to train them without cadet training in the schools. Men in later years will find their training in military drill to be mainly reviewing the work they did in school instead of having to learn the whole work at maturity.
5. Boys like military drill. From twelve to sixteen years of age, they generally like it better than baseball or lacrosse, and, because of this fact, it may be used so as to produce the most beneficial effects upon character.
6. A Cadet is not a soldier. He takes no oath of mili-