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## Sudden Death of Lt-Col. H.B. Yates

The grim reaper has gathered his first toll from this Unit in the person of our second in command Lieutenant Colonel Harry B. Yates, whose death occurred at the Granville Special Canadian Hospital, Kent on the morning of the 22nd. inst.

As a result of his devotion to duty in the trying November weather of tent life at C..., Colonel Yates' health broke down and he was invalidated to England in the hope that under more favorable conditions it might improve. The hope has proved a vain one and we are now left to mourn an officer who had endeared himself to every member of the Unit. We published an appreciation of Colonel Yates in "The McGilliken" sometime ago and we do not need to repeat what we then said; but one additional thing we may say, without any fear of contradiction, is that Colonel Yates was easily the most loved man in the whole Unit. We are glad to know, that thanks to the kindness of the military authorities, every member of his family was at his bedside during his last illness and that he had the advice of the most distinguished specialists, including our good friend Sir William Osler.

In thinking of our own loss, we must not selfishly forget the still greater loss his own have sustained, and to Mrs Yates and our own comrade Montagu Yates we extend our most heartfelt and respectful sympathy in this their great hour of sorrow.

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### IN MEMORIAM

We miss him —

Not for clever word, or glorious deed  
Blazoned upon a trumpet's tongue;  
But for the kindly glance,  
And gentle word on daily round.

## Mr. John Baillie on Marne Battle

The winter activities of the Y.M.C.A. got away with a flying start last week when Professor John Baillie, M. A., of the University of Edinburgh gave a lecture on the battle of the Marne.

At the outset Professor Baillie explained that he was not going to dwell so much on the small details of the Great Battle, as upon its tremendous importance in the war. The details of the action were not as interesting as those of the battles of Mons, Ypres or Neuve Chapelle, but the Battle of the Marne will always be known as one of the landmarks of History, as it turned the whole course of the war.

The consolidation of Germany in 1871 created new problems for the newly formed Empire. Owing to the enormous length of the German and Austrian frontiers, badly provided with natural defences, it became extremely important for the Central Powers to devise some means to protect themselves against the attacks of their enemies. The only solution was to raise a huge army, and to make arrangements for a very rapid mobilisation by means of a complete system of strategical railways.

Russia and France have always been Germany's hereditary enemies and were most to be feared.

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He gave us love.  
And now, responsive to his gift,  
We'll learn to act through love,  
And in each look and word,  
Memory will note his gesture and his voice.

ANON.

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