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tiaries instead of up-to-date industrial schools. The public knows a good deal about the shortcomings of the late government, and for that reason, presumably, returned the present one. So far as it is carrying on in the same manner, to that degree is it just as culpable. Surely two years is sufficient time in which to make some show of good faith. Money has been found for other

things not half so vital as this, and, indeed, it would cost little to make a great difference in the efficiency and general management of the school.

The government may fairly be expected to take immediate measures to rectify these evils, and in the building of the proposed cottage homes we feel assured that a solution, in great part, will be found to the present problem.

## Notes and Comments

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### THE UNIVERSITY

AS the days pass and opinions are heard from far and near, the greatness of the loss sustained by this Province and its University in the passing of President Westbrook is being more profoundly realised. Everyone who knew him deeply regretted his death, but even his close friends had hardly realised the large place he held in the hearts and the lives of all who are interested in the University. Coming at a period when the collapse of real estate inflation and the opening of the war utterly upset all the arrangements made for expenditure in connection with the buildings to house the University worthily, Dr. Westbrook in a most courageous and capable way set himself to meet the changed situation. That he succeeded is amply evidenced by the way in which he won the highest respect of the Board of Governors as well as the esteem and affection of faculty and students alike. He was a man of brilliant gifts, wide scholarship, gentle manners and modest, gentlemanly bearing. The suggestion made by Mrs. Farris in a singularly able paper on

"The University" given here recently, that the Province should erect University buildings at Point Grey in commemoration of the men who had fallen in the service of the country, ought to appeal to the whole University constituency, and the further suggestion that the first worthy building should be called Westbrook Hall will find an echo in all our hearts. The first President of the University, for his own and for his work's sake, richly deserves this monument.

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### POLICE AND CHILDREN

One of the most unique entertainments in Vancouver is the annual Christmas tree for poor children held at Police Headquarters and conducted by the blue-coated stalwarts who are watchmen over the safety of the city. Nothing could be a finer demonstration of the fact that the police properly regard themselves as the protectors of children, and not, as some foolish people think, their persecutors. To see these giants at play with the little ones and entering into the joyous spirit of the occasion in the dispensing of the gifts they