

date also 195 of the Fellows have been giving their professional services free of charge to soldiers' families. The amount of attendance thus rendered has been very great, and has been highly appreciated. The Council of the Academy has granted the free use of one of its large rooms to an association of ladies who meet in it almost daily and are engaged in the making up of supplies for the many Canadian hospitals overseas. Those of us who have seen these ladies at their work of love know how much they appreciate the privilege of meeting in the commodious room placed at their disposal. But the contributions of the Academy do not end here. No less than 88 Fellows have taken part in some capacity in the Army Medical Service. Some are in this country, some are attached to hospitals or regiments in Britain, some are doing their part in France, while others are at Saloniki with the University of Toronto Base Hospital. All of these have made great sacrifices for their King and country. One has already lost his life, and several have suffered impairment of health. To such of our Fellows as have suffered in health or sustained bereavements on account of the war we tender our fullest sympathy. Six of our members have lost a son at the battlefield. Ryerson, Primrose, Sneath, Macdonald, Nevitt and Machell did honor to their country, to the cause for which they fought, and to their parents. Each of them lived true to the words of Hector in "Troilus and Cressida":

Life every man holds dear; but the brave man
Holds honor far more precious dear than life.

They were of the genuine Spartan blood that felt they must bring back their swords with them victorious blades, or fall on the battlefield. *Libertas optima serum*, liberty is the best of things, has long been recognized by the world as a truth; but the more precious the jewel the greater the price that must be paid for it, and history tells us that blood is the price that must be paid for this jewel.

But the Fellows have also contributed personally of their means. Already they have given \$2,300 for the purchase of supplies for the overseas Canadian hospitals. They have given \$1,196 in aid of the Belgian professors, and medical and surgical supplies and instruments to the value of over \$4,000 have been sent through the Red Cross to Belgian doctors. We have also contributed to the Patriotic Fund the handsome amount of at least \$5,000. To the Daughters of the Empire hospital fund, the Red Cross fund, and the equipment of the University of Toronto Base Hospital we have also been liberal givers, but there are no means of ascertaining the amounts. A grand total of over \$13,000. In connection with these efforts the services of Drs. H. B. Anderson, N. A. Powell and E. E. King cannot be too highly praised. They have