

was rebuffed, for he wrote to Sir Thomas on January 24th: "You asked me if I realized that this country is at war. With four sons gone forth to battle, I do realize it most keenly, and so far as in me lies, I try to administer my office and my household in the light of this overpowering fact." Sir Thomas White of course apologized the next day: "My question to you had of course no personal bearing, but was for the purpose of ascertaining whether, in connection with the particular grant in which you are interested, you had taken the question of our unprecedented financial responsibilities due to the war into account." (1)

Pope was ever ready to help further the interests of any good cause, or of any individuals in whom he had sympathy and confidence, and, as has been shown in reference to his chief assistant, W.H. Walker, was keenly concerned over questions of salary, or promotion, of members of his own Department and staff. He was alive to any inequity or injustice, both for the sake of the individual and for the dignity and prestige of his Department.

After Dr. O.D. Skelton had been appointed as head of the Department, Sir Joseph Pope continued for some months in the East Block utilizing a room on the third floor, where he engaged in writing memoirs, memoranda and putting in order his personal papers. The East Block was in his blood; he had spent nearly half his lifetime there, with a few years' interruption, from 1883 to

(1) Pope Papers. S.O. Vol.99. No.684.