

Lieutenant John McCrae, of Guelph, is as highly praised by his men as Captain Barker. After completing a brilliant course in Natural Science at Varsity in 1894, he held the fellowship in Biology for a year, and then studied Medicine, winning the gold medal in his final year with phenomenally high marks. He passed a year in the Toronto General Hospital, and is at present Fellow in Pathology at McGill. He is in command of the right section of D battery of the Canadian Artillery, which took part in the forced march from Carnarvon to Kenhardt, "probably the longest and hardest continuous artillery march of the war." Lieutenant McCrae has withstood the almost incredible hardships of the winter campaign remarkably well, and he is still in the field.

Private Victor P. Odium, who has already returned from the war, is the son of a Methodist missionary, and passed his early years in Japan, though most of his life has been spent at Cobourg. For three years he lived at Woodstock and in British Columbia, and then came to Victoria University. He is now in Political Science with '03. He had much hard luck as a member of C company, having his jaw broken by the butt of a comrade's rifle, and spraining his ankle during the charge at Zand River. While in England he was introduced to the Prince and Princess of Wales. He returned to Canada last month.

Bombardier Robert B. Blyth is something of a modern templar, being both priest and soldier. He entered Varsity with the class of '98, of which he was vice-president and then president. After completing his sophomore year in philosophy, he reluctantly transferred to McGill, in order that he might be able to take lectures at the Congregational College in Montreal. He graduated in Arts in '98, and was later ordained a minister. He joined E battery, Royal Canadian Artillery, was subsequently invalided to Cowes, and returned to Canada very recently. While at Cowes, he had the honor to be introduced to the Queen and Princess Christian, and a few days after to present Her Majesty with a bouquet.

Gunner Frederick G. Davey, '03, makes his home in Port Hope. He is attached to D Battery, and, though a capital mark for a Boer, has given more than he has taken.

WELCOME TO THE TROOPS.

The Idaho, with a large number of the Canadian contingent returning from South Africa on board, is expected to arrive in Halifax to-day. On landing the returning heroes will be given a royal welcome, and so throughout their whole journey home. They will come to Toronto from Montreal by special train, and will be met at North Toronto by the city regiments, civic authorities, and students. From Bloor St. to College St. on Yonge St., the way will be lined by school-children, and the march will end, it is expected, at the Armouries, the procession first passing through the triumphal Arch on the Avenue. The city buildings will be illuminated at night and on Friday and Saturday evenings, festival concerts will be given in Massey Hall. There are about fifteen Varsity men returning, some undergraduates, the rest alumni.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

Another rousing meeting of the Lit. was held last Friday evening. About 200 students were in attendance. We hope this interest will not only be sustained throughout the year, but also that it may increase weekly until every undergraduate of University College will deem it

his duty to permanently reserve Friday evening for the meetings of the society. We say duty, because the Lit. is fast becoming an "Alma Mater society" in which all questions of importance affecting the welfare of the undergraduates and their relations to the University are considered. These questions should receive the thoughtful consideration of every student, so that mature concerted action may result in every case.

One has only to consider the motions passed, and the notice of motion made at our last meeting, to be convinced of this duty. First of all, Mr. Chapman ably introduced a motion approving the formation of a battalion in the University of Toronto. After some discussion the motion was unanimously carried, and the matter referred to the executive for action. Next the motion to appoint a committee to revise the constitution was passed. The following gentlemen were appointed for that purpose: W. W. McLaren, F. Armstrong, R. A. Cassidy, H. T. Coleman, and W. A. Craick. Mr. Potvin's move to have the Literary Society supply papers and magazines for the conversation rooms in the Residence was favorably considered. Unfortunately, owing to a technicality, Mr. Coleman's motion to have a committee appointed to consider the question of a permanent organization of all the faculties, and of the affiliated and federated colleges of the University was thrown out. We hope this scheme will be presented in some new form next Friday evening. Mr. Brophey gave notice of motion that the Senate of Toronto University be petitioned to make the fees of the Lit. compulsory to all students in University College. Mr. Coleman reported progress on behalf of the committee appointed to prepare a students' reception for the returning soldiers. Mr. E. P. Brown outlined the plan for celebrating Hallowe'en. The top gallery of the Grand Opera House has been reserved for University College, S. P. S. and Dentals. Let every undergraduate purchase a ticket from the committee in charge, and be on hand to share in this annual outing.

The election for fourth-year councilor on the "Lit." executive resulted in the choice of Mr. R. D. Keefe. Mr. Eedy was elected unanimously as first-year representative on the VARSITY editorial board. Both gentlemen will no doubt prove valuable acquisitions to their respective executives. The call for nominations for two representatives of the first year on the "Lit." executive and for one first-year representative on the business board of VARSITY brought forth a host of nominees. The elections for these offices will be held next Friday evening. Freshmen in particular should be on hand. This disposed of the business before the society. Speeches were then given by several of the graduates present.

Dr. Hargreaves, '95, strongly urged all not to be backward in taking an active interest in the meetings of the "Lit." and in the affairs of our Alma Mater and of our country. He especially asked the undergraduates to endorse the formation of a University Corps as a fitting way to show their gratitude to the State for the free and liberal education it offers them.

A. H. McLeod, '00 (Sandy), entertained the audience in a witty speech, in which he happily referred to the spring elections and to his summer experiences in our northern wilds. In closing his address Mr. McLeod gave his best wishes to the society and hoped that some action would be taken to elevate the moral character of our party contests in Varsity.

Mr. Edgar also spoke briefly as an old student. D. W. S. Urquhart favored the society with a solo, after which the meeting was declared adjourned. Owing to the lateness of the hour the debate on compulsory fees was laid over for one week.

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