

## Personalities



President G. C. Creelman.

**I**N the United States, every boy has ahead of him the glittering possibility of becoming Chief Executive and leading four years of strenuous life in the White House. In the Province of Nova Scotia, every small person of the male sex sees in the future a college presidency and carries his school-bag proudly. When in educational doubt, Ontario rings up Halifax and a president is promised before the newspapers have time to guess at the appointment.

The ancestors of the President of the Ontario Agricultural College settled in Nova Scotia, and, being from the North of Ireland, gained possession of as much land as they could conveniently hold. But the early years of the future president were spent on a farm in Grey County, Ontario. A course of study was taken at the Collingwood Collegiate Institute and then George Christie Creelman turned his steps to the Agricultural College at Guelph and in 1888 formed one of the five who graduated with the degree of B.S.A. There were only 175 students at the college in 1885. After nearly twenty years, Mr. Creelman went back as president to find the attendance quadrupled.

Mr. Creelman travelled far from his old home to take a professor's chair in the United States, being appointed assistant professor in the Mississippi State Agricultural College. Three years later he was promoted to full professorship. He remained in Mississippi until 1898 when he returned to Ontario for agricultural study. When it became necessary to choose a successor to Dr. Mills, whose ability and patience were the greatest factors in the progress of the college, the choice fell upon this young-hearted, enthusiastic educationist, who has the most abounding optimism for his country and his college.

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Madame LeGrand Reed of Toronto made her musical debut with Victor Herbert's orchestra at Daly's Theatre, New York, last November, when she won the favour of the metropolitan critics. Since then Madame Reed has been heard in most of the Canadian cities and has just closed a season of artistic success. Her first appearance in Toronto since her study with Jean de Reszke was made in Massey Hall last January, and of this event a critic was moved to the unusual outburst—"Beautiful as is the quality of her voice—a high soprano—which is also broad, warm, true and flexible—it is not this noble gift alone which made her singing delightful. The perfect tone-production, the ease and grace of her phrasing, the full, noble utterance which left a definite impression of forces in reserve, in fact all that intelligent study can do to augment and preserve the natural character of a voice, these were the elements which gave distinction to her debut."

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The profession of journalism is comparatively new for women but already several Canadians of the voteless sex have attained positions of responsibility therein. The city of London, Ontario, has long recognised the helpfulness of the feminine pen. In fact, Eve Brodlique Summers, one of our successful writers of fiction, did her first work on a London paper. Miss Isabel Armstrong, whose father, the late James Armstrong, represented South Middlesex



Madame LeGrand Reed.

for many years in the House of Commons, has attained to the dignity of editorship after spending some time in

work for the local press. Miss Armstrong is an editorial charge of "The Echo," an entertaining weekly which gives special attention to social, dramatic and musical matters. In her college career at Brantford and London, Miss Armstrong took honours in English literature and music, subjects which are of vital importance to the woman who enters upon journalistic life.

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Hamilton has been called "ambitious" for many a day and the reason for its aspirations and their fulfilment lies in the character of the women of that picturesque city. The cynical man who professes to believe that women's societies are invariably given to cavilling and quarrelling would be forever cured if he could visit the feminine organisations of Hamilton. Mrs. P. D. Crerar, regent of the Municipal Chapter of Daughters of the Empire, is one of the most popular and energetic of the matrons of the Ambitious City, and is active in almost every patriotic and philanthropic movement. The Hamilton members of the imperial order are extremely practical in their loyalty, believing that any cause which relieves distress or advances civilisation is a part of patriotism. While Mrs. Crerar has excellent assistants, her attractive personality and executive ability have played a large part in the successful work of Hamilton women.

Although Mrs. Crerar is an enthusiastic Hamiltonian her interests are by no means limited to her own city. She was most active in encouraging local sentiment in favour of such changes in Canadian postal arrangements as have recently been brought about. A descendant of U. E. Loyalists, Mrs. Crerar takes a deep interest in all movements tending to strengthen British institutions in Canada, but her imperialism is of an entirely sane and workable order.

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Mr. Herbert J. Rose, one of the McGill Rhodes Scholars at Oxford, was educated chiefly by private tuition in his boyhood and spent but one year at Ottawa Collegiate Institute before entering McGill University. He won a \$200 exhibition at his entrance examination and his college career was marked by similar distinctions. On his graduation in 1904 he tied with Mr. John Archibald of Montreal for the first place, each of them receiving the Chapman gold medal in Classics and these two brilliant young men were both sent to Oxford by the Rhodes trustees. At the end of his first year, Mr. Rose won the undergraduate blue ribbon, the Ireland and Curzon scholarships. He was elected an honorary scholar of Balliol College and very recently he carried off the Chancellor's Latin essay prize. Mr. Rose, who is a son of Rev. S. P. Rose, D.D., of Winnipeg, expects to receive his Oxford B.A. at the approaching Convocation. After that he hopes to pursue post-graduate work in Germany; in that case, Canada will probably hear of his further honours.

When the first selections were made for Rhodes scholarships, the matter of athletics was emphasised, as Oxford is by no means given up to classics alone. Mr. Rose had not "gone in" for sports to any remarkable extent. The story is told that his proficiency in the ancient and honourable game of chess was finally put forward as a qualification for membership in the athletic brotherhood, and he sailed for England with full credentials to enter as a Canadian sportsman and scholar. He is a nephew of the late Judge Rose of Toronto.



Miss Isabel Armstrong.



Mrs. P. D. Crerar.



Mr. H. J. Rose.