

declared that they could not have received better attention in their own homes.

Classes were resumed on Thursday, October 17th, but there has been considerable irregularity in attendance. Some of the city folks considered that the Institute should have been closed, and the students set free to nurse some of the many suffering families in Guelph. This was a somewhat unreasonable idea. The authorities of a college assume certain responsibilities towards the parents of students which could not be set at naught in such a fashion. Miss Watson, however, recognized that there was a work which could be done, without risk to health, by such students as were willing to undertake it, and after consulting her senior housekeepers, she offered their services to the hospital as assistants in the kitchen. Other volunteers have eagerly come forward and it is probable that a Macdonald squad will go over every day until the usual staff is able to return to its duties. Their efforts have been much appreciated, and their cooking warmly praised.

INITIATION

The preliminary penalty imposed upon the freshies this year, was the wearing of a green ribbon fillet around the head, with four clothes-pins dangling therefrom. For six whole days they manfully endured this decoration, but the announcement that initiation night was fixed brought a feeling of relief.

On the evening of October 2nd, there trooped into the gymnasium, after assembling in the basement, a crowd in various wonderful disguises. There were, among others, the Katzenjammer family, Fanny Farmer, Puss in Boots, Happy Hooligan, Mutt and Jeff, Char-

lie Chaplin, Fatty Arbuckle, Cis Hopkins, a bevy of ballet dancers, some street arabs, a group of washerwomen with abnormally large waists, a bunch of "back-to-front" ladies, some sacks of grain, a donkey and a cow (each with four legs), the best looking and the homeliest men in the O. A. C., a weird individual half man and half woman, and a group of quaint grannies and grandfathers. Perhaps the most diverting moments of the evening occurred when these venerable folks joined hands and hobbled slowly round in a game of "drop handkerchief." Much ingenuity was displayed in improvising costumes, and the spectacle was full of interest and novelty.

The usual array of white-robed ghosts and black witches with brooms and pitchforks, greeted the freshies as they arrived, and struck awe into their souls, while two little red devils ran around administering doses of a vile compound to the slow or unsubmitive.

Bravely did the victims perform the penalties imposed upon them, amidst hearty laughter. A spirit of modification and good sense had controlled the programme, and though some of the tasks were dangerous or really unpleasant. A solemn declaration to conform to all Macdonald rules and to love, honour and obey the seniors, was the final obligation, and then the gym rang with cheers for the juniors, for the seniors, for Miss Watson, for Mrs. Fuller, and for the Faculty. Mrs. Fuller was greatly missed on this occasion, but much gratification was afforded by the presence of Miss Watson, so rarely accorded to Macdonald Hall festivities.