

that personal knowledge of the constituent parts of the Empire which is of absolutely vital moment to the Empire's sound and stable development. It was Your Royal Highness' conviction of that truth, Sir, that prompted you by visiting Canada to ascertain what Canada really means.

The University rejoices in that Your Royal Highness' visit follows closely upon the victorious conclusion of a war that threatened to overwhelm the Empire and, through its prolonged course, taxed ^{Empire's} the material resources and spirit ^{to the uttermost}. Canada promptly responded to the Empire's appeal for volunteers with loyal enthusiasm and unflinching determination. In that temper her men fought and fell. And the University is proud to remember that Your Royal Highness mingled with Canadian officers and men amid the perils of the front, to which your innate sense of duty led you. Your Royal Highness' frank and gracious disposition always made your presence very welcome and stimulating to them, and to those who have returned is now most happily given the grateful opportunity of welcoming you in their own land.

As might have been expected McGill University like all Universities responded to the Empire's call with alacrity and whole-heartedness. The ideals that were at stake in the war are particularly such as appeal to academic thought, temper and tradition. A noteworthy feature of the war record of the University is the first offer of a distinctive ~~Medical~~ ^{Medical} Hospital made by any Canadian University, which was gladly accepted by the military authorities. Of the University's past and present students more than two thousand five hundred