

THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ALUMNI WAR MEMORIAL

To the Graduates, Undergraduates and Former
Students of the University of Toronto.

Terrible though the four years of the war have been, they were the greatest in the history of the University. Of graduates and undergraduates the immediate response was magnificent, more than five thousand six hundred having gone on active service, and more than six hundred have laid down their lives. Most of the graduates went quietly with their units and said no word of farewell to their Alma Mater, but the undergraduates made their decision in the University, and were trained on these grounds. Throughout the long dark months the education and work of the University have been justified by the heroism, sacrifice and high intelligence displayed by her sons who went away and the patriotic effort of those who worked at home.

These things cannot be forgotten; they must become our priceless heritage. The unparalleled record of those who served and of those who fell, must be kept as a sacred memory within the University to stir the admiration of succeeding generations.

We should prove unworthy of this great period, unworthy of the University and of what has been so nobly accomplished on our behalf, unless we were to raise some visible memorial to proclaim by its beauty and fitness to those who come after us, that we cherished in deep gratitude our graduates and undergraduates who did what it was not in our power to do to save our civilization.

Such a memorial will also be a perpetual source of heroic tradition to inspire throughout the years the students of the University to emulate by their high endeavour in their own day those who so nobly served and suffered.

But more than this. We must keep in mind those who on returning will find it hard to resume their education in the University, or to enter upon it because they enlisted just as they left school. Not only our returned soldiers themselves, but their children or near relatives, who prove their capability, should be given such financial