WAR INVADES THE PEACEFUL COLLEGE CLOISTERS



On Wednesday of last week President R. A. Falconer, seen at the left, announced to a huge muster of students in Convocation Hall that the Militia Department have agreed to the establishment of an officers' training corps in the University of Toronto. The top picture shows the faculty, with Lieut.-Col. W. R. Lang, Professor of Physics, addressing the students, who in pictures 3 and 4 are seen listening to the message from Mars and leaving the Hall afterwards.

NIVERSITIES as military centres are by no means peculiar to Germany. English universities have for centuries been active recruiting grounds for officers and rifle corps. In Canada, McGill University, under the enthusiastic Imperialist, Principal Peterson, has for some time had an officers' training corps. Queen's University, in Kingston, stimulated by the Imperialism of the late Principal Grant, was offered the financial backing of a corps by Major Leonard, but has gone ahead to establish

one on its own account. Many years ago the University of Toronto had an organization known as K Company of the Queen's Own Rifles, which, between 1866 and 1891, furnished more officers for the Canadian militia than any other company or regiment in Canada. In the early '90's, the pacifist group among the University authorities placed "K Co." on the retired list. The organization of the new officers' training corps in Toronto University revives again the old martial spirit which has for many years been

exemplified by that staunch Roman militarist, Principal Hutton, of University College. About 1,300 students have enrolled in the new training corps, which will be under the command of Lieut.-Col. W. R. Lang, Professor of Physics. These young men, when they graduate, will become officers in the local militia in various parts of Canada. And Principal Hutton may now repeat with practical emphasis those stirring words of Virgil in the Aeneid, "Arma virumque cano"—"I sing of arms and the man."