

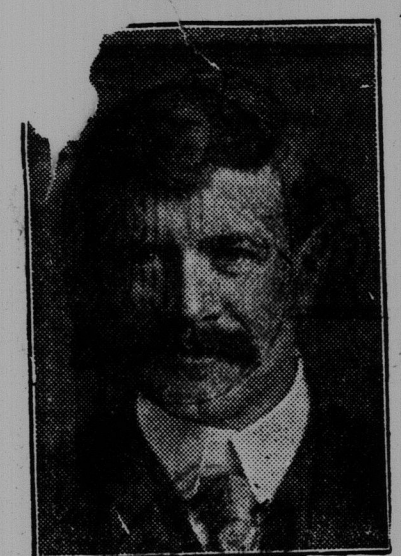
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## IMMORTAL POEM LEGACY TO WORLD

Prof. Stephen Leacock Pays  
Tribute to Col. John McCrae.

Colonel John McCrae, when he died in a hospital at Boulogne in January of 1918, left as his legacy to the world an immortal poem, writes Prof. Stephen Leacock in the London Times of November 17. It is no exaggeration to say that "In Flanders Fields" are the words which have become the vision of the people, and the crosses symbolizing sorrow and the pride of what they immortalize.



STEPHEN LEACOCK.

But to those of us who were privileged to be his friends, Jack McCrae left in addition to this an abiding memory that will never be obliterated and that the lapse of time can but intensify. We did not need his written verse and the story of his devotion to tell us the kind of man he was. We had known it long.

The same ideal of patriotism and devotion to duty that inspired him in the war had been the mould in which his life was cast.

I can first remember Jack McCrae when he was an undergraduate at the University of Toronto. Even then he was a soldier of sorts; he belonged to an honorable but neglected body called Company K, the University Company of the Queen's Own Rifles in the militia of Canada. The times were unpropitious. The atmosphere was one in which military ardor burned dim. Company K was often compelled to form its irregular fours with only three in line. The solutions were all too often the butt of the feeble wit of the undergraduate, and indeed the company itself was presently attenuated to the vanishing point and disappeared.

But looking back upon them in retrospect they appear a band of heroes. McCrae's name is only one of an honored list of Canadian soldiers, dead and living, whose first service to their country was in the drill squad of Company K. McCrae graduated in Arts, and later in Medicine, at the University of Toronto, and soon after his graduation saw active service in South Africa as an officer in the Canadian artillery. It was after his return from South Africa in 1900 that he came to McGill to fill the post of lecturer in pathology, which he occupied till August of 1914. With this he combined the arduous work of doctor in general practice. No man of our circle in Montreal worked harder than did John McCrae. Yet he seemed to find time for everything, and contrived somehow to fill in the spare moments of a busy life with the reveries of a poet. "Flanders Fields" stands out of course from all that he wrote, as a poem in which the occasion and the inspiration are unique and cannot be repeated. But it is by no means his only poem of high merit. Those who knew the excellent little memorial volume that Sir Andrew Macphail has written will recall at once "The Oldest Drama" and "The Happy Warrior" as productions not easily surpassed.

But Jack McCrae never adopted the pose of a professional poet. He wore his hair clipped to a military neatness and his clothes were of the ordinary fashion, and his manner free from the least taint of literary affectation. His only standing literary affiliation was with a quaint body called the Pen and Pencil Club of Montreal. It met fortnightly in a studio, kept its rendezvous in a room, and with some reluctance, permitted its members to read their literary efforts. It was in this little circle that Jack McCrae's poems first came before the world. I believe that he also belonged in a less regular way to a Shakespeare club, but of the high deliberations of that body I am not qualified to speak.

Bury though he always was, McCrae seemed to find time for social life, and was in great demand at Montreal dinner parties. His fund of stories that was never exhausted made him the treasure of his hostess, and even when his hostess had withdrawn Jack's stories did not exactly come to a full stop. Yet with all his social gifts and opportunities

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ties he was a man of the greatest moderation in his eating and drinking and his amusements, abhorred late hours, and kept himself, mind and body, in the training of an athlete. I should say that the governing idea in his mind was a sense of duty for all his merry stories, he regarded the world, after the fashion of his Scotch ancestors, as a stern place, an abode of trial and preparation for something real beyond.

For McCrae was deeply religious; not in the up-to-date sense of being intensely interested in explaining away all disagreeable forms of belief; but in the older sense of childlike reverence and implicit obedience to the Written Word.

Of his work at McGill University there is no need to speak. The college never had a better teacher. But his mere teaching was the least part of it. It is the example of the manly life that he led better than all teaching or preaching, that will remain with the generation of students that were trained by him.

To us in Canada it is a wonderful thought that Jack McCrae's verses and Jack McCrae's memory should have now become a part of the common heritage of the English people. These are links of Empire indeed.

Southampton, Dec. 20—Ard, str. Orinda, New York for Hamburg; 19th, and str. Aquila, New York.  
Glasgow, Dec. 19—Ard, str. Columbia, New York; Dec. 18, ard, str. Assyria, New York.

**FOREIGN PORTS.**  
Vigo, Dec. 18—Ard, str. Leopoldine, New York.  
Hamburg, Dec. 18—Ard, str. Wurtemberg, New York.  
Constantinople, Dec. 18 — Ard, str. Guldjama, New York.

Göteborg, Dec. 18—Ard, str. Drottningholm, New York.  
New York, Dec. 20—Ard, str. Canadian Conqueror, Sydney, N. S. W.; Canadian Lander, Matanzas.  
Philadelphia, Dec. 20—Sld, str. Port Guinea, Kingsport, N. S.

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Why Girls  
Leave Home  
12-22

## RECENT DEATHS

Rev. Thomas Sedgewick.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Tatamagouche, N. S., Dec. 20.—Rev. Thomas Sedgewick, who was moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church of Canada in 1909, died here today at the age of eighty-four years. He had been ill for some time, and last Saturday had a paralytic stroke. Dr. Sedgewick was born in Aberdeen, Scotland, and came to Nova Scotia in his schooldays, completing his education at the Presbyterian College at Halifax. He was for fifty years pastor of the Presbyterian church at Tatamagouche. He was a clerk of the maritime presbytery for thirty years and moderator thereof in 1885. He was a leader against the church union movement in its early days and a member of the joint committee appointed to discuss it. He was a brother of the late Judge Sedgewick, of Ottawa.

Dr. Warren Sharpe.  
Sussex, N. B., Dec. 20.—Word reached here today of the death of Dr. Warren Sharpe, of Binghampton, (N. Y.), after two months illness. Dr. Sharpe leaves to mourn a wife, two young sons, Edward and Warren, also two brothers and two sisters. The brothers are George Sharpe, Charlottetown, (P. E. I.) and B. J. Sharpe, of Sussex. The sisters are Mrs. J. Frank Ruch and Mrs. William Stockton, of Sussex. Dr. Sharpe was a graduate of Baltimore Dental College and was held in high respect by all his friends and associates. He was born in Sussex 59 years ago and had many friends here who will regret his passing. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at Binghampton, (N. Y.)

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A.M. ....  
High Tide .... 4.16 Low Tide .... 1.02  
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