

spiritual relations, cannot be neglected without grave risk to the "human" element in all good education.

UNIVERSITIES AND THE WAR The Universities throughout the Empire have been doing their part in the war. It has been calculated that they have nearly 50,000 of their members on active service. And apart from their very notable work in medicine, surgery, and hygiene, they have placed their resources, and their facilities for research, at the disposal of the state for such matters as the testing of munitions and high explosives, the supply of dyes, and the investigation of problems connected with airships and submarines. The report of the London Committee of the Privy Council on Industrial and Scientific Research will be a surprise to many, and will give a new meaning to that much-abused word "academic." This subject received great attention at the May Conference of the Presidents of our Canadian Universities, and a resolution was passed offering the heartiest co-operation with the Ottawa authorities in any steps they may propose to take. It is expected that action will soon follow in the appointment of a Committee or Commission similar to the one which has just reported in London. The collapse of the German connection will give our Universities an enlarged field of usefulness in this and other branches of their work. Advanced graduate students who have hitherto gone to Germany ought now to be provided with what they want at home, if adequate resources are forthcoming. And in the years following the war, as Dr. Sadler has pointed out at Leeds, the historical and economic teaching of the Universities, which ought to include a training in public administration and finance, as well as the influence of their intellectual and corporate life, will be powerful factors in developing and consolidating the new feeling of imperial unity. There is also a further consideration. The revolt against German ideals in the United States will result in the migration of their graduate students elsewhere than to Germany. This will give our British Universities, especially