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## THE Y.M.O.A. AND THE ARMY.

The very best thing about our soldiers in the recent war has been the fact that they have shown the plucky, high spirited, independent qualities that characterize our young American manhood. Now that it is certain that we must maintain a larger army than before the war, it ought to be resolved by the people of the United States that army service shall be rendered as free as possible from demoralizing tendencies. While our enlisted young men gain the discipline of the trained soldier they ought to lose none of the high sentiments and ideals that they brought with them from their homes. Our regulars who fought so well for us at Santiago have deserved better of the country in the past than they have received. They have, in fact, been a good deal neglected. Henceforth the good people of the country should see that the troops whether regular or volunteers, are well supplied with reading matter and are encouraged in every way possible to maintain their self-respect. The soldiers will value themselves more highly and conduct themselves with more self-restraint when they understand that the people of the country value them, are proud of them, and are disposed to treat them with due consideration.

The war of 1898 has not been one of great bloodshed, but it leaves us under the necessity of regularly maintaining a relatively large fighting force. In this period of peace we should be readily able to dispense with the services of the Red Cross Society, relief associations, and various agencies for the alleviation of physical suffering. But we shall need more than ever to maintain the army and navy work of the Young Men's Christian Association for the sake of its moral, social, and educational influence in the army, and also as the most effective sort of a volunteer agency which should keep the churches and the community in closer touch with the army. It is certainly desirable that large bodies of soldiers sent to the remote camps should be attended by at least one agency or organization that is voluntary in its nature and represents civil life, in order that the life and ways of the army may not become too remote from those of the people at home, and also that the common soldier, who would otherwise be absolutely at the mercy of his commissioned superiors, should have an outside and disinterested witness ready at hand, as to his treatment and general condition. The presence of such an organization as the Young Men's Christian Association does not subvert military discipline, and it must certainly tend to diminish at all points the abuses and the evils of army life.—From "The Army and Navy 'Y. M. C. A.'" by Albert Shaw in the *American Monthly Review of Reviews* for November.

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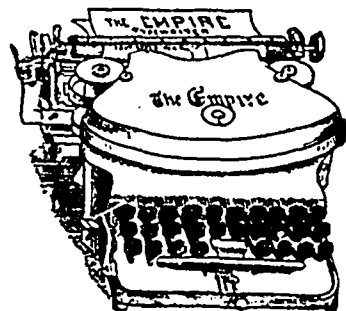
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