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SUCCESS.

Nothing succeeds like success, and none deserve to succeed but those who put their backs into their work. Great business reputations have been built upon a first achievement, judiciously and wisely followed Not too fast nor too slow, but always at it is the right way. Now that the holidays are over and the new year is in full swing University students should give their whole attention to class and school work. In a few months vast Allied armies now in being will melt away under the warm rays of the sun of Peace. Civil life will not be exactly what it was when it was so suddenly dropped four years ago. Many things will be different. Those who return will not be the same. Youths have become staid soldiers under the influence of life in the trenches. The boy has become a man, the man a greyheaded, war-scarred veteran. To pick up the threads and weave again upon the loom will be much less difficult if it is tackled by an enlightened mind trained to think to weigh up and to decide. And to the training of the mind the Khaki University bends all its energies. Individual initiative brought to the front the men who made good during the war, and who carried off high honours and earned a nation's undying gratitude. And individual initiative is just as essential in civil as in military life. Those who have sufficient self-respect and initiative to improve are more likely to succeed than those who are content to take pot-luck, for pot-luck generally means poor fare. The success of the Canadian Corps was made possible by the development of individual initiative and selfconfidence. That is the grand spirit of succes for everything and those who would be in the swim must not hestiate, but must plunge into the educational stream without delay. It is not in mortals to command success. They can do more-deserve it.

FOR REFLECTION.

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CANADA AND RECONSTRUCTION.

Canadian Labour advices show that, for the first time in the Dominion's history, representatives of organised labour, clerical and technical organisations, are recommending to the Government a joint reconstruction policy.

THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES.



"C.R.C.S." The Chief Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross Society, Colonel Harry Woodburn Blavlock. joined up in England, for though a graduate in Law, he has never practised but turned his attention to

commercial

undertakings, in which he was engaged in this

country when war broke out.
From Dunville, Quebec, his home town, he came to the Greatest Burgh in the world-London-where he was well and popularly known in Canadian and other circles.

He was Assistant Red Cross Commissioner in France from 1914 until 1918, when he was appointed Chief Commissioner Overseas. The magnificent work of the Canadian Red Cross Society is well known and the service rendered to Canadian Prisoners of War in Germany and to Canadian wounded and convalescent men is beyond all praise.

Educated at Bishops' College School and Bishops' College, Lennox Mills, Col. Blaylock is a graduate of McGill. He is also a C.B.E., a Knight of Grace of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and a Chevalier of the French Legion of Honour.

" C.D.D."

In August, 1914, Paul Kennard Hanson enlisted with the 14th Battalion Royal Montreal Regiment, and in September of the same year came over-seas. As Major he saw some of the heaviest fighting in France, and at St. Julien in April,



1915, he was knocked out after four months' active service.

Invalided to Canada in the same year he returned after three months' leave, and was appointed cofficer Commanding Canadian Discharge Depot at Buxton in July, 1916.

Buxton is a magnificent jumping-off point for the boys before returning home, and Col. Hanson has by his cheery good nature made it a real bit of Canada to those who have waited there on their way to the point of embarkation. He has sent the men home feeling good with themselves and everybody else. Lieut.-Colonel Hanson was educated in Ontario, though he is a Montrealer by birth. His name appeared in Birthday Honors as an O.B.E., and he has been mentioned in despatches.