

better to give—a chase—than to receive your due reward" (unselfishness was always my strong point).

That face was not very inspirational, however, to a preacher making his debut, so I shifted my viewpoint, but lo! there was the young man who had always been the thorn in my flesh. I thought—I couldn't help it, somehow—of all the pulpitic encounters, the conflicts fierce and frequent, that darkened the pages of our early history. I felt sobered, too, by the thought that I was responsible to some extent for that profile which requires the utmost charity to forgive. Look where I would, there was some face that suggested a thousand distracting memories, and yet in the face of it all I was trying to preach my trial sermon.

When, however, I caught the eye of Jean McAlpine I was undone. I tried to avoid it, but could not. Truly, too, there was an ocean of sympathy in those eyes, and her face was lit with admiration for she was the guiding star of my life. But the heart is a treacherous thing, and whenever I looked into that face or felt conscious that those eyes (so hauntingly beautiful!) were watching me, I could not trust myself. I fixed my eyes on the manuscript immediately, confused, blushing, and finished my sermon without lifting them.

You may not be surprised, therefore, that I did not launch out on my clerical career with all the power and promise of a Beecher, for it was neither brilliant nor profound, neither impassioned nor eloquent. I never heard that anyone hearing that tragic effort predicted a meteoric future (unless perchance it was Jean, who understood and recognized my greatness), and I went home with no comfort save that of a stern philosophy that even the very bad has a possible worse, and the fact that a generous human nature granted me permission to enter the Seminary.

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A RIFLE CORPS.

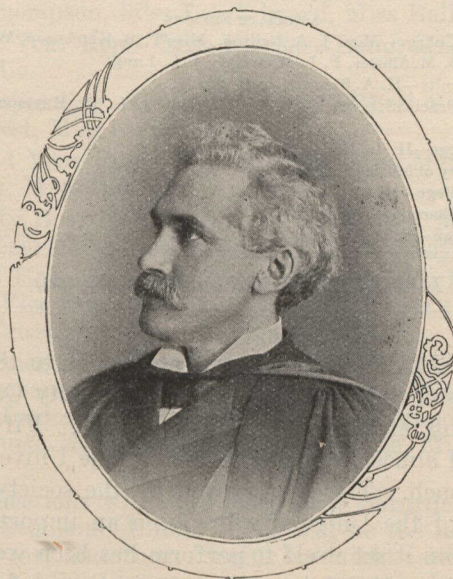
Announcement has been made of a meeting for the purpose of organizing a rifle corps in the University. This is a proposition which, we think, ought to receive the support of the student-body of all the faculties.

Some might object that it is not the function of a University whose purpose is a liberal culture to countenance and encourage anything which looks in the direction of militarism. But it can scarcely be said that we are in immediate danger of the spirit of militarism in Canada. Rather it is our duty, as long as international politics are what they are, to face the facts and be ready for any emergency. It is to the University, if anywhere, that we should look for the growth and manifestation of a strong, healthy public spirit, and no small step in this direction would be the institution of a rifle corps, which would also be a move toward the repair of one of the weaknesses of the Canadian militia—poor marksmanship.

Besides the public benefits which would be directly derived from such an institution there are many others which would accrue. The lessons of obedience, submission and respect for authority which result from military discipline are wholesome, and these qualities are often none too evident in Canadian character. It would further tend to some degree to supply the lack of physical culture which obtains among a large part of the student body, as, no doubt, many would be induced to enlist who take no interest in other sports. Such a move would, however, be agreeable to the Government, whose sympathies we are so anxious to win, and would constitute an additional claim for further support.

It might be mentioned that, in case such a corps were formed, access could probably be obtained to the short ranges at the Armouries for practice, as such a privilege is at present enjoyed by the cadet corps of the Collegiate Institutes of the city.

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CHANCELLOR WALLACE, M'ASTER UNIVERSITY.

UNIVERSITY SERMON.

The third of this term's University sermons will be delivered in Wycliffe Convocation Hall next Sunday, Feb. 28th, at 11 a.m. Chancellor Wallace, of McMaster, will speak, and Prof. Clark, of Trinity, will take the opening service. Tickets may be had from the representatives on the different colleges or from the secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Prof. Hume's address to the University College Association on "A Student's Aim and Its Attainment" was thoroughly enjoyed by the men present. Prof. Hume said it was the student's aim to become a leader, and he gave some very thoughtful and interesting suggestions as to the requisite qualities for a leader and methods of leadership. He emphasized the fact that the best leader was he who served best.

Mr. A. B. Williams, of the International Committee, will address the Association next Thursday at 5 p.m. Mr. Williams is a very strong speaker, and every man should turn out to hear him on that evening.

On Thursday night some of the young ladies of Westminster Presbyterian Church tendered our Boys' Club in the Ward a banquet. The boys turned out in full force, and did ample justice to the good things prepared for them. At the conclusion of the banquet a number of toasts were spoken to by men from the Association who are interested in this work, and replied to by the boys themselves. The replies were most interesting, and showed what splendid young fellows some of these less fortunate boys are.

On Saturday the old and new Cabinets of the Association had a joint meeting, when the committees for 1904-05 were chosen.