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# University of Toronto War Memorial



Preliminary Sketch of Proposed Memorial

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO ALUMNI WAR MEMORIAL

To the Graduates, Undergraduates and Former  
Students of the University of Toronto.

Terrible though the four years of the war have been, they were the greatest in the history of the University. Of graduates and undergraduates the immediate response was magnificent, more than five thousand six hundred having gone on active service, and more than six hundred have laid down their lives. Most of the graduates went quietly with their units and said no word of farewell to their Alma Mater, but the undergraduates made their decision in the University, and were trained on these grounds. Throughout the long dark months the education and work of the University have been justified by the heroism, sacrifice and high intelligence displayed by her sons who went away and the patriotic effort of those who worked at home.

These things cannot be forgotten; they must become our priceless heritage. The unparalleled record of those who served and of those who fell, must be kept as a sacred memory within the University to stir the admiration of succeeding generations.

We should prove unworthy of this great period, unworthy of the University and of what has been so nobly accomplished on our behalf, unless we were to raise some visible memorial to proclaim by its beauty and fitness to those who come after us, that we cherished in deep gratitude our graduates and undergraduates who did what it was not in our power to do to save our civilization.

Such a memorial will also be a perpetual source of heroic tradition to inspire throughout the years the students of the University to emulate by their high endeavour in their own day those who so nobly served and suffered.

But more than this. We must keep in mind those who on returning will find it hard to resume their education in the University, or to enter upon it because they enlisted just as they left school. Not only our returned soldiers themselves, but their children or near relatives, who prove their capability, should be given such financial

assistance as may be necessary to help them to undertake a University career. Many blanks have been made where men have fallen. We must see to it that their dependents, as well as those of the living who have the promise, shall also have the opportunity for the best education possible.

Further, the meaning of the war, the issues for which it was fought and its results as they take their place in history, should from time to time be set before the students of the University in lectures by those most competent to give them whether they live in Canada, the Empire or elsewhere. And, at the same time, the bravery and self sacrifice of those who in the great war fought victoriously to preserve our liberties, should annually be commemorated by a solemn and appropriate service,—to the end that their courage, faith and constancy may be an abiding inspiration to future generations of students.

It has therefore been decided by a meeting of the Alumni Association to proceed with a memorial at once. This is to be in three parts—a visible memorial, a system of scholarships and a lectureship. The external memorial will consist of an arched tower about 100 feet high, probably containing a chime of bells, connected by a cloister with a small adjacent memorial hall in which the names and rank of all who served will be recorded in a worthy setting, and in which the names of the fallen will receive special prominence. The tower will be erected over the roadway between Hart House and the Main Building, and the design and quality of the architecture will harmonize with both buildings.

The scholarships which will be apportioned among the different faculties will be of substantial value and may carry exemption from fees. They will be for the aid of those who need help, and will be given to soldiers who were alumni and to their dependents. If adequate funds are received some of the scholarships may be permanent, and will perpetuate the memory of what was done by the University in the war.

The sum necessary to realize these plans will be \$500,000; of which not more than \$225,000 is expected to be devoted to the physical memorial, and the remainder to the scholarships and the lectureship.

The privilege of contributing and of securing contributions to this Memorial Fund is extended not merely

to every graduate, but to every student who has ever attended the University of Toronto. It is not the intention of the Committee to ask any man or woman who has seen service overseas to participate, but it is only right that they should be informed of the memorial scheme.

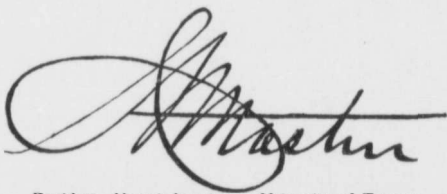
The University Veterans' Association have expressed the desire to appeal to returned men for funds to erect the memorial tablets for their comrades-in-arms who fell in the war. Any amount designated by a returned man for this purpose may be noted on the subscription form.

We are confident that every alumnus will wish to make some financial sacrifice to commemorate the sacrifice of life itself offered and actually made by so many on our behalf, and also to assist by means of scholarships those who sacrificed their opportunities of obtaining or completing a University education.

Will you please consider carefully what is the utmost amount that you can contribute, keeping in mind that the payments may be extended over two years and at any dates you specify within that time.

Do not put this aside but act at once, and fill in one copy of the enclosed subscription form and mail it back to-day, retaining the other for your record.

Faithfully yours,



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Chairman, General Alumni Memorial Committee.

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