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Articles—1st, L. B. Gray, '20; 2nd, J. B. Potter, Eng. '20.

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Month—1st, K. E. Mason, '21; 2nd, C. B. Lumsden, '21.

Athletics—1st, C. B. Lumsden, '21; no second.

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To Acadia

Once more the autumn sun of brimming gold
Is flooding hill and vale with mellow light;
The tall ancestral trees in colors bright
Flame scarlet welcome to us as of old.
Acadia, our dreams of thee have told
Of misty Blomidon, part hid from sight,
Of rosy sunset of some glorious night;
These, all the starry evening doth enfold.

But oh, there is a nobler beauty far
Than nature's best. 'Tis found in noble deeds,
In righting wrongs, and comforting distress.
Then through thy war-caused sadness gleams the Star
Of Hope unwavering that onward leads,
And all thy sacrifice will richly bless.

H. G. M., '20.



The Traitor

On the morning of July 30th, 1914, the village of La Cherièrè, Lorraine, was in the wildest excitement. War between Germany and France was imminent. Already the German troops were mobilizing along the French border. Already the villages of Lorraine were being filled with German army officers. Many of the young men were being ordered to report for military service. "Der Tag" was the cry on every German lip. "The day has come when the Fatherland will win her place in the sun."

The hearts of the burghers of La Cherièrè were not with the Fatherland in this threatened war. During the long years since 1870 they had remained passionately loyal to France. Mothers had secretly taught their children the French language and the story of French greatness and of the recent sufferings and humiliations of France. All true hearts in Lorraine were eager for the day when they might drive the Prussian conqueror from Lorraine, and once more be a part of France.

In one of the picturesque vine-clad chateaux of the village lived Madame Jeanne D'Alsac and her only son, Henri, a lad of twenty-one. Madame D'Alsac was a charming and talented French gentlewoman. In appearance she was tall and dignified, with dark smiling eyes and tender sympathetic expression.—Her husband had died when barely thirty, leaving her with the one son. She had been father and mother both to Henri, and had shared in all his joys and sorrows, and had entered into all his life to an unusual extent. Between the two was a rarely beautiful bond of love and sympathy. Intensely patriotic, both had devoted their lives to the service of France.

On the morning of July 30th, Henri came to his mother in the greenhouse. "Mother," he said, "I must go tonight before I have to join the German army. George, Louis, Jacques and I are going to slip across to Nancy tonight to join our army. Gaston and a number of others have already gone. Marie told me so confidentially. You will have everything ready, won't you, mother?"

"Yes, my son. The Prussians killed my father in 1870; my son shall never fight for them. But are your plans all made? Can you pass the sentries?"

"We'll have to look out for that. But never fear, ma mie, we'll get there. Everybody is wild to go and is making secret preparations."

"Of course all the men must go. It is for France."

"'Twill be glorious to fight, and if need be to die for la belle France, n'est ce pas, ma chérie?"

"Oui, mon fils," replied his mother, sweetly smiling.

When Henri went to complete his arrangements, Madame D'Alsac busied herself in putting in order his outfit. Swiftly and deftly she worked, and with unerring instinct selected just what she judged him to need. Every hour or two Henri would come home to note her progress and to report new developments. Soon the outfit and provisions were ready. Then Madame D'Alsac had time to think. How could she let him go? But did she really wish to keep him? Never. The family honor was at stake. To their family, honor was dearer than life. Besides this was the cause to which they had dedicated both their lives. She knew, too, that if he did not join the French army he would be pressed into the German army. There was no alternative. He must go.

At five o'clock Henri came breathlessly into his mother's boudoir. "Mother," he said, "we must start now."

"Now? Henri, I thought you were going to wait until dark."

"We were, but the German soldiers are near here at this very minute. We must go to avoid being captured. Is everything ready?"

"Yes, Henri, you shall go at once," she said quietly and firmly. Then in trembling tones she added: "My boy, you are just such a man as your father was. He would have been so proud of you. You have always been such a comfort to me. But you are so young."

"A fellow never had such a wonderful mother," he replied. "You've been everything in the world to me. I'll think of you every day and dream of you every night. I'll be fighting for country, truth, and honor, but most of all for you."

Just then a low guarded call was heard: "Henri". "Yes, Louis," he replied, "I'll be right there." He embraced his mother and took a few steps towards the door.

"Henri," said his mother, smiling through her tears, "Promise me one thing before you go."

"Yes, dear, anything."

"Promise me," she said firmly, "that if you are taken by the Germans, you will never take the life of a Frenchman. You cannot be a traitor to your country. None of your family were ever traitors."

He looked at his mother a few seconds, then said in a strong clear voice: "I promise, mother. Au revoir." Then the door closed after him. Madame D'Alsac was left alone.

Somewhat later four young men were sauntering idly along the outskirts of the village. They were at the point farthest removed from the French border. Apparently this was such an excursion as would take place any fine summer evening. Not a care seemed to disturb them. They were chatting and laughing gaily. They nodded carelessly to all passers by, and

even stopped to discuss the threatened war with a number of persons. All at once they came to a turn in the road by which they were hidden from the village. Nearby was a stretch of woods. Glancing around they saw no one. "Boys, let us take to the woods," said one. "All right, Henri", said the others. Under cover of the woods they reversed their course and travelled directly for the French border.

After travelling two hours the young men stopped and looked around. "It is only five kilometres from here to the French border, but sentries will be posted all along it to prevent our crossing. We must be very careful," said one. Cautiously they followed the outskirts of the woods and along the borders of a stream. After an hour Henri said:

"We had better look for a place where we can see what is passing, but remain hidden. We'll stay there until midnight and then slip across the border."

Several hiding places were tried, only to be discarded within a short time. At length Jacques discovered an open place in the center of a thicket of small pine trees. A few minutes work served to conceal all appearance of human life or habitation.

Within this shelter the boys were secure from observation; but from a lattice work of boughs they could see passing objects. Here and there were military operations. Sentries rode to and fro along the border. Officers were taking men back to military depots. On returning from a reconnoitering trip, Jacques, the scout, reported that he had heard an officer caution the sentries against allowing anyone to cross the border, and to keep sharp lookout for would-be French volunteers.

During the next hour the boys rested and planned the final stage of their journey. They decided to go in pairs, Henri and Louis together, and George and Jacques. They would keep under cover until they reached a shallow place in the river, ford it, and make a dash for safety. During their last half hour in camp they partook of a simple lunch, and concluded with a toast to the Cause in which they were engaged. As leader of the expedition, Henri proposed the toast. He said:

"Boys, as we drink, let us pledge anew our loyalty, our service, and if need be our lives, to the cause of our glorious and our injured France, to our homes and our loved ones. May the Prussian Eagle soon be driven from our fair province of Lorraine. May we never, under any circumstances, either by thought, word or deed, prove traitors to our country. So pledge La Belle France." To which all three responded: "Vive la France."

The four boys drank in silence. The impressiveness of the appeal, the strangeness and peril of their surroundings, and the greatness of their Cause rendered speech superfluous.

Without more preliminaries they set out on the last stage of their journey.

Separating from the other two boys, Henri and Louis proceeded swiftly through the forest and to the river bank. Satisfied that so far they were unseen, they crawled through the tangle of bushes along the bank. The night was overcast and the wind was blowing. This rendered their expedition the easier. They had just reached a narrow crossing, when Louis gave a start and lay flat on the ground under cover of some bushes. He motioned to Henri to do the same. Henri did so. Scarcely thirty yards from him he heard the gruff voice of a man speaking in German.

"We had better search both banks of the river. We might find some French volunteers."

Henri's heart stood still. He knew he was not securely hidden, yet dared not move for fear of certain discovery. Voices and footsteps came nearer. Presently he felt rather than saw a bright light flashed upon him, and felt himself dragged from his hiding place, and given to the charge of German soldiers. A few more minutes search revealed the hapless Louis.

"Ha, my fine young fellows," scoffed a rough looking man, "so you would fight for the French, would you? We'll see about that." Knowing that speech would in no wise avail them, the boys were silent. "Take them to headquarters and register them," said the chief man. Being unarmed, they made no resistance, but went with their captors. Just as they turned their backs upon the French border they heard a shrill penetrating whistle.

"Hark," said a German private, "what does that mean?"

"That," replied Henri proudly, addressing his captors for the first time, "is the signal of our friends that they have reached safely the French side of the border."

By daybreak the boys had been enrolled in the German army, given its uniform, and were speeding in a troop train with other soldiers to an unknown destination. A day and a night they travelled. Then they detrained and went to camp for a few days special training. On being examined Louis was found physically unfit and kept for further treatment. Henri passed every medical test and was sent forward with the German army to Northern France. Under a hostile flag, and separated from all his friends, Henri felt utterly wretched. Yet during all his conscious moments his mother's sweet face was before him, and her gentle firm voice sounded in his ears: "None of your family were ever traitors." "God helping me," he would say, "Henri D'Alsac shall not be the first one."

On August 18th Colonel Hauffmann's tent was thrown into considerable excitement. Henri D'Alsac was being court-

martialled for treason. During the fighting in Northern France, when ordered to fire, D'Alsac had fired, not into the French army but on his own comrades in the German army. His guilt was proved beyond question. From the first Henri had known that his doom was sealed. He read no pity in the merciless eyes of the officer before him. Kolonel Hauffmann arose to pronounce the sentence.

"Henri D'Alsac," he said, "your guilt has been clearly proven. To prevent repetition of your offence it is expedient for us to make an example of you. Tomorrow at daybreak you will be shot as a traitor. Is there anything you wish to say?"

Standing at attention, Henri spoke in a clear bold voice. "Sir, I had hoped to be able to fight for my country. Since it is my lot only to die for it, I am content. A traitor I never was, or never shall be. With perfectly clear conscience I can still say "Vive la France."

Since Henri's departure his mother had not heard a word from him. On the morning of August 20th she had a premonition of some news. She would not leave the house for fear of missing it. Evening came and still no news. She knew of the retreat of the Belgians and the French, and fondly pictured her son as doing superhuman deeds to change the fortunes of the war. For his sake she must be courageous. She went to his loved retreat, the greenery, to gather strength for the days ahead. Suddenly from the dusk appeared the form of a young girl. Silently she drew near, handed Madame D'Alsac a crumpled piece of paper, and glided as silently into the shadows. Madame D'Alsac pressed the paper to her heart, then to her lips, then opened it. As she read the smile left her eye, the light fled from her face. These were the words, written in French:

*"Northern France,
August 19th*

My Darling Mother —

*"As I promised, I have never taken the life of a Frenchman, and I never shall. Yours till death and after,
Henri."*

Across the note was scribbled in German these words: "Your son was shot as a traitor this morning at daybreak."

"A traitor," she repeated. "Not so, the bravest of all heroes."

H. G. M., '20.

Harold Bell Wright

Harold Bell Wright has had a phenomenal success. Today he is the most popular novelist in America. His novels are read eagerly by all classes, from the man working in the factory to the University professor; from the high school girl to her mother. Young men love the Bell Wright romances and his heroines, and so do old ones. The publishing houses and book stores find it difficult to supply the public's incessant demand. The manager of a San Francisco book house, who bought and piled up in his shop an immense stack of "When A Man's A Man" said, "There, I guess I've got enough copies to last a year." In less than three weeks the pile was gone. When it comes to public favor in fiction, Parker, Tarkington, Chambers, Rex Beach, and Ralph Connor—popular and prolific as they have been—now find themselves far eclipsed by this new favorite. And so it goes, Wright is king of the best sellers. In fifteen years the combined sales of his seven novels have exceeded seven million copies. "The Shepherd of the Hills" is the highest, selling nearly two million. "The Winning of Barbara Worth, and "The Calling of Dan Matthews" rank next, each reaching the sale of a million copies.

It is difficult to tell why the Bell Wright books have such a wide acceptance. The human interest that permeates them is perhaps the biggest reason. They are filled with a love for the common people and the dignity of labor. Wright himself said, "I'll take off my hat to the man who is digging a ditch, if I feel he is doing his work well and honestly." He teaches the simplicity of living. He wrote "Their Yesterdays" about the plain, wholesome home life. Then another reason for the wide popularity of his books—there is nothing of the world's cant or convention in them. The author, in private life as well as in his novels, is extremely unconventional. "The world

sets up certain signs that direct a man this way or that," he once said, "but I suppose I refuse to read signs."

This is the same cause that has been the chief help in making the works of Ralph Connor, Jack London, Stewart Edward White, Rex Beach, and Robert Service so popular. The average person, at heart, hates too much custom. He loves to see life portrayed unhampered and unfettered by convention. Strong belief in one's convictions also will appeal to people, and this Wright certainly has. He never hesitates to expose sharp truths such as the "rotteness of the idle rich," as depicted in "The Eyes of the World." He teaches that man's ministry is work, and all work is the same with him, if it is done for the good of the whole life of the race. With him there is no profound respect for culture, which he holds is not necessary for true life or religion.

Mr. Wright is a tall man, over six feet, with a slim, but erect, figure. He is generally very brown, due to living out-of-doors much of the time, or in a tent. He does not look like an author, nor does he look like a preacher, though he has been one. Neither could he be taken as an artist, and yet he has painted the mountains and the plains, and still sees things with the eye of an artist.

The author was born in Rome, New York, forty-six years ago. When a boy of fifteen he worked in a book-store in a town of the Middle West. He read as many books as he could lay hands on. His tastes were varied, for he read Buffalo Bill, Browning, Shakespeare, and Mrs. Southworth. He also read Ruskin, and perhaps through his books, Wright was partly influenced to become an artist.

At the age of twenty, he entered college, but his health failed him and he was obliged to give up his course in two years. Then he went to the Ozark Mountains and began to paint pictures. It was during his stay there that he was unconsciously gathering impressions and material for "The Shepherd of the Hills". There an incident happened that determined his later career. He went to the schoolhouse to attend a religious service. The people waited a long time, but no preacher appeared. Finally a deacon made his way to the young artist and said, "You look like an eddicated man, will you preach to us?"

Preaching was something new to Wright, but he made an attempt at it, and succeeded. The people "liked his talk," as Wright puts it, and kept him at it all winter. He was his own janitor and paid for the lights. He continued his painting and was beginning to make something out of it financially when he received a call from the Christian Church, Pierce City, Missouri. He was not a college graduate, nor had he any previous theological training, but he was successful in his new phsere. A short time afterwards he received two calls—one

the best offer he had ever had for commercial work as an artist, and the other from a church at Pittsburg, Kansas. It was a severe temptation. It was hard to give up his chosen profession of painting, yet he knew the congregation in Pittsburg needed him, so he turned his back on art, and accepted the church. Here, for the first time, he began to feel the impulse to write. The result was "That Printer of Udell's". Like Ralph Connor, Wright likes the hero parson, and he is found in all the author's Ozark stories. His hero is generally a preacher or an artist—Wright's two favorite callings.

After his first novel, stories came clamoring in upon the author, and as he himself said, he wrote "The Calling of Dan Matthews" with one hand and "The Winning of Barbara Worth" with the other. The publishers and readers kept calling for more stories, and the author worked hard to keep up with them. Almost before he was aware of it, he was getting rich. He had written with little thought about the money or social part of his work.

About twelve years ago he moved to Redlands, California. For a time he kept up his preaching. But he began to see he could reach a larger congregation through his books than from the pulpit, so he gave up the ministry and removed, in 1908, to El Centro in the Imperial Valley. Here "Barbara Worth" was written and parts of other novels.

At El Centro, Mr. Wright bought a ranch. But authorship and ranching did not work well with him as it did with Jack London, and so he sold the ranch and built a beautiful home in the San Fernando Valley.

Before leaving El Centro, a prospective purchaser of the ranch told him that he intended to convert the shack the author had lived in into a stable. The thought that the shack under whose thatched roof he had written "Barbara Worth" and had had some of his best dreams was to be put to such use was more than Mr. Wright could stand for. So he went out and quietly set a match to it, and burned it to the ground. "It may seem a wanton waste," he said, "but I couldn't bear the thought of cattle and pigs living in the cabin that had been Barbara Worth's birthplace."

Mr. Wright continues to remain in the west. He loves it too much to leave it. His publisher once tried to induce him to come to Chicago or New York to live, where most of the great novelists are. He claimed that clubs and other metropolis affairs would help the author in his work, and give him an opportunity to become acquainted personally with more people. But Mr. Wright refused. Once he went to Chicago for a short visit. He said the city overwhelmed him, and before an hour, he wanted to know when the next train left for the west. So he prefers the desert, and it is under the sunny skies of California that he is destined to live and to work.

L. B. G., '20.

The Stormy Petrel

Up the slope and over the crest
 I fly like a feather of spray,
 So gay
 And light is my airy breast.
 I hover about where the dolphins play,
 And splash in the foam and startle away
 With a flick of the wings, while colors sheen
 In a misty veil of gorgeous hues—
 Crimson and yellow and emerald green
 And blues.

Oh, what can compare with this delight,—
 To float on the crest of a wave,
 And breathe in the wonderful misty light
 When the lip curls over and breaks into foam,
 A fountain of green, frothed over with white;
 And up again on the wings to shave
 The toppling verge of another surge:—
 This is pure ecstasy, this is my home.

All day long with laughing and song
 In a dance with the rainbow I wander along;
 I race with the sunbeams and whirl with the breeze;
 And when the red sun
 Dips down on the seas
 With the swell of a billow to serve as a pillow
 I can sleep till the day is begun:
 Are there joys that can rival these?

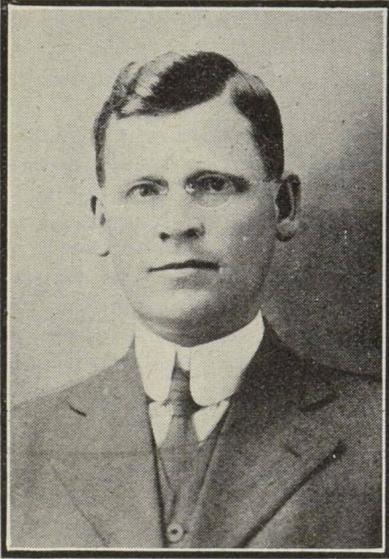
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. . . The flat wave slopes, and running o'er the brink
 Swift ripples coast it down, and mists of spray
 Leap up to clasp the hands of the wind, and whirl
 A passionate dance from springing crest to crest.
 While as a Titan were confined beneath,
 And heaving mighty shoulders rolling up
 With curving back, the arches of the sea,
 The vasty surface surges, heaves and falls.
 The sea mews wheel and winds go moaning up.

—Written on S S "Olympic", September, 1916

J. H. M., '20

Vernon Blair Rhodenizer, PH. D.



VERNON BLAIR RHODENIZER

THIS year, we have but one new professor on the faculty—Dr Rhodenizer, who is taking Professor Hannay's place in the English department. Dr. Rhodenizer's scholastic record has been a brilliant one, as a brief sketch of his life will show.

Although he is a Nova Scotian, most of his training has been received outside his native province. It is rather a strange coincidence that Dr. Rhodenizer's first public school teacher was the mother of Miss Hazel Walker, who is a member of the present Junior class. In 1903, Dr. Rhodenizer led Lunenburg County in the Grade XI examinations.

After three years, which were spent in teaching in the rural schools of Nova Scotia, he took a business course and went to Winnipeg. However, the lure of the academic proved so much stronger than that of the business office that he soon entered the University of Manitoba. He was graduated from there in 1913, as gold medallist in English and Political Economy. The time from 1914 to 1917 was spent at Harvard in graduate work, with highly gratifying results. During the year 1917-18, he taught at Reed College, Portland, Oregon, and did the final work on his doctoral thesis. He received his Ph. D. degree from Harvard at the last Commencement exercises.

Acadia welcomes back to Nova Scotia one who has proved himself a clever student and an experienced teacher, and wishes him every success in his work here.

VOLUNTARY RATIONS PLAN.

New Brunswick has adopted a voluntary rationing scheme for the homes of her people. This plan was prepared in conference of representatives of local food committees, women's institutes and domestic science teachers. It was revised and approved by the Canada Food Board. Similar plans are being formulated in the other provinces, revised in certain minor details to fit local conditions.

Our Boys in Khaki

THE following are extracts from a letter written by one of our Acadia boys who has been through the recent fighting:

"We did not have the easiest life, but we were victorious—and that is meat and drink to a soldier.

"Especially in front of Arras has the enemy thrown aggressive and tried troops, but they could not or would not face Canadian steel and they withdrew.

"The experiences were such as I shall never forget. To be under a barrage of the greatest intensity ever known in warfare—such was the barrage on September 2nd, then to jump in the teeth of machine gun bullets and wire entanglements, and to keep rushing ahead with the first grey streaks of dawn just creeping into the sky; to speak and not hear your own voice; to dodge a shell here; to clear out of the way of a tank there; to drop, to shoot, and then get up and rush again—and to see the Hun, hands high in the air, rush through our lines as prisoners—this makes one feel strangely excellent and regardless of danger.

"I do not think many thought of themselves; all seemed eager to close. The experience was wonderful and convinced me that war taught one lesson, at least: that all men *are* equal.

"The Canadian boys are wonderful, even if I say so. They faced three or four times their number, but no one doubted that we would make our objective—and we did!

"We beat thirty-four German divisions, took 21,000 prisoners and put many times that number out of action; recovered 130 square miles of land, and faced the best machine gun battalion and Guard Reserve he had in his army.

"I'm writing this, not for self-aggrandisement, but to let you know what has been done and to give you a chance to back any statement you may make regarding the boys.

"They are soon rested and ready to go ahead. Nuff sed!"

"We shall finish the war in a year, I believe, and after that women as well as men will be called to do executive work greater than ever hitherto.

"I am not talking or writing with any abstract idea. I hope that Canadian public men encourage immigration, manufactures, exploration of industry and centralize provincial and government functions.

"I do not believe in a state with everyone in its pay as was Rome, nor with everyone paying into it as in Germany, but I think much is lost through individual effort.

"The political state should not depend on private interests, but on public weal. So I hope that Canada will be aggressive with some organized aggression."

Hymn

Fill up with hope the measure of the year:
 Winter is near.
Weave snow-white blossoms in thy clinging hair,
 Thou drooping maiden fair!
Time cannot rob the season of its bloom,
Though still the spindle flutters in the loom,
 And, when the web is wove,
There is an end of hope and youth and love.

What then? Earth hath her season of decay:
 Clay doth return to clay;
Yet life doth reach its fuller blossoming
 In heavenly spring!
And, from the ashes of our dusty pyre
There doth ascend that flame of sacred fire
 That nothing can destroy,
To glow upon the altar-steps of Joy.

J. H. M., '20.

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Editorial

The College in War Time

WE ARE very pleased to be able to record that Acadia is entering upon her fifth year of war under most favorable auspices. We have an enrolment of 160 students; all classes are reasonably strong; the social life of the University has opened well, and the epidemic of influenza that is sweeping the country has so far left us untouched. Moreover, perhaps most important of all, the Faculty is practically unchanged from last year. We are surely justified in saying that Acadia this year offers a remarkable opportunity to the student, in view of the difficulties that throughout the country confront all colleges alike.

Opportunities, however, are double-edged, and entail responsibilities. Now especially, when every able-bodied man in Canada is being called upon to give military service or its equivalent, those of us who are privileged for any reason whatever to carry on the arts of peace must recognize that we too have a paramount responsibility. Our work, if properly performed, is essential to the future welfare of Canada, nor could it be justified on any other grounds. Every person who, to the utmost of ability, performs work that contributes to national efficiency, is doing his or her full duty in time of war, provided that no prior call is being neglected. It seems

to us that, as college students, we must first of all realize that our work is essential and why; then we must see to it that we throw the utmost of our ability into it.

The nature of that work is clear enough. On the individual side, it means a whole-hearted pursuit of studies. The social duties, which we are inclined to consider just as important, include the maintaining of Acadia institutions and activities, and the transmission of her ideals. It is this side of college life that is most liable to be neglected, and this year we hope that what the student body lacks in numbers will be made up in spirit and willingness. Obviously, every student ought to give financial support to our common institutions through the Universal Fee. Then let each one of us select the lines which we intend to support, and do our best toward making them a success. This, we consider, is a very real part of our duty at Acadia.

The "Athenæum" paper particularly wants your co-operation. Each one of us must take an interest in debating if we are to win the Inter-collegiate Debate in March. Prospects for Athletics this year are very promising, but the support of the student body is absolutely essential, and so far has not been so great as could be wished. In addition, the various societies need your active interest. These are a few of the opportunities, and they cannot be disregarded without injuring the University in a greater or less degree, nor taken advantage of without similarly benefitting her. Let us recognize them as part of our work and all *get behind and push*.

The Student Committee and the Acadia Council

WE HAVE at Acadia two societies, whose chief duties are connected with the regulation of the student life. The Student Committee has been in existence for some time past, but the Acadia Council was organized only last spring. It may be well, at the beginning of the year, to have the functions of these two bodies clearly in mind. The Student Committee is empowered "to deal with all matters of general student interest, such as the procuring of college pins, college flags, and the collection and distribution of the Universal Fee." Its duties are, to a certain extent, administrative. It has also the power to bring before the faculty any student question which needs their approval or consent. The members of this Committee are chosen from each class in college.

On the other hand, the Acadia Council is composed of representatives from the Board of Governors, the faculty, and the students. Each class and society in college has its member. The duties of the Council are purely advisory; it has no power

to enforce its opinions in any way, but can only submit them for the approval of the body of students whom they will affect.

Its aim is the development of a greater "Acadia spirit" which will make our university more efficient in its management and will also add to its standing among other colleges.

The Council seeks to bring this about in two ways. First, by correlating all the Acadia activities in such a way, that the greatest benefit may be received from our life here. To help this, all the more important college functions must pass through its hands to prevent undue crowding of events. Secondly, it desires to increase the already harmonious relationship between the faculty and students. The fact that both are working together for the good of Acadia has often been forgotten and the feeling is sometimes prevalent that the faculty only desires to show its authority in regard to any student proposal. The Acadia Council seeks to dispel this idea and to enable both bodies to unite more completely in all university problems. To this end, the Council has been created, and, thus far in its history, has proved itself valuable. It is hoped that before long both the Student Committee and the Acadia Council may unite their functions to form an organization which shall have charge of the affairs now dealt with by both.

The Literary A

SINCE this is the first issue of the Athenæum for the year, we feel that some explanation of the unit system leading to the Literary A, will not be amiss. Because the material for the magazine comes almost entirely from the under-graduates, this system was devised in order to stimulate the best productions. In each of the different departments—Stories, Poems, Articles, Athletics, Month, Exchanges, and Personals—there is the chance for competition. A first and a second place is awarded to those who hand, to the editor of each department, what is adjudged the best work along those lines. The first place counts as two units and the second as one unit towards winning a Literary A. This gold A, which is greatly valued by its possessors, can be obtained after one has twenty-one units to his credit. Of these, no less than ten and no more than seventeen units must be in the Literary Department—that is, they must come under the headings, Stories, Poems, or Articles. No editor may receive units in his own department, however. The competition during the first month has been good, but we want more and better work from each one. Be one of those who shall receive a Literary A at graduation next May. You can do it, if you will work for it.

Competition

THE "Athenæum" staff wish to announce that they are offering two prizes, a first prize of \$20.00 and a second prize of \$10.00, to the undergraduates who, during the college year from 1918-19 obtain the greatest number of units in the monthly competitions. Of these units, not less than one-third, nor more than three-quarters, must be in the literary department. The only difference between the terms of this competition and the regular system by which units are gained for the Literary A is that credits will be given for published articles only. In the Editorial column will be found a complete discussion of the system by which units may be obtained, and it is hoped that the new Classes will thoroughly understand the terms, so that they will be able to make an equal start with the Upper Classmen in the competition.

Class Competition

WE FURTHER wish to announce that a pennant is being put up for class competition. This pennant shall be successively from issue to issue the property of the class which gained the highest number of units in the last issue of the "Athenæum", and may be displayed by them at college functions. At the end of the year, it shall become the property of the class which won it the greatest number of times. Any tie shall be decided by the total number of units for the year.

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Acadia Seminary Notes

ACADIA SEMINARY has entered, in point of attendance, at least, upon a record breaking year. By October first, one hundred and thirty-four pupils were in residence and the number of day pupils was proportionately large. The Annex is filled, the dining room overflowing. Many are waiting for admission. The increase makes itself felt most largely in the Business Department. Here it has been found necessary to buy six new typewriting machines and these scarce suffice.

Several new teachers appear in the place of others whose return was confidently expected but who were at a date late in the summer offered better (?) positions. The names of the new teachers follow:

Dr. C. R. Fisher (Toronto Univ.), Director of the Conservatory.

Miss Edith Jones, (Philadelphia and Leipzig), Violinist.

Miss Alice M. Pattillo, B. A., (Mt. Holyoke), Associate in Voice.

Miss Marguerite Amman, B. A., (Wellesley, Leland Powers School), Elocution.

Miss Jennie Reynolds, (Leland Powers School and Columbia Univ.), Physical Culture.

Mrs. Russell Yuill, (MacDonald College), Associate in Household Science.

Mrs. John Hardy, (Acadia Seminary), in charge of Junior School.

Miss Evelyn Chipman, (Acadia Seminary), Librarian, in charge of Typewriting.

Miss Bessie Hatfield, R. N., in charge of Infirmary.

Mrs. Victor Chittick, (Mt. Allison Conservatory), Associate in Piano.

All of these teachers are making their way by solid worth and work into the esteem and affections of their pupils.

During the summer about \$1,000 was expended on improvements in the Department of Household Science. These changes and additions include new individual desks, equipment for laundry, extra stoves, a new dining room, an enlarged sewing room with equipment, etc., etc. In every way the rooms are nicely furnished and equipped with modern apparatus and are a credit to the school.

On Friday evening, October 4th, an interesting and highly appreciated Organ Recital was given in the auditorium of the Baptist Church. The appended notice, for which we are indebted to "The Acadian" appeared in the public press:

"Dr. Fisher, from whom we had been led to believe that fine musical work might be expected, exceeded our expectations. He proved himself as a master organist, one who in every detail of his playing, registration, etc., knew his instrument, which he made to respond to his will and feeling. It was a masterly performance. Dr. Fisher was ably assisted by Miss Edith Jones, violinist; Miss Alice M. Pattillo, mezzo-soprano, all of the Seminary staff.

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| 1. | Bach—Toccatto and Fugue in the D Minor | - | DR. FISHER |
| 2. | Bach—Aria on the G String | - - - | MISS JONES |
| 3. | Wely—A Night Hymn | - - - - | DR. FISHER |
| 4. | Mendelssohn—Jerusalem (from St. Paul) | | MISS PATTILLO |
| 5. | Dabois—Toccatto in G | - - - - | DR. FISHER |
| 6. | Godard—Berceuse (from Jocelyn) | - - - | MISS JONES |
| 7. | a. Pleyel Andante con Variazioni | | |
| | b. Spinney—Slumber and Rest | - - | DR. FISHER |
| 8. | Harker—How Beautiful Upon The Mountains. | | |
| | | - - | MISS PATTILLO |
| 9. | Suppe—Poet and Peasant Overture | - - | DR. FISHER |
| | God Save the King | | |

"The offering amounting to \$36.50 was devoted to patriotic purposes."

Later other Recitals in which others of the teachers will appear, will be given in College Hall.

Owing to the prevalent Influenza, it was thought unwise to permit the students to scatter for the Thanksgiving Vacation. The Christmas vacation will be lengthened in compensation.

Recently the students have been permitted the pleasure of hearing different Lecturers and speakers. Dr. G. O. Gates, of Wolfville, gave an account of a Palm Sunday trip around Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. Dr. S. Spidle delivered a most helpful and inspiring sermon on "The Higher Friendship." Rev. A. T. Kempton, Cambridge, Mass., gave an account of his experience as a speaker in Y. M. C. A. Camps in Massachusetts. All of these addresses were of a high order and much appreciated.

NOTE—Will all last year girls who pledged various amounts to the Y. M. C. A. educational work, please forward the amounts pledged to Principal H. T. DeWolfe?

(E. D. Y.)

Academy Notes

THE ACADEMY opened this year under favorable conditions for a good year's work. A large attendance was registered and this has been increased by many students who have come in later. The usual ceremonies were cancelled, but a brief address was given by the principal, in which the work of the year was outlined.

The Academy can boast of an exceptionally strong teaching staff this year. In addition to Dr. Archibald, Mr. Jeffrey, and Mr. Hall, two new teachers have been engaged: Miss McGregor, who succeeds Mr. McLean, has charge of the business department, and Mr. Thurston, who will devote his full time to the Academy.

Sunday, September 15th, we were favored by an address by Dr. Cutten. Several other speakers have briefly addressed the fellows during our chapel exercises, among whom have been Rev. E. S. Mason, Rev. A. W. West, and Judge Longley.

The annual pyjama parade was carried out with its usual degree of enthusiasm. Our vocal exercises, however, were not appreciated by one of the guardians of the law. We hope that in their next selection the citizens of Wolfville will choose a man with a higher appreciation for musical talent.

H. B. C.

Hallowe'en

ON THE evening of October 31st, that evening preceding All Saints' Day, when, in accordance with time-honored custom, *all saints* retire very early to rest, and the other class of individuals are rampant, a motley assembly gathered in the Academy Club Room. Here were seen representatives from all classes of society: the tawny native of Afghanistan and the 'bum' of New York Bowery, the Russian ballet dancer and the Canadian lumberman, the Old Testament patriarch and Charlie Chaplin, all mingled with astonishing camaraderie and did their bit towards the evening's entertainment. Even the teacher of physics was seen gravitating with positive acceleration towards the centre of hilarity.

Now it happened that some unfortunate individuals were present at the function who, in the words of Scripture, "had not on the wedding garment," in other words were clad in raiment not fitting for the occasion. These were promptly arrested by the efficient guardians of the peace and brought before the supreme court on a charge of being indecently dressed. A few also, there were, who, having received an invitation to the

function, treated the same with scorn, and did not present themselves. These likewise were arraigned before the court. The honorable judge, by the wisdom of his decisions and the justice of his sentences, has deserved a position equal in rank to Solomon or Portia. The sentences imposed upon the delinquents were all illustrations of justice tempered with mercy. In the carrying out of the sentences, many discoveries were made, e. g., that Currie cannot dance, that Eisenhauer has one cylinder missing, and that Warner's hair *will* part in the middle, notwithstanding all assertions to the contrary.

The court was adjourned, but another session was found necessary to try McKay, Mr. Parsons and Miss Reid for refusing to act as official ice-cream churners when appointed to that position. McKay and Mr. Parsons were found guilty, and Miss Reid, though acquitted on this charge, was found guilty on another, and all three prisoners were sentenced to attend the foot-ball game with King's, attired in their festive garb of the evening.

After a flashlight picture of the company had been taken, ice cream and cake were served. The audience were then favored with vocal solos by Mr. Gunning and Mr. Bonney, with violin and piano accompaniment by Messrs. Eisenhauer and Stevens. The entertainment was concluded by the singing of the National Anthem, followed by the Academy yell, the next half hour being spent in testing the solvent properties of soap and water on burnt cork and paint.

Academy, Y. M. C. A.

THE prospects for the year are very encouraging. Meetings have been held weekly since the opening of the term, September 4th, and have been very well attended. Dr. W. R. Archibald spoke to us on September 25th on the requirements of ideal Christian character. Pastor N. A. Harkness also spoke to us on the eve of his departure for Toronto, where he has been appointed chaplain. Mr. Harkness has always shown a very deep interest in the school life and we are sorry to see him go. Mr. H. B. Camp spoke to us on October 27th and on October 31st, Rev. Mr. Miller, from the Presbyterian church of the town, was with us.

The officers elected for the year are as follows:

J. R. McGorman, *President*
L. F. Robinson, *Vice-President*
G. E. Hannington, *Secretary.*

Meinself Und —————

The Kaiser gazed out on the world
Teeming with industry and life,
And as his challenge forth he hurled
Calling all nations to the strife,
"I'll rule supreme," such was his thought;
"We'll conquer all, Meinself und Gott."

Long months have passed since last we heard
The Kaiser boasting in his might;
The scene has changed—no boastful word
Or declaration "Might is right."
He gazes on the ruin wrought,
But says no more "Meinself und Gott."

But when this awful strife has ceased,
Another scene will then appear.
All nations will declare a peace,
Nor sounds of warfare shall we hear.
In St. Helena, Bill shall groan
And sadly say, "Meinself——alone!"

H. S. T., '21.



FOR the last three or four years, foot-ball at Acadia has been practically a thing of the past. As a result, when an attempt was made this fall to revive the interest in the game, we found ourselves without anyone who knew enough about the game to make the team a success. The student body, as a whole, however, desired to see the interest in the game revived, and, at a meeting of the Athletic Association it was decided to organize a college foot-ball team with C. B. Lumsden, '21, as captain.

Lumsden began work at once with the raw material at hand. For the first few practices the boys turned out exceptionally well, and under the able coaching of Dr. Wheelock and Dr. De Wolfe, a scrim was soon formed and a temporary line up put in action. The practices were continued regularly, although the fellows did not turn out quite as well as at first, which was partly due perhaps to the fact that, on account of the epidemic of Spanish Influenza, our hope for intercollegiate football was lost.

On Saturday, October 9th, the College team was challenged to play a practice game with the Academy. They accepted and defeated the Academy team by the score of 6 to 0. The college team was much the heavier, but their lack of practise, especially in the scrim, was painfully apparent. The playing on both sides was a bit ragged, as one would naturally expect. The Cads, however, put up a good game against a far heavier team, and held the College team scoreless until the last period. Near the end of the game, the College team began to work more smoothly, the scrim making use of its superior weight and the halves practising more team work. As a result the college team scored two touch-downs in quick succession, but failed to convert in either case.

We find the 4.30 classes a great draw-back in holding our practises, but the material for the team is first class, and with a little more practise should develop into fine players. There seems to be little chance, however, for intercollegiate football, although we hope to play Kings some time in the near future.

The various track teams are now practising as regularly as possible for the Bulmer Relay Race, which takes place on November 8th. The rainy weather has made it difficult for the teams to get out regularly. We are also glad to say that good use has been made of the tennis courts this fall during the fine weather of October.

FOOD SHORTAGE IN ITALY.

Dr. James W. Robertson, who recently toured Britain, France and Italy, on behalf of the Canadian Government and the Canada Food Board, reports conditions in Italy as extremely severe, although improved by good crops of fruit and vegetables during the past summer. There has been a diminution of over fifty per cent. in the production of milk, butter and cheese, and the total ration in Germany, according to the Italian Food Controller, was better at the time of Dr. Robertson's visit than that of Italy.

GREATER WHEAT ACREAGE NEEDED.

The Canadian wheat crop for 1918 has proved disappointing, despite the increased efforts to put a larger acreage into crop. This effort must be renewed for 1919. Victory is in the air. Canada must not relax in her task of furnishing supplies. It is important that the greatest possible wheat acreage be plowed this Fall. The United States crop this year was fortunately a big success. Next year it will be Canada's turn. The Allies depend upon us.

:-: *The Month* :-:

THE College year opened on Wednesday, October 2nd, with a splendid enrolment of students. The day was beautiful; the college grounds never looked more attractive than on that beautiful autumn day. The air was filled with joyful voices as the students greeted their old friends and class-mates, after the long four months of separation. It was surely a happy bunch that thronged the college office that morning for the purpose of registering. There may have been no great outburst of feeling, but each student felt in his own heart what a great privilege he had to be here, and that it was his real duty to make the very best of his opportunities.

The Opening of Acadia At 3.30 p. m., all the students, new and old, gathered together in the Assembly Hall. To the new students Dr. Cutten addressed a few words of necessary advice which were really a help to the older students as well. We have a great privilege, and with it comes a great obligation to those who have made this privilege possible, whether by the sacrifice of those at home or of those who are fighting for us overseas.

The regular Sunday morning meetings of the Y. W. C. A. have been well attended and the interest is good. On October 6th, Evalena Hill, '19, spoke of the aim and purpose of the Y. W. On October 13th Dr. Spidle gave a Thanksgiving address. He based his discourse on the words: "The beauty of the Lord our God be upon us." On October 20th, Lilly Perry and Ethel Rand spoke on the Bible study for the year. On October 27th Vera Ogilvie spoke on the subject of friendship.

The regular Y. W. C. A. reception for the new girls was held in the club room, Saturday evening, October 12th. A very enjoyable program was rendered consisting of:

Piano Solo - - - - -	DOROTHY WILLIAMS
Reading - - - - -	HELEN SCHURMAN
Solo - - - - -	MILDRED SCHURMAN
Reading - - - - -	EVELYN SMALLMAN

A peanut hunt, stunts, and other forms of amusement were enjoyed by all present.

Propylæum gives promise of living up to its reputation of former years. Enthusiastic officers and committee members have taken up the work with zest and determination. On October 25th the "New Girls" provided the entertainment. The first number presented was a mock marriage. This was, indeed, "a very pretty wedding". Instead of the usual Mendelssohn or Wagner selections, A-c-a-d-i-a filled all requirements.

The second number was programmed as a "Mock Initiation." The girls proved themselves to be adepts in aeroplane work, armless stunts, fantastic drill and chorus. The lusty "Telyphone, Telygraph" yell in response to "What's the matter with the New Girls?" evidenced the approval of all the "Old Girls".

Supper was served to the bridal party at Table II in Tully Tavern Dining Room, much to the wonderment and consternation of our friends from across the field.

The Y. M. C. A. this year has started with its usual vigor and enthusiasm, and is promising well for a year's successful work. Sunday morning, October 7th, Dr. Wheelock spoke to the boys in Willett Hall Club Room. He told us how to get an all-round college education. This could be done by making the best use of all our time. He laid particular emphasis on the importance of the religious life, and urged the boys to support the Y. M. C. A.

On October 9th, in our mid-week prayer meeting, Dr. De-Wolfe sounded a trumpet-call to service through consecrated Christian lives.

On Friday night, October 11th, in College Hall, Mr. Cock, the college Y. M. C. A. secretary for the Maritime Provinces, gave an interesting and informal address to the students, emphasizing the fact that no matter what handicap a person may have, that handicap may be overcome, if he will only realize that through God all things are possible. This inspiring address was much enjoyed by all. We hope to have Mr. Cock with us often during the coming year.

On October 17th, Miss Hill and Mr. Gray led the united Y. M. and Y. W. prayer meeting. The subject was the College Student and the World. Miss Hill showed how a college education was a unique training. Because of special privileges and opportunities given to the college student, he has special responsibilities. Mr. Gray showed how the student should use

this training in the world; that on account of this training, he might mould the thoughts, and so, the lives of people. What the world is to be rests largely with the young men and women in colleges at the present time.

On October 23rd, Rev. E. S. Mason spoke on "The Will of God". It is the duty of every Christian to accept God's will, no matter what the cost may be. A large number of students took part, which made the meeting one of the best of the year thus far.

The annual Y. M. C. A. reception for the Freshmen was held in college hall, Friday night, October 4th. Dr. Thompson gave a short address to the boys, which was much Y. M. C. A. appreciated. Mr. McAvoy, '19, then spoke for Reception a few minutes on the various organizations of the university and the universal fee. Following this, Mr. Gray, president of the Y. M. C. A., spoke to the boys concerning the work of the Y. M. C. A. at Acadia, giving the new students a cordial invitation to join the older students in this important work.

The usual barrel of Gravensteins was next brought in, followed by the usual interclass floor-games, class songs and class yells, two of the latter, composed by the Freshmen, being eloquently rendered by the Sophomores. The reception broke up by the singing of the Acadia doxology. Then the Freshmen were marched up back of the Sem, and the usual Sophomore-Freshman rush took place.

A scrap debate was held under the auspices of the Athenæum Society in the Willett Hall Club Room, on Saturday evening, October 26th, between the Seniors and Freshmen Scrap on the one side, and the Juniors and Sophomores Debate. on the other. The debate was on the subject: "Resolved that Acadia is now a safe place for parents to send their children". The Juniors and Sophs supported the affirmative, the Seniors and Freshmen the negative. According to the first mentioned team Acadia was about the only safe place in the universe for parents to send their children. The entire absence of hazing of any description was especially emphasized. The salubrious climate of Willett Hall was held up as a strong point. The negative side seemed to doubt some of the statements made by the affirmative regarding hazing and were of the opinion that the Willett Hall climate was too wet to be healthy, in fact they thought it might be conducive to the "flu". There was considerable humor on both sides and the critic for the evening, Guy Lordly (Eng.), was impartial in his criticisms of the speakers and their speeches.

At the close of the debate a standing vote was taken as to whether Acadia was really a safe place for parents to send their children or not. As a result the decision was given to the affirmative. The meeting broke up with the singing of college songs and the giving of the various yells.

We wonder if the whole student body is aware of Sunday afternoon lecture hour in the Library, at which some member of the Faculty talks to the assembled students, on topics of the day, or on those in which the professor happens to be most interested.

On Sunday, October 27th, Dr. Cutten spoke to us on "The Halifax Explosion" from a psychological standpoint. He explained the absence of outcry and pain—the result of nature's providing her own anæsthesia. He emphasized the fact of the prevailing spirit of altruism, as shown in the relief work in which all did so nobly, the doctors and nurses going through the ordeal as though it were routine work. His comments on the Rehabilitation Department were especially interesting to us, for the head of this department is none other than our President himself. Questions were called for, and there will be more of them, when we shall have finished our Psychology I. See that you, student, spend the 4-5 p. m. hour on Sunday in the Library. You'll never regret it.

On Tuesday evening, October 8th, in College Hall, Mr. Black, representing the Canadian Forestry Association, gave an interesting illustrated lecture on forest conservation. Mr. Black is a fluent and interesting speaker, and a thorough master of his subject.

The motion pictures and lantern slides were very interesting and instructive. The first reel of motion pictures showed the process of the manufacture of paper from wood pulp. The second reel showed some beautiful scenes in our prairie provinces and Rocky Mountains, including logging scenes, glacier climbing and wild game hunting. The lantern slides, many of which were beautifully colored, completed a delightful evening of entertainment and instruction.

On Monday, October 14th, the Sophomores decided to take a trip to the Look-Off. Consequently, about 10 o'clock that morning, a happy care-free bunch of Sophomores drove out of Wolfville in a line of motor cars headed for Blomidon. By the time the mountain was reached the fog had cleared away and the day was beautiful. The mountain clothed in its autumnal tints never looked prettier; the view from the Look-Off was superb.

The old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner of chicken, vegetables, cranberry sauce, jelly, etc., at the nearby farm house will long be remembered. After an hour or more spent in games, the party all ascended the Look-Off tower. Needless to say all were enraptured with the wonderful view. The time passed only too quickly, for it was soon time to return.

About 3.30 p. m., the party began their homeward journey, startling the peaceful inhabitants of the countryside with their lusty yells and songs. After a brief stop at the home of Margaret Chase, '18, where each one obtained a good supply of apples, the party continued its way, arriving home shortly before 5 p. m. All the Sophomores agreed that this was the most successful and enjoyable event in the history of the class.

In order devoutly to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day just past, the residence boys, supported by holidaying Sophomores, entertained the remainder of the student body in the Willett Hall Club Room, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Chittick, Mrs. Raymond, and Prof. Perry. The whole affair was very much impromptu, planned at noon, programmed at two thirty, thanks to our leaders and Mr. McDonald, hall janitor. Two facts were proved during the afternoon: that impromptu affairs tend greatly to reduce to a minimum the all too prevalent formality between students; and a second fact, that the spirit at Acadia this year is something better than of late years—the singing evidenced this. At five o'clock we welcomed the altruistic Sophomores who had made the "feed" possible; and then let A-C-A-D-I-A send us to our rooms, glad for the spirit of union.

The evening of the 6-0 game above referred to, had for its aftermath the second corn boil, but there was no one to bequeath the 'eats,' necessitating the Freshmen's doing voluntary labor for the Bursar, who kindly gave admittance to the corn patch, provided that he should later see . . . Despite the large number present and the comparatively small clubroom, Dan Tucker ruled supreme, also our genial Mr. McAvoy; while the singing of the students was excellent. The piano, was attended to by Miss Williams. The affair closed "on time," strictly, and no cutting of the last topic. We hope for more such gatherings, and may each have a large attendance of faculty members.

After evening service, on Sunday, October 20th, a number of the College students gathered at the home of Miriam Chisholm for a "sing". The first part of the evening was spent in eating apples and singing, but as no one can do two things at once, the singing suffered. However, in direct ratio as the apples decreased, the music increased, and in time we were all at least attempting to sing

those hymns we had learned in the days that are gone. A few minutes were then spent in conversation and getting acquainted. At about ten we dispersed. All agreed that Sunday night sings, apples, and genial hostesses are a delightful combination.

Seniors of 1918

Beth Addison is teaching English, Algebra, and History at Woodstock, N. B.

Annie Allen is teaching Latin and French in the Yarmouth Academy.

Villa Alward is at her home in Havelock, N. B.

Lalia Chase is at her home in Wolfville, N. S.

Margaret Chase is at her home in Church Street, N. S. She expects to go to Toronto University to study medicine at the beginning of the year.

Harlan Densmore is principal of a school in Creelman, Sask.

Jean Goucher is in the office of Gordon MacIntyre, New York.

Esther Gould is taking her M. A. work here in Modern Languages.

Anita Pickels is at her home in Mahone Bay, N. S.

C. C. Robbins is teaching at Maple Creek, Sask.

Muriel Roscoe has been working with Dr. Cutten in Halifax during the summer. At present she is at her home in Centerville, N. S., but expects to return to Halifax before long.

Marion Weston has been teaching at Newcastle Bridge, N. B., but is now at her home in Gagetown.

B. G. Spracklin is a mechanic in the R. A. F., Toronto.

Ira Clarke is with the Air Force in England. He is now a fully qualified aviator and has charge of his own machine.

THE TRACTOR AND THE CONTRACTOR.

A movement, starting in Montreal and continuing in Chatham, Ontario, might well be carried throughout Canada. This is the contracting idea as applied to farm lands. City men with a little capital are forming syndicates to buy tractors and break idle land under the direction of practical contractors. This principle could be applied to regular farm lands and would help solve the labour problem for the Canadian farmer.

:-: *Personals* :-:

'64—Dr. H. H. Bligh, for twenty-six years librarian of the Supreme Court at Ottawa, died at his home in that city, August 22nd.

'70—Dr. J. B. Calkin, ex-principal of the Normal College, Truro, died at his home in Truro, on September 17th. Dr. Calkin spent forty-seven years in educational work in this province, forty-two of which were in connection with the Normal College. In recognition of Mr. Calkin's merits as a scholar, author, and teacher, Acadia conferred upon him the honorary degree of Master of Arts, in 1870.

'71—Judge J. Wilberforce Longley spent Sunday, October 20th, in Wolfville.

'90—Dr. C. A. Eaton is Director of National Service in connection with the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the United States.

'91—Rev. J. H. McDonald, assistant director of the Canadian Chaplain Service Overseas has been given the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Ex. '96—Capt. F. B. Schurman is an officer in the Siberian Contingent.

'99—Dr. Jeremiah S. Clark is a medical officer with the Canadian Overseas Forces.

'00—Rev. L. M. Duval is at his home in St. John, on furlough from Africa.

'01—Harry L. Bustin is Principapl of the Middleton High School.

'01—Rev. A. C. Horsman, pastor of the Baptist church at Canostota, N. Y., is going overseas with American troops, as army chaplain.

'02—Lieutenant-Colonel Barry W. Roscoe, D. S. O., was married to Miss Lue Ruggles, of Bridgetown, on September 24th.

'02—Professor E. Gordon Bill, of Dartmouth College, has been appointed "Assistant to Director", Military Service

Branch, Department of Justice, Ottawa. Dr. Bill has been on leave of absence from Dartmouth since April last.

'03—Rev. S. W. Schurman has resigned from the Glace Bay Church and has accepted a position with the Y. M. C. A. stationed at Windsor, N. S.

'03—Rev. C. K. Morse, since his return from Overseas, has been supplying at the Emmanuel Baptist church, Winnipeg. He was in Nova Scotia for a few days the last week in September to attend his mother's funeral.

'05—Professor V. L. O. Chittick, of the University of Washington, Seattle, is doing research work in the Emmerson Memorial Library at Acadia, preparatory to writing his doctor's thesis.

'06—Rev. Gordon P. Barss, on furlough from India, is at his home in Dartmouth.

'09—Rev. Frank C. Rideout, for some years pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Bridgeport, Conn., is now a chaplain with the American forces.

'09—M. C. Foster, inspector of schools for Annapolis and Digby Counties, attended the Maritime Teachers' Convention at Moncton during the last week of August.

'09—Frederick S. Goucher, Ph. D., who joined the Royal Engineers in Windsor this summer, is now in England.

'10—Arthur H. Chute has recently published a book entitled "The Real Front".

'11—Born to Rev. and Mrs. J. D. MacLeod, of Canso, N. S., on September 18th, a son, Norman Roderick.

Ex. '11—Nursing Sister Marie MacLeod was recently married in England to Capt. Henry McKenzie.

Ex. '11—Nursing Sister Marion Sharpe was recently married in England to Capt. Frank McNeill, M. D., who is doing hospital work at Folkestone.

'12—At Tremont Temple, July 15th, Earl L. Woodbury and Jean H. MacGregor were united in marriage by Rev. Charles Eaton and Rev. C. A. S. Howe, '15.

'12—Rev. H. Percy Everett died of pneumonia in St. John, on October 19th.

'12—Mary Porter is again teaching as principal of the High School at Port Morien, C. B.

'13—Rev. C. A. Dawson, in the military Y. M. C. A. service with the Canadian Troops, has recently been appointed to the Transport Service.

Eng. '14 and '16—Cliff Smith and Marie Danielson were recently married in England.

'14—C. M. Haverstock is in France with the Artillery.

'14—Mary Raymond has a position in the library of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburg, Pa.

Ex. '14—Eric MacDonald has recently been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

'14—Blanche Thomas is Vice-Principal of the Wolfville High School.

'14—Owen Graves, who has been overseas with the P. P. C. L. I., has just received his discharge.

'15—Frank Lloyd Swim of Doaktown, died at the Victoria Hospital, October 24th, after a brief illness with typhoid. The deceased was a fourth year student in medicine at McGill University where he had taken honors.

'15—Susie Baxter is again at her home in Wolfville.

'15—Rev. N. A. Whitman has removed from his pastorate at Westport and is now preaching at Billtown.

'15—Evelyn Smallman is at her home in Wolfville and is taking Elocution at the Seminary.

'15—A. G. G. Hirtle has accepted the position of principal of the Bridgewater Academy.

Ex. '15—Rev. S. W. Stackhouse was united in marriage to Miss Alice Marion Stears of St. John West, on October 16th.

'15—Ralph Harlan Carter is an instructor in the Royal Air Force in Toronto.

'15—Alden Benjamin Dawson, Ph. D., was married to Miss Evelyn I. Coldwell, of Melanson, on September 17th. Dr. Dawson received his degree at Harvard this year and is now engaged as Professor of Biology at Mount Allison University.

'15—Rev. Clyde W. Robbins and Miss Bernice H. Blakney were united in marriage at Bedford, August 21st.

'15—Lieutenant Arthur W. Rogers of the 85th Battalion, was wounded in the shoulder, August 11th.

Ex. '15—At Digby, on August 3rd, Lieutenant L. H. T. Morrison and Miss Ruby D. Archibald were united in marriage by Rev. C. W. Robbins, '15.

Ex. '15—Eric McDonald, whose battalion took a leading part in breaking the Drocourt-Queant Switch Line, was personally congratulated for his work by General Currie.

'16—Max Saunders has been transferred to the R. A. F. and is training at Hastings, England.

'16—Alexis Messinger and Free McCoy were married in Lethbridge, Alta., on July 10th.

'16—Lieutenant Clarence W. Cook is a prisoner in Germany.

Ex. '16—Clarence F. Blakney has been ordained at Stoneham, Mass.

'16—Lieutenant J. S. Millett was wounded in the right arm on September 28th.

'16 and '17—Blanche B. MacLeod was married to Harrison Flint Lewis on July 31st.

'16—Paige Pineo is now in Montreal training for a nurse.

'16—W. H. Chase, Jr., returned home from the front on October 10th. He is expecting to attend Dalhousie when the university opens again.

'16—Harold Evans was taking a course in Pharmacy at Dalhousie, before the closing of the University.

'16—The gratifying news has just been received that R. Murray Millett has been awarded the Military Cross.

Ex. '17—Sidney Page died recently of Spanish Influenza at Montreal, where he was teaching school.

'17—Marjorie A. Harrington has accepted a position in the State Library at New Haven. She also passed the Civil Service examination for senior assistant, leading the list of eligibles with a mark of 91.05%.

Ex. '17—Lieutenant Milton F. Gregg, M. C., has again been reported wounded. Lieutenant Gregg enlisted in the fall of 1914 and has seen much service in France.

'17—Myra Barnes is Vice-Principal of Windsor Academy.

'17—Ray Coldwell is Principal of the New Waterford High School, C. B.

'17—Ruth Woodworth is teaching at Rothesay, N. B.

Ex. '17—S. J. Dick was killed in action, October 1st.

Ex. '17—Lieutenant E. C. Leslie is Commandant of the soldiers in the hospital at River Glade, N. B.

'17—Dorothy Alward has resigned her position in Halifax and has accepted a position with the Y. W. C. A. in Ottawa.

Ex. '18—Gladys Daniels was married at Paradise, to Frank H. Balcom, on Wednesday, October 2nd.

Ex. '18—E. D. MacPhee of the 85th Battalion, received a gunshot wound in the upper arm on September 30th and is now at a hospital in France. Mr. MacPhee has written a very interesting article entitled "History" which appeared in the October issue of the "Educational Review".

Ex. '18—Dean Rogers has been wounded recently.

Theol. '18—J. H. Blossie is pastor of the Baptist Church, Tremont, Kings County, N. S.

Ex. '19—Rev. F. J. Armitage is pastor of the Methodist Church in Windsor, N. S.

Ex. '19—W. M. MacLean is in a Hospital Unit of the U. S. Army.

Ex. '19—Elva C. Doten is principal of the school at Havelock, N. B.

Ex. '19—Sara E. Longley is teaching at Paradise, N. S.

Ex. '19—Lieutenant Charles E. White has been reported slightly wounded and returned to duty.

Ex. '19—Violet M. Sleep is working in Halifax.

Ex. '20—T. A. Meister and L. B. Bezanson are in the 17th Reserve Battalion, England.

Ex. '20—W. E. Poole is teaching at Westport, N. S.

Ex. '20—E. A. Therrien is a corporal in the 1st Depot Battalion.

Ex. '20—G. H. Estabrooks is in the Sanatorium, Kentville.

Ex. '20—C. M. Langwith is studying law at Dalhousie Law School.

Ex. '20—E. A. Robertson has a church near Lethbridge, Alberta.

Ex. '20—K. C. Irving of the Royal Air Force, is completing his training in England.

Ex. '21—W. J. Miller is at present in the office of the Imperial Oil Co., at Halifax, N. S.

Ex. '21—Paul B. Cross is travelling for Hall & Fairweather, St. John. We were glad to see Paul in town a short time ago.

Ex. '21—Emma Eaton is at her home in Lower Canard, N. S.

Ex. '21—F. R. Cole is in the 9th Seige Battery, St. John, N. B.

Ex. '21—A. S. Chesley is studying medicine at Dalhousie.

Ex. '21—R. S. Longley is in the 10th Seige Battery.

Ex. '21—Lucy Dobson and F. C. Palmer are attending Business College, Moncton, N. B.

Ex. '21—Dorothy Smith is teaching in South Brookfield, Queen's County, N. S.

Ex. '21—Thelma MacLeod is teaching at Carleton, Yarmouth County, N. S.

A. C. A.—Roby Rushton, '19 and Milford Fletcher, '18, have enlisted.

Ex. '19—C. G. Copeland, having returned from England, has received his discharge from the army. He is at present engaged in Y. M. C. A. work in Halifax.

A. B. C.—Marvin Dimock is in the Depot Battalion at Halifax.

Ross MacLean, formerly business teacher in Acadia Business Academy, is in the 9th Siege Battery, in St. John.

The following men are with the Royal Air Force in Toronto.

B. G. Spracklin, '18; E. S. Boyle, Ex. '19; John Hanna, Ex. '20; F. M. Archibald, Ex. '19; Albert Longley, Ex. '20; L. L. Crowe, Ex. '21; L. S. Cossett, Ex. Eng. '19; Stewart E. Elliott, Ex. Eng. '19; Edgar S. Bishop, Ex. Eng. '19; D. A. Grant, Ex. '19; C. R. Welton, Ex. Eng. '18; L. B. Snow, A. B. C.

.. .. *Exchanges*

THE time has come again for the first editing of the Exchange Department and it is somewhat with a feeling of joy. This year all staffs are changed and it is only reasonable to suppose that the individual tastes of each editor are bound to differ more or less in some respects. However great the change may be, let us not forget the "intercollegiate spirit" and through this column express our criticism and advise in a mutually beneficial way.

As we go to our shelf, we find a very limited number of exchanges. However, we hope that when we prepare for our next issue we will have more of them, whereby we can get a better idea of what other colleges are doing, what their difficulties are and how they are overcoming them.

The April number of the "Argosy", although rather deficient in its literary department, contains a splendid article on "The Evolution Theory" which is well worth reading. The "Argosy" has also a splendid overseas column, but a comparatively small Personalia or Graduates column. Certainly more interest should be taken in the work and success of the old graduates.

In the Graduation Number of the "Argosy" is found a most interesting and well written article entitled "Mothers of Men". The cuts, which consist mainly of the presidents of various college societies are very good, but we miss the pictures of the graduating class themselves. Here too is a great lack in the Personalia column, connecting the new students with the old graduates.

The April issue of the McMaster Monthly, in its white cover, seems to breathe an air of superiority. The literary articles are of the first class. The long honor roll shows that McMaster has not fallen behind in the giving up of her purest and best manhood for the cause of freedom and righteousness. Special mention should also be made of the prize story competition, which is a good suggestion for many of our college papers that seem to lack in the literary productions of the undergraduates. Surely with such a competition as this, more interest should be aroused along this line, and as a result, larger and better contributions to our literary departments, to say

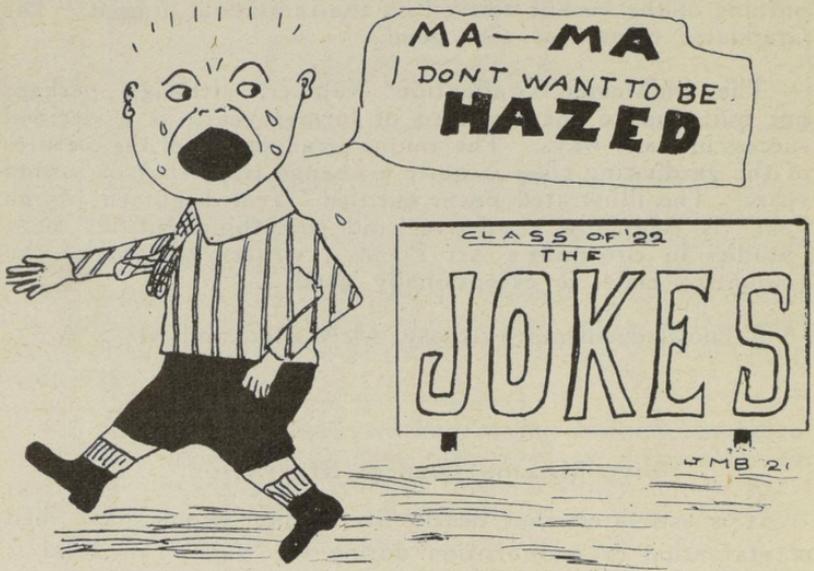
nothing of the benefit derived by the individual himself. The Graduates column is also good.

The McMaster Graduation Number, although perhaps not quite up to the standard of former years, is a decided success in many ways. The unique arrangement of the pictures of the graduating class is quite a change from that of former years. The illustrated poem entitled "Year Eighteen March Past" is especially attractive, and something entirely new. "Studies in Browning's Art Poems", written by one of the graduating class, is exceptionally good.

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FIVE MILLION DIED OF STARVATION.

It is estimated that nearly five million people have died of starvation or malnutrition during the war. This total is more than half the population of Canada.



Chas. McLeod (after dissecting a perch in Biology III)—
 “There’s something fishy about this course.”

Prof. to Camp, A. C. A., in Bible—“Mr. Camp, do you know any other Bible character, who, like Melchisedek, had neither father or mother?”

Camp—“Joshua.”

Prof.—“Joshua?”

Camp—“Yes, sir, the Bible says he was the son of Nun (none).”

McPherson, '21—“Say, John, they say that there are so many girls that the Sem won’t hold them all.”

Bishop, '21—“I wouldn’t mind holding a few for a while.”

Heard in Biology I while professor is explaining the original diminutive size of the horse:

Miss Sh-ff-n-r—“I always wondered how Noah got all the animals in the ark.”

In Biology Class—“Mr. H-gg-ns, can you account for the lump on the camel’s back?”

H-gg-ns—“Yes, sir. He got his back up because Noah left him to the last.”

M-nn-ng, '20 (after a little cider)—“I believe it's going to my head. I feel dizzy.”

L-msd-n, '21—“Go ahead. I'll see if you walk straight.”

M-nn-ng—“Am I all right?”

L-msd-n—“Yes, but who's that with you?”

Miss R--d, '19—Say, you can't go out with that hat.”

Miss C-nn, '20—“Why not?”

Miss R--d—“Because this is a temperance town.”

Miss C-nn—“What has that to do with my hat?”

Miss R--d—“Why, it is full of cock tails.”

Math. Prof.—“McKenzie: Two parallelepipeds have equal bases, and so on—finish it.”

Voice in class—“Absent.”

Prof.—“Well, can't he try it?”

Barber—“Anything more to-day, sir?”

B-rt-n, '20—“No, unless you can dye my mustache.”

Barber—“Better leave it alone, sir; it's nearly dead now.”

Gr-y, '20—When I was a little boy I was once thrashed for telling the truth.”

Miss L-ton, '21—“That cured you, I suppose.”

Cr-nd-l, '22—“Why does Dr. Coit wear that white braid on his gown?”

P-rs-ns, '21—“That's to show that he is the White Memorial Professor of Mathematics.”

Prof. Ross (Latin A)—“Please decline the pronoun hic.”

Miss V-rge, '22—“Hick, hack, hock; hugus, hugus, hugus; quick, quick, quick.”

Nurse—“You mustn't go out to-day.”

L-rdly—“I want to go over to the tavern—there's a party over there.”

Nurse—“Well, she'll have to wait till tomorrow.”

Mr. M-s-n (at Sophomore reception)—“How is the work going, Mr. L-msd-n?”

Mr. L-msd-n, '21—“It's going so fast that I can't keep up with it.”

We would advise Mr. L-msd-n to try Skipp(y)ing after it.

Prof. Perry (in Biology I)—“The amount of food assimilated depends on the work of the green chloroplasts.”

Ea-t-n—“That is why the Freshmen have such large appetites.”

John B., '21—"My mustache tickles me."

Miss B-y-r, '21—"Yes, it tickles the rest of us too."

John B., '21—"When did it ever tickle you, Miss B-y-r?"

Miss R-nd, '20—"This butter is the limit."

Miss M-se, '20.—"Sh-h. I always respect strength and old age."

K--rst--d, A. C. A.—"Well, mother I made a hundred in the exams this month."

Mother—"Isn't that fine. What did you make it in?"

K--rst--d (thoughtfully)—"Well-er-er, 30 in Arithmetic, 15 on Spelling, 35 on Latin, and 20 on Algebra."

Heard at Y. M. C. A. (after an apt illustration from the life of John Bunyan):

Mr. Gr-y—"What we want is more Bunyans (bunions)."

Freshman—"Won't the Sophomore corn do just as well?"

McAv-y, '19 (after football)—"The college can put it all over you fellows."

C-mp, A. C. A.—"Tell that to a donkey and he'll kick you."

McAv-y—"I did and he didn't."

H-gg-ns, '21 (to F-st-r after a feed at Arties)—"Dawn will soon be breaking."

F-st-r, '20—"Don is already broke."

Dr. DeW-lfe—"Payzant, this conversing with the Seminary girls must cease. I am going to fine anyone breaking this rule, for the first offence, 25 cents, second 50 cents, and third \$1.00."

P-yz-nt, Eng. '22 (anxiously)—"How much would a season ticket cost?"

Prof. in Bible Class—"Mr. Gr-y, what kind of a man do you think Adam was?"

Gr-y—"Very impolite, sir."

Prof.—"Why so?"

Gr-y—"The Bible says he called the animals names."

Quartette (under Sem window, led by Mr. Sn-w)—"She's my wild Irish rose."

Voice from Sem.—"Rather thorny one, judging by your yells."

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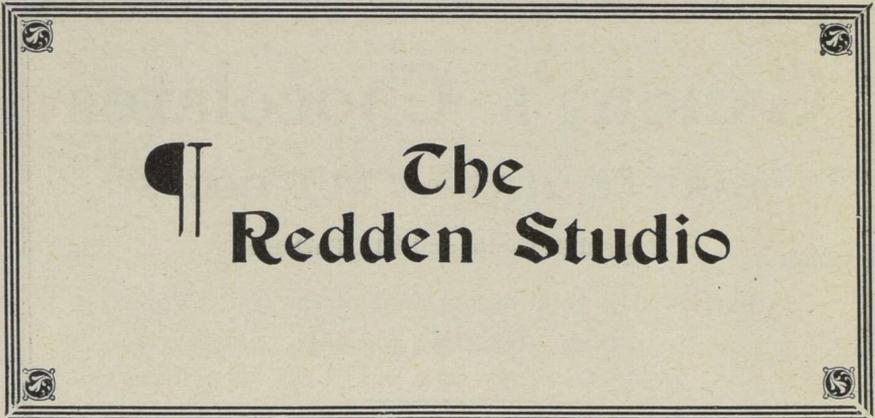
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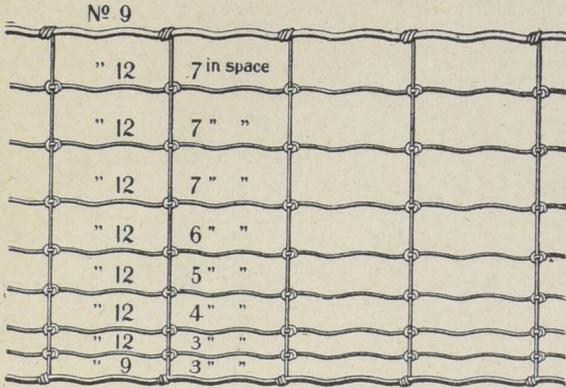
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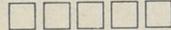
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