



## DALHOUSIE HONORS HER VOLUNTEERS! SODALES AND ITS RECORD.

### Students Going on Second Contingent Given a Farewell Banquet.

IN honor of the Dalhousians leaving on active service, probably the very finest, most enthusiastic and most brilliant dinner in the history of Old Dalhousie was given by their fellow-Dalhousians, graduates, and undergraduates, at the Halifax Hotel, Tuesday evening, February 9th. By the excellence of the arrangements, by the very evident enthusiasm of all those fortunate to be present, and by the brilliance in thought and the note of deep, stirring patriotism of the speeches the dinner of February 9th will be one long to be remembered and treasured in the memory of all Dalhousians.

The spacious dining room was completely filled with undergraduate and graduates, men prominent in every walk of life in this Province gathered to do honor to the sixty or more "boys" who had volunteered to serve their King and Country.

Mr. G. S. Campbell, Chairman of the Board of Governors presided, and seated with him at the head of the table were Premier Murray, President Mackenzie, Dr. Forrest, Mr. Justice Russell, Rev. Dr. J. W. Macmillan, Dr. A. H. Mackay, Judge Wallace, Mayor Bligh, Colonel Curry, Colonel Thacker, Colonel Sponagle, Professor Fraser Harris, Professor MacRae, Stuart Jenks, K. C., H. McInnes, K. C., and H. Mellish, K. C., while at the other tables were many professors, alumni and friends of the University, as well as a large representation of the undergraduate body, the whole company numbering 185.

The whole affair was a triumph and reflected the utmost credit upon the committee of students, Messrs. Stanley Fraser, Arts; Hugh Moore, Medicine, L. Sifton, Law; McIntosh McLeod, Pine Hill, and E. C. Phinney of the Students Council.

After the toast to the King and the singing of the National Anthem, the Chairman gave a short opening address on the purpose of the dinner. He said that the friends of the University had gathered to do honor to the Dalhousians who were about to go to the front. He then read two telegrams, the one from J. K. McKay and Eddie Chisholm the other from "Farmer" Pineo, Dalhousians who had volunteered to go to the front, but who regretted that they could not be present at this farewell dinner. Mr. Campbell then said he was sure friends who were going to the front wanted no special fuss, for they felt they were simply doing their duty. But he felt that it was a privilege to have them as guests tonight. Their example was great, and it must set others asking the question "why am I not going too?" Canada, he thought was just awakening to a sense of her responsibility in this way. We are so far from the scene, we

seem so secure that we hardly realize what is going on. One thing he was sure we did not fully realize and it was that our security is due to the British fleet. We do not want our fighting to be done by proxy and hence we are preparing to do our part.

It would be a good thing, said Mr. Campbell, if some of our public men would deliver patriotic addresses in this tremendous crisis, in the empire's history. To the youth of Canada is committed the care of the priceless heritage of liberty and honor that has been handed down to us. Those who are going to the front from Dalhousie have accepted their full share of this responsibility. They will be followed by our strongest good wishes and tenderest hopes for a return, and for that rich reward due those who serve King and Country.

Mr. Fritz Schaeffer sang "The Sound of the Drums." He was in splendid voice and received an enthusiastic encore.

Mr. John E. Read Arts '09, a Rhodes scholar from Dalhousie proposed the toast, "Our Empire and Our Allies." He spoke first of "Our Allies" drawing attention to the great number of nations differing widely from one another in many things, but steadfastly united with the British Empire in the defense of liberty against the aggression of Germany. He spoke of Japan, whose birth as a nation was fostered by Great Britain. He drew attention to Serbia and Montenegro and declared that one could not fail to admire the steadfast courage of the people of these Balkan countries that made possible the achieving of the greatest victory obtained in the present war. He spoke of Russia and drew attention to the fact that although she is the youngest of the great nations, and so has little of a past, she has a splendid present and a wonderful future. He did not believe in a Slavonic peril, and pointed out the epochal moral revivals brought about in Russia by the present war. In the fourth place he spoke of France and how she and Great Britain are bound to one another in the great Entente Cordiale. Lastly, among the Allies, he paid a tribute to the Belgians and spoke of their supreme sacrifice as the finest national act in the history of the world.

Finally, Mr. Read spoke of "the Empire." He dwelt on the oneness of the Empire in this time of peril. Ethical ideals, he said, are shown here which count for more than dollars. Our duty as Canadian people is to sacrifice our last dollar and our last life in the defense of our Empire.

Humphrey Mellish, K. C., responded. One thing he thought could be said generally of all the allies, that they were fighting for liberty, for a square deal, for justice and right. A principle of liberty for which the

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IN the last issue of the Gazette appeared an article on Sodales. It had both its merits and demerits. Unfortunately the writer attempted to discuss concerning the history of which he confessed he knew nothing. This, however, we can pardon, for the motive which prompted was good. Sodales is in sad need of reform, and there is no one more aware of this than the present writer. An attempt to do this was made last year, but the committee was never appointed. In any case no reformation was carried through, and thus the society stands with the accumulating weaknesses of several years.

Sodales is the Mother Debating Society of the university. When the student body was still small, those interested, gathered from every faculty for debate in a "Friendly Society" hence the Name, Sodales. As time went on, however, and the college grew, the different faculties formed societies of their own. They gave, each to its own members, the friendly word and the correction which "Howe" longs for. Thus in the evolution of things, Sodales had lost one or in fact, its primary function. Gradually, a spirit of rivalry grew up between the several faculties and there thus grew up an interfaculty debating league. Old Sodales, no longer Friendly however, was chosen as the arena in which all contests of debating should be decided. Therefore, when our would be reformer asks for Brotherly love and things of that kind in sodales, he demands the same thing as the foot ball aspirant who expects gentle treatment in an interfaculty game. In fact, he asks for a thing which the society composed as it is of warring elements, is unable to give.

After the formation of the intercollegiate debating league, it became necessary for Dalhousie to provide some means of bringing out men for the annual discussion. Sodales, being the only Debating society in which the whole university was represented, was chosen. Thus, again, this body came to have another function. In spite of the fact that our Learned Critic belittles it, this part of the society's work is just as important as any other.

As time went on, the society underwent successive changes. Its constitution was repeatedly revised, till in the spring of 1911, it received its present form. It was just around this time that general discussion was dropped, and the debates became more scholarly but less interesting. Then after 1911, the practice grew up of holding the meetings only once in two weeks. Obviously, this was a mistake, and in spite of repeated efforts to change it, this system was continued.

It was under such circumstances that the present year opened. Lectures in all faculties did not commence till the end of

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A NEW constitution for the Council of University Students is receiving the serious consideration of the present Council. For three years the present constitution has been in effect. During that time, many important amendments have been made. The result in each case has been distinctly beneficial.

The new constitution embodies many important changes, some of which are of a very radical turn indeed. These include increasing the present student fee from five dollars to eight dollars, rearranging the annual meetings of the societies, choosing the secretaries of all the societies from the Council itself, and the prohibiting of one person from holding more than one important office in any of the student societies.

The increasing of the fee from five to eight dollars although not the most important, is the change likely to produce most discussion. The reason is too obvious for one to mention it. Yet apart from our pocket books being affected, this change involves the financial welfare of every student society. It is a well known fact that during the present session, all the college societies, except three, were obliged to reduce expenditures. The Council found it necessary to reduce nearly every application for money in order to bring the expenditure within the revenue. Such a course can be followed in the coming years, but we are afraid that the result to the societies, accepting this year as a criterion will be disastrous. The whole issue depends on whether the student body prefer the societies to continue with their present slight financial assistance and with the present unsatisfactory returns, or whether they prefer the societies to receive adequate financial support, coupled with the probability that such societies will be more satisfactorily conducted in the future than at present. The increase to eight dollars still leaves the fee a very moderate one, especially when one considers that the students at the University of New Brunswick pay a fee of eight dollars to athletics alone, and it is likewise at the other universities. The payment of this fee entitles the student to the privileges of any or all of the various student organizations. It is needless to dwell on the benefits the students receive from these societies. There are classes in the University from which the students receive less, but of course it would be invidious for us to name them.

The other changes will be dealt with at greater length later, but every student ought to welcome the change which places the selection of our football and hockey teams entirely into the hands of the captains and coach. Too long has the old committee system prevailed. Candidates for first team positions will not suffer so much from "wire pulling" now.

THE college Y. M. C. A. is generally regarded by the average student at Dalhousie as a society consisting largely of mollycoddles and milksops. Its meetings are to be shunned because they might possibly be similar to a prayer meeting. Anyway the chaps who attend them are effeminate and white blooded. So says the legal or medical sciolist. Such ideas must be speedily abandoned after reading the review of the Social service schemes of our College Y. M. C. A. published on another page.

It is a very significant fact that our Y. M. C. A. is the only University society which has suffered considerably because of officers enlisting for active service. Out of an executive of ten members four have enlisted including the President of the organization. From Dr. Bronson's Bible class over 50 per cent. of the members are in uniform and are about to leave with the second contingent. These facts ought to be borne in mind by those students who so frequently endeavor to minimize the work and influence of this organization.

That nearly 50 per cent. of the students who have volunteered are active workers in our University Y. M. C. A., must open the eyes of the remaining students as to the type of men in this Society. The call for helpers to fill the vacancies thus created and to carry on the work of the society as before, ought to meet with a ready response from those students who are remaining in the University.

DALHOUSIE'S SOLDIERS.

DALHOUSIE is worthily represented in the contingents which Canada has sent or is about to send to the front. Already more than sixty of the University's sons have responded to the call of service, and last night at the Halifax Hotel the students, alumni and friends of Dalhousie assembled to do honor to those who are about to go forth to fight in the sacred cause of liberty. It was a memorable occasion—solemn and yet happy—it was an inspiration to those who go and no less an inspiration to those who remain. The soldierly speeches and the manly bearing of the young men who have gladly and freely made the supreme sacrifice are an assurance that as Dalhousie has been first in peace, so her sons will uphold her traditions and play their part worthily in the severe test of battle. All honor, to these young fellows who, shoulder to shoulder with their comrades in arms from other walks of life, are ready to lay down their lives at the Empire's call. Nova Scotia is proud of them. We wish them God speed, and a safe return, confident that they will acquire themselves like true Dalhousians.—Chronicle, 10th February.

MEETING OF LAW STUDENTS' SOCIETY.

There was a meeting of the Law Students Society Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. The meeting was called to consider the conjoint examinations, and the procedure thereunder. Considerable dissatisfaction was expressed and a committee was appointed to confer with the Faculty and report to a later meeting of the Society.

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lies were fighting was the preservation of the rights of others. Beware the peaceful man who has to fight, said Mr. Mellish, and who fights on to the end. I don't think many Dalhousians will be taken prisoners.

Mr. Mellish interjected here a few of his inimitable anecdotes, and went on to say that we expect great things of the Dalhousians in this war. They go equipped with intellectual training and with physical well being. He was certain they would be found doing the right thing and the brave, the heroic thing. When we fight for the state, we fight for ourselves. He hoped they all would return and they would get a great reception when they returned. If they came not back there would be written over their graves a splendid inscription as great as that penned to any mortal.

"Sons of the Sea," a rolling, rollicking song of the sea, was well rendered by Mr. Gerald McElhinney. He was twice encored.

In proposing the toast to 'Our Guests,' Mr. E. C. Phinney said he felt that language failed him, and he could best express his thoughts to the volunteers by a silent hand-clasp and a God speed. He hoped that they would have an opportunity to do their part and that they would return in safety.

"I will not say good-bye, but rather, so long, boys, till we meet on the other side," he concluded.

Capt. J. W. Margeson, Law '07, Paymaster, and Capt. J. W. Logan, of the 25th Battalion, responded, thanking the speakers for the kind things that had been said about them. Capt. Margeson pointed out that eighty per cent of the men in the 25th Battalion were born and bred in Nova Scotia.

He said he wished publicly to thank the women of Nova Scotia, who had sent many gifts to the men of the 25th.

Capt. Logan, who was given a rousing ovation, made an admirable soldierlike speech. He felt that the volunteers would be a poor sort not to do well after their reception that night. He was proud to mention several of his old pupils who had gone or were leaving to fight for the Empire.

"Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers" by Mr. John Junior of the Academy Players was one of the hits of the evening. The applause started when the music did, and each verse was wildly cheered. Mr. Junior's lip was very catchy and he had to respond to an enthusiastic encore.

"A Safe Return" was proposed by Mr. William Potter, Law '16. He said that many times the students had gathered to bid farewell to football teams but this farewell was unique. Tonight Dalhousians had gathered to bid God speed to those who had thrown down their histories to take part in the making of it.

The response on behalf of the volunteers was made by Cyclist G. DeW. Young, Law '15 of the Cycle Corps. As he rose from his chair clad in his simple suit of khaki, the young soldier was greeted with prolonged and tumultuous applause. He said he felt sure he could speak for all of the boys when he said they had not thought much about a 'Safe Return.' They were all hoping to speedily get away to the front. All realized that if they had to die, they could die no better than in the defence of their country. They thanked God that

they had fathers and mothers who wished them to go forward and did not wish them to return until they had done their duty and shown that there is no cowardice in Nova Scotians and Dalhousians. He hoped that in drinking this toast, they were not thinking only of a safe return but of a return with victory.

Colonel Thompson, whom the Chairman called the Commander-in-Chief of all the Dalhousie forces, then announced that the Officers' Training Corps had been divided in four companies, A, B, C, and D, He read out the appointment of the following officers:

- "A" Co., made up of Arts and Engineers: Officer in charge—Prof. McNeil. Subaltern—R. Roome and C. Evans.
"B" Co., the Alumni: Officer in charge—Dr. Fraser Harris. Subalterns—J. C. Roper, Dr. Cogswell.
"C" Co., Commercial men: Officer in charge—Geo. Henderson. Subalterns—Bullock, Willetts.
"D" Co., Law, Meds., Pine Hill: Officer in charge—Dean McRae. Subalterns—J. Campbell, Noblett.

This completed the set programme, but there were insistent calls for more speeches. President Mackenzie was the first to respond and in a happy speech proposed a toast to the Officers' Training Corps, to which Lieut. Col. W. E. Thompson, O. C., and Dr. Fraser Harris made happy responses.

Premier Murray, who was received with great cheering, made a short but stirring speech, in which he paid tribute to the young Nova Scotians who were responding to the call of duty. He thanked God that there were men in Dalhousie who had made this dinner possible, and expressed his profound conviction in the justice of Britain's cause. Germany cannot win and will not win, he said, amid cheers.

Dr. Forrest followed in an earnest speech in which he told of his pride in seeing so many of his boys going forth to do battle in the Empire's service, for the cause of liberty.

There were loud calls for Mr. Justice Russell, who brought the speech-making to a conclusion with an eloquent and patriotic speech which stirred the company to high enthusiasm.

Then came the singing of the National Anthem, as a fitting climax to a memorable and soul-stirring evening.

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## Y. M. C. A. SOCIAL SERVICE REVIEW.

SINCE a college is a very real part of the community, there are obligations which college men and women owe to that community, not only because they are a part of it, but because their very specialization renders them able to do things, which would either be left undone, or but poorly tried. Dalhousie College is a part of a community which is fairly paved with avenues of service. Nor will a person be jostled from any of these ways, for there are not many who walk thereon. It is strange, that the same element which renders community service valuable, also makes it difficult. It is voluntary.

In answer to this call, and in an effort to give expression to what is best in student life, the Dalhousie Y. M. C. A. undertook some forms of community service. It will, therefore be of interest to every Dalhousian to know just what has been done.

The presence in Halifax of more than two hundred Russians gave a unique opportunity for work. Early in the fall term, a number of classes were begun. At one time there were eight with an average attendance of about nine men. It must not be supposed, that the work of teaching these men English, of which many of them knew nothing, was easy. Yet twice a week did each class meet, and, in spite of the fact that the teachers had to discover their own methods, made such progress, that it became necessary to begin an advanced class. This class was opened on Tuesday Feb. 2nd, in Boomfield school, under Principal Brunt, who reported that the men were all eager to learn. On Friday this class was increased in numbers. A move is being made to open another, in a different part of the city.

On Saturday, Feb. 6, the "faculty" held their monthly banquet and conference at the Y. M. C. A. The reports received from the teachers were most gratifying. One man had his class working arithmetically. He reported that on one visit he was met at the door, by a man brandishing a knife. When it became known that the intruder was the "Student", he was admitted with lavish welcome.

Although the results must of necessity be moderate, in so short a time, and against such odds, yet, a little knowledge goes a long way with these people, and tends to become the property of more than the person immediately taught. Moreover, through the medium of the students, the city has seen that it owes a debt to these new-comers, and that in discharging this debt is but fulfilling a duty to itself. Too much cannot be said of the men who so very unselfishly took up this work, and who have persisted in it, in the face of very considerable difficulty.

The results of work, undertaken in cooperation with the Juvenile Court, are not so easily traced. It is not possible to note a marked change, in a boy, in a short time, but it seems improbable that a young chap, full of life, though wrongly directed, can fail to be favorably affected by even a little fellowship, with a college man of the right type. The most of the men engaged in this work, have enlisted for military service. There is an opportunity for others to step in and make the loss less heavy.

Here is a picture of what one encounters. The house is fronting a main street. There are three large rooms at the top of a creaky stair. One is the living room. There are a stove, a table and a chair or two. The floor is literally covered with dirt. There is no fire in the stove and the children, five in number, and only partly clad, are sitting together on an old stretcher. The mother, in her scanty attire, is trying to kindle a fire. What's a man to do with such a situation? Some attempts have been made. A visitor to the same home would now see a change. The house is a different one, cleaner, and not so spacious. There is a yard in which the children can play. Slowly but surely a little addition is being made to household necessities, and even to comforts. The children are brighter and the mother is more cheerful. She takes pride in calling attention to little improvements made to her home. The father is now in the militia and hands over his earnings each week.

Other similar cases might be cited, but all cases are alike and then the worst one tends to improve, with care and personal interest.

Some mention must be made of frequent Sunday visits to the Home or the poor. In this work the Y. W. C. A. have very generously and effectively cooperated. One can see the faces of the old people brighten when the "singers" as they call them enter. Directly, the unfortunate inmates are helped and indirectly the interest of the students makes more personal the interest of those in charge of the institution. Nothing need be said of the value to the students themselves.

Again, the North End City Mission has drawn speakers, for each Sunday evening service, from our ranks. The men who have gone here will long remember the patriarchal way in which Mr. Theaskton analyzed the address; and emphasized its points.

The responsibility for the Sunday service, in the Seaman's Home, is ours. The men who attend would never go to church. They drop in here, because the place is warm and well lighted, and because there are magazines to read. Here one meets a Belgian and a German. Nor are other European countries left unrepresented. One sees here the beaten man who needs a boost upwards. The service is a simple gospel one, with an earnest message, and lots of singing.

Through the kindness of the Dalhousie Y. W. C. A. and with the help of some city ladies, the sailors are being given a social entertainment on Friday Feb. 19. They anticipate a good time.

But too much space has already been taken, and this review must be concluded. Sufficient has been said to show the great possibilities of Student powers when harnessed to something definite and big.

If in this year of trial, something has been done, what may not be accomplished in another year, when we have our past mistakes to warn and our past successes to encourage, with the added act that there will be, even next year, greater agencies with which Student forces may cooperate?  
G. M.

Tuesday evening will see what is anticipated to be the fastest game of the city league series when Dalhousie meet the Crescents at the Arena. Be there to support your team.

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## "OUR EMPIRE AND THE ALLIES."

THE Gazette is fortunate in being able to publish in full the brilliant speech delivered by Mr. John E. Read, Arts, '09, in proposing the toast to "The Empire and our Allies," at the Dalhousie farewell banquet. Mr. Read said:

Mr. Toastmaster, Gentlemen. We are to drink the toast to the Empire and our Allies.

Perhaps the strangest conglomeration of peoples that has ever been drawn together by a great crisis is that which constitutes the Allied Forces.

Boer and Briton, Russian and Japanese, Protestant and Catholic, Roman and Greek, Mohammedan and Hindoo, Buddhist and Infidel, surely History has seen no stranger combination.

We are to drink a toast to the Empire and our Allies, and it is of necessity with mixed feelings that we pledge ourselves.

Japan is playing a minor part but the unanimity with which the people arose to drive the Teuton from the Pacific is significant. We presided over her birth as a world power. Our first toast is one that no Briton will hesitate to drink. The second toast is to the heroes of the Balkans. Serbia was forced to fight or share the fate of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Serbs have fought the gamut of the war. Backed by the Montenegrins they have held at bay one of the world's greatest Empires and against great odds they have won the most decisive and the most glorious victory of this war. Whatever may be said against the Balkan politics we must drink to the courage and endurance of our Balkan Allies.

My third toast is to Russia. After Britain had abandoned her policy of isolation, when the dual entente expanded to form the triple entente, many of our people doubted the wisdom of an understanding with Russia. There are no doubters now.

The great Slavonic Empire is the youngest of the powers. The 17th Century saw the birth of the Russian Nation. Since, the growth of the Empire has been phenomenal. Again and again powers have tried to crush her but every attempt has failed.

Today the Russian Empire's territory exceeds our North American continent in area and population. Its resources are as boundless as our own. Its people are a people with little past, a great present and a greater future. There are many things Russian that we do not understand and more with which we have no sympathy, but we must remember two things. First, many of the Nation's vices are vices of national youth. It is but a half century since the serfs, two-thirds of the people, were freed from bondage. You cannot breed a people in a generation.

In the second place we must not forget the regeneration of Russia that has followed the war. The world has never witnessed a more remarkable outbreak of national spirit or a more marvellous moral revival than that which closed the vodka shops, repealed the measures oppressing the Jews, liberated the Poles and united the whole Empire willingly, even gladly to sacrifice untold lives to crush Teutonic aggression.

The spirit that crushed Napoleon is not dead.

The Germans endeavored to arouse American sympathy by conjuring up a Slavonic peril and by accusing us of a conspiracy

with the Slav to crush the German culture. The events of this war have proved that we should be proud of our Slavonic Serbian alliance. Courage, endurance, and a determination to fight to the bitter end, coupled with a strict observance of the laws of war, such are the characteristics of our Slavonic Allies.

The fourth of our Allies is France. The most popular diplomatic step of recent times was the entente cordiale. The alliance with France, for it was an alliance of sentiment, if not a paper treaty, has always been a source of pride because of the essential sympathy of the peoples. We differ from the French people in temperament, life and manners, but our moral, intellectual political and social ideals are the same. The bond uniting the two greatest European democracies is being forged in fire today. May they unite to uphold the causes of national liberty.

It is hard to speak of the Belgians. Their sacrifice is the finest national act in history. When held up with the demand, "Your honor or your lives" no ordinary sacrifice was demanded. Not only the lives of their soldiers, not only their men were to be slaughtered. To save the nation's honor the Belgians chose to sacrifice their land, their treasures and their men, their women and their children. We can only bow our heads in silence when we commemorate her sacrifice.

Finally we come to a toast that is always with us, but whose real significance we have never before realized. In times of peace the Empire has little reality. The principle of local autonomy has given so large a liberty to our National development that flag flapping was able to masquerade as Imperialism and the true significance of the Imperial tie was hidden.

Not until our Imperial existence was threatened, not until we as a people were called to redeem the Imperial word, did we fully realize the strength of the tie that binds us.

The tie is not one of kindred or of language. Our French Canadians, the Hindoos and Mohammedans of India, and the Boers of the Transvaal show this. The most brilliant of our Colonial Generals is undoubtedly Louis Botha.

The tie that has brought us together is loyalty to the ideals for which our Empire stands. The ideas of liberty, local autonomy, nationality, and justice were threatened by a force whose policy was to impress its own culture on an unwilling world, to Prussianise mankind. The Empire's word was to be fulfilled and to redeem her honor, all local differences were healed and every Dominion, every colony and the Indian Empire arose with one accord. The most satisfactory phase of the war is the fact that we now realize that the ethical ideal is stronger than the dollar. Men are dying today for the principles that underlie our democracy.

Gentlemen, we are drinking a toast this evening to the four great powers and to three smaller states. We are drinking to 650,000,000 people united and sacrificing their best blood their young manhood, nay in one case even their women and children for national honor and the maintenance of national liberty. Our fathers were persecuted and died for the liberty of the individual. We must give our last dollar and our last man to maintain our Imperial Democracy and to preserve the liberty of our Nation.

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## WHY SODALES DOES NOT FLOURISH.

To the Editor of the Dalhousie Gazette,

Dear Sir:—In the last issue of the Dalhousie Gazette there appeared an article in which various derogatory statements were made about the present executive of the "Sodales Debating Society". Prima facie the judgment of the writer of that article need not be considered. The type of man who professes to have the "cure all" and yet contents himself merely in making sweeping statements concerning the rottenness of the disease, must be treated with contempt rather than consideration. But in the editorial column appeared these words "Too many of our societies are suffering from the indifference of the officers. If the student body are indifferent, it is no justification for these officers to shirk work." I heartily agree with the latter part of this quotation but when coupled with the other remark it seems to contain an accusation both unfair and unwarranted.

As a member of the executive of "Sodales" I wish to state that, far from being indifferent, that body spared neither time nor trouble to make "Sodales" fill the position in the University it is meant to fill. Of no avail. Debate after debate was staged, but in spite of the fact that the speakers were the best in their line that this College has to offer the audiences barely outnumbered the speakers.

The Dalhousie student doesn't want "Sodales" and this pill might as well be swallowed un-coated. The executive tried every expedient they could devise to revive the old time interest in "Sodales". But the interest is not there to revive. The executive came to the very end of the rope and the only self respecting thing to do was to drop off.

And so Mr. Editor may I be allowed to say that your inference is all wrong. The student body was only itself to blame for the miserable showing of Sodales. The present Dalhousie Student is inherently selfish. Altruism plays no part in his college activity.

This fact, rather than the excellence of its officers, explains the flourishing condition of the Skating Club. The "Gazette" flourishes only because the students as a whole have nothing to do with its publication. So please don't feed your readers any more pap in the shape of shifted blame. No officers are perfect. They are servants of the students. A business man doesn't blame his firm's failure on the inefficiency of a clerk. An inefficient clerk should be fired.

I think the space given up in the last issue to the editorial and to the amateur muck-raking correspondent could be better employed. Has it occurred to anyone that perhaps there is no further demand for certain of the dead Societies of Dalhousie? Would anyone like to see these societies live? Why not use the paper to create a demand for he things these societies stood for if one thinks those things worth while? But face the facts. A spade's a spade, not a small shovel. "Knocking" is a great institution and to direct a couple of blows at itself would not hurt the Student Body any. And as for the correspondent looking

for the reason why Dalhousie societies don't boom; whosoever he be, let "How" look in the glass and he'll see "Why".

ROBERT LESLIE.

## THE HOUSE SURGEON.

WE confess to a personal preference for the term "House Surgeon" as embracing house physician, house gynecologist, and what not.

The House Surgeon (as we shall then call him), is in receipt of scant consideration by Boards of Trustees, Superintendents of Nurses, and by certain of the public; in fact, he is often made the subject of contemptuous reference. The adjective "young" is often applied to him in a deprecatory sense. He is frequently accused of *Magnum Caput*.

Why is this? Does he, bearing a sense of conscious superiority over his less fortunate competitors and fourth year students, direct his chin at too high an angle? Does pride show itself as a result of the new power given him of transmitting orders to docile young ladies in uniform? Or does dignity sit too heavily on the young medical aristocrat who, newly fledged, clad in his white duck suit, reigns as a small King over forty or fifty subject patients?

After four or five years, filled with "plugging" and self denial, does the final reward of a house-surgeoncy lead to a rebound which shews itself in a change of manner and disposition, reacting unfavourably on the reputation of the medical neophyte? Does the somewhat respectful and timid fourth year man metamorphose suddenly into a bold and cheeky autocrat, as a result of a sudden and unexpected elevation?

We must admit that sometimes this is the case. In every house-staff of ten men you will find one or two who have hereditary or acquired Big Head. They have forgotten their freshman reward for cheek, and by their manner and conduct reflect on the whole house staff body. And often it requires months of tuition from his fellows to round off his angles and make him a tolerable house mate.

He knows it all. He dictates to the rest of the boys. He gives them his chief pointers. But at the end of a fortnight a post mortem is held on one of his patients. The pathologist finds the bladder distended to the umbilicus. This is the beginning of the atrophy of his haughtiness. And he learns sense by degrees, gradually becoming amenable to the ways of the institution. But his "break" effect more or less discredit on the hospital which breaks him and the whole house surgeon body.

Not only does the *Magnum Caput* try to push his authority in the hospital among his patients and fellow house-surgeons but he sometimes tries it on his professors and others over whom he has no authority. An instance of this was given at the medical college a few days ago when a couple of house surgeons were very much offended (as they thought), by the janitor telling them to cease from making so much noise.

Dr. J. G. McDougall has been appointed lecturer in Obstetrics II for the remainder of the present term, owing to the absence of Dr. M. A. Curry who is busy with his military duties.



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THE next examination for the entry of Naval Cadets, will be held at the examination centres of the Civil Service Commission in May, 1915, successful candidates joining the College on or about 1st August. Applications for entry will be received up to 15th April by the Secretary, Civil Service Commission, Ottawa, from whom blank entry forms can now be obtained.

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## DR. MOTT AT MCGILL.

DURING the last week in January, the Young Men's Christian Associations of Toronto, Queens and McGill conducted a series of meetings, which will be long remembered because of their far-reaching effects. John R. Mott was the speaker at all the meetings, and I had the privilege of being at McGill and hearing him. I came to realize more than ever before what a tremendous influence for good Dr. Mott exercises over students and student life throughout the entire world.

Very careful preparations had been made at McGill in order to make the most of Dr. Mott's four-day visit. The various college organizations left the four evenings free and even the military authorities planned the drill periods so that nothing might interfere with his meetings. As there was no university hall large enough, use was made of the new high school hall, which seats about 1200. The average attendance was probably something over 70 per cent. of the men students.

On the day after Dr. Mott's arrival a faculty dinner was given in his honor at which many of the faculty and friends were present. On the next day there met around the table a much smaller group of men, who had come together to help make the meeting a success. The west, the middle west, the east, as well as several States were represented. Every past and present Canadian student association Secretary and several former McGill association secretaries were present. The fact that such a group of men should be brought together shows how important these meetings were felt to be.

Probably no man in the world today exerts so large an influence on the lives and characters of students as does Dr. Mott. He is in demand all over the world for such meetings as those held at McGill. During his last trip through China, special buildings had to be erected in some places to hold the crowds of students who came to hear him, and in one case the government gave him the use of the parliament buildings. In another place the minister of education declared a half holiday in order that an afternoon meeting might be held. Yet in spite of his success on the platform, perhaps his most effective work is done in private, helping individuals or small groups. Hours each day at McGill were spent in this way, and many students there are today living happier and more effective lives because of his kindly help.

Dr. Mott has recently returned from a trip to England and the Continent, where he went soon after the outbreak of the war in the interests of the World's Christian Student Federation. As he has many friends among those high in authority in all the countries at war and as all have confidence in him, he was given privileges and opportunities which probably no one else in the world could have obtained. He was at the front of both armies, in the trenches and through the hospitals and prisons. I think his most interesting meeting was the one in which he related some of his experiences and gave us a vivid picture of the effect of the war on students and institutions and especially on the work of the Student Christian Associations. For example in the Latin Quarter of Paris,

where there are ordinarily 18,000 students, he was able to get together only 4 members of the Christian Student Association. Dr. Mott, in describing what these men, who were left at home, and others like them were doing to carry on the Christian work among their fellows and to cheer those at the front, made us feel that the war was freeing student life from personal selfishness. After seeing what college men in these countries could do and the sacrifices they were willing to make, he said that he should never again make such small demands on them to sacrifice for Christ's Kingdom as he had made in the past.

In the final meeting Dr. Mott made a strong appeal to men to enlist at once in the battle against sin and selfishness in their own lives and in the world.

I sincerely hope Dalhousie men will not miss the opportunity, if it is ever offered them, of hearing Dr. Mott.

HOWARD L. BRONSON.

## NEW BRUNSWICK BAR SOCIETY TO CONFER WITH DALHOUSIE.

THE annual meeting of the New Brunswick Barristers Society was held in Fredericton on Tuesday, February 9th.

The question which received most attention is one that will greatly interest the New Brunswick students studying at Dalhousie. It was the admission of graduates of Dalhousie Law School to the Bar of New Brunswick upon the same terms as those of the St. John Law School.

The proposal, according to the St. John Standard, provoked a "lively discussion which was led off by M. N. Cockburn, K. C., and T. J. Carter, K. C., in favor of even terms to these two sister organizations, the negative side having as leader Attorney-General Baxter who made a strong appeal on the true idea of New Brunswick for the New Brunswickers."

In the course of the discussion the matter of the relation of the St. John Law School to the New Brunswick Barristers Society was threshed out also and finally referred to the council of the latter.

Mr. Cockburn's resolution was for a committee of five to be appointed to confer with representatives of Dalhousie in time to be ratified by the council of the society so as to have power to prepare legislation upon the subject for enactment at the coming session.

An amendment by Mr. Teed, and strongly supported by St. John barristers present, was to strike out all words after "Dalhousie" and insert words "report back to the society."

The purport of the original resolution was to require an examination by Dalhousie graduates upon statutes and procedure only. The amendment was carried by a vote of eleven to five.

The effect of the amendment which was carried is to open negotiations with Dalhousie. A committee of five from the New Brunswick Barristers Society are now arranging a conference with the university authorities, and the outcome of this conference will be awaited with keen interest by the dozen or so New Brunswick students studying at Dalhousie.

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## MEDICINE'S DEBT TO ANCIENT GREECE.

The influence of Greece on science and medicine was discussed in an interesting address by Professor D. Fraser Harris, at Dalhousie University Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 10th. Professor Harris, said in part:—

It may be said without inaccuracy that in ancient Greece we find either the beginnings or the indications of every phase of intellectual activity characteristic of our present civilization not excepting either the study of science or the practice of medicine.

Were one of the Greeks of the time of Archimedes to appear today in the midst of our university activities he would be surprised not at our study of philosophy, logic, ethics, mathematics or languages, but at the state of those applied sciences which deal quantitatively with the various forms of natural energy. The Greek mind could comprehend our contemplating natural happenings and distinguishing their essence from their accidents, but what is so entirely modern is the way in which we have utilized the natural forces and have incarnated energy, harnessed energy to matter and made energy manifest by transmitting one form of it into some other.

It is a matter of common knowledge that the Greeks created the science of mathematics, for Euclid was by no means the only or the earliest Greek geometer. Even Greek architecture was the outcome of the application of scientific principles to procedures for the expression of beauty and stability.

Besides mathematics or the science of spatial relationships, the Greeks studied astronomy, optics, geography, zoology, embryology, botany and medicine. Without instruments of precision they observed so precisely as to predict eclipses. Two universities in Grecian colonies, one at Pergamos in Mysia, the other at Alexandria in Egypt, were famous seats of learning for many centuries.

The lecture was illustrated by portraits and also by a representation of the endless screw of Archimedes and by the steam engine of Hero, of Alexandria.

Professor Fraser Harris went on to speak of Greek medicine, especially as expounded by Hippocrates, the father of medicine.

The deservedly great fame of Hippocrates rests on his insistence that disease is a natural phenomenon and not some irritation of supernatural origin. He studied the sick man, not merely the disease, in an entirely modern manner, he used any kind of agency that would help recovery of health. Not only is the Hippocratic terminology with us yet, but in a sense so also is the humoral pathology—a conception due to Hippocrates. The vix medicatrix naturae, as it becomes in its Latin dress, represents a great biological truth. Hippocrates knew a very great deal more than most people imagine; he knew that the heart contained blood, that an injury on one side of the head produced effects on the opposite side of the body, that the liver secretes bile, and that the lens of the eye has to do with the vision. It was Hippocrates who divided diseases into acute and chronic, endemic and epidemic, and who gave us such terms as syncope, haemorrhage, catarrh, gangrene and glaucoma. His treat-

ment was in some instances more enlightened than that of the middle ages. The oath of Hippocrates is a noble document, it has been for centuries the rule of life in matters medical. The ideals of Hippocrates in ethics were as high as those of his in therapeutics.

The professor then traced the influence of Plato and Aristotle on matters medical and concluded with an account of the school of medicine at Alexandria, where Herophilus and Erasistratus were its most brilliant ornaments.

The lecture concluded with an account of the influence of the Greek on Roman medicine and so on the medicine of the middle ages.

In closing the professor said the golden gleam of the glory that was Greece failed not to light as with the kindly glow of autumn evening's sun the thousand years of those ages which otherwise would have been dark indeed.

## NEW CONSTITUTION BEFORE THE COUNCIL.

Important matters were discussed before a slimly attended meeting of the Council of University Students which met Saturday evening, the 13th of February, in the smoking room at Dalhousie.

A new constitution, containing many important changes, was discussed at length. However, due to the small number present it was decided to lay it on the table for the time being, and have it adopted at a later date. The absence of all the representatives from Arts left no other course open.

Complaints regarding broken furniture in the Medical College were heard, and the Council ordered an investigation to be held in order to determine the parties responsible for the damage. The investigation is to take place on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Several members of the Fifth year Medical class were instructed to be present.

The Council then adjourned to meet on Tuesday the 16th of February at 2 p. m.

## THE KNOCKERS.

Now that the best of the students have volunteered, there remain in college, two classes. The first say little, but when asked do as much as they can. The second are never silent, and never do anything but criticize. They are in Medicine, in Arts and in Law. They find fault with every college institution and never offer to jump in and amend what flaws they see. Among this class, perhaps there is not a more typical example outside of some in Law than a certain Freshman in arts W-p-y by name. "The Gazette is no good" he says. Curiously he has never offered to let the light of his radium-like intelligence shine through the pages of this poor benighted paper. Remember, knockers all, it is easier to be critical than correct, and you can do a lot more good by helping than by constantly fault finding. We know the Gazette is not perfect, but we also know that it will never get any better so long as you stand aside and leave a few do all the work.

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EMIGRAVIT:—When the news of Professor John Johnson's death reached Dalhousie, even those among us who knew him but by hearsay felt that a good friend of the College had passed away. But although he is gone, evidences of his interest and love are still with us. In addition to a bequest of books from his own library, the good professor has left us a sum of money which will enable us to add to the library yearly, books to the value of something like sixty dollars—a very substantial help. Such indications of loyalty and belief in the old College, serve to encourage and strengthen even when the times seem against us and much of the way uphill.

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RESTITUTIO:—Sometimes the unforeseen will happen. The library records show one curious incident. It is the custom in the spring for certain ambitious students to borrow books for summer reading. Once one student borrowed sixteen. Before they were returned the man was burnt out, and

the fire, being no respecter of alien property, library books disappeared with the rest. Through some oversight the library receipts lay neglected for a space of ten years. When they were accidentally discovered, a notice to the effect that the books had never been returned, was immediately sent to the borrower. He has since made compensation. A moral may be suggested. Students and graduates, why not look over your books once again, and if perchance one should bear the College book plate, why not send it home with due promptness, and so, mayhap escape the wrath of the avenger.

## SODALES AND ITS RECORD.

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September, and the result was that the first meeting of the society did not take place till early in October. Now, according to the constitution, both the subject and the side of it which Dalhousie is to uphold must be decided by the 9th, I think it is, of December. Therefore, since a number of preliminary debates must be held before the six men for the after Xmas trial debate are chosen, it became necessary for us to close down on the league debates, early in November. Thus the e was very little more than five weeks for this league to be carried on.

In common with every other college activity, general interest this year has been lacking, and it is quite right that such should be the case. Notwithstanding this, however, your executive prepared a schedule which if continued would have carried the league debates well on into the after Xmas term. This original plan was not adhered to for several reasons. We found it almost impossible to get one faculty to enter a team at all, and another failed to put in an appearance on the very eve of the debate. Added to this, we knew well that interest in this society invariably falls off after the choice of the final six. Therefore, since such was the case before Xmas when, under circumstances the spirit of debating is keenest, your executive after failing to get one debate on after Xmas, decided to let the thing drop for this year.

In conclusion then, et me state; "Howe" certainly to d the truth when he said that he knew nothing about the Society's past. Otherwise, he would never have laid upon the present executive the blame for all the inherent faults in Sodales which have been accumulating for the last four years. He speaks of our methods and is not himself a member of the executive. Obviously, his assertions are based on sinking sand. Common sense should have told him that where the live interest of the student body is not behind it, the executive can do nothing. He says that the intercollegiate committee could do all the work that we are doing. One person, I suppose, could do all the work of all the different college societies. Unfortunately for Howe's logic it is not a question of Could, but rather one of Would or Should. The Intercollegiate committee is composed of men who though very busy, yet, through pure kindness of heart and a real interest in debating give their services to us. To ask them to do more than they are now doing, would be, I submit, to add insult to injury.

Finally, I acknowledge that the society has many weaknesses for some of which perhaps, the Executive may be responsible. But that we have been lackadaisical in our efforts or negligent in our duty, I deny.

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THE Freshmen in Arts are highly incensed because of certain remarks hurled at them from a certain professorial chair.

It appears that some of the Freshmen have made a habit of attending lectures wearing sweaters. The professor in question has drawn the attention of the whole Freshman class to the two or three individuals who have defied custom and who have dared to be sensible and attend lectures wearing the comfortable garb.

The Freshmen propose holding a meeting to consider the professor's remarks which they characterize as uncalled for and displaying questionable taste. It does seem extraordinary that a professor, who is paid wages to talk about a particular subject, should so far forget himself as to deliver a speech on the wearing apparel of his listeners. A man is not judged by what he wears. A college man does not receive an important appointment merely because he is immaculate in his dress. Neither is a university degree granted for such a reason. Then why should a professor discuss the subject during his lecture? To waste time might be one explanation. A college is known not by graduates of the Beau Brummel type, but by the Samuel Johnsons. Despite any Chesterfieldian remark on this subject, one respects the Johnson and scorns the Brummel. S. C.

### THE COLLEGE WHO'S WHO.

A. A.—A is for Alexander. Nay gentle reader this is not written for the sake of teaching the alphabet. We begin with Alec not because "Alec" begins with A, likewise does Anderson, but because here is the most important man in college, the new Alexander the Great, ever sighing that there are no new worlds to conquer, no new resources to be tapped, no new veins of wealth to be bled by his skilful touch. Johannes factotum, lord of language, prince of practicality, the most picturesque albeit prosaic piece of humanity in college, may the world treat him as often as he could expect!

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decared he would not be insulted and by a friend. The rotund orator of P's own faculty once accused him of 'corporosity'. P pleaded guilty. His ancestors were Irish or there's no truth in heraldry. Coat of arms: a lion rampant on a field argent, paw on the neck of a couchant potter. Trace of a smile on the lion's face.

J. K. S.—K stands for Kibosh. S for Satan Wielder of the mightiest weapon ever forged. Perverter of truth, muck-raker, ghoul, vampire, editor of the Gazette. For further detail see Acadia Athenaeum, Original of the Mona Lisa. Note the enigmatic smile. His only horror is interviews. Courteous and attentive to women. Passionately admired. Proud possessor of a paint brush filter of puree, loyal to his alma mater and filled with the pertinent feeling for the professors. Coat of Arms:—Hades aflame; gargoyles prying off the lid with a quill.

A. S. M.—Official Goat, i. e. scape goat, of the faculty and of the students. Receiver General of Complaints. Doctor of Diverse Diseases. Motto Lev. 16:22 "And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities into a land not inhabited and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness." Pennant: Ship of state, stern figure transposed becoming figure head. Coat of Arms: Hares and hounds; blurred figure between.

### ARTS AND SCIENCE.

Although the discussion or Friday the Twelfth was truly momentous it failed to create much interest. "Resolved that the French Revolution was justifiable" was the subject which Arts and Science decided for posterity, in a very few minutes.

Messrs. McLean and Livingstone appeared for the defence. They justified this movement from every standpoint, holy and profane even to the dance in Notre Dame. Messrs. Harris and MacLeave attacked the men of The Mountain, the Girondins and the rest of them as Murderers, Rogues, Bourgeois, Coquins, Voleurs, et plusieurs autres choses. C. M. McInnes was critic. The judges very wisely decided that taking all in all, though clothed in Hel fire, The French Revolution was justifiable.

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## ATHLETICS

### THE WANDERERS DOUBLE THE SCORE ON DALHOUSIE.

Tuesday evening, Feb'y. 16th—The Wanderers doubled the score on Dalhousie, the count being 4 to 2. The ice was in bad shape and very soft which slowed up the pace considerably.

The result of this game puts the Crescents tie with Dalhousie and the championship depends on the result of next Tuesday night's game. The Crescents are in good shape while the Tigers have been considerably off color of late.

The defeat of the yellow and black may be directly attributed in a measure to an injudicious shifting of players. Weldon Fraser, one of the best defence players in the league for some unknown reason was played on the wing in the second half, and G. Harley replaced him on the defence. The result was anything but successful, as the sterling defence man was clearly out of place on the wing, Richmond was forced to play in a new position while the rejuvenated Dal team played with a sieve like regularity. With this disorganized line up the Wanderers stick handled twice thru to the nets and the college forwards put up a poor exhibition. Moore as usual blocked and cleared with precision.

The red and black showed to up advantage.

The collegians were first to break the ice, when William Fraser scored from a mix-up in nine minutes, on a rebound off Scriven's pads. Monahan evened it up on a pass from Hunter in twenty two minutes. The first half ended, Dal. 1, Wanderers 1.

The second half started out at a good pace and after considerable individual work, Weldon Fraser scored on a pass from Richmond. From the face off Hunter dribbled the rubber thru the Dal defence beating out Moore on a rebound off his shot. Monahan put the Wanderers in the lead on a pretty individual rush to Moore's feet in twelve minutes. The Dal forwards were continually over-skating the puck and the referees were kept busy on off sides. With three minutes to play Calnen ran down the wing and counted. The game ended, Wanderers 4, Dalhousie 2.

The game furnished a good display of goal tending. Morrison who appeared for the first time in the nets, put up a fine game and by clever work turned many difficult shots aside. Moore, the Dalhousie goaler, was in front of everything and his high class work completely nullified the efforts of the Tech forwards. Captain Bill Fraser was the star scorer of the evening, getting seven out of the eight scores. All of which were the result of timely and unselfish passing by his team-mates. Weldon Fraser staged many brilliant rushes, invariably combining with Wm. Fraser and Richmond. Gordon Richmond was as usual a hard worker and was on the puck continually. Sears and Murray were easily the best of the Grey and Blue, the former playing his best game to date.

### DALHOUSIENSIA.

Tram Conductor (to Freshie M--re): Fare Sir?  
M--re (wrapped in dreams of his girl at Dartmouth): 'Eh, what-fair? No; a brunette!'

Nurse at V. G. Hospital: "Will you stay for dinner today Mr. G-df-ey, we have Sour-kraut?"

A. T. G-df-ey (thinking of home): No I will not

Dr. Smith: "What is the last stage of Locomotor Ataxia?"

H-n-s: "Death, doctor."

Dr. Smith: "No gentlemen, the undertakers carriage is the last."

J Ill-ey "A prohibitionist will sometimes make an intemperate speech."  
Hos. Di-k-e: "Yes, but do you think B-rry M-re is a prohibitionist?"

K-r-pa-r'-ck, (examining a patient) "Where do you feel the pain?"

Patient: "In my stomach, doctor."

H. W. K: "Yes-er-but couldnt you locate it a little more definite'y."

K. W--d-v-y:—(returning to the dental laboratory whistling, after conversing with two of his friends about some co-ed "mix up"). "This is the life."

### MEDICAL NOTES.

T. R. Dwyer, Med. 16, is at the Halifax Infirmary suffering of a severe illness. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

On January 29th, Dr. G. H. Murphy lectured before the Dal. Medical Society on the "Surgery of wounds and accidents."

After an experience of 12 years in the mining towns of Cape Breton, Dr. Murphy had ample facts for his subject and thoroughly described to the students the different classes of wounds and fractures, method of treatment and functional results.

In the absence of Pres. H. S. Moore, the speaker was introduced by J. A. Curry. The motion of tendering a vote of thanks to the speaker, was given by G. V. Graham and seconded by A. Blackett.

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## THIS IS THE CHALLENGE.

On behalf of the World's Student Christian Federation, Karl Fries, chairman, and John R. Mott, Gen. Sec'y., have issued a call to all the universities, colleges, and higher schools to observe Sunday, Feb. 28th 1915 as a Universal Day of Prayer for Students.

What does this mean? Has it any interest to us in Dalhousie? This Christian student movement has branches in 2500 different universities and colleges in over forty nations (including all the nations now at war) and a combined membership of over 155,000 students and professors. One can easily see the influence this Federation must have had in making for the unity and harmony of the world when such a cosmopolitan association of students of almost every race and tongue felt that they were really one in bringing, especially to the student world a vision of the highest ideals of our humanity.

But now the moorings have been slipped and the old order violently changed. In the face of our great world crises "when the foundations are heaving and everything seems to be slipping", comes this challenge to prayer from the WORLD'S student Christian Federation, in the profound conviction that "as we contemplate the overwhelming catastrophe which has come upon the world, the serious consequences of which are already being felt in every country it becomes increasingly clear that nothing less than the overruling and the irresistible working of God can bring true peace and harmony among the people."

Such a call as this needs no urging in Dalhousie. As Britishers we are fighting now a war of righteousness for the emancipation of a world from the ideals that have made possible the carnage of our day. This freedom can come ultimately only as the ideals of Jesus become the motive power in life.

To this end, we, as a university will observe the Universal Day of Prayer for Students by holding a MASS MEETING in the MUNROE ROOM, FEB. 28th at 3 p. m. sharp. By request Dr. J. W. Falconer will deliver his address on "Henry Drummond", the idol of Scottish students.

If you believe, or are interested in the faith that believes that God is now waiting on human agency to do a greater work than has ever yet been done, come.

This will be the first of our after-Xmas series of addresses. Rev. Mr. Cohoe has been asked to give two lectures on a subject of interest to all students. Further announcement later.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

If your name has not appeared in this column make sure it will be there next issue by remitting us the amount due and oblige.

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## INVESTIGATION.

Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock the Council of the Students held a special session to try and determine who, if any person, were responsible for trouble complained of at the Medical College.

The investigating committee consisted of Messrs. MacMillan, Nichols, and Phinney. J. K. Swanson acted on behalf of the prosecution and J. D. Vair, LL. B. defended. The committee took all the available evidence and later decided to dismiss as unsubstantiated several of the complaints and to refer their finding to the Senate in the others.

As a result several will be minus the greater portion of a one spot to replace the damaged furniture.

## CAPT. MacKAY.

Dalhousians will be pleased to learn that J. K. MacKay of Pictou, who attended the Law School last year and left last fall to go to the front as Captain in the field artillery, which was mobilized at Fredericton, has been promoted to the rank of Major, thus giving Dalhousie the honour of having three sons on this battery, Major MacKay, Captain Chisholm and Lieutenant Read.

Another Dalhousian has answered his country's call and it is no other than John E. Read, lecturer in Real Property, and former Rhodes scholar for Dalhousie.

## ACADEMY PLAYERS.

This coming week will find the players in "Hindling". This is a very strong play and will give the cast a good chance to show their ability and will not be behind "Officer 666" in popularity.

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