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### EDITORIALS.

The Elections are over, and the country has declared itself for Union Government. Whatever opinion one may hold of the methods employed in campaigning, the new party has certainly inaugurated a vigorous and effective programme, which shows that Canada is more emphatically in the war than ever.

The Relief Commission has at last been appointed, and cannot fail to afford satisfaction to those who are genuinely interested in the welfare of the community. In its selection, politics have fortunately not been taken into consideration, and consequently the self-seeking party favorites, all too common in Halifax, have not obtained the coveted positions. It would be difficult to discover men of higher integrity and ability than the two local members. That both are professional men is a fact that should be pleasing to educational circles. However, it is doubtful if the members of the Civic Corporation will be satisfied with the personelle of the Commission. There is already much bitterness among them, as they feel that they have been slighted, and this sentiment is not likely to be alleviated by their omission from the new Board.

### RELIEF WORK AMONG THE WOMEN.

Dalhousie girls responded nobly and promptly to the call for voluntary helpers. The day of the explosion many of them went directly to the hospitals, emergency and permanent, where, among the horrible confusion and sickening scenes, they did what they could towards assisting the doctors. Others helped in distributing food and clothing, or in house to house visiting.

It would be impossible to tell of every case in detail, but a few should be quoted as being typical. Bert Colwell worked at the Victoria General from Thursday afternoon until Saturday afternoon without sleep. Marion Doane did ward work at Camp Hill until December twenty-fourth. One night she was in full charge of a ward of 30 people. Mary Dickson did the cooking and the errands for the Emergency Hospital into which her father had transformed their house.

Perhaps the most interesting achievement was that of Margaret Wright and Mabel White. After the explosion they went to Rockhead prison, which was in a state of terrible confusion. Although it was in the devastated area, they remained there until Saturday with no relief. With them were the Misses Josephine and Helen Crichton. These four girls had complete charge of the prison for two days and nights.

The appended list, while by no means complete, may give some idea of the work that the girls did.

Ward work at the various hospitals: Freda Creighton, Bert Colwell, Merle Colpitt, Anna Creighton, Miss Clark, Marion Doane, Gwen Fraser, Ruth Glasel, Miss Harris, Miss Lindsay, Emmeline and Arabella McKenzie, Christine McKinnon, Sally MacDonald, Jean MacDonald, Christine MacLeod, Nell Melrose, Velma Moore, Florence Murray, Eliphail Nichols, Margaret Pugsley, Jean Ross, Frances Russel, Katherine Tattrie.

Jess Campbell nursed a houseful of people in the devastated area.

Natalie Littler, Jean Moriarty, Elsie Campbell, Merle Colpitt, Miss Lindsay did clerical and office work for various branches of the Relief.

Mrs. Anderson was Dr. Dickson's very able assistant.

Olga Clemen '17 helped to pack some of the clothing which was sent from Boston.

Others who did work of various kinds were: the Henry girls, Ruth Glasel, Carol McInnis, Mona MacDonald, Sarah Morash, and Marjorie Stalling.

The editors would welcome corrections of this list and further information.

### CASUALTIES AT DALHOUSIE.

The students were very fortunate in escaping the flying glass. So far as can be ascertained, only two were seriously injured.

Hamilton, who lost an eye, and Miss Gunn, who sustained wounds in the face and hands. Several of the occupants of the Law Library at the time received minor cuts and bruises.

Miss Clark of the Studley office was sitting beside a window which blew in, but by one of those miracles, so commonplace in this catastrophe, she was not harmed at all.

This issue sees the inauguration of the *Gazette*. Hereafter it is the hope of the staff to publish it weekly so that its news items will not possess the venerable qualities of cold storage eggs. It has been necessary to reduce the size of the paper, and we trust that the students will bear with us if all does not move smoothly at the beginning. A weekly *Gazette* is an innovation at Dalhousie, and it may take a short time to readjust the editorial machine to its new requirements.

### THE OFFICIAL HISTORIAN.

Although the transactions of the Relief Committee have not all been greeted with unanimous public approval, there can be no possible criticism of the appointment of Dr. McMechan as Official Historian. Certainly, no other man in Halifax or Nova Scotia could fulfil the requirements of such a difficult position. The amount of work involved is tremendous. As every inhabitant of Halifax fairly oozes information, the data that must be sifted and filed away would fill the Britannica to overflowing, and out of it a narrative of reasonable length must be constructed. The undertaking is enormous, but one to which Dr. MacMechan is thoroughly equal. He has a very competent assistant in Miss Jessie Macaloney, a former Dalhousienne.

### RELIEF WORK AMONG COLLEGIANS

The horror and suffering of the explosion were almost equalled by the glory of the sacrifices that were made to alleviate the misery of others. During the first days selfishness was a thing of the past, the universal cry was "What can I do; what can I give up?" Death came to Halifax, but with him was an all-overwhelming love that rose triumphantly from the bloody ashes. Perhaps for the first time we realised the true significance of Christianity.

Dalhousians did not lag in these efforts to lift the city from the abyss into which it had been hurled. In any place where relief work was progressing, the hospitals, the bread lines, the clothing depots, students were to be found. The Medicals did strenuous work in dressing wounds and at the hospitals, a task which still continues. On another page will be seen a list of the girls who were employed in aiding the stricken. Unfortunately no such list of the men exists, but not because they achieved less than their sisters in learning. Dalhousie has every reason to be proud that her children did not falter in the crisis.

### NOT EVEN T.N.T. COULD STOP THE EXAMS.

The Faculty, always so tenderly considerate of the students, felt that, in spite of the catastrophe, it would be shameful to deprive them of the Christmas Examinations, and so, on the twenty-first of January, they played Santa Claus, by presenting us with a series of one hour quizzes. Then, lest we grow blasé with inaction, they ordained that lectures should continue through the Examination period. Great was the gnashing of teeth among the afflicted, as the explosion had blown every molecule of knowledge out of many a normally near-vacuum. Everyone agreed that district visiting was much more educational than the Ablative Absolute, but alas the callous Senate refused to adopt this humanitarian idea.

DALHOUSIANS AND MEDICAL  
RELIEF WORK.

It is, perhaps, not amiss that a few facts should be noted in the *Gazette* in regard to the part played by Dalhousie students during the hours immediately following the tragedy of December 6th, 1917.

Within fifteen minutes after the explosion, probably every student in the higher three years was rendering first aid, and the majority of students from every faculty were assisting in a variety of ways as numerous as the needs they saw. In a few hours most of the medicals and a goodly number of the others had found places of usefulness in the dressing stations, and particularly at the Victoria General and Camp Hill hospitals. To describe what occurred there would only recall to our readers scenes that they would rather forget. Suffice to it say that the majority of Dalhousians responded with true Dalhousie spirit to the needs of their suffering fellows. The fifth year men were at work for hours at a time, doing things in the operating rooms and wards of the V. G. H. of which specialists need not have been ashamed. Students of the fourth year did dressings, gave anaesthetics, and in many ways made practical application of surgical knowledge recently acquired. Other Medicals and members of the various faculties fitted into places of usefulness.

Many worked with little or no sleep for thirty or forty hours, until the sufferers had been temporarily as comfortable as possible, or until relief workers from outside the city arrived to carry on.

This brief statement is made doubly desirable in view of the reflection cast in a few quarters upon the action of the students. The plain fact is that every Medical and the majority of the others remained in Halifax, and worked strenuously until the task of caring for the wounded was undertaken by the better qualified doctors and nurses, who so splendidly came to the rescue from outside points. In doing this, they simply answered the call of a great need with their best, as Christian men and women should answer it, and are deserving of no particular praise therefor. If there is any one class of Dalhousians which, in the writer's estimation, is deserving of special mention, it is the young ladies of the University, who so quietly went to work, assisting in the dressing of wounds, and ministering to the comfort of patients amid scenes of agony and death to which they were absolutely unaccustomed, and which are known to have shocked the nerves of even those accustomed to surgical work.

There were a few regrettable actions by the students. A very few failed to do their duty as college men and women, but the majority lived through the days of testing in a manner of which Dalhousians anywhere have no need to be ashamed. Of the splendid work of every member of the Faculty in Medicine, let some more gifted pen relate a story that should rank high among the best traditions of the profession.

K. A. B.

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## EXCHANGES.

*The Argosy*, (Mount Allison, Jan., 1917), has much of interest in its columns. The articles are refreshingly free from that amateurishness which mars the work of so many collegiate quill-drivers. Particularly good is the department called "Sacks and Bubbles," which contains an excellent parody of the Ancient Mariner. Only one criticism could be offered. Why sprinkle the pages with selections from Wordsworth so often quoted that they have grown somewhat hackneyed.

*The Iodine Chronicle*, *The Splint Record*, and *Now and Then*, are journals of the trenches, but they would make even Park Row puff with pride. They should be an object lesson to those of our own periodicals which tend towards pessimism. Although these little pages are published practically within range of the Germans, optimism is their keynote. They are free from the pathos and cheap heroics of most of the war literature that is current. Not one paragraph could be accused of dullness. No Dalhousian who lingers in the library should miss the opportunity of reading them.

THREE CHEERS FOR THE CARNEGIE  
INSTITUTE.

The explosion of December 6th caused considerable damage to the college. In the library building many windows and doors were shattered, and all but one of the handsome electrical fixtures in the library proper. The woodwork was badly scarred by particles of glass. Saddest calamity of all was the destruction of the impressive bust, which, some freshmen were wont to suppose, represented Howard delivering the rules of quantity. The Science and Medical Buildings also suffered severely.

Great was the consternation of those who control the financial destinies of Dalhousie. This unexpected outlay would exhaust a large portion of the none too opulent treasury. Some reports estimated it at \$20,000. Be that as it may, the burden of Dalhousie would have been considerably increased, as Government compensation is at present mirage-like.

As the Carnegie Institute had contributed to the construction of the Science Building, President McKenzie thought that they might be willing to aid in its rehabilitation, and telegraphed such a request to them. Imagine the joy of the usually unemotional Senate when an answer was received offering to assume all expenses, not only for the Science Building, but for all damage that Dalhousie had sustained.

## WANTED 500 SUBSCRIBERS.

The *Gazette* needs subscribers. Each year there has been a small deficit which will probably increase. If our circulation were only one half as large as it should be, our finances would be in first rate condition. Students and Alumni of Dalhousie, won't each of you try to get us at least one subscriber.

We have also heard that some of our old subscribers have not received their copies regularly. If such should be the case, would they kindly notify the Business Manager, and he will endeavour to remedy this state of affairs.

## ALUMNI JOTTINGS.

Cyril Evans, '14, is now in England.

Margaret Ross is doing Relief Work in Halifax.

Jessie Campbell makes finding a seat at the Academy a very pleasant task.

Mr. Sherman Rogers, chairman of the Halifax Relief Commission, is the father of Marshall Rogers, '16.

Lieut. Whelpley, '19, recently returned to Canada, is in charge of the Emergency Hospital at the Y. M. C. A.

R. M. MacGregor, a former Dalhousian, took a prominent part in New Glasgow Relief Work, as did also D. G. Davis, in Truro.

Stanley Fraser, who has gone back to the land, bestowed his unctious presence upon the Short Course at the Agricultural College, Truro.

Miss Knaut, matron of the Protestant Orphanage, who lost her life in the catastrophe, was an aunt of Roger Munnis and Wilfred Knaut, who are now in France.

Stewart Lindsay, a brilliant graduate of the Medical College, now serving overseas, has been offered the Chair of Pathology in the University of Saskatchewan.

Margaret Irwin, who only a few years ago was a shy little freshette from Wine Harbour, has developed into that queen of the Superwenschen, Mrs. MacLeod, whose charms knock Irene Castle, Justine Johnson, and even Kay Laurel into the traditional cocked hat.

A signal tribute has been paid one of our Alumni, James Edwin Creighton of the Sage School of Philosophy of Cornell University, in commemoration of twenty-five years of service as a teacher and scholar. Twenty-two of his former students, of whom twenty are professors and instructors in Philosophy in as many Universities, have united in producing a volume of "Philosophical Essays in honour of James Edwin Creighton". (MacMillan, \$2.00). Such a tribute is practically unique, and it is gratifying that it has been conferred upon a son of Dalhousie. Besides doing much to increase the standing of the Sage School, and issuing a text book of logic, Mr. Creighton has been for twenty-five years editor of the "Philosophical Review," the chief organ in America of the classical and scholarly tradition of Philosophy. A review of this volume will appear in a later number of the *Gazette*.

## IN THE MORGUE, HALIFAX.

In the dim mortuary,  
Bare beams overhead,  
I pass along the lines  
Of the lonely dead.

A weary pilgrim to  
This tragic place,  
Eager yet half-afraid  
To find your face.

Down the long rows I go,  
Too numb for grieving,  
Although my quest is vain,  
Always believing

Somewhere, someday, somehow,  
When all paths are trod,  
We twain shall meet again  
In the arms of God.

The Faculty is not likely to be overwhelmed with bouquets for some time. Plucks in the recent exams were almost as frequent as criticisms of the *Gazette*.

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We are in receipt of several pamphlets from the Food Controller, expressing simply and directly the very real shortage of supplies, and the vital necessity of conservation. Surely, Dalhousie students can afford to sacrifice the usual "stuffing" after skating and the movies. Ice cream, afternoon tea, and sweets, while doubtless delightful to the palate dulled by boarding house menu are certainly not essential, and they do comprise materials, which might be used in a more beneficial way.

## ANSWERS TO THE ANXIOUS.

(Note. The editors of the *Gazette* have arranged with Anastasia Adamsapple, to devote her deep knowledge of life to the solving of the problems that confront our readers. If you are love-lorn or otherwise perplexed, write to Anastasia, and we will publish her answer.)

Q.—Dear Miss Adamsapple:—My husband has not been home for twelve years. How shall I welcome him back?—Fond Wife.  
A.—With a brick.

Q.—Dear Madame:—All the girls are crazy about me. It is hard to be neutral. What can I do? Handsome Freshman.  
A.—Kill yourself. It will save them sorrow.

Q.—Dear Miss Adamsapple:—A contest is being held for the purpose of choosing the most beautiful man in the world. I enclose my photo. Do you think I could qualify? G-ll-gh-r.  
A.—You might—for the Rogue's Gallery

Q.—Dear Lady:—What would I wear to the funeral of my fourth husband?  
A.—A hopeful smile.

Q.—Dear Miss Adamsapple:—I am temperamentally a gypsy. Can you tell me of some journey that has the charm of uncertainty and danger? Ulysses Jr.  
A.—Take a trip on any Halifax street car—after making your will.

## TO A FRIEND.

I shall not go back to despair,  
Or days of utter loneliness.  
Through the long hours of emptiness,  
I shall remember you were fair.  
The shadows tangled in your hair,  
Your dewy eyes, the slenderness  
Of your pale hands, the tenderness  
With which you greeted me, my dear.

I shall not go back to despair—  
Q barren garden, having known  
The glory of a rose full blown.  
Can never again be wholly bare;  
And, for your memory alone,  
I shall not go back to despair.

Pearls from the lips of Professor Mac-Kay:

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