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### M. C. FOR GERALD GRANT.

Another Dalhousian has been decorated for services rendered to the Empire in the course of the titanic struggle just ended. Captain Gerald Grant, C. A. M. C., has been awarded the Military Cross. Captain Grant, who is the son of one of the most popular Lieutenant-Governors that Nova Scotia has ever known, graduated from the Dalhousie Medical College and went for postgraduate work to Edinburgh University, which, in the old Stewart-Lindsay days, was so close to Dalhousie. Upon the outbreak of war, he entered the Army Medical Corps, and has since performed signal work, in spite of several prolonged illnesses. Dalhousie rejoices with his family in the honour conferred upon him.

### ALEXANDER MACFARLANE SEAMAN

Another sad message from the western front came to Amherst today advising friends here of the death of Alexander Macfarlane Seaman, son of the late Ephriam Seaman and Mrs. Charlotte Seaman, of Minudie. The message stated in brief that he was "killed in action." The late Mr. Seaman was a graduate of the Dalhousie Law School, and after passing his examinations in that college entered the office of Ralston, Hanway & Ralston in this town. He enlisted with the 85th Battalion and crossed over as a private in that regiment.

Mr. Seaman was a young man of sterling character and marked ability. He had the promise of a bright future before him in the legal profession, but cheerfully abandoned his work here to enlist in the 85th Battalion, and has been through many of the big battles on the Western front.

The firm of Ralston, Hanway & Ralston has suffered keenly in this war. Capt. Pineo, who was connected with the firm, went over with the Mounted Rifles, and was killed in action. Mr. Seaman then took his place, and the news comes today that he also has paid the supreme sacrifice. Major Ivan Ralston is another member who suffered death in this great struggle, and the senior member, Col. J. L. Ralston, himself has been wounded. Few law firms in this Province have such a record of faithful service.—Amherst News.

### CATHERINE COLQUHON.

It is with the deepest regret that the Gazette records the death of Catherine Colquhoun in Brooklyn, New York, where she had gone to engage in settlement work. She succumbed to Spanish Influenza. Miss Colquhoun spent several years at Dalhousie and speedily won the respect and love of her fellow students. She took a prominent part in the various activities of the University. At the time of the explosion, she was one of the most enthusiastic of the workers. She joined the staff of the Relief Commission and was later transferred to the Halifax Bureau of Social Service. She had positive genius for this sort of work and a woman prominent in local philanthropic circles said that she had never met anyone with so much sympathy and tact. Her sudden death was a hardship to the cause of humanity as well as to her grief-stricken family.

### THE LAW SOCIETY.

The Law Society, this year more thriving than ever, has asked for a corner of the Gazette all to itself. So far no copy has been forthcoming, but it is hoped that some will be on hand in time for the next issue. The Law School is large this year, and full of pep and energy. Several returned soldiers are numbered among the new students. Moot Courts are being held weekly.

### MEDICINE.

The faculty of medicine has a large enrollment this term particularly in the first two years. There are a number of returned soldiers, some of whom have served in hospitals at the front. There were many men in khaki, as the military authorities had detailed men to study medicine. Since the signing of the armistice, these have been discharged from the army.

### EXAMS.

Examination time is painfully near, the enforced seclusion from social dissipation is already beginning. One bright spot filters through the gloom;—thanks to the influenza ban, there is less work to be reviewed.

### CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

When you are doing your Christmas shopping, don't forget the lessons that the war has taught, and relapse to selfishness. Put the poor and needy above your friends and members of your family, and contribute something to the Funds to make their Christmas cheery. Above all, remember the soldiers and the sailors, particularly those in hospital.

### DR. MacMECHAN'S LECTURE.

As the Gazette goes to press, Dr. Archibald MacMechan is scheduled to speak on Tuesday night on Marjory Pickthall, the Canadian poetess. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Alumnae association. It goes without saying that an evening of pure intellectual delight is assured all those who attend. Dr. MacMechan's ability as a speaker and scholar need no comment. There are few men on this continent who are better read, or more ardent adherents of the beautiful in literature. Dr. MacMechan's path has been far from an easy one. The Nova Scotian temperament holds much of the Philistine and is sometimes a trifle uncouth. Dr. MacMechan's efforts to combat impure English have often been misunderstood. Yet he has never been discouraged and, in spite of apathy and often wanton resistance, he has never turned aside from his ideal. His contribution to the culture of Nova Scotia has been invaluable.

As for his subject, Marjory Pickthall is one of the few Canadian writers who is really an artist. She has done but little, a mere handful of poems in two short volumes, but her little is worth more than the accomplishment of all Canadian Rhymesters put together, with but few exceptions. She has a deep feeling for beauty, a remarkable sense of rhythm and volume. Her verse is more purely melodious than that of any other living poet. She is a credit to Canada in a field criminally uncultivated, a clear, melodious instrument among a babble of bombastic tawdry jingle.

### THE STUDENT CONFERENCE.

The Dalhousie Missionary Conference opened on Friday December 6th, and continued over the week-end. All the sessions were well attended, and the various speakers were given an enthusiastic reception. The programme was as follows:—

Friday evening, Rev. E. G. Cock, of India, addressed a meeting in the Munro Room, which was followed by a social hour.

Saturday, 7.30 p. m., basketball game in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, followed by a meeting in the hall of St. Matthew's Church at 8.30.

Sunday, 10 a. m., prayer meeting in the Munro Room.

11 a. m., service in St. Matthew's Church, with a students' choir in attendance. A. F. Robb, of Korea, was the speaker.

3 p. m., Mr. Herman, former Y. M. C. A. secretary, of Madras, India, addressed a meeting in the Munro Room.

7 p. m., service in Robie Street Methodist Church.

The meetings were open to the public.

PERSONALS, (Additional).

Allister G. MacKinnon, who has been at the Royal Military College, has returned to Dalhousie.

Miss Leila Chase has temporarily, at least, abandoned her medical ambitions.

Charles C. Mitchell is now in France.

Captain and Mrs. Hugh Bell have returned to Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Simon Holmes, parents of Mrs. Murray MacNeil, who have been in California for the past few years, will spend the winter in Halifax.

Dominative Jean Ross, who was one of the few girls who preserved the gown tradition, is teaching school in the wilds of the wooly west.

Kenneth Clark, who fitted briefly through Dalhousie last year, is a member of the staff of the Morning Chronicle.

Lieut. Charles Mitchell, '19, is taking a Machine Gun course near London.

Wilfred Knaut, '19, who went overseas two years ago with an Ammunition Column, was recently admitted to Hospital, suffering from burns from shell-fire.

K. A. Baird, business manager of this turbulent sheet, spent the summer as secretary of the Y. M. C. A. rooms at the Reconstruction Barracks, Windsor St.

Mary Ross, one of our ideas of feminine beauty, who has been doing Relief Work in Halifax, has gone to England to act as secretary for a lady prominent in war work.

Christine McKinnon is instilling mathematics into the students at H. L. C.

Lt.-Colonel Willits, commandant of the R. C. R., a son-in-law of Professor MacMechan, was slightly wounded about a month ago.

Mrs. Hugh Stairs will soon return from England.

Miss Marjorie MacKenzie, the President's daughter has gone to Bryn Mawr to complete her course there.

Edith MacMechan has deserted Dalhousie, and is now acting as secretary to Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell, who is at present resident in Baddeck. She spent last week-end in Halifax.

Jessie Campbell, in addition to cleaning up her Arts Course, is a reporter on the Daily Echo.

The Gazette welcomes to Dalhousie, Mr. Gee A'Hearn, who has almost reconciled us to a paper for whom we feel scant affection.

Nursing Sister Margaret McKenzie, sister of Arabella and Emelyn of Dalhousie fame, who has cared for the wounded on practically every front, spent a brief furlough in Canada.

READ THE ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Gazette requests its readers to liberally patronise those firms who advertise in these columns. The revenue derived from them plays a vital part in making publication of the periodical possible, and their investment represents a true interest in the college, for the value of the Gazette as an advertising medium has hitherto been questionable. This would not be the case if the students were generous with their patronage, as we hope they will be in future. We can vouch for the reliability of our advertisers. Moreover the goods that they carry are all of use and interest to the students. If you need to purchase anything, please go to a concern that advertises in the Gazette.

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IMPORTANT SOCIAL EVENT.

The most important social event in Halifax for the past five years is the "Carnival de l'Armistice," which is to be held at Government House on January 7th under the auspices of the Princess Louise Chapter of the I. O. D. E. To members of elementary French the title may sound formidable, but translated, it means just plain dance. All dancing Dalhousians should keep the evening open, even though there may be a chemistry quiz next day. The Princess Louise functions are always the acme of success, and a good time is assured to all who go. Tickets are two dollars each, and may be obtained from any member of the chapter of which Mrs. Harold Oxley is Regent. The proceeds are for patriotic purposes.

Madam Yorska, the pseudo-Parisian actress, who is long on ability but rather short on the qualities that made Helen notorious, has just had three inches removed from her nose, in an effort to thwart nature.

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HAZING REVIVED.

The appeal in a recent issue for a resurrection of college spirit was answered in part by a lusty revival of the gentle practice of hazing. Of recent years the bitter inter-class conflicts with their semi-atrocities have passed into the legendary stage. Old students have cheerfully reminisced of the days when freshmen frequently made involuntary calls upon educational institutions for women; and the doings of the students frequently got on the front page of the dailies, or even to the police court. Things have been very different of late. The call of the trenches has always decimated the sophomore class, and the freshmen have been left in peace and verdancy without any stringent measures of correction. This year, praise be, there was a change and hazing came back into fashion, much to the delight of everyone save a few who suffered hirsute calamities.

Personally, we are inclined to believe that the practice of personal disfigurement is not in the best of taste, except when nothing else will quell an obstreperous newcomer. A prominent member of the alumni will carry a ruddy frontal beacon through life, because the sophomores applied harness paste to his nasal organ. The cropping of hair, apart from temporary exhilaration afforded to the amateur tonsorial artists, effects no improvement in the character of the cropped, unless perhaps by lacerating his vanity. There are other ways, not so drastic, which rub the balm of ridicule into a freshmen suffering from expantiture of the cranium.

FRESHIE-SOPH DANCE.

The Freshie-Soph dance was held in the Medical Building, Dec. 30th. It was a welcome event, the first dance at Dalhousie in several years, and those who danced and those who didn't turned out in large numbers,—too large, perhaps, for those who are fastidious as to their dancing, for at times the Munro Room resembled a belt line street car at five o'clock, and many a silk stocking or chiffon frou frou was worn for the last time. The chaperones were Mrs. MacMechan, Mrs. McNeil and Mrs. G. S. Campbell. The presidents of the freshmen and sophomore classes, temporarily forgetting past bitterness, reciprocated friendly greetings, although several semi-bald pates gave them the lie direct. Mrs. Campbell sang charmingly as usual. The supper was excellent, and no one was killed in the rush. Altogether, it was one of the most successful college functions of the past decade, and, it is to be hoped, the forerunner of many similar affairs.

LIEUT. SHREVE

A correspondent has called our attention to the fact that Lieut. C. D. Shreve (M. C.) has been killed in action, he being the second member of the Dalhousie Debating Team of 1915 who has paid the supreme price for liberty and democracy. Lieut. Howard Dawson, the news of whose death caused such keen regret among his many friends, over a year ago, was also a member of the team which defeated U. N. B. in the spring of 1915.

"There are worse things than Chemistry" said a querulous Freshman, "but they have yet to be discovered."

**PROFESSOR STEWART BETTER.**

It is with much pleasure that we announce that Professor Stewart was able to leave the hospital and return to his home more than two weeks ago. He will not be in a condition to resume his duties at the University for some time, but his many friends will rejoice that his complete recovery is now certain.

**EXCHANGES.**

The Xaverian has reappeared upon our exchange table, after an absence of one year. The first number contains an interesting article on the history of the present debating league among the colleges of the Maritime Provinces, particularly, of course, as it concerned St. Francis Xavier. The league was begun at the suggestion of Dalhousie.

Canadian Club News is the name of a new publication, whose first appearance was made in November. This is the official organ of the Canadian Club of Boston. We wish the new paper every success. Other exchanges are: Varsity, Queens' Journal, MacMaster University Monthly.

**TADPOLE'S LETTERS**

Dalhousie Arts Lib.,  
Nov. 17th, 1918,  
Halifax, N. S.

Dear ol John;—

I promised before I left the little ol town to let u know how I am making out at Dal. I of the preffessors we call Archy, calls it as if it was called Dalhoosie. Well Jhn I fooled the bunch down hear. I got threw my matriks O. K. I done well in English u know it is my strong pint. The 1st time we had was after the armmisstice, we had a precession. Some off the girls sang a song about us being slow. I don't no aboat the other fellows, but I guess if they saw me doo the 100 yards I gess they would not say I was in the tortoise class wood they Jhn ol boy. Well Jhn when I got to the station hose a fellow met me hoo belonged to the Y. M. C. A. at Collidge. He took me too a hose and then showed me the town—that is what places not to go to. He said the good fellows never went to Market St. etc.,—but he told me the korona was a good place for to go to have a good time. I went their I night but the girls were all too familiar.

The next time we had was a Y. W. & Y. M. C. A. at home. We went to a big read bldg, part of the collidge and shook hands with a lot of preffessors wives etc. I assed a cuple of girls for tropiks but they said they had them all taken. I no it was a lie, but you sea there not selfish I am a grate favorite, and they wanted to give some other girls a good time—that is to let them have a tropik with me.

Sew long frum your oald frend,  
**TADPOLE.**

(To be Continued)

The Dansants at the Green Lantern every Saturday afternoon are taking an important place in the social life of Halifax. There is a perfect orchestra, an excellent floor, and lots of dancing room. Many Dalhousians are to be seen among the trippers of the sometimes light fantastic.

**WHAT TO DO WITH BILL.**

A suggestion for the ultimate disposition of Mr. William Hohenzollern is that he might be made to recite the Latin alphabet to Professor Murray seven times each morning before breakfast, then be lulled to sleep by reading from certain portions of Wordsworth; go on a daily rock-tapping expedition with Toshy; be obliged to brew several gallons of fragrant H<sub>2</sub>S in the Chemistry laboratory without a gas mask; have Professor McNeil make him imagine himself within a revolving tetrahedron; write thirteen themes a day on "How I love the little fishes," and other similar subjects allotted to English 1.; listen to the prolonged arguments in the Law Library for several hours; and finally spend his evenings in the dissection room with the stiffs there assembled. Such treatment, though perhaps a trifle inhuman, might solve the problem now confronting the Allies. As for Willie, we would suggest that he be condemned to witnessing moving picture serials fourteen hours a day.

**WELCOME THE BOYS HOME.**

Every week some of Dalhousie's heroes return to Canada, and often pass through Halifax. There should be some organised way of welcoming them and showing them how proud we are of their bravery and achievement. The Gazette would be glad to publish suggestions as to how this might be accomplished as well as to the foundation of some suitable permanent memorial, not alone for the fallen, but for every Dalhousian who has worn the uniform. There is no time to be lost. Memory and gratitude are all too short-lived. Some steps should be immediately taken.

**THRIFT STAMPS.**

Thrift stamps and war savings certificates are now a reality in Canada and are already on sale. Every student should form the habit of purchasing. They are both a profitable and patriotic investment. Because the war is ended does not mean that the nation is once more toddling along the primrose pathway. Much remains to be accomplished, and many heavy bills to be paid. Thrift stamps should appeal to everyone as it is easy enough to invest a quarter, much easier than saving up fifty dollars for a bond, and four dollars worth now means five dollars when they are redeemed.

**WANTED MANUSCRIPTS.**

As yet the Editor has received but a scant handful of contributions. Perhaps this is because, they have not reached him in the confusion attending the publication of the last two numbers. At any rate he would like to reiterate the request made in a previous issue. The Gazette is eager for short, snappy articles pertinent to College Life. Suggestions for improvements, even kicks if they are in good taste; bits of burlesque and verse, not too amateurish,—these should be in every college paper worthy of the name. There is lots of literary talent, at Dalhousie, but, like Brunhilde, it seems extremely inaccessible.


There were two churches in a town;  
Each had a perfect passion  
To do the other crisply brown  
In having guests of fashion.

Somehow it seemed to one who watched—  
Minus all churchly leaven,—  
The social calendar meant more  
Than God's register in Heaven.  
**THE CYNIC.**

Nowadays the question seems to be, not:  
—Are they marrying for love?" but, "Are  
they marrying for keeps?"

The millenium has been defined by my  
friend, Aloysius, as seven days of consecu-  
tive sunshine in this benighted city.

Some students regard the library as a  
scandal exchange and the books as merely  
mural decorations.




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