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University Unites in Thanksgiving

REV. EARNEST THOMAS SPEAKS
ON "THE SIGNIFICANCE OF
VICTORY"

On the morning of December 5th the students of the University held a special meeting for the purpose of making an official recognition of the victory of the Allied forces and of the dawn of peace. Lectures were cancelled and the Auditorium was filled with all classes of students, including short-course men and returned soldiers. After the singing of "O Canada," Mr. Sutcliffe, president of the Alma Mater Society, explained the reason for the meeting and introduced the speaker.

Mr. Thomas spoke with great sincerity and made a lasting impression on the minds of all who were privileged to hear him. We regret that we can only quote in extract:

"Viewed from the seclusion of the study, the victory, both as it approached and as it was accomplished, appeared as the conclusion of that new epoch which was ushered in by the Protestant Revolution. The old papacy had represented the spiritual heritage and common interest of civilization and had given the old world unity, but the ushering in of Lutherism was the ushering in of separatism. The world became an aggregation of independent nations—nations in rivalry.

"Lately we have witnessed an awakening of desire for escape from this chaotic condition. Nationalism has given splendid help in the shaping of history and the making of personal character; nor has its last word yet been spoken nor its last boon conferred; but we find everywhere the quest for an inner unity and some institution to express it. In Germany we saw the final assertion of untrammelled national self-assertion in a state which was solely a will to power.

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Varsity Will Play Victoria Dec. 20

RUGBY AND BASKETBALL GAMES
TO BE PLAYED IN CAPITAL—
COME AND ROOT!

Interest in athletic circles has been aroused by the announcement of the proposed trip of the Rugby and basketball teams to Victoria during the Christmas holidays. If the present plans materialize, the teams will leave Vancouver on the night boat of Friday, December 20, the day that lectures stop. The Rugby game will be played in the afternoon and the basketball games early in the evening, after which the committee in Victoria has promised a social evening, including cards and dancing. The majority will return by the night boat. If the party numbers twenty-five or over, the return fare will be \$3.35; and if there are over 100, the fare will be \$2.50 return. It is essential that the rooters should meet as often as possible in order to have their songs and yells in good shape.

The Rugby team is quickly rounding into shape, and can be depended on to give a good account of itself. It is going to meet one of the strongest teams Victoria can produce. The Varsity team will be light, but it will have plenty of speed to make up for it.

The men's basketball team have had a few practices lately, but they suffer from the lack of a gymnasium. The women have managed to obtain the High School gym. for practicing from 5:30 to 6:30 on Tuesdays and Fridays, so that they also will be able to field a team to represent the Varsity.

The teams will need all the support available, so get out your colors and go with the bunch!

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Miss Anglin Joins The Players Club

FAMOUS ACTRESS BECOMES AN
HONORARY MEMBER OF
UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

A meeting of the Players Club was held last Tuesday, with Miss Highmoor in the chair. After some routine business the report of the nomination committee was adopted as follows: Vice-president, Mr. A. Lord; secretary, Miss D. Adams; committee members, Miss E. Livingstone and Mr. G. Evans.

We learn with pleasure from Mr. Wood of a noteworthy addition to the club in the person of Miss Margaret Anglin, the well-known Canadian actress, who, while here last July, kindly consented to become an honorary member. On behalf of Miss Anglin, Mr. Wood presented to the Players Club a beautiful picture of the actress in the role of Media.

In giving the report of the advisory committee, the honorary president spoke of the great handicap under which the society worked this year, due to the influenza epidemic. In former years the Christmas plays had given the advisory board some idea of the talent at their disposal.

The spring play will be "The Importance of Being Earnest," a play by Oscar Wilde, which, to judge by the description given us of the principal roles, should be a huge success.

MR. VOLLUM ADDRESSES CHEM- ISTRY SOCIETY

A meeting of the Chemistry Society was held on December 4th, and Mr. R. L. Vollum spoke on the subject of "Copper Smelting." The speaker led us back to very early days and gave many interesting sidelights on early smelting processes, which, for the most

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UNIVERSITY UNITES IN THANKSGIVING

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"It was not a long step from the separatism of nations to the competitive individualism in the commercial world and politics, an extreme of liberalism which made for the weakening of the national sense.

"As the sense of unity was gradually weakened, the nation became an aggregation of individuals. This led to wonderful liberating movements, but stripped the state both of those institutions that helped as well as those that hindered self-expression. The liberal tradition in England produced wonderful results at the start of the war in voluntary enlistments, but proved entirely inadequate as a means of complete national self-assertion.

"The Hague Tribunal, and the more recent general demand for the creation of a League of Nations, testifies to the deep hunger of the human spirit for some vital unity into which each nation shall bring its own peculiar glory. Thus we see the close of a great cycle of social experiment in organization.

"With the growth of the international world comes the need for international minds in the populace. The legacy of liberalism and individualism compels the promotion of the international mind in the life of the ordinary citizen.

"What agencies are available for such a task? History reveals two—the Church and the University.

"But the Church, once the centre of unity, has become one of the mighty factors for disintegration, although lately events seem to show in the church in Canada a deep yearning for some adequate expression of the underlying unity of the nation.

"It is, then, for the University to accept the main burden of the enterprise, the interpretation of the war in its more ultimate issues. This University must become the soul of the Province, not the servant of commercialism, or a noble cause is betrayed. The University must stand supreme, for we must have men and women who, in our journalism and at our breakfast tables, in our clubs and on our platforms, will voice and stimulate that informed good-will which alone can guide the international mind.

"The citizens, therefore, look to the governors in their appointments, to the Faculty in their interpretation of the high traditions of scholarship, and to the student body, as it forms the habits and traditions of this University,

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MR. VOLLUM ADDRESSES CHEMISTRY SOCIETY

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part, are only recorded in old workings and slag dumps in various parts of Europe and Asia. By gradual steps the evolution of modern practice was developed by the speaker, who made constant use of the blackboard. The formation of the free metal, matte and slag in the blast furnace was fully described and discussed for various types of ores, and the difficulties attending the smelting of each were considered.

Pyritic smelting was contrasted with blast furnace smelting; after which the speaker dealt, in considerable detail, with the sources of loss of copper—in the flue dust and volatilized material, in the slag and the separation of the matte from it.

Processes of refining the matte were then briefly described; the reactions taking place during their course, and reasons for the many improvements in the designs of modern reverberatory furnaces. The copper convertor refining process completed a most interesting lecture, which owed its success largely to the stress laid throughout on basic principles rather than upon their practical working out.

The meeting then adjourned after a very hearty vote of thanks

THE WOMEN'S LIT.

"The Struggle Between the North and the South" was the subject of an address delivered by Professor Robertson at the meeting of the Women's Literary Society on December 4th. He dealt with a phase of this war that has been to a great extent overlooked, namely, the recurrence for the third time of a clash between the nations of the Mediterranean, the old civilization of the South with its daughter powers in Spain, France and Britain, and its ancient enemy from the North. Twice have the barbarians swept down and blotted out the culture of Mediterranean powers; each time from the ruins a better and stronger civilization has risen. This is the third time the unending strife has culminated in a great upheaval but this the South (which once more predominates in British blood) has pushed back the foe from the savage North. By reference to recent investigations of anthropologists, he gave the audience the welcome assurance that the importance of the Teutonic strain in Britain has been much exaggerated. A hearty vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Robertson at the close of the meeting.

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CURRENT TROUBLES

We have been informed by the various members of the Faculty that the University session is to be extended two weeks longer than usual in order to partially make up for lost time; this means that lectures will continue until April 18th, and convocation will take place two weeks later than usual. This news will be hailed with delight by students who for different reasons do not wish the academic year to be very much prolonged; others, more studiously inclined, may regret this decision.

Contrary to the expectations of many and to the delight of all, the Christmas vacation is not to be curtailed—we will receive our usual holiday, and there will be no Christmas examinations. The elimination of these necessary horrors will certainly add to the enjoyment of every student; for once in our University career we will be permitted to indulge in the festivities of the season without the usual sword of examination results hanging over our heads.

Doubtless the members of English II. will specially enjoy the vacation, because to them will fall the unique privilege of studying Wordsworth during the holidays! This statement may not be very clear to the minds of the uninitiated, but to explain it might be to divulge class secrets; so suffice it to say that in future years many eminent Wordsworthian scholars will look back upon Christmas, 1918, as the memorable time in which they make their first real acquaintance with nature's poet! There may be a few misguided youths and maidens who will enjoy their vacation, blissfully unconscious of the existence of Wordsworth, only to wake up with a start about the middle of January to discover that they have been living more or less in a fool's Paradise.

But the worst is yet to come. There are to be examinations at the beginning of February; we are not to be allowed

to entirely forego the delights of former years, nor are our professors to be altogether deprived of the great pleasure of reading our brilliant papers.

It is to be universally deplored—at least with regard to Arts subjects—that the examination is to be merely of one hour's duration. Seeing that the majority of us require almost half an hour to recover from the mental paralysis that overcomes us upon first perusing an exam. paper, it is difficult to know how we are to do ourselves any justice in such a limited space of time. We earnestly hope that we shall either be presented with a very limited number of questions, or that no very extensive information on any question may be expected from us.

After the examinations we expect to receive two days' vacation—we presume in order to attend the funerals of friends who have succumbed to the terrific strain involved in trying to cope with the one-hour examination system!

DEATH OF ROSTAND

Although we are not all students of French literature, it is to be hoped that we at least take enough interest in matters of literary importance to note the death of Rostand, the great French dramatist, at the comparatively early age of fifty. To-day France mourns the death of yet another of her greatest sons.

Rostand was born at Marseilles in 1868; and it is noteworthy that his literary reputation was made before the age of thirty, which is unique in France.

So great was the success of his most famous play, "Cyrano de Bergerac," that the first night of its production on the stage is one of the theatrical events of French history, comparable only to the first night of "Hermani." It will be remembered that the genius of Rostand was first discovered by the actor Coquelin, who played the title-role of the piece, and that Sarah Bernhardt was also quick to note the signs of power in an earlier work of the young playwright, "La Princesse Lointaine."

"Cyrano de Bergerac," which has always enjoyed a marked popularity, has had an almost phenomenal success during the war, 16,000 copies having been sold in one year.

This success is due partly to the fact that the play has a special patriotic appeal, and partly because it is typical of the spirit of France. We are glad that the creator of the immortal Cyrano

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"The British Grenadiers" is classed as a Sentimental Song, but its proper place is amongst the Songs of the Nations, side by side with "Ye Mariners of England." It is unfortunate that "The Star Spangled Banner" was omitted.

Under "Sentimental Songs" we have many of those immortal favorites which have withstood the test of time; but an otherwise perfect section is marred by the inclusion of "Good Night, Ladies," and the Berrypickers' Classic." Surely these come under the classification of Ditties.

However, these are minor defects which can be easily remedied. It is a difficult task to compile a book of this nature from the mass of available material, and the song book committee deserves credit as a reward for their persevering and painstaking efforts.

Y.W.C.A.

The Senior Bible Study Class of the Y.W.C.A. met for the first time this session on Monday afternoon, with the Rev. Prof. Trumpour as leader. "Fore-shadowings of the Career of Jesus" was the topic of the study. As it was the opening meeting of the series, there was not as much discussion as might be desired; but that fault will be remedied as the class grows in numbers.

Those interested in this branch of work might note that the class will be held every Monday afternoon at three o'clock. The book for the course is "Jesus in the Records," by Henry Burton Sharman.

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ests.

"As we review the national effort we
rejoice in the contribution made by the
University. The universities of our
country functioned as the nation had a
right to expect, but to a degree which
none of us had foreseen. We salute
the memory of one who, coming to the
presidency of this University fresh from
the very green pastures of Scandinavian
pacifism, so speedily and so effective-
ly interpreted for our student body the
magic of national service, and brought
to bear upon our young manhood that
moral judgment of the race which in-
spired them to go forth, a valiant host
in disciplined devotion.

"Nor would it be worthy of us to
forget that the same impulse which
worked in our manhood found fitting
expression in the womanhood of our
colleges. How much of that sustaining
power which fired and nerved our sol-
diers was due to the simple, quiet, sted-
fast citizenship and support of our wo-
men students cannot yet be estimated.
Most significant, we shall see that this
war has witnessed the fall of the purely
male state. That male state stood re-
vealed in its final implications in Ger-
many, with its stern insistence on econ-
omic advancement and supreme disre-
gard of those great human values which
it is the instinct of womanhood to
guard.

"Not commercialism or extended
commerce is the aim of this war, so

victoriously closed. Not materialism or
anything material was the ultimate se-
cret of the victory, but great deeds
and national heroism repeated through
many centuries until they had become
the traditions of our regiments, the
glory of our arms, and the material of
our men.

"This is the tradition which through
the war and through the University
becomes our heritage. It is our birth-
right as we face the dawning of a new
world and will be our light unto the
end."

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr.
Gibson and seconded by Miss Peck in
appreciation of Mr. Thomas' inspiring
address.

DEATH OF ROSTAND

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lived to see the victory of France and
her Allies over a common enemy.

"Cyrano de Bergerac" is especially
familiar to those students of French
literature who devoted part of last year
to the very interesting study of Ros-
tand's greatest work, and who learned
to appreciate still more the power of
French dramatic art.

Amongst the other notable works of
the playwright are "Les Romanesques,"
"L'Aiglon," and "Chanteclair."

The following is a copy of a resolu-
tion passed by Faculty at its meeting
on Wednesday, December 4th, 1918:

"That we, as a Faculty, express our
keen appreciation of the services ren-
dered by the members of our student
body and teaching staff who acted as
nurses or orderlies during the recent
epidemic, and our great pride in their
fine spirit of heroism and devotion—a
spirit worthy of the traditions estab-
lished in this University by our men in
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The following statistics on attendance at the University will be of general
interest:

TABLE 1
Students in Attendance

	1915-'16		1916-'17		1917-'18		1918-'19	
	Men	Wom.	Men	Wom.	Men	Wom.	Men	Wom.
Arts	167	151	143	178	156	215	175	268
Applied Science	61	.....	48	1	38	1	45	1
Agriculture .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....	12	2
Total Regular Students....	379		369		416		503	
Short Courses		54		187		250*	
Vocational Work (Returned Soldiers)		3		71		310*	
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.....		65		258		560	

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MILITARY NOTES

The C.O.T.C. is again in full swing. The weather has not been favorable to drill activities lately, but when Mr. Pluvius takes a rest a route march will test their ability and shooting practices will commence at the ranges. We hear that the Government is to reorganize Canada's militia shortly, so we will probably have an adjutant and quartermaster as well as a drill sergeant from Victoria. At present Lieut. H. Letson is acting adjutant.

Corps song practices will be held shortly. The N.C.O. classes should help out in the singing.

We hear that J. McM. MacLennan, formerly of Arts '19, has been a prisoner in Germany since September of this year. Previous to falling into the hands of the Hun, he had attained the rank of flight commander and had won the M.C.

This is the kind of information we want and hope to get by appeal to the students. The military editor asks for co-operation.

The following University men, having tasted of the joys of a soldier's life, are once more living the hum-drum existence of a student: Messrs. W. Coates, W. J. Couper, J. DePencier, H. D. Greenwood and Gerald McClay. We are glad to have them with us again.

APPEAL TO HOCKEY PLAYERS

This week a special appeal is being made for all the girls interested in grass hockey to turn out to the practices. A game is being arranged against King George High School this coming Saturday, while the club hopes to play Victoria the following week. This is impossible unless more girls are willing to sacrifice a little of their time to practice. The most imposing number of players this term was witnessed on Monday, when six girls ventured onto the Bridge Street grounds. Hockey under these conditions is impossible. Surely there is sufficient interest in the athletic success of the Varsity to ensure a real game next time.

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"It's a shame," just as Mac. said, "that when some of these business men's clubs or similar societies have a blowout down town, the newspapers always have their reporters on hand; whereas when we, of the Faculty of Applied Science of the University of British Columbia, have a big night, the fact is never proclaimed from the housetops." Though this be a printed fact, it is nevertheless true, namely, that the aforesaid society had a grand and glorious smoker on Friday, October 18th, and the early part of Saturday, the 19th. It was a jolly crowd of fellows that gathered in the parlors of Glencoe Lodge that night—the merriest of all were the professors. Dr. Sedgwick was, of course, ordered to speak, and the way he held the attention of fifty Science men was a marvel. Professors Killam, Elliott and Turnbull were called upon later in the evening and responded magnificently. Just as Dr. Sedgwick and his gang were settling down to a quiet game of poker, Jack brought in the programme as a further disturbance. We were treated in turn to singing, serious and otherwise; some "Habitant" poems by Mr. Betts; a miniature orchestra; and last, but by no means least, was the "Hula Chorus" by the Hawaiian Scientola Girls. A discussion and some further items finished a truly successful evening.

Y.M.C.A.

"Patriotism" was the key note of an address by Rev. Father O'Boyle to the Y.M.C.A. last Friday. The question, said the speaker, was: How could we Canadians do most for our country and humanity? Before the war we had been a race "coalescing into a people." But the blood of heroes was needed to complete the structure of nationality. We can be thankful for the rejuvenation of the Canadian soul, the re-birth of our nation, brought about through the pain and anguish of war. The elements of patriotism, the speaker thought, were education, sacrifice, social justice and religion. Without these elements Christian civilization could not flourish.

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