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In Memoriam



Frank Fairchild Westbrook, M.A., C.M., M.B.

Born July 12th, 1868

Died October 19th, 1918

College Mourns Loss of Dr. Westbrook

Our Late President Highly
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The breadth of the President's sympathy and his extremely lovable disposition endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact. He was personally greatly interested in all the students and was an ardent supporter of student organizations. Intensely patriotic, he took an especial and personal interest in the student-soldiers, and kept in close touch with as many as possible.

In his student days Dr. Westbrook was brilliantly successful in the classroom and on the athletic field, and that success did not forsake him in later years. His undergraduate days were spent in the University; and after taking the degree of Master of Arts he proceeded to England and the Continent, where he was engrossed in post-graduate studies in medicine. Returning to his Alma Mater, he was appointed Professor of Pathology. His ability was soon recognized in educational circles and he became associated with the University of Minnesota, and in 1906 was made Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. This position he held until 1913, when he was asked to become President of the University of British Columbia.

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pression of the great war came just as he was embarking upon his labors, but heroically he kept his shoulder to the wheel.

By the untimely death of Dr. Westbrook, the first President of our University, not only the Province, but Canada as a whole has suffered a great loss. Till recently he was in the full vigor of life, and we expected for him many years of service and leadership. But it was willed otherwise.

In the few years of his presidency, however, he has done much—he has laid a firm and sound foundation on which others may rear to completion the edifice which he planned.

Dr. Westbrook had an almost unique combination of qualities fitting him for the position which he occupied. A large mind, wide outlook, and great gifts of administration were united in him, with a sunny, genial humanity, a wealth of sympathy, and an entire absence of self-seeking which made him a peculiarly attractive personality. His was a generous and vital nature. His fine presence radiated kindness and good-will to all, and closer acquaintance proved how genuine was his kindness and how real his interest in the welfare of his fellow-men. In him natural goodness was reinforced by conscious principle, and he was in a real sense a "dedicated spirit"—dedicated to the great task of public service. In all his work, as teacher and administrator, his ruling motive was zeal for the welfare of his fellows, and the ideal which he had ever before him was that of a nation of trained men working harmoniously for the common good.

Such words as "co-operation," "co-ordination," "constructive policy" were constantly on his lips and showed the spirit of the man. He set great value on "efficiency," but the efficiency which he had in view was not of the ruthless, self-assertive type, but ever subordinated to the claims of pity and justice.

One or two sentences of his own may be quoted here as more truly characteristic of him than anything that can be said by others: "We have come to recognize that the individual's fitness is not only his prime business, but the public's affair as well. In increasing degree we are interfering with personal liberty for the benefit of the race."

Of his own profession he says: "Medicine is being increasingly socialized. We are drifting perceptibly nearer to the time when the doctor will be a public servant, and not a member of a privileged class."

Nor was he blind to the deepest aspects of life. "We have come," he says, "to the point in our development

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In private, the late President was a delightful companion, rich in talk and humor, and adapting himself easily to all kinds of men. Students and professors alike went to him with their difficulties, and found him invariably kind and responsive.

The stimulus of his magnetic personality will be greatly missed, both in the University and the Province; but the memory of his fine nature and his life consecrated to the things of the spirit will be an abiding possession. "He rests from his labors, and his works do follow him."

Memorial to Frank Fairchild Westbrook, M.A., C.M., M.D.

(From Minnesota Alumni Weekly, October 28, 1918)

The Medical School of the University of Minnesota receives with profound sorrow the tidings of the death of its former Dean, Frank Fairchild Westbrook.

The men and women of the faculty who worked with him and knew him intimately for many years know that "a master in Israel has fallen." They know that a scientist in medicine who ranked among the marked men of his day is gone. But they know, too, that a leader whom they gladly followed, an administrator who directed with intelligent power the destinies of the school, a counsellor in whom they trusted, a friend of golden days gone by whom they loved, has passed into the Great Beyond. His going reminds them of the strong man he was, of the great work he did, of the worth of his friendship and the joy of his companionship which again, with renewed consciousness of loss, they lose.

To Mrs. and Miss Westbrook they send the message of their sympathy and the assurance that his memory will be cherished in the hearts of his associates who remain, and in the annals of the school he so greatly helped to upbuild.

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THE DAWN OF PEACE

The world has begun a new page of history. The dread days of war have ended and peace has dawned. The page of history which has been written during the past four years is one of which we as a nation need not be ashamed. The pen was dipped in blood and wrote heroism, faith, radiant sacrifice and victory on one side of the page, and dishonor, brutality and defeat on the other. Whatever errors we may have committed during the progress of the war, we have maintained our honor unsullied, and won the highest respect among the nations of the world as the champion of freedom.

While those heroes in France have laid down their lives that all that is best in democracy might remain, it is our privilege to help in completing their work. We would be unworthy of their generous sacrifice if we failed to make adequate preparation to meet the responsibilities of this new era of peace. There can be heroes of peace no less than of war, and they best merit that name who are quietly preparing to face the great problems of the future.

The watchword of this new era of peace is "Service," and it should be service wisely planned and generously given. Physical fitness, a keen mind, a broad vision, an alertness in performing the tasks that duty demands of us—these are essentials without which we cannot intelligently serve. We are inspired to prepare for such service by the magnificent example of those heroes who lie slumbering under the ravaged sod of France. Let us not forget their sacrifice; let us be wise master-builders in laying solid foundations of peace, that our work may be as enduring a monument of our devotion to duty as any which has been built during the travail of war.

THE DEMAND OF LEADERSHIP

At this time the question of leadership is indeed a momentous one, for at no time in our nation's history has there been such a demand for wise and steady leadership as now, when the subject of reconstruction is claiming world-wide attention.

How can we obtain the leaders who will measure up to the demands made upon their intellectual resources and constructive skill? The question may best be answered by viewing the lives of some of the world leaders as to how they prepared for leadership. When in his youth Mr. Lloyd George visited the British House of Commons, there flashed upon him a vision of political leadership, which lent purpose and direction to every act of his career. He prepared for the realization of that vision with such thoroughness, such consecration to duty, such courage in facing conflicting issues, that when he took over the reins of government the nation had absolute confidence in him. President Wilson began early to prepare himself for that wise leadership and masterful diplomacy which has been so deservedly recognized by Great Britain, by her Allies, and by those nations of Europe that are aspiring to complete political freedom. His undergraduate years at Princeton University must have been years of severe intellectual preparation; for many years later, when he was president of the same university, he stated that a student's first and foremost duty was the duty of conscientious study.

The study of the lives of such men as the Premier of Great Britain and the President of the United States teaches us that diligent preparation for leadership is not the work of a few years of undergraduate study, but the work of a lifetime. The price which must be paid is a high one. It is true today, as always, that the heights of vision can only be reached through toil and sacrifice.

Western Universities Service Club

A meeting of the club will be held on the evening of Tuesday, December 3rd, at eight o'clock, to make plans for winter activities and to welcome the men recently returned from the Front. All are asked to be present who are students or ex-students of the university and who have served with the C.E.F. or any branch of His Majesty's forces.

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And through the woods, made golden
here and there

By Autumn's finger, the mist reluctant
draws

Its slow but tireless feet. All that was
Of yesterday lies behind—thoughts that deter

The onward march to Life's triumph,
days that wear

Love's rosy garland, deeds without
applause.

Before lie speechless hopes, battles un-
born,

Triumphs yet unattained, swift hours of
toil;

And the long sore disappointments
bravely borne,

And leaps into the darkness—laughter,
too,

And snatches of song from under the
midnight blue,

And cups of nectar flushed with Life's
young morn.

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My streams slip free from mountains'
snowy keep;

They run exultant races to the shore,
In ocean's outstretched arms to rest
once more—

Returning what she gave unto the deep.
Along these arteries, in daring leap,
My children's birchen fleet these pulses
bore,

Until my mother sent a richer store
Of blood, through veins of steel from
deep to deep,

Where bayonets in myriad fires divide
And scatter heaven's flame. My mother
calls—

The "iron stallions" lead down to the
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The two stars that will cast the greatest brilliancy upon the present season are George Arliss and Miss Maude Adams. The former is presenting a play in which he, himself, had a hand in writing. It bears the name of "Hamilton," and is a chronicle of some of the stirring events in the life of that prominent figure in American history. A story of the Revolutionary days, it is said to hold the interest, and to present some convincing portrayals of figures of that time. Those who have seen this accomplished actor in such character plays as "Disraeli" and "Paganini" will feel well assured of a finished performance. Miss Adams has not yet announced which of the famous little Scotsman's works she will enhance with the charm of her acting this year. It is to be regretted that "Dear Brutus," the last of Barrie's plays to reach the new-world stage, is not one in which Miss Adams can appear. Perhaps the fervent prayers of her many righteous admirers may be answered, and we may again see her in that most captivating of all her many parts, the patient wife in "What Every Woman Knows."

Among the plays that are offered without the added attraction of a star as interpreter, those presented by Messrs. Cohan and Harris are, without doubt, the most interesting. Although this trio may not merit the boastful advertisement of "the greatest made-in-America plays of the 20th Century," they come to us with long New York runs to their credit. Such a record is sometimes, in these unregenerate days, sufficient to condemn the offering in question; but it is not so with these. "The Tailor-Made Man" was one of the few genuine successes of the last New York season, holding the boards through the whole year. It is a high-class comedy, with clear-cut characterization and dramatic situations. A young man, serving his time as a tailor's apprentice, has ambitious ideas. One night he dresses himself in the evening garments left by

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Mr. John E. Kellard, whose performances last season gave the only Shakespeare in several years, is due in November, when we hope the U.B.C. students will give him the hearty support that was a feature of his former visit.

Two other plays that come to us with the best of credentials from the "great white way" are "Happiness" and "Friendly Enemies." Among the lighter offerings there are two musical comedies that are sure to draw well. "Furs and Frills," with the lank humorist, Richard Carle, is one, and "Her Regiment," a Victor Herbert opera, is the other.

With an alluring programme of this sort, it is possible that some of the favorite indoor recreations of college students may suffer from occasional neglect this winter, whilst their fickle devotees transfer allegiance to the spoken drama instead. It may be that even the members of English '10 will be found attending the theatre.

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COLLEGE Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. held their first meeting of the season in the auditorium. Mr. Webster, the president, first addressed those assembled, and, outlining the policy of the society for the year, which is "to do the greatest good to the greatest number," pointed out that it was aiming to reach the manly man, not the religious crank. Prof. Henderson, honorary president, spoke to the students, encouraging them in their work, and emphasized the fact that Christianity is an important factor in developing an all-round student. Professor Wood, in an impressive talk, the subject of which was, "Does the Student Y.M.C.A. Justify Itself?" pointed out the need for a high moral standard which such an organization keeps before its members. He closed with a stirring appeal to accept the challenge of the poet—

"If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies
blow
On Flanders' fields."

CLASS REPORTS

At a meeting of Arts '21 held recently, the resignation of Mr. Fred Thurston, who has gone over to Science, was received and accepted. Mr. Ralph Argue was duly elected to the office of treasurer. Messrs. Denham and Webster were chosen to open hostilities of the literary season in a debate against the Freshman Year. We trust Arts '22 will appreciate this flattering compliment from Arts '21.

Miss McKay, president of the Arts Women Undergraduate Society, called a meeting of the women of Arts '22 for the election of their officers. These are as follows:

Mrs. A. F. B. Clark, Honorary president.

Miss Ethel Livingstone, president.

Miss Cora Metz, secretary.

Miss Mae McMynn, treasurer.

Miss Kathleen Knowlton, class reporter.

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CLASS NOTES

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This article is written to satisfy the curiosity of those students (chiefly of Arts '22) who habitually congregate about the door of the Arts Building to watch our impressive departure.

Yes, we do belong to the University. No, not to the Senate, nor to the Board of Governors, though we do ride in a big car occasionally. This is only one of the privileges that might have been yours had you elected to graduate in Agriculture. Those who have never journeyed to Point Grey by "P. P. and J.," have never husked corn or weighed potatoes on the University campus-to-be, have missed half the joy of college life.

Of course, we have a few lectures indoors, but even these are not of the humdrum variety. In the first place, we have an exciting hunt for a room. We may have the large lecture-room, or a tiny lab., where we sit perched on high stools, or even our own lecture-room No. 11. And then, at any time, may come a knock and a more or less polite request to take ourselves elsewhere—which we sometimes do.

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The Agriculture Undergraduate Society commenced activities early this year with a party at the home of its honorary president, Mr. Boving. Here the Freshmen held class elections, with the following results: Honorary president, Prof. F. M. Clements; president, Mr. W. Moore; vice-president, Mr. B. Sweeting; secretary-treasurer, Miss M. S. McKechnie.

The president of Agriculture '21 is Mr. C. H. Lamb, and the vice-president Mr. R. C. Woodward. The secretary, Mr. F. F. McKenzie, left to join the colors, and his successor has not yet been elected.

COST OF PRODUCING NEWSPAPERS SOARS

The cost of paper necessary for the production of the newspaper has increased considerably since the war. Besides paper and ink, there are some 115 items of expense. Of these, 30 have risen over 200 per cent., 25 others have risen 150 per cent., 18 others have risen over 75 per cent. Over 2,500 papers in the United States and Canada have gone out of existence. Over 300 have raised their selling prices.

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