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## GIRL STUDENTS' CLUB

### In Connection With the Anglican Council of Social Service.

A large number of girl students met in St. James' parish hall on Wednesday afternoon, in response to an invitation given out in the Anglican churches on Sunday, to complete the formation of a club in connection with the council of social service of the Church of England in Canada's department for the welcome and welfare of the newcomer, of which Miss Mary Going is the secretary for the diocese of Ontario. The executive of the girl guides of St. James' parish, of which Mrs. P. H. Huycke is president, served hot cocoa and delicious sandwiches and cakes to the girls who fully appreciated the kindly act. The Dean of Ontario and Rev. T. W. Savary, rector of St. James', spoke a few kind words of welcome to the new church organization. Miss Going spoke of the object of the club, the welcoming of the "newcomer," in the form of freshettes, and the large sphere of usefulness open to the members. The officers are: President, Miss Eileen Jandrew; secretary-treasurer, Miss Margery Booth; convener of programme committee, Miss Anita Martin. The organization will be called the Anglican Girls' Welcome Club.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**A Question and The Answer.**  
 Kingston, March 1.—(To the Editor): In your issue of this date there is an article entitled, "An Appeal to British Reason," which suggests two questions. The first question is: "Why did Professor Macgillivray take the trouble to translate it for publication?" And the second is like unto the first, "Why did the Whig take the trouble to publish it?"

The article drips venom. It bears all the earmarks of a deliberate attempt to stir up enmity between Britain and France. The tale of the alleged atrocities is probably as true as the tales of enemy atrocities usually are. One is reminded of the legend of the cuttle-fish, which is said to have the ability to emit an inky fluid in order to darken the water enough to allow it to escape from its enemies. In short, this is the same old anaesthetic of propaganda; the same old hypodermic diplomacy that breeds war by the injection of suspicion and jealousy. Is it not high time that our infatuated instructors should tie up the old bull?

Sincerely yours,  
 CHAS. McDONALD.  
 63 Livingston Ave.

Editor's note.—In reply to our correspondent we would answer the two questions as follows: (1) Prof. Macgillivray supplied the translation at the request of the Whig, and for his work our thanks are hereby publicly tendered. (2) The article was published in order that the readers of the Whig might know something of the workings of the German mind at the present time. It has long been the policy of this paper to give both sides of a question; that man is but poorly informed indeed who knows only one side of a question. We have confidence enough in our readers' intelligence to believe they can receive all kinds of information and still retain sense enough to sift the chaff from the wheat.

**"A" Company, Frontenac Regiment.**  
 There was a good parade of "A" Company, Frontenac Regiment, on Wednesday evening at the armouries and after the usual drills a game of baseball was played between No. 1 and No. 3 platoon, which resulted in a score of 18 to 7 in favor of No. 1. The line-up: No. 1: Mullin c., Jarvis p., Norris 1b., Davis 2b., Cornelius s.s., McQueen 3b., Robinson I.F., Ling r.f., Dark c.

No. 3: P. Cornelius c., Sullivan p., Eccles 1b., Garrity 2b., Bushey 3b., Davis s.s., Reilly r.f., Hessler I.F., Crowder c.f.

Umpire: Sam McCullagh.

Lived at Tweed.  
 Edgar Morton Brown, bank clerk, under arrest at Toronto charged with the theft of \$21,000 from the Bank of Montreal, formerly he was employed as a teller, formerly lived at Tweed, and is twenty-nine years of age. He lived in Winnipeg for some time but has been located in Toronto for four years. His wife came to Canada from Belfast some years ago.

It's easy enough to give advice, but it is a difficult matter to get people to have faith enough in you to use it.

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## WILL LOCATE HERE.

### Specialist in Children's Diseases to Locate in Kingston.

Dr. R. R. MacGregor, Prescott, has announced his intention of opening offices in this city early in March. He will confine his practice entirely to the treatment of diseases of children, in which line of work he has had splendid training.

Dr. MacGregor has many friends in Kingston who will be pleased to hear of his intention to locate here. At the outbreak of the war he was completing his course in medicine at Queen's University, but gave up his work there in January, 1915, to enlist as a private in the Duchess of Connaught hospital. After several months overseas he was returned to Canada to complete his medical course, and on graduation he re-enlisted with the C.A.M.C. Unable to get overseas again with the Canadians, he transferred to the Royal Army Medical Corps and after a few months training in England was sent as Medical officer to an Imperial regiment in France. Here his splendid services resulted in his winning the Military Cross. After being badly gassed in the fall of 1918, he had to be evacuated from the line, and before he was in a fit condition to return the armistice was signed. After that Dr. MacGregor had an opportunity of doing some special work in England and he decided to make a specialty of children's diseases. Before returning to Canada he took a special course in this work in Great Ormond Street Children's hospital in London. This was followed in Canada by one and one-half year's work in the Sick Children's hospital, Toronto, under Dr. Allan Brown. Following this, Dr. MacGregor spent some months in New York in a children's hospital doing considerable work under Dr. Holt. He therefore comes to Kingston with excellent qualifications in the specialty he has chosen, and will prove a welcome addition to the ranks of the medical profession in our city.

## CLAIMS YOUNGEST SOLDIER

### R. C. Thompson Enlists at 13—Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, Hillier.

Picton Gazette.  
 The honor for having the youngest soldier in the great war has been claimed by both the United States and France but the honor really belongs to Canada and in particular to R. C. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson, of Hillier, who enlisted when only thirteen years of age.

At the time of enlistment he was in attendance at the Picton Collegiate, but recruiting speeches and the sight of khaki, with great adventures before those who were enlisted, roused his patriotic fervor that throwing books aside he became one of the "rookies squad" of the 80th Battalion, enlisted for the "duration of the war and one year thereafter." Beside him in the ranks were none with less than eighteen years behind them, mostly men with physique which was quite mature. But the spirit and imagination of thirteen years was sufficient to carry him through the same routine as his companions. For six weeks he carried on, had learned the ways of the army to some extent and was probably congratulating himself on having escaped detection of his age at the very moment when the age of the youthful soldier was brought to the attention of the authorities. His discharge was obtained against which he protested strongly, declaring he would rather die a hero fighting for right and liberty than live a coward.

It was easy however, to re-enlist, which he did at Wellington three months later on March 16th, 1916, this time with the 155th Battalion. He was to have better luck with regard to detection of his youth. Perhaps the look of determination to be a soldier added years to his head. At any rate he remained in the army, transferring to the 4th Pioneer Battalion and accompanying the unit to St. Andrews, New Brunswick. Here he trained and later at Digby, Nova Scotia, leaving for overseas on September 14th, 1916, being then fourteen years of age.

Six months' training in England was sufficient to fit the battalion for active service. Pte. Thompson served for about six months in France with the 224th Battalion and took part in the battle of Vimy Ridge.

It was finally discovered that he was only fifteen years of age and he was sent back to Canada in October, 1917, receiving his discharge.

"Once a soldier, always a soldier," was very true in this case. Not a month had passed before he was again in the ranks, having enlisted at Toronto in November, 1917, in the 1st Depot Battalion. He was one of the soldiers sent from Toronto to Halifax after the disaster there on December 6th, 1917, where he spent several weeks doing relief work.

On returning to Toronto he was promoted to the office of Sergeant-Major while still fifteen and held the office when he went overseas the second time.

He served again in France, this time with the Canadian Mounted Rifles and was with that battalion at Mons when the armistice was signed. At this time he was 16 years of age, after having served twice in France.

E. Roy Thompson who enlisted and went overseas with the 235th Battalion and served in France with the 4th C.M.R., was also a son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Thompson.

## Queen's Alumni "At Home."

Ottawa Journal: Queen's Alumni Association of Ottawa held its first formal "At Home" since the war at the Venetian Studios Tuesday evening. The patronesses were Mrs. Andrew Hayden, Miss Jessie Muir and Mrs. Bryce Stewart. Among the guests were representatives of the alumni associations of McGill, Toronto, Ottawa College and Acadia, Mr. Bryce M. Stewart, president of the association, Dr. Adam Shortt, honorary president, and Dr. L. Bruce, representing the university faculty and R. O. Campney, president and representative of the Alma Mater Society. About 140 guests attended.

## Selling Fair Buildings.

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Under the workman's compensation law the state industrial commission of Ohio has awarded compensation of \$4,992 to Mrs. Nellie Gove, Alexandria Bay, N.Y., on account of the death of her husband, killed April 16th, 1920, while in the employment of E. H. Close Realty Co., at Port Clinton, Ohio.

Mr. Gove lost his life in the fire at the Matthews boat plant at Port Clinton, Ohio, when with two companions he went from Alexandria Bay to fit out Mr. Close's yacht. The men were burned to death when the building in which they were sleeping took fire.

Mrs. Gove will receive her compensation in weekly allowances of \$12 per week, which will be a great help in caring for her family of four children and herself.

At Christmas time she received a check for \$100 and a Christmas box.

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 The people of Alexandria Bay have taken a great interest in the brave mother and her little ones and have given assistance in many ways; all will be glad to know that the compensation decision was so favorable as this will help out until the boys are old enough to assist in the care of the family.

Hon. Mr. Raney challenges Hon. G. H. Ferguson to make real charges and not mere threats.

