Santa Claus or No?

"Should twentieth Century children, so very wise and bright, The worn-out myth of Santa Claus believe with all their might?"

"Why yes, you anxious mother, with your modern theories mix. The grand old truths of Santa, and the chimney-corner fix. Enthuse your happy darlings with the plump and jolly elf The open sleigh and reindeer that you believed yourself — Talk it with much excitement, push it for what it's worth. The very dearest legend in this old solemn earth."

“Oh no! dear Mistress Modern, of St. Nick you should not rave — Uplift your children's vision, that you their minds may save — Let truths of Science fill them, let reason hold her sway, Let no fool myth of Santa despoil the Xmas day. For, what can you expect, friend, as on the years do roll Of one untruth of mother’s that sank into the soul? Can faith and trust in goodness, in honesty hold sway, If you make true that story on this next Xmas Day?"

And so, these friends of Santa, and these his very foes Discuss their plans together, and nearly come to blows — But the world prepares for Santa, this world of war and peace And long as lasts the ages, the myth shall never cease: But Kristine and Betzana, Santa and St. Nick, The many gifted fairy, whose names come fast and thick, Shall still hold sway in cloud-land, on earth, or out at sea — All hail! thou Wonder-worker, an Xmas crown for thee! Dec. 1st, 1914 — J. C. B.
Our Rhodes Scholars with the Army

FRANK M. SMITH, B. A., '12
PEARSON V. CURTIS, '13

Frank M. Smith, B. A. '12, of St. John, N. B., was Rhodes Scholar from our University in his graduating year. Mr. Smith, after spending two years in Oxford, joined King Edward's Horse this summer at the outbreak of war. He was one of Mt. Allison's star half-line men in his undergraduate years, and it is needless to say we wish him the best of good fortune.

Pearson V. Curtis, '13, was appointed Rhodes Scholar from Newfoundland in 1911 while attending Mt. Allison. Mr. Curtis left at once for Oxford, and during the summer of this year, volunteered for active service. He has since been ordered to India, where we trust his military career will be as fortunate as his scholastic has been successful.

C. GRAHAM, '15

Chris, must be in his element now. Football and facts afforded but meagre satisfaction for his irrepressible energy. Always alert and aggressive, endowed with an indomitable optimism, he is the embodiment of all the heroic qualities which characterize a true soldier. He is now Lieut. Graham, Y. M. C. A. work, attached to Ammunition Column.
A. D. CARTER '16

Lieut. A. D. Carter hails from Point de Bute, N. B. He entered Mt. Allison in 1913 with sophomore standing. With his manly figure, cheery disposition, and unfailing courtesy he was a welcome addition to the student body and the class of '16. His departure for St. John was made the occasion for a hearty demonstration by professors and students.

JOHN JUDKINS '16

John Judkins is a native of Wakefield Centre, Woodstock, N. B. He came to Mount Allison University in September 1912 after spending a most successful year at the Academy. His intention was to complete the engineering course, but for various reasons he was unable to do so. He volunteered for the first Canadian contingent as a bombardier and is at present serving in that capacity with the troops on Salisbury Plain.
CECIL R. MERSEREAU ‘17

Lieut. C. R. Mersereau, B Company, 12th Battalion, 4th Brigade, First Overseas Contingent, one of the Mt. A. men who promptly answered the call of duty. President of his class, a football star, an all-round good fellow, “Shiny” was deservedly popular.

Every Mount Allison Student wishes him abundant success, and after Peace founded on Liberty, a triumphant return.

R. W. BARTLETT, ’17

Rupert W. Bartlett, of Brigus, Newfoundland, Corporal in the First Newfoundland Contingent now doing duty in Inverness, Scotland. “Padeo”, as he was commonly called, entered last year with the ’17 class. From the first day he entered until he left he was a general favorite. He was a member of last year's football team. We wish him success and a safe return to Mount Allison.
R. B. HERDER '17

Ralph B. Herder came to Mt. A. with the reputation of being a real good "sport." This reputation was splendidly sustained during the year he was with us. He developed into a clever football player and contributed largely to the success of last season's hockey team. There was general disappointment when the word was circulated that Ralph was not coming back this year, but the feeling changed to one of satisfaction when the news came that he had joined the Newfoundland contingent.

PERCY F. APPLEBY '17

Although with us only one year, "Perce" made himself popular with the fellows of all the classes. His ability as an athlete both in football and hockey kept him before the limelight; and the possession of a pleasing tenor voice ensured his success at social functions. He has been greatly missed this year and we shall be glad to welcome him back again when the war is over.
WILLIAM F. HUTCHINGS '16

"Bill" Hutchings entered the University with the class of '14, and later joined '16. Those who know him will realize that the army has gained a man who embodies all those attributes of courage, fidelity and good cheer which go to make England's soldiers what they are. Wherever the battle is thickest, there you will find Bill, and wherever Bill is, are our best wishes, and our sympathy for the German who happens to be in front of him.