One evening early in February George McCord died suddenly while on his way home from his office. He is the third member of the class of '99 to have an asterisk in the Calendar, the others being Eugene Forsey who died in Mexico and Arthur Fuller who was asphyxiated in New York. During his course he took Honors in English and was always a reader with rather a hobby for books. He attended the Harvard Law School, and on practising law entered into partnership with A. B. Copp, M. P., with offices in Sackville. He took a keen interest in politics and all things pertaining to citizenship. Just after the outbreak of the war he enlisted. His splendid career as a soldier has been referred to in other numbers of the Record, after his return home in the spring of 1917. His funeral was attended by great numbers of people from the locality and various parts of the country, showing the esteem in which he was held. He was a most obliging friend and will be missed by a number of Allisonians and others. His name was among those nominated at the last meeting of the Alumni Society to be submitted on the next voting papers as a candidate to represent the Society on the Board of Regents.

Capt. Chester Harris, '10, M. C.

We greatly regret a peculiar mistake in the October number of the Record in the paragraph relating to Capt. Harris. He was there credited with having served in the R. A. M. C., in Italy and with having had an exciting experience, in company with his wife, in the retreat from Caporetto. As a matter of fact that statement referred to Capt. W. E. Thompson '10 a fact we well knew. We have received a letter from Capt. Harris and take the liberty of publishing part of it.

"I joined up about the beginning of 1916 and went to France in May. I spent six months with the 74th Field Ambulance and went with them through the Somme Battle '16. I went then to the 107th Bde. R. F. A. for four months, and applied for a transfer to the Infantry. I was sent to the 9th Batt. Royal Sussex Rgt. where I remained for 14 months being engaged in that time in the following engagements—Vimy, Messines, Passchendaele, on the fringe of Cambrai, and in the retreat of the 5th Arm in March last. In this last engagement we were in support of the division which first gave way so that we came in for a lively time. We were in this retreat 10 days before being relieved.

In June last year I was transferred to the British Salonika Force where I have been on duty in the 38th General Hospital (Serbian)."

Yours sincerely,

CHESTER HARRIS.
Capt. R. A. M. C.
Plant. But just here we face a difficulty. Though these too, are urgent needs, yet they are not the needs of the three Institutions as a whole, as is the call for a Library, and in none of these could we so well symbolize the sacrifices made. For after all there is something sacred about a Library and here more than on any other spot on the campus, hovers that mysterious but very real something, the College Spirit.

The University Library at present consists of one large room in Centennial Hall together with a smaller room known as the Library Annex. Here every nook and corner is packed with books and yet there does not begin to be sufficient space, and in consequence many books are stored away in the garret waiting for a suitable place to receive them.

In the Ladies' College the books are kept in one large room, (none too well lighted in some of the corners), and in an annex is packed the overflow.

The Art Books are not given the prominence of a separate room in the Art Gallery, but are stored on shelves where neither their beauty nor their accessibility is sacrificed, and where, moreover it is difficult to keep them in the best possible condition.

There is a Magazine room at the Ladies' College for the use of the students there and one in Centennial Hall for the University students. The Ladies' College reading room is very comfortable but the University Magazine Room leaves much to be desired in regard to space, light and comfort generally.

The new library will supply all of these present deficiencies and provide space for all the books at present in the possession of both libraries as well as room for any future additions which may be made from time to time. It will also provide suitable accommodation for the magazines and light bright airy attractive reading rooms, readily accessible to all the students of the three Institutions.

**Present Contents of the Library**

There are at present some 14,000 odd volumes in the University Library and about 12,000 in that of the Ladies' College. These consist of books of reference in the various departments of study, the works of standard authors, encyclopedias, dictionaries, bound volumes of Dialects of the House of Commons, etc., etc., besides a somewhat extensive collection of modern books.

Apart from the financial value of our library, it possesses other values which are immeasurable. It has a tradition and a history which can never be replaced. The best minds associated with the Institutions from its very inception have put their best efforts into the choosing of helpful and suitable books. Men have gleaned from their own libraries the best which they had and have given it as a gift. The representatives of the Alumni and Alumnae Societies have put wise thought into the selection of its books and every student, who during the past sixty-five years has paid a Library Fee has in a certain sense a personal interest in the Library. It is indeed a collection worthy of an honorable and readily accessible resting-place.

**History of the Library**

Of the very earliest beginnings of the Library we know nothing. When, in 1853, Dr. Allison came to the Academy as a lad, he tells us that he found "quite a respectable collection of books." "The boys," he says, "got their reading matter out on Saturday, and the books themselves bore testimony of having been selected by authorities on the principle of procuring suitable reading matter for Sunday.I recall with what interest I devoured Sonnhey's "Life of John Wesley." The Wesleyan Methodist Magazine and the Youth's Instructor figured largely in the collection. There was then as later a Library Fee."

The books have come mostly, however, from four different sources.

1. The gifts of Methodist ministers.
2. The Alumni and Alumnae Societies.
3. Library Fees paid by the students, sometimes known as the Library Fund.
4. The personal gifts of former students and others interested.

Many Methodist ministers helped the Library along wonderfully in those first days of its struggling existence, but perhaps the largest gifts were those given by the Rev. Mr. Cardy, the grandfather of Mrs. Borden, and by the Rev. Ralph Breeton, who while pastor of the Methodist Church in Sackville gave two thousand dollars to be devoted, as he said, "to the purchasing of books and scientific material." In that day two thousand dollars meant a great deal more than it does now and had a much greater purchasing power, so we realize what a tremendously important influence this gift must have had upon the growth of the infant Library.

Those who have made the selections of books for the Alumni and Alumnae Societies deserve the gratitude of every former, present and future student of the Institutions, for it is to their careful thoughtfulness and intimate knowledge of the needs, that we today have such a fine collection of books and such a splendid foundation on which to build up one of the best Libraries, not only in the Maritime Provinces, but in all Canada.

Dr. Raymond Archibald, who graduated from the University in '94, and whose mother was in turn a student, teacher, Chief Preceptor, and Lady Principal of the Ladies' College, has been a powerful influence in the shaping of our Library in recent years. He has given, among other things, one of the last libraries of the University Library, a splendid collection of War documents selected and bound by himself.

**The Mary Mellish Archibald Memorial Library**

At the Ladies' College Library, Dr. Archibald has founded a wonderful section known as the Mary Mellish Archibald Memorial Library. To this he has added valuable books every year, usually of the more modern type, and in it are found selections from the works of such men as Tagore, George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, Lanier, Howel, Prose, Masefield, the twenty-four beautifully bound volumes of the works of William Morris and Cook's splendid edition of Russia. It is indeed the Mecca of the student or teacher who is hungry for just such reading
and cannot possibly procure it in such abundance elsewhere. To the modern student of Literature these books are among the most valuable which we have. For the most part they are not literature which is studied in the English classes. They go beyond and supplement that work with a broader, wider, more modern touch. In this collection there are upwards of five hundred books.

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The Art Library

This section of the Library is practically invaluable to the students in that department. It contains interesting books on Interior Decoration, a subject which is just beginning to come into its own, and in which, by the way, there is a very superior course given at the Ladies' College this year by Miss Marie Hewson, one of the Art teachers. It contains also books on the lives of the great Masters, which may, indeed, be wells of inspiration to the eager young students into whose hands they come.

The principles of Beauty along more practical lines, architecture, gardening etc., are all exemplified in the carefully chosen books, as well as the more technical sides of the subject, such as History of Art, Painting, Sculpture, etc. In this collection there are over four hundred books.

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A Word About Magazines

The story of the magazines were perhaps best left unwritten. For in its telling we must needs make reference to the criminal thoughtlessness and ruthless vandalism of a certain class of students who have carried off a copy here and a copy there of certain magazines, thus rendering the binding of entirely complete sets of magazines, in many cases, an utter impossibility. In the new library however such near-sighted selfishness will be entirely impossible for there it is proposed to have careful supervision. We have, however, when the bound volumes of magazines in both the Ladies' College and University are considered, a very useful and valuable collection of bound volumes, in some instances dating back many years. In the case of Debates, the power of referring to articles on the various subjects under discussion at the time, makes these magazine files particularly necessary and of great value to the student, not only for the actual information which he may obtain, but also for the training him how to find information as well as how to use indexes and card catalogues. Just now there is need of a fund to complete back numbers of magazines which have been carried off in the past.

Lack of Wide Range of Periodicals

As there are so many different departments in these three institutions, each department in order to keep up-to-date, wants to procure periodicals and magazines dealing exclusively with its particular line. The Department of Sociology, for instance must have the "Survey," and the "American Journal of Sociology," and other periodicals dealing with just its sort of work. At present the Science Department feels keenly the lack of proper supply of Scientific Journals. This lack can only be eliminated when a proper endowment furnishes the means whereby such magazines can be procured regularly.

We need a Library building and we need a large enough endowment fund to carry it on fittingly. We must have both. The loyalty of old Mount Allison students has never been questioned. Now is the time for all such to rally round the old school and show what sort of stuff is in them.

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Collection of Maps Not Properly Placed

In the Ladies College Library there is a collection of maps which a recent visitor to the school pronounced splendid. There are also in the University Library a complete set of Geological maps, furnished the College by the Dominion Government, as well as valuable collection of War maps, which will become priceless in time. All of these need to be given a position of more prominence and of reader accessibility than it is possible to do under present conditions.

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Extract From Professor DesBarres' Address

Professor DesBarres, the present University Librarian, in an address to the students at the beginning of the College Year, gave a brief history of the Library, its earliest beginnings, its value to the students, their share in maintaining it, etc., and closed his address with the following paragraph:

"And so let, our feeling for the Library be a part of the whole of our feeling as worthy sons and daughters of Mount Allison. Like all really good Libraries, ours bring us into association with the great minds of the world. But beyond that it brings us into touch with the Mount Allison tradition. No one could see our young men go out from us to the Great War, one after the other, until you count them by the hundreds, no one could read the record of their deeds upon the field of battle, and in all too many cases learn the story of their deaths, without being sure of that. There is a Mount Allison tradition and strong in it in the sense of responsibility and the principle of service. And it seems to me if there is one place more than another, amongst the inanimate things upon the campus, where you breathe the atmosphere of the tradition it is in the Library. Can we not feel it as we move about there, and handle those volumes, all of them put there for use and help by the kindness of others. Ah, the old men dreamed dreams of us. Let us try to see the visions they prayed that we might see and then try to what we see both while we are students here and in the great world into which we are called presently to go and help reconstruct things and to repair the mistakes of the Past."

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The Drive. Are You Ready?

From the above paragraph, as well as from memories of our own, we are able to form an idea of the importance of the Library in the students' College Life. "The Drive," for which so much careful preparation has been made, comes on Tuesday, April 15th, when every one will have an opportunity to show his and her loyalty and enthusiasm in a practical way. This is just another Victory Loan Campaign. You are lending money to your coun-
Mount Allison in Toronto

Since the building of a Memorial Library at Mount Allison was proposed, Allisonians in Toronto, of whom there are a considerable number, have been very active in the interests of the campaign. Their first step towards organization was taken early in February, when a meeting was called and officers elected to carry on the work proposed. Mr. H. V. Thompson was elected President of the organization.

Shortly after this meeting Mrs. W. W. Beer gave a tea for all the Mount Allison girls in the city and here the idea was further discussed and plans for the next meeting considered.

It was decided to hold a banquet on Tuesday, March the eighteenth, in the parlor of Sherbourne Street Church. In order to reach any former students or friends of the College who might be in the city and unknown to the committee, shortly before the banquet, a notice was inserted in the Toronto Daily News inviting any who might be interested to be present. Mrs. W. W. Beer was in charge of all arrangements in connection with the banquet and it was she who was instrumental in securing the services and cooperation of the Sherbourne Street Church people. The T. Eaton Co. did the catering and supplied the service, while the ladies of Sherbourne Street Church lent their dishes. The rooms were fittingly decorated in garnet and gold, and yellow daffodils supplied the floral part of the decorations.

Seventy-six people sat down at the tables and many more came in during the evening. A very enjoyable meal was provided and at the moderate cost of sixty cents a plate. As Mr. H. V. Thompson, the President of the Toronto Mount Allison Association, was not in the city, Dr. W. A. Black presided in his place. During the dinner slips of paper were passed around and on these every one was asked to sign his or her name and give address and telephone number.

After dinner one of the most novel and interesting parts of the program followed. In turn each person got up in his place at the tables, and proceeded to give his or her Mount Allison history. Not the least interesting of these histories was that of Mr. Chubbuck, formerly of St. Stephen, who had attended the Academy in 1855 and was a student there when the Academy was burned. He had, he said, lived in Toronto for many years, and had been longing to see some one from Mount Allison. When he had seen the notice of the banquet in the "Globe," he immediately determined to go. Mrs. Gronlund, who reports this instance, says that he talked of Dr. Inch and Dr. Allison as if they were still boys.

Toast followed. Mr. Robert Staff
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LIBRARY CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES SATISFACTORILY

During the past few weeks a number of meetings have been held in the different towns throughout the Maritime Provinces in the interests of the Mount Allison Memorial Library. In all of these gatherings there has been a predominant note of optimism and enthusiasm and a sincere faith in the project about to be undertaken has been manifested.

In a great many instances representatives have been sent from the College to the various cities and towns to put the matter more clearly before the people. When the arrangement of their itinerary has made it possible for them to be in a place on Sunday these men have been enabled through the courtesy and friendly interest of the different ministers in charge to present their plea from the pulpit.

Although it is not within the bounds of possibility to send some one from the College to every place, yet practically everywhere there is any Mount Allison constituency, steps have been taken toward some efficient system of organization. To those places where lack of time etc. made the sending of a College representative impossible, Mr. B. J. Porter '98, who is in charge of the campaign, has sent personal letters to the Methodist ministers asking for their cooperation. The result has been that in practically all sections of the Maritime Provinces meetings have been held to which all former Mount Allison students, as well as all those interested in the Institutions have been invited. These meetings have been organized with a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and strong committees have been formed to arrange for, and advertise the campaign, so that every last person may be canvassed when the final drive comes on April the fifteenth.

Lists of former students have been sent out to interested people in the various sections. In many cases these lists require a great deal of revision and the Committee is very grateful to all those who have helped to correct such lists.

In cases where a personal canvass is impossible circulars describing the scheme and soliciting the loyal support which the campaign deserves, are being sent out. A special circular has been prepared for all the Mount Allison students and teachers now living in the United States, England and more distant countries.

Since the time at the disposal of