

## CHAPTER V

### *The First Great War 1914-1918*

THE University re-assembled in September, 1914, to face a situation both unprecedented and unexpected. Already there had been some discussion as to a revised programme. Some of the Staff went so far as to declare that indulgence in games was undignified, if not unseemly. There were proposals that the whole University should be transformed into an armed camp, that the whole student body should be enlisted, even conscripted, and the time not occupied with studies devoted entirely to military drill.

As far as the Athletic Directorate was concerned the members were whole-heartedly in favour of any well-balanced, well-considered scheme that would bear the stamp of authority and make the maximum contribution to the immediate need of the Empire. The President of the Athletic Association that year was the late Dr. Wm. B. Hendry, who, as an undergraduate in Arts had been a member of the Gymnasium Committee in 1891, the first Athletic Directorate in 1893, and again when an undergraduate in Medicine (1901-02) and the representative of the Athletic Advisory Board since 1908. In his student days he had played Rugby, Lacrosse and Soccer and had been on the Fencing, Track and Gymnasium teams. After graduating in Arts in 1895 he taught mathematics at Ridley College for four years and re-entered the University in Medicine, graduating as a Bachelor of Medicine in 1904. He became a member of the staff in 1906. He thus had an intimate knowledge of the student mind as well as the more mature judgment of the graduate and the member of the staff.

After consulting with the senior members of the Directorate he went to the President and urged, for the time being, the continuance of Intercollegiate competition, at any rate