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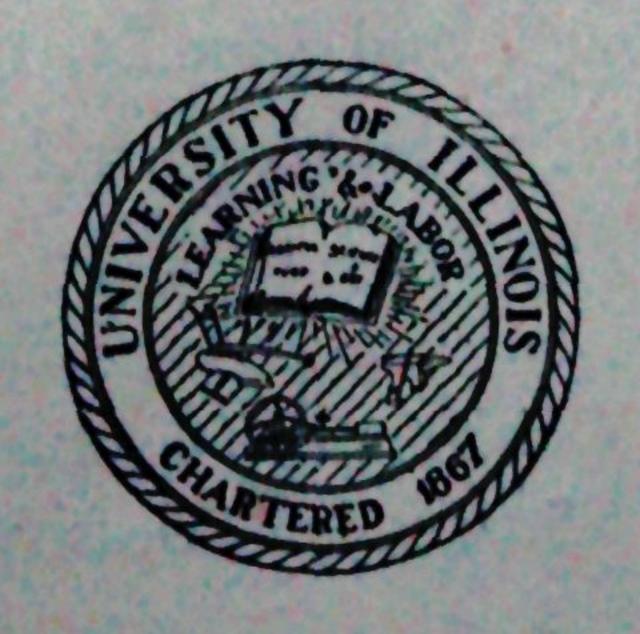
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PREFATORY NOTE

The following report of the activities of the War Committee for the year 1918-19 reproduces the texts of the reports submitted by the Committee to President James, on January 7 and June 24, 1919, with the omission of those parts which seem to have less permanent interest.

Evarts B. Greene Chairman, University War Committee September 16, 1918-June 24, 1919

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Publication	Author
Reports of the War Committee	
Food Conservation ¹	ISABEL BEVIER
Municipal War Work	
Wheat Saving	
The War Garden	J. W. Lloyd
Food Production	
War Legislation	R. E. Cushman
War Activities and Moral Leadership	E. J. JAMES
Milk	
Meat	
Sugar in War Time	
The Great Condition	
The German War Code	
Responsibility for the Great War	L. M. LARSON
Report of the War Committee	
The College Man and the War	
Italy and the Peace Conference	
New Arab Kingdom	
Territorial Problems of the Baltic Basin.	
The Republic of the Ukraine	
Conflict of Parties in the Russian Revolut	
Asiatic Turkey	
The New Poland	· · · · · · · · · · · · P. V. B. JONES
Aims and Claims of Germany Mobilization for Food Production	
Farm Machinery Situation	OLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE
Use of Farm Labor during the WarW. F	TANK A. WHITE
	LANDSCHIN-J. D. ANDREWS

The public ons are arranged and listed in chronological order.

Publication Author

Protect the Wheat Crop	W. F. HANDSCHIN
Grow More Wheat in IllinoisW. L. Burlison a	and W.F. Handschin
Home Economics ExhibitsMINNIE BUNCH	and Naomi Newburn
Shall I Plant a Garden?	J. W. Lloyd
Simple Seed-Corn TestersAGRICULTURAL	EXPERIMENT STATION
Rag Doll Tester for CornW. L. Burliso	n and G. H. Dungan
Apple Flakes	W. F. JAMES
Shall We Plant More Spring Wheat?	W. L. Burlison
Growing Plants for War Gardens	C. E. Durst
Conserving Sugar in Ice Cream	H. A. RUEHE
Corn and Corn Products	Ruth Wheeler
War Bread Receipts	LEGE OF AGRICULTURE
Winter Feeding of Idle Farm Horses	J. L. Edmonds
Selection and Storage of Feed CornW. L. Burl	ISON and E. A. WHITE
War Garden Hotbed	C. E. Durst
Applications of Trigonometry	A. J. KEMPNER
An Outline of Economic Readjustment	M. H. Robinson
Political and Social Institutions	J. W. GARNER
Historical Background of the Great War	L. M. LARSON

To the University of Illinois, as to other American universities, the entry of the United States into the Great War brought new obligations and new opportunities for service. The largest contributions were doubtless made through individual members of the University — faculty, alumni, and student — who devoted themselves to the great cause in the most varied forms of military and civilian service. On the University Honor Roll of those who died in the service are the names of 181 men. These individual records the University expects to preserve in some appropriate and permanent form.

The University also, through its trustees, president, and faculty, placed its corporate resources at the disposal of the State and Federal governments for war purposes. The careful attention which has always been given here to military instruction gave the University of Illinois a certain advantage in this respect over most other institutions. The technical knowledge and research facilities of certain other departments, notably engineering, medicine, chemistry, agriculture, and household economics, also enabled them to play an important part in the great task of mobilizing the national resources, whether in direct relation to the military and naval service, in such civilian activities as those of the Food, Fuel, and Railway Administrations, or in the auxiliary services of the Red Cross and the various organizations which were finally associated in the United War Work Council. An adequate record of all these things is not yet possible, but a University Committee is already gathering the materials upon which such a record must be based.

A few months after the outbreak of the war, it was decided to organize a University War Committee for the purpose of correlating more effectively the activities of the University in relation to war service, and the material collected in this volume relates largely, tho not exclusively, to the work of that Committee. It includes two reports of the War Committee printed in 1918, together with material from two subsequent reports not previously printed, bringing the narrative down to the date of the Committee's discharge in June, 1917. To these reports are added a number of pamphlets issued by the Committee as a part of its program of civic education. Some of these were intended to give information in popular form on the issues and objects of the war, and the problems of the Peace Conference. Others offered suggestions as to ways and means by which the individual citizen might cooperate more effectively with the Government in conserving and utilizing the economic resources of the country. A few other pamphlets issued by particular officers, departments, or committees, as for instance, the Committee on the War Issues Course, have been added because of their relation to this educational program, even the they were not strictly publications of the War Committee.

It is needless to add that the collection does not include any of the numerous articles on war topics issued by members of the faculty through official or unofficial agencies outside of the University, such as government publications, and professional journals of various kinds.

Taken as a whole it is hoped that the volume will prove a convenience to future students who may wish to inform themselves on certain phases of University war service.

University of Illinois, September 1, 1920

DAVID KINLEY
President

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

January 7, 1919

Activities of the University War Committee for the Autumn Quarter,

September-December, 1918.

Under the effective plan of organization developed by Dean Kinley the activities of the university community in relation to the War were, subject to the general supervision of the central War Committee, directed by a number of divisional committees largely composed of members of the faculty but enlisting to a considerable extent also the cooperation of students.

The opening of the current year brought a radical change in the whole University situation and naturally affected the work of the War Committee itself. With the establishment of the Students Army Training Corps, the University administration and teaching staff became virtually a "committee of the whole" for war purposes. A large part of the work of spreading information regarding the War and its issues was taken over by the new Committee on the War Issues Course, since a considerable majority of the student body was registered in the S. A. C. T. for which that course was a requirement. Finally, in the middle of the quarter there came the announcement of the armistice, making unnecessary, or less important, certain previous activities of the committee.

Keeping in mind these changed conditions, I note briefly: (1) work actually done during this period either by the War Committee itself or by agencies more or less connected with it; (2) phases of the work which may profitably be continued during the remainder

of the year.

I. Actual Service during the First Quarter.

chairmanship of Professor C. M. Thompson was largely responsible for the remarkable success of the University drive for the Fourth Liberty Loan. No definite quota was assigned to the University, individual members of the University staff and students making their subscriptions for the most part through the same agencies as other citizens. University subscribers were, however, asked to report their subscriptions to the Loan Committee so that a fairly complete record of the University contribution was secured. The following is a summary of the result which is I believe as good a showing as that made by any other University in the country: Chicago Schools and Colleges

Faculty and Students	\$ 63,950
Urbana Schools and Colleges	
Faculty	137,000
Faculty Employees	8,900

Girls (Undergraduate and Graduate)	46,000
Undergraduate Men (Not S. A. T. C.)	4,000
S. A. T. C	29,250
S. M. A. (Officers, Instructors, and Men)	24,800
Total \$	314,000

I wish to call particular attention to the extraordinary showing made by the young women of the University. It seemed desirable to impress upon them as strongly as possible the idea that they, as well as the young men in the military and naval services, should share in the responsibilities and sacrifices which the war involved. Prizes in the form of Liberty Bonds for University women who proved themselves most efficient in this work were placed at the disposal of the committee; but quite aside from this the spirit was admirable and the result is believed to be a quite unique achievement of American University women.

(2) War Relief Funds. The chief enterprise of this kind during the quarter has been the drive for the United War Work Fund. In this case the initative came in large part from the students themselves and at their request I approved on behalf of the University War Committee the organization of a special committee for this drive of which Professor C. M. Thompson agreed to take the chairmanship. The amount finally secured (\$46,821), though slightly less than was hoped for, was nevertheless sufficient to give the University of Illinois a very high rank among the Universities of the country, whether in the proportion of its contribution to the number of students or in the aggregate amount.

During the last days of the quarter the membership campaign of the American Red Cross was also carried through with marked success. The number of memberships secured up to and including January 6, 1919 (the campaign is still in progress) was 1850 and the total amount raised was \$2,040.

To reduce to a minimum the complications inevitably resulting from numerous appeals to the same community, it was voted that the acceptance of a University quota for any war relief fund should be subject to approval by the general War Committee.

- (3) War Employment Committee. This service under the direction of Assistant Dean Jordan of the College of Engineering was continued during the autumn. The general character of this work was described in Dean Kinley's report of July 13.
- (4) University War Records. The records of University men in the military and naval services have been kept under the direction of Dean Clark with the cooperation of this committee. By arrangement with the Comptroller a credit of \$500 from the War Committee

appropriation was set aside for this purpose. It is unnecessary to dwell upon the importance of these records as material for the future historian of the University and as sources of inspiration to the coming generation of University men.

- (5) War Memorials. The Committee has given some thought to the subject of permanent memorials at the University for those of its members who have given their lives in the military and naval services. Ultimate decisions respecting a really adequate memorial naturally lie outside the jurisdiction of an emergency organization like our own. Two steps, however, have been taken looking in this direction: (1) Mr. H. S. Magill, director of the Illinois Centennial Commission suggested that the University might take a certain quota of the Illinois centennial coins (fifty cent pieces coined by the United States mint in recognition of the centennial anniversary of the admission of Illinois into the Union) and sell them to students and others as souvenirs at a charge of one dollar each, using the profits of the transaction either for some specific smaller memorial, such as a bronze tablet, or as the nucleus of a larger fund. With your approval, we agreed to undertake this enterprise and Assistant Dean Warnock was appointed a committee to carry out the plan. It is proposed at present to take 1,000 of these coins, which, if all are sold, will net \$500 for the proposed fund. (2) It has seemed also worth while to initiate a discussion respecting the larger memorial which the University will undoubtedly wish to dedicate to those who have fallen in the Great War. A special committee has been appointed to consider this subject consisting of Dean Kinley, chairman, Dean Clark, Professor J. M. White, and Director G. A. Huff.
- (6) Conservation Activities. The events of the past quarter have naturally lessened the need for this kind of service. The special Committee on Fuel of which Professor A. C. Willard is chairman prepared a short circular to members of the University staff designed to prevent waste in University buildings. The War Committee cooperated with the county food conservation committee in arranging for an address at the University Auditorium by Mrs. Forbes-Robertson Hale.
- reduced to a minimum because of the influenza epidemic and the preoccupation of faculty and students with the S. A. T. C. The most notable events of this kind were the meetings held in honor of the British and French Missions and the series of lectures given by Lord Charnwood. A special service was held under the auspices of the War Committee on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, to celebrate the signing of the armistice. The exercises consisted of music under the direction of Professor Erb and an address by Professor S. P. Sherman.

(8) Publications. One of the most important forms of service undertaken by the Committee last year was the publication of a series of leaflets intended to furnish information for the general public on war issues and problems. A list of these pamphlets is given in Dean Kinley's report of July 13. A considerable part of the distributing and some of the printing were not completed until after that date with the result that over \$2,000 of this expense has been charged to this year's account. These pamphlets have been widely distributed and requests have come from distant states as well as from those in our immediate neighborhood.

After the signing of the armistice it seemed to us that a different type of publication was desirable, dealing with the problems involved in the international settlement. Accordingly a new publication committee was appointed consisting of Professor L. M. Larson, chairman, Professors Ernest Bernbaum, J. W. Garner, Simon Litman, A. T. Olmstead, and Jacob Zeitlin. A partial list of the publications agreed upon for a series of short pamphlets follows: "The New Arabian State," Professor Olmstead; "Constantinople," Professor Olmstead; "The German Colonies," Professor Bernbaum (tentative); "The Russian Situation," Professor Zeitlin; "The Ukraine," Professor Litman; "What to do with Turkey," Professor Newell; "The League of Nations," Professor Greene; "Economic Aspects of Reconstruction," Professor Robinson; "The Present Status of International Law," Professor Garner; "The Jugo-Slavs," Dr. P. V. B. Jones; "The Basin of the Baltic," Professor Larson. A considerable amount of work has already been done upon this series and it is expected that two numbers will be ready for the press in about a week. It is proposed to in clude in these pamphlets simple non-controversial material on geographic, ethnographic, economic, and political factors in what may be called the "problem areas" of Europe, together with certain other topics likely to be considered by the peace congress.

II. Continuation of Existing Service.

Much of the work above described will not be needed under the changed conditions but some of it will require attention during the winter and spring quarters. The following activities of the Committee seem to come under this latter head:

The War Loan Service. The Fifth Liberty Loan has already been announced and there should be some University agency ready to cooperate in securing the fullest possible subscription by the University community: It would be a misfortune to mar the fine record already made by any slackening at the end. The leadership of University men is peculiarly important now in view of the natural tendency of the public to relax after the peculiar strain of war has been removed.

War Relief Funds. There is still need for assistance and some supervision not merely to insure liberal giving but also to avoid the irritation which sometimes comes from injudicious methods.

University War Service Records. This work will of course be continued in Dean Clark's office but its future financial support is a matter which should doubtless be taken up independently of this Committee.

Publications. I hope that it may be possible to carry through the pamphlet series above described.

Lectures and Conferences on Problems of International Settlement and Reconstruction. By enlisting the cooperation of members of the faculty we may be able to initiate some helpful discussions even though no considerable amount is available for speakers from the outside, though such a series could be made stronger if some outside assistance could be secured.*

The remaining paragraphs of the report, dealing with certain matters of detail in connection with the business of the Committee, are omitted. The full report has been filed with the collection of materials in the hands of the Committee on the Participation of the University in the War.

REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

June 24, 1919

Final Report of the University War Committee, January-June, 1919. The activities of the Committee before these dates were covered in Dean Kinley's printed reports of January 7, and August 5, 1918, and my own report of January 7, 1919. As I indicated in the report of January 7, the work of many of our divisional committees practically ended with the signing of the armistice in November. With your approval the work of the Committee has been continued for the purpose of dealing with a few services which are described below.

- 1. War Loan Committee-The Chief task of this Committee was the organization of the University drive for the Victory Loan. Professor C. M. Thompson having resigned the chairmanship of the Committee, he was succeeded by Professor C. A. Ellis of the Department of Civil Engineering. The work was carried on under obvious difficulties since we lacked some of the stimulus which comes from an actual state of war. Nevertheless, the Committee did its work seriously and effectively with the result that a creditable showing was made. The procedure adopted, as in the case of the Fourth Liberty Loan, was not to take the actual subscriptions in the University, but to ask each person to subscribe at his own bank and report the amount of his subscriptions to the University Committee. The total amount raised in the University was \$86,300, of which the faculty and members of the operating staff contributed \$82,000 and the students \$4,050. The amount is of course much less than that of the Fourth Loan, which reached approximately \$314,000. It should be noted, however, that the former amount included \$63,950 from the Chicago schools and colleges, which were unable to report on the subscriptions taken by their instructors and students in the Victory Loan. Included in the Fourth Loan, also, were \$54,050 taken through the S. A. T. C. and S. M. A. organizations and \$46,100 from the women of the University. The military organizations were not available for the Victory Loan and it was not thought best to canvass the undergraduates closely at this time, in view of the very generous help which the women especially had given to the Fourth Loan. The total for the third, fourth, and fifth loans, which have been conducted under the auspices of this Committee was approximately \$620,300.
- II. War Relief Funds—Professor Decker served as chairman of this Committee during the early part of the year, but on his going to Washington Professor W. C. Coffey was appointed to succeed him. The only notable organized effort in this field was that undertaken for the Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund. Mr. Lloyd Morey, the treasurer of this fund, reports that a total of \$2509.36 was raised in the University community.

III. University War Service Records—As I stated in my report of January 7, the War Committee allotted the sum of \$500 for the continuance of this work which was begun last year. I assume that the admirable service which has been given by Dean Clark will be continued and pushed to a conclusion. Dean Clark has made the following statement regarding his work, under date of

"At your request I am submitting a brief report of the work which I have done as the committee on war records. Early in the history of the war I began to collect all the information I could relative to men who had gone into the service. Later I was appointed by the Council of Administration to do this work. I have sent out a half-dozen or more questionnaires to parents, former students, and men in the service, have started a record for each man, and have kept clippings, photographs, and souvenirs of individual men, and these I have filed alphabetically. I sent out a Christmas letter in 1917 and one in 1918 to all men in the service. I have also sent out postal cards of University scenes to everybody and one or two circular letters. By this means I have been able to gather a good deal of information regarding the men.

This work has cost for the past two years or more probably \$125 a month. If I am to keep it up, it will continue to cost at least \$100 a month. I am of the opinion that it would be far better if the University could engage a man who would give his time to this work and follow up and complete the records of the men whom I have not been able fully to trace."

Dean Clark has kindly undertaken to prepare a summary of University men in the military and naval services, to accompany this report.

IV. Committee on Publications—This Committee has consisted during the present year of Professor L. M. Larson, Chairman, Professors Bernbaum, Garner, Litman, Olmstead, and Zeitlin. The principal work of the Committee has been the preparation and publication of short leaflets, copies of which have, I believe, been sent to you. The authors and subjects are as follows: P. V. B. Jones, "Italy and the Peace Conference;" A. T. Olmstead, "The New Arab Kingdom and the Fate of the Muslim World;" L. M. Larson, "Territorial Problems of the Baltic Basin;" S. Litman, "The Republic of Ukraine;" J. Zeitlin, "The Conflict of Parties in the Russian Revolution;" F. H. Newell, "Asiatic Turkey, its Problems and Resources;" P. V. B. Jones, "New Poland." The first two of these were printed in editions of 10,000 each, and the remainder in editions of 5,000 each.

As will be seen from the titles the series was intended to furnish information on some of the problems involved in the international settlement after the war. The treatment was made simple in order

to attract non-expert readers; but pains were taken to secure an accurate and fairminded presentation of facts, rather than mere party pleading. The mailing list included among others the public libraries of the state, and an extended list of superintendents, principals, and teachers; some of the latter have asked for additional copies in quantity for use with their classes.

V. Committee on Lectures and Conferences at the University-This work was under the direction of Professor Bernbaum of the Department of English, who arranged a series of conferences including most of the topics dealt with in the publications abovementioned. In addition four meetings were devoted to the League of Nations, with formal addresses by Professor Garner and myself. and a round table conference presided over by Professor Bernbaum. At another meeting, Professor Robinson discussed the problems of "Reparation and Indemnities." These conferences began in the Commerce Lecture Room, but the increasing size of the audience made it necessary to transfer them to Morrow Hall; every effort was made to present the topics fairly and to encourage discussion. It is believed that these conferences have constituted a substantial, tho modest, contribution to the important task of helping our young people to take an enlightened view of international problems and their own responsibility as citizens.

VI. University War Memorial--The problem of a University War Memorial is obviously one which belongs to a more permanent organization than the War Committee. It was thought worth while, however, to name a committee to carry on a preliminary discussion of this subject. The original committee consisted of Dean Kinley, Chairman, Dean Clark, Professor White, Director Huff, and Mr. H. B. Johnston, editor of the Illini. Dean Kinley withdrew on account of the pressure of other duties and Professor L. H. Provine was named in his place. At the suggestion of Professor Scott, Mr. E. C. Craig of Mattoon was added to the committee to represent the alumni outside of the University. Letters asking for suggestions were sent to the President and Vice-president of the University, the members of the Board of Trustees, the Woman's League, the Student Council of the Illinois Union, several distinguished artists and architects, the faculty, and the administrative staff. The subject was also discussed at a student mass meeting called by the Committee and there were numerous communications in The Illini. The students have shown an especially keen interest in the possibility of associating the memorial idea with the proposed Illinois Union Building. There is something to be said, in my opinion, for making such a memorial the central feature of a building which is sure to be frequented by a large number of young men.

Professor Provine reports that the Committee has not been able to reach a definite conclusion as to the character of the memorial and recommends the appointment of a Permanent Memorial Com-

mittee to be composed of loyal alumni to continue the investigation. He adds: "This work cannot be pushed and hasty conclusions drawn; it will take time. Any memorial which is eventually erected should be of the type which will stand the test of ages and forever commemorate the part which the University played in the Great War."

Meantime, he makes the following suggestions regarding a War

Museum and the temporary housing of it:

"It seemed to this Memorial Committee that while we were trying to find out the type of permanent memorial which should be erected that a temporary war museum should be started as soon as practicable, and the Memorial Committee was authorized to consider this subject and make recommendations. Under this authority Dean Clark has sent out a great many letters to the Illini asking for museum specimens, and the near future will probably see a generous response to this request. The location of a temporary war museum was considered, and it seems to the Committee that the best place, under the conditions, would be the rotunda (second story) of the University Library. This building is opened to the public at all reasonable hours, is well located on the campus, and the exhibit would have more or less supervision by the library attendants.

This recommendation has my hearty approval.

VII. Publicity—Professor Harrington has been, as heretofore, in charge of the publicity service. His relations with the Illinistaff, and with the newspapers of the state through his weekly bulletins and otherwise, have enabled him to render service of the greatest value. Much of the material appearing in the latter was furnished through the War Committee or some one of its various divisions.

VIII. War Employment—This work, in charge of Assistant Dean Jordan, has naturally changed its character since the demobilization process began and has since consisted mainly of trying to help returning soldiers. Mr. Jordan has presented an extended report on this subject to President James.

Acknowledgements—I wish to acknowledge the generous cooperation of all my associates in the Committee and its various divisions. I am especially indebted to the following colleagues: Dean Davenport, for constant support and counsel; Professor Larson, for his oversight of our publications; Professor Bernbaum, for the organization of the "War Committee Conferences;" Professor C. M. Thompson, for his extraordinarily effective service on the Fourth Liberty Loan and the last Y. M. C. A. drive; Professor H. F. Harrington, for his cheerful and effective cooperation in publicity service. I need not repeat what I have said elsewhere about the importance of Dean Clark's work on the University War Records.

The greater part of the service of this Committee was, of course, performed before I became chairman. Whatever success may have been achieved during the past few months is largely due to the original organization of this work by Dean Kinley and the momentum which he was able to develop last year. I appreciate very much your own hearty cooperation.

Recommendations—I request, first that this report be accepted as the final report of the University War Committee and that the Committee be now discharged. I venture also to offer a few recommendations regarding possible future action of the University more or less related to the emergency service of this Committee. I should add that these recommendations are made on my own responsibility, without opportunity for formal committee action.

- 1. That as generous provision as possible be made for continuing and pushing to an early conclusion the work of Dean Clark on the University War Records. He is, I understand, willing to keep a general oversight of this work, but he should have a competent assistant to relieve him of the details. I recommend an appropriation of \$2000 for this purpose, to be expended under Dean Clark's direction. It would be regrettable if the University should let slip the opportunity to make this record as nearly complete as may be humanly possible. Ultimately the result should be put in book form.
- 2. That the University take steps at once toward the compilation of a record of its corporate activities in connection with the war, and of the civilian services of individual members of its faculties. Dean Clark's record is, I understand, confined to individual members of the University and alumni in the military and naval services.
- 3. That steps be taken to make effective the present interest in a permanent memorial structure for the Illinois men who fell in the Great War, either on the lines indicated in section VI of this report or otherwise, as may seem desirable.
- 4. That provision be made for binding the series of leaflets issued by the War Committee. I have asked Professor Larson, Professor Windsor, and Mr. Cunningham to serve as a committee to investigate the feasibility of making up fifty or more bound sets of this series. I will ask them to report their conclusions to you.

5. That the Memorial Day exercises be published in some suitable form. There was much in that program which should be of permanent interest to alumni and other friends of the University.

6. That the University consider seriously the reorganization of our employment service, other than that for teachers, taking advantage of suggestions gathered from our experience with the War Employment Service. This seems of special importance for our

returning soldiers.

7. That the University, perhaps the University Senate, provide a permanent Committee to plan from year to year (1) a more adequate observance of certain important anniversaries, including one or more especially associated with the late war; (2) a continuance of conferences on civic and international topics, corresponding to those maintained during the past two years by the War Committee. To a certain extent, this would involve an effort to correlate the efforts

of the various colleges and departments.

- 8. That the University consider the possibility of expanding its extension service, so as to include not only the existing work of such departments as Household Economics and Agriculture, but other subjects of civic interest. There are obvious difficulties, but the problem should, I believe, be reconsidered in view of the changed conditions. The efficiency of our War Committee outside the University would certainly have been much greater, if a comprehensive extension service had been ready at hand. We did, of course, profit largely by the extension work of the departments above mentioned.
- 9. I call attention finally, to the recommendation regarding a War Museum in section VI of this report.

E. B. GREENE, Chairman

E. DAVENPORT

C. A. Ellis

S. A. FORBES

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C. M. THOMPSON

Committee for 1918-19