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## DR. MIMS SHOWS VALUE OF NATIONAL LITERATURE

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of her gifted sons, such as Moliere and Charmagne, and how the poetry of Robert Burns revealed to the world of his time and to ours the glory of Scottish scenery and the significance of Scottish life.

Citing the national anthems of the countries at war as examples, the speaker showed how the songs of a nation take on a different meaning under the pressure of a new situation. "The poets have

had the power to put into speech words that have had power to express the soul of the nation." Patriotism and idealism is also interpreted in the literature of a nation.

In conclusion Dr. Mims emphasized the fact that the function of literature is not only the development of nationalism, but internationalism. "The struggle in which we are engaged," he said, "is not a struggle between nations; there is a great tendency towards the international mind."

## LIEUT. THOMSON LECTURES ON "PRINCIPLES OF FLIGHT"

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with two Vickers machine guns, which are fired by the observer or gunner. The pilot sits under the top plan, and a window of transparent material is placed in the plane so that he can see what is above him. The identification marks of the French aeroplanes are red, white, and blue insignia. The Germans mark their machines with black iron crosses. Often Allied and German machines are so much alike that these marks are all that distinguishes them.

Lieut. Thomson also went into the theory of the aeroplane and why the planes lift the machine. The whole thing lies in having the wings curved like a bird's wing but better. The Germans haven't succeeded so well in making this curve. "We have improved on both bird and the Germans," Lieut. Thomson said. Two thirds of the lifting effect is produced by the upper surface of the plane, and one third by the lower surface. The reason for this is an unsolved problem of physics.

The steering and control of an aeroplane, bomb-dropping, aerial photography, machine gun shooting, and the dangers of flying were also described by Lieut. Thomson. A picture of a captured German machine was shown in this connection. The steering, both lateral and vertical, is done by a wheel or stick in the center of the cockpit. The pilot pulls this when he wishes to go up, pushes it when he wishes to go down, and also uses it in turning corners. The first thing in starting a flight is to whirl the propeller and thus crank the engine. "An aeroplane easily beats a Ford in the time it takes to start," said Lieut. Thomson, "for it usually takes forty-five minutes of work by the mechanics." When the machine is going over the ground, it is turned by a mechanic at the tip of each wing. In the air, it takes the elevator, the rudders, and the flaps of the wings to make a turn. One of the greatest dangers of flying, Lieut. Thomson said, is the engine stalling. The only thing to do then is to volplane down to the ground, and if the descent is not started right, the machine will not volplane, but will crash to the ground with its pilot. Lieut. Thomson concluded his lecture by describing how a machine gun fires through the revolving propeller without ever hitting it. The gun is so timed that whenever the propeller is in the way of the bullets, the gun misses a shot.

Lieutenant Thompson—the man —was as interesting to his hearers as his lectures. Typically British, both in accent and in personality, he made a distinct impression upon his audiences. He expressed himself as delighted with Chapel Hill and the hospitable reception he had received while here.

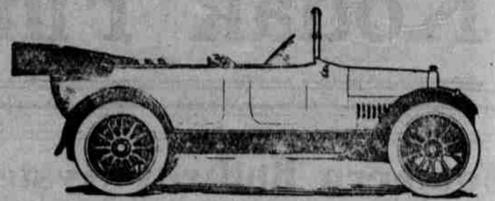
## FIRST INTRA-COLLEGE DEBATE A BIG SUCCESS

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The Negative, contended that Compulsory Arbitration does not support the solid sanction of Capital and Labor; that the awards of the Arbitration Courts can not be enforced; and that Compulsory Arbitration will not prevent strikes, as evidenced by the experience of Australia and New Zealand.

In the rebuttals, the debaters adopted the custom of inter-collegiate contests—the affirmative speaking last.

The committee rendered a two to one decision in favor of the negative.



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## AMERICAN LITERATURE IS STUDIED IN SEMINAR

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for. It is proper, too, that we should entertain a love and pride for our own section. Provincialism is a healthy, normal thing in one sense.

In the second lecture Dr. Mims traced the development of the spirit of nationality in our country's history and pointed out the men that had done most to bring it about.

"Interpreters of Freedom and Democracy" was the theme of the third lecture. The speaker defined briefly the different conceptions of freedom and democracy as expounded by our great leaders such as Jefferson, Lincoln, and Wilson, and showed how these conceptions have become changed and modified during the course of our history.

In his concluding lecture he expounded our American ideals of culture and the contributions of America to the thought of the world.

Capt. Allen left Tuesday afternoon for his home in Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays.

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