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## NEWS DEPARTMENT

### *Absent for Work at Harvard*

Charles W. David, Instructor in European History in the University of Washington, is absent on leave for the third quarter and will return for full work during the fourth or summer quarter. He will devote the third quarter to research work at Harvard University, where he will complete his examinations for the Doctor of Philosophy degree. His thesis on Robert of Normandy has been accepted and will be published in the Harvard Series.

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### *Joins the Colors*

Victor J. Farrar, Research Assistant in the University of Washington, has enlisted in the Base Hospital Number 50 under Dr. James B. Eagleson, major in command. Mr. Farrar is to serve as Registrar of the base hospital. He was born in the State of Maine on January 1, 1886. His university training was obtained at the University of Wisconsin, where he obtained the Bachelor of Arts degree in 1911, the Master of Arts degree in 1912 and then spent two years there as graduate assistant while doing work toward the Doctor of Philosophy degree. His position at the University of Washington is saved for him while "detached on military service." Readers of the *Washington Historical Quarterly* are familiar with some of Mr. Farrar's painstaking work. They will all wish him well as he enters this patriotic service of his country. The history staff now has three men in service. The other two are Assistant Professor Ralph H. Lutz, a lieutenant at headquarters, Camp Kearny, California, and Graduate Assistant H. E. Brown, a yeoman in the United States Navy.

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### *Illustrated Talks in the Training Camps*

In the last issue of this *Quarterly* mention was made of a course of lectures prepared by the National Board for Historic Service under the auspices of the Educational Committee of the War Department's Commission on Training Camp Activities. That work is now in full swing at all the cantonments in America. Professor Norman F. Coleman has been promoted in the Y. M. C. A. work and has headquarters at San Francisco. His work at Camp Lewis has been divided and the educational portion goes to Professor Brewer from the Montana Agri-

cultural College. He is now directing the new course of illustrated history lectures. The series is entitled: "The Story Behind the War: What It Is All About." The titles of the six lectures are as follows: "The Warring Countries and their Geography; The Growth of Germany and of German Ambitions; The French Republic and What It Stands For; The British Empire and What It Stands For; How the War Came About, and How It Developed; The American Democracy and the War." Each lecture is illustrated with from ten to twenty or more slides. The four volunteer lecturers are Professor J. N. Bowman, of the University of Washington; Professor Walter S. Davis, of the College of Puget Sound, Tacoma; Mr. S. E. Fleming, of the Franklin High School, Seattle, and Mr. O. B. Sperlin of the Stadium High School, Tacoma. General H. A. Greene, in chief command at Camp Lewis, has given his co-operation, which insures success for the plan so earnestly and carefully matured.

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*At the Statue of Washington*

The Daughters of the American Revolution, under the lead of Rainier Chapter, of whose committee Mrs. Eliza Ferry Leary was chairman, the tenth annual celebration was held at the Lorado Taft Statue of Washington on the campus of the University of Washington on Washington's birthday. The principal address was delivered by General Hazard Stevens, son of the first Governor of Washington Territory, General Isaac I. Stevens. As usual, the exercises were participated in by the Sons of the American Revolution, the Boy Scouts, Cadets of the Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Band of the University of Washington. On account of the Nation being at war the exercises this year were given an international flavor by the presence of consuls representing the friendly powers, each of whom brought a wreath in honor of America's national hero. The countries were represented as follows:

Belgium, by Samuel Hill, Honorary Consul, and Joseph A. Hertogs, Vice Consul.

Chile, by Luis A. Santandar, Consul, who also represented Venezuela as Honorary Consul.

Denmark, by M. J. Lehman, Vice Consul.

France, by Pierre D'Humilly de Chevilly, Vice Consul.

Great Britain, by Bernard Pelly, Consul.

Greece, by C. Liliopoulis, Consul.

Norway, by T. H. Kolderup, Vice Consul.

Peru, by J. M. Macedo, Consul.

Russia, by Mr. Kohanowski, representing Nicolas Bogoiavlensky, Consul General.

Spain, by John Wesley Dolby, Vice Consul.

Sweden, by Carl G. Benson, representing Andrew Chilberg, Vice Consul.

The occasion was a memorable one fraught with a feeling of intense patriotism. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. J. O. Foster, Chaplain General of the Sons of the American Revolution, who had passed his eighty-fourth birthday.

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*University Item Presented*

Hon. Cornelius H. Hanford has presented to the University of Washington a small cash book and stubs of checks drawn on Dexter Horton & Company by Charles H. Larrabee while Treasurer of the Board of Regents of the Territorial University of Washington, 1878-1879. The sums of money are relatively small, but the names of the pioneer men and firms who received them are of great interest. Most of them, like Henry L. Yesler, J. M. Colman, Crawford & Harrington, have been dead for many years. The record is an interesting chapter of the past.