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CITY OF LEEDS

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The College site therefore occupies over 90 acres.

The College buildings consist of an Educational Block including various Literary Societies and Sketching, and together with eight Halls of Residence, three for men and five for women. Each Hall provides accommodation for 60 students, and a high spirit of loyalty and goodwill prevailed throughout the whole College. Two Resident Tutors, a Housekeeper, Assistant Housekeeper, and the necessary Domestic Staff. There are in addition houses for the Principal and Vice-Principal, a Swimming Bath, Laundry, Games Pavilions, and Lodges.

The total cost of the College including Site, Buildings, and Furniture was £241,231. 17. 5. of which £127,050. 0. 0. was received from Government and £114,181. 17. 5. was provided from local sources.

With its full complement of students the Annual Income of the College amounts to £30,540, of which approximately £20,940 is derived from Government Grants, and £7,600 from Students' Fees.

The students entered into residence in the new College in October 1912, and the College and Halls of Residence were officially opened by the Rt. Hon. J. A. Pease, M.P., President of the Board of Education, on the 13th June, 1913.

The following figures indicate the consistent growth of the College:-

1907-9,	39 men and 98 women students.
1908-10,	36 " " 79 " "
1909-11,	37 " " 99 " "
1910-12,	56 " " 105 " "
1911-13,	92 " " 114 " "
1912-14,	95 " " 139 " "
1913-15,	87 " " 167 " "
1914-16,	58 " " 140 " "
1915-17,	33 " " 166 " "

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Educationists who visited the College from many parts of the country, as well as from abroad, spoke in the highest terms of the College and its many activities, and there is no doubt that the College was fulfilling its function in turning out men and women of character with a keen enthusiasm for the profession they have adopted, and thus building up a worthy tradition.

In the establishment and development of the College and in the formation of an esprit de corps and loyal spirit among the students who have gone through the College the Principal has played a very active and successful part. It may not be out of place to mention that of the men students who have gone through the City of Leeds Training College 99 per cent have volunteered for service in H.M. Forces and nearly thirty of them have made the supreme sacrifice in the interests of their country.

In whatever Regiment there are groups of the Leeds College ex-students they always stamp themselves as a band of comrades. What the College has meant to these men is evidenced by the fact that since the outbreak of War the Principal has received between 8,000 and 9,000 letters from ex-students fighting with H.M. Forces.

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The following is an extract from a letter of an ex-student now at the Front:-

"All of the City of Leeds Training College men here (32 in number) are well and in the best of spirits still - as ever - the old "Coll" spirit unites us into one happy family, the ties of which have long kept me back from applying for a Commission".

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