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### *Empire Builders*

The Empire of '20 is great. It is all-powerful. It exceeds all other known kingdoms in beauty. It abounds in wisdom. Its inauguration, The Big Party, was held in the fall of 1916, in the Land of Newark. Then followed a period of adjustment after which, in September, 1917, the Empire blossomed forth with a President, Executive, Judiciary, and Legislative Assemblies, as well as a system of Intensive Military Tactics, compulsory for two years.

One of the first acts of the Legislature was to order every Immigrant that came to the shores of the Empire to nail a green bow at an angle of  $180^{\circ}$  on the right shoulder. Some of the Ignorant Ones dared to disobey this rule and then offered several excuses. One was that they could not understand our language. People coming from such distant lands as Sussex, Elkton, Northeast, and Elsmere have such difficulty, 'tis true; but to such as these, certain ambassadors of the Empire fully explain all laws. Some transgressors are excused on the plea that it is hard to tell just where any certain portion of a body is when said body is all green. But, if any knowingly transgress the laws, then she is a traitor, and the Empire must be protected from Internal Cancers. We fought for our liberty and we will fight to the last sweater, if need be, to protect that liberty!

Sundry other laws were made. Immigrants were prohibited the use of the Strategic Point of the Empire (Front Door of Warner Hall). They are also compelled to swear the oath of allegiance to the Empire of '20.



The Judiciary try to penalize criminals and law-breakers. The judges are old in wisdom; the only reason that their white hairs are invisible to the vulgar eye is that they are covered by hair nets. Their verdicts are always just. All Immigrants are treated equally in the eyes of the law, just as all green preaches are treated equally in the eyes of the judicious caterpillar.

The Executive body is spiritual rather than actual. It uses no whips. It runs no galley ships. Its chief power is vested in its Supreme Character. Immigrants look up to the older citizens of the Empire as tho they were deities far removed from such earthly plagues as English 1 and Trigonometry. They observe their wiser sisters and look to them as to a Latin Pony. If the Empire ever fails to do its duty toward these honest hearts, may Miss Churchman forget how to make stew and Dr. Sypherd forget to call for themes!

To protect itself, the Empire supports a Home Guard. Enemies to the Empire are few but mighty. They live on the mountain tops in the Land of Know-It-All and every once in a while they pour down upon us and ravage our Empire by snares and pitfalls which they camouflage by calling "quizzes." They try to blow us up on examinations. Sometimes their bombs cause much damage to our Empire, but only seldom do we suffer defeat. Always we are led to victory by our glorious banner with its soul-stirring words composed by Robert Burns, the French poet:

"We will fight for a 'C'  
Or dee!"

The Empire guards itself by training all its citizens in military tactics, thus making each one a Home Guard. In this system of training every one learns to distinguish her right hand from

her left so that in war-times she would not fumble with the gun before she discovered she was trying to pull the trigger with her left hand instead of her right. Another vital lesson learned is finding out how to walk and run on the ball of the foot. In that way, no noise is borne to the Enemy when any scouts of the Empire spy around the halls after lights are out.

Once had the Empire trouble with some Immigrants. Flushed with "Hair-Breadth Harry" nerve they challenged certain patriots to a battle which took place on the east wing of the Empire. There the Under Ones fell ingloriously. The proportion of the slaughter (which in Women's College language is "score") was 18-4. Since then the Empire has had no more uprisings.

When the time of the Empire is spent, when she begins to sway and crumble, far and wide will she be mourned as the Great Empire of '20 that so nobly

"came  
and  
saw  
and  
conquered."

*D. McE.*