

MOVING MARS FROM THE CAMPUS

THE HUE AND CRY against military training in the schools is beginning to have effect, as *The Herald of Gospel Liberty* (Christian) sees it, particularly in the modification of some of the requirements in the military manual. Especially severe have been the criticisms of the religious press against bayonet combat, and various passages in the manuals of military training which were regarded as exceptionally barbarous and repugnant in spirit. According to the Committee on Militarism in Education, an association headed by Prof. George A. Coe of Columbia University, we read in *The Herald of Gospel Liberty*, the following "progress" was made in 1926:

"1. Discontinuance of bayonet combat in R. O. T. C. and C. M. T. C. by order of the War Department.

"2. Revision of at least two standard manuals of military training, deleting many passages of barbarous character.

"3. Removal of all military training from the Cleveland High Schools, R. O. T. C. from Hampton Institute, of compulsory drill from Boston University and the College of the City of New York.

"4. Introduction of bills in both Houses of Congress for the elimination of compulsory military training from non-military civil institutions, and Committee Hearings in the House.

"5. Disapproval of compulsory drill expressed by President Coolidge, Federal Council of Churches, American Federation of Labor, the Presbyterian, Northern Baptist, and Disciples' National Conventions, the National Council of Jewish Women, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and about fifty other church and educational groups in various States.

"6. The formation of State citizens' committees opposed to militarism in Nebraska and Massachusetts and inauguration of a campaign in Great Britain by the British National Council for the Prevention of War to get the War Office out of the schools.

"On the other hand, the year saw:

"1. The introduction of naval R. O. T. C. units in Harvard, Yale, Georgia University of Technology, University of California, University of Washington and Northwestern University.

"2. The initiation of the Munitions Battalion.

"3. Interference with free speech for peace in a number of colleges."