

Editorial Efforts

AN APOLOGY

TO produce an editorial for such a widely read journal as the *Canadian Hospital News* is not an easy task, even for one inured to editorial composition. And unless one is gifted with sudden inspirations, to do it on the spur of the moment, is not any easier. But that is a Scotch way of saying it's much harder. In addition, the writer must apologise for not being a journalist, an author, or one belonging to a verbose profession. And since there will undoubtedly be many errors will the reader kindly take this reason into consideration.

Owing to unforeseen circumstances this week's issue came near being strangled at its birth. Suddenly, from a prospect of only hard work before the staff, came the news that the editor was no longer able to carry on his duties, and chaos reigned. Several pages of copy were rendered useless, and much of the rest was in sore need of rearrangement. But where there's a will there's a way, and although only twelve pages, instead of sixteen pages, can be published this week, the paper still remains virile and progressive. The new editor has still to be appointed. There are names in the wind of men who undoubtedly would do credit to the Granville Hospital, and to the ranks of Canadian army publications.

With the decapitation the simile of the body ceases to exist. For in no walk of life, in no position, in no profession can there be found a man or woman who is not replaceable. We used to think Kitchener was unreplaceable; if he died the war would be lost, but the Allies are now nearer to winning than ever. And although there will always be only "One Kitchener," that one was replaceable. Some people say there is only one Devil, but now-a-days many are inclined to think he, too, has been replaced. And although the *News* has lost a most energetic and pushing editor, surely somebody will be found to carry on the work so well organised. This weak issue serves to show the readiness with which others take up the work so hastily laid down. Inside of three hours the plans and material for this paper were arranged. And although some of the work is hastily done, the *News* asks you to bear with it as its smiling face presents itself for your perusal. With the next issue things will be running once more with a new hand at the helm, and the cheering outlook of prosperity awaiting all.

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