

Do Soldier's Wives Devour their Young?

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EDITORIAL.

One more year—at least two years to go—can't be finished under three. Thus the man in the street on the fourth anniversary of the commencement of the present world upheaval. But in uniform one cannot hold the view-point of the man in the street, and with a Maple Leaf on the uniform the possibility of one, two, or three extra years does not afford a source of uneasiness.

Each succeeding anniversary has seen a change in popular feeling. At the start of things thousands of enthusiasts watched for the actual declaration of hostilities, and rushed to enlist to make sure of getting in on a "short war." They sailed and put in a long winter's training. The war was still on. Their turn came, and the record of their achievements, the casualties they sustained, had its effect on the spirit of Canada at home. The "short war" idea gave place to a spirit of determination irrespective of time limits. That spirit still survives.

The second year saw the high-water mark of voluntary recruiting in Canada, and the placing of two new divisions in the field. All three divisions earned new honours at the beginning of the third year. Then the arrival of still another division brought to the fore the problem of reinforcements. Still the spirit held, even to the point of bringing into effect the provisions of a Military Service Act. There were little frictions; perhaps some were not so little. But the objectives were obtained.

Thus have ideas and efforts been consolidated. The first wild enthusiasm lost nothing in effect when it was converted to a solid determination. This determination bore fruits in objects attained, which added optimism to the general spirit. To-day, after a struggle of four years, the enthusiasm, the determination, the attainments, the optimism, which have characterised the succeeding periods all have combined to give us absolute knowledge of our power. With that knowledge, be it one more year or four, we cannot doubt the certainty of final success. With past records to look up to we may not permit it to be otherwise.



OUR TREASURER.

As he might have appeared in the Days of the Gladiators.

CHEVRONS.

A few of our readers still have the impression that they can use our columns for *purely personal spite*. We must repeat that this is *not* so, and only tends to hinder us in the easy working of the paper. "Slam one home" by all means (we do it ourselves sometimes), but these little personal "tiffs" are only petty and do not interest our readers, which, after all, is our main idea.

As our readers are aware, an attack on the BULLETIN has been expected for some time now, but as nothing has developed we are afraid we shall have to take the initiative. The enemy might have heard, of course, that our defences had been improved, but up to time of going to press there is nothing to report on this front. Our observation balloons are up, and artillery are going up to the line.

We assure our readers there is no need for alarm, as we have ammunition enough to last for several weeks if the enemy should counter-attack.

By the way, No. 5 of the BULLETIN is sold out. (This was the "Savage number," in which a certain correspondent predicted that "the insertion of such piffle would not tend to make the circulation any stronger"—funny we should sell this one out first!)

Lieut. Sleep has informed us that he did *not* pinch the "River Trip" idea from the "Bulletin."

The Khaki College River Trip takes place on Aug. 18th, and by the arrangements which have been made it promises to be a great success, in other words it will be run in the usual Khaki College way. Tickets can be obtained from the Secretary, Khaki College, 94. Gower Street, W.C. 1.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

As a number of our readers are leaving the office we should like to remind them that if they wish to continue to subscribe to the "Bulletin," we will forward it on at a nominal charge of 3d. weekly, postage free. Arrangements should be made with the Secretary, Pte. F. Boshler, R 2. A. Cent. Section.