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HE exigencies of military life require the constant interchange of men, and a soldier often feels like echoing the sentiment of that being who infests alike ancient and modern affairs. When our warrior enters a new unit, and one inquires of him: "Whence comest thou? he answers, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." The inevitable, however, does not soften the severity of the heart-ache when men are taken away who have become, through many months, part and parcel of an institution. It is hard for me to write a line just now, for only a day or two ago three of the best fellows in the world marched away from the Granville and from any further active participation in our paper. It was very foolish I am well aware, for I might have known this day would come sooner or later, but somehow the effective staff which had been rounded up was so ideal that I felt as though it ought to continue its work for a long time to come.

Frank Giolma has gone, he of the ready pen and brilliant wit, who had been trained thoroughly in all the wisdom and knowledge of Fleet Street, and was every inch a journalist. enthusiasm was ever bubbling forth like a spring of purest, sparkling water. I can only say that I am glad to have known him, and I shall miss his friendship and his timely and witty remarks on men and manners. Millier has gome, he of the brush and pen and pencil. I am glad to remember that I discovered him one day at the Yarrow, and started his hand devising cunning things for our paper. I want to thank him for his covers and his cartoons, and I predict for him a brilliant future, if the Huns do but spare his fingers. Curly Balfour has gone, he that was a born cartoonist, and was just beginning to find his field. A happy-hearted boy with a great gift, that, I believe, is the best description of him. I said Good-bye to them with a full heart, and felt lost for the moment. But another artist has appeared in the person of Captain N. B. Corporal Lawton, at Chatham House, has come to my assistance also, and the Canadian Hospital News goes forward. O. C. J. W.