



EDITORIAL.

THAT "The Pen is mightier than the Sword" is probably the view of every Staff Officer; but, in the opinion of the Staff of the LISTENING POST, the Sword has lately had the better of it and the regularity of our issues has suffered in consequence.

Our readers were promised an Anniversary Number in the last issue, but for this we must refer them to some future "History of the Great War," where, in the chapter dedicated to Amiens, Cherisy and Cambrai, they will find a record of the glorious deeds of the Canadian Corps, which in themselves form the most fitting number for the Third Anniversary of the LISTENING POST, and one to which every man has worthily contributed.

Even the most blood-thirsty Lance-Corporal, however, will sometimes pause in his pursuit of the elusive Hun and, amidst the wreckage of some pillaged cottage, transfer his energies to the equally elusive Muse. If the results are at times chaotic, let us lay the blame upon environment.

The guiding hand of the Editor, who has so long and so successfully controlled the destinies of the LISTENING POST, will be sorely missed, but increasing military duties prevent him from continuing to occupy this position. We can only thank him for the whole-hearted enthusiasm with which he has always tackled and overcome the many difficulties inevitable to an enterprise of this kind, and hope for liberal contributions from his pen in the future.

Written as these words are in the last days of October, it is impossible to say what the situation may be when our readers scan these pages of the LISTENING POST. That the soil of France and Belgium may be free of the invader seems well within the bounds of possibility and that Germany—reeling under the succession of blows dealt by the Allies—may at last have seen reason and laid down her arms, is not too much to be hoped for.

To our comrades in the Canadian Corps, our wish is that this Christmas may find you resting victorious after four years of bitter war, with the only peace you really desire an accomplished fact. To our friends in the Homeland, a bright and happy Christmas, secure in the conviction that your sacrifices for the Army and the great cause of the Allies have not been in vain.

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