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## Editorial.

SINCE the last appearance of our magazine a number of our fellow students have manifested their patriotism by offering their services in behalf of their king and country. In all, eight of our number have enlisted since Christmas in one unit or another while others are eager to join the Battery reported as about to be recruited. Of those who have gone we feel proud and we wish them godspeed. They have done their duty. They have showed the stuff of which they are made. They have set an example for the guidance of those who have not yet offered their services. Their action reflects credit on the institution in which they received their training and we feel assured that their conduct on reaching the scene of activity will be no discredit to Old St. Dunstan's. We may say here, out of fairness to our heroes, that those who have volunteered were the best types of manhood amongst us. We feel confident that they will acquit themselves with the valor peculiar to Canadians and we hope that when the final order "On to Berlin" is given, they will be among those who will have survived the fight so that they may see triumphant the cause for which they volunteered their services.

THE struggle for the mastery of Verdun which has raged so furiously for the past month now seems near its close, and as the smoke of battle rolls away from the scene of action we are able to discern more clearly the effect of this bloody contest.

Verdun though battered and shell-strewn still stands firm and impregnable. The garrison, thinned by the repeated onslaughts, are prepared and confident. They have withstood the most determined attacks of the Kaiser's grand army and now feel assured that any attempt which that army, depleted and broken as it is, may henceforth make, must, at its best, be but a feeble one.

But the effects of this struggle extend far beyond the garrison. Every soldier the world over—yes and every civilian too—has watched this contest with daily increasing interest, and varied indeed were the emotions that stirred each breast as they beheld the losses and gains of either side. The soldier of the Allies wondered if Verdun could withstand the shock of that grand army and sad was he as he thought of the outcome should Verdun fall to the enemy. Yet he was confident. The guns of Verdun were the most powerful in the French army; and a Frenchman was never known as a coward.

The German soldier was sanguine in his expectations of success. No fortification, he thought, built by man or nature could withstand those monster German guns. The time had arrived for the final drive and he could picture the German army sacking not only Verdun but also Paris, Calais and London. But now his hopes are shattered. He has seen onslaught after onslaught repelled by the valiant defenders, whilst night



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after night he has heard the incessant roar of trains as they bore the wounded and dying beyond the range of the French guns. And on the hillsides and valleys that front the fortress what does he behold?—a sight that might sicken the heart of even the Kaiser. Here lie tier upon tier of mangled human forms; here lie the flower of the Kaiser's grand army. So great was the loss sustained by the enemy that it is estimated that not thousands but hundreds of thousands lie where they have fallen before these merciless French guns.

Let us hope that the victory of Verdun, for such we believe it may be called, is but a forcast of what we may expect during the coming summer. If the courage and ability displayed by the defenders of Verdun is manifested to the same degree in all the armies of the Allies, we feel confident that the destruction of German Kultur shall be an accomplished fact ere another year is added to those of the past.

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But Leighton said, in principle, congruency was a worthy goal.

Garneau said the congruency debate in Ontario revolved around losing OFS members who were opposed to CFS.

"Philosophically, ideolog-

ically, congruency is an excellent idea," she said. "But in practice, it's something we can only consider as a long term goal."

Grim Future

Delegates from CFS's 75 member associations are meeting this week in Ottawa, and among

other things, they will be considering the B.C. rebate proposal.

Frache said there would be serious repercussions in the Pacific region if the plan wasn't accepted.

"It serves as a metaphor for the frustration that people in B.C. have been feeling with (CFS)," B.C. national executive Paul Keet said.

Frache said if the October national executive was an indication, the general meeting this week doesn't look too promising. With many provinces opposed to the rebate, Frache said it may mark the beginning of the end of congruency for the Pacific.

"I'm not sure people in B.C. are interested in putting money into other parts of the country that have no respect for us and what we're doing," she said.