

**The need of Leadership.** Our country like all those that have taken an active part in the world war is weighed down under a burden of afflictions that necessarily accompany all wars carried on a gigantic scale. The wealth of the nation is drained to pay the war debt; the efficiency of the state is weakened by the loss of those who have fallen in battle; a wave of lawlessness, debaucheries and crime threatens the moral fabric of those who are left to shape the destinies of the land. These have been the great evils of former years and we are as powerless to avert them as our ancestors were in past ages.

We were dragged unwillingly into this conflict of nations.

The only thing that seems left us to do now, is to extricate ourselves from the crushing load as best we can. It may not be so very difficult, if we consider the factors that must necessarily enter into the problem. Through the press, the mass of people is better informed of the actual state of affairs and consequently more interested and more enthusiastic in those things that concern the welfare of the Commonwealth. In addition to this knowledge and zeal there is left us the experience of other times and of other nations to help formulate agreeable plans to arrive more quickly and certainly to pre-war conditions. But to attain more expeditiously this end, leadership is absolutely necessary to direct and ordain the united forces of the country according to sound reason and judgment based upon present and past experience.

We believe that the Catholic University through its teachers, has fitted admirably a class of men and women to perform efficiently the duties of citizenship. It has given them sufficient data and training in the exercise of these data; it has strengthened the will to carry into effect its convictions; it has developed the faculties and activities of the body of the person to bear the strain required to the execution of the matter known and willed by the rational faculties. It is with these points in view that we feel that the members of class '22 who are leaving St. Dunstan's to become full-fledged citizens of Canada can therefore exercise a tremendous influence in moulding the destinies of our country, whether in the civil or the religious life. They