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Leadership

We do not have public schools here as in Britain which in the past have produced some of the finest leaders of that country. Their counterparts in this country are our cadet colleges and one or two residential schools. In these tain battle fought by the British the spirit that is fostered is one against the armies of Napoleon, of patriotism, a strong sense of honour, and esprit de corps. These do not end with school life but are carried further into the campus of the world.

The Air Chief of Staff, Commodore Sadruddin, addressing the passing out parade of the Momenshahi Cadet College last Sunday, observed that the cadets had acquired a good education, not only in the academic sphere but on the sports ground and in character building, which should be of great help in forming the qualities required in leadership of the country. Leaders must have the qualities they expect in others and set an example, if they are to command any respect. The advantages of a good educa-

it inculcates these tion is that very qualities that are needed for leadership, in order that a country may prosper and progress. and its people flourish.

When it was said of a certhat it was won on the playing fields of Eton' it was meant that the discipline of games, no less than the general discipline of the school was responsible for that successful outcome. The leaders commanded the men's respect which led them to victory. In such a manner the out-going cadets of our colleges must play their part, in times of peace and of war.

Those leaders who have restored law and order to the land, those who have protected the realm against any of its enemies, those who have improved the lot of the common people,—those are the leaders who have fulfilled their mission and will always be honoured,