



Labourers Wanted.

Dr. Robertson, President of the Red Cross Society in Ottawa, exploded quite a bomb amongst us when he stated that the Canadian Red Cross supplies in London had been so depleted that in December the promised supplies to the French hospitals had been cut down 50 per cent, with a further likely reduction in January.

Not a woman in Ottawa but must have shuddered at the very idea of any patient having to go without, and somehow it seemed so much worse to have happened in the cold winter months than had it been in August.

On the face of it, it appears that the Canadian women have lost the trench of Promise to the French hospitals and it is going to take all their efforts, together with all the sewing machines in Ottawa, to enable them to regain the lost ground before spring.

The women of Ottawa have worked so well that one feels that if they had known that the need for Red Cross work was greater they would have come up to the requirements.

However, vain regrets availeth nothing.

What can the women of the Service do to fill the gap now?

Already they have given money and many of them their time as well; and to those who are doing a great deal

of Red Cross work, either through the Civil Service organization or any other channel, so that the work eventually reaches the Red Cross, this appeal is not made. But there are many women, especially among the younger element in the Service, who are neither sewing nor knitting. Has it occurred to these idlers that perhaps some man may endure extreme suffering and discomfort, if not death itself, through lack of dressings that they might have been instrumental in supplying? How will they feel to learn that, if not their own men folk, those of their dear friends have suffered irreparable loss through lack of Red Cross supplies? It would not be the first time that such a thing has happened during this war, for it is commonly said that at the battle of St. Julien men bled to death for want of a bandage.

It is within the power of the Canadian women to prevent such a thing ever happening again, and now that the need is known, surely they will respond at once.

The greatest need is for labour; that is, sewing. The Red Cross has lots of supplies all cut ready to be made up, so all one has to do is to call there, or at our own Red Cross rooms in the Hope Building, and she will be supplied with materials and directed as to how it is to be made up.

To give our readers some idea of