

There has been a warm and hearty response to the appeal of the English Red Cross referred to in the Royal Proclamation (ante p. 421). As the returns are not all in, the amount cannot be stated definitely, but at present it is considerably in excess of one and half million dollars. It will probably be increased to two millions, or more.

Another member of the Bar takes command of a regiment. Captain Arthur Clement Machin of Kenora, will be the Lieutenant-Colonel of the new regiment composed of units from Port Arthur, Kenora, Fort William and Rainy River regions. It is an excellent appointment. Captain Machin was at one time in the South African Constabulary and took part in the war in South Africa.

The following extract from an article of Sir Frederick Pollock, in the "United Empire Journal," is worth noting at the present time:—

"The present war has so marvellously consolidated the Empire that it is sometimes difficult for those whose memory does not carry them back beyond a couple of decades or so to realise how slender was the bond, and how few the common interests, at a time within fairly recent memory. It was only in 1887 that the first Imperial (then designated Colonial) Conference was held, and it did little more than express a pious hope for closer Imperial relations. An advance was made in 1898, by the establishment of Imperial Penny Postage, towards greater communication between all parts of the Empire and hence greater knowledge. But it required the Boer War to bring to the average individualistic Briton the realisation of Imperial co-partnership. It was during the dark days of the Boer War that the League of the Empire came into being. It was felt that the linking together of the children of the Empire would do something towards maintaining its future stability, and the Comrade Correspondence Branch was formed, a tiny but unbreakable strand in the web of Empire, and one destined to exercise a strong and ever-growing influence."

Flotsam and Jetsam.

Lord Halsbury, who long ago earned the title of the "Grand Old Man" of the Law, will complete his ninetieth year on Friday, having been born on September 3, 1825. Every member