

indulging in pleasant anticipations of the interesting replies to the Christmas parcels that are to be expected any day now. It will be possible to publish in this column only a few of the most interesting as the following:

France, Jan. 3, 1918.

To the Women's Branch  
of the C. S. Association.

Dearest Fair Ones,—

As a Tommy I should say that I take my pen in hand to acknowledge receipt—but as my pen is now but a dry and hollow relict, why you will believe me that this pencil wishes as much as any pen ever did, to thank you for the parcel of the Yule-tide.

It is twice welcomed, especially when it cometh unheralded and there is much fevish expectation when you can't imagine from whom it comes, until somebody finds the card in the bottom of the box.

Assuredly it is nice to be remembered and the boys out here do appreciate a parcel of those personal comforts, especially when, in this case, bottomed off by those delicious cookies which at once called forth many protestations of warmest friendship from the boys. They also wished me to send their appreciation.

Trusting that your gentle hand will safely direct the Ship of State until "us men" come home to hinder you.

I remain, etc.,

A C. SERVANT.

### Mde. Casgrain Honoured.

The Women's Branch is greatly pleased over the honour that has been bestowed upon Mde. T. Chase Casgrain by the French Government in presenting her with a Sevres vase in recognition of her splendid work on behalf of French relief. Many of the Branch have worked with Mde. Casgrain in the Magdeline de Vercheres Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and have a just appreciation of her ability and great pleasure in seeing her rewarded as she so richly deserves.

### Mrs. Adamson's War Honor.

Few feminine war honours have been more merited than the bestowal by the Belgian Queen of the Order of Elizabeth upon Mrs. Agar Adamson, of Toronto. Lt.-Col. Adamson, D.S.O., one of the original captains of the P.P.C.L.I., now commanding the battalion, was formerly on the Senate Staff and prominent in military and sporting affairs in Ottawa.

Shortly after her husband went with the First Contingent, in the spring of 1915, Mrs. Adamson began her fund for the Belgians. About a year ago she herself went to Belgium, where, under most difficult conditions, sometimes under shell fire, her work of caring for hundreds of Belgian children and refugees was personally directed.

### The Little Italy Bazaar.

Since the invasion of that portion of Italy just north of Venice, there are over 200,000 refugees that have been compelled to leave their homes and all they possessed and to go south for safety. It was to help these destitute Italians that the Little Italy Bazaar was held on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 23rd and 24th, in St. Patrick's Hall. Many women's organizations of the city were actively interested in its success and the Women's Branch of the Civil Service was only too glad to co-operate with them. Miss Inglis, with the Advisory Board, took charge of the candy booth, which meant both supplying and selling the candy.

This effort resulted in \$115.23 being turned into the fund.

On Wednesday evening, the President had to help her, Miss Agnes Grant, Miss Louise Usher, Miss Fidelia Duhamel, Miss Jessie Parmelee, Miss Hazel Hill, Miss Ella Dickieson, Miss Charlie Booth, Miss Dora Barber and Miss Kathleen Lyon. On Thursday evening Miss Lusignan was in charge and her assistants were Mrs. O'Neill, Miss Roy, Miss Doyon, Miss Doyle and Miss St. Louis. Three enthusiastic workers who contributed largely to the success of the booth and assisted both evenings were Miss Annie Chalk, Miss Pearl Caravaggio and Miss Lillian Taverna.



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