

Canadian Girls in Training

EASTER MORNING

A little bluebird sang to me

His happy song of cheer,

He told me just as plain as words

That Easter-time is here.

And all around upon the lawn

The snowdrops must have heard,

For they were peeping from the ground

And listening to my bird.

"Dear flowers," sang the bird to them,

"I thought you died last Fall!"

The snowdrops answered joyfully:

"'Tis Easter for us all!"

Louise M. Haynes,

Lutheran Boys and Girls.

WHITE CROSS WORK

Articles for Schools

Scrap books—made of glazed lining cloth, blue or red, a few pages only, colored pictures dealing with our customs, houses, pets, methods of doing things, mode of dress, games, children, weddings, etc.

Chintz bags for Bible women to carry their Bibles in—14x10, 12x10, 12x9.

Needle books—Pretty Christmas booklets with greetings removed, and pieces of white or red flannel sewed in, filled with pins, safety pins or needles, make an acceptable gift.

Colored bags made of silk or cretonne, 7x9, 4x6, 4x4, 3x4.

Picture post cards, brightly colored, not views.

Picture text cards, Scripture text Calendars, advertisement calendars of 1927.

Pencils, small, used, large, new.

Hair pins, wire, large and medium.

Safety pins, all sizes, pins.

Colored rubber balls.

Sewing thread, (spools).

Toilet soap, small sample cakes.

Pieces of colored ribbon 1-2 or 1 inch wide, 1-2 to 1 yard lengths.

Small celluloid dolls, dressed, pack carefully.

Knitted scarves, 9 inches wide by 30 inches long, also larger sizes for Bible women.

Colored handkerchiefs, bright colored, fine gingham, or muslin or cotton.

Jack knives, skipping ropes, crayons, rubbers to erase, sewing boxes, crochet hooks, and mercerized cotton.

Watch for directions how to pack, where to send, and what time to send.

For Hospitals.

Doylies for trays.

Flannel hot water bottle covers.

Quilts—48 and 50 inches wide by 2 yds. 12 in. long. Double flannelette, or patchwork (sewn by machine) with flannelette back. Do not interline with wadding unless very strongly sewn all over.

Blankets—Old ones or coarse grey ones, or pieces for babies cots.

Draw Sheets—Strong cotton, 1 yd. by 1½ yds. These are also useful when packing. The rest of the parcel can be sewn up in these for inner wrapping. Small sized pillow slips are also useful in the same way.

Towels—Plain cotton huckaback, small size, in lots different by pattern or marked for doctor, patient, operating room, etc.

Binders—Strong cotton 12 or 15 inches wide, 1½ yards long, made double.

Tea spoons—Cheap for medicine.

Babies' shirts made from stocking tops, with short or half sleeves, not sleeveless, any kind except silk.

Babies' Booties—Very plain, bright blue, rose or other colors—not white as they soil too easily.

Babies' Binders—Knitted, also colored, about 6 inches wide, 18 or 20 inches long. plain knitting. When casting off stitches join up with beginning row. This makes a round band and obviates safety pins which mothers never can keep. A small tab knitted in front for pinning diaper prevents pin holes destroying the binders. Use coarse steel needles (No. 12) 4 ply fingering, needs about 48 stitches, 3 ply about 55 to 60 stitches. Binders made from flannelette should have tapes to tie, allowing small overlap, so as to avoid safety pins.

Napkins—About 24 inches square.

Cot Quilts—About 30 inches by 36 inches or more.

Wash Cloths—Sewn or crocheted, colored edges.

—Tidings.