

knew that one wounded man suffered more because you had not given your help to the Red Cross? And if you don't give you will have to feel this. For if you don't give, perhaps your chum will not give, and her chum will not give, and so an endless chain will be started of not giving. But you give, and your chum will give, and your next door neighbor, and your schoolmate, and so the fund will grow and grow and will help to feed and clothe our

lonely prisoners in Germany; will bind up bleeding wounds and will give the doctor and nurse the dressings and medicines they need; will give new legs to the legless; will buy clothes for the naked and do all the other thousand and one kindnesses that are done by your help and my help, under the Sign of Mercy. When your turn comes in the Red Cross Drive in June, **give** and **give** and **give**!

### OUR COMPETITIONS

The subject for June, "What Patriotic work can I do this summer?"

In this story we want you to tell us what work you as a boy or a girl can do during the summer to help our Empire.

The prize this month is won by William McKee, Stonewall School.

**Special mention** is given to Peter Stewart, Willow Range S.D., and to Aileen Robbins, West Hill S.D.; Jack Kemp, Hamiota.

**Hon. mention** is given to Jany Mary Griere, Meadowdale School, and Robert

Stewart, Willow Range S.D.; Sadie Griere and Ella Smith, Meadowdale school.

We would call attention to the fact that the prize winner is only ten years old and the second Special mention only eight years old. Both these competitors have worked hard and done splendidly. Robert Stewart had good material but forgot that periods, commas and capital letters were very necessary. All the compositions showed great interest and careful thought. We hope to publish some others next month.

### MANITOBA BIRDS

#### The Hawk

The hawk comes to Manitoba in the spring. It is as large or larger than a hen. It has large wings and can fly high. A hawk when it sees something on the ground it can eat, flies around in circles in the air. Then comes down like an arrow after it. The hawk builds its nest in a big tree, sometimes up high up or sometimes down low. The nest of a hawk is made of small branches and straw and feathers. The hawk lays from two to four eggs. The eggs are larger than hens' eggs. They are rounder and thicker. When the young hawks hatch they have hardly any feathers but they soon get a whole body of feathers.

#### The Robin

The robin is a very pretty bird that comes to Manitoba about April 1st. The robin has a red breast and a brown tail and wings. The robin builds a nest of hay and sand and feathers. Sometimes early in the morning robins and other birds can be heard chirping. The robin lays about four eggs. The eggs are sky blue. When the young hatch out they have no feathers at all. The mother robin keeps the young ones very warm on cold days. The father robin gets a lot of feathers and lines the inside of the nest so it will be soft for the young.