

## STATEMENT OF THE SEWING RELIEF COMMITTEE.

(Miss Fyles, Convener.)

*Receipts.*

Cash received from Treasurer V.	
B.C.S.A. ....	\$125 00
Donations ....	43 00
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	\$168 00

*Disbursements.*

Christmas Cheer Fund..	\$ 24 52
For sewing and cleaning ..	63 15
Material ..	55 55
Underwear, boots and stockings ..	12 14
Sundries ..	12 64
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	\$168 00

From December 1st, 1914, to March 31st, 1915, 884 articles of clothing were given to 69 families and organizations and 110 children were supplied with Christmas gifts.

## SPECIAL DONATION TOWARDS RED CROSS.

Cheque from Miss Ross ..	\$ 5 00
Cheque from Mr. Ross ..	3 00
Donation from Miss Beard ..	6 00
Donation from Miss Dewar ..	2 00
Donation from Miss Griffiths ..	1 00
Donation from P. O. Dept. ..	1 05
Donation from Miss Bartlett ..	50
Donation from Miss Casey ..	50
Donation from Miss Courtney ..	5 00
(\$2.00 for membership.)	
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	\$24 05

The first two items have already appeared in the statement of receipts and disbursements. This money has been used to pay for Red Cross sewing and knitting by women needing employment, the credit going to the donors, who have felt that they would rather contribute than put in extra hours of work after a hard day at the office. A double purpose has been served in this way; employment has been given where most needed, and the supplies are being forwarded to headquarters.

Up to date about 2,418 articles have been made and handed in to headquarters, as follows:

329 scarves, 283 prs. socks, 78 towels, 108 sheets, 126 pillow-slips and 26 pillows, 272 bandages, 646 prs. wristlets, 19 prs. mittens, 59 holdalls, 292 handkerchiefs, 25 helmets, 25 hot-water bag covers, 53 gowns, 43 surgical shirts, 26 prs. pyjamas, 7 prs. bed-socks, 1 cholera band.

These figures are given for the benefit of those interested in the work being done, and do not include the articles (hundreds in number) that are being made by Civil Servants for members of their family and friends.

The Red Cross rooms are still open at the Birks Building, and a number of workers come regularly. It is hoped, however, that with the longer days, others who have dropped the work temporarily will take it up again. There is still a great deal to be done.

In making this final statement of the Emergency Committee, I do not think I can do better than call the attention of the readers of *The Civilian* to the first statement which appeared in the issue of the 11th December, 1914, and which contains a résumé of the work which it was proposed to undertake. Too much cannot be said of the assistance rendered by the University Women's Club, which made the relief work possible, and their co-operation has been sincerely appreciated.

Everyone is aware of the splendid work which has been carried on by the Ottawa Welfare Bureau under the direction of Mrs. Stewart. This is a voluntary federation of the relief agencies of the city who believe that through such co-operation all can do their work more effectively and prevent duplication of effort. The Bureau aims at the working out of constructive programmes for the families under its care so that they may become self-sustaining.

Civil Servants have had their share