

and sentiment he could express. In Canada and the United States the Committee of One Hundred valued a life on the average as worth \$2,000. When all the lives are in the early period of manhood, the value is much greater.

But there is another loss. All the countries at war will be the homes of hosts of cripples, blind, deaf, lame and sicklied veterans. These must be cared for or assisted. The pension lists will be long in numbers as well as time. We must be fair to the returned soldier, even if not impaired in health. He took his terrible chance. We must be liberal first and then calculate things later.

But there is a racial loss that no man can put into figures. The young, the brave, the brilliant are laying down their lives. The loss here from the parent force of these countries is beyond compute. The young man of 25, possessed of many of the finest qualities of the race, who lays down his life, cannot be the father of the most promising children of the land. This great task is left for others far less fit and worthy.

Is there any compensation? Yes, there is. There is the preservation of liberty, without which life would have no value. There is the maintenance of the law of nations that grants to the small nation the right to exist. There is the making of vast assets in deeds of heroism, without the possession of which a nation would lose one of its main stimuli to brave deeds, and the pride that a noble people always take in being regarded as chivalrous. Finally, there is the proud satisfaction that brute force, cunning, lying, tyranny, and frightfulness did not succeed. It brings out the great truth that a sufficient number are found who love the spirit of democracy, and who say that the sword shall not rule.

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#### FUNDS FOR UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO BASE HOSPITAL.

An association of ladies was formed on St. Patrick's Day, 1915, for the purpose of raising funds for the securing of supplies for the University of Toronto Base Hospital, No. 4. This association has been a busy and successful one ever since. Mrs. R. A. Falconer is the president, and Mrs. F. N. G. Starr is treasurer. The membership of the association is drawn from ladies belonging to the various faculties.

Since the organization of the association the handsome sum of \$50,963 has been collected, and \$45,510 has been disbursed. The work of the association has been carried on with the minimum of expenses. Up to the first of October of this year, 1,328 large cases of hospital supplies have been sent forward. Of these cases, 667 went to the University