

"Must we feel ashamed to be Englishwomen when we see you skulking at your home, watching football or cricket matches, lying on the grass in the sun, safe and secure—as you fondly delude yourselves—while the manhood of Europe is shedding its blood on the battle-fields? Awake! Awake! If you will not answer the call of the bugle, at least let the women's voices call you out to fight for us and for our children! I am a woman, alas! and I cannot go; but my man is gone and had I sons I would send every one forth to fight for England's sake."

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*The Civilian* deplores the persistent attempts of outsiders to exploit the patriotism and generosity of the civil servants for the benefit of special organizations with which the Service has no connection and in which it should have no special interest as a body. The civil servants have given, are giving and will continue to give, individually and as a body, to the Patriotic Fund, Red Cross Society and other worthy enterprises. Despite this, efforts have been made repeatedly to obtain special facilities for soliciting the contributions of civil servants to funds for the collection and contribution of which outside—we might almost say *private*—organizations get all the credit. The Government buildings are happy hunting grounds for charity-mongers of all sorts. *The Civilian* advises that the civil servants make their contributions through regular Civil Service organizations and channels, or, if for any reason these do not serve the specific purpose desired, to the head officers of the Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross, the Prisoners of War Committee or other public organizations.

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The Ottawa Civil Service Bowling League (*i.e.*, the alley trundlers) has taken a bold step in leasing the O. A. C. alleys for the winter. The col-

lapse of the O. A. A. C. as a sporting organization left many leagues and clubs without winter quarters and home playing facilities. The Civil Service club will re-open the alleys in a few days. Other leagues will be given playing privileges and the old popularity of the place will be restored. The pool and billiard rooms will also be re-opened. The Civil Service club has made a brave venture and deserves hearty support.

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The amount of belated news of "our dead and wounded," obtained from official sources and published in this issue, is a sad reproach to our subscribers and correspondents. The editors feel sure that many of these items could have been sent in from unofficial sources much earlier had the "friends" of *The Civilian* been alive to their opportunities.

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"Nothing but our best can pull us through."—Lloyd-George.

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You admire the man in khaki,—but what does he think of you?

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Times of trouble measure men. This is the greatest measuring time that Canada has ever known.

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The man who stays behind has to have a reason. Young man, is your reason a good one?

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"How do you know that Blinks has had a raise in salary?"

"He argues that the world is getting better, that the danger from monopolies has been greatly magnified, and that human nature isn't so bad after all."

—*Philadelphia Public Ledger.*

Dancing! Are you interested?  
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