

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

RED CROSS AND C. W. C. A.

Forward—the Knitting Brigade!

Last week there came across the sea a cable message, urgent and imperative. It came to the headquarters of the Red Cross in Canada, and from there it has flashed forth to all quarters of the Dominion. It says, "that there is urgent need for redoubled energy in their line of work."

For there comes from the trenches a call for all those warm woolen comforts we knit so vigorously last winter. "We want soldiers' knitted woolen helmets," they say, "trench caps and mufflers, mitts and socks, and still more socks."

The mufflers required are those lovely soft warm scarfs, made of khaki wool, measuring 38 inches in length and 10 inches in width. The wristlets are 3 inches long, and are made either with or without the hole for the thumb.

There is something about that list that makes the heart heavy. What does it mean, this urgent demand for more mitts, and scarfs, and caps, and wristlets, and all the cold-weather comforts needed on the battlefield?

Yes, we know too well that our boys are facing another winter in the trenches. They must face it, poor lads, but they must not face it alone. This splendid rearguard of women, that have stood behind them these two long weary winters must line up again. And when we remember all it is possible for us to do to mitigate the horrors and hardships of their lot, there will surely be never a vacant place in the woman's

battalion. There is a demand in the message, too, for khaki day shirts with collars, and for soldiers' comfort bags, so there is a place in the front ranks for the sewing needle as well as the knitting needle.

And in the very same week as the Red Cross appeal, there comes an equally urgent call from the secretary of the C. W. C. A. He writes:

"I hope arrangements are being made in Canada to keep us well supplied with socks during the coming autumn and winter."

"I have a fair supply on hand to go on with, but judging by the applications that are coming in from the units at the front and the anticipated requirements, we shall have all we can do to keep things going."

"We can do with more soldiers' knitted helmets, and mufflers, and gloves, and mittens. Requisitions are coming in for these articles, but I think our principal demand will be for socks."

The letter ends with significant words we would do well to note: "Last winter we had only two divisions at the front—now we have four divisions. This means practically doubling our requirements."

So, it is "Forward, the Knitting Brigade!" And not only the old brigade, but that old gallant work last winter, but the old brigade reinforced till it stood behind them these two long weary winters must line up again. And when we remember all it is possible for us to do to mitigate the horrors and hardships of their lot, there will surely be never a vacant place in the woman's

urgent. "Women cannot go to fight," says an English writer. "There are the battles fought at home. The line must hold at home as bravely as the men-folk hold it there. There must be no falling out."

Yes, the line must hold at home—a great long reinforced line—the brave line of sewers and knitters. Can you not see their needles flash as they move forward in solid formation? Can you not see the great web, soft and warm, gray that is to cover our boys from the cold in this coming winter of desperate struggle?

"Forward, the Knitting Brigade!"

MARIAN KEITH,
Rec. Secy. R. C. S.

Daily Bible Question Club

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D. D.

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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

1. "Paul's Defence Before Agrippa." Acts, xxvi.

Golden Text—"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." Acts, xxvi, 19.

9. Verses 8-12—Why should it be thought a thing incredible, that God should raise the dead?

10. If Saul had been a truly godly man what is the probability that he ever would have been a persecutor of the Christians?

11. Why did Saul persecute the Christians with such murderous fury?

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

Comes to Say "Thanks."

Hello, Miss Grey—Here comes this little piece of insignificance again, but just for a little while, please, I've come to thank the readers for sending me so many recitations, and to thank you also for giving me so much space without even scolding me, but I don't believe you're one of that kind.

Hello, "Saucy Kate," received your address and will send it on right away. I would have sent it sooner, but was away and just got home.

"Patricia" said you sent me your address, but you must have forgotten it, for I never received any. Now you have my address you can send me yours direct, and will send you the recitations. Thanks ever so much for the soap wrappers.

"Mrs. True" said she would copy out some if she had time. I will try and send her something in return. Please send me your full address when sending me anything, that is, if you don't mind.

Someone else asked for my address, did she get it? Thank you, "Jerry" on the job for the one you sent. What a regular little pest I am, but I'm going to shut up for a while, so here goes.

P.S.—Mother would like a few to-bacco rugs, if they can be spared, about 12—Spunk.

Ans.—"Spunk's" remarks to everybody cheerfully passed along. "Patricia" has sent some pieces for you. How about postage? Tell "mother" no velvet rugs on hand if that is the kind she wishes. Too bad.

Our Own T. O.
Dear Miss Grey—I now write a letter to the Mail-Box, hoping all the readers are well. I have not seen many papers lately, and so may have missed many questions. I saw where somebody offered me a khaki scarf, but was too busy to answer at the time. I would be very glad to answer now if it is not too late, and accept it. If we are gone overseas when it arrives, it will follow us anyway, and if the donor will send name with it, I will answer personally.

Somewhere, I think it was "Bonnie Dundee," asked for my address, but I was too busy to send, so I hope she will send me your full address when sending me anything, that is, if you don't mind.

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Ans.—It was "Tolly Anna" who so kindly offered the scarf for you, and as she later sent her address, I forwarded yours to her, and you may have the scarf by now. Our readers will join me in very sincere wishes for our "Twenty-One" when his battalion embarks for overseas.

Would send Sweets.
Dear Miss Grey—I saw in today's paper that "Country Lad" was so lonely. I feel sorry for I know what it is to be in strange city alone. I would love to send "Country Lad" a box of some-made sweets if it would be appreciated. My address is with Miss Grey, or I can send a self-addressed envelope for reply.

Oh! I feel sorry for a soldier's wife, and oh! kind readers, please don't hurt their feelings. A young man went overseas with the 9th and left behind him a wife and 6-month-old baby, and he had merely reached England when his dear baby went to the great beyond. Imagine if you can, readers, that young wife's sorrow and loneliness.

"Aunt Nannie," I would love to know if you have yet met the first person from either Hove or Brighton, and it seems so good to know that there is someone living very near from my home town.

It does my heart good to read her letter, but it also brings back the springtime scene for me among the old well-loved acres, for in when one thinks of the hedges and flowers and the sound of the sea that one seems to long so much more for "home."

"Ambitious" if you care to correspond with me, I am sending my name and address to Miss Grey, so you can get it from her, and I will gladly answer all your questions.

ANOTHER HOVEITE.
Ans.—Since "Ambitious" wrote her letter, all sorts of "Hoveites" and "Brightonites" seem to have popped up. Shall hope to hear from "Ambitious" with address from "Ambitious" with address.

Another Busy Mother.
Dear Miss Grey—I see there is a great demand for flags and coupons, and I have a few I do not want, so thought I would send them along. There are nine flannelette gum flags, four Quaker Oats coupons, five Gillett's Logo, twenty-two Comfort Soap, and one Sweetheart—the Sweetheart for "Young Stepmother." In return would like as many Purify Oat coupons as you can send, also some satin flags with the flowers on. I am trying for a bread mixer. Must say I do enjoy reading the letters in Mail-Box. It is such a comfort to me when I see English letters, as I am from England, and find it very lonely some times, for all my friends are in England. Will sign myself, YOLANDE.

Ans.—Will someone exchange with "Yolande"? Very glad to welcome you any time, but you must be a busy woman with all those kiddies. Writing's quite passable.

Our Prisoners' Needs.
Dear Miss Grey—Your appeal the other day for opinions on the subject of whether the readers of the paper should adopt a prisoner's hat moved me to write. By all means, YES. When there are so many, it wouldn't take much from each one. Perhaps if everyone knew more about the lot of those prisoners, there would be a greater response to the appeals in their behalf. As I can shed a little light on the subject, and later may be able to shed more, I feel it my duty to speak.

Our society had a prisoner adopted (my own cousin), who has just been interned in Switzerland. He has not sent full accounts yet of his experiences, but what he has written gives a small idea of their sufferings.

In moving about on the way to Switzerland, and delay in being examined, his parcels were left behind. Two who got parcels shared with four others, got parcels living on what was hardly enough to keep two alive for five weeks. Their first meal in Switzerland was such a treat that he said: "It was a contrast to the German pig-feed. Some of

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This is an all CASH campaign, as funds are needed NOW. All subscriptions of \$1.00 and over will be acknowledged by receipt and in the daily papers. LAST YEAR LONDON CONTRIBUTED OVER \$71,000. CAN WE DO LESS THIS YEAR WHEN THE NEED IS GREATER?

An Appeal From the Motherland To the People of Ontario

To SIR JOHN HENDRIE,

Lieutenant-Governor, Province of Ontario, Toronto:

I have the honor to inform you that the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John, are once more proposing to appeal throughout the Empire, by street and other collections, upon "Our Day," which has been fixed for the nineteenth of October. The money received will be devoted to our wounded soldiers and sailors from Home and Overseas, at the various seats of war.

The generous response which we received last year from all parts of the King's Dominions encourages us to hope that the constantly increasing demand for our help may be met by a corresponding increase of generosity throughout the Empire.

We shall be truly grateful to you if you will assist our work by organizing an appeal and sending the proceeds to us for our sick and wounded at the Front. I shall be greatly obliged if you will communicate the contents of this cablegram to your Ministers, and recommend the proposal to their favorable consideration. Their Majesties the King and Queen, and her Majesty, Queen Alexandra, are giving us their gracious patronage, and I trust you will also see your way to help us in the same splendid manner as you did last year.

(Signed), LANSDOWNE (Marquis of),
President British Red Cross Society.

(Signed), PLYMOUTH (Earl of),
Sub Prior of Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

83 Pall Mall, London.

Red Cross needs increase as the Day of Victory dawns

The following cable has just been received by his Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, from Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman Finance Committee, British Red Cross:

"The urgent need of to-day is for money to carry on the general work of the Red Cross at all the battle-fronts. OUR WORK INCREASES DAILY, BOTH IN IMPORTANCE AND IN COST. Our expenditure is now five thousand pounds a day. Earnestly hope the Province of Ontario will help us this year with the same generosity as last year. HUDSON."

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That effort will undoubtedly be made, and the sympathy and generous help of Ontario will again shine forth amongst the gifts of the Empire.

Let the spirit of Thanksgiving move us all at this time, that there are those who work eagerly, untiringly and efficiently, to save those we faint would help, but cannot.

If you have a brother, husband, son or friend amongst our Defenders—and who has not in these days?—you cannot refuse your aid to an organization that stands ready at a moment's call to assuage the pain and suffering of your loved one.

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