

more sympathetically if organized Labor co-operates.

Amongst the voluntary associations which may justly demand consideration at the moment the Trade Unions stand pre-eminent. Some have made magnificent efforts to meet the distress consequent upon unemployment, but they cannot indefinitely continue their disbursements. The contributions and benefits were calculated on a peace basis. They never attempted to secure, nor could they have secured had the attempt been made, contributions equal to the requirements developed by a great war.

The collapse of their efforts would mean more than Trade Union humiliation and bankruptcy, it would mean national disaster. Subsidies have already been promised and given. These must be extended and increased, and wherever Trade Unions have securities not easily realizable these should be taken over where request is made, by the State and the unions given the equivalent in cash.

The sickness and disablement which will follow upon the war must disturb the actuarial equilibrium of most approved societies, and these should combine to secure themselves from the disaster which threatens unless the State shoulders at least that part of the burden arising from the war.

In the furtherance of all these objects the Management Committee is prepared to act with all the force and influence at its command, and it invites the co-operation of all persons or organizations who desire to realize the objects set forth. In explaining its position and advancing the claims of the people it wishes to avoid the folly of the Chau-

vinist and the meanness of the merchant who haggles while death waits at the door: it speaks only in the discharge of its duty, and it is certain of the co-operation of those who were responsible for its election.

### Whole Duty at Home.

It does not overlook its obligations to the workers in other lands, and it hopes that with the destruction of the Prussian militarist caste, which for 40 years has worked for war, international friendships and efforts may be renewed, but for the moment its whole duty lies at home.

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