



With reference to the announcement, made throughout the Civil Service recently, that a collection would be taken up for the purchase of hospital beds, the following extract from a letter received from Colonel Hodgetts, Canadian Red Cross Commissioner at London, England, will be read with interest and should encourage us in this most laudable work. Contribution to Red Cross work is, in most cases, the only way we can help to better the terrible situation in Europe which to-day is a sight to make the angels weep.

Extract from Col. Hodgetts' Letter.

"You can confidently assure the public that these supplies will all be required, as, at present, in addition to the Duchess of Connaught Hospital at Cliveden, there is a 1,000 bed tent hospital at Le Triport under the command of Col. Bridges, and the hospital at Le Touquet, under the command of Col. Shillington, with a 300 bed tent hospital at Wimeroux, under the command of Major McKee, while accommodation is being provided near Etaples for hospitals to take some 3,000 patients, and in addition to the above there are the various field hospitals attached to the division now at the front."

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I hope that each woman and girl in the Civil Service will contribute ac-

cording to her means to this womanly work of providing beds for the brave wounded men who have been fighting for the triumph of right. It is all we can do, but let us do it generously!

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THE RECREATION CLUB.

The attendance of every member of the Recreation Club is earnestly requested at the first annual meeting which is called for Monday, May 17th, at eight o'clock, in the Carnegie Library.

A Backward Glance.

Four months ago seven girls started out to see what could be accomplished in the way of an organization covering different sports. Their motto "Good Times," their sole asset a firm faith in the success of their plans, they were handicapped by an utter lack of experience in organization, but assuming a virtue though they had it not, were nothing daunted.

Six parties were held during the winter, with attendances varying all the way from four to forty. One small though very successful sliding party was held at the "Cliffside," when through the generosity of members of the Recreation Club badges were secured and the party was allowed the use of the slide free of charge. Skating and snowshoeing