

Notes on Some of the Members of the Women's Committee

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No woman has taken a more active part in patriotic work than Mrs. Arthur VanKoughnet. Her work for the soldiers' comforts has been wonderful, and as a voluntary official of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, where she comes directly in touch with military hospitals, she has necessarily acquired a special knowledge of the soldiers' needs.

Mrs. H. S. Strathy, as a director of the Toronto Housing Company, will have knowledge on the housing situation, which will be invaluable. Mrs. Strathy is also president of the League of the Empire, which does valuable educational work.

Mrs. Smith, of St. Catharines, is one who as convener of the educational work of the I.O.D.E., has done most valuable work in education amongst the foreign born. Through her efforts, British pictures and libraries have been and are being placed in the schools where the foreign element prevails.

Mrs. Alex. McPhedran has been particularly active in sending socks to the soldiers and in raising funds for prisoners. The socks sent largely through Mrs. McPhedran's efforts totalled 110,567 pairs. It was she who organized the Ontario Red Cross Sock Committee, while the socks for two other organizations were also accumulated through her efforts. Mrs. McPhedran was the one woman on the Board of the Prisoners of War Society which sent assistance to all Allied prisoners.

Miss Cartwright is one of Canada's outstanding women. Intellectually brilliant, she is yet eminently practical, and as Dean of St. Hilda's College has an influence which is not easily measured. She has also been the president of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Anglican Church for Toronto diocese for a number of years.

Miss Chapman, who is on the staff of the *Farmers' Magazine*, was formerly on the staff of the Women's Institute of Ontario. She is familiar with rural conditions, and will be able to give valuable advice on that point.

Miss Church is by profession a teacher, and will thus represent an important element. Moreover, as sister of Mayor Church, she has taken a prominent part in work for returned soldiers.

Miss Gunn, Superintendent of Nurses at the Toronto General Hospital, will be representative of that profession. She is an exceptionally able woman.

Miss Marie Macdonnell, President of Rosary Hall Association, has always taken a keen interest in girls' work.

Miss McMahan is head of the Employment Bureau of the United Typewriter Company, and is an expert on employment. This fact is obvious when one realizes that as many as 8,000 girls are placed in employment in a year through her instrumentality.

Miss Laura Powell is one whose name is new to the public. Though a girl in her early twenties, she has shown remarkable ability, and was elected as president of the Telephone Girls' Union, recently organized.