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REDA CROSS REPORTS ARE ENCOURAGING

Increase in All the Society's Departments - Financial Situation - Donations Received and New Members Added - Hospital Work.

The reports read at the regular monthly meeting of the local Red Cross Society on Monday afternoon in the rooms on Chipman Hill were generally very encouraging. An increase in all the departments devoted to the different branches of Red Cross work. These monthly meetings are of great value in bringing the actual work of the various circles before the whole society. There are, too, always letters and Red Cross news and notes from overseas that of itself is invaluable. Mrs. P. S. White, convenor of the needwork, reported during March a total of 7,919 articles received. Among these were 653 pyjama suits, 210 hospital shirts and 984 towels. Smaller articles which were needed for, such as handkerchiefs and bedsocks, were returned in very large quantities. The donations to the needwork department were: Upper mouth street church, per Mrs. Drake, 3 quilts, 11 pairs slippers, 2 pairs pillows; Centenary church, per Mrs. J. R. Niswamy, 2 knitted facecloths; Mrs. Robert Milligan, 12 knitted facecloths; A.M.K. St. John, 67 tins bismuth Formic Iodine Comp.; Mrs. R. McGee, 6 hospital shirts; Upper Gagetown Red Cross Circle, 10 pyjama suits, 5 hospital shirts, 72 towels, 3 knitted facecloths, 1 feather pillow; Mrs. Burdon, Boston, 1,923 cakes soap; Miss Lagrin, 12 knitted facecloths; Nurses' Red Cross, per Miss Addy, 12 field shirts; Mr. C. Walker Craibe, Detroit, 100 tins ether.

The expenses in the needwork department amounted to \$1,089.01. Eleven parcels were received from out-of-town circles, containing 41 articles. For the yarn department Mrs. Young reported 915 pairs of socks, 3 trench caps. Twelve parcels of yarn were sent to outside circles, and 12 were returned containing 313 pairs socks. Yarn purchased, 275 lbs., cost \$216.25. For the C. U. C. A., which includes donations solely, there were received the following articles, reported by Mrs. G. K. McLeod: British Aid Society, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, 31 pairs socks; Miss L. Beattie, W.E., 1 pair socks; 1 helmet; Mrs. Sellers, Wilmington, Detroit, 2 pairs socks; Miss Wall, per Miss M. Barker, 2 pairs socks; Mrs. H. C. Green, 6 pairs socks; Mrs. P. P. Starr, 3 pairs socks; Nurses' Red Cross, per Miss Addy, 19 pairs socks.

Always of the greatest importance is the report of the finance committee, of which Mr. A. C. Skelton is the treasurer. This report was read by the secretary, Miss M. Walker, and should be carefully considered by those interested in the care of the sick and wounded overseas. The report is addressed to the president of the society, Mrs. John A. McAvity, and says: "Since I last reported on the financial position of the Red Cross Society, a further small addition to the credit at our credit has taken place. On February 28th our balance was \$875.16 and today it is \$722.35, a reduction of just over \$150. Collections in connection with the campaign fund show a falling off and only amounted this month to \$240. We received in ordinary subscriptions \$641.00. The result of what might be called the American campaign has so far amounted to \$402. Our total receipts were, therefore, \$1,386. We have expended \$1,046 on goods and have remitted \$410 to Lady Tilden, being our monthly subscription of \$300, plus \$110 for surgical supplies. Our total expenditures therefore, amounted to \$1,456, against receipts of \$1,386, a difference of \$70."

The committee appointed to take steps to revive the campaign fund collections have already done some work and it would seem advisable to have this scheme placed on an active footing again as soon as possible. "Our advisory board has also met to form some plan about the special campaign to raise funds for the Red Cross at a later date. Yours faithfully, A. C. Skelton, treasurer."

Miss Walker read the following donations and new membership lists: S. S. Silvestro, Capt. R. Parker, \$5; collected at Loch Lomond, Mrs. Barker, \$15; Fees, Miss L. Parks, Mrs. H. Lawrence, Miss Greta Walden, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. Ann Stickey, Miss H. E. Jack, Miss S. A. Worrell, Mrs. F. R. Fairweather, \$4; Hoyt Women's Institute, surgical supplies (previously reported), \$110; D. W. Ledingham's life membership, \$25; Hibernia Lodge, No. 3, F. & A. M., \$15; Soldiers' Aid, Riverside, \$10; Nature History, Juniors, \$16; Trinity Circle, \$2; Hibernia Lodge, per H. Sullivan, \$15; Harvey Patriotic League, Mrs. F. S. Reid, \$5; Miss Blenda McIntyre, \$1; Nerepis Station School, \$75; L. S. McLeod, Boston, per E. A. Goodwin, \$100; Mrs. H. B. Wardrop, \$5; Mrs. C. W. Nichols, \$1; Mrs. F. E. Craibe, Mrs. Ann Irvine, \$1; East St. John Circle, donations and fees, \$29; Mrs. P. Donville, \$1; Mrs. Harry Nidbur, P.

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MARY BAKER EDDY MEMORIAL.

A memorial to Mary Baker Eddy, founder and head of the Christian Science denomination for many years, was recently dedicated in Mount Auburn cemetery in Cambridge, Mass. The memorial was today turned over to the League of the Empire, London; has been contributed, as expressions of sentiment, the entire cost of over \$150,000.

work. From June 13 to March 13, the report states that six News-from-Home Journals have been made and posted to the League of the Empire, London; four letters and four parcels have been sent to our lone soldier; knitting has been done, including 1 wash-cloth, 1 scarf, 8 pairs socks; the Red Cross boxes which are in the care of this circle have been collected from and the sum of \$22.25 handed in; waste paper has been saved and placed in the Red Cross boxes. We are also saving all the stamps that we can, as we know the British government has a use for them. A friend of our circle kindly presents us with a hand-knit sweater, which we are going to raffie. We are now selling tickets for it in the hope of raising some money. We are planning a patriotic entertainment of an entertainment given by the Red Cross workers. The Secretary, Miss Walker, is in receipt of letters showing an interest also in the effort to make life more endurable for the sick and wounded soldier. One from Riverside, Albert Co., from Mrs. Carnworth, enclosed \$10, "to help along the good work of the Soldiers' Aid Society, from which it comes, has been a generous contributor since the early days of Red Cross endeavor. One from Nerepis contained \$75 from the proceeds of an entertainment given by the scholars and teachers of the school there who knew the needs of the Red Cross and acted promptly on that knowledge. The many thanks of the local society are due Miss Hoyt and her associates for this donation, which has gone forward for the terribly needed surgical dressings. A letter from Mr. B. A. Goodwin tells of a New Brunswick man met with in Boston, who hearing of the needs sent a donation that made the Red Cross richer by \$100. The thanks of many St. John friends are due Mr. L. S. McLeod for his remembrance. From across the seas came a cheque for \$5 from Mr. R. Parker, of the S. S. Silvestro, H. M. O. I. while the ever generous W. P. A. gave \$50 to the "great work of the Red Cross Society."

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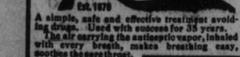
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