

Chaplain's Wounded Soldiers' Fund

By Major E. Bertram Hooper, (Chaplain)

Since May 1st I have been giving each week a statement of receipts, with intent that it should be known how I get money for carrying on the practical work for the benefit of our wounded lads and where the money comes from. The following is the statement for this issue of the *Hospital News*.

Previously acknowledged	-	-	-	-	-	£156	18	6
A Sorrowing Mother	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
"Main River," Kent, N.B.	-	-	-	-	-	11	11	6
St. George's Congregation, Moncton, N.B.	-	-	-	-	-	29	12	7
Private Gaulton, 26th Battalion	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
Miss Parsons, Broadstairs	-	-	-	-	-	0	10	0
Pte. Morton, Vancouver, a former patient here	-	-	-	-	-	0	4	0
Bazaar held by Four Little Girls, St. John, N.B.	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	10
A Sewing Club for Girls, St. John, N.B.	-	-	-	-	-	4	18	0
Mrs. William Neales, St. John, N.B.	-	-	-	-	-	1	0	0

It will be noticed how frequently St. John, N.B., figures in my lists of acknowledgments. This is but natural, for I have been rector of St. Paul's Church in that city for ten years, and consequently I and my work are well known there. Before going to St. John I was for sixteen years rector of St. George's Church in Moncton, N.B. This accounts in part, for my receiving last week £46, and this week £29, from people in that city. I am exceedingly gratified with the financial support I am receiving both from Canada and locally. May the good work go on.

I was truly sorry that the Yarrow was evacuated on Thursday last. I miss those lads. But "it's an ill wind that blows nobody good," for now I shall be able to have two char-a-banc drives and teas each week for the patients at the Granville, who perhaps need them most, and one from Townley Castle. I am delighted to state that Major and Mrs. Morgan have provided the outing for the Townley Castle patients on Saturday. We are to have the usual drive, with tea at Monkton, instead of at Minster.

Now that the song by Miss Dorothy Warne and Sergt. Crowe—"The Immortal Kitchener"—is on sale, I hope that the first 2,500 copies will be quickly disposed of. The entire profits on these copies will be given to my "Wounded Soldiers' Fund."

It will be seen, with I am sure general satisfaction, that although my expenditures total at least \$250 a month, the receipts are so generous that they even more than keep pace with the expenditures. "So mote it be."

Before concluding I want to say what sincere pleasure has been given me by the very kind and hearty expressions of congratulation on my recent promotion to the rank of Major from Officers, Sisters and Patients. I can only express my great appreciation. I hope that to all I may continue to be, neither Captain nor Major, but the Same Old Friend and

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