

this Christmas." The generosity of our friends in Canada enabled us to give the man a stocking for himself, as well as the one to send to his children in the Homeland.

No wonder we regard the Red Cross Society as the agent that stands at the flood-gates and turns the stream of human kindness, undiminished, on to the waste places; for it is the tie that binds the far-separated acts of service together until the little trickles of humanity shall all come together in a vast stream of human sympathy, so pure and powerful as to accomplish a new thing on earth.

#### WORK IN CANADA

When Queen's Hospital became a part of the Canadian Expeditionary Force the people of Kingston did not simply show a temporary interest by an enthusiastic farewell or a parting gift, but through the medium of the local Red Cross Society they have kept themselves constantly informed of the needs of the Hospital, and have endeavoured to meet those needs by periodic shipments Overseas of Hospital necessities and comforts. Since the Hospital began work the Red Cross Society of Kingston has devoted all its energies and resources towards furnishing surgical supplies and comforts for the patients in this Hospital. This has been done with the concurrence of the Red Cross Society of Canada, and in its effort it has had the active assistance of a number of local societies throughout Eastern Ontario and of numerous Alumni and Alumnae Societies all over Canada.

The Local Organization (with Mrs. Martin as President, and Miss Redden as Secretary), naturally had, in addition to the motive of general patriotism, the direct incentive that has for its source the personal link that binds us to fellow-citizen, fellow-student, and intimate friend. Donations made would not lose their identity in the great flood of gifts continually flowing from Canada; they had a definite destination, and the distributors of them would be personal friends. This latter incentive induced many Red Cross, Alumnae and other Societies throughout Canada, and even in the U.S.A., to make the Kingston Branch the medium for the whole or a portion of their Red Cross gifts. The combined effort has yielded such splendid results that the information comes that these gifts from Canada have almost made the Hospital independent of other Voluntary Organizations. The first shipment of supplies accompanied the unit on its departure in May, 1915, and from that date supplies have been regularly sent from time to time. It is a matter of great satisfaction to know that, of the almost two thousand cases shipped, scarcely one has failed to reach its destination, notwithstanding the enemy's submarine activity; and it is also most gratifying to be told by those doing duty in the Hospital that, on looking backward, they cannot now see how they could have coped with their work if these supplies had been denied them.

In cities, towns, villages and rural communities throughout Canada, circles, large and small, of devoted women prepare the supplies. There are Dressings of every kind, Shirts, Pyjamas, Sheets, Pillows, Pillow Slips, Socks, Quilts, Comfort Bags full of useful articles, Toothbrushes, Pencils, Handkerchiefs, Soap, etc., all the necessary small kit that often means the difference between comfort and hardship—not forgetting the cakes of chocolate and the inevitable Chewing Gum, so dear to the Canadian abroad, and numberless other things that cheer the patient while in Hospital. From these places comes a constant stream of parcels to the Red Cross Society at Kingston. Here they are gathered together and packed in Red Cross boxes, accompanied by the names of the donating society, and in shipments of a hundred or more boxes are forwarded to No. 7 Canadian General Hospital (Queen's).

The work of packing is done in rooms loaned for this purpose by the Medical Faculty at Queen's. This Faculty supplies all boxes used, and pays also for all the necessary printing and arranges for the shipment of the packed cases.