

NEWS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

MRS. KUHRING INTERVIEWED ON
V. A. D. RELIEF WORK AMONG SICK

Gallant Band of Women Are Performing Wonderful Work in the City and Elsewhere—Surprised There Should be Any Suggestion of Relieving Them of it—Grateful for Support of Others.

Last evening in an interview with Mrs. Kuhring on the V. A. D. relief work among the sick, the local commander said:

"We certainly are on duty for this influenza work much longer than any of us anticipated when we took it up, and the strain upon our resources is heavy. At the same time it is exactly the kind of undertaking our order stands for, and we hope to carry it through to the end. Indeed it is a surprise to us that there should be any suggestion of relieving us of it, and we cannot quite understand its purpose. They should have seen our volunteer nurses at work, both in the city and elsewhere with nothing too hard for their efforts, the diet kitchen staff 'carrying on faithfully, cheerfully taking up the continuous tasks of the day without the slightest indication of laying it down as long as 'suffering humanity' is dependent upon its fulfillment. Our V. A. D. staff is enforced by volunteer helpers, and in addition to the cooking done in the kitchen, there is a large daily contribution from a number of generous helpers who cook at home. Contributions of cooked delicacies have also come from the following societies: The Hero Red Cross Circle, Brunswick Chapter I.O.D.E., St. Monica's Guild, Lancaster Red Cross, Daughters of Israel, and the Catholic Girls' Guild. All chapters of the I.O.D.E., W.C.T.U., gleaners of Lakeside, employees of M.R.A., Limited, three ladies from the Old Ladies' Home, Centenary Church Choir, Queen Elizabeth Red Cross Circle and the Y.W.P.A., are

some of the sister associations of the city who have stood by us in this undertaking with respect to money. And the merchants of the city have also contributed most generously.

"All the motor drivers did their part, and besides the daily rounds in which no sick person is ever passed by, there are extra hurry calls hither and thither for new or urgent cases, and long drives into the suburbs and outlying districts. We have met with certain difficulties, but not with any which could not be overcome. In distributing our supplies we have perhaps trespassed upon the generosity of the kind owners of the automobiles which have been put at our disposal for very much longer than we expected when we asked for them. But we have now made arrangements which will lighten this burden on our friends. We are most grateful for the unflinching support that has come to us from all directions.

"Interest has been very cheering, a dawn have had a number of distinguished visitors at the kitchen who have been most welcome, including Mrs. Wm. Pugsley, His Worship the Mayor, the Bishop of St. John, several of the clergy and of our leading business men, all of whom have been also our generous patrons. "The work has been entirely dependent upon the cash donations of sympathetic friends, which, up to the present time have kept us without anxiety as to meeting expenses, which, considering the field covered have not been heavy—something less

than \$700.00 having been expended to date.

"The great lack has been in the nursing service. There is no doubt that the regular diet has saved life, and the restoring strength every day among many invalids. It has been hard to say to stricken households: 'There is no one willing to come in and help you,' and this has been said many times. 'No one to send' is a hard answer to give to frantic appeals for aid. In one household a sick father is left with two little children, one quite ill, after the mother's funeral has filled their hearts with sorrow. And not one friend comes to them, until the visiting nurse appears. Sick parents holding out till they almost drop, trying to care for their families, all down with the disease, not neighbor or friend who will enter the house to help, has been a very common experience. The only one to come to the rescue is the volunteer nurse. We have had about thirty of these volunteers, far below the number we should have had. Many of them are completely tired out, and some are ill. We cannot see why there should be any criticism of the mayor and council. When we need money, their attitude would certainly not prevent our asking them for it, and the mayor's family have been among our most active helpers in the work from the first, and his car has been at our disposal. What we have needed most is something that money will not buy, and while we feel the deepest gratitude to those generous citizens who, not able to come themselves, have yet supported those who could, the fact remains that the cooking, the motor delivery and the nursing are the absolutely essential features of this work of mercy, and it is in this department of personal service alone that any lack has been felt and that we have had to call too heavily upon the few. Our intimate association with the doctors, trained nurses, Red Cross societies, ladies of the press, the local and provincial boards of health, His Worship the Mayor, and our fellow workers the Sisters of Charity, leave us with nothing but sincere appreciation in our hearts. We think we ought to know."

GRAND RALLY DAY
HELD AT CENTENARY

Rev. H. A. Goodwin Says That in Order to Ensure Permanent Peace Germany Must Change Her National Ideas and Heart.

In a splendid sermon in Centenary church last night Rev. H. A. Goodwin stated that in order to assure permanent peace Germany must change her national ideas; she must in fact have a change of heart.

Yesterday was a grand Rally Day for peace, for an open church and for the passing of the ravages of disease. In Centenary at both services the attendance was better than usual and many people expressed themselves as thankful in having church services once again.

In the morning service Mr. Goodwin took Math. 23:19, "The door was shut," as his text, and his sermon referred to the doors of the church being closed during the epidemic. He stated that the closing of the churches had created a precedent in the province, but that the general consensus of opinion was that the department of health did the only thing possible. He referred to the inconvenience and financial loss suffered by the churches and he expressed gratitude that the disease had subsided and the ban lifted.

Mr. Goodwin stated that every war brought a truce of evils, war, pestilence and famine, but there was one surprising thing to be noted in the present war, namely, that we have escaped with such few epidemics and such a low rate of fatalities.

In speaking of the closed door of the church he stated that this closed door meant that we were coming under definite regulations. The progress of civilization is marked by increasingly drastic regulations, but we should welcome these laws if they are wisely administered, as they are the framework of our civilization.

He stated that the preaching of the Gospel was the pioneer of all reform. It was the instrument that made the forest, tilled the soil, built the cities and established education and commerce. It has given the constitution to our national life, decency to society, integrity to character and purity to personal habits.

Further on Mr. Goodwin stated that the closed door has given us a perspective view; has given us a view of the church from the outside. From this angle we learn more of its real worth, and many people returning to their churches are surprised at the large place that the church has had in their life. This closed door has also helped us to determine how much of the church and how little of the Christ we have in our religion.

The evening sermon preached by Mr. Goodwin illustrated the part that God is playing in world affairs today and the text was appropriate to the thought, Psalms 97:1 "The Lord Reigneth."

In opening his sermon the pastor stated that never in history has God been more triumphant. This is God's day. God is manifesting Himself in the interest of the empire and her allies. Germany and Austria are broken into factions, seething with discontent, and it is feared in some quarters that there is not sufficient body to the governments so that they can be consolidated into a government with which terms of peace can be negotiated.

He stated that during these tragic

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days England and her allies are preserving the peace and purity of their national character. With our unity of character and our one war purpose we stand in the fulness of our strength.

"God manifests Himself in a spirit of fair dealing with our enemies in the day of our victory. We have no disposition to take advantage, or to plunder or to make unreasonable demands, and there is no intention to make a perpetual open sore with the enemy in the settlement of the terms of peace."

In closing Mr. Goodwin stated that Marconi has said that Italy is willing to forgive Austria, and Germany has officially thanked the allies for their attempt in sending them food. Mr. Goodwin then went on to explain how God manifested Himself in Christian leadership, in disarmament and in the new social order that is arising.

BOOKS AND PEOPLE.

Libraries Thronged on Saturday—Many Books Taken Out for Sunday Reading.

There was a great run on the libraries on Saturday, people seeming to be anxious for reading matter, and to have missed exceedingly during the period of the loss the privilege of getting good books to enjoy over the Sunday. Human nature shows up to a marked degree at such places, and there are a number of different types who call for books.

There is the busy person whom nothing suits. If a book is exciting she does not care for melodrama. If it is a character study it is too slow. If it does not end well that is enough to condemn it in her eyes.

Then there is the man who reads nothing but well written histories or biographies, but who wants to tell the librarian just where he would have won the battle lost by the famous general, or how he himself would have differed from the well known statesman.

To the library come the not too young man and woman, who admit that they like a book "with a good love story, a heart interest," they call it. For these romantic types a story cannot be too sweetly sentimental.

Another class, and it is quite a large one, want the novel which treats of the realities of life, or the book whose plot is "strong." These people refuse the story which is of the kind they term "milk and water," and are particularly partial to foreign authors.

The boys and the girls are easier to suit and fortunately for those who hand out the volumes, most of the callers at the libraries are satisfied to take what is given them or recommended, and thank the librarian for her kindness.

St. John is very fortunate in having in charge of the libraries a staff whose stock of patience seems inexhaustible, and who are never too weary to look up a reference or to meet with unfailing courtesy the many demands of the readers of the city.

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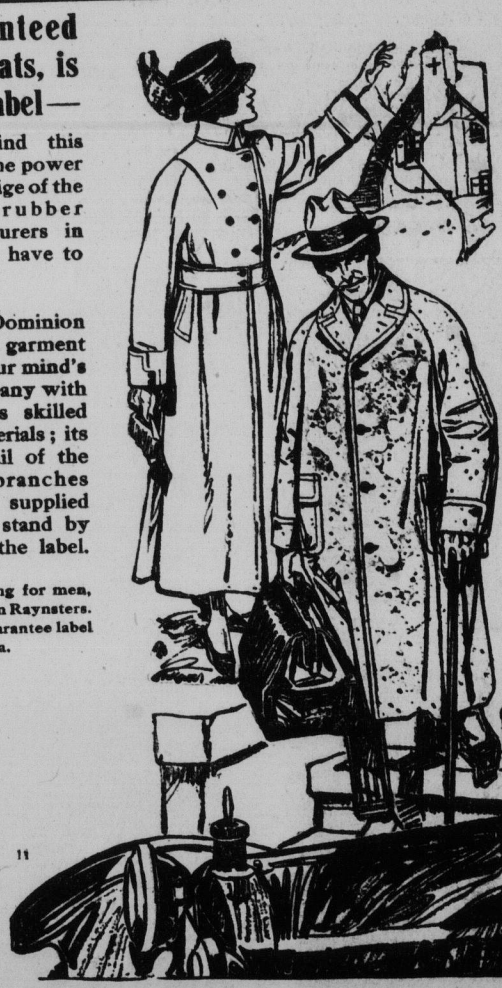
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