

Austrian bullet could not do, their loathsome disease, typhus fever, has been vigorously trying to do. Infected with the malady, the Austrian prisoners have been spreading the disease among the Serbians.

But while war has always been the agency for the calling forth of many of the most brutal of all the human passions, it has also been the means of awakening many men's noblest gifts of head and heart. Many, as a response of the call from Serbia, have gone forth to that little kingdom to minister to its needs with their money and their skill. The splendid work of the American and British Red Cross workers will live in history long after the brutalities of the Hun have been forgotten.

Among the many who have lent their aid to Serbia, none deserves higher words of praise than Sir Thomas Lipton. It is difficult, indeed, to give the faintest idea of his signal services to that unfortunate people. But then there are the doctors and nurses from this country, the United States, and Britain, who have dared the pestilence, and gone to the aid of the sick. The death of such a man as Dr. Donnelly must appeal to all. Day by day and night by night the sisters are at work; but they work on, notwithstanding that they see their fellow workers fall by their side. The three diseases that are raging in the country at present are typhus fever, smallpox and scarlet fever, the most deadly and widespread being typhus fever. Whole families are being wiped out.

Serbia is quite unable to cope with this problem. The country is poor, is exhausted after so much war, has never had many doctors, and almost no trained nurses. Here is a great field for useful work. The country is in urgent need of any assistance that can be given it. Money, drugs, clothing, hospital supplies, tents, doctors and nurses are equally in demand. Already a number have gone; but many will be required. Though the Allies and their friendly nations have gigantic problems on hand, we hope they will not forget the needs of Serbia.

THE FIRE IN THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

It was with deep regret that all learned of the fire that destroyed the Lakeside branch of the Children's Hospital. Apart from the monetary loss, serious enough, there is the derangement to the care of these little patients during the summer. We hope that those who can give will respond promptly to the needs of this institution and restore the lost building. It is true that the war has placed great demands upon the people, but the country is rich, and is now only beginning to realize its strength, and to acquire the giving spirit.