

was accordingly given to the War Office, and expended without delay on motor ambulances, twenty of which were despatched to France, while the others remained to be used in England.

The remainder of the fund, \$182,857.77, was donated for the benefit of the navy. It was to be used by the authorities as they thought best to meet the emergencies of the moment. The Admiralty desired to expend the fund so as to perpetuate the memory of the loyalty and generosity of the women of Canada, and they accordingly decided to use the money for the purpose of erecting buildings for nurses in connection with the naval hospitals, one being a block at Spithead and the other a wing at Chatham. These homes for nurses are known as "Canadian Women's Wings," and they will speak to posterity of the devotion of the Empire in the hour of trial.

The collection of the money for the Hospital Ship Fund served to test the organization of the Order. The I.O.D.E. was the only society that had at its disposal the machinery necessary to cover Canada at short notice in making such an appeal. It was not only comprehensive and far-reaching but it proved efficient, and in no instance did it disappoint the women who had faith in it. Long before the allotted time of three weeks, replies had been received from the two extremities of Canada, Halifax on the east and Dawson City in the far north-west. The value of a unified and centralized organization was triumphantly demonstrated, and again and again through the years of stress that followed, the I.O.D.E. served as a medium through which to reach women in every part of the Dominion when concerted effort was desired to meet some special need.

One of the most important pieces of work accomplished by the Order as a whole during