

France was that the Germans were being steadily driven back. This forced them to leave their wounded behind them to be cared for by France. In the midst of this terrible effort France was showing a remarkable degree of firmness and determination. Some had thought that her people would show, at first, a great outburst of enthusiasm and then subside and take defeat. The very opposite has been the case.

The needs of the day there are supplies, doctors and nurses. There is no doubt but that this country will do her full duty. There is much in the form of supplies that could be sent on to the front and will be sent. The demand for skilled treatment of such a large number of sick and wounded is also urgent. From this country could go many well-trained and competent nurses. These could render a service of the utmost value at this time. The surgeon, too, is needed.

The surgeon skilled our wounds to heal  
Is more than armies to the nation's weal.

And of the nurse:

Hers was the task of applying soothing balm,  
And raising him from his bed of pain.

Already a start has been made. The Women's Patriotic League has made arrangements to send, early in February, a consignment of bandages and surgical dressings. The league is asking for donations to assist in this work. The Toronto Academy of Medicine has also acted and appointed a committee consisting of Drs. N. A. Powell, E. E. King, A. A. Macdonald, H. J. Hamilton and C. L. Starr, to organize an effort to secure needed articles. It was suggested by Dr. R. A. Reeve that an effort be made to enlist the co-operation of the profession throughout the Province. Instruments would be a very useful gift.

Since writing the above there seems to have been some doubt cast upon the standing of Dr. Brown-Landone.

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#### THE BELGIAN DOCTORS' RELIEF FUND.

The country that gave the medical profession Andreas Vesalius should not now be forgotten in her hour of need. "It is a friend, indeed, runs out into the storm to shake a hand with us." The doctors of Belgium are passing through their storm, and we should not hesitate to "run out into the storm" for the purpose of rendering them what aid we can.

The great Hippocratic Oath lays this obligation on us all. We are bound to charge no doctor for help we render him, and not to withhold our hand if he is in need. But the profession of Canada will not be found wanting. Already a committee has been formed. No doubt local branch committees will be called into existence, that will reach all parts of the country and all members of the profession.