

### Help! Help!

Twenty more people are needed to bring the attendance number of our next Red Cross Social up to one hundred. The second meeting had an increase in numbers over the first of thirty, so, surely at the next social, which is to be on Tuesday, the 13th of February, at least a hundred women will respond.

For the benefit of those women who have not as yet taken even a latent interest in the work, it may be well to state that these Red Cross socials combine business and pleasure. The reports of the various committees are read and any necessary business is transacted. Has it ever occurred to you who do not come that as the Women's Branch is supposed to represent the women of the Service and to all intents and purposes does represent them so far as the general public is concerned, that you had better be there to see that the business is transacted properly? At least come and give us the benefit of your opinion.

The Red Cross committee will have on hand various kinds of work, so you are asked to bring needles, thimbles and scissors or knitting needles. The Red Cross supplies are very low in London, so low that the supply going to France has had to be cut down, so do let us do our best to bring it up again.

At the next meeting the women of the Post Office Department will arrange the programme and provide the entertainment.

### Book Shower.

At the last meeting of the executive of the Women's Branch one hundred dollars was voted from the Emergency Fund to the relief of British sailors and the fact that nothing has been done for our Canadian sailors and members of the motor boat patrol service was discussed.

As it had been learned through Ad-

miral Kingsmill that our men are in need of bound books, it was decided to have a book shower at the next general meeting, which will be at the Y.W.C.A. on Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th.

Bring or send to the meeting whatever bound books, not necessarily new ones, you may be able to spare. This applies not only to the women of the Service but to the men as well. Bound books from anyone will be gratefully received.

In the event of not being able to send or take them to the Y.W.C.A. for Feb. 13th, the donors may be good enough to send them to Miss Lyon at her office, Room No. 514, Naval Service Department, Rea Building, within a few days after that date.

The men are well supplied with magazines.

### SERVICE BOUGHT BUTTONS.

Ottawa is being canvassed for subscriptions to the funds of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, and it is anticipated that the response will be generous.

The Commission received a grant of \$1,000 from the City Council some time ago and its only other source of revenue has been from the sale of buttons.

These buttons are of two sorts,—dollar ones and five-dollar ones,—and in all \$1,900 worth have been sold. Of this amount \$1,200, or more than sixty-three per cent, was paid in by civil servants. The members of the Service are wearing more buttons than all the rest of the City of Ottawa put together.

Before fine clothes, before dainty fare, before amusement comes, your duty to the soldier's wife and children.

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Could you enjoy a play or a hockey match if you knew that a soldier's wife was cold, or his children hungry?