

Proper provision for the care of these must be made. This means ample hospital accommodation, and the requisite supplies for these. The Queen's Canadian Hospital at Shorncliffe is to be enlarged from 55 to 180 beds, and the Duchess of Connaught Hospital at Cliveden will be increased from 100 to 500 beds. But even this will be hardly noticed in the great needs of the near future. The urgent need for hospitals must be in France and Belgium. It is there that the wounded must mainly be cared for.

It is with pleasure that we notice the readiness with which the Canadian universities have offered to man a number of hospitals. McGill University, Toronto University and Queen's University offers have been accepted; and the Western Hospital in London has made an offer to furnish the staff of surgeons, physicians and nurses for another. It will be needed and should be accepted.

At the battle of Neuve Chapelle a few weeks ago there were about 8,000 British wounded to care for. This alone would tax the accommodation of half a dozen good sized hospitals. There is not the least fear that there will be too many hospitals.

Then comes in the very important task of supplying these hospitals with the bandages and dressings they shall require. Here will come into view the place that is being so well filled by the women of this country. In every hamlet, town and city there are groups of ladies who are busily engaged in this splendid work. Much more could be done with a more efficient organization. Additional volunteers could be secured, and these could be instructed as to what are most needed and how to prepare them.

Then comes the still further duty of giving. Those who can give, and there are very few who cannot, should come forth promptly and supply these willing workers with the money and the goods they must have if the hospitals in Europe are to render good service. No one should wait to be asked. This is not a question of giving once and then done with it. It is a case of continuously giving until the war is over. The supplies that go this month will soon be used up, and must be followed up by an even greater supply next month.

The greatest war economy of the day is that of the efficiency of the hospitals. By this means the sick and wounded are the more speedily and surely restored to health and are again enabled to return to duty. Just recall the awful conditions that prevailed during the Crimean war! The demand of the hour is money, goods, workers. There is enough of these in the country, and let the hospitals have them.