

a special Knights of Columbus War Committee, comprising representatives from all provinces of the Dominion of Canada, be formed to act in conjunction with the directors of Catholic Army Huts. The necessity of such a Canadian committee is apparent and we confidently commend the suggestion to the careful consideration of this Ontario State Convention of 1918, and recommend that such a Committee be formed as soon after the Convention as possible in order that a Canadian-wide plan of action may be formulated.

Delegates are urgently requested to carry back to their respective councils the positive assurance that another campaign is absolutely necessary. Not only must we as Catholics assume our full duties and obligations in this war with Prussian autocracy, we must insist on breaking down the barriers of prejudice so readily raised against us. The undertaking of this second campaign is admittedly a large one, but not too large nor too important for the vast potentialities of the Knights of Columbus who make the just claim that their membership of nearly 8,000 embraces the flower of the Catholic laity throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

To ensure complete success will require the co-ordination and co-operation of every useful agency.

First of all the sympathy and active support of the hierarchy and clergy must be secured. In the last campaign the assistance from some of our bishops and clergy was of incalculable benefit and there is every reason to hope that in the approaching campaign this assistance will be again extended in an even greater degree.

The power of the press cannot be over-estimated and newspaper and circular-letter publicity should be utilized to the fullest possible extent. This applies not only to the organization by the State Executive, but particularly to local committees.

There appears to be no reason why the various municipal councils—township, town, city and county—should not be approached for a grant. The fact should be emphasized that the Catholic Army Huts is an organization recognized by the Canadian, American, British and French governments and military authorities; it has been assuming and will continue to assume an adequate share of the work of caring not only for the spiritual needs of Catholic soldiers but for the comfort, convenience and recreation of soldiers of all creeds and nationalities.

Public meetings of a patriotic nature should be held and above all strong local committees should be chosen in every urban and rural community. In the last campaign canvassing committees were formed and allotted certain districts and this proved to be the most effective agency throughout the entire Ontario campaign. With the co-operation of the clergy, the active support of the press and the efforts of a strong canvassing committee of Catholic laymen the cause of the Catholic Army Huts must be understood and well received in any community.