

MUCH WORK DONE BY THE RED CROSS

Quarterly Meeting Hears Reports and Plans Adjustment of Efforts for After-war Conditions

At the quarterly meeting of the local Red Cross Society which was held yesterday afternoon in the G. W. V. A. hall, Miss Hazel Deinstadt gave a delightful account of her work as a V. A. D. in a French hospital. The reports handed in were very satisfactory.

The president, Mrs. John A. McAvity was in the chair and drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that the society's rooms would be closed during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Skinner said that the campaign fund which has been raised by \$2 contributions from friends, would be discontinued now the armistice had been signed and that \$16,200 had been raised in this way since the commencement of the war. Though the fund will not be kept up she felt sure that if money were needed by the society its friends would come to its assistance once more.

In the absence of Mrs. F. J. Harding she read the surgical report also. This report showed that 178 pneumonia jackets had been made for epidemic sufferers and sent throughout the city and province.

Since the epidemic 1,600 sphagnum moss dressings had been made and good work had come in from Rethesay and Sussex. The report referred also to the visit of the Duke of Devonshire to the society rooms and said that while there His Excellency had witnessed the making of the dressings and had seen the annual report being read in proof. The

annual report was distributed at the meeting.

Making Serbian Costumes.

Mrs. George F. Smith, of the needle-work committee, reported that in October and November 5,688 articles had been made, 1,466 coming from out of town. She showed the meeting the different garments of the Serbian national costume the making of which will be one of the society's aims during the winter. Patterns of the garments have been cut and will be distributed throughout the province. Mrs. Smith also read the long list of garments which the society is asked to supply for Canadian Red Cross hospitals.

Mrs. G. K. McLeod, for the yarn committee, reported that 2,306 pairs of socks had been sent in during the past two months and 692 had come from outside the city. She gratefully acknowledged the receipt of forty-five pounds of wool, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burden of Boston, being half the amount produced during the season at their farm in Westfield. For the C. W. C. A. she reported 308 pairs of socks received.

Miss Stetson, for the packing committee, said that 106 boxes had been shipped before the quarantine had been enforced and she spoke in high praise of the gentlemen who had so kindly assisted in packing the sphagnum moss dressings, often work late at night in the patriotic task.

The secretary, Miss Alice Walker, read the financial report and said that \$35 had been donated to the society during the two months by the children of St. George's Junior circle.

French Hospital Work.

Miss Hazel Deinstadt, who wore the quaint uniform of the French V. A. D.'s, a dark blue suit with loose coat and dark blue veil with a white band bearing a red cross was received with much applause and in the course of a most interesting address told how she had gone to France in 1916 and worked in a pri-

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rate hospital there as a V. A. D. The hospital in which she did her arduous tasks of keeping fires, sterilizing utensils and material, cooking great quantities of food and all the heavy work that could be done by one who had no actual training as a nurse, was situated a few miles from Verdun. She spoke of the generosity of the people of St. John, saying that with the money they had sent to her she had been able to buy furniture, artificial limbs and other expensive things which had contributed im-

measurably to the comfort of the men. The untiring work of the doctors and orderlies she said had been almost beyond belief. They had kept on from day to day with only the sleep they would snatch on the way to and from the railway stations. Many of the orderlies were men of note, John Maclellan being one of them.

The work had been unceasing, Miss Deinstadt said and it could readily be believed that such was the case when it was realized that three nurses had the care of eighty-five patients. Through all the hard work, however, the kindnesses of the villagers had been wonderful. They could not do too much for the people caring for their wounded soldiers of whose valor they were extremely proud.

PRESENTATION TO TREASURER

The congregation of Centenary Methodist church held its annual reunion last night and a pleasing feature of the evening was a presentation of a purse of gold to the former treasurer of the church, J. Lefferts Thorne, as an appreciation of his endeavors in that capacity. The presentation was made in the church parlors by George A. Henderson, who also read an appreciative address.

Along with the purse of gold a copy of the address, bound in leather and beautifully printed—the work of S. P. McSavour—was handed to Mr. Thorne. Rev. H. A. Goodwin spoke briefly in which he referred to the great help that Mr. Thorne had been to him in his work. Though Mr. Thorne was taken completely by surprise he thanked the members of the congregation for the great honor conferred on him and for their interest in his work.

A short but excellent programme was given by Mrs. Pierce Crockett and Miss Rita Breen and an orchestra under the leadership of Willard Brittain played a number of selections. During the evening the ladies of the church served tea at a handsomely appointed table.

FRICITION BETWEEN ITALY AND SERBIA

London, Dec. 10 — The Manchester Guardian says it has received from a well informed Allied source the statement that another very serious incident has been provoked by the forward action of Italy, on the Adriatic coast. The newspaper's informant continues:

"Ten days ago, though perfect quiet reigned in that district and Serbian contingents from General Franchet D'Esperey's army already were in occupation of Cetinje, the Italians insisted on landing 2,000 troops at Cattaro, in Dalmatia. Happily, to counter balance this, the Allies secured the presence of an equal number of troops, including French and American soldiers."

"The Italians, however, showed signs of behaving as masters and proceeded to de-

mand the lowering of the national flag. An armed conflict was avoided owing to the active intervention of the American commander. The national flags and emblems remain in position."

TUXIS BOYS' CONCLAVE

The weekly conclave of the Tuxis boys was held last night at the Y. M. C. A. building and a good number turned up for the occasion. H. Usher Miller presided and an interesting practical talk on The Value of Worship was given the boys by A. H. Chipman. The usual Bible study hour was spent, after which an adjournment was made to the gymnasium for the physical activities. Two fast indoor baseball games were played. In the first game the boys from the Exmouth street Methodist church walked away with the game despite the efforts of the St. Mary's church team. The second game between St. Andrew's and Stone churches was more closely contested, the score being 4 to 2 in favor of St. Andrew's. In the relay race, St. Andrew's won the first race from Stone church and in the second race St. Mary's won out over Exmouth street Methodist church. The ladies of St. Luke's church served an appetizing supper during the evening.

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