



RAISING MONEY AN EASY TASK.

A well-known citizen tagged by a quartette of the Toronto ladies who raised the gratifying sum total of thirty-one thousand dollars in one day for the Canadian women's war gift to Britain. The fund will be used to equip a naval hospital at Haslar, which will bear the name of the patriotic donors.

I. O. D. E.—the body from which the movement emanated—when it was decided to aid the Empire in the care of the sick and wounded, if not with the gift of a hospital ship, then with a sum to be exclusively devoted to military and naval hospital uses.

Miss Plummer, who suggested the hospital ship, is a devoted admirer of the Canadian nurse, and would have been gratified and delighted had the gift taken the form she thought of with full Canadian nursing and medical service. Nevertheless, this ardent imperialist is anxious, like all other women in Canada, to see the fund expended where need is greatest.

Which need is the said supplementary hospital, as the grateful Admiralty has intimated. Nor will the identity of the gift be lost by the change in the use to be made of the ship fund, for the Duchess of Connaught has seen to it that the relief station-to-be at Haslar will bear the name "The Canadian Women's Hospital." The equipment will be for one hundred and ten beds at least.

The first official communications exchanged between the Duchess of Connaught, who inaugurated the movement, and the First Lord of the Admiralty here follow:—

"Women of Canada anxious to offer Hospital Ship to British Navy. Before starting fund, anxious to know whether such offer would be acceptable.

"Louise Margaret Duchess of Connaught."

"Board of Admiralty respectfully thank Your Royal Highness for gracious message, and beg that their deep appreciation of the offer made by the women of Canada, which they gratefully accept, may be made known.

"Winston Churchill."

Subsequent study of the situation resulted in the change in the use of funds. A hospital ship was less needed, as the Admiralty has many, than was the equipment which will shortly exist at Haslar.

So, for that purpose the full fund received to date Sept. 1st by the Central Committee of the Hospital Ship Fund was forwarded to Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught to offer. The committee disbanded on that date also. All later contributions to the Ship Fund are being received by a small committee, the personnel being Lady Drummond, Mrs. Agar Adamson and Miss Plummer, and will be devoted to military hospital uses.

The response to the appeal on behalf of the men, soldiers and sailors who have gone to the front, on the part of our women who have contributed to the columns with friends, sons, husbands, brothers and fathers, has been so widespread as to be literally united, and not only has generosity prevailed, but the greatest expedition has been used by all in

amassing the funds the movement called for. Tag-day alone in Toronto resulted in a sum for the fund of \$31,000. Ottawa raised in two weeks something over \$10,000. And smaller centres have followed suit superbly. East to west all Canada has aided, and never has the blood in the veins of this country been stirred to a greater filial fervour than under the present menace to Great Britain, to vanquish which our women are backing our soldiers. The men who go to the front are brave; the women who help them also are heroic.

To the I. O. D. E. belongs the credit of calling the Central Committee together and issuing the first call

A WOMAN'S LAST WORD



(Suggested by the above scene at the Union Station, Toronto, August 22nd.)

Go forth, Best-loved. 'Tis for thy sake
This voice would hide its sorrow
And glory in thy choice to-day,
Tho' heart should break to-morrow.

For, thy heart, too, when far removed
From mine which beats so wildly,
Will often heavy for thy wife
And troubled for our child be.

My hands, what though they cannot yet
Relinquish thee to danger,
Shall cease to cling, in pride that thou
To valour art no stranger.

Farewell, my Life! Our fireside
Shall faithfully be tended
Against thy—yea—thy coming home
When cruel strife is ended.

to service, but it is noteworthy that the said committee was a very thorough representation of all the nationally-organized societies of women in the country. The committee, which as such has completed its business, will continue new and important work of a patriotic nature under the name the Central Committee of Women's Patriotic Service.

So far the women have concentrated effort to assist in the work of relief for damaged soldiers. They are now proceeding to fix attention on another phase of the war need, namely, relief for the women at

home—not only the relatives of soldiers at the front, but others who will feel the pinch of coming "hard times." Meanwhile, all the societies of women are assisting the work of the Red Cross organizers.

The Positionless Girl

THE precipitation of war upon Great Britain had as one of its immediate outcomes the throwing out of their various positions of large numbers of clerks and stenographers employed in the offices of stock brokers and other men of business who were first to feel the paralysis of the war stroke. Consequently, in many of our cities the employment bureaus are being besieged by scores of suddenly "jobless" young women and girls.

One has the account by a fair young ejection from one such down-town place in Toronto, of her first "adventure," as she terms it, in the queue.

"There were dozens there," said my pretty informant, who, despite the fact of her curls and dimples, and the fact that it is less than a year since she graduated from a New York business college, commanded by worth, lest you think by indulgence, the decent pay of fifteen dollars weekly.

"I had to wait quite a while," she continued, "as inquiry had started at half-past eight and I was an hour behind the first arrivals. Some of the girls looked dreadfully anxious, but as yet there are holiday vacancies in plenty, and it was good to see their woe clear up on hearing. I could see Jeanie from our office when a door opened on the room adjoining which proved to be the waiting-room for 'juniors.' I wanted to laugh when I lit on Jeanie. She was waiting as though she had always waited, and would go on doing so to the end of doomsday. One wondered what would happen her at lunch-time."

"What are juniors?" one interrupted, which was something of an achievement, in this instance.

"Oh, they are the girls who got under ten dollars in their envelopes at their last situations. So they wait the longest. And that, my dear, in the words of the psalmist, is 'the wormwood and the gall' of a nasty business."

"And what of your turn when it came—if it did come?"

"Turn! Milk's in The Bluebird was nothing to my turn. They gave me my choice of a 'wicked grocer' who 'groces' wholesale in cabbages and dead beets, and a manufacturer of radiators, with whom I thought I would be less likely to lose this identity I cherish. This with a flourish.

"Seriously, though," confided the maiden, "I am cutting out extras in the way of dress and the matinee and pleasure expenses, for permanency is a trickster in war-time, and my 'job' may prove a jilt around the corner."

The Kaiser's Luck

A RING set with a peculiar black stone is said to be a talisman of the Hohenzollern family. Its history dates back to the time of the father of Frederick the Great. This monarch on his accession was presented with the ring with the injunction to keep it safely for so long as it remained in the family the fortune of the Hohenzollerns would prosper. The ring was stolen from Frederick William II. by his mistress, the Countess Lichtenau, and to its loss were attributed the reverses sustained by the Prussians in the Napoleonic wars. It was restored in 1813, the year of the Prussian liberation, and it is declared by a high authority that the self-same ring was worn by William the First during the Franco-Prussian war of 1870.

In Brief-Patriotism

MRS. HAMILTON GAULT will follow her husband, the Montreal millionaire Major, who equipped the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, to the front. She will join the British Red Cross nursing forces.

The Toronto Girl Guides are planning a big rally on September 26th, at Casa Loma. The event will be a patriotic entertainment, the proceeds from which will be used for relief work, locally, this winter.

The ladies of the provincial branch of the Red Cross Society in Quebec have been organized into fifty groups of ten workers each, to sew and to collect and distribute funds and supplies for the use of sick and wounded soldiers. The organization meeting was in Montreal. All patterns used for supplies will be