

connection President Wilson voices the sentiments of America when he says :

"I heartily approve your plan to accumulate a fund to be spent for the spiritual and moral welfare of our soldiers, and I am very much gratified to know that your effort, while born of the charitable impulse of a single church, is non-sectarian in its scope and purpose and intended to confer a fundamental benefit on those whose mental, moral, and physical health is our solemn concern."

Such too must be the solemn concern of the people of Canada. With one accord the Canadian Chaplains and soldiers have expressed deep appreciation of what has been done and their request is that we not only continue what we have begun, but that we enlarge the scope of our activities to meet the exigencies and the demands of the grave situation. What has been done in the past has largely been to supply and equip huts in the training camps of England and the concentration centres in France. What is required of us now is that the Knights of Columbus of Canada inaugurate a Dominion-wide campaign that will not only continue and enlarge that work but will make possible suitable clubs or meeting places that will be havens of rest, comfort and safety for our soldiers, who are in training or on leave in London and other large centres of England, ensuring in as great a degree as we can the return of our soldiers on the blessed day of peace "with heads erect and shoulders full square to the breeze of heaven, clear of eye, clean of heart—just as they went away." That such clubs are authorized under the charter granted the Catholic Army Huts is made quite clear in the following cablegram received on May 14th from Major J. J. O'Gorman, Overseas Secretary-Treasurer, and signed by him and by Rev. Fathers Workman, French and Casgrain:

"Permit granted Withy Chapel Hut, begins immediately; Deputy Judge advocate general Canadian gave opinion London clubs within our charter. In London soldiers hut same as soldiers' club; first London Club now opened with authorization Imperial and Canadian Military authorities and Cardinal Bourne; second club now taken over; these clubs supply extremely urgent religious and recreational need; soldiers Overseas expect generous universal support of Canadian Catholics."

For this purpose approximately \$50,000 will be required.

For other work in England and France a sum approaching \$200,000 will be required.

A third necessity, strongly urged by the Chaplains and one of obvious necessity, is the erection of permanent Catholic army huts in permanent training camps in Canada.

It is therefore evident that upward of \$250,000 will be required within the next year.

To successfully carry on all of these various phases of a work that is as great as it is glorious the suggestion comes from Overseas that