

Why Red Cross Work is Needed

"What Lord Wantage saw and experienced during the Crimean War impressed itself deeply on his mind; he realized that, however well organized an Army Medical Service may be, it never has been, and never will be, able to cope adequately with the sudden emergencies of war on a large scale, and he held that voluntary organizations, unimpeded by official restrictions, are alone capable of giving auxiliary relief and of providing extra comforts and luxuries with the requisite promptitude and rapidity. He felt, moreover, that the British people would always insist on taking a personal share in alleviating the sufferings of their soldiers, and that some recognized and authorized channel through which public generosity could flow was a matter of paramount importance."

Memoir of "LORD WANTAGE, V.C., K.C.B."

Father of the British Red Cross Movement.