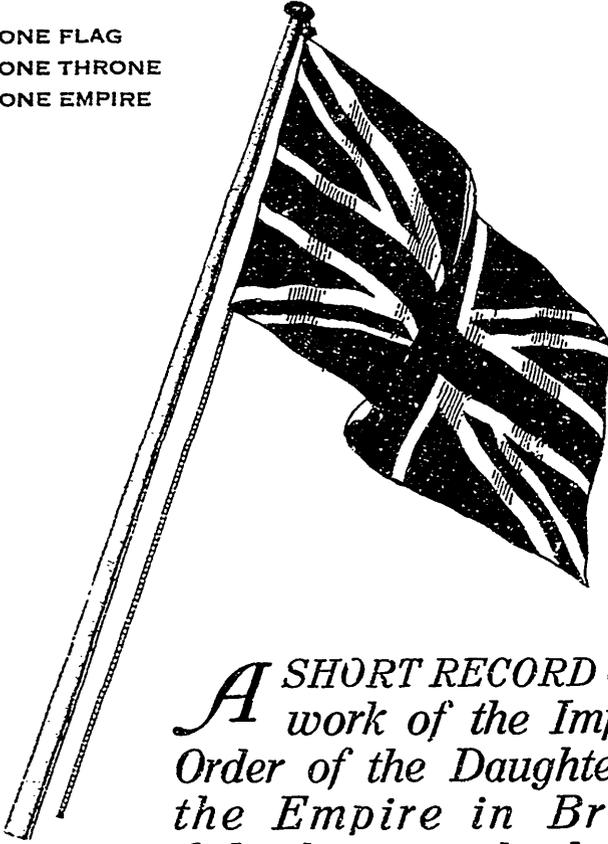


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ONE FLAG
ONE THRONE
ONE EMPIRE



A SHORT RECORD of the work of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire in British Columbia since the declaration of war.

“From east to west the circling word has passed
“Till west is east—beside our land-locked blue :
“From west to east—the tested chain holds fast,
“The well-forged link rings true.”



Dedication
To The Daughters of the Empire

by
SIR CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY, K. B.
SOMENOS, VANCOUVER ISLAND, B. C.

It was not yours to throw the Amalekite
 When that World's Enemy laid waste all lands;
But when the Mother pleaded from the height
 It was your strength that stayed Her failing hands.
'Twas you who led your lovers to Her fight,
 With your heart's blood they quenched the burning
 brands;
Your dear eyes beckoned through the North sea night,
 You gave the battle to their brave young hands.
And, when at last Love's sacrifice be paid,
 A woman's broken heart will there be laid.

CLIVE PHILLIPPS-WOLLEY.



MRS. HENRY CROFT

President of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire
in British Columbia

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

August 9th, 1914

(Henry Newbolt)

England! where the sacred flame
Burns before the inmost shrine,
Where the lips that love thy name
Consecrate their hopes,—and thine;
Where the Banners of thy Dead
Weave their shadows overhead,
Watch beside thine arms tonight,
Pray that GOD defend the Right.

Single-hearted—unafraid—
Hither all thy heroes came;
On this altar steps were laid
Gordon's life—and Outram's fame.
England! if thy will 'e yet
By their great example set,
Here—beside thine arms tonight,
Pray that GOD defend the Right.

So shalt thou, when morning comes,
Rise to conquer,—or to fall,—
Joyful hear the rolling drums,
Joyful hear the trumpets call;
Then let memory tell thy heart:
"England! what thou wert thou art!"
Gird thee with thine ancient might!
"Forth—and GOD defend the Right!"

INTRODUCTION

ISOLATED as are the various settlements in our Province, it has been thought well by the Provincial Executive of the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire in British Columbia, that an account should be published of the work that has been initiated, and is being carried on by the Order throughout the Province, since the Declaration of War.

In quiet times it has been sometimes asked, "What is there for the Daughters of the Empire to do"—and—"What ~~is~~ their exact function?" This question was answered on August 4th, 1914! The long years of quiet, persistent preparation—of constant patriotism—and of ever-ready service were justified; for, while it is true that the patriotic ideal may bear at all seasons perennial bud and blossom, the full fruit can only ripen when the call comes to supreme sacrifice. It is a comparatively easy matter to teach our sons to salute the Flag—it is not so easy to bid them die for it! But "hearts" must be trained "to love with, not to break," and the **Daughters of the Empire** have well learnt that this is no empty title, but one which enflames to all valour; incites that love which defies, and survives, human disaster; and aids and interprets the ancient inspired cry for our men as they go forth today—"O Lord God! Thou Strength of my health! Thou hast covered my head in the Day of Battle."

THE SWORD OF ENGLAND

(Alfred Noyes)

Not as one muttering in a spell-bound sleep
Shall England speak the word;
Not idly bid the embattled lightnings leap.
Nor lightly draw the sword!
Let statesmen grope by night in a blind dream;
The cold clear morning star
Should like a trophy in her helmet gleam
When England sweeps to War!
Not like a derelict, drunk with surf and spray,
And drifting down to doom;
But like the Sun-God calling up the Day
Should England rend the gloom.
Not as in a trance, at some hypnotic call,
Nor with a doubtful cry;
But a clear faith, like a banner above us all,
Rolling from sky to sky.
She sheds no blood to that vain god of strife
Whom striplings call "renown";
She knows that only they who reverence life
Can nobly lay it down;
And these will ride from child,—and home,—and love,
Through death and hell that day;
But O! her **Faith, her Flag, must burn above;**
Her **Soul** must lead the Way!

PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

President: Mrs. Henry Croft, Mount Adelaide, Victoria, B.C.
Secretary: Mrs. H. C. Hanington, 1346 Stanley Avenue, Victoria, B.C.

The Provincial Chapter I.O.D.E. in British Columbia received a great impulse after the Declaration of War. That supreme courage which lies dormant in every woman's heart, stirred and awakened. She knew she **would be wanted**—and she **was ready**.

While the men hurried to the recruiting stations, the women came to attention immediately, and the history of this woman's movement will shine with something of the same lustre which endues from generation to generation the long-remembered names of the mothers of our race. Instant to the call, a mass meeting of the I.O.D.E. was summoned, at which meeting were representatives from every other women's society in the city—(for at such a moment our Order surely included every British woman)—and hands and hearts became united in work and purpose. The organizing and carrying out of plans was vested with the I.O.D.E., and willing volunteers answered the call for "special service."

As the result of a telegram sent by the request of our Provincial President, Mrs. Henry Croft, to the National Headquarters, the idea of the gift of the Canadian Women's Hospital Ship was inaugurated, and a public meeting was called in the Royal Victoria Theatre on August 7th, under the auspices of the I.O.D.E. The Premier, Sir Richard McBride, occupied the chair, and arrangements were made for British Columbia's proportionate contribution, which it was expected would amount to about \$10,000. A most enthusiastic audience gathered, and speeches were made by many prominent Churchmen and Citizens; after which the following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Resolution I. "That this meeting enthusiastically endorses the proposal of the National Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire to present a Hospital Ship on behalf of the Women of Canada for the service of the Empire."

Resolution II. "That a Patriotic Fund be formed under the auspices of the Daughters of the Empire and that a proportionate contribution be made from this Fund to the cost of the Hospital Ship."

A Committee was then formed, under instructions from the Headquarters of the Order in Toronto, consisting of the Provincial President, Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Paterson (wife of the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province), Lady McBride, Mrs. F. B. Pemberton, and representatives from every woman's organization in Victoria. A thorough canvas of

the city and districts was made, and telegrams were dispatched to every town in British Columbia, announcing the project, and asking for the co-operation of the inhabitants.

A splendid response ensued—the sum of \$9,543.70 being collected in Victoria alone. On Vancouver Island (apart from Victoria) \$2,256.70 was subscribed; Vancouver City gave \$4,400, and the Mainland (apart from Vancouver) contributed \$7,734.00, making a grand total of \$23,925.

At a meeting of the Hospital Ship Committee held on August 15th it was decided that \$5,000 should be sent as the contribution of Vancouver Island, British Columbia's contribution therefore amounting to \$17,159.00.

After due correspondence with the Admiralty it was found that a more useful application of this Fund, and also a more lasting memorial to the Women of Canada, would consist in the erection of a Canadian Women's Hospital building at Haslar, near Portsmouth, England; and, later, a plan has been submitted by Sir Arthur May, ~~Surgeon~~ General of the Naval Medical Department, whereby it is shown that the very large sum sent would be sufficient to make permanent and most necessary additions to the two great Naval and Military Hospitals, Haslar and Chatham, if the Daughters of the Empire would see fit to comply with this change.

We feel sure that the Daughters of the Empire will comply with any request that will prove a permanent and lasting service to the Mother Country,—for the grace of a gift must ever stand in the measure of satisfaction afforded,—and in the immediate pressing want supplied. Although it has not yet been decided, it is certain that, with our gifts, as with our service, we are ever ready to work under discipline and direction, as will be shown by the Reports of the Special Committees on "War Service," hereinafter set forth.

At an Executive meeting of the Provincial Chapter, held in October, it was unanimously agreed to ask Mrs. Hasell (Regent of the Florence Nightingale Chapter, and late Provincial Secretary), to edit a small pamphlet, which should contain a history of patriotic work accomplished, together with an account of the formation of new Chapters, Aids, and Centres of service, and other matters which might prove of local interest to the members of the Order in the Province, since war was declared.

REPORT OF ISOLATED CHAPTERS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE PROVINCIAL CHAPTER

The Queen Mary Chapter, Prince Rupert. Regent, Mrs. McMullen; Secretary, Mrs. C. N. Peck. At the first bugle call, the women of this outpost of Empire were also ready, and the I.O.D.E. became

the centre for war service. To them the Mayor confided the work of collecting for the Hospital Ship Fund, and they were ably assisted in this, and in other undertakings, by every woman in the community, reaching to Port Essington and Port Clements, and including all outlying cannery stations. The ladies of the Anglican Church affiliated with the I.O.D.E. and formed a sewing guild, whereby many Field Comforts and Hospital Supplies were collected and forwarded to headquarters, and a sum of \$137.70 has been further earned for patriotic purposes. Under the auspices of the I.O.D.E. the Young Girls and the Young Men of Prince Rupert have severally undertaken—the former to make a happy Christmas for the children whose fathers have left with the Prince Rupert Contingent, and also the care of the destitute in the city; the latter to assist in the Belgian Relief Fund, in aid of which they promoted a most popular entertainment, which netted a sum approaching \$3,000. Well done indeed, and a fitting tribute to the august lady in whose name the I.O.D.E. in Prince Rupert stands associated.

The Mount Fernie Chapter, Fernie, B.C. Regent, Mrs. E. H. Suddaby; Secretary, Miss E. M. Pim. The Secretary writes that this is a most loyal little town, whose population has become a unit in its devotion to the Empire in this its hour of imminent peril. All the charitable societies united in patriotic service under the direction of the I.O.D.E., and work was taken up immediately in all the special avenues for service, especially "Red Cross" and Field Comforts. The Belgian Relief Fund was not forgotten, and the Chapter is ready to continue along whatever line of usefulness calls, as the times, and urgent needs, develop.

The Bastion Chapter, Nanaimo, B.C. Regent, Mrs. Lewis; Secretary, Miss T. Walker. At the declaration of war the members of the Bastion Chapter, Nanaimo, B.C., held a special meeting, and decided to help collect for the Hospital Ship, which was suggested as a suitable gift from the I.O.D.E. to the Mother Country. A sum of \$838.00 was collected, \$500.00 of which was forwarded to the general fund, and \$338.00 was used towards the maintenance of wives and families of reservists who might be left in need. Immediate assistance in some cases was found necessary, and later, when the Patriotic Fund took up this branch of service, the balance in hand was used to provide material for the various garments and comforts in demand for the men at the front. Four large cases of Hospital Supplies, containing socks, belts, pyjamas, shirts, scarves, helmets and mittens, have been already despatched. All men leaving Nanaimo had a farewell given them, and a gift of gloves and a watch case to each man; and, for Christmas, all men from this city now at Salisbury Plain received a special gift of a box containing gloves, watch case, pad, envelopes and pencil cards, and chocolates. One hundred dollars has also been given to the Belgian Relief Fund. Work still continues and it is hoped to despatch another case of goods early in the New Year.

Note—It is mainly owing to the excellent initiative of Mrs. Lewis (the Regent of the Bastion Chapter), that the Nanaimo Light Infantry Chapter has been formed, and that another Chapter, in the nearer outskirts of the city is in contemplation. The Provincial Regent hopes before long to have the honour and pleasure of forming the Municipal Chapter I.O.D.E. at Nanaimo.

The recent formation of the following Chapters has been reported by Mrs. C. D. Neroutsos (Organizing Secretary), as coming under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Chapter. The

deepest gratification is felt at such a valuable addition to the strength and usefulness of the Order in the Province; and it is desired to pay a special tribute to Mrs. Neroutsos, not alone for her unfailing energy, but for the spirit of perfect unselfishness and loyalty with which her whole service is inspired.

The Order in the Province now numbers some 2,000 members.

The East Kootenay Chapter at Waldo, B.C., founded August 20th. with fifty members. Motto: "United We Stand." Regent, Mrs. Saunders; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Ross; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Macpherson; Secretary, Mrs. Burgess; Treasurer, Mrs. Smith; Standard Bearer, Miss Marshall.

The Ganges Chapter, Salt Spring Island, with fifteen members, formed September 7th. Motto: "The Path of Duty Is the Way to Glory." Regent, Mrs. Frank Scott; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Halley; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Walcott; Secretary, Mrs. Smith; Treasurer, Mrs. Speed; Standard Bearer, Miss Morris.

The Lady Franklin Chapter, Salt Spring Island, founded September 10th. with the motto: "O Motherland, We Pledge to Thee Head, Heart and Hand Through Years to Be." Regent, Mrs. Dunlop Halley; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Bastin; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Lang; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Robert; Assistant Secretary, Miss Lang; Standard Bearer, Miss Blizzard.

50th Highlanders Chapter, Scarf, B.C., formed September 9th. the motto being: "For Home and Empire." Regent, Mrs. Scarf; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Kirby; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Stewart; Secretary, Mrs. Boyden; Treasurer, Mrs. Clark; Standard Bearer, Miss Harris.

The Sister Agnes Keyser Chapter at Chemainus, organized September 11th. Motto: "For Love of God and Men and Noble Deeds." Regent, Mrs. Halked; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Marigny; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Dry; Secretary, Mrs. Rivett Carnac; Treasurer, Mrs. Donald; Standard Bearer, Miss Dunn.

The Allies Chapter at Sidney, with twenty-eight members, founded October 3rd. Motto: "What We Aspire to Is Immortal." Regent, Miss Lowndes; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Layard; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Kennedy; Secretary, Mrs. Miller; Treasurer, Mrs. Kelly; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Testor.

The Ladysmith Chapter at Ladysmith, formed October 8th. with twenty-five members, its motto being: "Strength and Honour Is Britain's Glory." Regent, Mrs. Frost; 1st Vice-President, Mrs. Weaver; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Carley; Secretary, Mrs. Dier; Treasurer, Mrs. Jessop; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Halked.

The Colonies Chapter, Fulford Harbour, Salt Spring Island, B.C. Regent, Mrs. Jackson; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Soule; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Blackburn; Secretary, Miss Price; Treasurer, Mrs. Price; Standard Bearer, Miss Hamilton. Motto: "Freedom, God and Right."

The Light Infantry Chapter, Nanaimo, B.C. Regent, Mrs. Carpenter; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Benson; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. Planta Hoyt; Secretary, Mrs. Calder; Treasurer, Miss M. Stannard; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Lister. Motto: "In Time of Peace Prepare for War."

The Nimpkish Chapter, Alert Bay, B.C. Regent, Miss Nevill; Secretary, Mrs. Cook; Treasurer, Mrs. A. Chambers; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Wastell. Motto: "United We Stand."

Grand Forks, B.C. A Chapter has recently been formed in Grand Forks, B.C., but we cannot record the name, as the one first chosen has to be changed on account of duplication. The motto is "I Serve," and very truly has this Chapter served all the present needs, especially the "Red Cross" work. Its officers are: Regent, Mrs. Kingston; 1st Vice-Regent, Mrs. Kerman; 2nd Vice-Regent, Mrs. John McKie; Secretary, Miss Ida Gaw; Treasurer, Mrs. Spink; Standard Bearer, Miss Shantz.

New Chapters have all shown keen interest and have been most anxious to do their full share of the work of the Order. Several welcome consignments of knitted comforts, Red Cross supplies, children's clothing, etc., have been received from newly-formed outlying Chapters during the last few weeks.

Note—We hear from Mrs. Bamfylde Daniell that yet another Chapter is in process of formation at Prince George. It argues well for the loyal spirit existing in this lonely and scattered district that a sum of \$250 was immediately collected for the Patriotic Fund within a week following the outbreak of war.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Canadian Women's Hospital Fund, British Columbia

Collected in Victoria	\$ 9,534 70
Collected on Vancouver Island (without Victoria)	2,256 70
Collected in Vancouver	4,400 00
Collected on the Mainland (without Vancouver)	7,734 09
Received after the Fund was closed	2,019 50
	\$25,944 99
British Columbia Contribution	\$17,159 09
Placed in I.O.D.E. Patriotic Fund	6,666 40
Refunded to Ladysmith	300 00
Telegrams, Stamps, Long-Distance Messages, Typing, etc.	148 30
Sent to Miss Plummer to be used for Field Comforts for the Troops	800 00
In hands of Provincial Chapter for use in providing Com- forts for Troops on Outpost Duty (Home Service)...	746 20
	\$25,944 99
	125 00
	\$25,819 99

Note—The sum of \$1,000 having been subscribed by the City of Ladysmith, and the employees of the Canadian Collieries at Extension, it was thought that this was too large a sum to be taken from one district. The sum of \$300 was therefore returned to the Mayor, and forms the nucleus of a Patriotic Association which has been formed for the relief of probable distress during the coming winter in Ladysmith and the surrounding districts.

Collected on Vancouver Island, without Victoria

Cowichan Station and Cowichan Bay Red Cross Society	\$200 00
Sooke	23 00
Cobble Hill	114 95
Parksville	25 00
Duncan	62 00

Alberni	\$121 50
Sidney	75 00
Ladysmith (City)	125 00
Employees Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir), Ltd.	875 00
Alert Bay	59 25
Chemainus and Westholme	76 00
Nanaimo I.O.D.E.	500 00
Total	\$2,256 70

Collected on the Mainland, without Vancouver

Summerland	\$100 00
Summerland, Ladies of Narramatta	35 00
Summerland, Employees of Summerland Lumber Co.	64 00
Armstrong	250 00
Chilliwack	500 00
Fernie	564 85
Revelstoke	300 00
Penticton	900 00
Trail	250 00
Kelowna	210 00
Coquitlam	154 85
Port Coquitlam	135 00
Salmon Arm	314 15
Mission City	470 00
Kaslo	64 35
Cranbrook	296 00
Vernon	963 90
New Westminster	834 24
Prince Rupert and Skeena Canneries	500 00
Agassiz	255 00
Nicola Valley, via Merritt	372 75
Greenwood	200 00
Total	\$7,734 09

Received After the Fund Was Closed

Nelson	\$845 80
Cameron Farmers	74 75
Parksville	30 00
Chemainus	30 75
Robson	15 00
Penticton	10 00
Westminster	9 50
Other Donations	259 50
Prince Rupert	746 20
Total	\$2,019 50

The Trustees were appointed for this Fund as follows:

Mrs. Henry Croit	Mr. H. B. Thomson, President
Miss Crease	Mr. J. S. H. Matson
Mrs. F. B. Pemberton	Mr. F. B. Pemberton
Mrs. Jenkins	

Note—Of the balance left of the above Fund, \$800 has been forwarded to Miss Plummer for comforts for our soldiers (Canadian contingents) at the front, and the remainder will be administered as may be best seen as needs develop.

PRAYER

As Authorized by the National Chapter I.O.D.E. in Canada

O God who hast taught us in Thy Holy Word, that Thou dost not willingly afflict the children of men, grant that in the present time of warfare and distress of nations, our people may know Thy presence and obey Thy will. Save and defend we pray Thee, our King and Empire. Give wisdom to our Sovereign and our statesmen, skill to our officers, courage to our soldiers and sailors, and if it be Thy Holy will, victory to our arms. Look in mercy upon all who are immediately exposed to peril, conflict, sickness and death, and especially those known or dear to us whom we name in our hearts before Thee. Comfort the prisoners, relieve the sufferings of the wounded and show mercy to the dying. Give strength to all surgeons and nurses in camp or hospital, and hope to all who throughout the world are in anxiety or sorrow.

Remove in Thy good providence all causes and occasions of war, and of Thy great goodness restore peace among the nations.

Give to each member of our Order grace to serve Thee faithfully, and to labor loyally for the welfare of our country; and grant that, united here in the service of our King, we may at length attain to Thine Everlasting Kingdom and reign with Thee forever; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER PUBLISHED FOR GENERAL USE AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE WAR

"The Lord shall give strength unto His people: the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace."

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, Whose power no creature is able to resist; we flee to Thee for succour on behalf of those who are now struggling in the war. Prosper our armies, protect those who are in danger, give help to the wounded, recovery to the sick, rest and refreshment to the dead, comfort to the mourners, and in Thine own good time restore unto Thy people the blessings of peace. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. Amen.

"What meanest thou, O sleeper? Arise, and call upon thy God." Therefore will the Lord wait that He may be gracious unto you. He will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry.

O God, Who never sleepest, and art never weary: have mercy upon those who watch to-night; on the sentry, that he may be alert; on those who command, that they may be strengthened with counsel; on the sick, that they may obtain sleep; on the wounded, that they may find ease; on the faint-hearted, that they may hope again; on the light-hearted, lest they forget Thee; on the dying, that they may find peace; on the dead, that they may have rest; on the sinful, that they may turn again; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER, I. O. D. E. VANCOUVER, B.C.

Regent: Mrs. Henshaw. 1508 Robson Street.
Secretary: Miss Annie M. Robertson. 1875 Robson Street.

The Executive of the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire in Vancouver held its first meeting, after war was declared, on August 10th, and since that time all the Chapters have been most energetic and zealous in forwarding every work that has come to their hands. Besides the sum of \$4,505 which was collected by the women of Vancouver for the Hospital Ship Fund, the Order itself has raised the sum of \$4,577, a great amount of which has been donated to special causes, but the bulk of it has been expended in materials, wool, etc., with which to make garments, etc., for our men at the front. Three consignments have already been sent, totaling about 5,500 articles, and a fourth consignment will leave at the beginning of January.

Eight new Chapters have been formed, and we have now a membership of 700.

The Annual Municipal Chapter entertainment will be held in December, when the "Messiah" will be given under the direction of Mr. F. W. Dyke. A number of the Primary Chapters are also planning other entertainments, which we trust will meet with the same success as those given in the past. A short report of all the Chapters is appended.

Reports of Chapters in Vancouver from July 1st to Nov. 30th, 1914

Collected by women of Vancouver for Hospital Ship Fund \$4,505 49

Municipal Chapter—

Patriotic Concert	\$1,872 85	
Donations Received ..	284 55	
Sale of "Vancouver's Contribution to Empire"	144 40	
		2,301 80
To 15 Primary Chapters to purchase materials, wool, etc., for articles for men at the front	\$ 750 00	
" C.O.E. Chapter to purchase materials, wool, etc., for articles for men at the front	25 00	
" Materials, wool, etc., supplied to women not members of the Order	200 00	
" Red Cross Society	600 00	
" Belgium Relief Fund	200 00	
" Unemployed Women's League	200 00	
" Women's Patriotic Guild	91 50	
		\$2,066 50

Coronation Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		\$ 769 00
To Belgium Relief Fund	\$ 650 00	
For Christmas Tobacco	100 00	
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		\$ 750 00
Connaught Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		197 70
To Beds for Men in Drill Hall	\$ 32 50	
“ Belgium Relief Fund	10 00	
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		\$ 42 50
Malaspina Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		75 00
To Belgium Relief Fund	\$ 25 00	
Burrard Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		99 25
To Belgium Relief Fund	\$ 25 00	
Valcartier Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		105 00
To Belgium Relief Fund	\$ 76 00	
“ Unemployed Women's League	5 00	
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		\$ 81 00
Sir Charles Tupper Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		150 00
Columbia Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		198 25
Ruskin Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		93 00
To Belgium Relief Fund	20 00	
Georgia Chapter—		
Children's Party arranged for December 29th.		
To Red Cross Society	\$ 50 00	
Pauline Johnson Chapter		
Entertainment		30 00
Dufferin Chapter—		
Contributions, etc.		27 10
To Lady Jellicoe, England	50 Sweaters	
Strathearn Chapter, C.O.E.—		
Entertainment arranged for December 19th.		
A large number of beautifully made clothes for children of men at the front.		
Triple Entente Chapter—		
Entertainments, etc.		45 25
To Belgium Relief Fund	\$ 10 00	
“ Unemployed Women's League	10 00	
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		\$ 20 00

H.M.C.S. Rainbow Chapter—	
Entertainments, etc.	\$ 125 00
Clothing made for poor children.	
Colonel Burnaby Chapter—	
Entertainments, etc.	59 50
To Belgium Relief Fund	\$ 10 00
" Unemployed Women's League	10 00
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	\$ 20 00
Seaforth Chapter—	
Entertainments, etc.	36 00
Admiral Sir John Jellicoe Chapter—	
Entertainments, etc.	278 20
Fraser Chapter—	
Entertainments, etc.	87 90
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	\$4.677 95

ANNIE R. ROBERTSON,
Sec.-Treas. Municipal Chapter. I.O.D.E.

MUNICIPAL CHAPTER, I. O. D. E. VICTORIA, B.C.

Regent: Mrs. W. E. Home, 1210 Fort Street.

Secretary: ~~Mrs. J. H. Macfarlane, 226 Moss Street.~~
Mrs. D. Miller, 824 Victoria Crescent.

The various Chapters working under the Municipal Chapter in Victoria have been constant in their support, both for the special needs incident to this time of peril, and also in the daily round of their undertakings and duties.

The Camosun, or Mother Chapter, fully justifies its title, for this Chapter assists, locally, "The Traveller's Aid," the High School Cadets—giving a Rifle and a Challenge Cup for the School Corps Annual Competition.—provides a number of Christmas Hampers for friends deprived by circumstances of all luxuries, and has this year given a special grant of \$120 towards the Rest Room maintained by the King's Daughters for working girls, and \$100 towards the support of the Day Nursery. In addition it has taken to its heart the children of one of the dreariest parishes in London Docks, and not only provides annually a Christmas dinner for the poorest among these, but has forwarded the sum of \$300 to provide, and equip, five baths where the children may be kept clean and healthy, with a nurse in charge.

Since war began the Camosun Chapter has identified itself with all calls, giving \$100 towards the fund with which the special committee provided layettes for "War Babies," \$100 to purchase blankets for the Belgians, and further contributions towards comforts for our troops on duty in the districts.

Camosun owes its excellent financial standing to the great interest and generosity of the Regent, Mrs. Croft, who lent her house and grounds for a Rose Fete last June, which not only proved a most

beautiful entertainment, but which filled the coffers at what has turned out to be a most needful moment.

The Gonzales Chapter carry on steady work towards the establishment of a cot in the new Jubilee Hospital for sick children whose fathers belong to either service. By means of a collection taken up by dogs a substantial sum was secured, which was spent on working material for the Needlework Committee and some of the Indian women. Three hundred little guests, with their mothers, were entertained at the Christmas Tree given by this Chapter to the wives and children of men already gone to the front. Members are also busily occupied in knitting comforts for the second contingent.

On the declaration of war, the **Florence Nightingale Chapter** immediately organized four St. John's Ambulance Classes, with a total membership of 270 pupils. Two more courses (with a membership totalling eighty pupils) have just concluded, with the most satisfactory results. A great deal of sewing has been completed, both for the Belgians and towards Red Cross supplies. The Maternity Bags, kept on hand for urgent needy cases, are maintained, and the Chapter has recently had the privilege of assisting to furnish and equip the Rest and Recreation Room established under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. at the Willows Camp.

The Lady Douglas Chapter have in hand the "Colours" for the 50th Highlanders. May these be presented with all honours on their glorious return! This Chapter minds the old traditions of Victoria and sees to it that ancient landmarks be not destroyed, and that beauty spots are preserved. Flowers are also sent to the sick among the Order. A special service rendered in "war-time" has been that of securing permission for those men of the 50th Highlanders still encamped here to use the swimming baths at the Y.M.C.A.

The Agnes Deans Cameron Chapter has, this quarter, formed a sewing guild, which resulted in a large consignment of knitted and flannel garments being forwarded to our soldiers. Parcels were also sent to the Friendly Help Association, the Patriotic Service Committee I.O.D.E. and the Belgian Relief Fund. The donation of one book a month to the Y.W.C.A. Library (originally instituted by this Chapter) is regularly continued.

The Navy League Chapter has during the last few months contributed \$50 towards the I.O.D.E. Patriotic Fund, \$73.50 for the Colours for the 88th Fusiliers, and have also sent to England \$50 to be expended through the Duchess of Sutherland, on socks knitted by the crofters employed by the Scottish Highland Industries, and amongst the Belgian refugees. It has also helped to furnish a Recreation Room at the Esquimalt Dockyard, and a piano and other furniture has been donated for this purpose. A private subscription was taken up amongst the members of the Chapter which enabled them to buy 100 pairs of socks for the Naval Reservists, and left sufficient money to purchase wool to knit scarves for the same object. The socks went with the other woollen comforts made by members of the Chapter, and were much appreciated by the recipients.

Preparations are now in full swing for a Christmas Tea and Tree to entertain the mothers and children of the Naval Volunteers and Reservists.

The Esquimalt Chapter reports two maternity bags finished and two under way. Money for wool has been donated by some of the members, and socks, scarves, and helmets have been knitted therewith, especial gifts being made to the Naval Volunteers. Cash contributions have been given towards the purchase of rubber coats for the sentries at the Drydocks, and also to the W.C.T.U.

Most of these Chapters also contributed towards the Thanksgiving Dinner for the troops in camp and to the "Belgian Shower," and all have united in collecting towards the Patriotic Fund, and in completing the fund to purchase the Colours for the 88th Fusiliers.

Owing to the outbreak of war these Colours have not as yet been formally presented, but have been blessed and conveyed to Christ Church Cathedral, where they will repose until hostilities are over. When happier days return, the presentation of Colours to the 88th Fusiliers and the 50th Highlanders will rank among the ceremonials incidental to the welcome given to our troops on their return from the Field of Honour.

A word of very grateful recognition is due to the Convenors of Committees who undertook special service rendered immediately necessary by the circumstances of the war, viz.: To **Miss Munro**, who took entire charge of the arrangements for the **St. John's Ambulance Classes**; to **Mrs. W. J. Roper**, who successfully arranged a **Belgian Shower**, whereby \$376.40 was realized in cash, while four car-loads of clothing were contributed; and to **Mrs. A. W. Jones**, **Mrs. Herbert Kent** and **Mrs. H. C. Hanington**, who made themselves responsible for the packing and despatching of the Christmas gifts and hampers.

The Municipal Chapter wishes to place on record its appreciation of the energetic and faithful services of Mrs. W. E. Home, Mrs. J. H. Macfarlane and Mrs. G. M. Turner during their respective terms of office, and the regret felt by all at the resignation of these ladies, and at the double loss sustained in Mrs. Macfarlane's departure from the city for an undetermined period. Mrs. A. F. Griffiths, Cadboro Heights (as Regent), Miss Leitch, 821 Linden Avenue (as Treasurer of the Emergency Fund), and Mrs. David Miller, 824 Victoria Crescent (as Secretary), have been unanimously elected to fill these vacant offices.

CHAPTERS C.O.E.

Coronation Day Chapter. This most unique Chapter was founded in commemoration of the coronation of Their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, and comprises a very large membership of children from the public schools in Victoira, with Mrs. R. S. Day as Regent, and Vice-Regents chosen from amongst the teaching staff of each school. This Chapter, although unable to enter into the routine work of the Order, has been significantly identified with special ceremonial occasions and undertakings carried on under the Municipal Chapter, and was entertained by Mrs. Paterson, at Government House, last June. A pretty little ceremony also took place at the Rose Fete, when the Chapter presented to the Camosun Chapter a box containing \$100.00 as a contribution towards the fund for establishing the baths for the poor children in St. Gabriel's Parish, Canning Town, London, England.

The remaining Children's Chapters are helping also wherever they can. The **Daisy Chain** has assumed the education of a little native girl in India, who is named "Daisy Victoria," and by producing most charmingly a little play, supplemented and enhanced by music and patriotic songs and dances, has netted not only the necessary sum, but a balance which will be spent on Christmas gifts for poor children in our home town. The **Rainbow** is dressing dolls and making scrapbooks for the children in the hospitals, and is also busy on warm clothing for the Belgian children, while the **Sunshine** is arranging tiny individual Christmas Trees for children isolated by sickness from the general festival. A beautiful and timely thought indeed.

PATRIOTIC SERVICE COMMITTEE

Convenor: Mrs. R. S. Day.

We met, as Daughters of the Empire, on August 5th, with one thought uppermost in our hearts—the care of the wives and families of those men who were enlisting in their country's service. The request of the Regent for a Visiting Committee was eagerly responded to, and many willingly enrolled themselves for this sympathetic work. Our efforts were inspired by the knowledge that we were thus privileged to share in the Empire-struggle; and so, quietly, quickly, we ministered, with no thought save for the present need, and for the increasing anxiety and sorrow.

A generous contribution of \$1,000 from a patriotic citizen provided an ample fund for immediate relief, and meanwhile the Patriotic Fund collected by the I.O.D.E. was placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees, to be administered through its **Relief and Visiting Committee**. Later, we re-organized as the Patriotic Service Committee I.O.D.E., with officers as follows: Chairman, Mrs. R. S. Day; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Henry Croft; Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Philip Musgrave; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Cancellor; and two official Secretaries, the latter rendered necessary by the increasing amount of clerical work. From the start the **Card-Index** system of registration has been adopted, and later it was found advisable to further expand into **Case-Papers**, for fuller detail and more complete information. On the establishment of a branch of the **Canadian Patriotic Fund** in Victoria, our system had been found to work so admirably that we were asked to act as the Relief Committee of its Board of Trustees.

Our methods of administering relief vary under these two Boards, but we have endeavoured to cope with all problems, both the abstract and the practical, and have laid special stress upon the importance of saving mothers with young families from the necessity of "working out." We have also assisted with the transport of individuals with relatives at a distance willing to receive and care for them. We are caring at the present time for between three and four hundred families.

The most attractive and popular work carried on in connection with the Committee has been a sub-committee with Mrs. H. C. Hanington (convenor), assisted by Mrs. Croft, Mrs. Andrew Wright and Mrs. W. E. Oliver, who were appointed specially to look after the "War Babies" on their arrival, and their mothers. Fifty babies have been thus wholly or in part provided for, while, in some cases, the expenses incidental to nursing and professional treatment have been defrayed. The members of the medical faculty have, with

their usual generosity, freely given their services wherever circumstances called for special consideration. Very great assistance was rendered to this committee by the **Ladies' Needlework Guild**, which was organized under Mrs. G. H. Barnard, assisted by Mrs. Cecil Cookson and ten Presidents, and was carried on according to the lines laid down by Queen Mary's Needlework Guild. Many contributions were also received, both from individual friends, from the Camosun and 50th Highlanders Chapters, and from various sewing circles. The Committee will continue to receive, gratefully, gifts for layettes or other clothing.

In conclusion we would make especial acknowledgment to Mrs. R. S. Day for her capable conduct of the work undertaken by this office, also of the faithful and enthusiastic service rendered by our first Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Philip Musgrave, and by her successor in that office, Mrs. W. E. Oliver; by our Visitors, whose kindly tact and very real sympathy make them welcome wherever they go; and by our Secretaries, Miss King and Mrs. G. M. Turner, whose expert knowledge of handling facts, figures and details of all kinds has been invaluable, and above all praise.

COMMITTEE ON FIELD COMFORTS AND "RED CROSS"

On August 4th **Mrs. Fitzherbert Bullen** rendered most practical and immediate service by at once securing (through the kindness of Captain Logan and Mr. H. F. Bullen), a large central room and set of offices in the Temple Building, to be known as the **Headquarters and Work Room of the Daughters of the Empire**. Since this date Mrs. Bullen and Mrs. Pierce, assisted by Mrs. M. R. Jamieson, have attended daily, taking in the beginning, the entire charge of the Red Cross Supplies and Field Comforts for our Soldiers at the Front. This Committee dispatched in the first instance, 1,000 pairs of socks, 192 helmets, 86 mufflers, 117 cholera belts, 404 mitts, 52 gloves, 90 shirts, 300 limb pads, and still continues to supervise the department of Field Comforts, besides collecting helmets and comforts for our soldiers on duty at outlying posts.

Remarkable among the various groups of women united in this service are the Native Indian Women, descendants of the original inhabitants of the Province and Island, who have contributed the wool used, spinning and carding it themselves, and have sent large consignments towards the "Field Comforts." The **Indian Women of Ahouset**, the **Cowichan Indian Women**, the **Kuper Island Indian Women** (who wove their

tribal name into each sock), and the **Alert Bay Industrial School** have all associated with this patriotic movement.

The Order owes a great debt of gratitude to Mrs. Bullen, not only for her instant service, but for her faithful continuance in the same, and for instruction, so patiently given, in the manufacture of knitted goods and supplies generally. Since December 1st Mrs. Bullen has handed over to the Florence Nightingale Chapter the charge of the Red Cross Supplies, and large consignments of Hospital Supplies have been received and dispatched from the Sooke Patriotic Ladies' Guild, the Lake Hill Woman's Institute, the Luxton Circle, Happy Valley; St. Agnes Guild, Langford; the Ladies of Oak Bay, the Parksville Junior Guild (cash), together with numerous individual contributions. The Victoria Mattress Co. presented 75 lbs. of filling, which enabled 450 limb cushions to be made. In this work the children of the Lampson Street School and the Florence Nightingale Chapter joined. All parcels for the **Red Cross** should be sent to the I.O.D.E. Rooms, Temple Building, Victoria, B.C., c/o Mrs. Hasell (Regent), or Mrs. Harold Fleming (Convenor of Committee).

ARMY RATIONS COMMITTEE

This committee, with Mrs. H. C. Hanington, convenor, was appointed at an early meeting of the Municipal Chapter, after the outbreak of the war, to deal with matters affecting the care and comfort of our soldiers and recruits, and to offer to assist the Department of Militia, which had but little time, at this anxious moment, to look into minor details.

It was felt that one of the best works allotted to woman's care would be the supplementing of war rations in a practical and sensible manner, so that our boys might gradually become accustomed to the changed manner of living, and fitted by degrees for the sterner life and duties ahead.

Several grants of money were given by the Emergency Fund, and the fourteen camps and outposts have been supplied in a timely and most efficient manner with vegetables, apples, oatmeal, milk, jam and chocolate.

The Women's Institutes of Royal Oak, Cowichan and Duncan have contributed generously to this work. Miss Ravenhill, of Shawnigan Lake, also kindly collected supplies, and Mrs. Helgeson brought in a wagon load from Metchosin. In connection with this committee Mrs. J. A. Hall undertook to provide outgoing troops with extra comforts and clothing, and every man on his departure received some pleasing and thoughtful token. Through the generosity of the Fruit

Growers' Association a supply of delicious fruit was placed on the train conveying the men to Valcartier, and \$170 was given for the purchase of field glasses for the scouts of the 88th. Signal flags were made for a Company in the Macaulay Fort, and for the Cowichan Home Guard. On the approach of winter, when, owing to some mistake, one battery of the 5th at Valcartier received no warm clothing, the I.O.D.E. were telegraphed for boots and underwear for twenty-three men, and, thanks to Mr. R. F. Green, M.P., were able to meet this request immediately.

Locally, winter conditions had to be met also, and an effort was successfully made to provide our sentries on outpost duty with rubber coats. With these were sent, by Mrs. Bullen's committee, bundles of socks, sweaters, wristlets and mufflers, and now every sentry on Vancouver Island can be dry and warm.

A great debt is owed to Mrs. Hanington, not only for so successfully engineering this practical work, but also for opening a way to get into touch with our men, and of affording means to serve them in many ways, both directly and indirectly, as individual conditions and circumstances become known.

Preparations are now under way to send to every outpost on Vancouver Island a Christmas Hamper, and a flag has been sent to three men at a lonely lighthouse station, for which they have cut and reared a pole, and which they intend to fly for the first time on Christmas Day.

The Women's Canadian Club have supplemented these Christmas gifts with a handsome present of warm knitted garments to every man.

TRAFALGAR DAY IMPRESSIONS

The following excerpt from an account given by Mrs. Hasell of her recent visit to the Old Country will be a fitting and timely conclusion to these reports, which carry to every Chapter in British Columbia the heartiest wishes and kindest thoughts of its Provincial President, and unites absent or isolated members in the great common bond of patriotism and citizenship.

"I want to tell you before I conclude, of the great joy your letters, and the newspapers containing accounts of your work in the Far West brought me, during my visit home. I am sure I shall be forgiven for the pride I felt when I was able to tell of this at one or two meetings at which I was privileged to be present. I ventured to forward some of

the accounts sent me to Her Majesty the Queen, and received from her a most gracious and immediate reply, expressing the pleasure she felt in the fact that the women of British Columbia, together with the women of the Empire, were working in unison with Her Majesty for the relief and comfort of all those who depend upon us, and upon whom we depend, in this hour of our trial.

"On Trafalgar Day, this historic Square presented a memorable sight. The base of Nelson's Column was massed with flowers and wonderfully arranged floral designs, among which I immediately recognized the "Maple Leaf" and the words "**Esquimalt, British Columbia.**" Conspicuous among the emblems were those bearing the names "Cressy," "Hogue," and "Aboakir," while round the pediment was inscribed Nelson's deathless message. Yes—O Great Commander!—Britain remembers—and obeys. As the sun shone out at noon, illuminating the noble monument—reflecting the lovely colours of the flowers, the significant words about it, and the wrapt faces of the crowd, a long line of newly accepted recruits filed slowly past, marching on to their military destination. "This day, too, will every man do his duty!"—and as the sun sets not on the glorious record of brave deeds well done,—or on that Empire which we will die for before we surrender,—it was only natural that my thoughts found their best expression in the motto of our own dear Province: '*Splendor sine occasu.*'"

CHRISTMAS, 1914.

At the headquarters of the I.O.D.E. in Victoria during the week before Christmas, the last words of our great national hero, Lord Roberts, before leaving on his journey to the front, became a very real inspiration: "I go, because just now it seems the most **useful** thing I can do." And this year the one thought was to **be of use**, and the ideal of Christmas joy and cheer found therein its most perfect expression: for the joy "no man taketh away"; and the cheer should ever be for those whose present sorrow or necessity is greater than our own. In this spirit the "Daughters" gathered. One group busily packing the boxes to be sent to the fourteen outlying Military Posts on Vancouver Island, and containing Christmas presents, warm clothing, knitted comforts and good cheer; another engaged over daintily filling one hundred hampers to be sent with a loving remembrance and message of sympathy for the present sad times, and circumstances, into many a home. Towards these, the children of the public schools had sent a wonderful contribution of fifty plum puddings, all

cooked by themselves (under the direction of the Department of Domestic Science), and most daintily tied up with sprigs of holly and cards handpainted also by the little scholars.

A charming Christmas Greeting Card had been designed for the I.O.D.E. by Mrs. Nathaniel Shaw, and was in great demand for distant and Overseas members and friends, and every Chapter was reported as busy with Christmas Trees for the children of our soldiers and sailors, with our Hospital, and Seaman's Institute, and with Christmas decorations for the Rest and Recreation Room for our soldiers in local encampment.

As the Camosun Chapter is our Mother Chapter, so do all recognize in its Regent, Mrs. Croft (the Provincial President), our greatest factor towards inspiration and energy. The Daughters of the Empire offer to Mrs. Croft a whole-hearted acknowledgment of the services she has rendered to the Order in the Province, especially during the last sad months—coupled with the most affectionate good wishes both for her own welfare, and for a long continuance together in our mutual allegiance and service.

METHOD FOR DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH OUR TROOPS AT SALISBURY

(For General Information)

It is as pleasant as it is convenient to know that two ladies, Miss Plummer and Miss Arnoldi, have been recognized by the Department of Militia as Commissioners for the distribution of field and other comforts to the men of the Canadian Contingents, and are established at the following address, to which all parcels may be sent, plainly marked: Miss Plummer, The Vicarage, Amesbury, Wilts.

We publish Miss Plummer's letter, which will be of great interest to all contributing to this branch of the Service:

Dear Mrs. Croft: I want to thank you for your kind cable. It is so good of you to give the money to our work. As you know, Miss Arnoldi and I are Canadian Field Comforts Commissioners. We are very anxious to get this work well in hand and to get supplies for our men from our own women. They want us to appeal for help here, and there is no doubt of generous support, but England has such a heavy burden that we feel Canada should look after her own, and I know she will. Lots of the men came over without the extra comforts. Many things were lost in disembarking. Those who were provided for weeks ago need fresh supplies. What is a pair of socks after wet weather as we have it here? The

Ordnance Department is doing its best, but does not undertake extra comforts. I don't see how it could just now. The British Ordnance gives less than ours. I enclose clippings from the Morning Post. Perhaps you see it, but if not, it will give you an idea of one day's appeals. The Authorities (Military) all support and welcome our work. Of course, we are quite separate from Red Cross. Their supplies go to sick and wounded and convalescent, ours to men in the field.

When the Contingents go to the front we must have lots in reserve to keep passing them up. The men in the trenches **do** need things dreadfully. I hope lots of things will come soon. Please have things sent **direct** to me, and notify of shipping. We want to be able to hunt up boxes and hurry them through. The Bishop of Salisbury wished us to have the Vicarage at Amesbury, a huge place, and the Southern Command (British) kindly commandeered it for us. We move in this week. It will be very near Camp. We shall not send in a formal report until things are a bit more advanced. Colonel Hart McHarg, of the 7th Battalion, came to London and asked us for supplies for his men. I think they are chiefly B. C. He specially wanted cholera belts (which are considered **necessities** here) and 1,040 of them will be our first purchase. I will be sure to send you a definite account as soon as possible.

Our address will be The Vicarage, Amesbury, Wilts.

Please do what you can for the men already here. With very many thanks,

Yours very sincerely,

MARY PLUMMER.

TO THE WOMEN OF THE EMPIRE

"The LORD shall give Strength unto His people;
The LORD shall give His people the blessing of Peace."

May God be with you in this time of sorrow,
And help you, hour by hour, and day by day,
To wait with patience for the unknown morrow,
And trust Him, though He slay,
For England's sons, in life or death, are winning
Honour for England in a righteous strife;
Life, if God will,—if not, a brave beginning,
Through death, of fuller life.

You send them forth, your husbands, sons, and brothers,
On active service in a foreign land,
While, in home service, sisters, wives, and mothers
Shoulder to shoulder stand,
United, men and women, high and lowly,
Labour and pray for succour and release,
"In this our need, give Strength, O Lord most holy,
In Thine own time, give Peace."

HOW TO BE USEFUL IN WAR TIME

CENTRES OF SERVICE IN ENGLAND WHERE GIFTS AND HELP ARE NEEDED

Various Women's Organizations Banded Together in England to Meet War Time Needs and Emergencies

Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

Address: The Hon. Secretary, Friary Court, St. James' Palace, London, S.W.

Committee of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, London.

The Queen's Canadian Military Hospital at Beechborough Park, Shorncliffe, Kent, England.

Hon. Treas., Mr. G. C. Cassell, Bank of Montreal, 47 Threadneedle Street, London, E.C., England.

The British Red Cross Society. (Men and Women.)

83 Pall Mall, London, S.W.

Officers' Families' Fund.

Lady Hope, Hon. Secy., Berkeley Sq., London, W.

Soldiers and Sailors' Families' Association.

Hon. Treasurer, Col. Sir James Gildea, 23 Queen Anne's Gate, Westminster, London, S.W.

Royal Patriotic Fund. (For Widows and Orphans).

17 Waterloo Place, London, S.W.

Navy League Ladies' Emergency Committee.

47 Grosvenor Sq., London, W.

The Regimental Agency. (For Help to Soldiers and their Families).

33 Tothill St., Westminster, London, S.W.

British and Foreign Sailors' Society.

Lady Dimsdale, Sailor's Palace, Commercial Rd., London, E.

Ladies' Territorial Committee.

75 Chancery Lane, London, E.

Central Advisory Committee. (For the Relief of Distress).

Local Government Board Offices, London.

League of Empire.

28 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.

Duchess of Westminster's War Hospital.

82 Harley St., London, W.

War Refugees' Committee.

Aldwych, London, W.C.

The International Women's Relief Committee.

7 Adam St., Adelphi, London.
(Help, Hospitality, or Money, to Single Foreign Women of All Nationalities).

H.M. Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital.

(Office), 64 Cannon St., London.

The League of Mercy. (For Sick and Wounded).

29 Southampton St., Strand, London, W.C.

The Empress Club Voluntary Aid Committee.

35 Dover St., London, W.

The Women's Suffrage National Aid Corps.

1 Robert St., Adelphi, London.

The Women's Emergency Corps.

Old Bedford College, 8 York Place, Baker St., London, W.
(Find Employment for Women and Work for Volunteers.)

The Women's National Service League.

39 St. James' St., London, S.W.

The British Women's Patriotic League.

22 Buckingham Gate, London, S.W.

The Church Army. (With its Base Hospital at ~~Cannet~~ ^{Canterbury}.)

55 Bryanston Street, London, W.

It is specially worthy of note that the Women's Hospital in Paris, instituted by the Women's National Suffrage Union (non-militant) and equipped into the most wonderful efficiency, has an "All-Women" staff, with Dr. Louisa Garrett Anderson as Chief Surgeon, whose mother was one of the pioneers among women in the field of medicine.

TO ENGLAND

MESSAGE FROM BELGIAN PEOPLE—THE RIVETTING TIES OF BLOOD

September, 1914.

To the British Nation:

We feel it incumbent to tell you a word in your own language which we trust will reach the innermost of your noble hearts. It is the word which every Belgian has on his lips in these dark times. It is the expression of the most heart-felt thanks—thanks from nation to nation, from people to people, from man to man.

During these unspeakable trials which our poor little country has had to put up with for the last two months, your people of Great Britain and Ireland have remained our hope

and our trust. If we have not despaired during this hurricane of fire and blood, it is because we have never forgotten that you are watching over us and that you will never permit our destruction. Even at this dark moment, when the final result of this gigantic strife of the civilized world against the returning barbarism might leave doubts, we may pluck up new courage, with the unshakeable conviction that Great Britain and Ireland will never admit the yoke to be put on our dear Motherland, even if all that remains of that Motherland would be a smoking heap of ruins.

It was the confidence in British diplomacy, to that enlightened generous diplomacy that free and independent Belgium is indebted for its existence and for 80 years of peaceful progress.

But who on our side could have surmised at the beginning of this war that the work of the British statesmen would have taken root so deeply in the hearts of the British nation; that your Government, dear friends, acting towards Belgium as they did, were at unison with the sentiments of your people?

Now we see, we experience, we feel, on body and soul which had been beyond our imagination, how it is possible that a nation receives, lodges, caresses, and even spoils an entire other nation. The greatest need has conceived the mightiest, the widest altruism the world has ever had the privilege to witness.

The entire Belgian people feel riveted to your nation through eternal ties of blood. All ours who came to you have found a brother and a sister there, and how many of you have taken upon yourselves with a light mind and a warm heart the duties of parents for poor orphans who have lost father or mother—nay, both—in this terrible war? To how many have you not restored the belief in righteousness and generosity during these black nights of despair? And have you not sent thousands and thousands of your best to us? Your soldiers, chivalrous and undaunted in battle, spilling their blood of their own free will by our side and along with our French Allies for the holy cause of free civilization; your doctresses, doctors and nurses, coming mostly from the highest classes of society as administering angels amongst the horrors of war. Your soldiers and your benefactors of all sorts, how can we crystallize them better than in the respected persons of your King, always an example of soldierly and statesmanly honor, your Queens, mother and consort of your doubly-crowned Sovereign, who condescended to visit the humblest of our refugees, tendering consolation and hope?

Meantime—we don't forget it—your powerful Fleet watches night and day, rules, sure of her force, the oceans and

bars them, the source of all life, relentlessly to the ruthless invader of our unfortunate little country, the despicable breaker of the laws of nations. Your Navy, friends of Great Britain, is a sure guarantee that the world will be set free from the nightmare it now suffers under.

But what we in Antwerp have to tell you, on this small spot of our Belgian Motherland, not yet soiled by the foot of the barbarian invader, now that we already hear the cannon of the enemy thunder against our walls, is that no trial, as awful as it may be, shall shake our trust in your power, in your nobility, and in your sense of justice, and that with fullest confidence we put the fate of our Motherland in your hands. You will, no matter what happens, maintain the independence which you have once given us. As little as may remain of Belgium, there will be no tiny spot left as big as a heart where in blood and in tears there will not blossom the flower of eternal gratitude to the noble British nation.

This is what we wanted to tell you, in your tongue, friends of Great Britain and Ireland, so that it may penetrate into the innermost of your hearts.

MESSAGE FROM THE QUEEN MOTHER

The Queen Mother Alexandra sends the following New Year's message to the women of the Empire, and especially to those who are mourning the loss of loved ones in the war:

"I wish to send to the women of the Empire in this great crisis of our history a message of hope and consolation for the New Year. You have been through a period of great suffering by loss of dear ones, and many more sacrifices will yet be demanded of you, but I feel that they will be borne with that patience and fortitude which have supported and sustained you throughout the last five terrible months.

"You have suffered in a great and just cause, and my earnest prayer is that in your sorrow you may be consoled by the thought that those who are near and dear to you have died like heroes for their King and Country.

"May God pour His infinite blessing upon you, whatever calamities you are called upon to bear, until the blessings of peace once more dawn upon us."

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER SERVICE

The following appeals are inserted as likely to bring a valuable message, especially to the scattered districts where the daily papers are not regularly sent. The name of Admiral Lord Charles Beresford is ample commendation for the first, and the appeal from Miss Merritt (~~the~~ Organizing Secretary

for the I.O.D.E. in Canada), will afford to every woman the longed-for opportunity to offer to the Queen some tangible proof that Her Majesty's august and lovely example commands the attention and the obedience of the Women of the Empire.

Will you allow me to appeal to the public for funds to help the Ladies' Emergency Committee for supplying warm clothing and other comforts for the men in the North Sea and North Atlantic Fleets?

Since August the committee have supplied over 200 ships with such necessities, despatching between 100 and 120 parcels daily by parcels post direct to the ships. Immediate delivery is ensured. Hundreds of letters from officers and men have been received warmly thanking the committee for these most useful gifts. Over a ton weight of clothing and hospital equipment has been sent to the naval hospitals at Haslar, Chatham, Plymouth, and Southend.

The Ladies' Emergency Committee is affiliated with Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, and also with Lady Jellicoe's Fund. Large quantities of clothing have been received from Her Majesty's Guild, including special gifts from Her Majesty herself. The work has been done in connection with and has the approval of the Admiralty. Most of the ladies engaged in this unselfish work have relations now serving in the Fleet. The committee's organization is perfect. Gifts of clothing will be gratefully received. The immediate want is funds and jerseys.

The British Fleet is keeping a silent and ceaseless vigil in the North Sea. The anxiety and strain are tremendous, but the hard work is cheerfully undertaken in order that the country should receive a punctual and certain supply of food and raw material. To the Navy belongs the credit of affording safe passage to our troops and the troops of the Empire to fight gallantly the battle for our homes in the fields of France and Belgium.

Gifts should be sent to the Ladies' Emergency Committee, 47 Grosvenor Square. Cheques should be made payable to "The Ladies' Emergency Committee" to the same address and crossed "The Navy League."

CHARLES BERESFORD, Admiral.

1 Great Cumberland Place, Nov. 14.

Will each woman in Canada who is working for the soldiers and sailors send one garment during January, through Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, for Her Majesty to distribute?

This can be done very easily.

Thanks to Lady Williams-Taylor, the Bank of Montreal has kindly instructed any of its branches to receive parcels on account of the Guild, and such parcels will be forwarded without cost to the donor. Persons residing in a town where there is no branch of the Bank of Montreal may forward parcels to the Bank of Montreal at 213 Peel Street, Montreal, at the same time sending the bank the receipt for the charges paid, the amount of which will be refunded to them.

It will be my pleasure to supply material for 1,000 garments, to those who are willing to give their work, but have not material and patterns available. This material will make flannelette dresses for infants, woollen underclothes for children from two to eight years old, men's flannel shirts, socks, and children's stockings. A postcard sent to Miss Weller, Assistant Secretary, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, St. Catharines, saying how many garments can be made, will result in material and directions being forwarded to the sender free.

Queen Mary, by her unselfish devotion to duty and splendid example, has endeared herself to the women of the Empire at this crisis, and such a New Year's Gift as I have suggested would not only prove that the women of Canada are as ready to serve the Queen as are our brothers to serve the King, but also give to Her Majesty the pleasure of distributing useful garments to the soldiers and sailors, the refugees, the poor and needy, the waifs and strays.

Hoping that the idea of a New Year's Gift to Queen Mary from the women of Canada will meet with a hearty response, believe me,

Yours faithfully,

C. WELLAND MERRITT,
Honorary Secretary.

Such garments will be used among the men at Salisbury Plain, at the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital, Shorncliffe, England, and to relieve cases of great distress in the Old Country.

The following letters of acknowledgment have been received by the Provincial President in reply to messages of sympathy sent from the I.O.D.E. in the Province:

Kensington Palace, (Clock Court), W.

Miss Minnie Cochrane is desired by Princess Henry of Battenberg to express Her Royal Highness's very grateful thanks for the kind letter of sympathy on her dear son's death sent by the Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire.

At this time of deep affliction the Princess feels it very comforting to know so many kind hearts are thinking of and sympathizing with her.

Nov. 24/14.

Englemere, Ascot, Berks.,
November 25th, '14.

Dear Mrs. Croft:

My mother has asked me to write you for her to thank you very much indeed for the telegram from the Imperial Daughters of the Empire, British Columbia, for their most welcome sympathy in our loss.

Believe me we are very grateful.

Yours very truly,

AILEEN ROBERTS.

IN MEMORIAM

FIELD-MARSHAL EARL ROBERTS, V.C., K.G.

(R. Kipling)

He passed in the very battle-smoke
Of the war that he had descried;
Three hundred miles of cannon spoke
When the Master-Gunner died.

He passed to the very sound of the guns,
But before his eye grey and dim
He had seen the faces of the sons
Whose sires had served with him.

Clean, simple, valiant, well-beloved;
Flawless in faith and fame,
Whom neither ease nor honours moved
A hair's-breadth from his aim.

Lieutenant-Commander Clive Phillipps-Wolley, H.M.S. Hogue, and our Kinsmen and Brethren, Soldiers who Have Died on the Field of Honour

THE ARMY OF THE DEAD

(Barry Pain)

I dreamed that overhead
I saw in twilight grey
The Army of the Dead
Marching upon its way,
So still and passionless,
With faces so serene,
That scarcely could one guess
Such men in war had been.

No mark of hurt they bore,
Nor smoke, nor bloody stain;
Nor suffered any more
Famine, fatigue, or pain;
Nor any lust of hate
Now lingered in their eyes—
Who have fulfilled their fate,
Have lost all enmities.

A new and greater pride
So quenched the pride of race
That foes marched side by side
Who once fought face to face.
That ghostly army's plan
Knows but one race, one rod—
All nations there are Man,
And the one King is God.

No longer on their ears
The bugle's summons falls;
Beyond these tangled spheres
The Archangel's trumpet calls;
And by that trumpet led
Far up the exalted sky
The Army of the Dead
Goes by, and still goes by—

Look upward, standing mute:
Salute!

BETWEEN MIDNIGHT AND MORNING

(Sir Owen Seaman)

You that have faith to look with fearless eyes
Beyond the tragedy of a world at strife,
And trust that out of night and death shall rise
The dawn of ampler life :

Rejoice, whatever anguish rends your heart,
That God has given you, for a priceless dower,
To live in these great times and have your part
In Freedom's crowning hour.

That you may tell your sons who see the light
High in the heaven, their heritage to take :—
**"I saw the powers of darkness put to flight!
I saw the morning break!"**

God save our gracious King,
Long live our noble King,
God save the King :
Send him victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us :
God save the King.