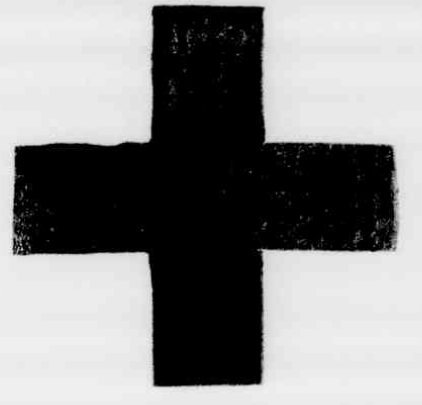


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THE RED CROSS--YOUR DUTY AND MY DUTY

Face to Face With a National Emergency. Inspiring Opportunities Present Themselves. Let Us Make Best of Them.

Today our country faces a great national emergency, but with it has come many wonderful inspiring things. Among the greatest of these is the opportunity it offers to all citizens to serve their country.

"Our participation in the war" as ex-president Taft truly said, "gives us cause for gratitude as a nation, compensating in part for what we must suffer. It has quickened the national spirit of our hundred millions of people. It has answered a universal desire to serve."

"Out of this is fast forming a new Democracy in this country—the democracy of service."

"Only a few, comparatively, have the qualifications or can be spared for service in the field. Limitations of many kinds surround that service, but there are no limitations which can bar anyone—man, woman or child—from Red Cross service."

"It is the awakened spirit of America responding to the call of the 'Red Cross' that is bringing thousands of new members to the 'Red Cross daily.' The army of the Red Cross members is now approximately ten times as large as our new military army. Nearly 15,000,000 are enrolled under its glorious banner and still the appeal goes out—the appeal of the principles on which the Red Cross is doing its work. And what are they?"

1. To be ready to care for our soldiers and sailors on duty, wherever and whenever that care may be needed.

2. To shorten the war by strengthening the morale of the allied peoples and their armies, by alleviating their sufferings in the period which must elapse until the American army can become fully effective abroad.

3. To lay the foundations of an enduring peace, by extending a message of practical relief and sympathy to the civilian population among our allies.

The Red Cross is bringing out everywhere the very best that is in a community. It brings the people together in the highest form of association, that of common service in unselfish devotion to a great purpose, and it is this that brings out the very best in every man, woman and child in the community, in this community—Christ likeness. And who does not long for that—to be like the Master, a ministering spirit, going about doing good, blessing and being blessed.

There is an old legend concerning three young women, who disputed as to who had the most beautiful hands. One dipped her hands in the pure running stream, another picked berries until her fingers were pink, another gathered roses until her hands were made sweet with fragrance. An aged woman, care-worn and decrepit, leaning upon her staff, came asking a gift but all alike refused her. A fourth young woman, making no claims to beauty, ministered to her needs. The aged woman then said: "It is not the hand that is dipped in the brook, nor the hand made red with berries, nor the hand garlanded or perfumed with roses, that is most beautiful, but the hand that giveth to the poor. As she thus spoke, her mask fell off, her staff was cast aside, her wrinkles vanished and she stood before them an angel of God."

It is not an angel of God but the Son of God Himself, that stands before you and me today, and says, it is the hand that feeds the hungry, that gives drink to the thirsty, that clothes the naked, that cares for the sick and prisoners, the homeless and the destitute that are numbered by the millions in the wrack and ruin of this blood-stained world of ours, that is most like

mine and shall be blessed, for "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

O men of mettle, O women of fire!
O flower of the human race!
If we would drain joy deep—
The joy that will keep—
We must follow the light of His Face.

We must strive and strain,
We must suffer and work,
We must serve to the heart's last beat.

But the joy that will grow
In the depth of each three,
Makes life that is strong and sweet.

Then follow the call, the Master's call,
The call to the souls of the race!
He has blazed the trail,
Let no humans fail
To find at His side their place.

The Master calls, calls you and me to the work of the "Red Cross." Will you hear and heed His call? The Red Cross denies the privilege of service to none. There is room for all. Will you join us?
REV. C. D. CHAPMAN

BALANCE YOUR PURCHASES

The following certificate is self-explanatory and the merchant and customer may alike profit by it:

I hereby certify that I have produced and am consuming upon my table wheat flour substitutes at the rate of not less than one pound of such substitutes for every pound of flour I use. I further certify that I have on hand or under contract not more than _____ pounds of flour.

HELP THE RED CROSS HELP THESE PEOPLE



WORK OF THE SURGICAL DRESSINGS COMMITTEE

When the Transylvania Chapter of the Red Cross was first organized last summer we found almost at once that the work of the woman's department automatically divided itself into three sections, namely: one section made up of people who could knit, one of people who could make hospital garments and a third group made up of women who were willing to take up the—to us—new gauze work.

In regard to the gauze work, or the making of surgical dressings, we would like to say that of all hospital supplies these gauze dressings rank as the most important.

Most of these dressings are very simple affairs to look at and it takes a short while to be initiated into the mysteries of folding them. They consist mainly of compresses, which are placed directly on the wounds after dressing.

One yard of gauze makes from one to four dressings according to their size, and as we make each day in the work room anywhere from fifty to one hundred and fifty, it is easily seen that we need plenty of gauze, which costs, by the way, about five cents a yard. Each package of dressings must have its muslin cover, too.

Up to the present we have turned out in the work room in round numbers the following dressings: Two hundred absorbent and irrigation pads of cotton, gauze or oakum.

One hundred and seventy-five muslin armbands, head bandages, etc., seven thousand gauze compresses, wipes, drains and rolls and have on hand about thirteen hundred of our February allotment of two thousand 8 x 4 gauze compresses.

We feel that we can say that the quality of the work turned out in the Transylvania Red Cross Work Rooms is of the best. This statement is based on the approval of Dr. Boyer, our former State Chairman, on the comments sent to us from headquarters, and on the remarks of different representatives of larger chapters who have visited our work room.

Where do these dressings go! A large number go direct to the front. To the first liner dressings stations and to the ambulance companies. We can find them in small packets in the soldiers' kits and even in the first aid kits strapped on the backs of the faithful dogs of war that are trained to find the wounded on the battle fields. The dressings are used in immense quantities in our base hospitals, and are placed on our battle-ships and transports, our hospital ships and red cross trains and in the various training camps and cantonments over the country. Many surgical dressings are packed away in huge supply depots ready to be sent wherever needed by soldiers and sailors. A little thing—a gauze dressing—but multiplied many times it travels far leaving comfort and healing in its train.

Mr. Lindsay Hopkins, director of the supply bureau at the southern (Continued on Page 4)

FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To the members of Transylvania Chapter American Red Cross and the people of Transylvania County.

Greeting:

Our nation is at war, and the Red Cross is the inner line of its defense, and it is with pleasure that we can greet the people of Transylvania county with a chapter of over 400 members and three auxiliary chapters as our contribution to this inner line.

Our people have worked hard, and especially the women who have come nobly to the front, working continually for the advancement of the cause, and it is to them that most of the credit is given.

Some of the boys of our county are already at the front "Somewhere in France!" more will soon be on the front line of defense and we should support them with an inner line of defense in the shape of a thousand members of the American Red Cross for our county, and as many active workers as possible, each and every one doing his or her part to make the winning of this war by our country easier, and the assurance of a speedy victory by our allies and the men fighting under our glorious flag.

Remember the Lusitania and the transport Tascania and do your best to win this war of freedom, and put the fear of God in those beastly "Huns."

Jos. S. Silversteen,
Chm. Ex. Com. Transylvania Chapter American Red Cross.

MAKING OF HOSPITAL GARMENTS-SWEATERS

The chairmen of your Hospital Garment and Sweater Committee have been asked to make this a strong appeal for aid in their work. To their ears the roar of guns and the calls for help from "over there" are so loud that they do not see how the squeak of their pens can be heard. But they can tell something of what has been undertaken, how you can help and what has been done already.

At present the Red Cross Sewing Room is open for workers Wednesday and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:30. Two sewing machines are already installed and another, with an electric motor, has been promised.

If other hours for work suit better and helpers will come the committee will undertake to see that the room is open any time that the workers wish to come.

But the greater part of the sewing and knitting may be done in the homes and exact directions will be given at the work rooms for making the garments according to Red Cross specifications.

Ready cut garments may now be procured on the regular sewing afternoons Wednesdays and Fridays, or from the cutting committee on Monday afternoon from 3 to 5, or from the office of the day of the gauze room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, or from the secretary's office on Saturday morning 10 to 12.

The Brevard News is asked to publish this week the Red Cross directions for making hospital shirts and three weeks ago directions were printed for pajamas. Please save these directions for future use for yourself or give to someone who does not see The News, send them to the sewing room for the committee to give out. Surely if the News can give so much space to the work you can see to it that your bit of that space is not wasted.

The committee has on hand now for making about fifty pajamas besides over four hundred yards of outing which is to be cut into hospital shirts and underwear. This material was ordered before Christmas with the intention of getting it made up while the hospitals were in need of winter garments. But "Old King Winter" kept the room closed most of January, and so few garments were made then, that lots of help is needed these next few weeks.

Do not stay away from the sewing room because you do not know how to sew. We are not from Missouri, but we can promise that you will "be shown" how. The requirements for "outside seams" and flat fells may seem rigid, but "There's a reason which we will gladly reveal on request."

Do not stay away from the work room or refuse to take home sewing or knitting because you are not a paid-up member of the Red Cross. The Constitution of the United States forbids the government accepting any gift of money, so if you have coin to give, the Red Cross is the camouflage through which it must pass. But that does not mean that the Red Cross is not glad to accept your efforts in the work room, at your sewing machines, or with your knitting needles, even if you have not one cent of money to give.

Volunteers will be welcomed in all branches of the work, and if you wish information or assistance telephone Miss Annie Jean Gash, Chm. Hospital Garment Committee, or Mrs. E. T. Henning, Chm. Knitting Committee.

When a new supply of wool is obtained that, also, will be given out from the garment room. More than fifty sweaters are now being made from the recent one hundred dollar purchase of yarn, and more than one hundred sweaters have been shipped already. Twenty-five of these went direct to our own Transylvania Chapter American Red Cross. (Continued on Page 4)