

we are only sorry the Director of Military Hospitals did not ask for fifty women to-night instead of ten. The applications by letter and telegram have poured in from all over New Zealand, and I have not the slightest doubt that the Volunteer Sisters scheme is going to be a huge and abundant success. Women of grit and capacity and experience, ready to do any sort of work for no pay at all, are offering themselves to us all day long."

Nurse Roche has been engaged by Dr. Guthrie as honorary medical adviser to the Volunteer Sisters for not less than two weeks from July 5. Nurse Roche has offered her services absolutely without fee or reward of any kind.

The following is the pledge signed by the ten Volunteer Sisters:—

We, the undersigned, gladly and freely offer one year, or more, of our lives for the service, at home or abroad, of nursing and tending sick and wounded men, and we promise to obey cheerfully and readily all orders given to us by those in authority; and we hereby express our willingness to do all necessary work of any nature or kind whatsoever. We also promise to do our utmost individually and collectively to maintain the good health, good cheer, and good temper of the group we are placed in. We agree to accept as our remuneration maintenance plus 10s per week.

ORGANISING FUND.

The following amounts have been received for the Organising Fund during the months of March, April, May June, 1915:—

March—27: Mrs Haynes, £1; small donations, Dunedin, £1 2s 6d; net proceeds meeting, Sawyer's Bay, 6s 6d; refund, Invercargill local expenses, 11s 6d.

April—27: Refund Dunedin local expenses, £1 2s 7d; Mrs Gruer, Invercargill, £2; Mrs R. G. Glendenning, Dunedin, £1 1s; Mrs Lindo Ferguson, Dunedin, £1 1s; Mrs W. Brown, Dunedin, £1.

May—20: Miss Shand, Dunedin, £1 1s; small donations, Dunedin, £1 5s 6d; net proceeds meeting, 12s 1d.

June—8: Methven Union, 5s; 30: Mrs Twigg, Hawera (per Mrs Douglas, New Plymouth), 10s.

ALICE R. C. TAYLOR,
Treasurer Organising Fund.
Balgownie, Wanganui.

RED CROSS WORK.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Madam,—I am sure that the suggestions for Red Cross work published in the June issue of "White Ribbon" will be warmly approved by all our Unions, and many of them will no doubt set to work at once if they have not already been working. I agree with you that the gifts should be sent from the W.C.T.U., and I would suggest that a record of the contributions of each Union should be sent to "White Ribbon" for publication. This will provide a means of knowing what the Unions are doing as a whole, and the work of any one Union will serve as a stimulus to others. Our Treasurer suggests that a combined effort should be made by the Unions throughout New Zealand to contribute, say, 3000 pairs of socks or socks and caps.

My chief object in writing is, however, to say that it is possible that some of the country Unions may not be in close touch with centres where Red Cross work or other work for wounded and sick soldiers is being done, and I would suggest to any Union in this position that it should get into communication with the Union in the nearest town and get the necessary information as to the nature of the work required. Then for the benefit of the smaller Unions, which may find funds a difficulty, I want to say that a good deal may be done with old calico and linen, old blankets, etc. Any Union can have, by applying to me, a list of the requirements, and also patterns of the things that can be made out of old linen, etc.—Yours sincerely,

C. HENDERSON,

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26, Tui Street, Fendalton, ChCh,

July 6, 1915.

(To the Editor.)

Dear Sisters,—Just now we are all deep in Red Cross work, and I am only sorry that we did not take this up as a Union. However, it does not matter how the work is arranged, as long as it is done. I find, though, as I travel around, that a great deal of old calico is lying about in quantities too small to be sent to headquarters, and it needs gathering up. I know women who will read that urgent appeal from the English hospitals, put the paper down and think

no more of it. Some of our Unions are making a house-to-house canvass to ask for these odds and ends, promising to call again for them in a week. Then they are all handed to one member, who boils them for half-an-hour with Kerol or Jeye's fluid. Those Unions which are making a house-to-house canvass with the Kitchen pledge (and I should hope very few are not engaged in this) can well work the two together. This work comes under our Flower Mission Department, and will also benefit our temperance work, because everything which brings us into personal touch with women in their homes is a good preparation for the National Prohibition Poll. If there is a local Red Cross Society in your district, the calico can, of course, be handed to it.—Yours, to enter every open door,

M. S. POWELL,

Dominion Organiser.

Articles Made and Sent in to Red Cross and Lady Liverpool Fund by Christchurch W.C.T.U. from June 15 to July 3.

34 pairs of socks, 9 scarves, 3 Balaclava caps, 16 night shirts, 5 pairs pyjamas, 6 handkerchiefs, 1 pillow slip, 3 pairs bed socks, 3 pairs slippers, 1 dressing gown, 37 bandages, 214 operation cloths, 78 fomentation cloths, 84 tray cloths, 43 face cloths, 35 hot water bags, 3 large parcels of medicine cloths.

Some members have promised 1s 6d per month, and others 6d per week, and others have given subscriptions towards the fund; in this way the sum of £6 3s has been given.

WOMAN PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHLAND PROVINCE STATE SCHOOL TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

The annual Conference has been recently held in Invercargill, and the business proceedings were conducted by Miss Birss, the President for the past year, with great efficiency and dignity. The retiring address was on "Dr Montessori," and her unique system of training infants, and defective children. The address was illustrated by all the latest educational apparatus employed by Dr Montessori, and was received with great attention and deep interest.