

THE WAR.

QUEEN MARY'S ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITAL.

Her Majesty Queen Mary has accepted the Presidency of Queen Mary's Royal Naval Hospital, Southend-on-Sea, and has sanctioned an appeal to the Empire in her name for funds to support the hospital, which has been instituted with the object of allaying the suffering of the sick and wounded of the Royal Navy. The Palace Hotel has been placed at the disposal of the committee, rent free during the continuance of the War, and will accommodate at least 400 patients.

THE ORDER OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM.

The Queen has become President of a Committee of Ladies of Justice, Ladies of Grace, and Honorary Associates of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England to provide hospital, medical, and other comfort for the sick and wounded. Full particulars can be obtained from St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.

THE BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Queen Alexandra has issued the following appeal to the nation on behalf of the British Red Cross Society, of which the King and Queen are patrons:—

A war has been forced upon us greater and more terrible even than the Napoleonic wars which devastated Europe 100 years ago.

Thousands of our brave sailors and soldiers are standing ready to defend Britain's shores and to uphold her honour. Their sufferings will be great, and it is to us that they will look for comfort and relief. That comfort must not be denied them.

As President of the British Red Cross Society I appeal for your help. I do it knowing that you will respond to this appeal in the name of humanity. Much money will be needed and many gifts if we are faithfully to discharge our trust and be able to say when all is over that we have done all we could do for the comfort and relief of our sick and wounded.

The heart of the great British nation will surely and generously go out to those who are so gallantly upholding the cause of their country.

ALEXANDRA.

President of the British Red Cross Society.

Her Majesty is also appealing for support for the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association in order that help may be given to the wives and families of soldiers and sailors whether "on" or "not on" the strength.

NATIONAL RELIEF FUND.

The splendid response to the appeal of the Prince of Wales for support for a National Relief Fund, of which His Royal Highness is Treasurer, will greatly alleviate the inevitable distress. The Prince's appeal is supported by the Queen, who appeals to women to help in the local administration of the Fund.

THE CITY OF LONDON.

The Lady Mayoress is appealing on behalf of the City of London Branch of the British Red Cross Society for £5,000 to meet the necessities of the voluntary aid detachments which so far have been financed from entirely private sources.

Gifts of stores, medical comforts, and men's clothing would also be very acceptable, and may be sent to Lady Wynne, the hon. secretary, at the Guildhall, where the branch's headquarters are installed.

Donations should be sent to the treasurer, at the same address.

OFFERS OF SERVICE.

The Admiralty and the War Office have accorded their official recognition to the British Red Cross Society, and have agreed that all offers of voluntary assistance made in Great Britain and Ireland with regard to the sick and wounded in time of war, other than those coming from, or already arranged with, the Ambulance Department of the Order of St. John and St. Andrew's Ambulance Association for the supply of personnel, shall reach them only through the channel of the Society.

All offers should be made through the Secretary, British Red Cross Society, Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London, W.

VOLUNTARY AID DETACHMENTS.

War having been declared, the Voluntary Aid Detachments have ceased to be under the orders of the British Red Cross Society, and are now under the orders of the local military authorities with whom they are registered.

The organisation of the Society will be employed to assist any detachment mobilised by replenishing stores and drugs and in supplying hospital and general comforts.

TERRITORIAL FORCE NURSING SERVICE.

At a Meeting of the Committee of the T.F.N.S. for the City and County of London, it was agreed to appeal to the Grand Council and their friends to assist further in equipping the four General Hospitals about to be embodied in London.

When a wounded soldier is brought in he has nothing but the clothes he has been fighting in. There are many absolute necessities for his immediate relief needed. Money is urgently asked for, or names of all those who are willing to help by making garments. All particulars, patterns, &c., will be supplied by the Hon. Secretary, The Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, 34, Eccleston Square, who will be glad to receive all contributions.

THE HOSPITALS.

The Committee of Management of King's College Hospital, Camberwell, has placed the hospital at the disposal of the military authorities for the use of the Fourth London General Hospital corps, reserving the casualty department and at least four wards for the general purposes of the hospital. Charing Cross Hospital will provide over 100 beds for Naval cases.

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