Correspondence.

MRS. HARLEY'S APPEAL TO ACTIVE SERVICE LEAGUERS.

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Dear Leaguers,—Our Active Service League was called into being for the purpose of out-door propaganda for Women's Suffrage, and has already done much effective work since its formation.

At this present international crisis, it has been decided to suspend the political work of the Union and to use our organisations for the help of sufferers from the industrial and economic dislocation caused by the war.

This, then, is the moment for our leaguers to come forward, one and all, and show themselves to be as efficient and zealous in relief work as they were proving themselves in active propaganda. I appeal, therefore, to the already organised groups to rally round their respective Group Leaders, who, in consultation with the Secretary of their Society, will determine the method of working, whether it may be a combined effort, or the drafting of individual leaguers to specialised work.

I appeal also to those members of the N.U. who have not as yet enrolled themselves in the Active Service League to do so now. All time given for the relief of those suffering from the conditions of war, whether combatants or non-combatants, will be counted as fulfilling the pledge which the Active Service Leaguer is called upon to take on enrolment.

I am emphatic on the importance of wearing the Active Service League uniform, for the following reasons:—

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(r) Because it will testify to the fact, that whatever work we may be doing individually, and possibly for the time being co-operating with other bodies, we are working as Suffragists—and under the banner of the N.U.W.S.S.

(2) Because it will prove a constant reminder to ourselves and to others, that though putting aside for a time actual Suffrage work, we are bound by word and deed to testify to our Suffrage principles.

Finally, let us remember our motto—"There is no love without sacrifice"—and let us give freely of ourselves to our distressed fellowcitizens.—Your comrade and League Leader,

Katherine M. Harley.

KATHERINE M. HARLEY.

LONDON SOCIETY'S WORK.

Madam,—There are thousands of women willing and anxious to give their services to the nation, but who do not know how they can best be

of use.

The London Society for Women's Suffrage has suspended its ordinary political work for the time being, and is preparing to use its entire organisation (including over sixty branches in different parts of London) and skilled workers for the immediate requirements of the national crisis. Their object will be to organise these voluntary workers in conjunction with the central authority and societies carrying on relief work.

The urgent need of some such organisation has been widely felt, and it is hoped that it will not only prove of assistance to the individual, but will serve to relieve the pressure caused by inquiries at the offices of those societies, which are already overwhelmed with the practical work they have in hand.

have in hand.

Any woman who applies to the Secretary, at 58, Victoria Street, S.W., will be directed to the work for which she is most suited, and where she can be advised as to some elementary training, should she desire it.

P. STRACHEY.

MRS. KENYON (Lyceum Club) appeals to all Suffragists to work for the relief of distress, and to militants to abandon militancy.

MRS. H. E. Cobb (Wealdstone House) and many other correspondents, write in support of peace.

MISS AVERILL (Hove) suggests that Societies in the National Union should do their work as far as may be "on democratic and advanced lines," and should specially help women and children by (1) opening cooperative stores, (2) making garments to sell at cost price, (3) helping their own members, (4) turning offices into relief centres.

M. D. begs that the National Union will remain neutral on the question of peace or war for this country.

IMPORTANT.

Editor's Note to Correspondents and Secretaries.

It has been decided not to publish reports of work done before the outbreak of the war. Further, in order to save the time of our correspondents, it has been decided that news of relief work shall for the present come through National Union Headquarters. Secretaries are therefore urged to send news as full and interesting as possible to 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, S.W., and selections from this will be published in this

FOREIGNERS IN LONDON.

FOREIGNERS IN LONDON.

There are at present a large number of foreigners of all nationalities who are stranded in London, unable to return to their homes as their boats are not now sailing. The International Woman Suffrage Alliance hope to be able to do something to help these people, and on Wednesday there was a meeting at the offices—7, Adam Street, Adelphi, W.C.—of the representatives of the organisations who are in touch with foreigners.

The International Suffrage Alliance has already had many examples of the difficulties in which these women have been placed. In one morning, among others who have come for assistance, have been a young German girl who came to England a fortnight ago, and has now found that owing to the changed circumstances, it is impossible to obtain employment; an Indian woman who was visiting the country and, expecting to return shortly, had forwarded all her luggage to the Continent, and is left with no means at all; a woman who is in great distress, because the foreign firm in which she worked has closed and there is no prospect of her obtaining new employment, as well as many Americans, who have little money with them and are cut off from their country.

POLITICAL ECONOMY.

"When none were for a Party, But all were for the State."

One does not remember anything in past history like the general attitude of the press and the Government towards the nation at large in this war. There is a great awakening of conscience with regard to non-combatants, and a realisation that they are indispensable; a realisation, too, that in war, as in peace, economic forces are of absolutely prime importance. Whatever the views of the leaders of thought and action may be in time of prosperity, it is remarkable that, in time of international calamity they have all become socialists. The State, indeed, becomes one, as representative of the whole nation. the war be waged against a foreign enemy, for the safety, honour, and welfare of the people, the least that those can do who stay at home is to wage that other war against monopoly, sickness, vice, enforced idleness, and poverty. Even the most war-like know that food and health are the sinews of war. So

we are all economists now—militarists and pacifists alike.

Our Political Economy, the "dismal science," is being turned into National Economics, by no means a dismal thing. The threefold division of the science into production, distribution and exchange is undergoing considerable modifications, and certain truths, hidden by the complexities of our social life,

are now emerging in raised letters for the blind.

The vast, highly specialised and excessively sensitive structure of credit and exchange, upon which modern industry and commerce are based, has made the problem of immediate action a very difficult one for the Government, and we deprecate the highly inflamed appeals which some doubtless well-meaning people are making to ignorant crowds on questions of finance, such as money, indebtedness and so forth. An enlightened criticism, a healthy public opinion on these matters is all to be desired for the checking of grossly selfish manipulations. But it is absolutely impossible for an ordinary popular orator, even if he understood these questions himself, to make them comprehensible to a miscellaneous crowd in time of great political stress and personal suffering.

But there are certain very clear and definite necessities for a nation in time of war, and we propose to publish a number of articles which we hope will be of practical use at this time. It must be remembered that we shall have to learn new virtues to meet the new situation, and the chief new virtue that comfortable people will have to learn is that they must be content to live from hand to mouth. They must not use their position of privilege

If we bear in mind, further, the chief objects to be aimed at in all we undertake, we shall do far more lasting good than if we yield to almsgiving impulses. Our two great objects are (1) to keep the whole people alive, in physical health and strength; (2) to preserve and strengthen the moral of the people.

These two objects are not really separate, of course, but we divide them, placing the one first, because the dreadful thing would be if we were so paralysed by the fear of doing harm, that we suspended help till too late.

We hope to have articles bearing upon the production of the necessaries of life and on their distribution. the best way of procuring the advantageous distribution of necessaries is to secure that as many people as possible shall have the means of buying necessaries, we hope to deal with the pro-curing of paid employment for the people. Lastly, since, at such a time of absolutely unprecedented dislocation, it is impossible that work and wages should be assorted so as to give remunerative employment to all, we hope to publish helpful articles on various ways of organising and administering relief without pauperisation.

As the organised strength of the National Union will be turned into all such activities, we hope to make THE COMMON CAUSE an expression of the activities of the Union as well as of women at large.

WOMEN'S CO-OPERATIVE GUILD.

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The Women's Co-operative Guild is urging that the needs of motherhood require special attention at this time. Whatever general help is
given, maternity introduces additional needs. Provision must be made
not only for those whose families are entirely without employment, but
for the wives of workers on short time. Free medical treatment, and
special forms of nourishment should be at their disposal.

The Guild has asked all its branches to offer their help to the
Municipal Committees, and it desires to urge the great value of appointing representatives of Industrial Women's Organisations on these Committees. Being themselves working women, the members of the Women'
Co-operative Guild, of Women's Trade Unions, of Women's Labour
League, and Railway Women's Guild, have a knowledge of the condition
of those for whom employment and help must be provided.

WIND AND TIDE.

BY E. RENTOUL ESLER.

Author of "The Wardlaws," "The Trackless Way," "The Way they Loved at Grimpat," "A Maid of the Manse," &c.

We greatly regret to be compelled for the present to suspend publication of our serial. We hope to insert later the remainder of the story, with a full synopsis of the preceding chapters.

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The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies being a body which exists solely to obtain the enfranchisement of women, holds no official view upon any other topic. Opinions expressed upon other subjects must regarded as necessarily those of the Union.

Woman, The Adaptable.

THE QUEEN'S APPEAL TO WOMEN.

Buckingham Palace.

A National Fund has been inaugurated by my dear son for the relief of the inevitable distress which must be bravely dealt with in the coming days.

To this end I appeal to the women of our country, who are ever ready to help those in need, to give their services and assist in the local administration of the fund.

The Queen's Appeal appeared in the papers on Friday, August 7th. It will be a source of satisfaction to members of the National Union that, on August 6th, the National Union Execuive had resolved to ask the 501 affiliated Societies of the Union to take precisely the course of action for which the Queen It has ever been part of the spirit of the Union that there was no desire among its members to separate themselves from the body of the people. On the contrary, members of the Union especially claim that women are of the people-for weal or woe, in honour or dishonour, one half of the human family. Therefore, in this national and international calamity, of which no one can see the end, there has been but one impulse-to put our whole organisation to the service of our country.

The resolution taken is that the "ordinary political work will have to be suspended," while the Union offers its organisation or the relief of distress. It is not the least part of our griefs hat, in the welter of war, all the steady striving for social reform and more democratic institutions is swept away as by great sea. But those who are disposed to lament that we can no Suffrage propaganda now are in truth guilty of very shallow thinking; they have not yet truly grasped the spirit of the National Union. True, we cannot hold our ordinary meetngs; true, we cannot hope to raise money for political work, when our suffering fellows have a claim on us for every available penny. Is there no other way of moving our men-people to the due recognition of their women-people

Our world here in Great Britain is alive to the Suffrage movenent. All have heard of it. Some are irritated by it. Many are favourable to it. By all we are and do now, we shall further or retard our enfranchisement. It is our proud belief that the ssons learnt in our Suffrage work, the method, the solidarity, the patience and control, will all contribute to making our parti-cular woman's work more available and more precious than it was before it was disciplined by organisation.

We recall at this time the fatuous assertion of the minority of the Civil Service Commission (so oddly printed in the majority report) that women are inferior to men in "adapt-When one thinks of the ordinary life of the average working woman, when one remembers the variety of work and capacity that is taken as a matter of course in these women, when one thinks how creditably on the whole most women turn their thoughts and habits from those of the self-supporting maiden to those of the wife, the housekeeper (with all her varied arts and crafts), those of the mother first of infants, then of growing boys and girls, then of adults, and lastly those of the mother bereft of children, and very often of her life's mate—when one thinks of the miracles of adaptation which are uncomplainingly performed the common woman in the common home, one knows what n ignorant generalisation this was. But now we are in a situation not common, and women will have further opportunity for showing whether they are adaptable or not.

August 14, 1914.

Every woman in the land will have to housekeep on a greatly educed income. Many women will have no in Women thrown out of paid employment will have to try and find other employment for which perhaps they have had no training Women will have in many cases to do the work which men have left, to go to the war. Women whose husbands have gone must be father and mother in one. Here, indeed, work and to spare, and the sentimentalists who talk of "weeping women," as if to weep were all that women were good for, are an offence to us. If there be tears in our eyes, it would be ecent not to observe them, but to note the work we do in eeping the race while those we love are slaughtering each other The Red Cross nurse does splendid service, and we are proud of er, but we are no less proud of the working housewife who keeps the home together or heroically endures a break-up worse than death; we are proud, too, of the women doctors battling with disease, of the women who will be stemming the flood of nisery in all sorts of local organisations; of our clerks in offices nd our honorary workers who are expending themselves in the ganisation of relief.

We have to recognise that many thousands of women are still untrained. All the more precious are those women who are trained to productive work. We would appeal to all such omen not to rush impulsively into what seems picturesquely eroic, but soberly to put their trained capacities to the highest Not only the paid labour market, but the world of philanpropic endeavour, is crowded at the bottom. Everyone of good vill can be of use. But the real art of making the most of things is for the trained minds to organise and direct the untrained.

SOME USEFUL ADDRESSES.

The NATIONAL UNION OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE SOCIETIES, 14, Great Smith Street, Westminster, London, S.W., and 50, Whiteall, S.W., is registering voluntary workers and sending unemloyed persons to the nearest Labour Bureaux and employment

The London Society for Women's Suffrage, 58, Victoria Street, London, S.W., is also registering workers and giving information.

GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS.

It is officially announced that Cabinet Committees, Public Departments, and other organisations are now dealing with the following matters arising out of the state of war, and that all mmunications on those subjects should be addressed as below

Banking facilities, the moratorium—The Treasury, S.W. Prices of necessaries, maintenance of supplies, production and continuity of employment, prohibition of certain exports oard of Trade, S.W.

Works for prevention of distress and distribution of relief for listress—Local Government Board, London, Edinburgh, or

Use of home-grown supplies of food stuffs-Secretary to the Committee, 12, Great George Street, S.W.

Engagement and distribution of unemployed labor-Board of rade, Labour Exchange Department, Queen Anne's Chambers,

Employment on Fisheries-Board of Agriculture and isheries, S.W.

National war insurance-

(a) Shipping—Board of Trade, S.W.

(b) Cargoes-War Risks Insurance Office, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.

Collection of Prince of Wales's National Relief Fund-3, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.

Offers of assistance from persons, associations, &c.-Board Education, S.W.

Clothing for soldiers, sailors, their families, and persons in stress-Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, St. James's Palace,

Assistance to families of soldiers and sailors-Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, 23, Queen Anne's Gate, S.W.
Ambulance and Hospitals—British Red Cross Society, 9, Victoria Street, S.W.

WOMEN AND THE WAR.

LIVERPOOL.

As a visitor to the city which had once been my home, and where I was first trained for Suffrage work, I was interested to find out, when war had been declared, in what way the women of Liverpool, Suffragists especially, were accepting their responsibilities and burdens in this terrible crisi

On reading a public letter from the Lady Mayoress informing all who wished to help that a Central Bureau would be opened on Friday morning, I accordingly went to see if I could be of any use, and found the Bureau already admirably organised

and full of women eagerly inquiring for work.

The Bureau is a large empty house put at the disposal of the Lady Mayoress by a woman citizen of the town. Each room s numbered as follows :-

No. I.—Office where offers of all kinds are registered.

No. II.—Room devoted to the cutting out of paper patterns. No. III.—To their distribution.

No. IV.—A large room where garments of all kinds are

No. V.—The correspondence room, where voluntary secretaries are duplicating, typing, taking shorthand notes, &c.
No. VI.—The private office for the Lady Mayoress, officers

in charge, and hon, treasurer

VII.—The room where bandages are rolled.

No. VIII.—A large room devoted to the reception and sorting of contributions of all kinds.

Filled with admiration for this excellently planned Bureau, I found on inquiry that the chief officer-in-charge is a firm supporter of the Liverpool Suffrage Society, Dr. Mary Davies. The second officer-in-charge is Miss Jessie Beavan, Hon. Secretary to the West Lancs. Federation, and many supporters of Women's Suffrage are working in the different departments.
With regard to other activities, I was told that Miss Eleanor

Rathbone is one of a Committee of five, appointed by the Lord Mayor, to organise methods of relief; and, in conjunction with officers of the County Territorial Association, is in charge of the relief work among the families of soldiers and sailors. of the local Woman Suffragists seem likely to be absorbed in this work or that of the Lady Mayoress' Bureau.

The Women Citizens' League, a body of nearly one thousand members, is arranging sewing circles and First Aid classes, making the Liverpool Suffrage Office their headquarters.

These activities are partly the result of a letter written by the Liverpool Suffrage Society to the Lord Mayor, offering experienced workers and organisers for the work of distribution relief and investigation work.

The Chairman of the Liverpool branch of the Conservative Women's Franchise Association has offered to hold the classes for First Aid instruction. This is only the beginning. Many other schemes are being evolved in which Suffragists are to take a responsible and active part.

Liverpool women are losing no time in showing themselves worthy of citizenship, whether their claim be recognised or not. A LIVERPOOL VISITOR.

BIRMINGHAM.

The Birmingham Society has offered its services to the Lord Mayor and has circularised its members. Already over 100 are enrolled and classified for various sections of work and are ready to supply workers to the central organisation as they are wanted. So far, only one woman is on the Executive of this organisation. She is Miss Matheson, of the Women's Settlement, with whom our Society is in close touch.

LEEDS.

Yorkshire is very badly hit by the war, so much of its trade being with Germany. Many of the members of our National Jnion Society are suddenly left without money or business, and they have hard work to do what they can for their employees. Mrs. Renton, the N.U. organiser for the West Riding Federation, is doing splendid work in connection with the Town's meeting. Women are pouring in to the Suffrage office to help, and no questions are asked as to whether they are Suffs. or Antisuffs. If they will work they will be organised. The Leeds Society is accepting donations and forwarding them to the Mayor as from the Society. People are coming in who are not members but ask to be allowed to work as Suffragists.

Notes from Headquarters.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies.

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Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the National Union met on the afternoon of August 6th and passed the following resolution:

That the Executive Committee recognises that by the strict terms of the constitution of the N.U., the organisation can only be used for obtaining the parliamentary franchise for women. Further, it recognises that the summoning of a Council meeting to decide upon the action taken by the Union in a crisis would be essential if the circumstances made it

The Executive Committee is convinced, however, that the summoning

(1) Because railway travelling may at any time become difficult.
(2) Because it would not be justifiable to incur the heavy expense

involved.

(3) Because, not only on account of the distress already beginning, but in the interests of the Union itself, it is urgent to take action at once.

The Executive Committee is of opinion that ordinary political work will have to be suspended during the war, and therefore wishes to lay before the Societies a scheme by which the National Union as a Union may make itself of use at this period of national crisis.

The scheme is as follows:-

(1) The National Union, as an organisation, shall make use of its services through the affiliated Societies for the relief of

distress caused by the economic and industrial dislocation.

(2) The Executive Committee resolved to call upon the Societies of the Union to ally themselves with all the agencies for relief and comfort in this international calamity. Societies should at once send a letter to the Lord Mayor or Mayor or Chairman of Council in their area, placing at his disposal the services of the Society, and should ask that a member of the Committee of their Society should be invited to join any Relief or Citizen Committee he may be forming

Where possible, the Secretary of the Society should at once start a register of members and non-members who are willing to help, and classify them according to the different kinds of work they are trained for or can best undertake. It is possible of course, that substitutes may be wanted for the workers of all of course, that substitutes may be wanted for the workers of an sorts who have been called away, and this should be borne in mind in classifying offers of help. Where the organisation of such a register is not possible, the Secretary of the Suffrage Society should simply offer the help of the Society and inform the members of the fact. Members should be asked to wear the Active Service League uniform as far as they possibly can, and, in any case, to wear their National Union badges. It is suggested that, if the Societies think it suitable in their locality, the following forms of help will be greatly needed:-

The care of young women thrown out of work; the care of foreigners left stranded in this country; the offer of houses for use as convalescent homes for men, women, and children, or for shelter if necessary.

It is important that a letter should be sent to the local press, notifying it of the action taken by the N.U.W.S.S.

The N.U. is preparing a pictorial leaflet with a brief account of what the Union is doing, and it will be sent to the Societies as soon as possible.

"The Common Cause."

There is no reason why the circulation of THE COMMON CAUSE should not be as large as, or larger than, it is at present, as it will become a valuable means of recording the activities of women at the present time. Societies are therefore urged not to relax their efforts for pushing the paper.

Work at Headquarters.

It is hoped that part of the offices and staff at Headquarters may be used as a bureau for receiving, classifying, and distributing offers of help. A large number of such offers have already been made spontaneously, either by letter or in person, and a regular system of card indexes has been started. authorities have been approached on this subject, and if they accept help of this kind, the work may assume large proportions

which will occupy the greater part of our premises and staff.

Large Societies with offices and an adequate staff might in a similar way undertake the work of a labour exchange for

voluntary workers. The Executive Committee will be very glad to hear what work is undertaken as an outcome of these suggestions, and feels confident that the Societies will realise the duty that rests upon us, as Suffragists, of taking our full share as citizens in the responsibilities of the nation in this crisis.

It must be understood that the above schemes are not intended to take the place of any work already undertaken by any Society.

National Union Shop.

The National Union of Women's Suffrage Societies has opened a shop at 50, Whitehall, in the hope that it may prove useful for the registering of helpers and for giving information. People are not urged to come to the shop, but if any desire to help in the relief of distress and do not know where to go, every effort will be made to give them information. The National Union hopes to find out what work is needed and to send any trained workers who may apply to the right quarter.

With regard to untrained workers, they are making inquiry

as to what kind of training is to be quickly obtained in such occupations as ordinary nursing and maternity nursing, &c.
The National Union does not intend, however, to make any attempt to do the work done by the Labour Exchanges, and they will therefore direct any unemployed workpeople to the nearest offices under the Board of Trade.

It is difficult at the present moment to see how the work will develop, but doubtless there will be considerable additions to the activities suggested above.

The shop is to be the Headquarters of the Active Service

Treasurer's Notes.

Last week Mrs. Fawcett sent us a message calling on us to join together and do everything in our power to help our country n its time of trouble. This week THE COMMON CAUSE tells us what has been the response to that appeal, what the National Union has planned to do, and is already doing.

Our power to carry out this work well lies in our organisation, and we must therefore do everything we can to preserve that power. At Headquarters we are retaining our full staff. On Monday, from Headquarters, in a few hours Miss Crookenden arranged to have a hundred shirts made for Sir Victor Horsley's Hospital before Saturday, and she was enabled by small gifts of ney to give out some of this work to poor women who are already suffering acutely from the effects of the war on trade.

It is to meet the immediate need for this kind of practical relief work that we now appeal for Funds, certain that as the need is great so our members will give to the full extent of their

The total amount of money received up to date since November 1st, 1913, is £8,073 10s. 1d., and we are suspending publication of the latest list of subscriptions.

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ACTIVE SERVICE LEAGUE.

All members of the National Union engaged in the organised elief of distress are urged, if possible, to wear the Active Service League uniform, which consists of a dark green coat and skirt and a green felt hat with a badge. This uniform can be obtained from the following firms :-

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over 10s.).
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Societies are requested to send direct to these firms, enclosing remittance, as the above prices are strictly cash. Should the orders not exceed specified value, postage must also be

There may be a good many people who do not wish to buy any new clothes at the present moment, but it may be a comparatively easy matter for these to have an old coat and skirt dyed the regulation colours, and anyone desiring to do this can obtain a pattern from the National Union Headquarters. Our work will speak for itself, and the uniform should connect it with the organisation and the cause so dear to us all.

News from the Societies and Federations.

Response of the Societies.

Response of the Societies.
tional Union Executive has received a most; response to its appeal for help in the risis. An enormous number of Societies tten to say that they heartily approve of me, and a remarkable proportion are retting to work.
lowing suggestions have been received: To theme to enable a close connection with all "to be kept up, the "Friends" of Suffrage to have the first claim in case of ead; to form Suffrage Sewing Guilds, in make maternity outfits, children's clothes.

make maternity outfits, children's clothes, is clothing for the men, and to form comto distribute these clothes; to look after s and children of the Reserves, and to give dividual help; and to form ambulance Several Societies suggest that organisations e established to regulate the food supply, any unfair rise in the prices, while a connumber suggest work in connection with Cross movement and the Voluntary Aid and

beed Cross movement and the Voluntary Ald Imment.

Bristol Society, while urging Suffragists to ong the very first to come forward in assisting 9 various schemes of work, writes: "It is a above all others to make the general public stand what Suffragists mean by good citizenand it is perhaps possible that co-operation other organisations might lead to a better standing than independent action." k has already been undertaken by the follow-societies: Liverpool, working through the im of its Women Citizens' Association, is g the services of that organisation at the all of the Mayor, and is forming a Voluntary letachment; this Society is urging its memo abstain from unnecessary luxuries, and also lay in large food stores, or make unnecessary upon the banks. Newcastle-on-Tyne has it the Lord Mayor helpers for visiting, distributof provisions and clothes, and assistance in ling shelter. Torquay will devote itself to the so of soldiers and sallors, and to the sick and led. Launceston Society is starting sewing s, and is willing to fill up the gaps caused inted nurses going to the front, and Dorking y is using its organisation to give "Friends" ntary training in surgical nursing.

London Society.

is about to be started by the authorities; to avoid any rivalry or interference with for women's paid work. It is felt that the dd more scientific the information is at the of the Society, the more effectively these ciples can be observed; and it is therefore the content of the society will supply information and

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