

## Red Cross Christmas Drive.

At the call of the Government a drive is being prepared for renewal of the Red Cross membership and for a still greater enrollment of members than before.

As chairman of the Griggs county chapter, I wish to make an appeal to the public for its hearty co-operation and I have no doubt that the committee in charge of the drive will meet with a generous response. The work of the Red Cross has been so well understood and so willingly supported in our county that I feel that I need only to point out in a few words the necessity of continued support to receive a 100 per cent enrollment in the territory covered by this chapter.

Let us remember that altho the war is over, the work of reconstruction is only beginning. Being relieved of the work on the battlefields, the Red Cross organization now has a chance to do more than before for the relief of the appalling destitution brought about by the four years of the ravages of war. It needs no stretching of the imagination to form a conception of the greatness of the task; in fact, it is beyond anything that we can conceive or imagine.

The want of the very necessities of life, to say nothing of the comforts, the need of food and clothing, the care of the sick, the support of the helpless widows and orphans, and all the innumerable tasks of reconstruction which are necessary in order to put the stricken population in the devastated regions as soon as possible on a footing of self-support, call for the efforts of our utmost endeavor. It is all a work which is in full harmony with the high ideals which we have held aloft

and to which our president has so often given expression, a work which appeals to the humanitarian spirit which has prompted our nation to take a hand in the mighty struggle for the welfare of humanity which has been brought to so successful a close. We entered into the conflict with no purpose of self aggrandizement. We have repeatedly stated that we seek no territory and in no way any temporal gain. We now have an opportunity to prove, both to friend and foe alike, that our statement of purpose has been sincere.

We have an opportunity to prove the humanitarianism and the Christian spirit of our ideals by extending a helping hand also to the population of those nations we have had to fight.

The Red Cross is the agency thru which these purposes are to be accomplished. Its possibilities for doing good carrying on this work of mercy are now greatly extended. Its efforts will reach a greater number by the extension of the sphere of its influence to countries to which access before has been very limited.

The Christmas season is again near at hand, the season which always warms our hearts to acts of charity for the relief of suffering and want. It will not only help others, but it will also heighten the Christmas cheer which we ourselves enjoy, if we can spend this Christmas, every man, woman and child among us, as active participants, through membership in the Red Cross, in this great work of love and mercy. Let us all join.

Yours for a 100 per cent membership in Griggs county.

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