

Other Activities.

While the work of the Executive Committee and its sub-committees has been largely taken up with the provision of emergency beds for the care of seriously wounded soldiers and for civilian air raid victims, appeals for other needs have not been neglected. The most important of these should here be noted.

1. The position in Hanyang where much poverty exists was a particularly bad one and the Committee was glad to be able to make special provision for the needs here through the Irish Catholic Mission from a large gift received from Ireland. The activities of this mission in Hanyang include the establishment of a hospital of 250 beds for wounded soldiers as already noted under the section of this report on hospitals.
2. In the early days of the Committee's work a sudden emergency arose in connection with the unexpected influx of a very large number of wounded soldiers for which the military hospitals were not then prepared. To help tide over this difficulty a sum of \$4600 was granted by the Committee for an immediate supply of bedding. Such an emergency is not likely to arise again and the Committee has been officially informed that the authorities desire now to meet all emergency calls for military hospitals.
3. The Committee is deeply interested in the alleviation of the distress of wounded soldiers travelling by boat and railway for whom assistance in the way of changing dressings is urgently called for. The Committee is assisting such work at Kiukiang and has helped to establish and maintain a dressing station, and rest house for severely wounded at a station outside Wuchang, where wounded are collected for further transport. It desires to extend this work as opportunity offers and in so far as there are reliable bodies organising the work which it might be able to assist.
4. The Committee has donated a sum of \$2000 to refugee work in Hsichang, Honan and a further sum of \$5000 for similar work in Kaifeng and further north. The Committee recognises its inability to handle in any way the refugee problem but the needs of these places were so clamant that it felt constrained to give this limited assistance in the hope that a comprehensive scheme covering governmental and other charities might later be able to deal with this.
5. In addition to the foregoing the Committee has from time to time disbursed small sums to meet limited emergency needs within the limits of its objectives.

Personnel.

The work outlined above has necessitated a considerable office staff, all of which has been provided on a voluntary basis. An excellent office secretary was happily available at the beginning in the person of Miss Gertrude Selzer lent for the work by the American Church Mission. When Miss Selzer had to return to her work in Wusih the Committee were very fortunate in securing in her place Miss Anna Moffet lent for this work by the American Presbyterian Mission. These ladies have been very ably supported by Mrs. Frank Allan and from time to time by other ladies who gave valuable voluntary service.

Mr. C. T. Miao as Chinese Secretary was lent to the office by His Honour Mayor Wu and has given full time and most able service, supported by Chinese assistants. Within the last few weeks the Committee has secured the full time and very able assistance of Mr. E. H. Scott, business manager of the Swatow Hospital, and lent by the English Presbyterian Mission, as its business manager. In charge of the godown Miss A. M. Moncrieff lent by the Y. W. C. A. has given the whole of her afternoons to the very exacting work involved and is assisted there by Mr. H. van Meter. Miss Elise Dexter has been lent by the American Church Mission for co-ordinating the work of the groups engaged in preparing bedding and dressings. Dr. James L. Maxwell, the foreign General Secretary, has been able to give nearly all his time to the work of the Committee thanks to the generous support of the Staff of the Union Hospital who have taken over nearly all his work as Director of the Institute of Hospital Technology.

In publishing this report of nearly three months' work the Committee trusts that this will so commend itself to the public that its generous support will be even further extended. It is impossible here to picture the immense needs of those suffering from the present war conditions or to exaggerate the help still required and for which it still asks assistance.

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Note: Since this report went to press the Committee has received further responses to its appeal and gifts from abroad. These have enabled the Committee to make a considerable addition to the number of hospitals it is supporting.