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## 2,000 HEROES.

We hear so much of the enormous difficulties that our Tommies overcome that we are apt to overlook the trials of those working at home, and who have every right to the glories and sympathies given to our brave men at the front. We refer particularly to the burden which our women folk have shouldered with such patriotism. The International Stores tell us that the women now employed by them has enabled them to release nearly 2,000 men for military service. An experienced grocer would have told you in June, 1914, that a few years must elapse before a youth entering a grocer's shop as apprentice can consider himself qualified to "take charge." Bearing this in mind it is really remarkable that the lady grocers should step in and fill the position vacated by the hero at the front in such a capable manner. Their untiring energy, adaptability, and strong will, whilst working under the most trying conditions, calls for the very heartiest support and consideration from the shopping public.