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Sir, Recruit letters in your paper have shown that the making of sandbags has been carried on vigorously in Crawley, and the work has been commenced so excellently done by Miss Tyler, to whom the bags were sent. We hope soon to have completed 2,000, but our funds are exhausted, and it is evident that if we are to carry on the work as long as the need exists, which will be until the war is over, we must have constant and regular support. We have been making bags at the rate of about 300 per month. Can we keep this up? I believe we can, but it can only be done if free gifts are offered month by month. I suggest that every one who can do so should determine to put aside a regular sum for this purpose in the first week of each month: 6d., 1s., or more, according to their means.

To be merely a supporter is not, of course, to point the way, but not to go in at all without the help of contributors by promising 6d., 1s., or more month by month; if the war lasts that time, say, Mr. A. J., and Mr. B. J. Colleagues, can we promise the same sum? If the promise of Monthly can be obtained more than 500 subscriptions, it will mean that the work can go on steadily and increase, for occasional gifts may be given which will enable us so sometimes to make a larger output in a month. A statement of receipts and expenditure (without names of donors) will be made in your paper in the last week of each month.

The first thing necessary is to know what support we can count upon; I therefore urgently ask those who wish to help our work to send their names, mentioning the amount they can promise to give monthly, to me or to Mrs. Nightingale, Hanfield, or to have this statement in the shop in the Brighton Road, where the notices about sandbags had been posted up for the last fortnight. I will add also that the monthly donation may be left at Mr. Nightingale's shop in the first week of each month or sent post to Mrs. Nightingale or to me.

Perhaps there are some who still wonder whether the work is urgently needed. Miss Tyler, who has received the thanks of the Army through the Headquarter Staff in France, wrote to me that the highest rates of wages have been given. Contributions towards the deficit of £31 12s. 6d. will be gratefully received, and Mrs. Martin, Miss Hallum, Mrs. Nightingale, Crawley, Miss Tyler write an appeal: "Will you please thank not only yourselves, but all your workers, for the magnificent agreements for sandbags for the Front? I believe they went off again yesterday, when we sent off 5,500 (these totals) or a few boxes in Answer to 600 urgent appeals from the firing line; some to France and some to Gallipoli. An officer told me recently: 'I wish that every sandbag means a life.' So it is worth doing. Every soldier saved is a soldier given; and we are told by officers we must have saved thousands of lives."

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SANDBAGS—On December 14th a further agreement of 800 sandbags were sent to Miss Tyler for the soldiers at the Front, making the total £20 sent from Crawley and district. The donations and subscriptions to the fund amounted to £72 1s. 6d., and there is a balance due to the Treasurer of £20 15s. 6d., the expenditure being £73 17s. 6d. of which £20 15s. 6d. will be gratefully received by Mrs. Martin, Miss Tillotson, Mrs. Nightingale, Crawley. Miss Tyler writes an appeal: "Will you please thank not only yourselves, but all your workers, for the magnificent agreement for sandbags for the Front? I believe they went off again yesterday, when we sent off 5,500 (these totals) or a few boxes in Answer to 600 urgent appeals from the firing line; some to France and some to Gallipoli. An officer told me recently: ‘I wish that every sandbag means a life.’ So it is worth doing. Every soldier saved is a soldier given; and we are told by officers we must have saved thousands of lives."

Message after message has been received from officers. After the Loos fighting one wrote: ‘We would have great joy for you to feel;’ another wrote: ‘But for the bags their casualties in men and guns would have been quadrupled!’ Another officer wrote: ‘I calculate every six bags you sell;’ it means a life, and we need them more and more.