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MY NOTE BOOK.

The Emergency Committee for the East Grinstead Petty Sessional Division, formed for the relief of distress consequent on the war, was one of the very first unofficial bodies in the country to commence practical work, and its organisation was brought to a remarkable state of perfection in a very short time. Three weeks ago it began the work which the Prince of Wales' National Fund and the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association is now taking up, and was quite prepared to continue this work, and relieve the two organisations named of all trouble and expense with regard to the whole area contained in the Urban and Rural districts of East Grinstead, which happens to be coterminous with the East Grinstead Petty Sessional Division.

But other procedure has been considered desirable by the majority, and it has practically been decided to leave to the national funds the responsibility of relieving all local distress, giving, however to them, the benefit of the perfected local organisation which has already been so successfully operating. This will necessarily relieve the local fund of a great portion of its contemplated outlay, and the committee desire in return the authority of subscribers to make corresponding grants to the National Fund. The desired permission will no doubt be readily given, but the committee ought to retain in hand a very substantial sum to meet unforeseen emergencies, or the needs of those whose wants may not be recognised by the National Fund or the Soldiers' and Sailors' Association.

The response to the local appeal has so far been magnificent. Asked a fortnight ago what I thought would be raised locally, I said "Two thousand pounds," and I feel pretty confident that my prognostication will be verified. In addition to that subscribed locally, well over £1,000 has been sent from the East Grinstead district direct to the Prince of Wales' Fund, so that our neighbourhood has done remarkably well, and set a fine patriotic example to more populous but less progressive places in the county of Sussex.

In regard to the Prince of Wales' Fund, I venture to follow the example set by the Mayors of several Sussex boroughs, and to appeal to local clergy and others that they now ought *not* to send collections and contributions directly to the Central Fund. It would be well for all local donations to be transmitted through the local committee, so that the support given by East Grinstead and district may be approximately represented by the sum of the East Grinstead Emergency Committee's remittances.

We are asked by the Post Office Authorities to draw our readers' attention to the fact that ordinary telegrams for places abroad, and radiotelegrams, however addressed, can only be accepted at senders' risk, and if written in plain English or French. In the case of telegrams for Switzerland and Turkey, French only is allowed. All telegrams are subject to censorship, and must bear the sender's name at the end of the text, otherwise they are liable to be stopped until the name is notified by paid telegram. Registered abbreviated addresses will not be accepted either as the addresses of telegrams or as the names of senders.

The committee of the Burstow Hunt, after very careful consideration, has decided to arrange for sufficient regular hunting during the coming season to keep the country and the Hunt together, although it will, no doubt, be necessary to curtail expenses considerably, especially as most of the horses of the Hunt and its members have been requisitioned by the Authorities for military purposes. The committee, in taking this course, is acting on the advice given in a circular issued by the Masters of Foxhounds Association, and is influenced by the probability that if hunting in the Burstow country should be abandoned for a season it might be very difficult to revive it, although it has afforded not only recreation, but employment and trade for a large number of persons. Moreover, it should be remembered that without the horses kept for hunting purposes throughout the Kingdom, the supply of horses required for military purposes in such an emergency as the present would be altogether insufficient.

The abnormal demand for flour has had at least one compensating advantage, for correspondingly large quantities of bran have been made. As a consequence horse-keepers and stock-feeders can now obtain immediate deliveries of bran at low prices, even though the cost of oats, barley and other feeding stuffs has very greatly increased.

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CRAWLEY AND HORSHAM HUNT.
NO PROTEST AGAINST HUNTING.

Earnest consideration was given on Saturday, at a general meeting of the Crawley and Horsham Hunt, to the question whether the country should be hunted during the coming season or not. The Chairman (Mr. CALVERT) said many persons had pointed out to him the value of hunting, urging it was one of the principal means of encouraging the right stamp of horses to be bred and also the best training field for young officers. Men coming back from the front for a few days would be greatly pleased to be able to get a day or two's hunting. Major ROBERT MCKENROW and Major LESLIE SMITH strongly favoured hunting being continued. Mr. CHILD said he had not heard a single protest against it, and Colonel S. R. CLARKE said that was his experience. After further expressions of opinion the meeting decided, on the proposition of the Rev. E. D. L. HARVEY, that it was desirable to continue hunting. There did not seem any doubt as to financial support being forthcoming. It was proposed to hunt two days a week. Dick Kingeland will be huntsman and George Dean the whip. The Poultry Fund will go on as usual.