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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE from His Majesty The King is, by direction of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, published for general information:—

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E. B. JARVIS,  
*Deputy to the Governor.*



BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

During the last twelve months I have had constant opportunity for witnessing afresh both at home and in Flanders the great work of mercy carried on by the united efforts of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England. In every theatre of the war regardless of distance, discomfort, or danger the task of alleviating pain and suffering and of ministering to those in need is performed with unparalleled devotion by the men and women who have taken service under the Red Cross.

The prompt and unstinted provision of medical and general stores and comforts is an all-important work and one of the main responsibilities undertaken by the Joint Committee. In hospitals and convalescent homes, hospital trains, motor ambulances and launches our sick and wounded as well as those of our allies are, I know, indeed grateful for the aid and co-operation which the Joint Societies bring to the medical services of the armies; nor have the needs of our prisoners of war been forgotten in the allocation of your funds. I trust, therefore, that there will be no falling off of generous financial support on the part of every one at home and in the Dominions overseas, without which this work cannot be maintained.

During the war I have had great satisfaction in sending to the Joint Committee on 20th October a donation of £5,000. This year for the "Our Day" collection on the 18th October it is a pleasure to me to contribute £10,000 to mark my appreciation of what has been achieved by the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England in the past and my deep sense of the importance of continuing these achievements in the future.

GEORGE R. I.