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For a Personal Inventory.

It is difficult in these days of multitudinous duties of patriotism to decide just which shall receive first attention. The danger is that the individual will so dissipate his endeavor over the whole field that there will be no worth while result. Everyone has certain talent or lack of talent for some particular sort of work. It is this quality which should decide what one undertakes to do, not the relative merit or convenience, or pleasantness, or associations of the various kinds of work.

Many women, for instance, volunteer to sew when they have no ability in the art of the seamstress. Many engage to knit when they are too little skilled to produce an acceptable garment. Some undertake the surgical dressings who are by nature inaccurate, who do not appreciate the need for perfection, cleanliness, and exactness in the work which they volunteer to do.

The fact that the work is volunteer work, that workers are very generally sensitive to criticisms and unaware of their inability to do satisfactory work, makes it incumbent upon those who are in charge to exercise a high order of tact and judgment that there be no offense to the worker nor impairment of the quality of the work turned out from the organization.

In order to lessen the quantity of unsatisfactory work and to increase the effectiveness of the efforts of the women it is needful that all workers take a careful inventory of their powers and offer their services for the work which they can do best.

Why We Fight.

"You are called into this great service of your country not only for the purpose of maintaining the ideals for which America has always stood—democracy and freedom, and to keep the torch of Liberty burning throughout the world—but also for this more immediate object, the protection of our national rights and the democratic institutions handed down to us as the result of the valor and blood of our ancestors. Those are the things for which you fight."

From Secretary McAdoo's Address to Men of the National Army.

War Hospital.

At a children's hospital recently established by the American Red Cross in France, an average of 350 boys and girls are being examined each day. In connection is a dental dispensary located in an old kitchen, with a dental chair improvised from a wine barrel.

WILMETTE MAN RESIGNS FROM EXEMPTION BOARD

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fect of classification in Class V is to grant exemption or discharge from draft. The term "deferred classification" as used in these regulations is equivalent to the term "temporary discharge."

Exemption Not Mandatory.
 Section 4 of the selective service law exempts no person from military service on the ground of dependency. It only authorizes the exclusion or discharge from draft of "those in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their exclusion or discharge advisable." The present scheme is designed, by the creation of several classes arranged in the order of their availability for military service, to defer the induction into the army of registrants upon whom other persons are mainly dependent for support until persons without actual dependents have been called. While an actual dependency must be established before any kind of discharge can be granted, there are certain conditions of dependency which it is advisable to recognize to a fuller extent than others. The present classification is designed to afford the maximum protection to dependent relatives consistent with the military necessity of the nation.

It is to be recognized that war must bring inconvenience and sacrifice to all. No person has a right to refuse to sacrifice luxuries. On the other hand, it is not the intent of the law to deprive the dependents whom the law and regulations are designed to protect of a reasonably adequate support. No definite degree can be given to the meaning of the term "reasonably adequate support" as used in the classification rules and schedule. The adjustment of these relations must be left to local boards who have abundantly shown that they will approach each case with sympathy and common sense and, while defending the interest of the nation from selfish and thoughtless claimants on the one hand, will afford the decent protection here designed for meritorious claimants on the other.

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brought down in the camion. The French government made some new regulations about women driving in the military zone which has kept our machine in Paris. There are some changes being made in there, because the work has grown so. Dr. Sedgwick leaves for America December 1, and Dr. Knox of Baltimore, a friend of the Wm. B. McIlvaine's, is going to have charge of the Meurthe et Moselle district. He came on an inspection tour last week. If numbers are any indication, we are a success.

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"On Sunday, November 17, we had a baptismal service for my two French babies. Mme. D. and I were godmothers. It was an impressive service and both children behaved well. Mine is named Paul Joffre Chantal; the other, Helen Marguerite Levy, for Mme. Delebecque.

"At present we are using the car of the A. F. F. W. and could not possibly do the work without it. We are anxiously looking forward to our own.

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