

ONE MILLION POUNDS.

“THE TIMES” FUND.

This is to-day the great total reached by *The Times* Fund for the Sick and Wounded. A result so remarkable has never before been achieved by newspaper enterprise, and it could not have been made possible in six months' time but for the irresistible appeal behind it which has reached the rich and the poor alike in every corner of the globe in which the British cause is held in esteem and affection.

The attainment of the million pounds total is most gratifying not only to *The Times* but to all who are interested in Red Cross work, and not least to the King and Queen and Queen Alexandra, who hold official positions in Red Cross organization. We have received and have great pleasure in printing below congratulations from Queen Alexandra, the President of the British Red Cross Society, and his Majesty, the Patron of the Society.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,—I have received your telegram of to-day informing me that *The Times* Fund for British Red Cross work has to-day exceeded £1,000,000.

I had already written to Lord Rothschild to congratulate him upon this wonderful result of his appeal, and I offer to *The Times* my most grateful thanks for its kind cooperation and support, by which the British Red Cross Society has so greatly benefited.

I note with much satisfaction that you propose to continue the appeal for the great and noble cause in which I take so deep an interest.

ALEXANDRA

Buckingham Palace, Feb. 19, 1915

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES

Sir,— His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to-day to honour me with the following letter, which I have received permission to make public:-

Buckingham Palace, 19<sup>th</sup> February, 1915.

My dear Lord Rothschild,

As Sovereign Head of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and as Patron of the British Red Cross Society, I wish to express to you, and, through you, to the Joint Committee of the two Societies my satisfaction at learning that the munificent sum of one million pounds has now been raised for the relief of my sick and wounded sailors and soldiers.

The needs which your Committee seek to meet will continue until the Allied Forces have completed their task, and a lasting and honourable peace has been secured.

I hope that the generosity which has provided you with one million pounds will be continued, and that the work which falls to the British Red Cross Society and to the Order of St. John will never be allowed to suffer from lack of financial support.

The Queen and I congratulate you personally on your own share in achieving the great results already obtained, and we wish you all success in the work which still lies before you and those who are associated with you.

Believe me, very sincerely yours,

GEORGE R.I.

I desire, in the first place, to be allowed, on behalf of the Joint Committee of the Order of St. John and of the British Red Cross Society, to say how rightly proud we are that our efforts have thus obtained his Majesty's gracious approbation. To all for whom I speak it will be a great encouragement in the heavy work which still confronts them – a work which, in the words of his Majesty's letter, "will continue until the Allies have completed their task, and a lasting and honourable peace has been secured."

In the next place, I wish to express our profound gratitude to *The Times* for its splendid and persistent advocacy of the cause of the sick and wounded. That our Fund should to-day pass the milestone of a million pounds is due in the main to the help which *The Times* has rendered. Daily, to the English-speaking people of the world, it has kept our claim steadily to the fore, with the result that not merely from Great Britain but from Greater Britain also has the supply of money been regularly received whereby alone we have been enabled to meet the demands made upon us.

To all, rich and poor, at home and abroad, who have responded so willingly and so splendidly to the call, we tender our grateful thanks. They have their reward in the consciousness that each is ministering to the needs of the men who are stricken while fighting for our King and country.

We ask the generous public to continue their help. With the increase in the number of our men in the field, and with the confident hope and expectation of early forward movements, it is certain that the demands which we shall be called upon to meet will be increased also. We seek to be prepared for every eventuality. If the public will give us the money wherewith to pay for the work, we, for our part, will undertake that no emergency shall find us unprepared.

I am yours obediently,

ROTHSCHILD.

83, Pall-mall, S.W., Feb. 19.

The following letter from her Majesty Queen Alexandra has also been address to Lord Rothschild:-

MARLBOROUGH HOUSE,

19<sup>th</sup> February, 1915.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I am greatly pleased to hear that the sum subscribed by the British public to the "British Red Cross Society" has reached £1,000,000 through your appeal to *The Times*, and I congratulate you most heartily upon the wonderful success which has attended your efforts to promote the cause which I have so much at heart.

I feel, moreover, that our thanks are especially due to *The Times* newspaper, through the agency of which this splendid result has been made possible.

ALEXANDRA

#### OTHER CONGRATULATIONS.

In addition to the foregoing the following have been received:-

*From Cardinal Bourne.*

Heartly congratulations on the splendid success which has resulted from the continuous efforts of *The Times*.

*From the Lord Mayor (Sir Charles Johnston),*

I am greatly gratified and interested in knowing that *The Times* British Red Cross Fund has to-day exceed the million, and I offer you my heartiest congratulations on the brilliant success of your appeal.

To have secured this vast sum in so short a time, amid all the divers and diverse efforts for the alleviation of suffering and distress consequent upon the war, is a proof of the influence and prestige of *The Times* in matters of national concern and will be one of the incidents of the war on which the country will look back with the highest satisfaction and gratitude.

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