**Beecroft Red Cross**

**First World War - 28th July 1914 to 11th November 1918**

**Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1930), Sunday 6 September 1914, page 4**

BEECROFT AND DISTRICT.

The branch of the Red Cross Society inaugurated by the women of Beecroft and district (including Thornleigh, Pennant Hills, Carlingford, and Cheltenham) has its headquarters at the Beecroft School of Arts, and has done splendid work. Up to date following articles have been made and sent in: 142 flannel shirts, 109 pairs knitted socks, 45 flannel nightingales, 38 suits pyjamas, 162 cholera belts, 35 handkerchiefs, 19 knitted Balaclavas, 35 bags, 12 hospital shirts, 2 kit bags, mufflers, eye bandages, washers, towels, many rolled and sterilised surgical bandages, with safety pins, and one hot water bag.

The following ladies form the committee: Mrs. Rygate (president), Mrs. Fearnley (treasurer), Mesdames Dobbie and Holcombe (secretaries), Mesdames Holt, Skellett, Chorley, Lindsey, Kenyon, Harper, M. Green, Higgins Vicars, Alcock, Hayward, Caddy, Lyon, Nixon, and Ogilvie, and Mrs. Twine and Misses Friend and Tulloch (Thornleigh).

£100 has been sent to the Red Cross Fund, per Miss Mort, as a first instalment.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 26 September 1914, page 8**

The Ambulance Class. — The members of the St. John Ambulance Class, formed soon after the commencement of hostilities between Great Britain and Germany, are just as enthusiastic as they were at the start. The pictures by Dr. Rygate, of Beecroft, are well attended, and the intelligent interest displayed by the pupils would seem to indicate a high percentage of passes at the close of the series.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 3 October 1914, page 8**

BEECROFT.

Red Cross. — A meeting of the executive of the local St. John Ambulance and Red Cross Society was held on Tuesday; the president (Councillor Schwebel) in the chair. A letter was read from the Minister for Justice, granting permission for the Courthouse to be used for the course of lectures for the St. John Ambulance classes, on payment of 1/6 per week. It was decided to accede to the terms. The men's class will meet on Wednesday night next, and the women's class, on Thursday night. Mrs. Armstrong, of. Burdett-street, is secretary for the women's ambulance class, and the men's class will elect their secretary on Wednesday evening. The Treasurer submitted his balance sheet, which showed there, was a credit balance in hand of £102 15s 11d, and nothing owing.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 9 January 1915, page 8**

BEECROFT.

Bed Cross. — The Beecroft branch of the Red Cross Society intends to renew operations in February. This, branch did excellent work last year.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 20 February 1915, page 8**

BEECROFT.

RED CROSS SOCIETY.

The Beecroft branch of the Red Cross: Association has resumed its operations, and stores of garments ready cut out, and supplies of knitting wool are now ready for distribution. Ladies of the committee are in attendance at the Beecroft School of Arts every Tuesday and Friday afternoon, from 3 till 5 p.m., for the purpose of giving out work.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 8 May 1915, page 8**

BEECROFT.

A GOOD RESULT.

At the inauguration of Miss Scott's dancing class in the Beecroft School of Arts, a subscription of 1/- from each guest resulted in an addition to the Beecroft Red Cross Society's funds of £7 3s. Misses Scott's classes are of a very high standard, and there is a good opening for such with us.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 17 July 1915, page 8**

BEECROFT.

BEDS FOB SOLDIERS.

Through the local Red Cross Society, the ladies of Beecroft have notified the Government that they are prepared to find beds for fifty wounded soldiers. One lady, Mrs. Kenyon, has offered to place her house at the disposal of the authorities, and this would accommodate some [ 30 soldiers. So far,' the ladies have received no reply from the Defence authorities.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 26 August 1916, page 8**

RED CROSS.

The annual meeting of the Beecroft Red Cross was held in the School of Arts on Tuesday. Great interest was taken by the residents, and there were over sixty present. The annual report showed that during the year the society had despatched to the central body 195 pairs pyjamas, 135 pairs socks, 130 mufflers, 201 Balaclava caps, 58 hospital shirts, 98 eye bandages, 83 bags, 50 handkerchiefs, 214 cholera belts, 572 washers, 220 jug covers and 12 mittens.

To the soldiers leaving this district, the society had given 40 pairs socks, 114 Balaclavas and 4 pairs pyjamas. They had also given to the War Chest 81 shirts, 17 mufflers, 286 pairs socks, 24 Balaclavas, 3 pairs mittens, 14 handkerchiefs, 24 washers, 125 kit bags.

Following officers were elected: — President, Mrs. Holcombe; vice-presidents, Mrs. R. Vicars and Mrs. Pines; joint Hon. secretaries, Mrs. Holt and Mrs. Craig; hon. treasurer, Mrs. Stobo; committee: Mesdames Priest, Paton, Forsyth, Nixon, Caddy, Ogilvie, Broderick, Kenyon and Alcock. A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was moved by Mr. Carne and carried. It was stated that the committee of the School of Arts had given the Red Cross the use of the building the whole of Thursday in each work, and the workers interested were invited to assist in the milking of bandages and pads for the wounded. Members of the committee will be in attendance throughout the day to receive contributions of old linen and white rag for the making of pads and bandages, and they would also be glad to receive contributions of produce for the Red Cross Depot.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Wednesday 13 September 1916, page 2**

Beecroft Red Cross- workers meet every Thursday, in the School of Arts. Forty- three workers attended the first working meeting, and the attendance has kept up well since.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 30 September 1916, page 8**

GOOD WORK BY THE LADIES.

The Beecroft Branch of the Red Cross Society commenced the 3rd year of work on August 31. The committee decided to start a branch of the old linen department for the making of pads, swabs and nurses' packs. Every Thursday an average of 50 workers spend the whole day at the local School of Arts, making these articles and many other comforts for the Red Cross. There is ample room in the big hall for more workers, and the committee will be pleased to welcome all who care to come and assist in the good work. All scraps of old linen and cotton materials are asked for, provided they are white and well washed. The membership roll is swelling; 72 names are now enrolled, and many more have promised to join. The following is the list of articles finished during the four weeks: — 18 pairs pyjamas, 21 shirts, 17 pairs socks, 8 handkerchiefs, 580 swabs, 263 pads, 50 splint pads, 70 surgical towels, 7 nurses' packs; 32 parcels containing comforts for soldiers were despatched early in September. Parcels of clothes for the Belgians and Poles have been sent in by members, and these will be sent away at an early date.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 November 1916, page 3**

Cheltenham and Beecroft tennis clubs are holding a tournament on that date in aid of the Red Cross. Games will be played both at Cheltenham and at Beecroft.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 November 1916, page 8**

RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Beecroft is coming to the front as one of the busiest centres of the Red Cross. The membership roll for the year, starting August 31, is now 139. Most of these are active workers and enthusiastic over everything pertaining to Rod Cross. A branch of the old linen depot was established in September and the results have far exceeded the hopes of the committee. Every Thursday is given up to lied Cross work, and the local School of Arts on these days presents a busy scene. An average of 70 members attend and record work is turned out. Over 100 pads are finished in the day and these entail a great deal of work. Swabs, bandages of different design, pyjamas, shirts and other articles keep the ladies busy all day. Amongst the finished articles sent to the Sydney Town Hall basement and Warwick Buildings during the past two months were: — 1010 pads, 2420 swabs, 67 splint pads, 86 many-tailed bandages, 20 head bandages, 121 abdominal swabs, besides numerous pyjamas, socks, pillowslips, washers, shirts, etc.

Mrs. K. Holt and Mrs. Craig are the joint Hon, secretaries.

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BEECROFT.

RED CROSS TENNIS.

About 60 couples took part in the Red Cross tennis tournament last Saturday. Games were played on the Cheltenham and Beecroft courts, and Mrs. Birkenhead also kindly placed her court at the disposal of the Committee. Owing to the rain the tournament was not finished, but the Red Cross benefited to the extent at about £25 or £26. Prizes were generously donated by Messrs. Ball, Carter, Layton, Vicars and others.

**Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1930), Sunday 10 December 1916, page 30**

The funds of the Beecroft Red Cross branch have been augmented by £25/6/6, the result of a successful tennis tournament, held on November 18, on both Beecroft and Cheltenham courts. Trophies were donated by Messrs. R. Vicars, B. J. Ball, L. Carter, F. D. Layton, and McMillan and Deery. Owing to the efforts of the Red Cross workers an excellent lunch and afternoon tea were provided at both clubs, at a small cost, which added considerably to the takings.

**Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1930), Sunday 29 July 1917, page 16**

The fete for France's Day, organised by the Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross branch, realised £154. This, with the juvenile fancy dress dance, previously held, and the collections on July 13 makes a total of £207 from Beecroft-Cheltenham.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 August 1917, page 8**

Beecroft.

RED CROSS ANNUAL MEETING.

The flourishing condition of the affairs of the Beecroft-Cheltenham branch of the Red Cross Society was demonstrated at the annual meeting in the School of Arts on Wednesday, when Mr. Robert Vicars presided over an attendance of 70.

Mr. Sheddan Adam, who is engaged in useful work at the Randwick Military Hospital, gave an interesting address on the working. of that institution, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. The annual report, presented by Mrs. K. Holt and Mrs. M. Craig, hon. secs., detailed a lot of valuable work. The work for the Red Cross depot had been very constant all the year. Altogether about 900 finished articles have been sent. These consisted of 60

shirts, 65 pyjamas, 84 pairs socks, 78 pairs bed socks, 158 hospital bags, 76 pillowslips, 42 towels, 112 fly veils, and 225 other articles. Old linen was sent in very freely and much of this was clipped up at home by the workers. Mrs. Forsyth took charge of the pad-making and under her supervision splendid work was turned out.

The total amount of work sent to the depot consisted of: 3200 pads, 10,898 swabs, 425 abdominal swabs, 450 splints, 192 towels, 550 many-tailed bandages, 148 head bandages, 219 sling bandages, 34 nurses' packs, 100 washers.

The balance sheet, covering the period from August 31, 1916, to June 30, 1917, showed: — Balance, £62/19/4, donations £8/10/-, subscriptions £20/17/6, entertainments £58/6/1, sales £65/2/7 ½, total £215/15/6 ½. Disbursements - Purchase of material, £149/11/9 ½, donation to Edith Cavell fund £10/10/-, sundry expenses £4/6/1.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: — President, Mrs. Robert Vicars; vice-presidents, Mrs. Holcombe, Mrs. Trigg, Mrs. Kneeshaw and Mrs. Priest; Hon. secretary, Mrs. E. Holt (re-elected); assistant-secretary, Mrs. O. Seale; Hon, treasurer, Mrs. Stobo (re-elected); committee, Mesdames Alcock, Craig, Caddy, Forsyth, Giles, Neale, Paton and Quodling and Miss Harris.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 6 October 1917, page 8**

WAR CHEST.

The ladies of the Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross branch put much vigour and energy into several functions, organised locally for the benefit of the War Chest Fund. First of all, they collected £50 in the district, and this sum was cabled to the War Chest headquarters in London to be expended on Xmas gifts for the men in the trenches. As previously reported, the juvenile dance held on Saturday afternoon week realised £26. On Friday (War Chest Day) the branch collected £53. In addition, the members of the Beecroft Croquet Club held a croquet tournament for the same fund, whereby the sum of £11/5/- was raised. Beecroft-Cheltenham's contribution to the War Chest Fund is therefore really £120/5/-, truly a splendid result. Mrs. B. Vicars is the president, Mrs. Stobo the hon. treasurer, and Mrs. Holt and Mrs. O. Seale the joint hon. secretaries.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 13 October 1917, page 8**

RED CROSS.

The ladies of the Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross branch continue to work industriously for the War Chest, and, in addition, they make quite an abundance of comforts for Randwick Hospital, the parcels being taken in on the first Friday in each month.

**Sydney Morning Herald (NSW: 1842 - 1954), Wednesday 21 November 1917, page 10**

MEETING AT BEECROFT.

A collection on behalf of the "Our Day" Fund, which was taken up at a meeting held at the Beecroft School or Arts last night, realised £207, and it was decided to make a systematic canvass of the Beecroft-Cheltenham district, by which means it is hoped to considerably augment this amount. The meeting was held under the joint auspices of the local branch of the Red Cross Society and the Progress Association, and was presided over by Mr Baker, president of the Progress Association. Addresses were given by Mrs. Hanbury Davies and Major Kneeshaw, a returned soldier. It was announced that the Beecroft Cheltenham branch of the Red Cross Society had decided to contribute £20 to the "Our Day" Fund, whilst an entertainment entitled "The Bubble," which was held on Saturday last, resulted in £27 being raised.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 24 November 1917, page 8**

A FINE RESPONSE.

Mr. Hanbury Davies, of the British Red Cross, addressed a representative gathering of residents in the Beecroft School of Arts on Tuesday, Mr. F. Baker (president of the Progress Association) presiding. Mr. Davies gave a fairly comprehensive sketch of the operations of the British Red Cross, of which the Australian society is a branch. He said that 92 per cent. of the casualties at the various fronts were dealt with by the British Society, leaving only 8 per cent. to be dealt with by the Australian, Canadian, New Zealand and Indian branches. Major Kneeshaw spoke feelingly of the fine work done by the British Red Cross. Referring to the war, he said that there was nothing to prevent the Allies winning unless their people became war-weary. The soldiers were prepared and able to carry on, and they had obtained the definite mastery of the German forces over the Western front. A subscription list was opened, Mr. R. Vicars leading off with £50. Five, three, two, and one-pound subscriptions flowed in, and before the list closed £212 was raised. It was stated that the Beecroft-Cheltenham branch of the Red Cross would contribute £20, and that the 'Bubble' entertainment of the previous Saturday resulted in- £27 being raised.

The musical revue, “Another Bubble,” was well attended. - The performance was in aid of the British Red Cross, the proceeds (about £25) being earmarked for “Our Day.”

The meeting of the Beecroft Progress Association on Tuesday was adjourned for a week in order that the members might join with the Red Cross workers in making the public meeting in aid of the British Red Cross Day a success.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 27 April 1918, page 8**

RED CROSS EFFORTS.

Last Saturday the Cheltenham and Beecroft bowlers hold a special function on the Beecroft Clubs grounds to raise funds for Red Cross Day. Unfortunately, the weather prevented play on the green, but by means of indoor games and raffles the sum of £17 was raised, and direct contributions were made to the total of £69.

On Tuesday the Beecroft and Cheltenham ladies held a croquet afternoon on the Beecroft Club's lawn, and this realised £18 by means of raffles.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 11 May 1918, page 3**

TENNIS.

RED CROSS TOURNAMENT.

The combined Beecroft and Cheltenham Clubs brought their mixed doubles tournament to a most successful conclusion on Saturday, the winning pair being J. J. Farrell and Miss K. Stettler (receive 4). E. A. Sibley and Miss N. B. Garland (receive 10) were second. Some 60 pairs competed. The Ashfield Pipers and the Hornsby and Kuring-gai Bands added greatly to the general success. Raffles and auction sales were a feature. The ladies looking after the refreshments deserve the highest praise for the manner in which they worked and catered for everyone. About £145 will be handed to the Red Cross as a result of the tournament. The first prize (two tennis racquets, value 50s each) was donated by Mr. W. H. Harris, and the second prize (two open orders, value 10s each) by Mr. C. R. Swan.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 18 May 1918, page 8**

BED OBOSS.

Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross Society are to hold a jumble sale in the Sydney City Mission Hall on June 1, and announce that they would be glad of donations of any old clothing, hats, etc., which may be sent to the Beecroft school of arts any Thursday before the date of the sale. Beecroft Croquet Club intends holding a “Sock Afternoon,” in response to the War Chest appeal, on June 25, and prizes will be given for the best pair made of thick and thin wool respectively. A condition of entry is that all socks shall be sent to Mrs. Holcombe, “Highwick,” Copeland-road, on or before June 22. The total result of the Beecroft Bed Cross efforts amounted to £680, which sum has been remitted in full, there having been no expense.

The following are the particulars: — The president's list of subscribers (10/- to £10), including donations, £73/8/-; B. J. Ball, Ltd., £50; Beecroft-Cheltenham bowlers, £152/1/-; Snowball teas, £65/15/8; 'bring-and-buy' afternoon, £27/1/7; buttons, £70/ 9/6; house badges, £61/10/-; Beecroft-Cheltenham tennis, £156/10/9; Beecroft-Cheltenham croquet, £23/3/6; total, £680.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 25 May 1918, page 8**

A LADY'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross sustained a severe loss on the 18th inst. in the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Kneeshaw, widow of the Iate Mr. Thomas Kneeshaw, of New Zealand. The old lady was 82 years of age, but, despite her advanced years, she was one of the most active workers in the Red Cross branch. Her death was very sudden and quite unexpected. She had made all arrangements for returning to New Zealand, and had been in Sydney making some purchases last Friday. On her return to Beecroft, she was entertained by the Red Cross workers, who presented her with a shawl. She retired to bed in her usual health, but next morning (18th May) she was discovered dead in bed with a smile on her face, having evidently passed away peacefully in her sleep. She was living with her grand-daughter, Mrs. Neale, and her grandson, Major Kneeshaw, who recently returned from the war.

**Sunday Times (Sydney, NSW: 1895 - 1930), Sunday 26 May 1918, page 18**

The Beecroft-Cheltenham, Red. Cross Branch will hold a jumble sale in the City Mission Hall, Elizabeth-street, on Saturday at 2 p.m.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Saturday 22 June 1918, page 8**

SOLDIERS ENTERTAINED.

The War Babies from Parramatta Park visited Beecroft on Friday at the end of their route march through the Hills district. They were entertained at tea by Mrs. Vicars and the ladies associated with her in the. Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross branch, and a public meeting was afterwards held in the School of Arts, presided over by Mr. Hartwell. Stirring recruiting speeches were delivered by the chairman, Lieutenant Burns, Corporal McNamara, Major Wynne and Warrant-officer Hughes. The Dinkum Girls, under Sergeant-major Anderson, and the Waverley Boy Scouts' band took part in the proceedings. Messrs. G. Yates and K. Biden enlisted in response to the appeal for recruits. Afterwards a dance was hold to enable the soldiers to pass the time pleasantly till the arrival of the train.

**Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate (Parramatta, NSW: 1888 - 1950), Wednesday 31 July 1918, page 3**

Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross Branch.

Fourth Annual Report.

The following report was adopted at a largely attended meeting held in the Beecroft school of arts on Wednesday: —

“The work accomplished by this branch of the Red Cross Society during the past year constitutes a record of which every member may be justly proud. The regular weekly sewing meetings have gone steadily on, the results of which, shown further on, speak for themselves.

At the first committee meeting held in the year it was decided, to hold a monthly gift day for Randwick Hospital. This was so warmly supported by the members that on the occasion of each visit it was found difficult to pack everything into the motor, which was kindly lent by our president. During the months that these visits were made the following were despatched: — 80 dozen fresh eggs, 50lb. jam, many sacks of fruit and vegetables, cakes, tobacco, cushions, vases, pot plants, and quantities of flowers, sweets, tea, and 4 doz. razors, which are always needed. At the same meeting it was proposed that a collection be made in order to send Christmas presents to the soldiers in the trenches, the money to be expended at the other side through the War Chest organisation. The sum of £55 was raised and was subsequently expended upon Christmas plum puddings for the boys, The next event prepared for was War Chest Day, and at the juvenile matinee dance, held on September 22nd, £26 3s was raised. The War Chest, croquet tournament, held at the Beecroft Croquet Club, brought in £11 3s, and the sum of £53 6s was collected for badges, etc. In October it was decided to obtain samples of Red Cross toys and basket-ware from the central depot. This being done, the orders resulting were most satisfactory, £25 being sent in as the result of the sales. The next effort was for British Red Cross Day, in November, and at the public meeting convened for that occasion by our branch, in conjunction, with the progress association, Mr. Hanbury Davis gave a very interesting, address. This was succeeded by an appeal for voluntary subscriptions, which was so successful that the handsome sum of £319 18s 6d was subscribed by the residents of Beecroft and Cheltenham, the list being headed by Mr. Robert Vicars with £50, The performance of 'Another/ Bubble,' kindly arranged and managed by Miss Kenyon, brought in a further sum of £25 7s 9d, and the sale of badges, etc., totalled £30 17s 2d, £20 being donated from the funds of the branch brought the grand total to £396 3s 5d. After a recess of six weeks at Christmas, the society’s activities were resumed on February 7th. The first appeal of the year 1918 was for the Lord Mayor's Patriotic Fund To meet this call, a concert by the Ad Cree Company was arranged for, and was well attended, bringing in £20. The month of April was devoted to endeavours for Australian Red Cross Day, and a phenomenal result was achieved for this most popular day. The grand total was £680, raised as follows: — President's 10s to £10; appeal, including B. J. Ball, Ltd., £50, and the Beecroft and Cheltenham bowlers, £275 9s; tennis tournament, Beecroft and Cheltenham, £156 10s 9d; snowball teas, £65 15s 8d; bring and buy afternoon, £27 ls 7d; sale of buttons, £70 9s 6d; sale of house badges, £61 10s; croquet tournament, £23 3s 6d. The funds of the branch being by this time in need of replenishing, it was decided to hold a jumble' sale in the city. Notice being given to this effect, large collections of second-hand clothing; boots, hats, crockery', etc., was soon forthcoming, and the sale, which took place on June 2nd at the City Mission Hall, was an unqualified success, £62 being the result of the afternoon's sales. The year's activities closed with the collection for Italy Day, the sale of buttons totalling £34 18s 6d.

Work completed during the year: — For War wick Buildings: 50 pairs bed socks, 168 cholera belts, 181 blanket mufflers, 50 pair's socks, 330 housewives, 75 pairs underpants, 78 knitted balaclavas, 18 cotton shirts, 18 suits pyjamas; 1196 bags. For Old Linen Depot: 99 triangle bandages, 188 abdominal sponges, 135 many-tailed bandages, 42 head bandages, 189 packets of swabs, 16 nurses' packs, 28 towels. For War Chest: 143 cap mufflers, 20 pairs underpants, 58 flannel shirts, 34 skull caps, 382 pairs socks.

The committee desires to thank the following: — The school of arts committee for use of hall; Mr. Robert Vicars for several rolls flannel, numbers of blankets for mufflers, and large quantity of knitting wool; Mrs. Robert Vicars for continuous use of motor car; Mrs. John Seale for supply of tea for the year, also for flannelette and print; Mr. Dircks for photographs; Mr. Priest for auditing the accounts; Mr. W. Taylor for signs and notices; Mr. Clarke for use of motor car; Mr. Forsyth and the school-boys for their valuable help In the hall; the girls who made and dispensed the afternoon tea on Thursdays; the Singer Sewing Machine Co. and David Jones Ltd for use of machines, and all members who have lent machines; Mr. Benjamin for supply of biscuits; Mr. Higgins for butter; Mr. Shields and Mr. Byrnes for milk; Mr. Buttsworth and Mr. Jennings for bread. he thanks of the committee are also tendered to all those members who have generously and continuously given in many ways for the benefit of the funds of the branch. This support throughout the year has made it unnecessary to resort to other means of raising money for our own branch, till quite recently when our jumble sale took place. Much regret was felt at the death of one of our vice-presidents, Mrs; Kneeshaw, which occurred recently; Mrs. Kneeshaw was a most enthusiastic and valuable member of our branch, and her loss is keenly felt.

E. M. HOLT, Hon Sec.

The financial statement was as follows: Receipts: Balance from previous year, £50 17s 8d; donations, £19 8s; membership subscriptions, £20 7s 6d; proceeds raffles, etc., £69 3s 6d; sundry sales, etc., £57 12s 10d; total, £217 9s 6d. Disbursements: Purchase material; £108 14s 10d; donation, British Red Cross, £20; donation, Scottish Women's Hospital £5; sundry expenses, £9 8s 8d; balance showing excess receipts over expenditure, £74 6s; total, £217 9s 6d. Examined and found correct, W. PRIEST, A.I.A.A.

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About £40 was realised as the result of a “give and buy evening” held in the Beecroft School of Arts under the auspices of the Red Cross on Friday in aid of the War Chest.

**The Cumberland Argus and Fruitgrowers Advocate, Sat 11 Oct 1919**

A PROUD RECORD.

At the fifth annual meeting of the Beecroft-Cheltenham Red Cross it was decided that the weekly sewing meetings would be discontinued, but the executive will remain in existence. During its existence the branch has raised £4038 and has forwarded 20,618 articles of clothing to headquarters.

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