

Report to the contributors to the American Authors Fund. [1914-1918]

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REPORT TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE AMERICAN AUTHORS FUND

About a year ago, the following persons,—

Alice Brown, Winston Churchill, Margaret Deland, Hamlin Garland, Katharine F. Gerould, Robert Grant, Arthur Sherburne Hardy, William D. Howells, Basil King, A. Lawrence Lowell, Arthur Stanwood Pier, Agnes Repplier, T. Russell Sullivan, Booth Tarkington, Mrs. Terhune (Marion Harland), Kate Douglas Wiggin,

sent an appeal to American writers, suggesting that we should each contribute one dollar — (or more!) — for the Relief of Wounded Soldiers of the Allied Nations.

The response was very generous; \$6,000 has been received, of which, after deducting the costs of printing, postage, cataloguing, etc., about \$5,000 has been distributed among the military hospitals of France, England, Serbia and Italy. Through Mrs. Dorothy Canfield Fisher, \$200 has been devoted to the work of teaching blind soldiers how to support themselves; Mrs. Edith Wharton has arranged that a bed in the hospital for Les Tuberculeux de la Guerre should be endowed, and called "The Gift of American Authors;" and a contribution has gone to our ambulance service in Russia.

It is now proposed that we all give another dollar, so that our work can continue. 3,700 of us have raised \$6,000. Can we not roll up at least \$3,000 more for the men who are giving their lives for the things for which our Art stands: — Civilization and Humanity?

Contributions may be sent to The State Street Trust Co., 33 State Street, Boston.

MARGARET DELAND, Treas.

TO AMERICAN AUTHORS

Realizing the debt of American letters to the Literatures of the Allied Nations, and holding at this time in especially warm remembrance the solace and guidance derived from those rich sources, we, the undersigned, feel that it would be a significant and friendly act if American writers, as a body, expressed in some practical way, their sympathy and admiration for the Soldiers of Liberty now lying wounded in France. To this end, we ask writers of the United States to contribute One Dollar each to

THE AMERICAN AUTHORS FUND

FOR THE RELIEF OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS OF THE ALLIED NATIONS.

Contributions may be addressed to the Authors Fund, care of the State Street Trust Company, 33 State St., Boston, Mass., and will be gratefully acknowledged.

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This is an effort to mobilize American Authors; to get all the people who write—no matter what they write about!—to join together in expressing human sympathy. There are very many of us in the United States; thousands and thousands of us! We write history, novels, plays; we write scientific books and technical books; we write essays and poetry and propaganda, and if every one of us will give his or her dollar (more, if we want to, of course!) our craft will be doing its part to lessen the pain of the world. The enclosed circular suggests that we shall get together—we people who endeavor to express thought,—and express the Master thought of Life—Brotherhood.

MARGARET DELAND.