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Nevin

Letter from Mrs. Lathrop (continued)

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but they must now come with a driver who is willing to do this hard work. The cars must also be maintained which costs 125 dollars per month, so this may frighten away prospective buyers."

"10 rue des Pyramides now looks like a real War Organization with the bales on the pavement and the motors lined up, some taking things away, other covered with dust and mud just in from a trip."

"You may all feel very proud of the work you are doing; work that is really reaching the men, and in every way we assure them who their real benefactors are: - not we, who have the joy of unpacking the beautiful things and the excitement of seeing them off, but you, who, thousands of miles away from the vital centre, go steadily on, day after day, making the real sacrifice without the glory."

"Nothing the Paris Depot can do will be too much to show you its gratitude in building up an organization that is now being talked about far and wide and commented upon because of its personal way of doing its work, and the beautiful spirit that pervades the place."

"With many sincere thanks for your co-operation,

"Sincerely yours,

(signed) ISABEL STEVENS LATHROP

We hope that the above letter from our Paris chairman will encourage and inspire our branch committees and other friends to continue the work they have so successfully carried on so that we may do even more than ever to aid the brave French wounded and that all the little emergency hospitals may receive increasing and constant evidence of our love and gratitude to France.

Anna Paul Nevin

Chairman

French Wounded Emergency Fund

AMERICAN BRANCH

MRS. ETHELBERT NEVIN, Chairman

Under the auspices of

THE VACATION WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

38 WEST 39th ST., NEW YORK CITY

To the Chairman and Secretary
of the *St. Paul Branch F.W.E.F.*
of the French Wounded Emergency Fund.

Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin, Chairman of American Branch of the French Wounded Emergency Fund sends cordial greeting and wishes to remind you of the necessity of keeping at Headquarters full records of all shipments, and therefore requests you to facilitate her work by forwarding all lists promptly that they may be kept on file.

The English Committee has suggested to the American Branch that with each shipment a card, a small American flag, or similar token, should be enclosed, since such souvenirs are much appreciated in the small outlying hospitals. Such trifles would bring each committee into closer touch with the wounded soldiers.

Before sailing for Europe Mr. Harold E. Goad wishes to express his gratitude for the help and kindness that he has received from you and his

hope that with your assistance the good work will continue and spread throughout the country

Alfred Paul Nevin.

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In the course of a few days you will receive some copies of the new F.W.E.F. leaflet.

Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin would be glad if you will kindly look through the list of names printed on the back, and inform her of any names to be added or of any corrections to be made.

New editions of the leaflet will be brought out frequently, and it is desired to make such details as complete as possible.

Will you also let Mrs. Nevin know how many copies of this leaflet you desire for distribution?

Enclosed you will also find a specimen of a label of which any number will be forward to you on application.

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38 WEST 39th ST., NEW YORK CITY

June 11, 1915.

Mrs. Charles P. Noyes,

#89 Virginia Ave.,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Noyes:

Thank you so very much for your generous check, which I assure you is most welcome, particularly just at this time for I have had a cable from the London Committee telling me that sterilizers are desperately needed. They are most expensive over there and almost impossible to get. This week I sent two and hope soon to send two more.

The bandages and samples of hospital garments I think have been sent to you, and I shall be so interested in your St. Paul Committee, and also in the sub-committees that I understand are being formed in the

*Wrote
June 17 1915
m. l. d.*

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outskirts of the city.

I have just ordered some new leaflets, and am so sincerely sorry that I have not the names of the St. Paul Committee. Won't you have them sent to me at once so that I can have them placed on the next batch of leaflets I have printed? In the meantime, if you wish, let me know and I will send you circulars or anything else you desire.

With greetings and thanks, and wishing the St. Paul Committee the greatest success, I am,

Yours very truly,

Mrs. Paul Nevin

Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin, Chairman.

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34 LOWNDES SQUARE, S.W.
LONDON

President
THE MARCHIONESS OF LINLITHGOW.

Vice-Presidents:
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MISS RUTH SHAW-KENNEDY

July 8th 1915
Wrote long letter
about other work
in L. of
sent lists of contents of
boxes -

June 29th 1915.

Dear Mrs. Nevin:

I was so glad to receive a
list of the names of your
Committee in St. Paul, and
this morning I sent the list
to New York and ordered
another batch of leaflets
printed including the St.
Paul Committee. I am
sending you some old
ones when the new ones
are ready, will send as many
as you want out to you.
Very truly yours M. Nevin

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38 WEST 39th ST., NEW YORK CITY

July 7, 1915.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,
#501 Grand Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I received your very kind letter of June 17th some days ago, and I am very glad indeed to hear that the St. Paul Branch of the F.W.E.F. has been started. I am also delighted that the work is already under way, and of course hospital garments and bandages or surgical dressings are greatly needed. I shall be interested when your first shipment comes to New York, and you will know that it will be sent over at once.

I will send you a number of the leaflets with this letter because I think they go far toward advertising our work.

Yes, indeed, we received the splendid lot of pajamas which Mr. William Deane sent me, and in fact, they must already be on the poor wound-

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ed French soldiers in the hospitals in France. Instruments are most welcome, and while I have sent over a lot, I am constantly receiving a call for more.

With greetings and wishing you all success with the St. Paul Committee of the F.W.E.F., I am,

Very truly yours,

St. Paul Mercier

*When the leaflets (news) come
into St Paul's' Committee
address.*

A. P. G.

*Rec'd
July 23 115
H.L.O.*

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July 14, 1915.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,
#501 Grand Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I want to thank you for your letter of July 9th and for the suggestions you have made in regard to communicating with Mrs. George Vincent of Minneapolis, Minn. Even though she is away my letter will surely be forwarded to her. I have been greatly disappointed that a committee has not been formed in Minneapolis. Mr. Goad had really depended greatly on just such a committee, and I wrote out to Minneapolis two or three times to addresses he had given me but I cannot now recall any response.

I am so delighted to hear of the two cases of surgical dressings which you have sent to Mrs. Mary Hatch Willard of the Surgical Dressings Committee, and she will hand them over to the F.W.E.F. or else give us the equivalent in other dressings.

I am sorry I have not as yet received my new batch of leaflets, but when I do, I will send you some more. I also hope very much that you, as well as all chairmen of the different committees, will keep in close touch with me. We must all work together for this great cause, and I certainly am proud of the committees which have been formed throughout the country (this is owing to Mr. Goad) and of the

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great work that they are doing. I sincerely trust you will have funds enough to keep the women employed in making shirts, pajamas, and bed linen, all of which is so terribly needed in the poor little hospitals in France.

With greetings and thanking you for suggesting Minneapolis and that a committee should be formed there, I am,

Very truly yours,

Grace Pauline Nevin

Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin

The new leaflets (some of them) came today.

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Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,
501 Grand Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I was very glad indeed to receive your letter of July 23d, also the splendid list of the shipments you have sent. I am not at all discouraged about not having as yet received any word from Minneapolis, and can quite understand how people are scattered at this time of the year, and particularly in the month of August, but I am quite sure when the early autumn comes, that the work will take on new life, and in any case, what you have already done and are doing, is perfectly wonderful.

In looking over the list I ~~am~~ delighted to find that there are pillow cases, towels, sheets, shirts, pajamas and bed socks, while the surgical dressings of course are very useful. They have had many thousands of surgical dressings sent over, and my last letters from the London Committee tell me that all these other things are greatly needed, and as the ships now only take over five or six cases where they used to take from twenty to twenty-five, I think hospital garments should be made as much as possible.

With greetings and hoping to hear from you any time you have anything to write me, of your Committee or the work (for I am deeply interested), I am,

Very truly yours,

Anne Lane Nevill

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MRS L AMES

501 GRAND AVE ST PAUL MINN

PLEASE SHIP ALL BOXES TO ONE HUNDRED FIVE WEST FORTIETH STREET

ANNE P NEVIN.

TELEPHONE NO. 22049
TELEPHONED TO H. A.
TIME 1041 A.
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Oct. 2nd 1915.
French Wounded Emergency Fund

AMERICAN BRANCH

MRS. ETHELBERT NEVIN, Chairman

Under the auspices of

Blue Hill Falls, Maine.
THE VACATION WAR RELIEF COMMITTEE

38 WEST 39th ST., NEW YORK CITY

Dear Mrs. Alms:

Was so glad to receive
your letter of Sept.
21st. Which was forward-
ed to me from Head-
quarters. Want to thank
you too for the spec-
ial shipment, I as-
sure ^{you} every thing will
be most welcome, par-
ticularly the pajamas
the shirts and flannel

little Sheets: I think
the Sheets are Excellent
idea and I shall ask
the different Committees
to make them. Think
how much more com-
fortable they will be
for the poor Wounded
Soldiers, these Muslim
ones. The cold over there
is so intense. Indeed
the whole shipment
Dear Mrs. Ames, is
Wonderful. I go down
to Boston Monday to
see the Committee
there, then on to N. Y.

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Where there is to be a
very important meet-
ing of the Vac. War
Relief Committee. I
shall reorganize the
N. Y. Committee of
the F. W. E. F. We have
grown so large and
so important (with
our splendid com-
mittees throughout the
country) that we can-
not be "under the aus-

pices," of an other
organization, but in
cooperation with sev-
eral: I shall write
you full particulars
when everything is ar-
ranged. Also I have had
a long cable from Lon-
don saying that "owing
to great differences of
opinion a number of
members of the Com-
mittee (including Mr.
Goad, & Mrs. Lathrop)
had resigned, that the
Headquarters would now
be in France". The cable

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also said "they were
giving full particu-
lars." So I shall do
nothing until the letter
comes, then I shall
notify each Commit-
tee. As a matter of
fact & I am sure
you will agree with
me, I am glad the head-
quarters are now in
France. It will do a
great deal with the constant ex-
planation, why things

intruded for the French
wounded Emergency
should be sent via
London. I am most
anxious that Mr. Goad
should come over again
and perhaps travel as
far as the Coast. He
had had splendid suc-
cess last Spring, every
where he went & spoke,
and I feel sure he will
now meet with even great-
er success, for he has
visited many more of
the little out of the way
hospitals and has studied
the conditions more thoroughly
than he could

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over last February
he did so with his
own income, but he
can't do that again.
I am wondering whether
you would bring the
matter up before your
Committee to see if
they think they could
give anything toward
his travelling expenses,
say ten or 15 dols. a
month? I am appeal-
ing to the Chairman of

Each Committee &
hope by the end of
October to have enough
(I think \$200 a month ^{sufficient} ~~or enough~~) that I can
cable him that amount
of money is assured. I
do hope you will write
me often, and I want
to be once more in touch
with all the Committees.
When I go to New York
I shall find out about
the splendid shipment the
St. Paul Committee has
sent and let you know.
With greetings & thanks to
you from
Very Sincerely
Alice Paul Kern

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MRS AMES

CHAIRMAN 501 GRAND AVE STPAUL MINN

LETTER RECEIVED AM SO SORRY ABOUT MIUNDERSTANDING AM WRITING SEND EVERY-
-THING INCLUDING SURGICAL DRESSING TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE WEST FORTIETH
STREET NEWYORK WILL GO DIRECT TO FRANCE INSTEAD OF ENGLAND

MRS ETHELBERT NEVIN

OCT 8 55 AM

Duplicate of Telephoned Telegram

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French Wounded Emergency Fund

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October 11, 1915

Mrs. Charles Ames
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I sent you a telegram last Friday, just to let you know that I have received your letters, and now I want to write you how very sorry I am that there has been this great mix-up in regard to your splendid shipment from St. Paul.

First of all, let me explain that the Surgical Dressings Committee have moved twice and that accounts for your not having received an answer, although I understand from the Chairman that they had left an address for anything that might come that they would be notified at once if it came to 25 West 45th Street instead of 7 West 29th Street. I also have found on investigation that the three cases were shipped to Mr. Willard, who has gone over to France in the interest of the Surgical Dressings Committee, instead of being shipped to the French Wounded Emergency Fund, as should have been done. Now I am writing Mr. Willard at once and will also cable him today that when this shipment arrives it must be turned over at once to the French Wounded Emergency Fund.

We are now established in France, and in all probability the name will be changed. However, until that occurs, will you please continue to send everything to the Shipping Department of the Vacation War Relief Committee, 105 West 40th Street. I will then make arrangements that any surgical dressings that may be in the cases will be sent around at once to the Surgical Dressings Com-

*Ans'd Oct 15/15
"Shall send every-
thing to you 501 W. 40th
until you tell me
to do otherwise"
W. L. A.*

Mrs. Charles Ames

October 11, 1915

mittee. I think this will do away with the confusion of having things intended for two different places, and arrive at our permanent shipping department. Now today I am taking up the matter of the other six cases, and I assure you that I will settle the entire thing to your satisfaction. I am very sorry indeed that this has occurred, (I think it is the first time) and I am quite certain it never will occur again. Also rest assured you, as Chairman of the St. Paul Committee, will hear from France when they received your splendid shipments; and then you can notify the Committee, although as we reorganizing headquarters and arranging all the details in France, it may be some little time before you hear. I think you will rejoice with me that this matter of the French Depot has been finally settled and established. Quite a number of the Committee resigned from the London Committee, including names of Lathrop, Goad, Chamberlain, vice-President, Lady Bryce, Clough, Floyd and Vickars, and as a matter of fact, from now on, the American Committee is the big Committee and the French headquarters are really under us. Consequently we will come into our own in regard to acknowledgements for shipments, etc. We are working absolutely with the American Clearing House in Paris, and as I understand are now recognized by the French government.

I want you to know, dear Mrs. Ames, that I am so very much interested in your Committee in St. Paul. I think the work you have done and are doing is splendid, and I shall not leave a stone unturned to see that you have full recognition for all that you do; that is only your right. As soon as I can find out, I will write you about the other six cases. In the meantime, you know what has happened to the three cases, and I am sure it will all be settled satisfactorily. Let me add that the mistake of having them sent to the Surgical Dressings Committee to Mr. Willard was owing to the Secretary being away on her vacation. I do not think such a thing will happen again.

With greetings, I am

Very truly yours

Alcee Paul Weir

AN/EAB

Chairman

Oct. 12th - 1915.

"Fourteen East Sixtieth Street."
NEW YORK

Dear Mrs. Stues:
Write you yster:
day about the three
cases and what Mr.
or one about them,
this morning I re-
ceived a telephone
message that the
6 cases had arriv-
ed all right

With the French Ave. Shipments to
Bordeaux direct. With Submarine
Cable.

the following directions, to
save future confusion.

1st. Number each case and
send complete list of Centrals
by letter.

2nd. Also place list inside
case but do not number.

3rd. Put all surgical dress-
ings in cases by themselves.

I have had several cables
from the London Committee
also the Committee in Paris.
They are 2 distinct organi-
zations now. As the Paris Br.
is almost entirely composed
of Americans, I am advising
each Com. to affiliate with
them. Will you let me know
what you think of it? Every thing going
to France goes free, we have

Made special arrangements

and moved or sent
at once to the ship -
going Dept. 10 5 West
4th St. I can assure
you they will go out
right over and direct
to France, as our
Headquarters are
there now. I had
a long talk yesterday
with Miss L. K. Poirer
head of the Shipping Dept.
and she has suggested

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NEW YORK 26

MRS C W AMES

CHAIRMAN 501 GRAND AVE ST PAUL MINN

GREATLY DISTURBED TO FIND CHAIRMAN OF ENGLISH COMMITTEE COMMUNICATED DIRECT TO EACH AMERICAN SUBCOMMITTEE FEEL SITUATION VERY CRITICAL AND THAT NOTHING SHOULD BE DECIDED WITHOUT FULL UNDERSTANDING BOTH SIDES OF CASE MR GOAD ON SEA REACHING HERE THIS WEEK WILL MAKE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION AND COMMUNICATE WITH YOU OBVIOUSLY AMERICA BRANCH MUST ACT AS ONE UNIT PLEASE DO NOTHING FURTHER TILL YOU HEAR FROM ME

MRS ETHELBERT NEVIN

CHAIRMAN.

TELEPHONE NO. *D 2067*

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help the wounded soldiers, and that cannot be done if there is friction among those who are working together.

With greetings, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alice Paul Nevin

Nov. 11th 1915.

Have just had a letter from Headquarters saying "A Splendid Shipman has come from Mrs. Nevers from St. Paul" I do thank you so much. N.P.N.

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38 WEST 39th ST., NEW YORK CITY

November 10, 1915.

Mrs. C. W. Ames,
501 Grand Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I was very glad to receive your letter of November 3d. which has been sent up here to Maine from Headquarters. They did not send the invoices for the eight boxes, but I presume they have them on file in New York. I expect to go down next week for the winter, and I feel sure the F.W.E.F. is going to do a tremendous work; already money and supplies have come in far beyond my expectation. By the time this letter reaches you, you will probably have seen Mr. Goad, and he can tell you all about our work and also of the London and Paris Branches. I sincerely ^{hope} their differences will be adjusted, for I think it is their desire, as well as ours, to

*Ans'd
Nov. 23 115
Sent lists - Bill of
Lading - at last window
Mr. L. D.*

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November 18th, 1915.

Mrs. C. W. Ames,
501 Grand Avenue,
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Dear Mrs. Ames:

I have just returned to New York and find your telegram of November 17th.

Yes, Mr. Goad is quite right and if you will send the boxes to Mr. Gordon Edwards, c/o American Relief Clearing House, and in lined boxes as you suggest, I shall be very glad.

I am so anxious to hear from Mr. Goad and his meeting with you in St. Paul. I think it was so splendid that he went out and saw you all and really talked about the wonderful work which we have done, all of us, in the last nine months. He also has told you of the terrible suffering and the need in Paris. I am quite sure he made this the main feature of his talk in St. Paul (that is if he really talked before your Committee there).

This other trouble between the London Committee and those who resigned is most deplorable. I am quite sure, however, that it will all be cleared up and in the meantime, we must go on doing our work. As a matter of fact, I am working as though there had really been no trouble whatsoever, only I am sending things to Paris instead of to London, which, by the way, is getting to be almost impossible, so that even had this trouble not arisen, we would have had to send things to Paris by the Clearing House, as English ships are taking fewer and fewer cases all the time.

I want to congratulate you, dear Mrs. Ames, on the splendid work you have done and it seems to me quite remarkable in reading over your little leaflet of the French Wounded Emergency Fund, to think that since last May you have sent such enormous amount of supplies, and everything that is so absolutely useful. Indeed, I, as

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman

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the National Chairman, am most proud of you.

This is only a line as I have just come to town and find a great amount of work has accumulated here. I shall try to find time to write you a long letter later.

With greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ames P. Trevin

Chairman

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December 14th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

This letter will serve to notify you of the change in name from American Branch of the French Wounded Emergency Fund, to AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED. It has appeared best to have our organization entirely separate from the French Wounded Emergency Fund in London, so we are now shipping direct to France under our new name. Our supplies are going forward regularly in care of the American Relief Clearing House in Paris, and are being distributed by our own motors in France. The work is growing splendidly and there is every indication of great success.

~~The other letter and circular enclosed will be self-explanatory.~~

Thanking you for your warm interest in the work we have undertaken and trusting to have your continued cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Miss Pauline Davis
Chairman.

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December 30th, 1915.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
St. Paul Branch of the
American Fund for French Wounded
501 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

Permit me to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your communication of December 27th, with the enclosed invoices, bill of lading and express receipt.

It is a splendid shipment and I trust will come through promptly although everything has been so congested lately.

I have communicated with the shipping department in regard to your cases and hope they can soon find out whether the cases were received or not. I do not know why the boxes Mrs. Lathrop acknowledged were not acknowledged from here. Perhaps the acknowledgement went astray in the mails.

The consignment from Mrs. Louis W. Hill I should ^{all} be glad to acknowledge to Mrs. Hill personally. As, however, you did not give her address, I shall beg you to forward the letter to her.

I want to thank you very much for the stand you have taken and for your loyalty to the Central Committee in New York. Mrs. Lewis B. Stillwell, Chairman of our Lakewood Committee, has told me she was writing a letter to the Chairman of the London French Wounded Emergency Fund, assuring them she will stand by us in any move we may see fit to make. Mrs. Stillwell thinks in that way her Committee will not be constantly receiving communications from Lowndes Square. She also feels that all communications should come through the Central Committee's office. I am quite sure if the Chairmen of our other Committees will also take

Mrs. C. W. Ames, St. Paul, Minn.

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this stand, it will prevent any further letters and also prevent the Lowndes Square Committee from trying to influence our sub-committees in any way or disintegrating our organization.

I want to tell you, dear Mrs. Ames, how proud I am of the St. Paul Committee and of the splendid work you have done.

With hearty New Year's greetings and trusting we may all continue our splendid work for the little French hospitals and that from now on everything may be harmonious, I am

Most sincerely yours,

Aunt Paul Herin
Chairman.
H.A.

P. S. We have about decided that it is not necessary to do sterilizing over here, therefore the dressings can be sent with the other articles to the shipping headquarters, 105 West 40th Street, New York City. We will, of course, notify you as soon as your cases have reached our depot in Paris.

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February 2nd, 1916.

To the Chairmen of all Sub-Committees:

I hope the Branch Committees will not think that we have become a travelling organization because we have again a new address to give out! We have moved into new Headquarters because we had a most excellent opportunity to get into a splendid building on a much frequented thoroughfare.

The Vacation War Relief Committee with whom we have always worked in the closest cooperation, was able through the generosity of an unknown donor, to get a large building on West 42nd Street, between Broadway and Sixth Avenue, and the Committee asked us if we would not like to move over to this building.

It seemed to us to offer great advantages even though we may not be able to remain here long, so I am very glad to tell you that our new address, both for our Shipping Department and for our Office, is,-

134 West 42nd Street, New York City.

We shall now be more able to see the shipments as they come in. We shall have more window display and altogether we expect this new move will make us so much better known to the community and bring us in increased money and supplies.

Some of the leaflets that will be sent out to the Committees will have the new address merely stamped on, but we are getting leaflets just as soon as possible with the new address printed on.

Very sincerely yours,

Anne Paul Nevin
Chairman. per
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December 17th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

It seems impossible, owing to the great distances which separate many committees from Headquarters, and the many misunderstandings that have arisen, for the American Fund for French Wounded (formerly the American Branch of the French Wounded Emergency Fund) and the Surgical Dressings Committee to cooperate in the making and shipping of surgical dressings as had been hoped for. Therefore, it is decided that the sub-committees of each organization shall be absolutely separate and distinct wherever the two exist in the same city or town. Whatever articles each make or contribute, whether surgical dressings or hospital garments, supplies, etc., shall be made and donated in the name of the respective committee, and shipped to that Committee's Headquarters in New York, namely, - the American Fund for French Wounded, to 105 West 40th Street, and the Surgical Dressings Committee, to 299 Fifth Avenue.

This arrangement, we trust, will leave no doubt in the minds of members of the respective committees as to where their donations go and which organization they are making them for.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Paul Nevin
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January 21st, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

I just want to drop a line to tell you how delighted we are with the shipment from St. Paul. The cases are just the right size and are the first ones that do not have to be repacked. The Shipping Department was so pleased and we are so pleased with this, that I just wanted to thank you for it.

Sincerely yours,

Allice Paul Hewie
Chairman.

*It was a great pleasure
to see your charming
HA:EAS. receiver the other day.
I was stupidly forget to
ask her where she was
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January 21st, 1916.

To the Chairmen of the Sub-committees:

Our Branch Committees were most loyal in the support they gave the Central Committee when we were in process of becoming independent of the London French Wounded Emergency Fund. This loyalty was greatly appreciated, and is a source of great pride to us. At the same time some of the Committees also wrote to Lowndes Square telling them of their allegiance to the National Committee and its policies. They wrote with appreciation of the work of the Lowndes Square Committee, and with kindest wishes for its continued success, but they also pointed out the entire propriety of their support of the National Committee in its becoming an independent body under the name of the American Fund for French Wounded, and expressed their staunch support of the National Committee, and it wishes here to express its gratitude for it.

Not all of the Committees, however, have written similarly to Lowndes Square, although they have faithfully stood by the National organization. In view of possible future maladjustment or friction it was thought best to call the attention of those Branch Committees who have not already written to London to the advisability of so doing. It is felt that it would be right and wise for the London organization to hear of this stand from each Committee.

This letter, therefore, is to serve as an expression of warmest thanks to those Committees who have already written, and as a most friendly suggestion to those who have not.

With greetings, and every good wish for the further success of our splendid branches,

Cordially yours,

Anne Paul Nevin
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Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
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My dear Mrs. Ames,

We are sending to the St. Paul Committee, 8 aluminium rings, which we have received from Mrs. Lathrop. These rings are guaranteed to be made by the soldiers in the trenches or in the hospitals. The aluminium is obtained, as I understand it, from the propellers of fallen aeroplanes.

We have not such a large supply of them but we have enough to send a few to several of our larger committees.

We are charging 30¢ a piece for them so that we would bill you for \$2.40. We sell them here for \$1.00 and \$2.00 a piece and find they are quite popular.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Paul Nevin
Chairman.

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March 21st, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

I have your note of March 18th with the bill of lading enclosed. We also have the lists of the contents of the cases and I trust they will arrive in due season. Your cases are always so wonderful in every way !

Sincerely yours,

Aun Paul Nevin
Chairman.

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March 23, 1916

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,
501 Grand Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Your letter of March 20th has just reached me, and I am so sorry you were disturbed by Miss Scarborough's letter. She feels very badly because the stenographer (who has since been discharged) did not omit the sentence about forming a committee, as she was told to. Miss Scarborough used this form letter, as you can understand that we have been too tremendously busy with Miss Manby's tour, our workrooms, and correspondence, to write a separate letter each time in regard to Miss Manby; but Miss Scarborough asked the stenographer especially not to mention forming a committee when writing to any of our branches. She regrets so much that you have been troubled. Just think - she has arranged the entire itinerary for Miss Manby, and I assure you she has done wonderfully well.

As for Miss Manby, her success has been phenomenal. As an example, she spoke in Baltimore and they sent us a check for over \$2,000. Last Saturday she spoke in Augusta and they sent us a check for \$2440. with promise of more to follow. Even in my little home town of Sewickley, Pa., they sent us \$1400. This is only to let you know what a wonderful appeal Miss Manby makes.

We have considered it a fair arrangement to have the money returns from Miss Manby's talks sent in to our Headquarters. We pay all her expenses and a certain percentage to her at the end of each month from all that is collected by her appeals. We would be very glad to share the proceeds of her St. Paul talk with you, if you wish, but we would ask you then to pay 15% of the entire receipts from your share as we pay all her travelling expenses. I feel that it is wiser to keep to our plan of having a money collection. We have never sold tickets, or taken money at the door, but we have simply taken a collection at the end of her talk, and people could in this way put in whatever they wished, 50¢ or \$50.00 and nobody the wiser! But it seems only reasonable under the circumstances that a certain percentage of the pro-

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ceeds should come to our Central Committee. Mrs. Severance, who wrote to you about this, I am sure so understood the matter.

I appreciate your sympathy with our cause and your friendly spirit toward Miss Manby, and I think it is dear of you to offer to entertain her in your home. I am sure you would like her, and I know she would be charmingly looked after. It is generous of you to be willing to arrange for her when you have already done, and are doing, such splendid work for the A.F.F.W. If you do want her, then, for the 11th of May, will you let us know as soon as possible, and we can send her to you. She is being booked up so rapidly, but we want to keep the 11th for you.

I hope this will explain everything to you; but if there is anything you do not understand, please do not hesitate to write to me, dear Mrs. Ames.

With kindest greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Am. Law Nevins
Chairman.

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P.S. The \$10. that you promised to give us for the three months that Mr. Goad was in the country we would be delighted to have for the Paris Depot. Would you be willing to contribute it monthly for this purpose, and even continue for three months more? Some of our branches are helping in this support, and feel that it brings them into closer touch with our Paris work. There may be no need of this six months from now, but just at present we need all help possible to keep our Paris Depot up to the work of efficiently getting distributed the greatly increased supplies we are sending over. We are beginning to break records, and Mrs. Lathrop wants a big motor truck for our consignments!

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April 1st, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
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My dear Mrs. Ames,

I want to drop you just a line to let you know that your splendid boxes, your numbers 75 through 86 are going forward tomorrow on the "Rochambeau."

Case #86, as you suggested in your list we sent to the War Relief Clearing House for them to dispose of. I understand it is better to send second-hand clothing direct through them.

We are so delighted with the wonderful work you are constantly doing for our cause.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Anne Paw Nevin
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April 4th, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

Thank you for your letter of March 31st and also for the \$30.00 which you have so kindly contributed toward Mr. Goad's travelling expenses. We are sending this over direct to him for I know he had more expenses than the money we had given to him. However, he is most generous in everything that he has done and would frankly say nothing about it. I am sure you will agree with me that this should go directly to Mr. Goad to make up somewhat for the deficiency in the money he received.

Will you thank your daughter for her very kind letter which I received at my house yesterday and tell her I shall try to answer it soon.

I also want to thank you most sincerely for your kind invitation to be your guest when Miss Manby comes out to St. Paul. I am only so sorry to say I do not expect to go there with her, otherwise it would give me the greatest pleasure to stop with you and really know you as Mr. Goad has given me the most pleasant accounts of his visit to St. Paul and your hospitality to him.

With greetings and thanking you very much, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Charles Paul Merin
Chairman.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

American Fund for French Wounded, New York Apr. 6, 1916

In common with our sub-committees, the Central Committee has always tried to curtail as much as possible the administrative expenses connected with our work. In pursuance of this policy we have accepted office room where rent is given us. This means, however, that we are subject to removal notice, and that is what has now happened. The splendid building we are at present occupying has been leased and we have to move. New quarters have been secured through the courtesy of the Vacation War Relief Committee at:

5 E a s t 37th Street, New York City

where we are to be installed by the 15th of April. Please send all shipments as well as all communications to us at this address.

We have telegraphed asking that supplies be held until the 15th because of the confusion incident to moving. It is better for us not to try to handle shipments during that period. This, of course, does not apply to those who ship through the Red Cross.

We regret calling on our committees to make this change in our address, but we are sure they will understand the importance of getting rent-free offices, and will be glad to write to us at our new quarters.

With cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Allen Paul Allen
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24 April 1916

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,
501 Grand Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

I have your letter of April 21st with the wonderful list of boxes ready to come to us, and indeed already on the way. It is quite jolly of you to keep box 100 for a very special celebration. I am sure it will be a prize case when it is complete!

Is n't it too bad that Mme. O'Gorman does visit the same places that Miss Manby is going to? I hope her coming to St. Paul will not cause you any embarrassment. I quite understand how you are situated, and I appreciate your loyalty to our organization. I feel that it is such a shame to have anything that savors of competition about our work, and I cannot help feeling that we have not had fair play. Mme. O'Gorman promised me she would not go to the cities where we had committees, or where Miss Manby was going to speak. In good faith I gave her Miss Manby's itinerary so that she could avoid these cities, but she has apparently used the itinerary for the contrary purpose! In Cincinnati she appeared on the same day, and told a member of the Manby committee that she was working for the same organization and under that plea procured \$1,000 that belonged to us. That does not seem quite "cricket".

Minneapolis I believe will be visited by Mme. O'Gorman, as you say, but I do not know anything very definite about it either. I regret so much that all this confusion is happening, and I only hope that we may avoid any further complications.

Very sincerely yours

Anna Park Nevin
Chairman.

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Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
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My dear Mrs. Ames,

I am indeed sorry that there was a misunderstanding about my coming out to St. Paul. It would give me great pleasure indeed to visit you and I am very sorry that the pleasure must stay in reserve. I find it impossible to leave the city at present except for the one or two slight trips made necessary by the work of our Fund. Perhaps sometime later I shall be able to go out as far as St. Paul. In that case I shall be only too delighted to visit you.

I am so very glad that you are going to have Miss Manby in St. Paul. I really think you will enjoy her immensely for she makes an exceptional appeal, very stirring, very sympathetic, and she has had great success in all of the cities where she has spoken. I am sure that you will arrange a very successful meeting for her for everything that you do is so well done.

We shall be very glad to see your fifteen splendid boxes just as soon as they reach us. We are receiving everything now in our new Headquarters. We had the pleasure yesterday of meeting your charming daughter Alice, who came into our office. It is a great pleasure to have met her after meeting Miss Margaret. I only wish that I might meet the rest of the family!

You will have received a letter from the Secretary in regard to Miss Manby and Mme. O'Gorman. We have from the beginning taken the stand that we set the interest of our work above everything and we have tried to avoid anything that savours of personalities. We do feel however, that Mme. O'Gorman is causing unnecessary confusion by visiting the places where Miss Manby is speaking and we feel that it is only right to emphasize certain points in regard to our own work which might be lost sight of. I feel that you acted very wisely and loyally in declining to help her as you

April 18th, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman, St. Paul, Minn.

were already pledged in the interest of Miss Manby.
I trust that the whole affair will straighten itself out
quite without any unpleasantness.

With best wishes, I am

Very cordially yours,

Anna Paul Hewitt

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4 May 1916

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,
501 Grand St.,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

I have your note of April 30th telling me of the box to be sent to M. e. Cenac from your daughter, Mrs. Turner. The box has come, and as it is such a beautifully packed and put up box we are holding it for the invoice. We have telegraphed to Mrs. Turner for a list of contents, and hope she will be able to send it on to us at once. I am afraid it will miss this Saturday's boat, but perhaps not.

We paid expressage on this box amounting to \$4.25.

Your boxes 87 to 104 (omitting 100) are going forward on the "ESPAGNE" sailing the 6th, and you will soon get the regular notice to this effect. I wish everyone sent boxes as well put up and ready to ship as you do!

With best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

Ann Paul Nevin
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May 6th, 1916.

Miss Margaret Ames
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Miss Ames,

Your letter of April 30th has only just reached me as the address was 5 East 39th Street instead of 5 East 37th Street. I enclose the envelope for you to see how it has travelled around and finally reached me at my own home.

Thank you very much for the list for the special box which you wish to have sent to Hautes Pyrenees to a special hospital. I assure you your directions will be carried out absolutely. I have handed the list of the contents of the box to the Shipping Department.

Thank you also for the check for \$1.80 for the rings.

I am quite nonplussed at the paragraph at the end of your letter in which you say - "We shall have a big row of boxes for Miss Manby to see, also Mme. O'Gorman." Of course, you quite understand that Mme. O'Gorman is not connected with us in any possible way and it seems most unfortunate that her itinerary was made out after we had given her Miss Manby's dates and she has managed to arrive at a place usually just before Miss Manby arrives. However, we are not taking any steps as we think it is not worth while and the most dignified thing to do is to pay no attention to it all.

Indeed, dear Miss Ames, it will give me the greatest pleasure to write to the Villaume Box Company and thank them for the splendid boxes which they have donated to you for packing and shipping your things. I assure you we are most grateful for so often the cases we have received have had to be repacked because the boxes are not strong enough.

With greetings and thanking you so much for all the splendid work you and the St. Paul Committee have done, I am

Cordially yours,

Anna Paul Nevin
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May 20th, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

I have your letter of May 17th with the good news that you are sending us your wonderful Box #100. I have received the express receipt for it and bill of lading for six boxes of surgical dressings.

I am so glad you are sending over many bags and hot water bottles. The bags bring such comfort and pleasure to the soldiers and the hot water bottles are very much needed and are not often thought of as a contribution.

I am glad you enjoyed Miss Manby and Mrs. Phillips. I felt sure that you would find them both simple and appealing and that Miss Manby's talk would be a stirring one. I think you did very well indeed and I quite agree with you that the lecture was a great success.

I have given your messages to Miss Scarborough and to Miss Anderson.

I regret so very much, more than I can tell you, that I was out of town when Mr. Ames called. I have enjoyed so much meeting your two daughters, Miss Margaret and Miss Alice and it seems very unfortunate that I had to miss the father of these two charming young ladies! I shall hope for better luck next time.

With most cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ann Parkes Nevin
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Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

I have your note of May 19th with the two checks given you by Miss Manby, one of \$50.00 from Mrs. Partridge and one of \$25.00 from Mrs. Hewitt. I shall be glad to acknowledge these checks directly to the ladies.

I think you have done so wonderfully well in St. Paul with Miss Manby's lecture and you have every reason to be satisfied.

I enjoyed so much meeting Mr. Ames this morning. I was fortunate enough to see him this time and I was very glad because I had missed him last week. It was a great pleasure to me to have a little talk with him about our work and to discuss with him the proposed trip of your two daughters. I think it is very brave of you to let them go. You may be sure they will be a great help to Mrs. Lathrop for I know they are very good workers.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ann Parker Nevin

Chairman.

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May 22nd, 1916.

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June 9th, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

I have your letter of June 6th with the invoice enclosed for Boxes #110, 116 and 117 sent by express, with the express receipt.

I am going to call up your daughters who are in town now I know and see just what they want to do with these three boxes. I think we can arrange to have them sent as personal baggage with them or they could simply go on the same steamer in with our regular consignment.

I am so dreadfully sorry to hear of the illness in your daughter, Catherine's family, but am delighted to know that they are all well again and better than ever. It must have been a period of great trial for you and I can indeed understand that you have not been able to send in the report sooner. Under the circumstances I think you are very prompt.

Please do not feel badly about not having sent anything extra for the Bazaar. You have done so very, very much for our organization and have always been so generous in every way. The Bazaar is proving a great success and our Booth which is really very charming, attracts great crowds.

With cordial greetings, I am

Sincerely yours,

Ann Paul Nevin
Chairman.

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June 10th, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames,

Thank you for the report which you have sent in and which I am so glad to have. You have prepared it very carefully and I appreciate your doing so when you are so very busy.

Mr. Ames and three of your daughters visited the Bazaar on our Committee day and I was so glad to see them there. I only wish you might have been with them.

I do hope they are going to have a comfortable crossing and that the young ladies will find the work at our Paris Depot interesting and inspiring. I think it is so brave of you and Mr. Ames to let them go. It will be a wonderful experience for them, however, and I am sure that when they return to St. Paul they will be able to give the Committee a fresh impetus, and make you all feel in much closer touch with our work in France.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Anne Parker Nevin
Chairman.

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June 28th, 1916.

Mrs. C.W. Ames, Chairman,
501 Grant Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

I am glad to have the B/L for the
eight boxes you are sending by freight to us. How glad
you must have been to receive the cable from your
daughters that they have safely arrived at Bordeaux.
I am sure the sea voyage must have done them both a great
deal of good. If one is a good sailor, it is a very
restful experience.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Paul Nevin
Chairman,

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Mrs. C.W. Ames, Chairman,
501 Grant Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Thank you so much for the invoices of Boxes 112 to 121 inclusive. Boxes 116 and 117, which were sent in by express June 5th, have already gone forward to France, as I believe you have been notified.

We had a cable from Mrs. Lathrop, in which she says that the new comers at the Paris Depot are very enthusiastic. I suppose that includes your daughters for they must be already members of the Paris Staff.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Paul Nevin
Chairman

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July 10th, 1916.

Mrs. C.W. Ames,
501 Grand Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

I have your list of contents of Box 122 sent from St. Paul by express on June 23rd. I notice that you have sent it addressed to Mr. Ames c/o The American Clearing House. I do not doubt that it will reach its destination safely, but perhaps it would facilitate matters in the future if you sent any boxes directly to Mr. Ames, to put the address of the Clearing House on the box, and to put the address of our Paris Depot where it would not be confused with the street address of the Clearing House. The address of the American Clearing House in Paris is 5 rue Francois I.

Mr. Ames and your son, Theodore, came into this office on Friday to visit us before sailing on the Rochambeau. We were delighted to see them, and overjoyed to hear that Mr. Ames is taking with him a Studebaker Truck. This would be of the greatest service to Mrs. Lathrop, and I know will fill her with happiness.

We have no other Committee that has been more faithful or more generous than our St. Paul Committee, and we are very much touched to know that you are following up your generous work in this country by personal work in France. What a reunion Mr. Ames and your son will have with your two daughters, and what wonderful experiences they are all going to have. I hope that all our other Committees will follow the lead of St. Paul, in keeping up the work for French Wounded, for the situation in this country does not seem to warrant decreasing our work for France.

Very cordially yours,

Ann Paul Nevin

Chairman

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ARCADY
BLUEHILL FALLS
MAINE.

August 14, 1916.

Mrs. Charles W. Ames,
501 Grand Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

I hope you will forgive me for not having answered your most interesting letter of July 27th. There have been many things to interrupt my regular correspondence the last two or three weeks, but now I hope to get back into harness again.

I want to thank you so much for all the splendid cases you are sending, and as I wrote to Headquarters after receiving your last letter, that really you were one of the first committees which was formed, and have done such perfectly splendid work.

I am wondering when you are expecting Mr. Ames back, and I was so glad to hear that they had all arrived on the other side safely. I had a very interesting talk with your husband when he was in New York last spring, and I felt so confident his going over would help tremendously in the Paris depot. I should judge he is a splendid organizer, and that is what we have needed over there. Miss Morgan felt quite the same way about it, and told me as soon as Mr. Ames arrived in Paris, she hoped very much he would immediately get in touch with her, and I am interested to hear what the outcome has been.

I suppose by this time you know that Miss Morgan has presented

us with a depot in Paris for at least six months. She has been so perfectly splendid, and I feel so very good because I know she is delighted with the work that is being done over there. Otherwise, she certainly would not have presented us with this splendid gift.

Indeed, your shipments have been spoken of so often, and I can understand your feeling about wishing to send more and more things all the time, such as sheets, pillow cases, socks and slippers. I, too, wish I could send them over by the thousands, although in reality the A.F.F.F.W. has done so.

I am glad that Miss Mamby has entered into our work in Paris, and I think it is very much better than for her to have thought of returning to the U. S.A. You see, she gave her message, and in coming over a second time she could not repeat the first message at all; it would have to be something quite different, while, having been here, it seems to me she can go ahead with the work over there, and be of the greatest value to us.

I have passed a wonderfully quiet summer, and have not thought of doing the work I did last year. I hope to return to New York with a great fund of strength and energy to carry on the work next season, for it certainly looks as though there was little chance of our being able to give it up, not for the next six months or a year.

Now you speak of your friend Mrs. Forest, and I had a letter from Headquarters this morning asking me if I did not think it would be wise for her to go over as one of our packers. I understand packers are very badly needed, but of course there are certain things that must be taken into consideration. Would she be self-supporting, and if so, and she wishes to go, have you any idea how soon she could sail? Of course there may be a certain amount of difficulty in ob-

taining her passports, papers, etc. , for it is becoming more and more difficult all the time. I am going to write her today, and ask her just what she thinks she could do in our work over there, and whether she wishes to go soon. I am sorry not to have written her before, but have not been able to do so.

I shall be so anxious to hear all the news from Mr. Ames when he returns, and I certainly think, dear Mrs. Ames, that you have been a very brave woman to permit practically all your family to go over there and work for the cause, but as I said before, you as Chairman of the St. Paul Committee have been so splendid.

With affectionate greetings, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Alice Paul Nevin

(Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin)

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August 25, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,

501 Grand Avenue,

St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Permit me to thank you cordially for
the splendid printed report covering the work of the
St. Paul Committee from June 24 to August 12, 1916.

Sincerely yours,

Anna Paul Nevin

Chairman.

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From Mrs. Nevins

ARCADY
BLUE HILL FALLS
MAINE

october 5, 1916.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman,
A.F.F.F.W., Committee,
501 Grand Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Ames:

Do please forgive me for not having answered your most interesting letter of August 20th. I was really shocked this morning when I found it under a lot of letters, for I supposed of course I had answered it long ago.

I am always so glad to hear from you, and I think, as I have told you before, the St. Paul Committee stands out as not only one of our very best, but really almost the first, and how splendid you and your whole family have been! And surely when this horrible war is over, it will make you feel very good to think of the great part, you, dear Mrs. Ames, and your family have played in the relief of the French wounded.

I have heard occasionally from Miss Mamby, and I think absolutely as you do, that she will find her place and do her splendid work wherever she is. She has also written to me in regard to the tuberculosis in France. Miss Morgan, I think, has taken the matter up quite seriously, and I hope to see her and talk with her about it when she returns from abroad, which I think will be very soon.

It is truly wonderful how our work keeps up, and certainly every

one has been most kind to me this summer and I have been relieved of practically all of the detailed work, and it is only cables and important letters that they write to me about at all; but I am prepared to plunge into the work on my return to New York which will be the latter part of October.

How sorry I am not to have seen you when you came east, and I do hope sincerely to meet you sometime, either in your own city of St. Paul, or if you should come to New York again.

Now I am very much interested in what you write to me of your son's engagement, particularly in the name, Linda Baker of Bala, Philadelphia. My sister married Charles Henry Baker of Philadelphia, the son of John R. Baker, and I am wondering if by any chance Miss Baker can be a connection. In any case, I congratulate you most heartily, and will hope I may meet your son and his fiancée some day.

What a pity when you were up at Biddeford Pool we could not have met, as that is not far off from Blue Hill.

With my greetings, I am,

Affectionately yours,

Allen Paul Kurie

P.S. You will, I know, feel badly as I did to hear that Miss Anderson has resigned. She feels badly about it also, but she feels she must get into a larger field of work, particularly as our work is more or less temporary. She has been so perfectly splendid, and it seems as though I could hardly get along without her, although this morning I received a letter from Miss Scarborough saying that until I returned she thinks they will not get another Executive Secretary, and that everything is going well at Headquarters.

C. REINOLD NOYES
400 SIBLEY STREET
ST. PAUL, MINN.

October 24, 1916

Mr. C. W. Ames,
501 Grand Ave.
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Ames,-

It seems that my ~~rigo~~^{transactions}rous business matters with the various members of the Ames family have assumed certain difficulties as to credit and collections which I did not foresee in figuring my cost of doing business. This is causing me some regret that I returned your duplicate payment of one of my previous invoices. Perhaps I should have kept same and applied it on account.

I admit blame in not rendering invoices promptly and to the proper member of the family, but the fact remains that I am now out a considerable sum of money. I wonder if you would not undertake the ~~judicial~~^{all} work of equitably distributing these payments over your family.

The items in question seem to be dollar watches, cigar holders, bandage rollers and thermometers. I really cannot recall who bought these, but I think you asked me to get you the ther-

monometers and the other things were bought by the girls, either Margaret for your French Wounded or Betty for the Battery.

I hope Mrs. Ames will excuse my turning this matter over to you instead of replying to ~~it~~ personally.

her letter
Yours very truly,