

THE Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

This is the opening day of the drive the Y. M. C. A. is making to secure a fund for the carrying on of the work undertaken in the early days of the war. The local quota is \$6,000, of which half is for the local institution and the balance for the general fund.

The other day this paper declared its opinion that the management of the "Y" should throw aside the doors so that the public might look upon the inside and see what had been done with the fund previously subscribed.

A great deal of information has been given in the form of news articles and display advertising. The "Y" felt that the public, which gave them the funds with which to do the work they were engaged in should be told how it was disposed of, and accordingly had statements prepared showing in general what was done with the money.

A recapitulation of the activities of the institution in the field has also been furnished, so that the people should be able to judge of the value of the work and its extent. The same information has been given to all Canada, so that it cannot be said one song is sung in one place and another in a second place. The country has also been blessed with sufficient number of young men able to give evidence of the work of the "Y" in France and England.

Here and there one hears the statement that the management was not what it should have been and that soldiers did not receive the treatment they should have at the hands of local managers. It is to be remembered that had all things been given free, the demands upon the people would have been increased enormously and the institution would probably not have been able to accomplish as much as it did. Also, it is a never failing fact that all men are not considerate or even courteous, and it would be marvelous if of the many men who were taken on in the war all should have measured up to requirements. Hundreds of men were undoubtedly taken into the service without previous training and wanting in that measure of human sympathy which should characterize those in charge of "Y" branches, whether at home or in the field.

It is admitted that in the army itself were men incompetent to hold the positions assigned them, that men suffered because of this fact, and that many lives were lost as a result of blunders and want of ability to accurately judge the next move of the enemy.

We present this phase of the matter in simple justice, nor do we assume the position of special pleader for the Y. M. C. A. The case is before the public in statements, and upon those statements the case may rest so far as we are concerned.