

# LOCHINVER RED CROSS WORK PARTY

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The Lochinver Red Cross Work Party was begun in September, 1914. A small committee of ladies in the village was formed with representatives from the districts of Inverkirkaig, Torbreck, Badnab, Strathen, Inver, Baddiedarroch, Achmelvich, Brackloch, and Tumore. From the scattered nature of the parish it was impossible for the workers to meet on fixed days, so it was resolved that the work should be done at home, and when completed should be sent to the Reading-Room for allocation. The response has been of a very hearty nature, everyone has been doing their little bit, and well may they, for Lochinver and district has given its best blood to fight for King and country. Many have made the supreme sacrifice, and where can patriotism go further. The amount of work collected and disposed of for the soldier and sailors at home and abroad has been very creditable, nor have the local boys been forgotten. The Work Party has been fortunate in having Mrs Kerr, Assynt Lodge, as their convener, who is devoting much time in carrying on the work. The secretarial duties are in the hands of Miss Margaret N. Aird, Lochinver, who also acts as hon. treasurer of the branch, and it is needless to say her work gives satisfaction. The members of the Work Party and the many friends are to be congratulated on the sustained enthusiasm they are showing on the work accomplished.

Mrs B. M'Leod, Seafield, Lochinver, has paid special attention in arranging parties to collect sphagnum moss. The collectors go long distances over moor and hill in all weathers to collect this valuable antiseptic. The moss is taken to the Reading-Room where it is carefully prepared, and several ladies, who do not take part in collecting the moss, lend a willing hand in cleaning and drying it. The County Committee are indebted to the indefatigable collectors for devoting so much of their time in all weathers in collecting this valuable substitute. War badges have been applied for and will be given to these workers.

The following is a summary of the list sent—678 socks, 37 body belts, 21 shirts, 13 helmets, 8 sermuits, 5 pairs of mittens, 3 pairs of cuffs, knee caps, 1 travelling rug etc., etc.

Since September, 1915, no less than 10 sacks of sphagnum moss has been despatched. All the moss, with the exception of three sacks, has been sent away cleaned.

This is surely a fine record for such a scattered district. In addition to flag days church collections have been made, and the money raised has been already publicly notified.