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I

MY CANTEEN REFUGE

7 RUE GÎT-LE-CŒUR,

PARIS, 28th February 1916 (St. Romain).

LA CANTINE REFUGE is its official title, and means that it is a refuge for the homeless who have had to flee before the Huns, as well as a canteen for poilus on leave. After five days so full of work that I have not had time to write so much as one complaining note to friend or relation, I speak of it as my canteen, and think of it as my refuge. I am doing real work, hard work. In the honest tiredness of the body the mind finds peace.

I suppose every woman, almost, when the men went marching away, heard a call to be up and doing. Many, I am sure, answering, had my experience of trying, trying, and winning only to discontent. The work offering was too easy, came too much under the suspicion of being futile. I