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OF THE
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To _____

The question has been repeatedly asked, "What can we do for the Fair?"

There are a thousand ways by which every one may contribute to its success. Each one's
INGENUITY will doubtless suggest the most profitable mode of aiding the soldier in his hour
of suffering.

In some schools contribution boxes have been introduced, and in nearly all the needle
is actively plied in fancy and other work. In many public and private schools, pupils and
teachers have formed Aid Societies, meeting weekly, and besides in many, each pupil has
constituted herself the centre of her home influence, for the purpose of enlisting her friends
and relations in the cause of the Fair, thus pouring into their respective School Treasuries,
increased contributions, all of which will be duly accredited to the School.

Again, in some Schools, Charades, Tableaux, Concerts, and various other Exhibitions, are
improvised; the proceeds of which are passed over to me as Chairman of the School
Department.

It is highly important that a proper spirit and zeal should be awakened, everywhere at
once, in the cause; and this cannot, perhaps, be better done, than by the formation of School
Societies and Weekly Meetings.

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