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A METROPOLITAN FAIR is to be held in the metropolitan city of New York, opening on the 28th of March, 1864, for the relief of the sick and wounded of the National Army. It is designed to be something much larger than a Fair, in the modern acceptation of that term. Every branch of agriculture, trade, industry and art will be invited to contribute its choicest and costliest products for exhibition and sale. Musical and Dramatic artists will be invited to aid the common cause with their talent and genius. All the material resources of the great City of New York, and of the region directly tributary to it, are to be invoked.

The farmers of New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New Jersey, and the adjacent States, will send in specimens of their finest stock; our factories will contribute locomotives, pianos, sewing machines, steam ploughs, and all the mechanical products of Northern intelligence and industry, in aid of the great cause of National unity.

Any class that can give anything, or produce anything that will furnish the means of succoring our National camps and hospitals, will make itself tributary to a great "National Exposition," for purposes not of mere ostentation, but of substantial aid to the country.

Two Committees—one of ladies and another of gentlemen—have been appointed to carry out this undertaking.

You are invited, personally, to co-operate in it, or, if you cannot do so, to give it the influence of your name, example and position.

By a Fair, such as New York contemplates, Chicago has raised nearly sixty thousand dollars for army relief. This sum may well save to the Nation the lives of ten thousand soldiers. Who can tell what these may be worth in diminishing the cost and duration of the war?

Boston has already realized one hundred and forty thousand dollars, and Cincinnati two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, by their Fairs, for a similar object. And should not the city of New York, and the wealthy region of which it is the centre, do more for this great National object than Chicago, Cincinnati, or Boston, or than all three together?

We confidently rely on your aid, and call on you for it, without hesitation or apology. We apply to you in the interest of no party, radical or conservative, republican or democratic, administration or anti-administration. To all these shades of opinion we are strangers. We know only this: that to send our National soldiers in the field supplies, to supplement those Government undertakes to give them, but which they sometimes fail to receive, and thus to relieve them when sick and in misery, is a work of Christian charity, and that it is a work of intelligent patriotism also, as economizing their life, health and efficiency, on which, under God, the Nation depends in this, its time of trouble.

We therefore ask every clergyman to announce this humane undertaking to his people, and to advise them to do what they can to further it. We ask the press to give it the widest publicity, and the most earnest encouragement. We call on every workshop, factory and mill for a specimen of the best thing it can turn out; on every

artist, great and small, for one of his creations; on all loyal women, for the exercise of their taste and industry; on farmers, for the products of their fields and dairies. The miner, the naturalist, the man of science, the traveller, can each send something that can, at the very least, be converted into a blanket, that will warm, and may save from death some one soldier whom Government supplies have failed to reach. Every one who can produce anything that has money value, is invited to give a sample of his best work, as an offering to the cause of National unity. Every loyal and patriotic workingman, mechanic, or farmer, who can make a pair of shoes or raise a barrel of apples, is called on to contribute something that can be turned into money, and again from money into the means of economizing the health and the life of our National soldiers.

Contributions are also invited for temporary loan and exhibition. Connected with the Fair will be a Museum of Paintings, Statuary, Ancient Furniture, Autographs, Articles of Vertu, and curiosities of every class. They will be on exhibition during the Fair, and fully protected against injury.

These contributions, whether loans or donations, may be sent to No. 2 Great Jones Street, or to the Fair Buildings, Fourteenth Street, near Sixth Avenue.

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