

# Practical Gifts

## TO NATION'S WAR EFFORTS AND CHARITY

Away back in the year 1865 there came to reside in the midst of the snug hills near Gaspard (which embraces the peak familiar to most of us as The Sugar Loaf) Anthony Whitten and his wife Charlotte Whitten. There they called their holding "Lowestoft" and there they toiled long hours under difficult circumstances, as did all pioneers, to clear the land and build their home. Privations and pests were faced with grim tenacity and later they were to enjoy the reward of their labors.

After many years Mr. Whitten died, leaving ~~and~~ a large family of boys and girls, who loyally shared with their mother in the work left for them by the death of husband and father.

Later still, this grand old lady passed into the Great Beyond, there to receive the higher reward which is the just due of this wonderful wife, mother and true Christian woman. But prior to her death Charlotte Whitten who, during her lifetime, practised that most noble characteristic "charity," set aside a sum of money to be devoted to charity and/or other organisations.

The trustees of this estate, in addition to gifts of smaller denominations, have handed the following cheques to the respective executives:—

Quirindi District Hospital...	£100
Quirindi and District Patriotic War Fund .....	50
Quirindi Branch of the Red Cross Society .....	50

These have been acknowledged and we take the following from a letter to the Trustees by Mrs. MacVean, President of the Quirindi Red Cross:

"I hasten to express the sincere thanks of my committee for your generous donation and you may rest assured it will be faithfully applied towards relieving the pain and suffering of our gallant men now fighting for the freedom of our country."

The wonderful foresight of your dear mother goes right to the heart of every woman who, during the present very trying conditions, is working with zeal in the nation's cause, and the generous disposition of the late Charlotte Whitten's Christian thoughts and feeling for others is an inspiration to those who are enjoying the protection of the British flag to work with still greater energy for those

Dear Don  
You can read the paper we had copied but it was so old & paper thin you could hardly handle it & anyhow its not too bad

Love Con.

unable to help themselves." In the above letter there is a fine conception of the innate good which prompted this splendid pioneer woman to plan ahead for the benefit of others.