



# The American Association of the Red Cross.

For the relief of suffering by war, pestilence, famine, flood, fire, and other calamities of sufficient magnitude to be deemed national in extent. The Association and its auxiliary societies operate under the provisions of the Geneva Treaty, promulgated at Geneva, Switzerland, in 1864, and signed since then by all the nations of the earth, including the United States, which gave to its adoption through President Arthur, in March, 1882.

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The woman's National Relief Association - President Mrs.

Chief-Justice Waite, of Washington - is doing a work worthy the active interest of all women - Its annual report says: Eighteen months ago it undertook first to supplement government work in the life saving service by providing the stations with bedding, clothes, medicine and proper diet for the shipwrecked and suffering crews and passengers rescued from death. Seventy stations have been so supplied. The Michigan sufferers next received systematic and efficient aid through this organization. Then it undertook to furnish the marine hospitals with supplies not provided by Government, such as libraries, clothing for indigent sailors. The association is now occupied with collecting and distributing relief for the sufferers by the Mississippi floods. The main object of the association is to organize the benevolent women of the nation into an intelligent, harmonious working body which, in the event of any great disaster from war, famine, flood, fire, pestilence, or any other cause, shall be ready to bring at once a vast, effective machinery of relief to bear upon it. The association has its headquarters in Washington D.C. It is proposed that there shall be auxiliary societies in every State of which several are formed and in active operation. Any person can become a member by the annual payment of \$5.00. Women who desire to form State auxiliary societies should apply for information to Mrs. Hannah McLaughlin No. 616 Third Street N.W. Washington D.C.

20 Blue Anchor

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## A POUND PARTY

—AND—

### Entertainment

—WILL BE GIVEN AT—

### Masonic Temple,

### Monday, April 24th, 7:30 P. M.,

—UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE—

### DISTRICT AUXILIARY

## Blue Anchor Association,

—FOR THE RELIEF OF THE—

### Sufferers by the Mississippi Flood.

### ADMISSION FREE:

All are invited, and are requested to bring or send donations of Groceries or clothing old or new.

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