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From Chattanooga comes the following report of the work of the League for colored women:

The Women's Service League for colored women was organized Nov. 1, 1917.

We have enrolled 34 members and we are trying to do "our bit." The first service of the League was to raise money to give Christmas cheer to our boys at Camp Mesde. We had less than two months in which to raise the money and do the work.

The question was, how can we do it? The first effort was a concert by Madam Anita Patti Brown. That started our treasury with \$35.00. The sale of tags gave us \$85.00. The first Sunday in December a number of churches gave us a collection. The Waiters' Union of the City gave us the largest donation, \$10.00. The Lodges and Chattanooga Band of Hope gave donations. The materials for our fruit cakes were given and we baked all of the cakes ourselves. We could not get very much knitting done for the boxes, but we are making more wristlets and foot warmers to be sent later. We sent one hundred and fifty boxes to the boys. Each box contained three kinds of cake, candy, nuts, one bath towel, soap, a handkerchief and a pair of foot warmers. The League raised the sum of \$200.00 and the boxes cost \$160.00. The League hopes to carry on other needed work while the war lasts.

This article recounts some of the actions of the League for Colored Women in Chattanooga, Tennessee. These women helped contribute to the war through fundraisers, as well as by making food and clothing to be sent to the soldiers.

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