NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Nov. 8.—The annual membership roll call of the American Red Cross, about to begin, will be actively conducted in 16,000 communities. The present adult membership of 4,130,000 does not provide sufficient funds to meet the local, national and international demands that are made for relief.

There should be several more million members. People should join not only because the work needs financial support but because of the individual and public benefit that accrues from an extended membership in the greatest charity in the world. It has a charter from the Congress, and the President of the United States is ex officio its president. So many of its officers serve without compensation that its funds are almost entirely used to relieve temporary human suffering.

Fire, flood, hurricane, earthquake or any other catastrophe calls it into immediate action anywhere on earth. We have no greater instrument of peace, friendship and good will devoted to humanity without regard to race or creed. No more practical and far-reaching philanthropy was ever created. Nothing better represents the true spirit of the people. In the great response to the call for membership will be revealed the moral power of this country.

NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Nov. 10.—We are celebrating the twelfth anniversary of Armistice Day. As the war recedes into the past the material loss becomes more apparent. The destruction of life, the maimed and the orphaned reaching many millions, the loss of scores of billions of property, the crushing debts and taxation and the human misery of the time which will be projected into the distant future, reveal what a crime it was to permit such a catastrophe to envelop the world. No nation profited by it.

If there was any gain it must be sought for in spiritual values. Even those appear to be diminishing. The unselfish patriotic fervor of that day has suffered a relapse. Instead of a willingness to give all for one's country, there is too much disposition in the world to avoid meeting all the different kinds of national obligations here and abroad imposed by the war. People should realize that they cannot be avoided. In some way they will have to be discharged. The nations can only recover from the war by a continuous exhibition of the spirit of sacrifice which those terrible times produced. Unless the increased moral power then created is preserved, the war will be a total loss.

Calvin Coolidge