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TO THE WOMEN OF ENGLAND.

Baroness Orczy appeals for 100,000 women to join this week a league to be called the Women of England's Active Service League, with the object of influencing sweethearts, brothers, sons, and friends to enlist. She proposes that all women sign the form below with their name and address and send it to her with two penny stamps for the badge of membership. Address: letters: Baroness Orczy, Snowfield, Bearsted, Kent; and mark envelopes W.E.A.S.L.: At this hour of England's grave peril and desperate need I do hereby pledge myself most solemnly in the name of my King and country to persuade every man I know to offer his services to his country, and I also pledge myself never to be seen in public with any man who being in every way fit and free for service has refused to respond to his country's call.

Signed

(Mrs. or Miss)

Address.....

Date.....

We are sick to death we suffragists of being told by men what we may do, ought to do, what is "womanly!" In the name of common sense let us not copy the folly and set out to tell men what they may do and ought to do - what is "manly!" They know in their hearts what is manly, just as we know what is womanly, ~~and~~ who are we, to decide whether a man should or should not leave all and go to the front.

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