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THE VOLUNTEER AID ASSOCIATION.

There were many citizens of Dublin who were of such ultra-respectability and loyalty that they could not be recruited into the Irish Volunteers. These were brought in to an organisation called the Volunteer Aid Association, which was organised principally by Henry Harrison. They took an office at 44, Dawson Street, and collected subscriptions for the Volunteers. This was their sole purpose.

This organisation must have been started in the middle of the summer of 1914, and after a brief career it disappeared after we broke with Mr. Redmond.

Mr. Aliaga Kelly, wine merchant, was Treasurer, and among other members were Sir John Lynch, of O'Keefe & Lynch, Solicitors, Molesworth Street, Sir John O'Connell, Solicitor, and Mr. Brendan Fottrell, who was afterwards killed in France.

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