

More Nurses for Influenza Patients Supreme Need of Winnipeg at Present

Five Sub-Stations for Distribution of Food Open Today—Large Supplies of Money and Food Needed—Who Will Come to the Rescue?

At an emergency meeting of the committee in connection with the diet kitchen and distributing bureau of food for "flu" patients, held at the Alexandra school Sunday morning, it was unanimously decided to open five additional emergency stations for the distribution of food and delicacies to the sufferers.

There were present at the meeting Mrs. Colin Campbell, presiding; Mrs. John Nairn, who has been in charge of the collecting of donations and the purchasing of supplies; Mrs. A. Code, Mrs. Arthur Rogers, Miss Irwin, who is in charge of the Alexandra school station; Mrs. H. C. Pugh, Miss Goldie, representing the Robertson Memorial Institute; and from Elmwood, Mrs. J. T. Mould and the Rev. P. Barker and Mrs. Barker.

After a full discussion of conditions, it was arranged to open Monday morning at 10.30 at the following points in the city:

North Winnipeg—Robertson Memorial Institute, corner Burrows and McKenzie Telephone St. Jean 1169. This will be in charge of Mrs. A. Code and Mrs. H. C. Pugh.

Elmwood—Lord Selkirk School No. 1, corner Brazier and Poplar. Telephone St. John 2377. In charge of Mrs. J. T. Mould and Mrs. P. Barker.

Weston—Sparling Methodist Church, on. Telephone Garry 3433. This station will be in charge of the Rev. W. A. Wallace, the Rev. G. H. Peacock and the Rev. Morrison, pastors of three of Weston's churches, and with them will be associated six women from each of the congregations.

Home for the Friendless—A special committee for the Home for the Friendless, which is being taken charge of by the Fort Garry Chapter I.O.D.E., will have headquarters at the home of Mrs. H. H. Bradburn, 662 Wellington Crescent. Telephone Fort Rouge 143.

St. James—A distributing station was reported as established at St. James, in charge of W. Sadler, and with this station the central station at the Alexandra school will co-operate.

Plan of Campaign.

It was decided that the Domestic Science teachers and Dieticians who are doing the cooking at the Alexandra school will remain there; their numbers will be added to and a second kitchen will be opened in that building.

The public is asked to specially note the following:

Orders for food and food itself may be sent to any one of the sub-stations named, but the general distribution will be from the Alexandra school, and it is asked that supplies be sent in the largest possible quantities to that centre, from which diets and baskets of all kinds will be made up and despatched at regular intervals to the sub-stations for further distribution.

What is Wanted?

Money, which may be sent to Mrs. John Nairn, corner Wolseley and Home street, or Miss Irwin, at the Alexandra school. Some of the supplies of food is going to well-to-do homes, where all the family are sick and it is impossible to get help, and these are being paid for as a

matter of course; but by far the larger part of the supplies goes to homes where the breadwinners are down with, or have died of, the disease and no income is coming in. Money, therefore, is needed, for many emergencies beside actual food. All kinds of food are needed, but especially for Monday clear and cream soups, jellied chicken, custards and snow puddings. Newly-laid eggs, or even really fresh eggs, would be a boon almost beyond price. Substantial food, such as roast meats, appetizing stews, bread, butter and plain cakes are all needed for children where there is no one to cook for them, and for those waiting on the sick who have no time to cook for themselves.

Containers of all kinds are needed, but especially those of glass with tight screw tops; also generous supplies of rubber bands for same. Baskets, stout pasteboard boxes, paper for wrapping, stout string—all are needed, as the rule is to bring nothing back from a house where the "flu" exists unless there is someone on hand who can sterilize the vessels, and this about never happens.

THE SUPREME NEED.

The supreme need is for more people to wait on the sick. The reports to the committee Sunday morning made the members feel as if they were in old London in the time of the plague, rather than in a western city in the twentieth century.

The need is bad everywhere, but perhaps it is worst out at Weston and Brooklyn. The latter suburb has one doctor and one nurse and scores of cases; whole families down and some of them sick days before a doctor can reach them.

The report of the Rev. W. A. Wallace, of Weston, was heartbreaking, and the man himself and his wife have been going night and day and are at the point of exhaustion, and the same is true of the other pastors.

Who Will Help?

Very, very many of the cases of extreme need of nursing are in the homes of soldiers' families. It will be a sorry home-coming for men from overseas if they find the city and the country they risked their lives for has let their wives and families die for want of care while they were away.

City Should Do More.

In an informal discussion following the meeting, the feeling was expressed that the civic authorities are not taking the matter with sufficient seriousness, and are not making as much effort as possible to secure a supply of temporary help. Many women and men who would be willing to help cannot afford to drop their means of livelihood at the beginning of winter and take on this work at the risk of their lives without remuneration. It was suggested that if the city would guarantee reasonably adequate wages to people willing to help but hindered by their circumstances, that it would bring a response.

The city may have passed the crest of the "flu," but for weeks to come there will be hundreds of homes where nursing and help and food will be needed if the death toll is not to be appal-

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