

nection it is most gratifying to note that an important adjunct body has come forward with a willingness to co-operate with the Provincial Board and particularly to inaugurate plans whereby an adequate supply of well-trained public health nurses for the Province of Ontario may be provided. The Ontario Division of the Red Cross, under the splendid chairmanship of Mrs. H. P. Plumtre of Toronto, has taken up with the University of Toronto the matter of establishing a course in public health nursing, the cost of this course and the provision of ten scholarships to be borne for an initial period of three years by this division. Though it is not yet known whether this plan has been consummated it is expected that it will at least form the basis of an arrangement.

This division of the Red Cross is also working on a plan for providing depots at various centres throughout the province where supplies may be held in readiness for epidemics or other catastrophies.

The spirit manifested in the work performed by the Canadian Red Cross Society overseas, if applied to the solution of health problems throughout our province will undoubtedly constitute a powerful aid.

Credit is due to the Victorian Order of Nurses for the valuable work performed throughout the year and especially during the stress of epidemic diseases.

The St. John's Ambulance, under the local direction of Dr. Copp, has added much to the strength of the forces combating disease by giving instruction to large numbers of candidates in the subjects of first aid, home hygiene and home nursing.

In Toronto, the Federation for Community Service, with its numerous branches, is accomplishing much in the way of relief work under all sorts of social conditions and so is contributing much to the general scheme of establishing and maintaining better health standards.

The Workmen's Compensation Act has been subjected to some changes whereby the proportionate remuneration to the injured undergoes a substantial increase and his medical attendance ceases to be a limited one. Medical fees, under this Act, are still very inadequate.

This phase of State Medicine has been a great boon to those who come under its provisions, because, to know that while unable to work there is still a livelihood provided for him and his family and that the doctor's fee will not become a personal obligation, is to be relieved of a burden which might otherwise retard recovery or render it incomplete and maintain for a long period a psychic drive under which subsequent breakdown might readily occur.

Elaboration and extension of certain other phases of State Medicine are matters for development in the near future. Allowances to widowed mothers where necessary will do much to relieve suffering thrust upon mothers and their children by the untimely loss of husbands or fathers.