

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AND RED CROSS TO BE CALLED UPON

Women's Meeting Held Yesterday—Existing Organizations in Province Asked to Help — Protest Against State of City Sidewalks.

"Organization is the key to the situation," said Hon. Dr. Roberts speaking before a women's meeting called yesterday afternoon to discuss the serious need of volunteer nurses in the present epidemic.

The hall at the G. W. V. A. was well filled by five o'clock. Dr. Roberts opened the meeting and said that it was held in one of the most important conditions which had presented themselves. His idea in calling the meeting was to ask the women to co-operate, to line up for help. "In the sad experiences of the world of today pestilence is not one of the least evils we have to face. In this city at the present time there are 100 homes where the whole family are lying helpless. This state of things makes for a rapid increase in the fatal results of the epidemic as ordinary people are afraid to come to the aid of the sick, and some of the patients in trying to help the others contract pneumonia. The pneumonia which accompanies influenza is of a particularly malignant type and it has been said that fifty per cent. of the pneumonia patients had died."

Dr. Roberts went on to say that he had great pleasure in testifying to the excellent work done under Mrs. Kuhring by the V. A. D. The epidemic is now at its height and the time to help is now unless we are going to lose valuable lives. People die from want of care and want of knowledge. Influenza if properly cared for is not a malady to be afraid of. The treatment is to go immediately to bed and be properly cared for, plenty of fresh air and freedom from worry are great aids towards recovery. There are neighbors suffering and dying all through the province and it is for suggestions to help them that the meeting had been called. Conditions throughout the province were terrible and Dr. Roberts cited some specific instances of very sad cases.

Dr. Roberts then called upon Mrs. Kuhring who described the work of the V. A. D. and how they were trying to cope with the epidemic. Mrs. Kuhring spoke very impressively about the immediate need for volunteers to go to homes where whole families were ill. She told of the splendid assistance rendered by the ten Sisters of Charity. Parties of nurses and V. A. D. had been sent to Minto and Fredericton Junction. People who could be useful were those who would turn to and really help. One nurse who had gone to the country had nursed in one home and taken care of people in a house one and a half miles away.

She had contracted the influenza, but has been home and recovered and is now preparing to go away again. The Red Cross had assisted with the outfitting of nurses and V.A.D.s who were summoned hastily to go out into the province. It was suggested that the Red Cross and Women's Institutes throughout the province would act in each district.

Mrs. John McAvity and Mrs. Lawrence spoke on behalf of the Red Cross, saying that they would help in every way possible.

Dr. Roberts announced that he had telephoned to Miss McCain, the supervisor of the Women's Institutes and she had agreed to come to St. John and work on any committee.

A resolution to the effect that the Provincial Red Cross and the Women's Institutes should be called upon to ask their branches to respond to the call for nurses and assist in getting volunteers to give immediate help was moved by Mrs. Kuhring, seconded by Mrs. Lawrence. A committee of three was appointed consisting of Lady Tilley, representing the Provincial Red Cross, Miss Hazel McCain, for the Women's Institutes and Mrs. Kuhring, representing the V. A. D.

Mrs. Lawrence and Mrs. George F. Smith gave valuable suggestions. During the meeting Mrs. D. P. Chisholm spoke on the importance of the condition of the streets owing to the disgusting amount of excretion was a menace to health and that surely when an epidemic was under discussion it was well to speak of means of preventing its spread. The speaker did not know



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THOSE WHO ARE DOING V. A. D. WORK

The following is a partial list of those who are assisting so splendidly in the care of the influenza patients under the organization of the V. A. D.: Out of town volunteers—Mrs. Gundry, Mrs. Teel, Mrs. Cooper, Miss McMurray, Miss McGinnis, Miss Frost (Fair Vale), Miss Marguerite Kirkpatrick (Rothsay), Captain Terrell of the Salvation Army.

V. A. D. on Partridge Island—Miss Jennie Munroe, acting matron, Mrs. McLean, Miss Dorothy Bayard, Miss Marguerite Adams.

At the Military Hospital—Miss Edith Hamm, Miss Hazel Dunlop, Miss Dorothy Jones, Miss Holder, Miss McLeod.

District nurses—Miss Irene Barbour, Miss Dorothy Jones, Miss Agnes McKen, Miss Florence Dink, Miss Nina Harrison, Miss G. Dunlop, Miss Anna Aird.

Volunteer workers—Mrs. A. E. McGinley, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Stanley Harrison, Miss Miriam Hatheway, Miss Letitia Roberts, Miss Kirkpatrick, Miss Haley, Miss H. Young, Miss Pauline Powell, Miss Ganong, Miss Mita Ganong, Miss William Allen. In charge of the diet kitchen—Mrs. T. E. Girvan, Miss D. Robson, Miss K. Sturdee, with fifty helpers. On the ambulance to assist those going to the hospital—Miss Irene Barbour.

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whether the Board of Health or the Commissioner of Public Health was responsible for the cleanliness of the streets, but she thought that a very strong protest against the present conditions should go from this meeting. Mrs. Chisholm's remark were loudly applauded and it was evident that her protest against this shocking habit met with universal approval.

Dr. McVinn was called upon to speak and corroborated what had been said, emphasizing the gravity of the situation and saying that he felt that the co-operation of the women's associations throughout the country much good would be accomplished.

A. M. Belding explained the state of affairs at the Children's A.M. and told how impossible it was for them to accommodate any more children at this time. They had had both influenza and whooping cough there, and those in charge had all been ill. Mr. Belding suggested that to care for the children in afflicted families the old building of the children's shelter should be equipped and staffed with volunteer workers.

Mrs. Geo. J. Smith thought that the minister of Public Health should send out an imperative call to the mayors of the different cities asking them to get at once in touch with existing organizations empowered by their needs to work. This suggestion met with general approval.

A returned soldier, James Barbour, made an offer of his services and said he could supply others who would volunteer to care for cases where it might be hard for nurses to go. He said that as he had been in seventeen hospitals in France he felt he could give quite good care to a patient and he and his comrades would be more than willing to help. Mr. Barbour's offer was gratefully accepted.

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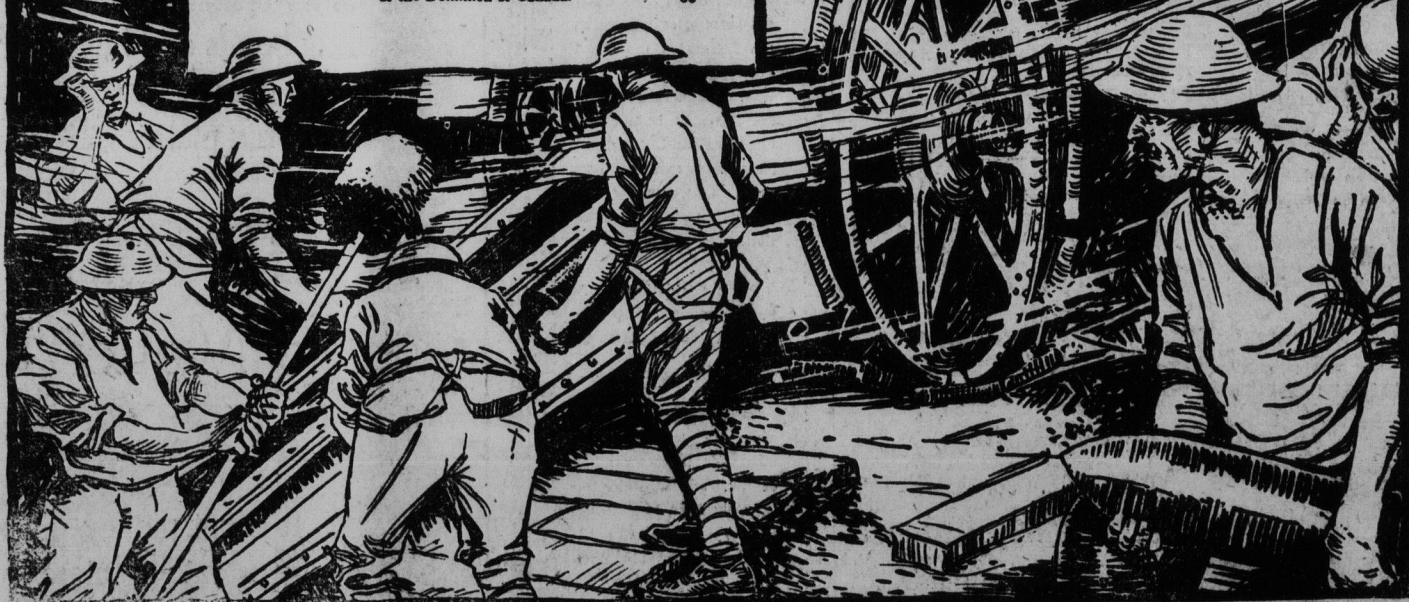
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