

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT, October, 1925

During this month, the Bruchési and Royal Edward Institutes have formally expressed their approval of a plan under which they will extend their clinical and home supervision activities of tuberculosis cases and contacts.

As a result, certain institutions for which the Health League have been providing home supervision of their cases of tuberculosis will refer such cases to these two institutions.

The need for home supervision is appreciated, and we welcome the further development of this activity by the institutes.

It is proposed that we re-adjust our plans to meet this new condition as follows:-

We have three French-speaking and three English-speaking public health nurses at present doing tuberculosis work. It is suggested that we transfer one English-speaking nurse to our demonstration area and engage one more French-speaking. This is recommended because the Royal Edward are able to extend their work without any assistance from us, whereas Bruchési Institute will need assistance for some time. With reference to the latter, it is recommended that the Managing-Director be instructed to communicate with Bruchési Institute to the effect that the League will be willing to place four public health nurses in the French-speaking section for home-visiting tuberculosis work for the first six months of 1926, after which it is hoped that Bruchési Institute will be prepared to assume gradually full responsibility for this service. The idea being that whilst the Health League are prepared to assist in the fuller development of all allied institutions, they consider that such assistance should be temporary and not become permanent. This is necessary if we are to be free to give our attention gradually to one problem after another.

The Royal Edward Institute have agreed to assist in every way in the work of the League's demonstration area, and the home supervision of cases in that area will be turned over to the League.

The following programme for diphtheria immunization work was submitted to Doctors Martin and Harwood who have approved of the plan:-

1. Co-operation of medical societies;
2. Pamphlet for general distribution (donated by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.)
3. Purchase from Connaught Laboratories, at cost, of Toxoid (approximately 25 cents per child);
4. Clinics at two centres weekly for children of six years of age and under;
5. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, at each of their seven district offices, at their expense, one day a month, for six months, for the children of their agents.

We have since written the medical societies, asking for their approval, which we await. In the meantime, we are planning to open our immunization clinic in January, between now and then, carrying on our publicity.

Following a meeting of the Executive of the Canadian Medical Association, the Secretary of the Association wrote to the Managing Director of the League,