Richmond Health Officer Orders All Saloons to Close

Gauze Masks Being Worn as Result of Influenza Situation

As Richmond, October 18.—Dr. C. R. Blake, city and county health officer, took drastic action today to stamp out the spread of the disease.

This morning he issued an order closing all the saloons of the city, so that Richmond is now bone dry. The order reads as follows:

"On account of the prevalence of influenza in this city, without any sign of its diminution at this time, all saloons in this city, are hereby ordered immediately, closed until further notice. Parents are notified to keep their children off the streets, as the police department has ordered them to arrest even those playing on the streets until further notice."

After issuing the above order, Dr. Blake went to the post-office, where it has been prevalent. In addition to the influenza, and issued orders closing the schools, hotels, and other places where people congregate.

The health officer believes that drastic action necessary. The health authorities in all institutions are as well as the employes of all the appropriate health authorities in all the institutions are as well as the employees of all the drug stores and a number of businesses where the clerks and other employees are suffering from gauze masks, as well as the employees of the different clubs and a number of hotels where the clerks and others are suffering from gauze masks, as well as the employees of the different drug stores and a number of business houses are discussing the advisability of wearing the masks.

Adjoin Churches, But Not Worship, Declares Bishop

Let Closing Be Incentive for Greater Devotion

Bishop Nichols, of the Episcopal Church, yesterday addressed a letter to the clergy and congregation of the diocese, urging that the closing be not made a cause for an abdication of the rule, but rather an incentive to quickened devotion. Bishop Nichols points out that the closing will be a means of great spiritual benefit, a means of strengthening the faith of the people.

Bishop Nichols suggested the following methods that might be used in keeping with the spirit of the rule:

**FIRST**—Families of themselves can have home worship. The Prayer Book will afford opportunity for some member to lead with its provisions, especially as suggested on pages 222-227.

**SECOND**—The clergy can hold private worship in the holy communion, as distinct from public worship, as in the case for the office of the sick, and to keep the continuity of intercourse at the altar.

**THIRD**—When the weather permits, open-air services may be held, as allowed by the health authorities.

**FOURTH**—For family and altar intercession there may be used the special prayers set forth for use in the disease of the war conditions.