CALL GOES OUT FOR NURSES IN INFLUENZA WAR

Red Cross Committee Pleads for Volunteers to Combat Malady in City

The Red Cross influenza committee has asked the women of the city to volunteer for service in the new headquarters which was established yesterday. Women interested in the work are asked to call the headquarters at 1333 Waring Street and report for duty.

In cases where there are more than one child in a family, it is suggested that the younger children be sent to the homes of friends or relatives. Nurses and nurses' aides are needed in the homes of the sick.

At the Red Cross influenza headquarters, a special plea was made yesterday for volunteers from the ranks of trained nurses who have married and left the profession. Three hundred more trained nurses are needed at once. In addition, four or five hundred women who can serve as emergency nurses in the homes of stricken families will be needed today. With this force available, it was confidently said, the death rate can be materially reduced and the epidemic halted.

WORKERS COLLABORATE

The Red Cross influenza headquarters correlates its work with the Board of Health and the various hospitals of the city, and there is no confusion or overlapping of work. Immediate help and efficiency, with correlation of existing agencies, is the motto of those in charge of the fight.

"Great credit is due to the work of the doctors, nurses and volunteer helpers, who have worked so faithfully," said John A. Britton of the San Francisco Chapter of the Red Cross yesterday. "Many of the doctors and nurses have been working twenty hours a day without a thought of themselves.

The most pitiful case that came to the attention of the Red Cross workers yesterday developed when a call came in from a family where the mother and five children had reached the last stages of pneumonia. The old grandmother, feeble and helpless with age, was doing her best to minister to the needs of her stricken ones. The father lay in a drunken stupor on the floor and the grandmother, with tears in her eyes told of his cruelty in beating the children as they lay moaning with pain. A nurse was placed in at once and the doctor said: With police help we attended to the father...

In the meantime, the mother had died, and the children lingered. The Red Cross arrived in time to prevent the children from succumbing to the same fate as the father and grandmother.