

CITY TO HANDLE EPIDEMIC CASES

Red Cross Will Be Relieved of the Care of Influenza Victims

Red Cross participation in the anti-influenza crusade was yesterday relieved by the Board of Health, which sent to Chairman Britton the following communication:

John A. Britton, Chairman San Francisco Chapter, American Red Cross, San Francisco—My Dear Mr. Britton: After a thorough canvass of the influenza situation in the various districts of the city, the Board of Health believes that the necessity of the operation of and administration of the Red Cross district stations has ceased, and we feel safe in suggesting to the Red Cross that they be closed, and the medical and nursing care be referred to the Board of Health.

In the matter of those families which are now receiving Red Cross care, either as to nursing or care-taking, as well as rations, we believe that the time has arrived for placing these responsibilities under the charge of the three social agencies, which should be advised of a date when the future care of these needy families would become their burden. Respectfully

THE BOARD OF HEALTH,
Per William C. Hassler.

Britton said last night that the Board's suggestions would be complied with, and that before Saturday evening the Red Cross will have ceased its battle against influenza.

The three social agencies upon which will devolve the task of caring for needy families are the Associated Charities, the Affiliated Catholic Charities and the Federation of Jewish Charities.