

The Canadian Nurses' Association plan for a new form of nurses' training received financial support from the Society in 1947. The Red Cross is financing a small demonstration school of nursing at a cost of \$40,000 a year for four years. The new curriculum is designed to shorten the training period to 25 months and make training more attractive.

More than 200 Sick Room Supply Loan Cupboards have been established in provincial branches. Sickroom supplies, rarely used or hard to obtain and often beyond a family's means, are distributed from a central depot without charge on request of the family doctor or a welfare agency.

Sixteen new outpost hospitals were added during 1947, making a total of 71 of these hospitals and nursing stations serving frontier districts across the Dominion.

The Arts and Crafts Department took over the operation of diversional therapy in 24 Department of Veterans Affairs institutions in the nine provinces. A staff of 38, with 85 volunteer workers assisting, provides instruction in recreational handicrafts. An average of 2,120 veterans participate monthly in this program. Ten Red Cross Lodges have been built by the Society and operate near veterans hospitals to provide recreational facilities and accommodation for visiting relatives.

During 1947 the Red Cross distributed in Canada approximately 1,500,000 articles of clothing and hospital supplies made by volunteer workers in the Women's Workrooms, to military, civilian, D.V.A. and outpost hospitals, to loan cupboards, soldiers' dependents and relief. Early in 1947, following the disastrous floods in Britain, \$500,000 was allocated to purchase clothing for relief. In addition, women volunteers made and shipped overseas approximately 1,200,000 articles.

First aid and home nursing is being taught by the provincial branches and the swimming and water-safety program has in two years qualified nearly 30,000 men, women and children in swimming and water-safety tests, another 10,000 receiving varying degrees of instruction. Some 2,000 new instructors have been qualified.

At the end of 1947, Canadian Junior Red Cross had 854,606 members in Canada and Newfoundland. More than 2,500 handicapped children were assisted during that year through their Crippled Children's Fund. Health promotion was maintained at a high level and many health projects initiated. A total of 1,846 cases, valued at approximately \$87,000 and containing school supplies, food, cod liver oil, clothing and toys, was shipped overseas by Juniors for relief of needy children in Great Britain and Europe.

Floods, forest fires and other disasters were met by the Disaster Relief Committees, which not only assisted in these emergencies but started rehabilitation funds where necessary. At the beginning of the year, \$1,500,000 was given to the Lord Mayor of London, England, for the Flood Distress Fund, not including the \$500,000 allocated for clothing. A \$1,000,000 grant was made in October, 1947, to purchase bulk food to ease the crisis in Great Britain and Europe in the coming winter. A total of 118,350 cases of supplies was shipped overseas during the year, including food, drugs, clothing articles, layettes, hospital equipment and comforts of every description for the relief of suffering and hardship.