

The Health League of Canada.—The Health League of Canada is a voluntary association devoted to health education. Through the media of press, radio, posters, pamphlets, motion pictures and the public platform, the League keeps the public informed concerning the health value of milk pasteurization, immunization procedures for preventable diseases, proper nutritional habits, sanitary work practices by public food-handlers and organized health programs for industrial workers. The League supplements its year-round program with the annual sponsoring of National Health and National Immunization Weeks.

The Order of St. John.—The primary purpose of the Order is to teach first aid and home nursing to citizens of Canada irrespective of age, race and creed, and to provide trained and organized personnel to help in time of emergency. The Canadian branch was organized in 1895 and, since that time, more than 1,250,000 persons have been trained and have passed examinations in various subjects. The Order has its headquarters and national offices at Ottawa, branches in every province and local centres in hundreds of cities, towns and villages throughout Canada. There are two subsidiary branches, the St. John Ambulance Association and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the first devoted to teaching and the second to rendering voluntary public assistance as required. The Order has been selected as the official organization to train civil defence workers in basic and advanced first aid.

The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.—The Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society was incorporated in 1948 for the purpose of reducing morbidity and mortality from arthritic and rheumatic diseases. Its objectives include the raising of funds to support research, the education of professional personnel and of the general public, and the promotion and organization of treatment facilities. A Medical Advisory Board composed of leading physicians, surgeons and scientists advises on the research program, professional education and public relations.

Divisions of the Society are organized in nearly every province. Arthritis clinics sponsored by the Society have been established in 30 out-patient hospital departments and, in addition, 44 mobile physiotherapy units provide treatment and consultations to those unable to leave home.

The Canadian Mental Health Association.—The Canadian Mental Health Association operated between the years 1918 and 1950 as the National Committee for Mental Hygiene. The Association carries on a continuous educational campaign for the general public on various aspects of mental health and, in co-operation with the University of Toronto, conducts a mental health liaison course for selected teachers from all provinces. Provincial branches seek to promote a better understanding of the problems of mental illness and the need for community participation in mental health services. The program of the Association also includes fact-finding surveys of current mental health services and research studies of specific aspects of mental illness and social behaviour.

Other National Health Organizations.—Additional voluntary agencies are engaged in a variety of health activities including financial support and operation of educational programs, research and training, and the provision of treatment. These activities may be directed towards the general public or towards specific categories of ill or disabled persons, such as the paraplegics. Some organizations,