

Minutes of Meeting of January 1928

The deferred monthly meeting of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held at the office of the Institute, January 13, 1928 at 10:00 A.M.

Present were Mrs Rockey, presiding, Mrs Honeyman, Mrs Chaney, Mrs Hamilton Corbett, Mrs Greble and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by Miss Prichard and accepted.

Balance on hand January 1, 1928 \$929.56

The Statistical report for the month of November 1927 was read by Miss Prichard. It showed:

Total number Individuals.....	1213
Total Number Examinations....	1551
Total Visits or Treatments...	3476
Referred to hospitals.	116
Laboratory Tests.....	626
Metabolic Rates.....	25
Sent to private physicians...	39
Daily ave. of Patients.....	144
X-Ray Plates.....	98
Light Treatments.....	342

Miss Prichard said she estimated that about 2/5 of the patients were able to pay the fees and that 3/5 were admitted entirely free.

Registration Fee...25	for three months
Each visit.....10	
Evening visit.....25	

The greatest problem is the single, transient male patient, who is not eligible to the County Hospital which requires a residence of six months for entrance, usually young boys who are working their way around the country.

Miss Prichard said a great need of a small emergency fund to aid these single men, for instance, carfare, a brace or truss, glasses etc.

Miss Prichard reported that 24 Christmas Good Cheer baskets were sent, which were greatly appreciated. A balance which was not used for the baskets was put into the Emergency fund.

A need for more small pillows was reported, about 14 x 11 - Kimonos are also needed, Also another rug for the office.

Miss Prichard reported that a letter had been sent to the Mayor asking why we had not received a larger appropriation from the City and asking why, when we give medical attention to sufferers from all diseases we should receive a much smaller appropriation than the organization which cares for only Tuberculosis patients.

A letter from the Chairman of the Community Chest Campaign, E.C. Sammons thanking Mrs Corbett for her assistance was read.

Another communication from the Community Chest was read announcing a definite cut of 5% in the allocations.

A letter was read from the Medical Society Telephone Service stating they would furnish us their telephone service free.

The appointment of Mrs Hamilton Corbett as a member of the Board by the President was made unanimous by the Directors.

The appointment of Mrs Rockey and Mrs Kerr as Vice Presidents by Mrs Corbett was approved by the Board of Directors.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned.

Signed by Bessie H. Grelle, Secretary.

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