

Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary

Minutes of the Annual Meeting, March 1925

The postponed annual meeting of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held on March 6, 1925 in the office of the Dispensary, Mrs Corbett presiding. Present were Mrs Rockey, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Hunt Lewis, Mrs Devereaux, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Gerlinger, Mrs Wight and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's report for January was read and accepted.

Miss Prichard's annual statistical report recorded the largest years work in the history of the Dispensary: the total number of visits to all clinics being 34308, the number of patients 11558 or 1566 more than in 1923. There was an average of 127 patients daily during January.

The Child Health Clinic and the Pre-Natal Clinics are the two new branches of work the Dispensary has undertaken during the past year.

The Treasurer's annual report was read and accepted, showing total receipts, and expenditures of \$16649.22 with a deficit of \$69.11.

Miss Prichard reported that the amount to be received from the Community Chest would be 7% less than the amount requested in the budget and that it would amount to about \$850.00.

A discussion was held regarding the advisability of increasing the membership or asking a larger appropriation from the County and the City. The general opinion was that it would be wiser to ask for larger appropriations than to attempt to increase the membership. Mrs Corbett said she would appoint a committee later to confer with a committee from the Medical School regarding the subject.

Miss Prichard read copies of the telegrams sent to the Governor asking him to reconsider his veto for appropriations for the Social Hygiene Society, also a communication from the Americanization council asking for a donation for carrying on their program.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

*Signed Mrs Geo Gerlinger*