

PEOPLES INSTITUTE AND PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY

Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting

May 1925

The regular monthly meeting of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held on May 1, 1925, in the office of the Dispensary Mrs Ayer presiding. Those present were Mrs Bailey, Mrs Devereaux, Miss Prichard and Mrs Johnson.

Miss Arleta Brownlee, Executive Secretary of the Social Workers Association of Oregon spoke to the Board on their work and was asked by Mrs Ayer to repeat her interesting talk at some future meeting when more members were able to be present.

The minutes of the Annual meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was read and accepted. Miss Prichard gave the report of the committee from the Dispensary and Medical school appointed to discuss a plan for approaching the County Commissioners and City Council for larger appropriations necessary to carry on the increased work.

At this meeting it was decided that Dr Dillehunt send a letter to both these bodies explaining the work and the necessity for more money to carry it on. Later a committee will be appointed to confer with them. Miss Prichard gave a report of the annual meeting of the City Federation of Women's Clubs which she and Mrs Gerlinger attended. Miss Prichard then read a report of a meeting called by Dr Dillehunt, representing the Medical School. Mrs Sadie Orr Dunbar, representing the Oregon Tuberculosis Association; Miss Ida Lowenberg, representing the Jewish Neighborhood House and Miss Prichard, representing the Dispensary for the purpose of formulating a co-operative plan for extending nursing service to the Neighborhood House Child Health Clinic. This service to be under the supervision of Miss Cecil Schreyer, Supervising Nurse of the Portland Free Dispensary. This plan was approved by the Board.

Miss Prichard then read the Statistical Report showing the total number of individual patients in the Dispensary during March as 1880, total number of visits to the Dispensary 3416, number of patients sent to private physicians 40, average number of patients per day in all Clinics 131.

Miss Prichard reported that an exhibition of the work of the Dispensary had been placed at the Central Library for the three days Institute of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs and that Miss Schreyer gave a talk at the Wednesday meeting on the value of the Dispensary.

A letter was read from the National Conference of Social Work in Cincinnati asking that this organization again take out a membership which would cost \$25.00 a year. It was moved and seconded that a letter be sent stating that the nature of our work had so changed that we found we could no longer avail ourselves of the advantages they offered.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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*William L. Corbett Pres.*  
*Paul Trevelyan Sec.*  
Signed, Jessie McT. Johnson,

Secretary ProTem.