

Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary
March 1926

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held at the Dispensary, Fourth and Jefferson Streets, March fifth at 10 A.M. Present were Mrs Corbett, presiding, Mrs Gerlinger, Mrs Devereaux, Mrs Shevlin, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Rockey, Miss Prichard and Mrs Grelle.

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

A resolution of condolence for Mrs Thomas Kerr was passed and a letter expressing the Board's sympathy was sent.

The Director's report was read by Miss Prichard. She reported that the Child Health Clinic had grown to such an extent that an assistant was needed for Dr McCauley who is in charge of the Monday Clinic and that the Saturday Clinic in charge of Dr Washburn is increasing. A Psychiatric Clinic is contemplated as many of the children, particularly, seem to have need of this kind of help. Dr Selling in charge of the Neurological Clinic has requested it and Dr Dillehunt will appoint Dr Ann Burnet who for many years was in charge of a psychiatric Clinic in connection with the State Reformatory in New York.

Miss Prichard read a communication announcing a series of lectures by Paul Harvey on Present Conditions and events leading up to them. The series to be given at Lincoln High School, beginning Mch 18, 1926.

Mrs Gerlinger reported an offer of help from the "Jewish Juniors" made to her by Miss Rose Goodman.

Mrs Shevlin made an appeal for a work that would resemble in a way the work of the Boy and Girl Scouts, but which would eliminate the children who were not in real need of help and would reach those whose opportunities were practically nil and give them training in helpful, practical things. The movement would aim to take in children from approximately eleven to fifteen years of age and be carried on in summer camps.

Miss Prichard reported that Mr Herdman had requested that copies of the printed annual report be sent to all former subscribers as the Community Chest realized the necessity of regaining the personal interest which had been lost through the decreased subscription lists of the various organizations. The Community Chest will later formulate further plans for reaching these former subscribers.

There being no further business to transact the meeting adjourned,

Signed,

Bessie H. Grelle, Secretary.

Ann Linn Crutch

Mrs. C. E. Grelle