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PORTLAND INSTITUTE AND PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY

Minutes of Monthly Meeting

October 1926

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held on Friday, ^{Oct} November 1, 1926 in the office of the Dispensary. Those present were, Mrs Corbett, presiding, Mrs Wight Mrs Gillison, Mrs Gerlinger, Mrs Bailey and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's report was read and accepted; showing a balance on October 1, 1926 of \$1297.98.

The statistical report was read by Miss Prichard. This showed : total number of examinations in Dispensary 1349, number of treatments 2571, number sent to hospitals 123, number sent to private physicians 46 and average number of patients per day 98.

All of the staff had vacations during the summer, Miss Schreyer visiting Dispensaries in the east and Mrs Donald in San Francisco. The Dental Clinic has been removed from the Dispensary to the Administration Building of the Public Schools.

Miss Lynch, nurse in charge of the Pre-Natal Clinics is now on the Dispensary Staff as the Visiting Nurses Association has discontinued the work. An Obstetrical nurse to accompany the Doctor on home deliveries has been requested for 1927, to be supplied by the Medical School.

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The space formerly used by the Dental Clinic has been rearranged to give more room for filing cabinets and to provide office room for Miss Schreyer and Miss Lynch. A special room has also been made for Mrs Burpee.

Miss Grace Abbott Chief of the Children's Bureau in Washington D.C. visited us and was much interested in our work here. She thought our work very fine but our quarters inadequate.

The Community Chest requested our Budget be presented not later than September 1, 1926. The budget was arranged and approved by the Budget Committee, Mrs Ayer, Mrs Kerr, Mrs Bailey and Mrs Johnson. The total amount of the budget for 1927 was \$22900. \$200. only. more than for last year.

A letter was sent to the City Council asking them to appoint a time for the Board of Directors of the Dispensary to appear before them to present our work.

A committee was appointed by the President to look into housing conditions for our Dispensary. Chairman Mrs Kerr, Mrs Gerlinger, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Ayer and Mrs Wight.

The entire Board was appointed to accompany Miss Prichard to the meeting with the City Council.

An interesting discussion followed of future possibilities for Health work in our City.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Miss Ladd Corbett Pres —
Bessie H Geller. Sec.