

THE PEOPLES INSTITUTE AND PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY

Minutes of Meeting

April 1927

The regular monthly meeting of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held at the office of the Dispensary at 10 A.M. on April 8th, 1927. Present were Mrs Corbett, presiding, Mrs Devereaux, Mrs Gillison, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Grelle and Miss P. Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's report was read by Mrs Johnson showing a balance March 31, 1927 of \$786.13. The report was accepted.

The statistical report was read by Miss Prichard showing the Total individuals in all clinics for the month 1328

Total cases or examinations 1699

Total visits or treatments 3298

Average number of patients a day 142 which is the largest average the Dispensary has ever had.

Miss Prichard said Dr Dillehunt had discussed with her the proposed 10 cent fee and had said that personally he favored it but that he would like to have her correspondence with other clinics to discuss the plan with other doctors.

Mrs Wilcox suggested a plan for protecting the Dispensary in some slight degree. If a patient has agreed to the 10 cent fee and fails repeatedly to pay his fee, a note is sent saying he will have to be put on the charity list of patients. In other organizations this plan has had very good results.

Miss Prichard reported a meeting with the Community Chest Heads. The drive has been set forward this year for the last week in October and the colonels were advised to arrange their teams early.

She also stated that we should have and should ask a larger appropriation from the City as we are doing a great deal of city work, she suggested a committee to go before the Council to ask for a larger contribution. Mrs Gerlinger was appointed chairman of a large committee to call upon the Mayor and Council to ask for an increase in our allowance from them.

A letter from the Seattle Dispensary was read. Their charges were about the same as ours.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Signed- Bessie H Grelle

Secretary.