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PEOPLES INSTITUTE AND PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY

Minutes of May Meeting

1928

The regular monthly meeting of the Peoples Institute and Portland Free Dispensary was held Friday morning, May 4, 1928 in the office of the Dispensary. Those present were Mrs. Rockey, presiding, Mrs. Gerlinger, Mrs. Chaney, Mrs. Devereaux, Mrs. Wilcox, Mrs. Honeyman, Mrs. Grelle, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, Mrs. Kerr and Miss Prichard.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved and the Treasurer's reports for March and April were read and approved. The Treasurer's reports showed a balance on hand May 1, 1928 of \$1701.47

The statistical reports for March and April were read and approved. The reports showed an average number of patients per day in all clinics of 167.

Miss Prichard reported a meeting which she and Mrs. Rockey had attended at Dr. Dillehunt's invitation, to discuss plans for bringing about more suitable facilities for handling the ambulatory patients of Portland and Oregon.

Invited to the meeting were representatives of the following organizations, Peoples Institute, University of Oregon Medical School, State Board of Health, Multnomah County Commissioners, City of Portland, Oregon Tuberculosis Association, Oregon Social Hygiene Society, and the Community Chest, and the Visiting Nurse Association.

Dr. Dillehunt made a very splendid presentation of the work of the Medical School, and its value to the City, State and County.

He spoke of its three functions, the research work which is done for the purpose of making new medical discoveries, the training of medical students to be qualified physicians and the care of the sick.



He spoke of the cooperation of the many organizations and particularly of the value of the Free Dispensary to the Medical School, giving also statistics regarding the cost and also stating the value of the free service given by physicians, estimating this at the rate of \$1.00 per visit as amounting to \$75000.00 a year. He then spoke of the desire to have the Dispensary in closer connection with the Medical School and situated on the Medical Hill where they have land for the purpose, and stated that the problem of conveyance had been solved, or answered, by the way patients get to the Doernbecher Hospital.

Amplification and modernization of the facilities now at hand is necessary.

Dr. Dillehunt said that if it were possible to get the assurance of the various agencies who are contributing to the support and maintenance of the Dispensary that they would continue their support for <sup>ten</sup> ~~ten~~ years, he thought he would be able to secure the funds for a building on the hill from the Rockefeller Foundation. All of the representatives present indicated their interest and their desire to continue their support and cooperation and the City and County indicated that they would try to give more help than they have up to this time; but no official action could be taken at this time. Dr. Dillehunt was requested to go before each separate organization and present the matter to it.

The Superintendent's report was approved.

Miss Prichard reported several needs of the Dispensary. First a new Neostyle and a small hand duplicator for small work, as the one we now have is completely obsolete, Second, a new rug for the office floor. It was moved, seconded and carried that Miss Prichard purchase these articles.

Mrs. Gerlinger spoke of a plan she as assistant manager of the Community Chest has considered in connection with the work next fall, which has in mind interesting a great many people who would be members



of the organization throughout the year, instead of being pressed into service for a few high pressure weeks.

Mrs. Honeyman reported that she and Mrs. Rockey had had a meeting with Mr. Lonergan with regard to the money which comes from the boxing commission. He seemed in sympathy with the Dispensary but the commission has no power to give the money, they can only recommend and in the end the money comes through the city.

Miss Prichard reported good news of Mrs. Corbett's progress toward recovery.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Signed - Bessie H. Grelle, Secretary.