

emergency hospital for their care. Two relays of volunteers met all trains from seven-thirty^{am} until eleven-thirty p.m. They were fed, clothed, and given medical care. Doctors and nurses from every part of the city gave their services. *and employed for full time at school*

Much equipment was given which was put away when it was no longer needed to be used again later when the dispensary might be started. *Enlarge*

The need for health work was becoming more apparent all the time.

Two women physicians became very much interested in the health work and offered to help. Dr. Edna Timms and Dr. Gertrude French. Dr. Noble Wiley Jones was also very much interested and offered his services when necessary. *Change*

In 1907 the Portland Free Dispensary was organized. The mothers club of the Institute ~~was~~^{interested} listed in this enterprize and held a bazaar and donated the first \$30 to it. This was used for new equipment that was necessary. This club also furnished the necessary bandages and dressings. For the first couple of years three physicians gave their services for certain hours each week in a much needed relief to working women and children. A report of the work was sent to the medical department of the University of Oregon in 1909. Word came back from them saying they would affiliate with the Institute in maintaining a larger dispensary for men, women, and children if they would enlarge their quarters. Enlarging of the quarters was made possible by a donation from Mrs. Jacob Kamm. Five small rooms were arranged on the first floor of the Peoples Institute for this purpose. *small room little* *letter for Mrs*

The Visiting Nurses' Association used the dispensary as a sub-station and conducted the Tuberculosis work of the city

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which is financed by city and supervised by the Visiting Nurses' Association.

A staff of fourteen physicians was appointed by the Dean of the Medical Department of the ^{Dr. K.A.J. Mackenzie} University of Oregon.

Three physicians and a nurse were to be in attendance from eleven until one o'clock everyday. ~~Linics were to be held for the medical school students.~~

The department was under the direction of a joint committee represented by:

The Medical Department of the University of Oregon

Dr. K.A.J. Mackenzie Dr. Earnest Tucker

Dr. George B. Storey.

The Visiting Nurses' Association

Mrs. F.A. Biles Mrs. S. Frank

Miss Virginia Wilson.

The Peoples Institute

Miss Valentine Pritchard Mrs. A.G. Barker

Mrs. T.B. Wilcox Mr. A.S. Pattulo *of the Menem Resoul*

Mrs. A.H. Tanner Mr. Fletcher Linn Dr. Edna Tims.

The staff of physicians appointed by Dr. S.E. Josephi, Dean of the Medical School, were:

Dr. K.A.J. Mackenzie

Dr. Otis Wight

Dr. George Whiteside

Dr. Noble Wiley Jones

Dr. Alvin Baird

Dr. Otis Akin

Dr. Gertrude French

Dr. Frank M. Taylor

Dr. Edna Timms

Dr. C.J. McCusker

Dr. Robert H. Ellis

Dr. George Koehler

Dr. Donald Jessup

Dr. Pease

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Miss F.A. Baldwin was the nurse in charge.

About 1912 the settlement work was moved to lower Albina; about the same line of club and class work was carried on until 1918; perhaps even a little more extensive. In 1914 a branch *a call Camp Fourth Penn* work was opened in South Portland. The only work carried on at fourth and Burnside was the work at the dispensary which kept growing each year. By this time the district had changed from poor tenement houses to a wholesale commercial district.

From 1918 to 1920 the clubs and classes had been merged into other organizations and the Institute, believing that they had made their contribution to settlement work in Portland and that settlement work should gradually evolve into community center work, directed all their efforts to the health work at the dispensary which was now the greater need.

It has been stated by Earl C. Brownlee, "Charity may begin where it likes; it may heap a wealth of raiment and a deluge of foods at the doors of the needy, but is largely lost, preforce, if it does not bring health and the happiness that can be known only where health exists!" This was the principal upon which the Portland Free Dispensary was founded. It was the reason all settlement activities were given ^{over} by the Peoples Institute to other agencies and all efforts directed to the health work. There was very little done for the sick ~~and~~ poor in Portland; a few beds were available in the St. Vincents and Good Samaritain Hospitals for those that were very sick, and only a very few could be taken care of at a time--the beds were always filled.

From a very small start in very cramped quarters the dispensary has grown rapidly until now it occupies large quarters at Fourth and Jefferson streets where every *physical ailments*

No effort being made to meet the need of a dispensary

can be and are diagnosed and remedied by a large staff of volunteer physicians and surgeons, whose number includes the city's best known professional men. The work has grown from an average of a few patients a week that were cared for until at the end of 1929 the average was 164 visits per day to all clinics.

At the present time the Administration of the dispensary is represented jointly by the Peoples Institute and the Medical School. The members of the Joint Dispensary committee are:

Representing the Peoples Institute

Mrs. Helen LaddCorbett (ex-officio)

Mrs. Thomas Kerr

Mrs. A.E.Rockey

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger

Miss Valentine Fritchard (Superintendent)

Representing the Medical School

Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt (ex-officio)

Dr. Clarence J. McCusker

Dr. Ralph Fenton

Dr. T. Homer Coffen

Mr. Ralph Couch General Secretary

*Medical Director
The Dispensary
of Med School*

There is a large staff of workers, such as the Superintendent, 1 Registrar, 3 social service visitors, 1 office assistant, 1 clinical secretary, 6 nurses, 2 Laboratory Technicians, 1 X-Ray Technician, and a Dietician. A staff of 160 physicians and surgeons give free services.

16. The Junior and Senior medical students come to the dispensary at regular times to observe and assist the doctors. A large number of clinics are held every week.

// A unique plan of co-operation has been built up between the Dispensary and other agencies.

The Tuberculosis Division is in co-operation with the Visiting Nurses' Association and under their supervision. Miss Grace Quirk is director of this department. Clinics are held two days a week for all, and child Health clinics on Saturday mornings especially for all children under sixteen who may have tuberculosis or be tuberculosis **contacts**. Follow up work is also done by this department. All tuberculosis work of the city is financed by the city.

A Venereal clinic is held in co-operation with the State Board of Health and pay for the rent of the room in which clinics are held, the technicians, and clerks of this department, is provided by the Board. They also provide some of the drugs used.

Dr. Messing of the Oregon Social Hygiene Association is present at these clinics and makes contacts with the patients giving them advise and help.

The Oregon Tuberculosis Association pays for all the X-Rays of children and provides a nurse to assist during vacation.

There is a co-operation with the County Hospital and all patients that are eligible and need hospitalization are sent there and from there they return to the Dispensary for follow up work.

// The Dispensary co-operates with the Good Samaritan Hospital and the student nurses *from the G.S. Hospital* come down and spend two months at the Dispensary as part of their course. The Students from the

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from the G.S. Hospital
Miss Helen Segner and Duffney

17. University of Oregon School of Social work also spend some time at the Dispensary observing clinics and receiving instruction. 18

✓ The Branch Libraries co-operate by giving a room where prenatal clinics can be held. These clinics are held two days a week. The medical school furnishes a doctor and two assistants and the Dispensary furnishes two nurses. X

✓ If the patients do not wish to or for some reason remain at home, deliveries are taken care of by the staff. There is a co-operation with the Albertina Kerr Nursery and the Louise Home whereby beds are available for obstetrical care.

The Portland Free Dispensary is a private agency, and was formerly supported by private subscriptions.

As the work grew an appeal was made to the county. The county now gives \$2000 per year. The city gives \$2800 besides financing the Tuberculosis work. The State Board of Health contributes some to the Dispensary. Appropriations are made by the medical school of the University of Oregon, some from private subscription, and a small fee from patients who can afford it, and the remainder comes from the Community Chest.

The doors of the Dispensary are closed to no one without funds who comes to seek medical or surgical attention. It welcomes those who cannot bear the expense of proper medical and surgical attention. A private interview is held with all patients and they are advised if at all possible to go to their own family physician. They are questioned as to their financial condition and if it is felt that help is needed it is gladly extended.

It has always been a policy of the Institute to get the interest of the people they are working for and allow them

to share in the work. In paying a small fee they are ^{thus} able to help.

A letter has been prepared by the Peoples Institute and the Portland Free Dispensary asking all who can to pay a registration fee of twenty-five cents and ten cents for each visit. Medicines and supplies are furnished at a low price. In this manner they help give medical service to a large number of people.

✓ Very few of the patients of the dispensary have sought to violate its efforts to confine its charity to the needy. Although the work is not done for the purpose of "checking up" on the financial ability of patients, the dispensary does conduct a follow up campaign among those who receive treatment and through the visitors can keep close tab on the effectiveness of its work and the status of its patients .

The atmosphere at the dispensary quarters is decidedly cheerful. Courteous reception is given every patient and the questionnaire that must precede an examination is as limited as possible.

Medical prescriptions are dispensed in a very limited way due to lack of funds.

All diagnosis, treatment, and prescriptions are in the hands of the staff doctors.

Each clinic has its separate quarters and is fully equipped . Patients receive exactly the same careful professional attention they could expect were they able to pay in full for the service.

Saturday is an especially busy day because of the presence of many school children.

In addition to the many day time clinics an evening clinic

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is held to assist in controlling the spread of disease.

Before considering the future working of the dispensary, we'll have to go back to the early beginning. Dr. S.E. Josephi was Dean of the Medical Department and Dr. K.A.J. Mackenzie was chief of staff. Later he succeeded Dr. Josephi and became Dean at this time; he was also surgeon for the Oregon Washington Railroad and Navigation Co.

In the spring of 1914, the O.W.R. & N. Co gave to the University of Oregon twenty-three acres on Marquim hill. *for Medical School*

Dr Mackenzie conceived the idea of having a medical center for Portland and for Multnomah county up there. This was always his dream and a unit was planned. *Chang*

A picture of this plan hung in his library for many years. The medical school was built up there and later the first unit of the county hospital. There was a great need for a children's hospital and Dr. Mackenzie appealed to the Institute to take up as part of their work and help find some one to raise funds for a children's hospital.

Mrs Edward Morse and her brother Mr. Doernbecher had been left a large sum of money by their father to be used for some philanthropic purpose. Mrs. Morse at one time had charge *for 4 yrs* of the sewing department of the *P2* settlement and was very much interested in the work. She came to the Institute board asking

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their advise. Remembering Dr. Mackenzie's dream for medical center and of the great need they urged her to use it in the building of a children's hospital. A conference was held with the Dean of the Medical department and the University of Oregon. An estimate of the work was made and it was found that the cost would be \$200,000 or \$250,000; this was given and Doernbecher hospital was built. On Marquim Hill today stands The Medical School of the University of Oregon. The Doernbecher hospital and the County Hospital, and near by the large Veterans Hospital.

Pioneering in needy fields and turning over work to other agencies as fast as they are convinced of its importance has been the object of service of the ^{Pacific Institute} organization. It has always been the plans of the board to turn the work of the dispensary over to the medical school as part of the medical center. The Medical School now feels that they are able to carry on the work.

A committee was sent out ^{from the Educational Board of NG} to investigate. In 1928 Dr. R.B. Dillehunt, present Dean of the University of Oregon went east and was successful in getting an appropriation from the Rockefeller Foundation for \$400,000. This was given with the understanding that \$50,000 would be assured each year for maintenance.

The dream of Dr. Mackenzie for a medical center on Marquim Hill was fast becoming a realization, and the new dispensary building is now in process of erection and will be known as the Medical School Clinic of the University of Oregon. It will be built near the medical school and will be a four story building. The laboratory, X-Ray and Physiotherapy departments will be furnished with the latest and best equipment.

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One of the Dispensary nurses has completed an eight-months' course at Harvard and will take charge of the Physiotherapy department.

A new Child Guidance Association has been organized and a Child Guidance Department and clinic will be one of the new features that will be ready to function when the new building is completed.

~~The Peoples Institute will go into new lines of work, which are needed but as yet have not been taken care of.~~

~~Clara Engebretsen~~

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