

Copy of Report sent to Dr. Dillehunt

Report of Work of Dispensary for Year 1928.

The Portland Free Dispensary has completed another year with a substantial increase in the number of daily visits by patients as will be seen by the enclosed statistical report.

A number of changes have been made in the service and new and more efficient equipment added that has been of benefit to the patients.

A complete new X-ray apparatus was installed which has made diagnostic X-ray more complete and efficient.

The laboratory service has been reorganized under the direction of Dr. Osgood to give better service along that line.

Under the direction of Dr. Lawrence Selling the medical clinics have been reorganized and the subsidiary clinical patients in Cardiac, Goitre, Diabetic Dermatology, Endocrine, Neurology and Tuberculosis now have a complete medical history and physical examination including necessary X-ray and Laboratory tests before going into the special clinics.

The patients in the Diabetic clinic have the benefit of weekly classes in menu building with Mrs. Boucher.

Sun Lamp and Soalite treatment with massage are available to patients in all clinics through the physical therapy department which is daily proving of benefit.

A new chart system has been organized and is now being installed which will give much more efficient service to the patients and students.

The new charting system has made a reorganization of the filing and registration department necessary and the extra work has been handled very competently by the registrar and her assistants in the office.

The work of the Social Service department continues to increase as the physicians find more occasion to ask assistance in solving the social problems that have a bearing on the physical or mental condition of the patients.

A detailed report of the registrars work and that of the social Service department is shown in the statistical report.

As the number of patients increase and the work of the various departments for diagnosis and treatments grow in efficiency, the work of

the nursing staff necessarily increases. One nurse has been added to the graduate staff in the Obstetrical Department to care for the delivery service going into the home with the Obstetrician and students for the delivery and giving the necessary after care to the mother and child.

The Prenatal service including four weekly clinics and home calls takes all the time of another nurse in the obstetrical department.

In the general service the time of one nurse is fully occupied with the Metabolic Rates and the Physical Therapy.

Two student nurses from Good Samaritan Hospital have been sent down to the Dispensary for experience in out patient service for the past six years. This affiliation could be increased if other hospitals of the city were able to participate.

Many hours of clerical and motor service have been given by the Junior League.

The value of the time given by the members of the Medical Staff is beyond calculation.