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May 25, 1928

Dr Richard B. Dillehunt,
Dean of Medical School,
University of Oregon.

Dear Dr Dillehunt:

Regarding the subject which you discussed with Miss Schreyer yesterday we wish, in compliance with your request, to make the following statement.

We feel that there is a very decided need at present in the Dispensary for a nurse who can do follow up work for patients in the Child Health clinic who are not potential Tuberculosis cases as the Visiting Nurse Association nurses follow up only cases that come under that classification.

Also there is need of some relief for the nurse who acts as Technician in charge of the Quartz Lamp treatments given to patients of the Child Health and all Pediatric clinics and to adult patients. This nurse in charge is now giving from one to three hours overtime every day. The improvement under this treatment has been so apparent in the majority of cases that both patients and physicians are enthusiastic regarding the results.

There is also need of assistance in the general nursing service. Physicians constantly request more nursing service than we can furnish them, with the present arrangement.

To meet this need it is possible that the Peoples Institute with

the cooperation of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association may be able to temporarily finance some plan.

The Peoples Institute have contemplated adding another Social Service Visitor on part time and I think they would be willing to change their plan to meet this greater need and with the help of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association finance the salary of a full time nurse for a period of not over two years. It could be so arranged that this nurse would meet these various needs.

Before inaugurating such a plan we desire to have your approval, Dr Dillehunt, and your assurance that at the end of two years when the plan has been fully demonstrated that the Medical School will endeavor to incorporate such a nurse in their complete corps of nursing service and become financially responsible for the salary of the same.

Both the Peoples Institute and Mrs Dunbar of the Oregon Tuberculosis Association would appreciate an early response from you regarding this matter.

Very sincerely yours,