

REPORT OF THE PORTLAND FREE DISPENSARY.

March 1910

The five rooms have been equipped with the following furniture and supplies:- two operating tables, four chairs, one couch, one pillow, she sheets and pillow cases, towels, two card registers, two small gas stoves, one electric light connection, basins, pitchers, small sterilizer, pails, boiler, instruments, and drugs have been furnished by the Peoples Institute.

Two dozen towels and a bath robe were donated by the Needlework Guild of America.

Four small tables were donated by the Mans Resort.

One large laundry basket was donated by Mrs. Helen Ladd Corbett.

Woodard and Clark donated \$ 14.50 worth of drugs.

The Methers Club donated \$33.00 to pay for supplies, dressings, and bandages.

The Medical Department donated three cupboards, two chairs, basins pitchers, instruments and drugs.

The Home Phone was installed and will be paid for one year by Dr. K.A.J. Mackenzie.

Large signs were placed upon the door and window, and 150 large cards and 1000 small cards were printed. The large cards were placed in the rooming houses, public buildings, and in the stores in the suburban districts, and the small cards were mailed to the various doctors and ministers.

The Dispensary opened January 12th., 1910.

The Physicians in charge are:-Dr. Whiteside, Dr. Koehler, Dr. McCusker, Dr. N. Wiley Jones, Dr. Timms, Dr. French and Dr. Jessup.

A registration fee of ten cents is charged.

From January 12th. to March 4th. 242 cases were registered; 271 dr dressings were done; 112 medical cases, 64 eye, ear and throat cases, and 4 obstetrical were attended, making a total of 455 treatments.

Of these 5 were women, 5 were girls, 3 were babies, 2 were newsboy and 227 were men.

Two cases were reported by the police, one reported from the Juvenile Court, one from the Child Labor Service, one from the Y.W.C.A., and three from the Visiting Nurses Association.

Seven cases were sent to the Multnomah Hospital, and 5 cases were sent to the Dental College. Most of the cases are men.

Most of the cases are men out of work and represent laborers, sailors, etc. of all nationalities including Swedes, Danes, Hungarians, Finns, French, Irish, Scotch, Italians, Austrians, Germans, Russians, Roumanians, English and Americans.

A meeting of the Joint Dispensary Committee was held Friday, March 4th. at which time the following report was read. It was also decided to arrange for special hours for Tuberculin work to be in charge of Dr. Ralph Matsen and a special tubercular nurse furnished by the Visiting Nurses Association.

The first case in this branch was attended March 8th.

Donations of drugs have been contributed by various Physicians.

The Owl Drug Company was visited by Mrs. A. H. Tanner and arrangements were made with the Drug Co. whereby drugs will be supplied to needy patients.