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OFFICERS and DIRECTORS

1912-1913.

The Herzl Dispensary

President.

MARK WORKMAN.

Hony. Secretary Treasurer.

A. M. VINEBERG.

Assistant Secretary.

SOPHIE SLATKOFF.

DIRECTORS.

Dr. NATHAN GORDON, LOUIS BURKE, JOSEPH MERSON, PAUL KATZ.

LADIES' AUX. COM.

Mrs. DORA BLOOMBERG,

Mrs. M. J. ADLER.

Mrs. A. ROST.

Dr. DAVID TANNENBAUM, Superintendent.

Medical Staff.

Dr. D. A. HART,

Dr. S. ORTENBERG,

Dr. S. S. SPERBER,

Dr. S. F. STEIN,

Dr. J. KOLBER,

Dr. O. MARCUSE,

Dr. D. H. BERNSTEIN.

Dr. M. WISEMAN,

Dr. J. S. BUDYK.

Dr. C. J. GROSS, Dr. D. TANNENBAUM,

Dr. N. SCHACHER.

DORA SCHACHER, Dispensing Chemist.

Nursing Staff.

VICTORIA ORDER OF NURSES.

President's Report.

At this, the first annual meeting of the Herzl Dispensary, it gives me much pleasure to welcome you to our deliberations. This is an event of great significance to me, because it shows that this institution has at last taken its place as a fixture in our communal life. It is filling a long-felt want in our city For many years most of us, I think, have realized the need of an organization that would extend complete and sympathetic aid to our poor sick. Maladies and ills in order to be remedied depend always as much upon humane treatment as upon the administration of drugs. It is not always what you give that counts, but often the manner in which you give it. And it is this method of real charity-giving that we are endeavoring to carry out in our Dispensary. Here we have a staff of Jewish physicians who are capable and efficient. They devote their time to our work with a self-sacrifice that is worthy of our highest admiration. They speak the language of our patients, they understand their wants and feelings, and thus they can and do handle them with real Jewish gentleness and sympathy,

But let me impress on those present that we are in great need. It has been a very difficult matter to conduct the affairs of this Dispensary. Money for drugs, nurses, instruments and other necessaries is always required, and thus far it has been a terrible struggle to provide these. Had it not been for the timely assistance of two or three men, we could not have continued our work. Now, this is certainly unjust. It is not fair that the burden should be thrown upon a few. This institution is not the hobby of a small body of men, but the responsibility of the community at large, and I appeal to all to come to our aid with more and better support. I extend to all our friends and well-wishers a cordial invitation to visit our Dispensary and to see personally the work we are doing.

I cannot end these remarks without o word of appreciation for the work that has been done by our Ladies Auxiliary. Had it not been for their efforts, I think we would have been forced to close long ago. Month after month, we have been enabled to continue our task only through the amounts collected by these Ladies, collected at a great loss of time, money and energy. I also wish to pay a hearty tribute to the co-operation and active interest of our Secretary-Treasurer. He has, during the past year, given of his support and ability unstintedly to our Institution, I may say, that he has been responsible to a great extent for its success, and he has conducted its affairs conscientiously and earnestly. In this connection too, may I convey my most cordial sentiment of appreciation of the splendid work that has been done by our Superintendent. I only hope that our efforts to retain the services of these Ladies and Gentlemen whom I have mentioned will be successful, for I do not like to think of the prospect of losing their support.

In conclusion, let me say once more that the need of this Dispensary is urgent. We cannot get on without it. I trust that you will get together and cling to it and give it that assistance through which alone it can live and thrive.

MARK WORKMAN,

President



Directors' Report.

Ladies & Gentlemen:-

With great pleasure we come before you, to-day, to report on the noble and successful work done by this Dispensary since November last

Needless to say this our fist year has been a very trying one. October 1912 almost saw the doors of this Institution closed, but thank God, through the generosity of a number of our good Co-religionists and friends, we have now conquered and overcome our very hardest difficulties.

Our work is growing daily and not only do we attend and administer drugs, but, as you will see by the Medical Superintendent's report, a number of minor surgical cases have been successfully handled.

If it were possible for this Institution to appoint a Committee to visit the homes of many of our applicants, we feel sure it would in a very short time improve the homes that to-day are the cause of so many ailments, and thereby bring sunshine to many of the afflicted. To this end, every effort should be put forth.

Dr. Tannenbaum has been appointed Superintendent of this Institution. Trained nurses, Druggist and Registrar Clerk, have been in regular attendance to care for our patients. All medicines are charged for at the rate of Ten cents per prescription, but should the patient not be in a position to pay this amount, the Superintendent is authorized to grant same, Free.

It is regretable that owing to the lateness of our application for our Charter, we were unable to obtain same at the last Session of Parliament, but our application is now before the proper authorities and we hope that it will be granted shortly. Immediately this is done. By-laws will be framed accordingly to govern the conduct of this Dispensary.

Our special thanks are due to Mr. Peter Berkovitch, K.C., and Mr. Ballon, who have so readily consented to act on our beahlf, and we sincerely trust that these gentlemen will in future act as our Honorary Counselors.

We were successful in obtaining an annual grant of Five Hundred Dollars from the City of Montreal to help further our noble undertaking, and your Board duly conveyed their sincere thanks for this support.

It is with great pleasure that we can convey to you, the interest ou: Medical staff has taken in the work and the harmonious manner in which they have one and all carried out their arduous labors, and we sincerely hope that the Incoming Board of Management will work hand in hand with the Medical Board for many years to come.

It is to be regretted that our rooms are so small, thereby making the work so much harder, but as the present lease expires in May next, we hope to see this Dispensary in much larger quarters which will enable us to extend our good work and thereby afford more relief and comfort to our poor Co-religionists.

You will see by the Superintendent's report the number of cases treated. If you take into consideration the small amount of money at our disposal, we think you will agree with us that we have worked on very economical lines. We must, however, receive more support, in order to go on with our good work.

A Ladies Auxiliary Committee was formed last November, and we must say that too much praise cannot be given to these Ladies, for we can assure you, were it not for the ever untiring good work of the Ladies, our Dispensary would have during the year suffered for the want of funds. We wish to make special mention of Mrs. Rost, Mrs. Blumberg and Mrs. Adler. Mrs. Adler who has acted as Secretary to the Ladies Committee has, I am sure, done a great deal to further our success, and we are pleased to state that the Ladies Committee attended with great interest every meeting of the Board of Management. We sincerely trust the Incoming Board will augment this special Committee, for, from our little experience, Ladies are true and conscientious workers.

It would be a source of great pleasure to the Board, if every member of this Dispensary would, in the very near future, call and see the work that is being done. They will then be witnesses of the demands that are made upon us, and the able manner in which they aer being handled.

In conclusion, we would strongly appeal to everyone present to extend to us a helping hand, by procuring as many members as possible. No greater charity can exist than the work we are trying to do. God alone knows the inner sufferings of our poor people, and it is our duty as good Jews and Human beings to alleviate the distress, if it is within our power.

The whole respectfully sumbitted,

A. M. VINEBERG.

Hony. Secy. Treas.

Treasurer's Report.

Ladies & Gentlemen:-

Can assure you that it has been a very difficult task to come before you, to-day, with any kind of a correct statement of the affairs of this Dispensary. After many evenings of ploughing through old papers, card lists and pass books which were heretofore kept, we secured the services of Mr. Henry Collins, Chartered Accountant, to open and audit our books, and am pleased to report that the auditors are quite satisfied as to our accounts, to-day, as will be seen by their report, which will be read in due course.

There is very little for the treasurer to report on, apart from the lack of Funds, and to express the hope that the coming year will bring with it more response from our people towards the support of this institution.

I therefore beg to submit my first annual statement duly audited, which I sincerely trust will meet with your approval. I would also ask that a vote of thanks be passed, to-day, to Mr. Henry Collins, for his kind services during the year.

A. M. VINEBERG.



Medical Superintendance Report.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:-

I have the honour to present to you the Superintendent's first annual report of the Herzl Dispensary.

During the past year, from November 1st, 1912, to October 31st, 1913, 5.441 new patients applied at the Dispensary for treatment. These, together with patients who registered previous to November 1st, 1912, attended the Institution for 13,049 consultations. The total number of consultations given since the founding of the Dispensary in the summer of 1912 up to the end of the past fiscal year were 18,000.

Owing to the departure of Dr. D. H. Ballon for Europe, our Ear, Nose and Throat Department, as a special clinic, ended its regular work in January. Since then, Doctor Ballon's work has been carried on by the physicians of the surgical clinics. We hope to soon have Dr. Ballon with us again, when his special department will recommence its activities with renewed vigour.

Our Children's Department commenced its labours in February and now holds clinics twice weekly, on Wednesday and Saturnday afternoons. The Skin Diseases Department instituted clinics in April and the physicians of this department attend every Tuesday afternoon.

In the various departments the following number of cases were treated:—

| | New Patients | Total Consultations |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Medicine | . 2142 | 4716 |
| Surgery | . 2149 | 5751 |
| Women's Diseases | . 218 | 818 |
| Ear, Nose and Throat (2 mos.) | . 74 | 178 |
| Children's Diseases (9 mos.) | . 754 | 1369 |
| Skin Diseases (7 mos.) | . 104 | 217 |
| | | Benefit Same of Contract |
| Totals | . 5441 | 13049 |

Our patients have been almost entirely of the Hebrew faith, 35 only being non-Hebrews. 51% were females and 49% were males.

Our pharmacist has filled 12,000 prescriptions in the past twelve months.

It is interesting to note, that only 50% of the patients paid for their medicine or for their treatment. There is no doubt but that the majority of those who receive free treatment are worthy cases, but I regret to

have to report that there is considerable imposition daily on the generosity of the Institution. I trust that during the coming year, steps will be taken so that only the poor and needy, are treated in the Herzl Dispensary.

During the past year, in addition to the temporary loss of Dr. Ballon's services, our staff suffered owing to the resignation of Dr. Kaufmann. However, we are happy in the knowledge that Dr. Kaufmann is doing such excellent work in the Royal Victoria Hospital and at McGill University.

Dr. Jos. Kolber joined our Institution some months ago, and has been discharging his duties in a very capable manner.

I trust that when we meet at our next annual meeting, we will be able to report greater activities on account of certain increases to which most of us are looking forward, namely: Larger quarters, larger medical staff, and last but most important of all, a proper appreciation of our work, as shown by financial support, worthy of the Jewish public at Montreal.

Respectfully submitted,

D. TANNENBAUM, M.D.



HERZL

TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND

RECEIPTS.

| By Governors Fees | \$1,000.00 | |
|----------------------------------|------------|----------|
| Donations and Sundry Collections | 2,209.47 | |
| Subscriptions | 1,072.50 | |
| | | 4,281.97 |
| Dispensary Receipts | 1,211.60 | |
| Bank Interest | 3.24 | |
| | | 1,214.84 |
| Loans:—A. M. Vineberg | 250.00 | |
| M. Workman | 250.00 | |
| | | 500.00 |

\$5,996.81

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By Balance carried forward \$ 32.55

I have examined the Books of the Herzl Dispensary for the year ending October 31, 1913, and find same to be correctly kept and as shown in above statement, I have also examined the Bank account, and certify the correctness of same.

Montreal, November 17, 1913.

HENRY COLLINS, Auditor and Accountant.

DISPENSARY.

DISBURSEMENTS, YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1913.

DISBURSEMENTS.

| To Dispensary a/c. Medical | \$1,210.24 256.67 958.13 | \$2,425.04 |
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| To House charges. | | φ2,425.04 |
| Rent | 300.00 | |
| Laundry | 146.31 | |
| Lighting | 95.86 | |
| Coal | 67.76 | |
| _ | | 609.93 |
| To Administration. | | , , , |
| General Expense inclusive of Telephone, Taxes, Repairs, Collectors, Commis- | | |
| sions, etc | 325.45 | |
| Salaries | 2,364.00 | |
| Legal Expenses connected with Charter and Auditors Account (latter in Dona- | | |
| tions) | 130.47 | |
| Printing and Stationery | 109.37 | |
| _ | | 2,929.29 |
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| Total Expenditure | | 5.964.26 |
| Balance in Bank | | 32.55 |
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| | | \$5,996.81 |

NUMBER OF MEETINGS HELD DURING THE YEAR: 24.

| | Attendance |
|-------------------|------------|
| Mark Workman | . 7 |
| A. M. Vineberg | . 22 |
| Dr. N. Gordon | . 8 |
| Dr. D. Tannenbaum | . 19 |
| Mr. L. Burke | . 9 |
| Mr. J. Merson | . 19 |
| Mr. P. Katz | . 20 |
| Mrs. A. Rost | . 16 |
| Mrs. M. J. Adler | . 16 |
| Mrs. D. Bloomberg | |
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