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Pauperising the Patients

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—Permit me to make a few remarks re the Notice of the Hospital Board, whereby the Public are given to understand, that on and after January 1st, 1921, all persons who enter the General Hospital for treatment will be charged at the rate of One Dollar per day during illness, or detention in the Institution. Now, I daresay the Board, after mature consideration, decided that the above mentioned procedure was the only remedy to relieve all Hospital congestion, and to make the Institution self-supporting or nearly so, and whilst I admit the necessity and right of the Board to make a reasonable charge, applicable to patients who can afford to pay, yet, the springing of so drastic an order on the Public is too autocratic a procedure to be taken kindly by the people. Such a far reaching change in the management, or to put it more plainly, an attempt by the Board to Pauperise all patients who cannot pay One Dollar per day, should be approached

with extreme caution, and more time taken to educate the people that such a change was in contemplation. You cannot, gentlemen of the Board, without standing your extensive knowledge of public matters, turn a business, or the old-time routine of a Government Institution, topsy turvey, and entirely remodel the same overnight. Such an important matter must be taken up gradually, and by close watching and careful supervision, note how each new rule and regulation works out, successfully or otherwise. But no, such a suggestion would be too lenient, and coming from an outsider cannot be considered, but on the face of the changes about to be put in force, one can see the same lack of foresight and characteristic blundering which generally follows when a body of so-called brainy men attempt to force upon the people a charge so unreasonable, that it will meet with strong opposition and eventual failure. At the same time, every right-thinking person will admit, that all patients should pay something for the careful and obliging attention of the doctors and nurses, and to partly

compensate the Government for maintenance and upkeep of the Institution; but no person should be pauperised for inability to pay. Such autocratic action is, to say the least, inhuman and cold-blooded in the extreme. There is no particle of sympathy for those who may be deprived of the very necessities of life in order to pay the fees demanded for treatment at the Institution. No consideration is given to the fact that a person may be willing to pay what he or she can afford; but One Dollar per day, or seven dollars per week is simply beyond the earning power of a great many of our people. Unfortunately, there is no middle course. The Notice calls for One Dollar per day, or upon failure to find the necessary sum, application will be made to the Poor Commissioner for payment of the scheduled sum, and upon payment, such amount becomes chargeable to the grant voted by the Government for the relief of the Poor and Destitute. What a future is before our unfortunate sick! Just think for one moment, and then realize the degradation that is about to

be imposed upon you, my countrymen, and your suffering relatives. Is this picture a true one or not, Mr. Poor Commissioner? Again, in the case of a private room; the charge at present is Five Dollars per week. Now what is the object in increasing the fee to Ten Dollars per week, or double the former charge, with an additional One Dollar per day, a total of Seventeen Dollars per week, under the new rule, as against Five Dollars per week at present. Are you, I ask, trying to soak some poor and needy patient, who desires quiet rest and privacy, to the more public treatment of the Wards, and who is capable of paying the Five Dollar per week charge, but cannot under any circumstances afford to pay Seventeen Dollars per week, and as a consequence has to undertake treatment as a Ward patient at One Dollar per day? You are by this method reserving the Private Rooms for wealthy patients, thereby making a class distinction, and I ask the Public to watch closely how this latest imposition will work out.

Yours truly,
Oct. 27th, 1920. SYMPATHY.

Resolutions

PASSED AT LAST NIGHTS MEETING S.D.L.L.

There was a general meeting of the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Newfoundland last night in the C.C. Hall, Mechanics' Building. The meeting was open to the general public and an audience of at least a thousand attended. It was announced that the Friends of Irish Freedom had accepted the League's offer of amalgamation and decided to join their forces and the members of that organization entered in a body and were welcomed with enthusiasm.

Messrs. John M. Devine and John T. Meaney then addressed the gathering on their experiences at the Irish Race Convention at Ottawa. Both delivered inspiring speeches and were greeted with continual cheers and applause. Mr. Devine devoted the greater part of his address to demonstrating the absolute dissociation of the Irish cause and religious issues, and Mr. Meaney eloquently handled the political and historic side of the question, warmly denouncing the campaign of misrepresentation and calumny which was being waged by propagandist news services and the assistance given thereto by the local press. He reiterated his assertion at the Convention "Ireland never could and never will again trust the word of an English statesman." Mr. Meaney's speech evoked thunderous applause.

After a vote of thanks to the speakers had been passed by acclamation the following resolutions were adopted. The gathering standing in silence for some moments.

WHEREAS in common with the whole civilized world, Newfoundlanders have kept vigil in spirit at the bedside of Terence MacSwiney, T. D., B.A., Lord Mayor of Cork, and of his companions in martyrdom in Cork Jail, throughout their sublime moral protest against arbitrary injustice and the rule of force;

AND WHEREAS the death of Terence MacSwiney, Michael Fitzgerald, and Joseph Murphy has stricken the world with admiration for their heroism and horror at their fate;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Self-Determination for Ireland League of Newfoundland, in general meeting assembled, place on record its profound and earnest condemnation of the tyranny that tried these men on trumped-up charges before a court specially established to convict them; its abhorrence of the blind perversity that exacted their lives rather than accede to their just protest; and its conviction that this infamy will bring its own punishment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the League congratulate the Irish Nation on the dauntless heroism displayed by its sons, which is a source of pride to our common humanity; that it condole with the stricken relatives of these, the latest of Ireland's martyrs, whose sorrow and whose pride it shares; and that in the name of sanity and decency it demands the instant and unconditional release of those prisoners in Cork who still survive;

RESOLVED further that the members of this League, inspired by the immortal example of Terence MacSwiney and those who died with him, pledge themselves individually and collectively to spare no effort to ensure that they have not died in vain.

Over 100 new members were then received into the League after which the meeting adjourned.

Grand Concert and Dance will be held in the B.I.S. Club Rooms on Friday, 29th inst. Tickets, 50c, may be had from members of the Society or at the door. oct 26, 31, tu, th, f

Inter-Collegiate Football

Feldians and Collegians Draw.

The opening game of the second round of the intercollegiate series was played yesterday afternoon at 2.45 at St. George's Field. The contesting teams were B.F.C. and M.C. The M.C. went off with a rush, and for a time the Feldian defense was hard put to it to keep the ball clear of the goal. The M.C. attack on their opponent's goal continued for about fifteen minutes. For the remainder of the half, the Feldians, waking up, kept the ball in the M.C. goal, but all efforts to score were unavailing. After the interval the Feldians seemed to have everything their own way, and were constantly bombarding their opponent's goal. Poor shooting in front of goal, however, prevented them from scoring. At times the M.C. forwards managed to break away and Smith in the Feldian goal had to save some very difficult shots. The final whistle was without a goal being scored by either side.

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