

I. K. KELLEY SAYS REPORT IS BRUTAL

N. Y. Inspector Criticizes General Hospital Nursing School.

A severe criticism of the efficiency of the training school of the General Hospital, which criticism was contained in the report of the inspector of the New York State Hospital, who had made a visit of inspection a short while ago in connection with the affiliation registration of the school. The report was received at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the hospital yesterday and was referred to the training school board.

The meeting heard that some of the plaster had fallen in the epidemic hospital, which work was completed only about two years ago, and Dr. W. White remarked that it was outrageous that the hospital should have to pay an expensive repair bill for work so recently completed.

The board approved the appointment of a second anaesthetist, and of an assistant general nurse with view to providing the best possible service and catering to paying patients as a source of much needed revenue. The newly set out trees and the newly prepared lawns were spoken of with much gratification. The grounds have been greatly improved this season, largely through the interest of Mrs. J. V. McLellan. It was decided to abandon for the time being the project to erect a portico and improve the hospital entrance.

M. E. Agar, president, was in the chair. Others present were: Commissioners Mrs. J. V. McLellan, Alexander McMillan, Dr. W. H. White, J. King, and Dr. R. H. Gale, superintendent. Dr. White reported that he had not called the committee appointed to have plans prepared for a portico and improvements in the front entrance. On considering the matter he believed it could be held over until a time when finances were not so straitened. The meeting agreed in this view.

The New York State nursing inspector's report was received, giving severe criticism of the efficiency of the General Hospital nursing school. The report was referred to the training school board.

Mr. Kelley said he had intended to make public criticism of the training school but, having glanced over the report of the inspector from New York State Hospital, he characterized it as brutal. He declared the hospital should not put up with that. He was glad the report was to come before the training board.

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department of which complaint had been made were reported to have been cleaned. The condition of the building was the subject of general discussion. The need of tilting the kitchen and sterilizing room and enlarging the nurses' dining room was stressed.

The superintendent's report gave details of the month. Patients admitted numbered 197, discharged 214, including 118. Operations in the operating room numbered 76; in the out-patient department there were 647 treatments given in that department.

Miss Hazel Evans, R. N., was appointed operating room nurse in succession to Miss M. E. Allen, R. N., resignation. A report was given of the epidemic hospital. The plaster of another cubicle was loosened. This work is only about two years old. The contractor and architect reported an expenditure of about \$200 was necessary to make repairs. The board was said to have no "come-back." Dr. White said it was outrageous that after two years the board should have to repair the plaster in the epidemic. The architect could give no explanation of the damage. The contractor claimed carpentry work had been done by the plaster. Mr. Kelley said jokingly that the blasting at the Court House must be the cause.

The matter was referred to the commissioner of the month with power to act. Financial Report. The financial report showed total receipts \$23,809.91, including pay patients, \$2,716.52; X-ray, \$1,172.75; city chamberlain, \$7,441.76; county treasurer, \$10,688.60; seamen, \$978. Unpaid accounts amounted to \$18,662.26 and the net debt balance to \$10,638.47.

Nursing Report. Miss Margaret Murdoch, R. N., superintendent of nurses, reported eight graduates and 61 pupil nurses. A class of 11 probationers was admitted on Sept. 8 and two of these had left. The Misses Muriel Clark, Harriet McIntosh, Bessie Leavitt, Frances Crowell and Leone Ward graduated during the month. Mr. Kelley voted "aye" when the \$100 was approved by the board for the nurses who had graduated.

Dr. C. L. Emerson, for the Medical Board, reported services in general satisfactory. The board drew attention to the fact that a basal metabolism outfit had not yet been procured and stated the need for a sun lamp for H. A. Faris previously had offered the hospital a basal metabolism outfit. The medical staff had sent a delegation urging that such an outfit be secured. A committee was appointed to obtain further information and report back. Those named on the committee were Dr. White and Mr. Kelley. Dr. O. B. Evans submitted the report of the out-patient department, pointing out the need of a pair of scales. This matter was referred to the Commissioner of the month with authority to purchase the scales.

Social Service Report. Miss E. S. Bunnell, dietitian, reported food material cost \$2,382.77 and 23-14 meals were served, the average cost being above that in September of last year, and slightly less than August of this year. There was sharp criticism of methods of cooking and serving meat.

Miss E. J. Mitchell, R. N., matron, reported 104 articles supplied the linen room. Miss J. Sandall, linen matron, reported 7,461 articles in use in the hospital and 717 in the nurses' home. Requests for new linen were referred to Mrs. McLellan and the commissioner of the month with power to act.

Miss Belle Howe, social service nurse, reported 59 visits made, 27 of tonils and adenoid cases investigated and 10 found able to pay nine cases were reported to the Women's Hospital Aid, cash obtained for 16, employment for two and clothes given to two families. Two cases were transferred to other institutions.

Dr. White reported cystoscopes satisfactory and the board authorized the payment of \$119 for this equipment. Dr. Hargreaves, who is compiling a history of Canadian medicine, was referred to for information on the history of the hospital for incorporation in his book. Mr. Gale was asked to send all the information he could obtain.

Finance were discussed. The hospital was said to carry about \$23,000 in bonded liability which was cared for in sinking fund. The present investment policy for sinking fund was believed to be wise.

Dr. A. Stanley Kirkland, radiologist, wrote of the difficulty of collecting some debts owed to the X-ray department. He asked that a collector be employed as already some of the clients had left for "parts unknown." The board agreed to employ Kelley and Ross.

Prices of electrical centrifuges for the lighters laboratory were read. The superintendent would cost about \$20. The superintendent was authorized to purchase the centrifuge if the medical members of the board approved. The thanks of the brother of a hospital patient was received giving great commendation to the treatment received by his brother and himself.

Mr. Kelley spoke of an article on "Hospital Accounting" which he asked the superintendent to peruse. He wanted a definite statement as to whether the private patients were not a positive loss. The other members of the board held the opinion that the private patients were a decided gain in the finances.

Mrs. McLellan for the committee on the grounds reported extensive improvements in planting trees and preparing for the seeding of lawns. She made a plea for the appointment of a permanent gardener. The board went into committee to discuss internal business.

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plished by the club during the winter and then branched off into an interesting discussion of rifle shooting. He spoke of plans for making the indoor shooting even more popular next winter. In closing Colonel Sparling said that he would donate a cup for the indoor shoot next winter. Major Gale presented the prizes, which were and had been donated by the following: Silver medal, Lt. Col. Leonard; pipe, Major Keefer; pipe, Major Miller; umbrella, Major Bell; fountain pen, Major Gale; pipe, Captain Holder; cigarette case, Captain

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