

become general probably nothing would more stem the tide of contributions to a charitable institution than the knowledge that the funds were expended on behalf of those not in need of them.

The medical staff of the dispensary are well aware that a number of people present themselves for treatment who are not entitled to the privileges of the institution. It is invidious and undesirable for the physicians to cross-question the patients in this regard, and the staff would make the following suggestions towards meeting the difficulty :

That there should be a dispensary register :

That a patient presenting himself for the first time should be treated, but told that in order to receive any further treatment he must bring a certificate from his employer or other responsible party, stating that his weekly wages does not exceed so much.

That upon presentation of such a certificate his name be placed upon the dispensary register, and he be treated without further question to the end of the year;

That the dispenser superintend this matter and keep the dispensary register;

That the weekly wage limit be fixed by the directors for married and single men, etc., respectively ;

And that it is recognized that with the same weekly wage families differ very much in their thrift and comfort, so that treatment would sometimes be justly given even where the weekly wage seemed such as hardly to entitle to it.

Nothing has occurred during the year to mar, in the slightest degree, the harmony subsisting among the different members of the staff.

Of those connected with the indoor department, Dr. Curry has retired after being connected with the institution for five years. His genial presence will be missed by those remaining.

Drs. Fraser and Grant of the outside department have also withdrawn ; the first after an association with the institution of some six or seven years.

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