



PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

THE
ST. PAUL FREE DISPENSARY.

FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

1892-1893.

Number of Calls Treated, 4,810.

The institution furnishes, without charge, medical and surgical advice to the sick poor of the city.

It is designated to relieve and restore to health and labor the poor who are afflicted by sickness.

It restores to many their only means of support, and thus prevents poverty, pauperism and crime.

It is a most important sanitary protector of the whole city, and by far the most inexpensive and least susceptible of abuse by the poor.

It is therefore a protector of the lives and health of your family.

It is economical to the tax payers, for it keeps many of the sick poor and their families from becoming a charge on the city, in the hospitals and almshouses.

Its managers and attending physicians all serve it without pay.

It is dependent upon voluntary contributions for its support.

NOTICE.

The benefits of this charity are not intended for any who are able to pay for the same.

Donations may be made through a member of the board, or they may be sent to the Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Hoxsie, 649 Summit Avenue.

The physicians are in attendance from 12 to 1, two or three times a week.

THE ST. PAUL FREE DISPENSARY.

Incorporated, 1887.

OFFICERS AND MANAGERS FOR 1893.

MRS. ANSEL OPPENHEIM,	PRESIDENT.
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*Resigned.

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1893.

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*Resigned.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S FREE DISPENSARY.

In November, our treasury was depleted, and the demands of the Free Dispensary for means to carry on its work have been doubled this year. Before 1893 the Dispensary building had been occupied by the State University Medical Department, which paid all the expenses of fuel, lights and janitor. When this arrangement between the University and Dispensary for the joint occupation of the building was terminated, the managers called a meeting of some of our leading citizens and laid before them their needs. An advisory board was appointed, and they and the managers resolved to make an appeal to the citizens of St. Paul. At this crisis the House of Hope church offered to assist the Dispensary to the amount of \$1,000, with the proviso that the Dispensary furnish a like sum, and the building trustees offered to furnish the use of the building, free of charge, for one year. Thus encouraged, it was possible for the work to be continued, and from November, 1892, to November, 1893, we have been under the patronage of the House of Hope. A resolution was adopted thanking the House of Hope for their assistance and asking their aid in 1894. Individual members of the House of Hope are also entitled to our thanks for the interest they have taken in the work.

The officers and board of the Free Dispensary reorganized in 1893. An entirely new constitution was drawn up by Mr. Langford and Mr. Williams, thus enabling the work of the Dispensary to be carried on in a truly business-like way. According to the constitution, committees were appointed on finance, real estate, visiting, entertainment, book, printing, prescription and supplies. This greatly facilitated the affairs of the society. Our monthly meetings have been well attended, we have never lacked a quorum.

The visiting committee appointed two visitors monthly, whose duty it was to visit the Dispensary and Hospital patients.

There have been 4,810 calls at the Dispensary from February, 1893, to February, 1894. We have supported two hospital beds this year, one at St. Luke's and one at St. Joseph's, instead of only one as heretofore.

ST. LUKE'S cared for 9 patients, from February, 1893, to December.

ST. JOSEPH'S cared for 13 patients, from January, 1893, to December.

The attendance of the physicians has been exceptionally good, they have shown more interest than ever before.

The work of the Dispensary has been conscientiously carried on, not the minutest detail has been neglected.

And in conclusion we wish to report an active interest and good attendance of the board of managers, during the past year.

LOUISE LINDEKE,
Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer's report from February 4th, 1892, to February 1st, 1893.

RECEIPTS.

Balance February 4th, 1892,	\$47 04
House of Hope,	152 00
Collected by "Board" members,	572 00
Collected by Mr. N. P. Langford,	125 00
Prescriptions,	108 85
Entertainment,	38 00
Dr. A. McLaren,	10 00
Fines Collected,	2 30
D. Ramaley & Son,	4 00
	<hr/> \$1,051 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Drugs,	\$304 84
St. Joseph's Hospital,	87 00
Drug Clerk's salary,	201 00
Matron's salary,	70 00
Fuel,	283 65
Reports,	24 00
Postals, labels and Printing,	6 40
Water tax,	4 90
	<hr/> \$981 79
Balance on hand February 1st, 1893,	69 40

ELIZABETH E. HOXSIE,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT—Continued.

Treasurer's report from February 1st, 1893, to January
1st, 1894.

RECEIPTS.

Balance February 1st, 1893, . . .	\$69 40	
House of Hope,	574 47	
Collections from "Board" members, . .	417 00	
Collected from N. P. Langford, . . .	123 71	
Prescriptions,	200 30	
Dr. Schadle's patients,	50 00	
In memory of Dr. E. C. Spencer, . . .	5 00	
Fines collected,	45	
		\$1,440 33

DISBURSEMENTS.

Drugs,	\$254 33	
Repairs and improvements to building, .	341 01	
St. Joseph's Hospital,	100 00	
St. Luke's Hospital,	143 43	
Salary of drug clerk,	240 00	
Salary of matron,	110 00	
Fuel,	137 65	
Gas and electric lights,	7 75	
Associated Charities,	18 75	
Postals, labels and printing,	14 55	
Supplies,	8 30	
Miscellaneous,	10 80	
Water tax,	10 05	
		\$1,396 62
Balance on hand January 1st, 1894, . . .	43 71	

ELIZABETH E. HOXSIE,
Treasurer.

PHYSICIAN'S REPORT.

Madame President and Ladies of the St. Paul Free Dispensary Association :

The presentation of my annual report is a most agreeable task where, as now, every page can be made to bear evidence of the rapid growth and a widening sphere of influence of our institution.

The past year has been one of peculiar hardship for the poor, and particularly for that special sort of poor people which we most earnestly desire to reach. Never has our assistance been so welcome and so valuable. Never was there a more notable opportunity for extending our particular form of Christian work.

To be poor is bad enough, but God alone can appreciate the suffering of those who add to that ill the terrible burden of the sick bed or of chronic disease.

A year ago we were almost discouraged. Our attendance had been greatly reduced by the rumor of contemplated abandonment of our project—and there were not lacking those in our own camp who added their word of discouragement to the somewhat blue council of the faint-hearted—yet you were promised in my report that the mission would yet be fulfilled, and to-day you may read the record. Our attendance in December, 1892, was 261; *in December, 1893, it was 692*, a very different showing from that of the first month of 1893, which, compared with the same month of the previous year, showed a falling off in attendance of nearly 50%.

We were never half so strong as we are to-day, and I believe that December, 1894, will show an attendance of at least 1,000; for the medical men, who are yearly giving to our poor thousands of dollars in professional services, are full of enthusiasm and of hope for the future.

The plan of reorganization adopted December 6th, 1892, which placed the control of our medical affairs in the hands of a board of medical directors, has proven a wise change, and one much better adapted to prompt and well directed executive action than was the old one.

To the medical board and to their assistants great praise is due for the constant support given and for their generous and self sacrificing devotion to our interests. The free beds at the hospitals have served an excellent purpose, and demonstrated anew their claim to consideration as a most important adjunct to our work. I cannot close this report without a reference to the generous action of Dr. Schadle, who not only acceded to our request that he conduct a service in the much needed department of laryngology and rhinology, but to the free gift of his valuable services, added a complete and expensive equipment for that special work which makes our facilities in this department equal to those of any similar institution in this country. This service, though but a few months old, is one of the features of the institution. In closing, allow me to express in behalf of the medical board a warm appreciation of your efforts and of the intelligent and unvarying support so freely given, and for them to promise continued enthusiasm and more strenuous effort to the end, that our present rapid advance may not halt until the St. Paul Free Dispensary shall take its place in the front rank of America's charities.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES L. GREENE,
Secretary.

REAL ESTATE REPORT.

To the Board of Managers of the Free Dispensary, St. Paul, Minn.:

The Real Estate Committee of the St. Paul Free Dispensary presents the following report:

The premises occupied by the Free Dispensary are owned by the "College Building Association," a corporation organized for the purpose of holding property for the use of the St. Paul Medical College. That corporation gave to the Free Dispensary the occupation and use of the premises and furniture for the year 1893, subject to the condition that the Free Dispensary would pay all expenses for needed repairs, and all taxes, (if any), and keep the building well insured.

The repairs upon the building during the year 1893, amounted to the sum of three hundred and sixteen 61-100 dollars, (\$316.61). This large expenditure was necessary in order to put the building in a suitable condition for occupancy, and for the needs of the attending physicians. A number of the stockholders of the corporation which owns the property, knowing of the necessity for making these repairs, have made liberal contributions of money to the Free Dispensary, amounting to a sum nearly sufficient to cover the bills for repairs. These contributions were not made, however, for this special purpose, and they have gone into the general treasury of the Free Dispensary.

There has been no expense incurred for insurance, as the existing policies taken out by the property owners will not expire until January 23d, 1894.



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