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The Anti-Tuberculosis Ceague

KANAWHA COUNTY

FOUNDED 1908

OBJECTS

- 1. To promote a careful study of conditions concerning tuberculosis in Charleston.
- 2. To inform the community as to causes and prevention of tuberculosis.
- To secure adequate provision for the care of tuberculosis patients in their houses and in Sanatoria.

A Summary of What has Been Accomplished in One Year, January
1, 1912 to Jan. 1, 1913

Office and Free Dispensary

BOWEN BUILDING, STATE ST.

Rooms 36-38

Office Hours: Visiting Nurse Daity 9:00 to 10:00 Dispensary Hours, Tues., Wed., and Thurs. 2 to 4

METHODS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

In carrying out the objects stated the Association employs the following methods:

- 1. It maintains an office and a visiting nurse who investigates all cases of tuberculosis reported to her and studies their home conditions and surroundings. The League desires to be informed of all cases and will give any help that may be possible.
- It has established a free dispensary for the examination and treatment of cases of tuberculosis.
- 3. It has distributed several thousand educational leaflets.
- 4. It co-operates with the health department in the fumigation of infected houses.
- 5. It has provided public meetings and lectures and endeavored in many ways to influence public opinion as to the importance of making adequate provision for the care of tuberculosis patients.
- 6. It has purchased a site of thirty acres and established a sanatorium for incipient cases.

SUMMARY OF RELIEF WORK.

86 new cases have been reported to the League during the year making a total of 214 to whom guidance and aid have been given when necessary.

Special diet has been furnished to 36.

Material aid, such as food, clothing, groceries, blankets, etc., has been furnished to 58.

SUMMARY OF DISPENSARY WORK.

59 new patients have been examined at the dispensary; with those already on record, have made 381 visits to the dispensary.

Free medicine has been provided 459 times and paper napkins and sputum cups distributed as necessary.

Thanks to the Red Cross Workers, the dispensary has been newly equipped by the generosity of physicians in giving their services, the League is able and willing to provide free examination and treatment to any poor person requiring it.

Twenty-two patients have been cared for at Hill Crest during the six months it was open. At the end of the season, there was a record of nine cured cases and other gratifying results which make it advisable to exert every effort to re-open the institution this year.

The policy for the ensuing year will be a continuation of the work as outlined with auded ef-

fort toward

1. More lectures and public talks.

2. Better Health Laws.

3. The co-operation of the city authorities.

4. The re-opening and further equipment of Hill Crest, including sewerage and additional buildings.

5. Free and systematic examination of factory

employees.

6. A provision at the County Infirmary for the care of advanced indigent cases who are often found on the streets.

FUNDS.

The cost of carrying on this work will be about

\$4,000.

The importance of the anti tuberculosis movement to all persons in the city justifies the Association in asking for the liberal financial support of the public.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1912.

In order to carry out the policy as stated, and to re-open Hill Crest Sanatorium the sum of \$4,000 is necessary. The League asks for annual subscriptions from \$1 to \$100. Please send to Mrs. John Davidson, Treas., 1426 Kanawha Street.

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