

Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis

IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP AND THE HUNDRED OF MAELOR.

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Dear Sir.

You will see from the enclosed leaflet the main objects with which this Association was formed last year. At present the organization consists of President, Vice Presidents & General Committee chosen steps as far from the point of view of gathering in the whole county & as much money as possible. The working Executive Committee consists of people who have been instrumental in starting the Association:

The main point of this organization in the County is, I think, the formation of small local committees to take over the ~~area~~ management of districts within the County such districts consisting wherever practicable of the existing local districts, for example in this

County; the Eilemure rural district, Ludlow rural D.

Wellington Rural. etc. In cases where it is considered

that such districts are too large they have been

divided: The duties of such local committees have been

made to be:

(1) to collect subscriptions (especially the small ones)

(2) to assist in the selection of cases for the Sanatorium
treatment -

(3) to assist in the after-care of such cases

(4) to assist in the help in their own homes of those
unfit for sanatorium treatment -

(5) Generally to carry out the objects of the Association.

Great stress has been laid upon the necessity of working

through those who know & are known by the

people as being the most likely way of getting hold
of the patients early. and for the same reason, stress

has been laid upon the sanatoriums being built in

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the County and for the County only. The difficulty
of persuading early cases to go off to a distant
Sanatorium about which they know nothing is one.
Which is my great & which we hope to get over
this way & by encouraging the very poor to give
something ~~to~~ even 1^d or 2^d towards their own Sanatorium.

There are no actual rules & regulations made at
present as regard admittance & maintenance but
I think I can put out the feelings of the Committee on several
points.

- ① There will be no letters of recommendation: such systems
causing delay in admittance & trouble in choosing the
best cases.
- ② all patients will be ~~made~~ expected to pay what they or
their friends can afford towards their maintenance, wh
both full sum. estimated at 20/- & 25/- per week.

this gives us the chance of helping the class of poor clerks
& higher shop people who at present are badly off.

- no difference will be made in the treatment & accommodation

③ The cases for admittance to the lunatic will have to
appear before a central medical board. Such will
meet at convenient dates. (once a week or fortnightly).
& will have to be sent from local committees in which
the local medical men will serve.

In the country especially it is very difficult for local
medical men to decide upon the claims for admission
especially from the point of view of opposing their own
private patients who wish to get dependants admitted
we hope by means of this central ^{medical} ~~com~~ board to get over this.

④ The question of reserving beds for certain districts or private
subscribers has been raised but I think will fall through
owing to the obvious disadvantages. People wishing to endow
a bed will only have the privilege of giving it their name.

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③ Medical Staff: we shall have a resident medical man. with a salary of £200 - £250. and the central medical board; some one or more of whom will be visiting medical officers or committees.

On this point I should be very glad of your opinion as to the best plan. It is difficult to avoid either multiplying the medical ^{consulting} men at the hospitals & getting no settled scheme of treatment. or giving offence to prominent medical men in the County. My own firm leans towards 1. Consulting or visiting man. & then the medical board behind him.

I am afraid that this is not a very clear description of our organization. the points which the committee

consider the most important - are the paid staff & a County association & these local committees all working under the central committee but with as free a hand as possible. all payments are made from the central committee & all subscriptions paid to the central fund: - a good deal of direction will be left to the local secretaries to disburse funds. -

Re work in the people's own homes will consist of erecting shelters, where possible, suggesting alterations in living rooms, obtaining more suitable work, etc. besides the usual attempts at educating them in modes of cleanliness &c.

I shall at any time be glad to give any instructions and shall be very glad of any suggestions.

Yours truly

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