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Wadies Auxiliary

to the

Isabella McQuah Infirmary

Princeton, 1919

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EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

1918-1919

INFIRMARY STAFF

1918-1919

Dr. J. M. Carnochan	Physician
Miss Gross	Infirmary
Miss McNally	Housekeeper
Miss Holmes	Nurse
Miss Hopkins	Nurse
Miss Meder	Nurse
Miss Bastedo	Nurse
Miss Clarke	Nurse

The work of the Infirmary for the past year has fallen very distinctly into two periods—the first from the opening of the University until January being that of a military hospital, the second from January until the close of the year marks the return of the Infirmary to its normal condition.

The influenza epidemic, which came in October, and the work and care incidental to it, were particularly described at our annual meeting in June in an address given by Rear Admiral Goodrich, Commandant of the Naval Unit of the University during the War. I quote from it as follows:

"Last autumn there were between three and four thousand young men quartered in the buildings of the University, students proper, aviators, S. A. T. C., and under my own command, the Naval Unit and the Pay School.

When the influenza developed in New England as an epidemic, marching toward Princeton, it was rea-

itized by all that the facilities of the Infirmary and of the sick quarters of the Pay School were likely to prove wholly inadequate. Having had experience in previous epidemics, I felt the necessity of doing everything humanly possible, not so much to deal with this epidemic on its arrival, as to keep it out of Princeton. So far as my own command was concerned, I directed the Surgeon to procure a disinfecting plant, and with the hearty co-operation of this Officer, advised drastic measures for effecting prevention. This plant was placed at the disposition of all branches. All men coming from away were thoroughly disinfected, both as to person and belongings, before admission. In addition, rigid inspections were carried out every morning by one or both of these Officers to detect and isolate all droopy or suspected cases. I asked President Hibben to allow me to establish an isolation hospital in the Boat House, to which men in the University, in every Department, might be admitted. The idea was adopted promptly, President Hibben assigning, however, a far better building, namely the Athletic Club House and its beautiful field adjoining. Of the relief to the Infirmary of this safety valve Miss Gross can best speak. Walking cases spent their day in the

open air under bright sun; cot cases were placed also on the outside to benefit by nature's therapeutics; the few bed cases fell, happily, far short of the number of beds available in this house.

In order that the wall of defense against the enemy should be complete a joint Committee was formed, with Surgeon D. F. Luby of the Navy, as Chairman, Captain Pressley of the Army, Dr. Carnochan of the University, and Dr. Margerum, Health Officer of Princeton, as members. This Committee acted promptly and vigorously. It succeeded in closing churches, schools, soda water fountains, restaurants and movies, and in forbidding all assemblies, since influenza is spread through personal contact. Indeed, for several weeks, students were not allowed to cross Nassau Street, the dividing line between the University and the town of Princeton. Due to these precautions the University achieved a record equalled only by a few small colleges, and surpassed by none, namely, a minimum number of cases of influenza and of pneumonia, with not a single death. Such a result was only possible through a right conception in advance of the necessities of the case and by loyal co-operation on the part of all. There can be no better instance of the success which attends the com-

ination of preparation and co-operation, a combination which is eminently characteristic of Princeton University."

In a letter to me Admiral Goodrich adds—
 "One reflection I must make that Princeton is the University. Hence, what was done here could not have been done in a large community—especially a manufacturing or commercial community like Boston or New Haven. That Princeton can and *does* take care of its students ought to be most widely proclaimed as absolutely demonstrated. Its record might well determine the choice of a University by many an anxious mother."

At this critical time the ladies of Princeton rallied to the support of Miss Gross and were of assistance in helping with some of the labors of the hospital attendants; also in sending daily appetizing broths, jellies, fruit and other delicacies, which, to quote Miss Gross, not only cheered the tired and over-taxed kitchen department and kept it running smoothly, but were eaten by the patients with a relish which argued well for their recovery.

Miss Gross' report for the year is as follows:
 "During the year to date we have taken care of a total number of 610 patients, 552 from the University

and 58 from the Aeronautical School. Total number of dispensary patients treated through the year to date 5760.

The diseases were:

Influenza	192
Pneumonia	21
Grip	49
Scarlet Fever	2
Mumps	2
Diphtheria	2
Chicken Pox	1
Malaria	10
Melancholia	1
Appendicitis	4
(One taken home for operation.)	
Erysipelas	1
Concussion of Brain	3
Vaccine reaction	24
Bichloride poisoning	1

The other diseases were gastro-intestinal troubles, jaundice, indigestion, sore throat, quinsy, colds, tonsillitis, spasms, fractures, minor injuries and infections.

The Ladies' Visiting Committee have performed their duties with their usual tact and kindness, bringing cheer and comfort to the students, and particularly to their families, who often come to Princeton in great distress and anxiety. Mrs. Marquand is now the Chairman of this Committee.

Mrs. Pyne, Chairman of the Membership Committee, has reported one new life member, Mrs. Chisholm, and an increased membership of 104.

It may be well at this time to make the following statement:—

The Home for the Nurses, connected with the Infirmary, is a comfortable old farm house situated on Bayles Lane, not far distant from the University. The surroundings are delightful, with ample grounds, and the house is one which is exceedingly homelike. The Ladies Auxiliary bears the responsibility in every way for the care and maintenance of this house. It was furnished entirely by them, and has in addition to comfortable bedrooms for the nurses a delightful sitting room, with a piano, books, pictures, comfortable chairs, a Victrola and a tea service. The relaxation and quiet which the nurses have in this house is of inestimable benefit to them. A young Frenchwoman, who is the housekeeper,

takes excellent care of it. The painting, repairs, the heating, and the payment of the housekeeper is done by the Ladies Auxiliary, so that the University is relieved of all responsibility in this matter.

A special committee was appointed this year to look into the matter of Memorial Tablets. This Committee have had prepared at the deVenne Press a list of the names of the donors of endowed memorial beds. The work has been done in a beautiful manner, and the list, now framed, is hanging in the hall of the Infirmary.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of two Memorial Beds this year of \$3,000 each, one in memory of Howard F. Rothschild of the Class of 1921, given by his mother, Mrs. Simon Rothschild; the other in memory of Walter L. Foulke of the Class of 1905, given by his wife.

The Ladies Auxiliary has also been most generous in giving, in addition to their usual financial support, the sum of \$2,000 towards the deficit unavoidably incurred through the increased price of drugs, food and supplies. Also they have provided for a substantial and well-deserved increase in Miss Gross' salary.

All the friends of the University must feel a deep debt of gratitude to the physicians, Miss Gross and her efficient staff for their unselfish, untiring and skillful service.

At the annual meeting the following Officers of the Executive Board were elected:

Mrs. John Grier Hibben, President, Princeton, N. J.

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Mrs. C. Ledyard Blair, Secretary, Peapack, N. J.

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The time has come when we must make a decided effort to increase the membership of our organization, so that every Princeton woman may have a share in the support of this phase of the University life, which has as its purpose the safeguarding of the health and the lives of our students throughout the four years of their University career. All Princeton men everywhere are now uniting in an effort to increase the financial resources of the University, and provide a permanent endowment for its progress. It is appropriate that the women of Princeton should follow their example, so that they

may promote in every way possible the interests of the Infirmary and insure the continued progress of this splendid work.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNY D. HIBBEN,
President.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1918-1919

Receipts

Balance, June 1, 1918.....	\$ 3,513.53
Dues for 1918-1919	3,935.50
Donations—Walter Foulke Bed....	\$3,000.00
Rothschild Bed	3,000.00
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Interest on Liberty Loan Bonds.....	937.50
Interest on Bank Deposits	74.45
Refund from Students' Emergency Fund..	45.00
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Total.....	\$14,505.98

Disbursements

Transferred to Building Fund.....	\$	937.50
Treasurer of Princeton University,		
Endowment of Beds	\$6,000.00	
Infirmary Deficit	2,000.00	
Miss Gross' Salary	800.00	
Students' Emergency Fund	8,800.00	
Repairs and Maintenance, Nurses Home...	20.00	
Returning, Nurses' Home	1,363.11	
Caretaker, Nurses' Home	390.51	
Miss Gross, Bonus for Nurses during Epi-	250.00	
demic	75.00	
Printing	107.00	
Secretary and Stenography	31.75	
Postage	87.39	
Rental of Safe Deposit Box.....	6.00	
Exchanges12	
Total.....	\$12,068.46	
Balance, May 31, 1919	2,437.52	
	<u>\$14,505.98</u>	

"We have audited the books and vouchers and certify to the correctness of the foregoing statement.
 (Signed) **PERINE & NICHOLS,**
 By **F. FISCHER, JR.,**
 C. P. A. Conn."

Building Fund, June 1, 1919	
Second Liberty Loan Bonds.....	\$15,000.00
Victory Loan Bond	5,000.00
Certificate of Deposit, New York Trust Co.,	317.75
Certificate of Deposit, New York Trust Co.,	434.57
Total.....	<u>\$20,752.32</u>
ENDOWMENT FUND, June 1, 1919	
Certificate of Deposit, New York Trust Co., \$	292.43
Interest	9.30
Total.....	<u>\$ 301.73</u>
STUDENTS' EMERGENCY FUND, June 1, 1919	
Certificate of Deposit, Blair & Co.....	\$ 3,877.03
Interest	188.98
Check to student	<u>\$ 4,066.01</u>
Balance on hand	<u>20.00</u>
	<u>\$ 4,046.01</u>