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QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
of the
EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE
STATE INSTITUTIONS

with the
STATE BOARD OF CONTROL
HELD AT THE
GILLETTE STATE HOSPITAL
St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 9, 1932

PROGRAM

Symposium on Infantile Paralysis from the Orthopedic Standpoint

1. General Outline of Treatment. Demonstration of Surgical Methods Used for Upper Extremities and Spine and Results.—C. C. Chatterton, M.D.
2. Apparatus as Used Pre-ambulatory.—G. A. Williamson, M.D.
3. Ambulatory Apparatus.—W. H. von der Weyer, M.D.
4. Demonstration of Surgical Results in Infantile Paralysis of the Lower Extremities.—Wallace H. Cole, M.D.
Demonstration of Physiotherapy
 1. Physiotherapy Department, Gillette State Hospital.—M. Denny.
 2. The Use of Various Types of Heat and Massage.—M. Glasgow.
 3. Muscle Training.—O. Smith.
 4. Hydrotherapy.—A. Adams.

Present: Members of the Board—Blanche L. La Du, Chairman; John Coleman, C. J. Swendsen, Superintendents: Yanz, Smith, Patterson, Kilbourne, Freeman, Murdoch, McBroom, Vevele, Skyberg, Merrill, Fulton, Monahan, Burns, McGregor.

Meeting called to order at 11 a. m., Blanche L. La Du presiding.

Afternoon session, Blanche L. La Du presiding, was called to order at 2:10.

Adjourned at 4:30 p. m.

Blanche L. La Du, Chairman State Board of Control: For the benefit of a few who are here this morning who may not be familiar with the work of the Gillette State Hospital, I am going to make a few remarks with regard to its establishment.

The hospital was opened in 1911. Prior to that time the state had cared for a small group of crippled children at the City and County Hospital, St. Paul. These children were under the care of Dr. Gillette, and he came here as superintendent in charge at the opening of the state hospital in 1911.

The children who come to this hospital are the children of poor parents and must have orthopedic conditions that can be helped while here. The parents must have resided in the state of Minnesota a year before the children are eligible for admission to this hospital, and they secure admission to the hospital by making application through their family doctor, accompanied by a statement of the financial condition of the parents. This application is submitted to the staff of the hospital and the State Board of Control for approval. That is all that is necessary in order to secure admission to the hospital.

When the children have been accepted and are notified that it is time for them to come to the hospital, the parents (or the county) are expected to furnish transportation, and to furnish clothing for the children while here. All other expenses are borne by the state.

The children who come are treated for orthopedic conditions and all other physical conditions, except tuberculosis, that may need hospital care. Children are accepted under twenty-one years of age, or minors.

The service given by the hospital is physical treatment and care. The hospital is provided with educational facilities, having kindergarten, grade and high school facilities, that are inspected and accredited by the State Department of Education. Should we have any in the hospital who have finished the high school work, they are permitted to take extension work from the University. We have a number of children who graduate from high school here who go on with their higher education at the University or in some other institution of higher education.

The hospital provides classes and clinics for the medical students from the University.

The School of Nursing provides for affiliation and postgraduate work, and is accredited by the State Board of Nurses Examiners.

The hospital is examined regularly by the College of Surgeons of America, has fulfilled its requirements, and ever since 1922 has been placed among Class A hospitals of the United States by this College.

The religious work in the institution has been organized carefully. All children here are given religious instruction in the faith of their parents.

The state of Minnesota is very deeply indebted for its medical and surgical work to the members of the staff. We have, I think, some fifty physicians and surgeons on the staff here who give their services to this hospital without pay. Never in the history of the hospital has any physician or surgeon been paid for his services, yet this hospital has always had

the best of service. These men, who are devoted to the children who are brought here from all over the state, give freely of their time. They not only have their regular visits to the hospital, but are subject to call at any time, regardless of any loss that may accrue to their work on the outside. I know that I am expressing the appreciation not only of the state of Minnesota and the Board of Control but of thousands of children throughout the state to the physicians and surgeons who serve this hospital.

I am not going to take any more of your time in telling you about it. I wanted those who were strangers to the hospital to know something of its service. I wanted you to know that not only are the physical, the spiritual, and the mental life of the children looked after, but the superior morale of the place and the character-building of the children in the hands of Miss McGregor are things of which we are all very happy and very proud. We have heard physicians and surgeons from other states say: "You have something there that we cannot get," or "You have something there that we are striving to get. We may have a hospital that equals yours, but the spirit which pervades your institution is something enviable." We know that this is due to Miss McGregor's skillful superintendency of the institution and the splendid cooperation of her staff.

This morning we are going to have a symposium on infantile paralysis from the orthopedic standpoint. Dr. Chatterton, who has been surgeon-in-chief of this hospital since 1921 and assistant to Dr. Gillette previous to that time, is going to present the first number on this program. "General Outline of Treatment. Demonstration of Surgical Methods Used for Upper Extremities and Spine and Results."

Dr. Chatterton.