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~~32 Queen Street~~

~~Dartmouth,~~

~~N.S.~~

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Minutes of proceedings of
Dartmouth Medical Relief
Committee
re care of patients etc. etc.
following the Halifax Explosion
of Dec 6th 1917.

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M. G. Burris M.D.

Minutes & Notes of
~~Dorchester~~ ^{Medical} Relief Committee

At a meeting held at 5.30 p.m.

Jan 10th 18 at the Rosbery Relief
Hospital the following members
of the medical profession of this
town were present.

Dr. M. G. B. Smith

M. S. Dickson

H. G. Ryeznik

G. G. Linder

M. G. Burris.

As the meeting being called to order

it was moved, ^{and seconded} that Dr. Dickson
be appointed chairman

Motion passed.

Moved, ^{and seconded} that Dr. Burris be appointed
secretary - Passed.

Notes.

Mr. Dickson in opening remarks stated that there were at present -
thirteen patients in the Relief Hospital
- 4 children & 9 adults.

That at one time there had been
twenty five patients in hospital but
that the number was gradually
decreasing - patients had been
discharged as soon as conditions
warranted it or a place of shelter
had been found. - That there
were three cases at present which
might be discharged - one adult -
Mrs Cooper - and two children but
that no provision for shelter had
so far been made for them.

Also that there was one case
an old lady - Mrs Harris which
should be transferred to N.S. Hospital
or County Home - since she

Moved by Dr Smith

That this committee be called the
Medical Relief Committee

Seconded by Dr Payzant. Passed.

Notes.

a case of Smith Remittance and could be better cared for - at - one or the other of those places.

Further discussion turned to question of the purchase of an ambulance for Relief work in this town. (The Secretary of Relief Committee had asked for an early expression of opinion on this point).

From Dr. Smith it was ascertained that an ordinary horse drawn ambulance would cost seven or eight hundred dollars - a motor driven ambulance would cost much more than this.

At the present time ^{there was} no provision in the Relief Hospital for the care of serious emergency work. Several private ambulances to be had in Halifax.

Ordinary transportation could be easily arranged through Transportation Com. etc. - likely to be little need.

Moved by Dr. Smith.

That Medical Relief Committee, at present time, consider that the purchase of an ambulance for relief work would entail too great an expense. - That the Victoria General Hospital report to sell an ambulance in May '18 and that it might be wise for the Town of Dartmouth to consider the purchase of this ambulance."

Seconded by Dr. Peggib.

Passed.

note

A copy of this resolution was forwarded to A. C. Johnston Esq.

Chairman Dart. Relief Com. on June 11th 18

M. G. B.

Discussion

Allotment of patients

- (a) Future admissions.
- (b) Present occupants.

Moved by Dr. Peggibet.

"That patients, on admission, be allotted to their "family physician" if they have such: otherwise that they be allotted in rotation to each practitioner of the town" and also that all cases requiring the care of an eye, ear, nose, & throat speculists be allotted to Dr. Goodier"

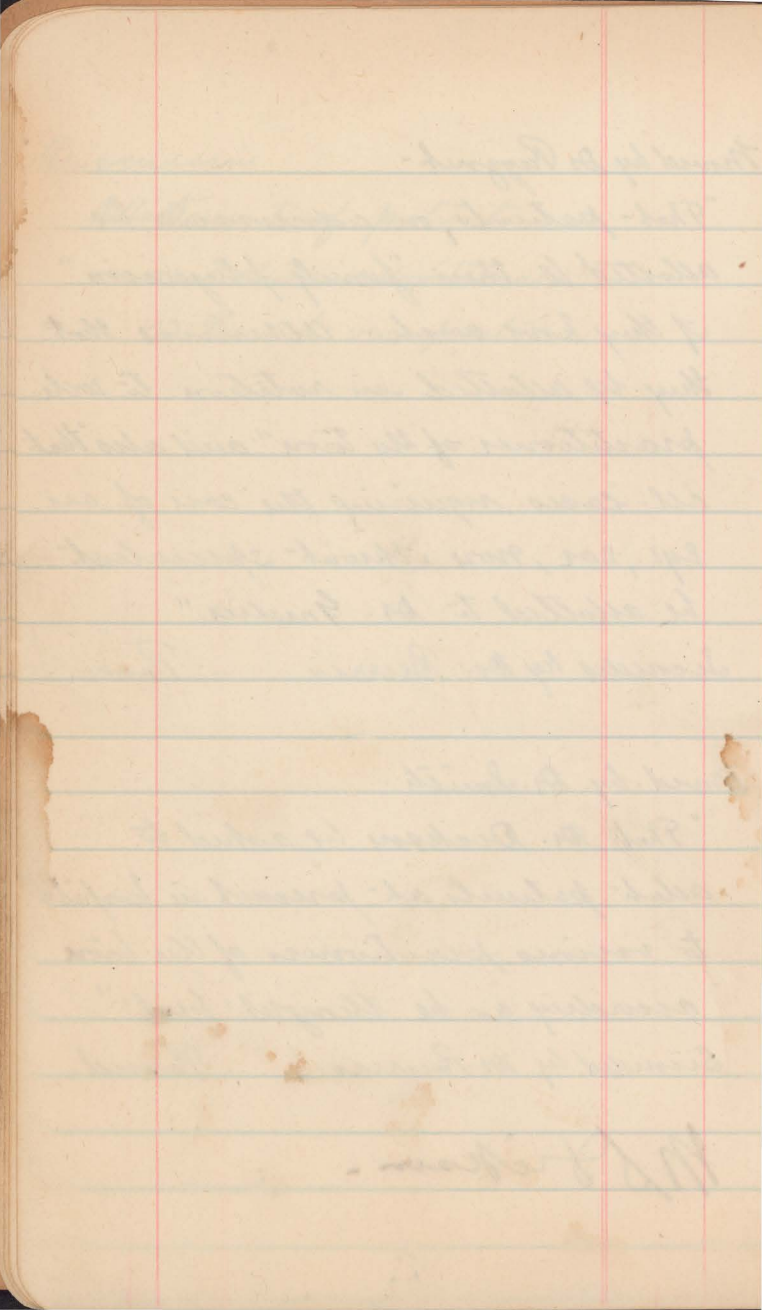
Seconded by Dr. Burris - Passed.

Moved by Dr. Smith.

"That Dr. Dickson be asked to allot patients admitted in hospital to various practitioners of the town according as he thought best"

Seconded by Dr. Burris - Passed.

M. S. Dickson.



Jan. 14th 18

Meeting held at residence of
Dr. M. S. Dickson. at which,
in addition to members of
Medical Relief Committee,
Dr. J. E. Loring, Sup^t N. S. Hospital,
was present.
Moved - seconded.

"That we the Medical Men of
Dorchester, constituting the
Medical Relief Committee of
Dorchester desire to place
ourselves under the direction
of the Central Medical Relief
Committee of Halifax."

Passed.

A copy of this resolution was
given to Lt. Col. Bell. Chairman
Central Relief Com. in afternoon
of Jan. 15th 18
m. B.

Note.

Case. - John Swobor aged 45 yrs

Infantile Paralysis

Splint needed to prevent deformity
and to assist locomotion

One foot badly injured

Stump destroyed & burned.

Moved - seconded.

"That the Medical Relief Committee
of Dartmouth approve, the
request of Dr. Burris, that ^{ful of charge.}
a splint be furnished, to
replace one lost in burning
home on Dec. 6th in the care
of a child of Owen Lovell's
Belmont Street Dartmouth."

Passed.

M. S. Dickson

Jan. 17th 18

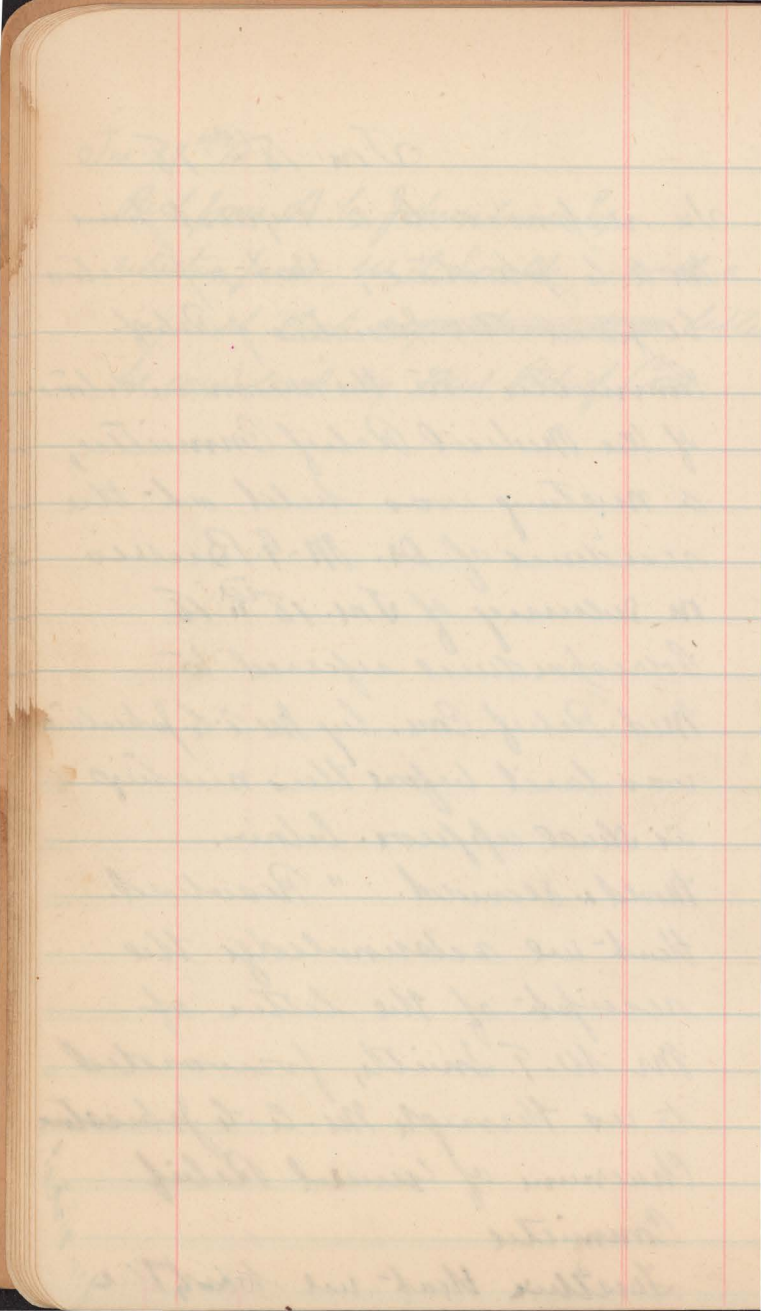
Recd from A. C. Johnson by
a letter from W. F. Smith, with a
request that ~~request made in~~ letter
be considered by Med. Relief Com.

Jan. 18th 18

In response to a request from
Mr. C. C. Johnston, that information
be given the Executive of Relief
Committee re the recommendations
of the Medical Relief Committee,
a meeting was held at the
residence of Dr. M. G. Bennis
on evening of Jan. 18th 18
Correspondence referred to
Med. Relief Com. by Mr. C. C. Johnston
was laid before this meeting
as shall appear below.

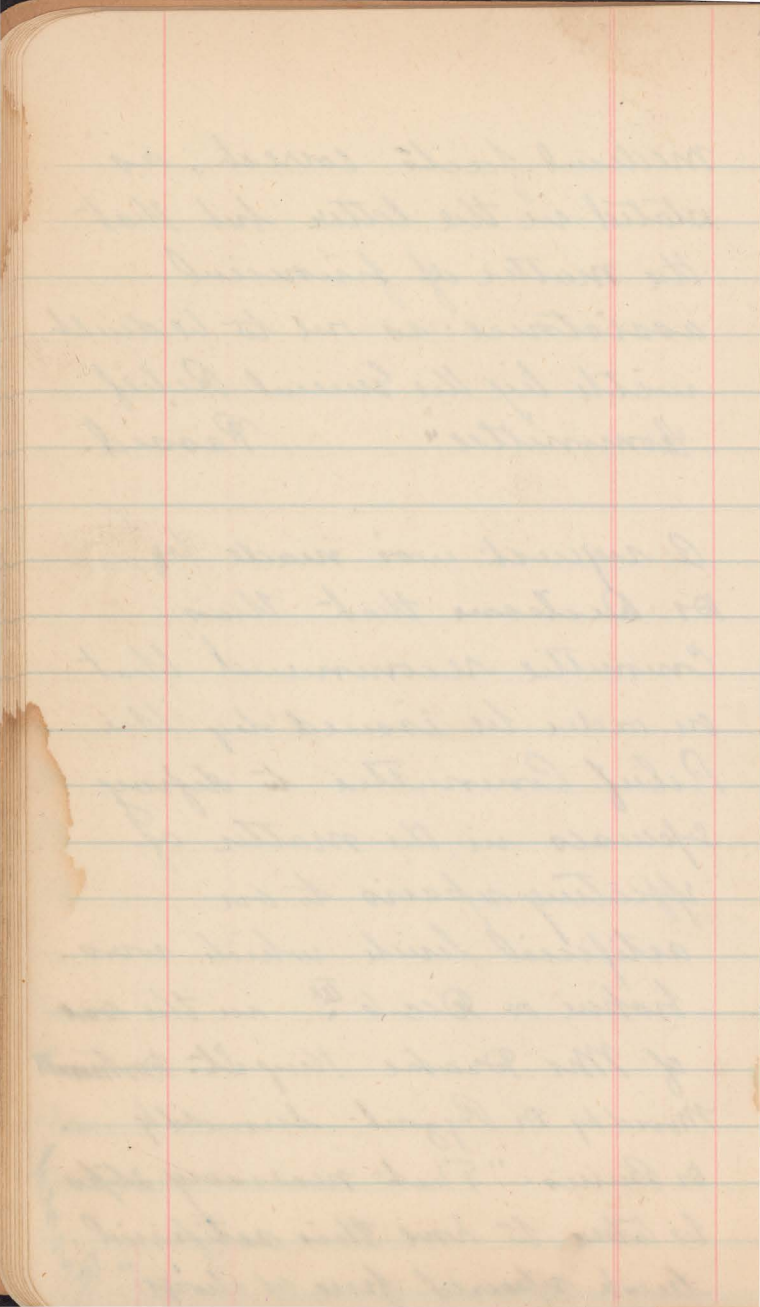
Moved & seconded. " Resolved.
that we acknowledge the
receipt of the letter of
Mr. W. F. Smith, forwarded
to us through Mr. C. C. Johnston
Chairman of General Relief
Committee

Further that we find the



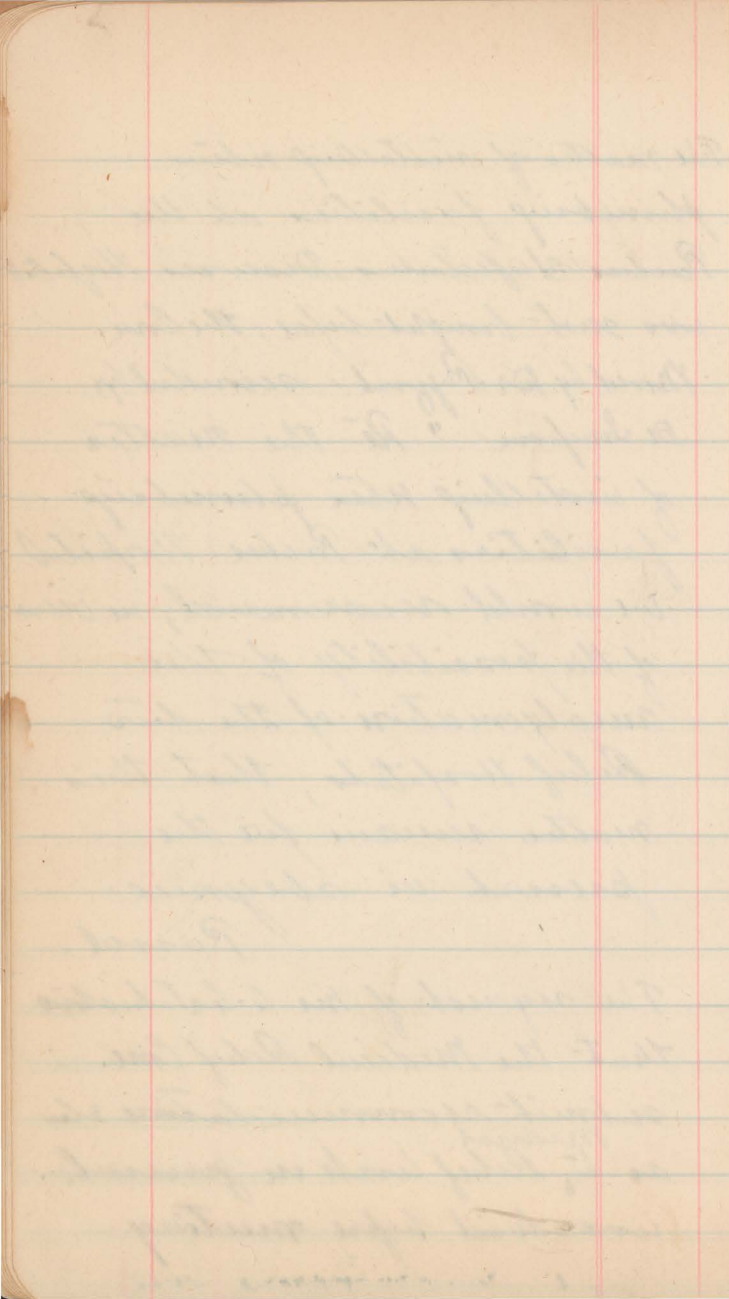
medical facts correct, as
stated in the letter but that
the matter of financial
assistance is one to be dealt
with by the General Relief
Committee" Passed.

A request was made by
Dr. DeCourse that this
Committee recommend that
an order be issued by the
Relief Committee to defray
expenses in the matter of
effecting repairs to an
artificial limb which was
broken on Dec. 6th in the case
of Mrs Drake King St. Portsmouth
Moved by Dr Payson. Seconded by
Dr Burris. "That necessary steps
be taken to have this artificial
limb repaired free of charge" P. 111



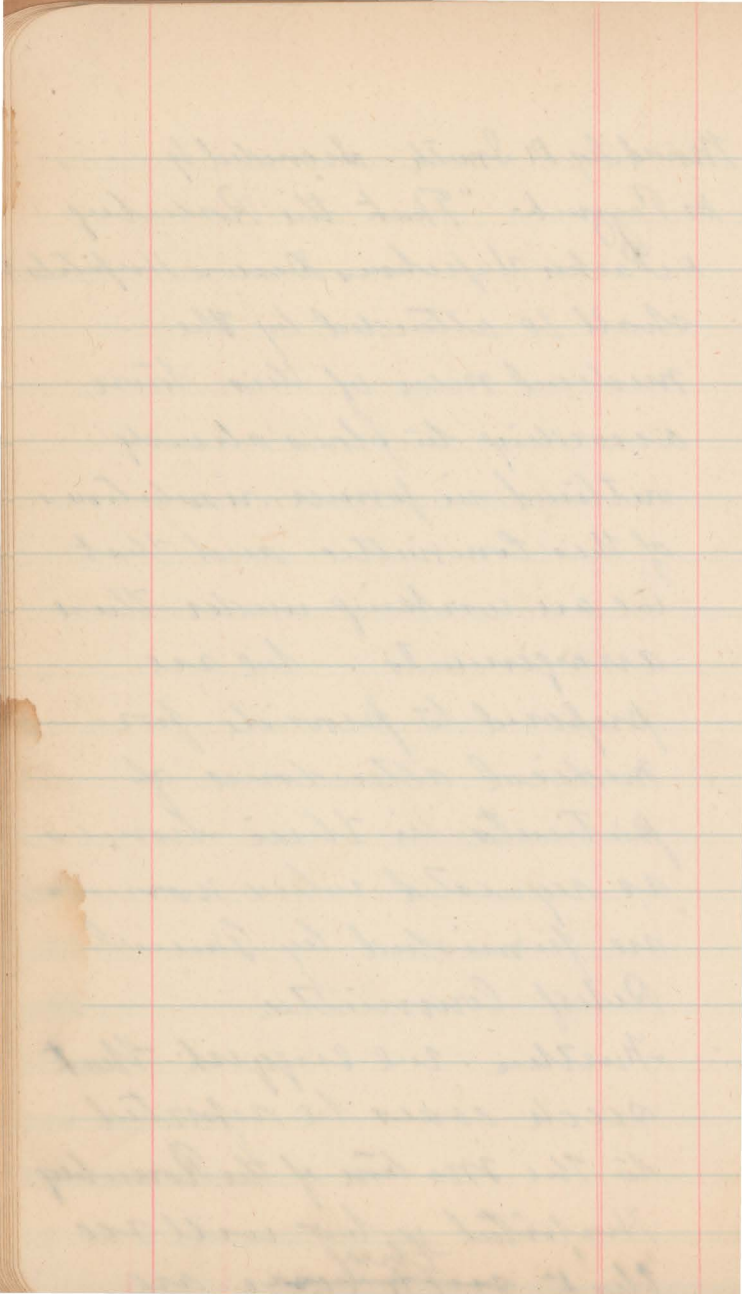
The matter of installing water
plumbing facilities at the
Packer Infirmary Diseases Hospital
was next brought before the Com.
Moved by Dr. Pappas seconded by
Dr. Simpson " Re the matter
of installing water plumbing
facilities at Packer Hospital
we would recommend, in view
of the possibility of the
amalgamation of the two
Relief Hospitals, that this
matter remain for the
present in abeyance.
Passed.

The request of Mr. A. C. Johnson
that the Medical Relief Com.
submit recommendations re
as to Relief work in general,
was laid before meeting



Moved by Dr Smith seconded by
Dr Peggib. "That the Rosebery
& Parker Infirmary, Deseronto Hospitals
shall be attended by the
medical men of this town
according to plans already
outlined in former resolutions
of this Committee and that
we are working under these
arrangements. We are
prepared to provide for
medical attendance of
patients in their homes
as requested when names
are furnished by General
Relief Committee

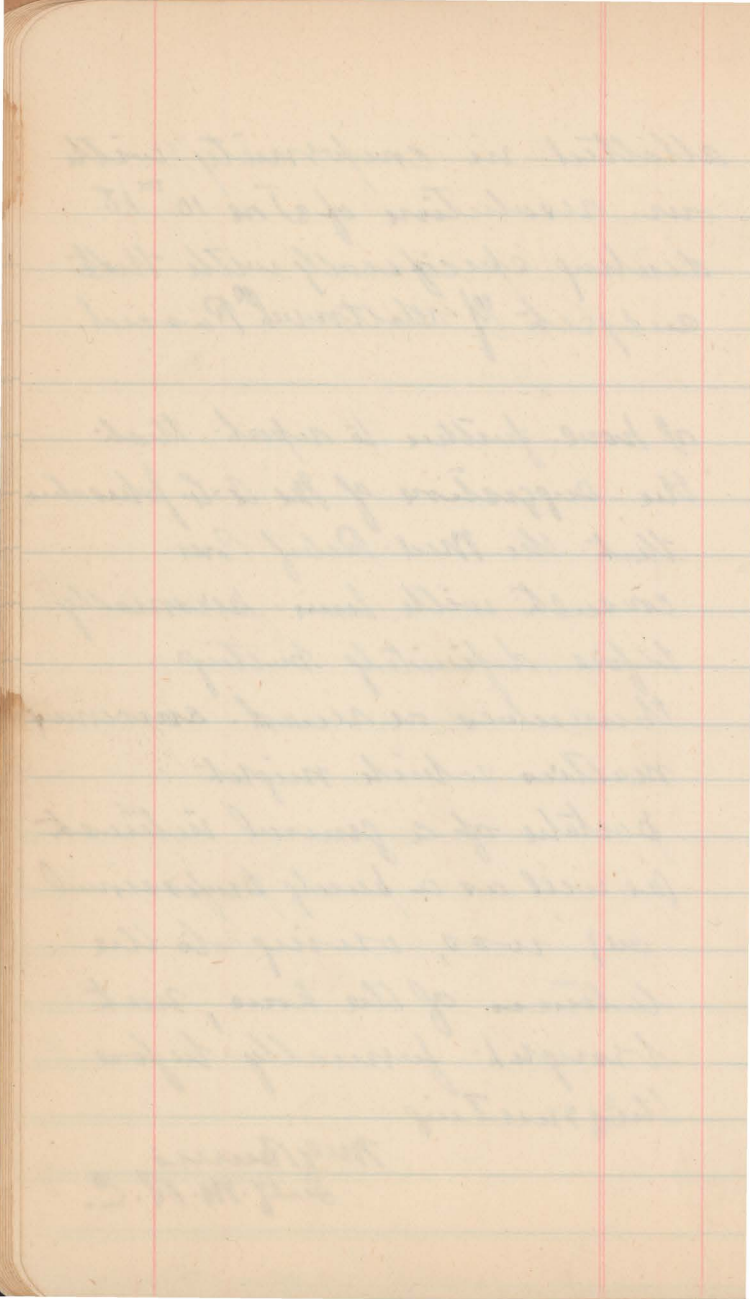
Further. we suggest that
such cases be reported
to the Matron of the Rosebery
Hospital who will see
that ^{they} such cases are



allotted in conformity with
our resolution of Jan 10th 18
dealing specifically with that
subject of allotment^{no} Passed.

I have further to report that
the suggestion of Mr A. G. Johnson
that the Med. Relief Com.
consult with him personally
before definitely putting
themselves on record concerning
matters which might
partake of a general interest
(as well as a purely professional
one) was, owing to the
lateness of the hour, not
brought formally before
the meeting

My Bureau
July. M. R. C.

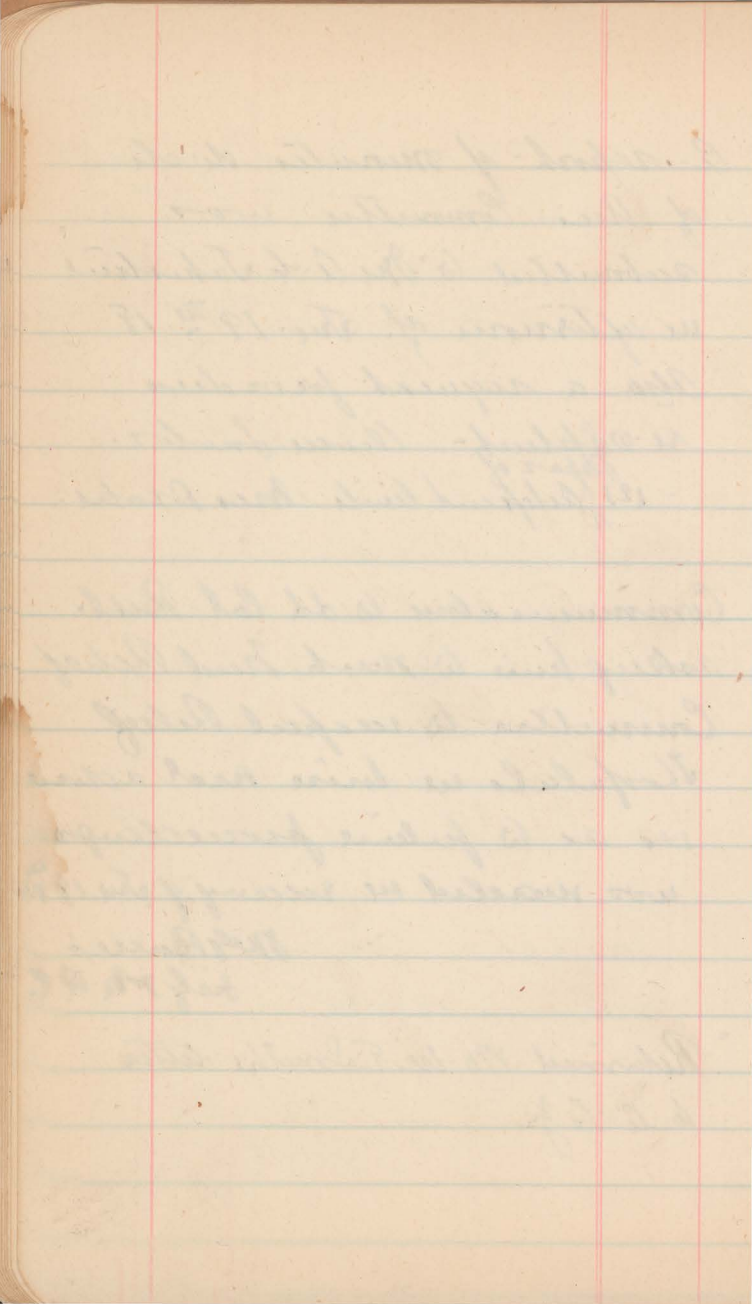


A report of minutes. etc. etc.
of this Committee was
submitted to Mr A. G. Johnson
in afternoon of Tue. 19th. 18
Also a request for orders
re. W. Splugh - Oliver Snider.
- (2) ^{papers of} _" ^{belonging} _" ^{to} _" Mrs Drake.

Communication to Dr. Col. Bull.
asking him to meet Relief
Committee to inspect Relief
Hospitals in line and advise
us as to future proceedings
was received in evening of Tue 19th 18

Mary Brewer:
July 20th 1861.

Returned M. W. T. Smith's letter
to A. G. J.



Jan 30th 18

A meeting of Med. Relief Com.
was held in Church Church Parson's
Hall at 8.30 p.m. at which
Mr A. C. Johnson was present.

Dr. Dickson laid before meeting
a report of arrangements which
had been agreed upon between
Med. Relief Committee of Halifax
and Halifax Medical Society
re the question of remuneration
of medical men of Halifax & District
for services rendered to
widows & destitute on and
since Dec 6th 17

The matter was explained in
detail to Mr Johnson

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Moved & Seconded.

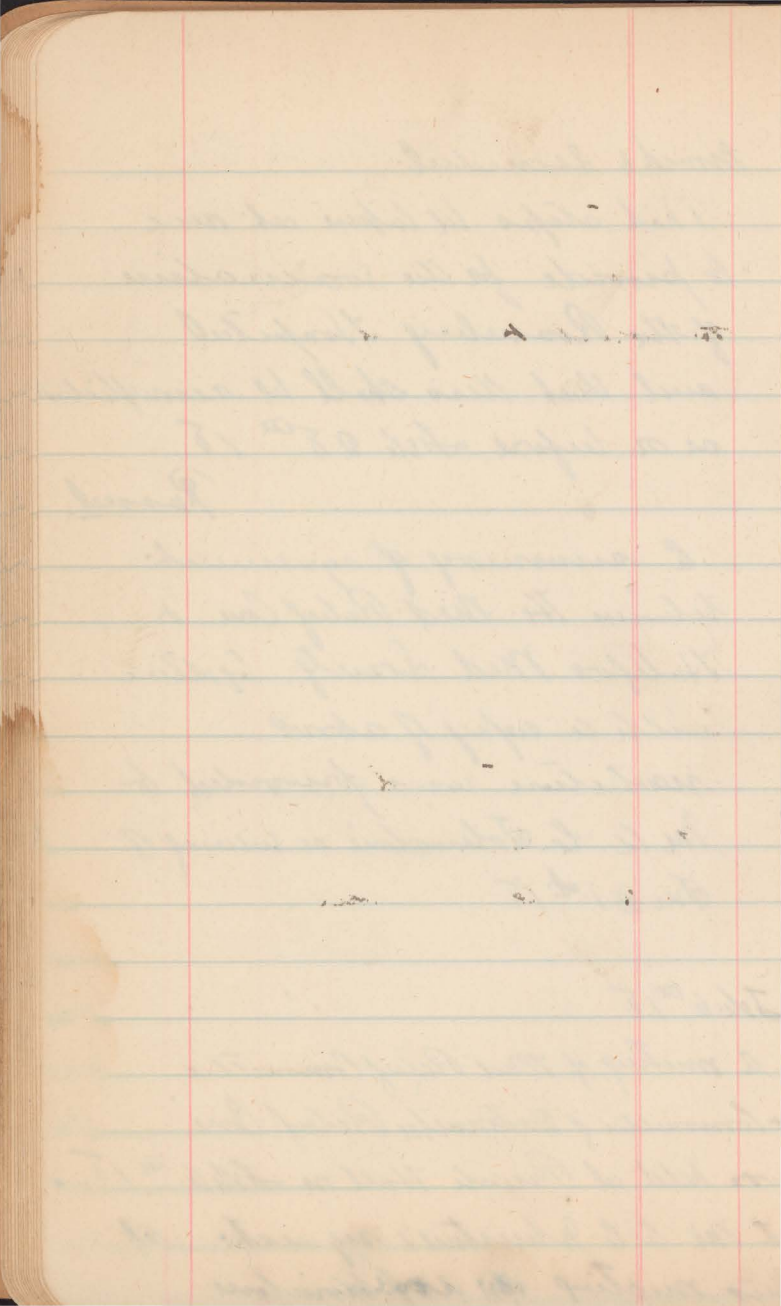
That steps be taken at once
to provide for the vaccination
of the Roanoke Hospital
and that this shall be accomplished
on or before Feb 28th 18

Passed.

A summary of agreement
between H. Med Relief Com &
Halifax Med. Society together
with a copy of above
resolution was forwarded to
Mr A. C. Johnston on evening of
Jan 31st 18

Feb. 6th 18

A meeting of Med Relief Committee
& Committee of Dominion Relief Com
was held at Parson's Hall on Feb 6th 18
at Mr A. C. Johnston's request. At
this meeting an explanation



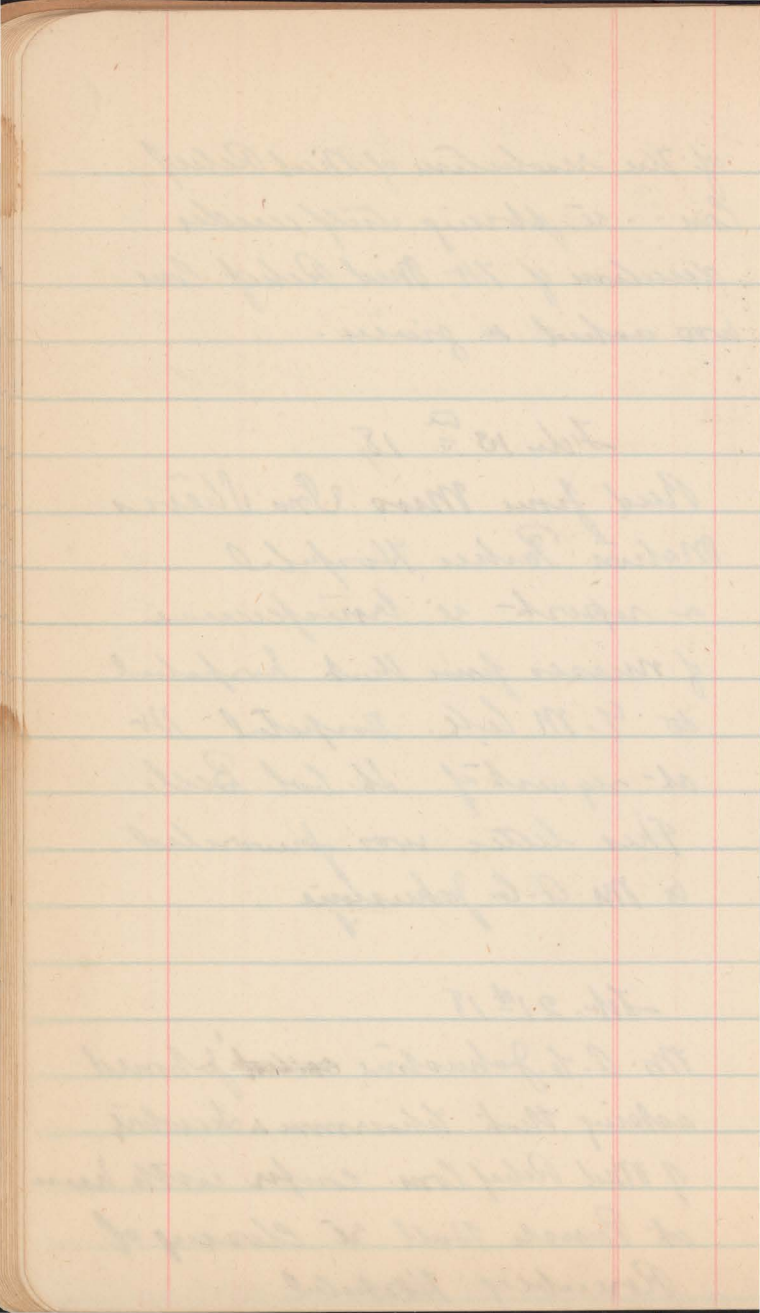
of the resolution of Med Relief
Com. - - re storing staff under
direction of 7th Med Relief Com
was asked to give in.

Feb 18th 18

Recd from Miss Ina Steves
Nation Parker Hospital
a report re transference
of nurses from that hospital
to G. M. C. Hospital 14th
at request of Lt. Col Bell.
This letter was forwarded
to Mr. A. C. Johnston

Feb. 21st 18

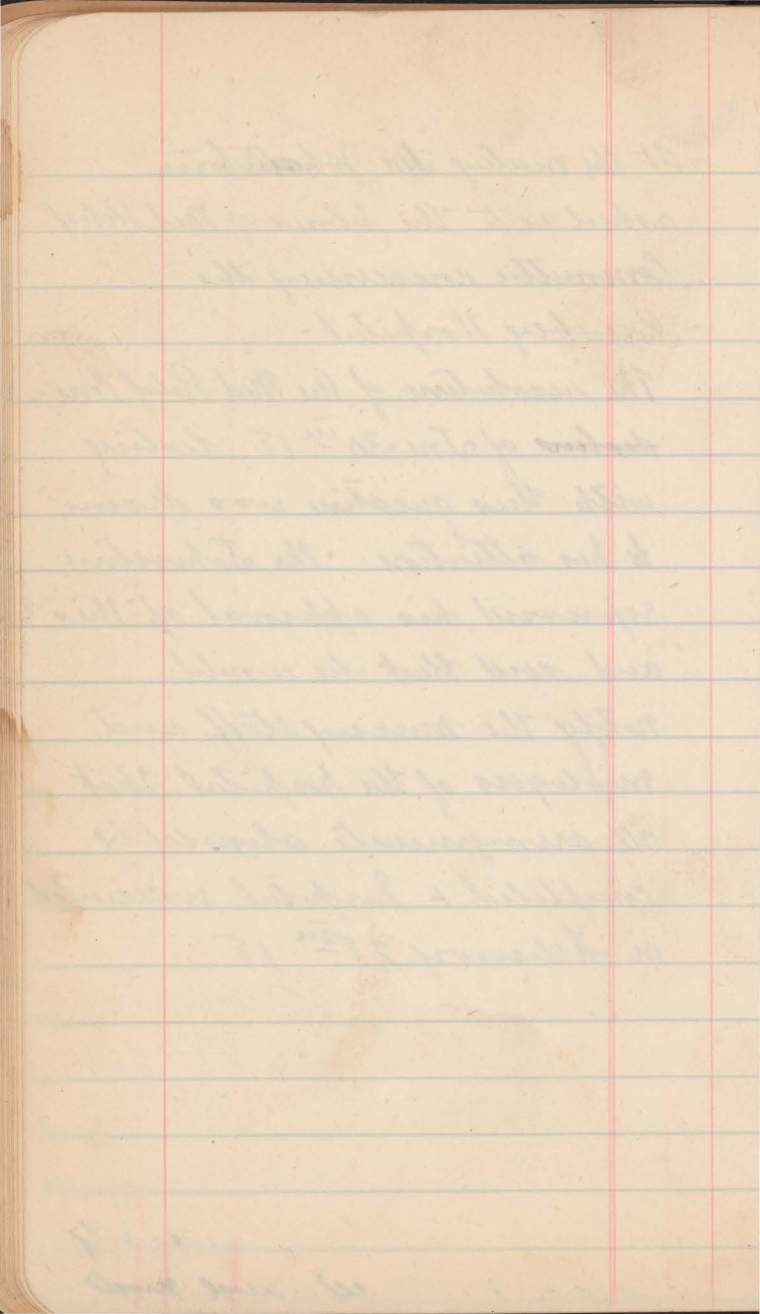
Mr. A. C. Johnston ~~called~~ phoned
asking that Chairman & Secretary
of Med Relief Com. confer with him
at Pansie Hall re closing of
Roussing Hospital



- At the meeting Mr Joh~~stone~~stone
asked as to the plans of Med Relief
Committee concerning the
Roumby Hospital.

The resolutions of the Med Relief Com-
~~tee~~tee of Jan 30th 18 dealing
with this question was drawn
to his attention. Mr Joh~~stone~~stone
expressed his approval of this
and said that he would

notify the nursing staff and
employers of the hospital that
all arrangements should be
completed & Hospital reopened
on February 28th 18



July 25th 9. p.m.

Meeting at Dr. Dickson's
at which question of transportation of
patients from Rowley Hospital to
Parker Hospital was discussed
Decided to adjourn meeting until
11 a.m. July 26th at Parker Hospital.

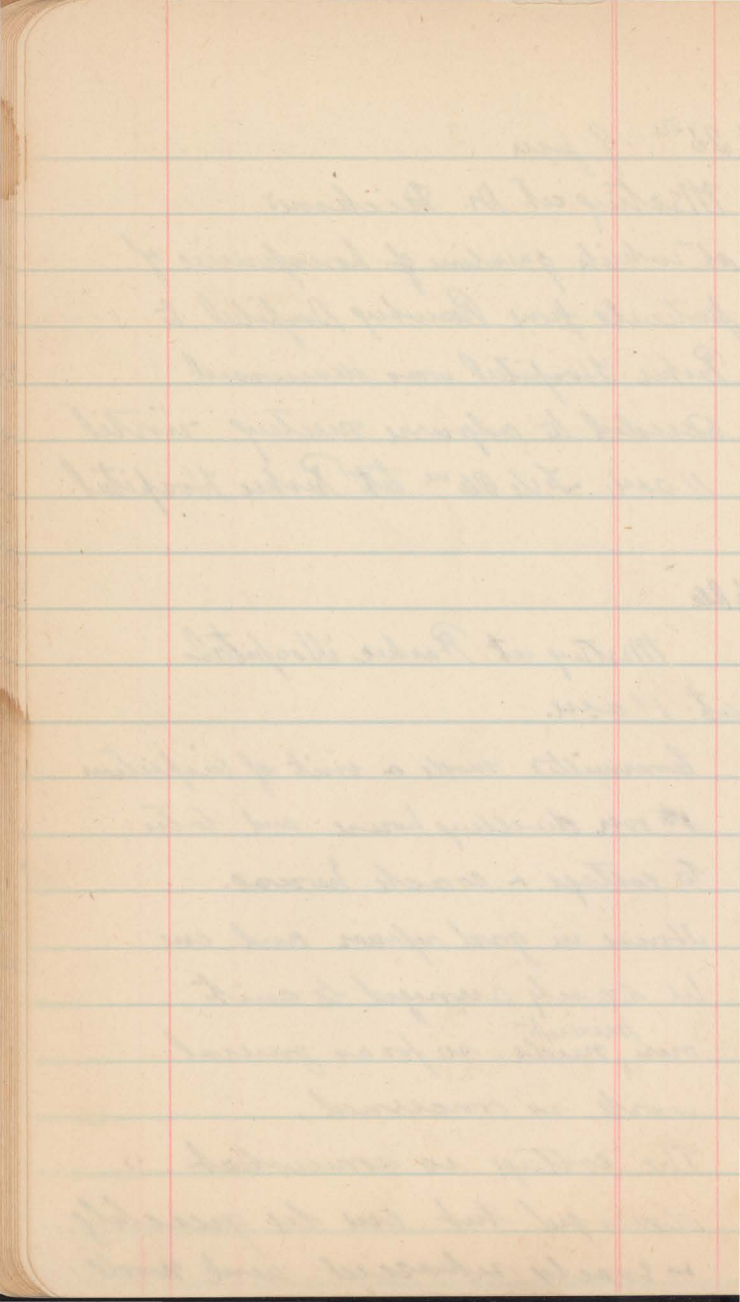
July 26

Meeting at Parker Hospital
at 11 a.m.

Committee made a visit of inspection
~~to~~ over dwelling house and later
to cottage & coach house.

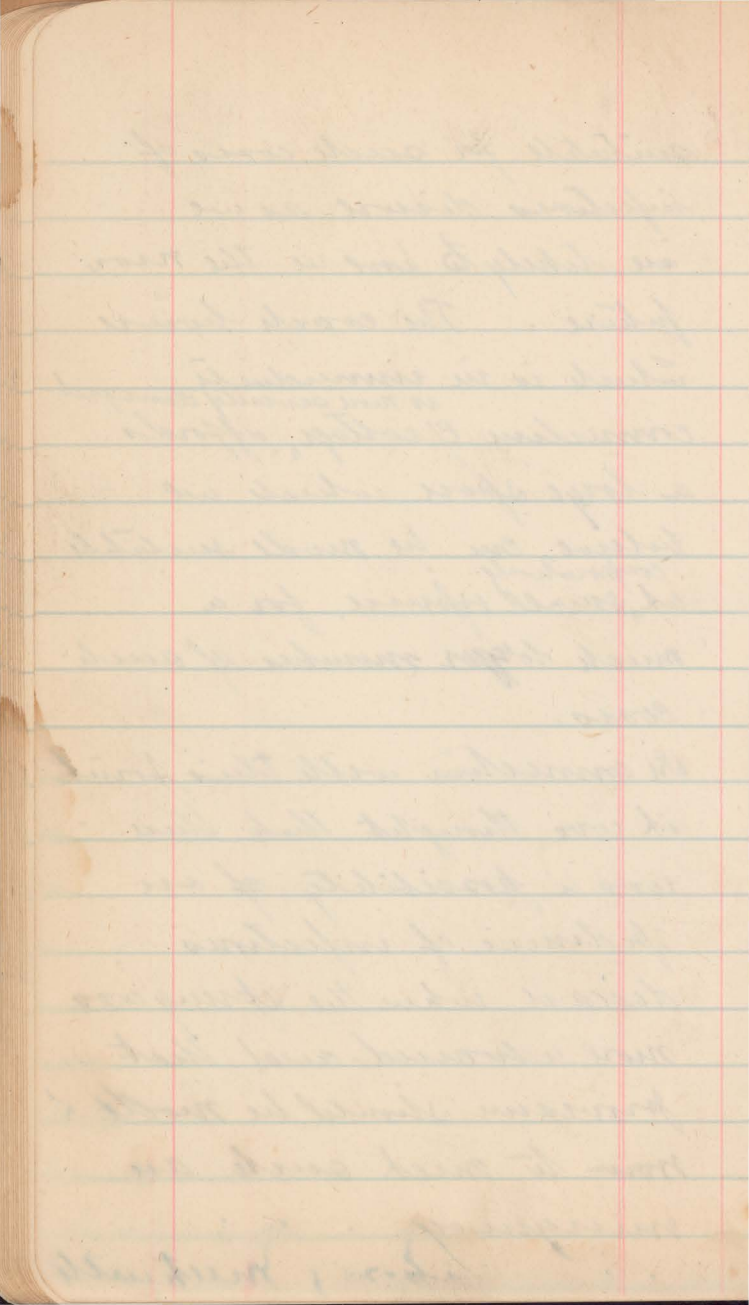
House in good repair and one
bed room arranged to suit
our ^{present} needs. so far as general
work is concerned.

The cottage is somewhat
damaged but can be quickly
& easily repaired and made



suitable for such cases of
infectious disease as we
are likely to have in the near
future. The coach house
which is in ^{immediate} ~~immediate~~
^{is now already damaged}
condition of collapse, affords
a large space which we
believe can be made suitable
^{comparatively}
at small expense for a
much larger number of such
cases.

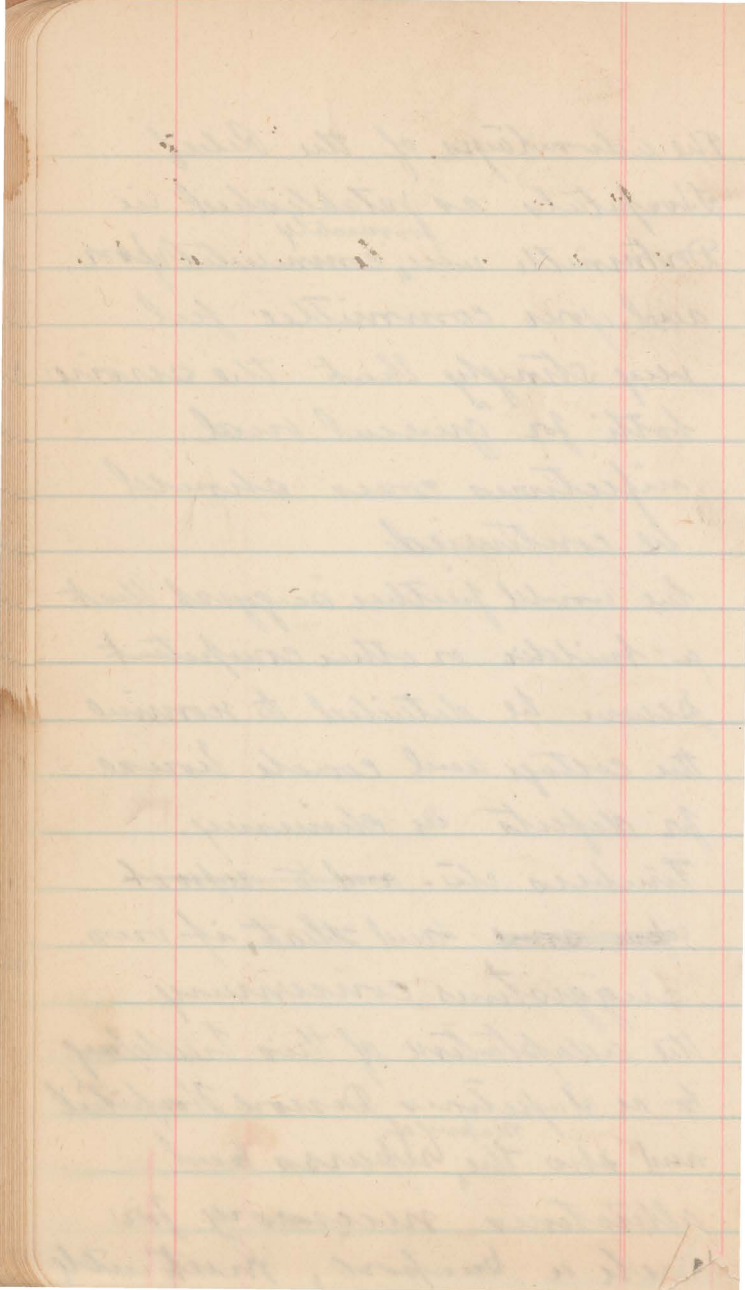
In connection with this point
it was thought that there
was a possibility of an
epidemic of infectious
disease when the spring was
more advanced and that
provision should be made
now to meet such an
emergency



The advantages of the Relief
Hospitals as established in
Dartmouth were, ^{favorably} commended upon
and your committee feel
very strongly that the service
both for general and
infectious cases should
be continued

We would further suggest that
a builder or other competent
person be detailed to examine
the cottage and coach house
for defects in chimney,
timbers etc. and to report

~~upon same~~ and that, if our
suggestions concerning
the adaptation of this building
to an infectious Disease Hospital
and also the ^{making of} repairs and
alterations necessary for
such a purpose, meet with



your approval, that this
work be proceeded with at
as early a date as possible.

The various practitioners of the
town have been notified that
the Rosebery Hospital is to
be closed on February 28th

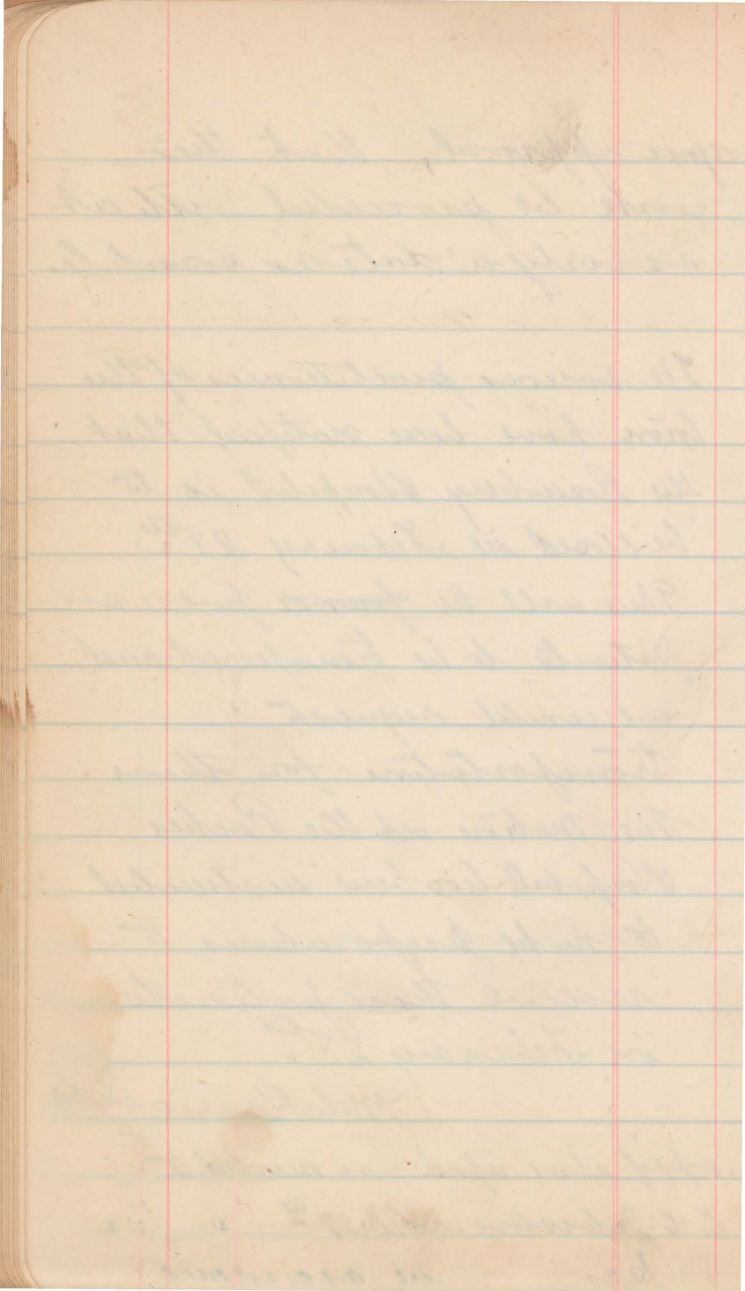
There will be ~~four~~ ~~five~~ or six
patients to be transferred and
we would request

transportation for them.

The Matron at the Paches
Hospital has been instructed
to make preparations to
receive these patients
on February 28th.

Mrs. Bussio Secy.

A copy of above report was received by
Mr. A. C. Johnston on Feb 27th



March 8th

Meeting at Parker Hospital at 5 pm.

Letter from Matron Steeves

asking for certain improvements
to building and also for

various supplies necessary
for proper working etc etc

was read before meeting

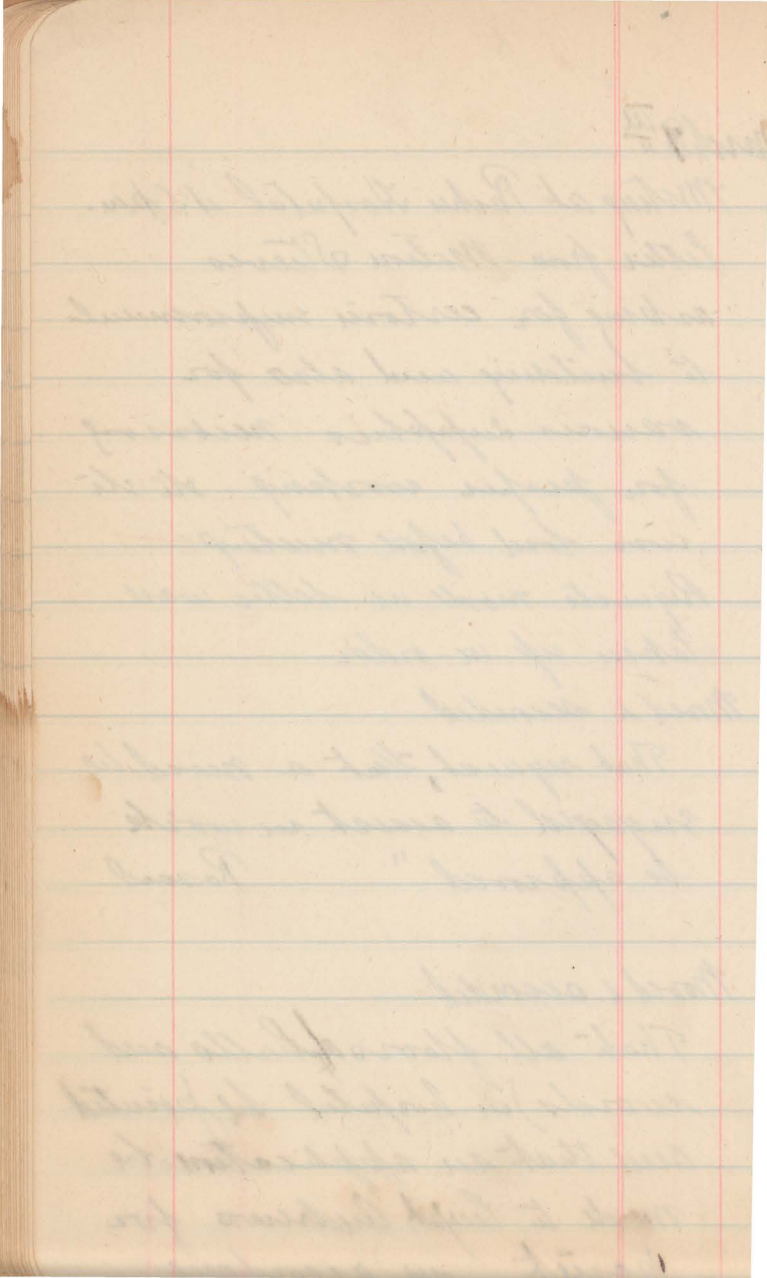
Requests made in letter were
taken up in order.

Moved & seconded

That request, that a man be
engaged to assist in work
be approved " Passed

Moved & seconded

That all floors of halls and
wards in hospital be painted
and that an application be
made to Capt Andrews for
paint, in accordance



with suggestion of Col. Bull.
Passed

Moved & seconded

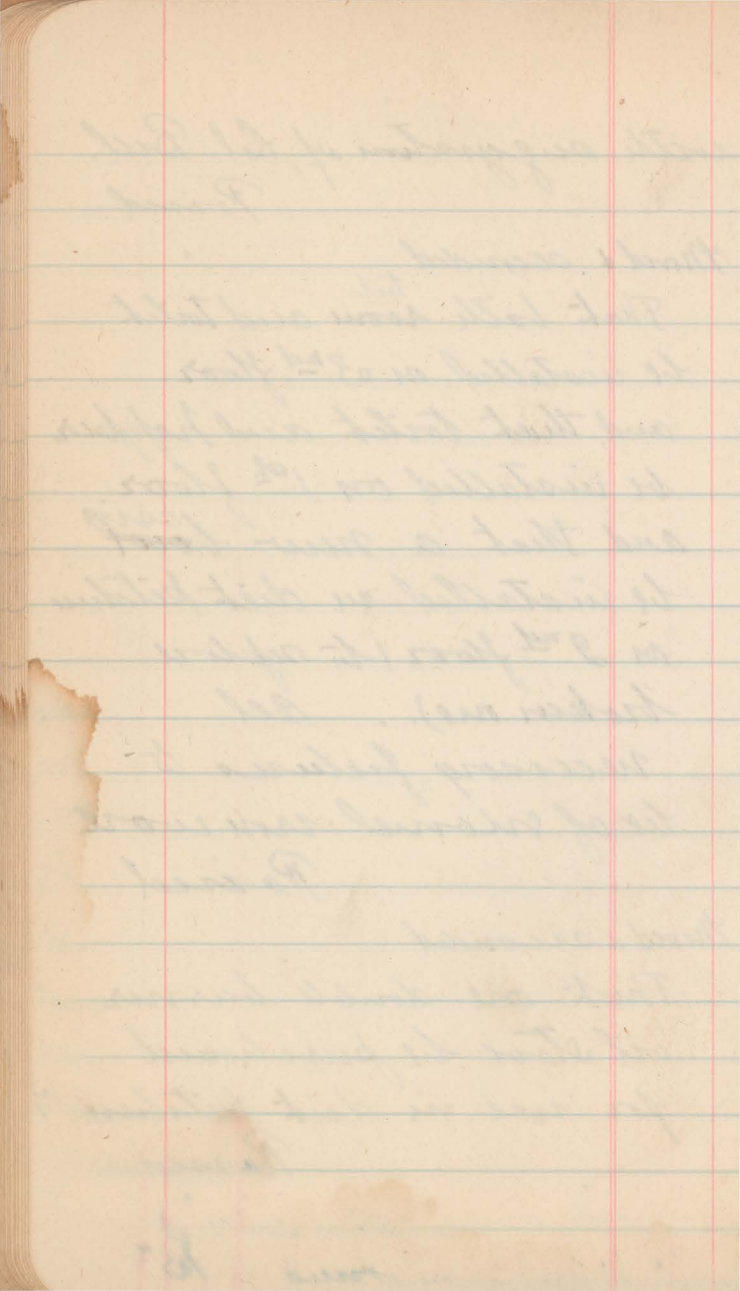
That bath ^{tub} room and toilet
be installed on 3rd floor
and that toilet and hopper
be installed on 1st floor
and that a new ~~boiler~~ ^{basin}
be installed in diet kitchen
on 2nd floor (to replace
broken one). . . All
necessary fixtures to
be of enamel iron ware.

Passed

Moved & seconded

That one double burner
oil stove be purchased
for use in diet kitchen

Passed



Moved & seconded

"That elevator lift be repaired."
Passed.

Moved & seconded

"That a bed couch be provided as a necessary part of office equipment."
Passed.

Moved & seconded.

"That suitable blinds be provided for windows"
Passed.

Moved & seconded.

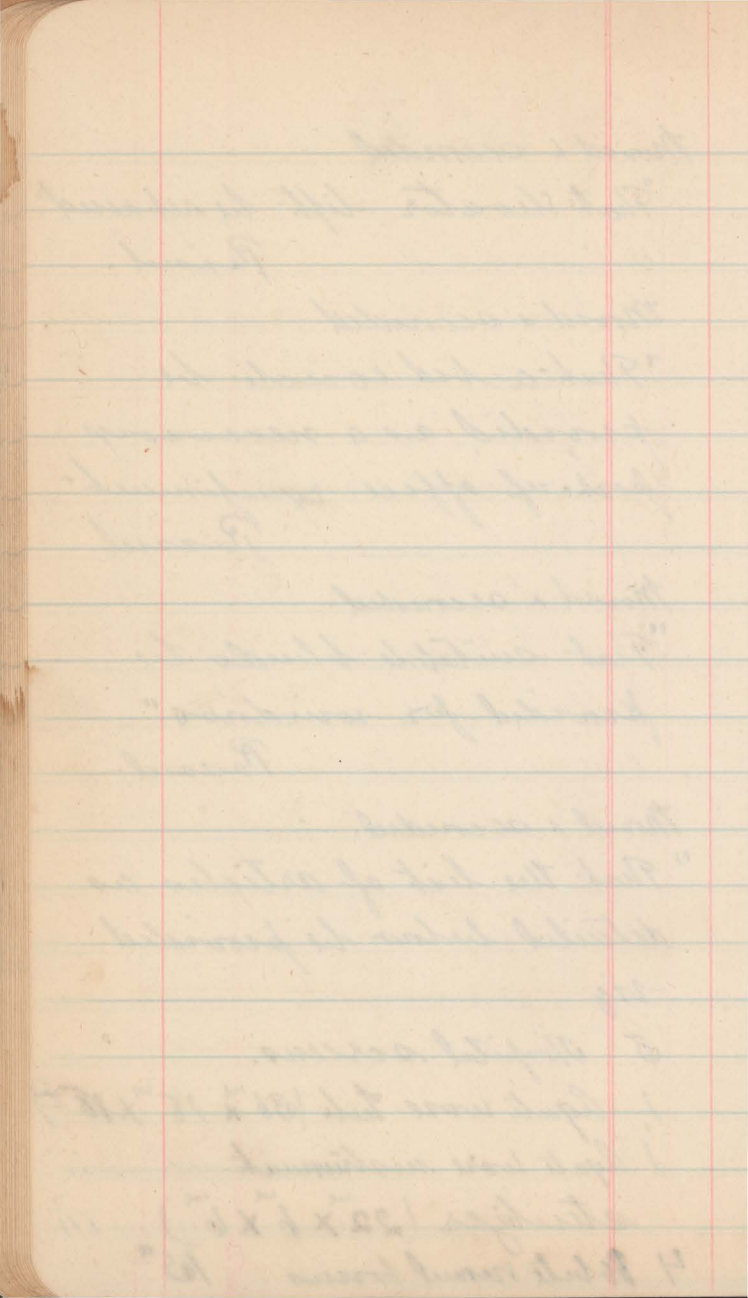
"That the list of articles as detailed below be provided - viz

3 Hospital screens.

1 Ayate wire tub (36ⁱⁿ x 18ⁱⁿ x 18ⁱⁿ)

1 Ayate wire instrument
sterilizer (22ⁱⁿ x 6ⁱⁿ x 6ⁱⁿ)

4 White enamel basins 10ⁱⁿ

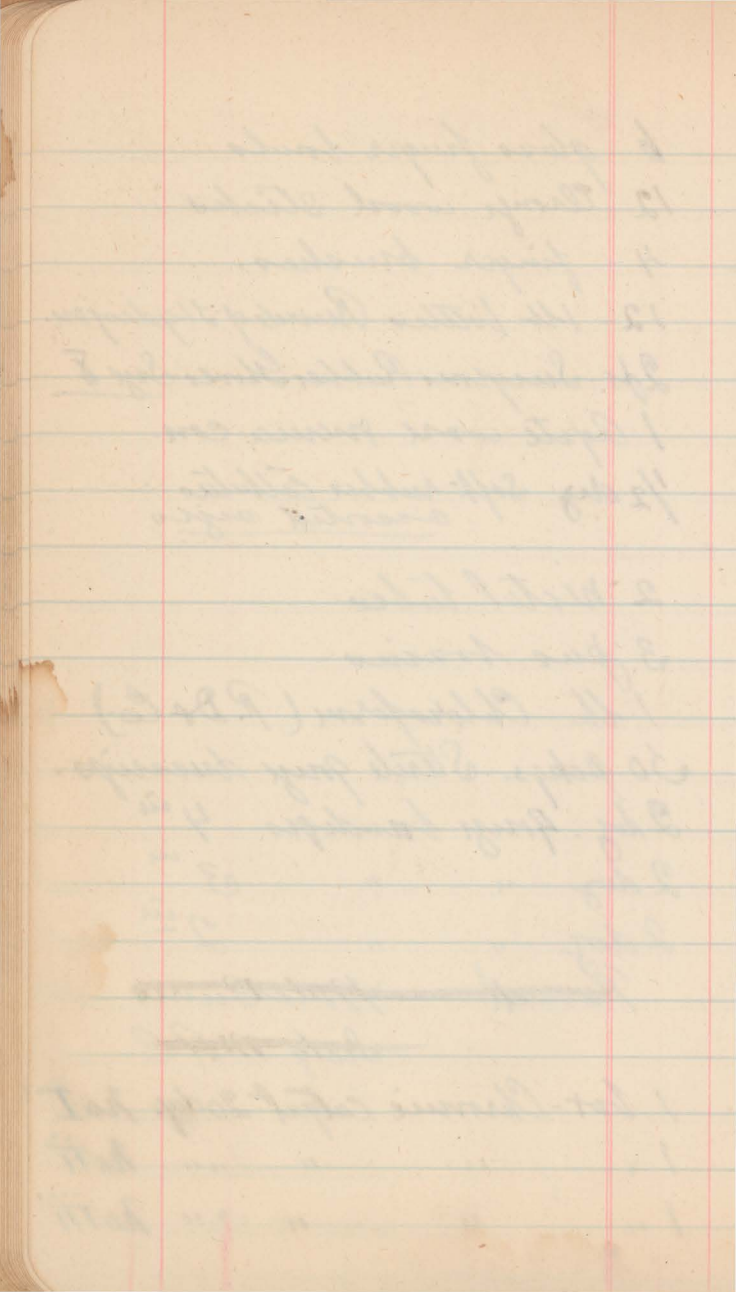


- 6 glass finger bowls
- 12 Orange wood sticks
- 4 finger brushes.
- 12 1lb bottles Ruvalde of Hydrogen.
- 2 ps. Surgeon's Rubber Gloves Size 8
- 1 Ayate work menna con.
- 1/2 doz Soft-rubber Catheters
assorted sizes

- 2 rectal tubes
- 3 pus basins
- 1 lb Chloroform (P. De Co.)
- 30 pkgs. Sterile gauze dressings.
- 2 doz. Gauze bandages 4ⁱⁿ
- 2 doz " " 3ⁱⁿ
- 2 doz " " 2ⁱⁿ

~~Research - H. B. B. B.~~
~~Society M. A. C.~~

- 1 bot. Chronic catgut 20 day. No I
- 1 " " " " No II
- 1 " " " " No III



1 lot Iodized Catgut No I

1 " " " No II

1 " " " No III

1 perhaps Rubber tissue
for drainage purposes.

2 Flannel bandages

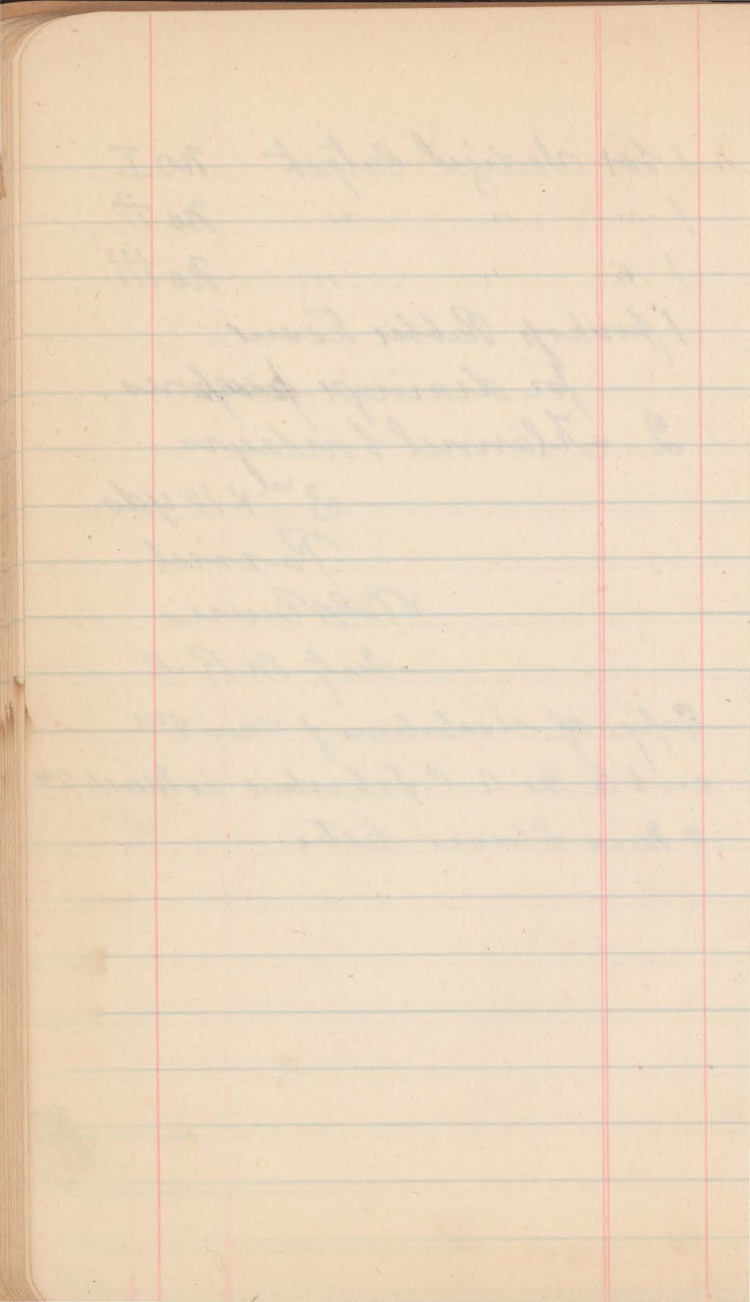
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Copy. of mechanical of No 8th
sent to Mr A. C. Johnson on March 9th
of Miss Steves letter.

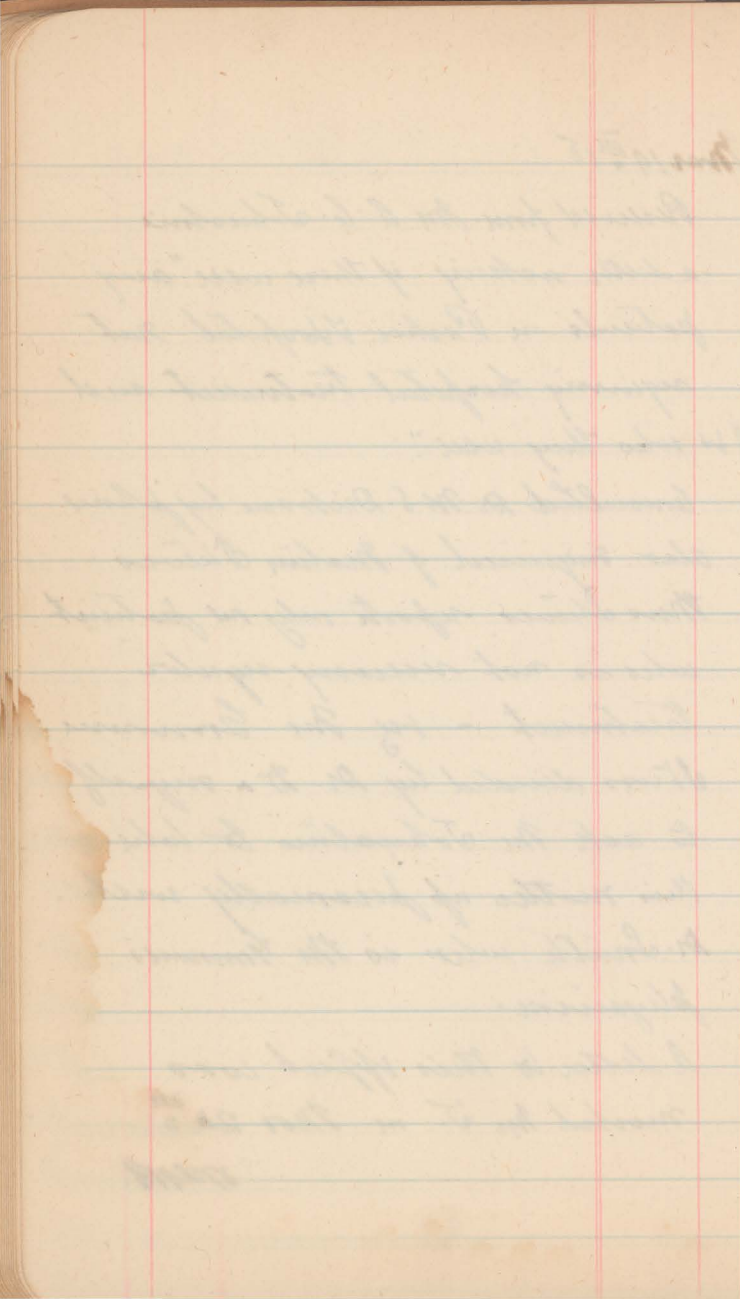


Mar 19th 18

Received from Mr. L. C. Johnson
a letter asking if there were "any
patients in Parker Hospital not
requiring hospital treatment and
if so who they were".

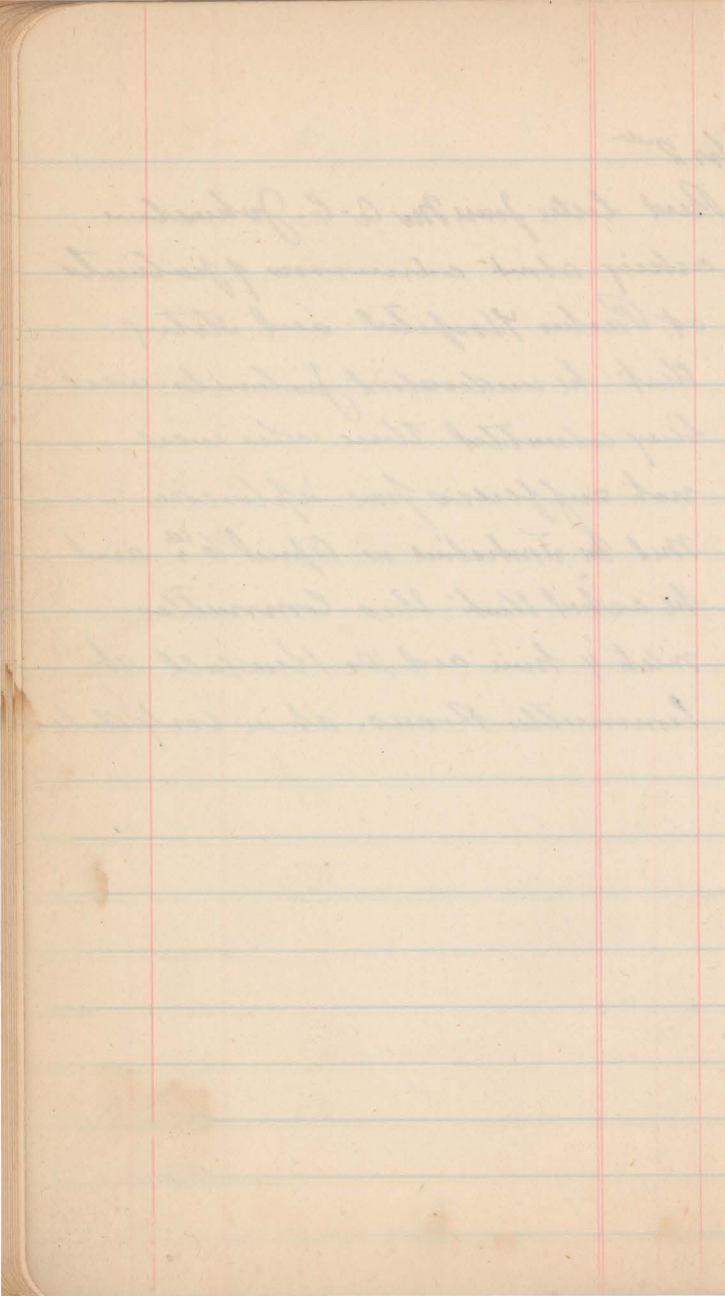
consulted Dr. M. S. Dibson by phone
also inquired of Mathias Steves.
Mrs Steves reports only one patient
who is not receiving regular
treatment - viz Mr. Gommers
It was decided by Dr. D. & myself
to ask Mr. Johnson to take
this matter up personally with
Dr. Smith who is Mr. Gommers'
physician.

A letter to this effect was
mailed Mr. J. on Mar 20th
18.



Apr 2nd

Recd letter from Mr A. C. Johnson
asking about admission of patients
at Parker Hospital - and stating
that he understood patients were
being admitted there who were
not suffering from typhoid
that Mr Johnson in April 6th and
he asked that the Committee
meet of him and Dr Kendall at
Committee Rooms. at in early date



Apr 8th 18

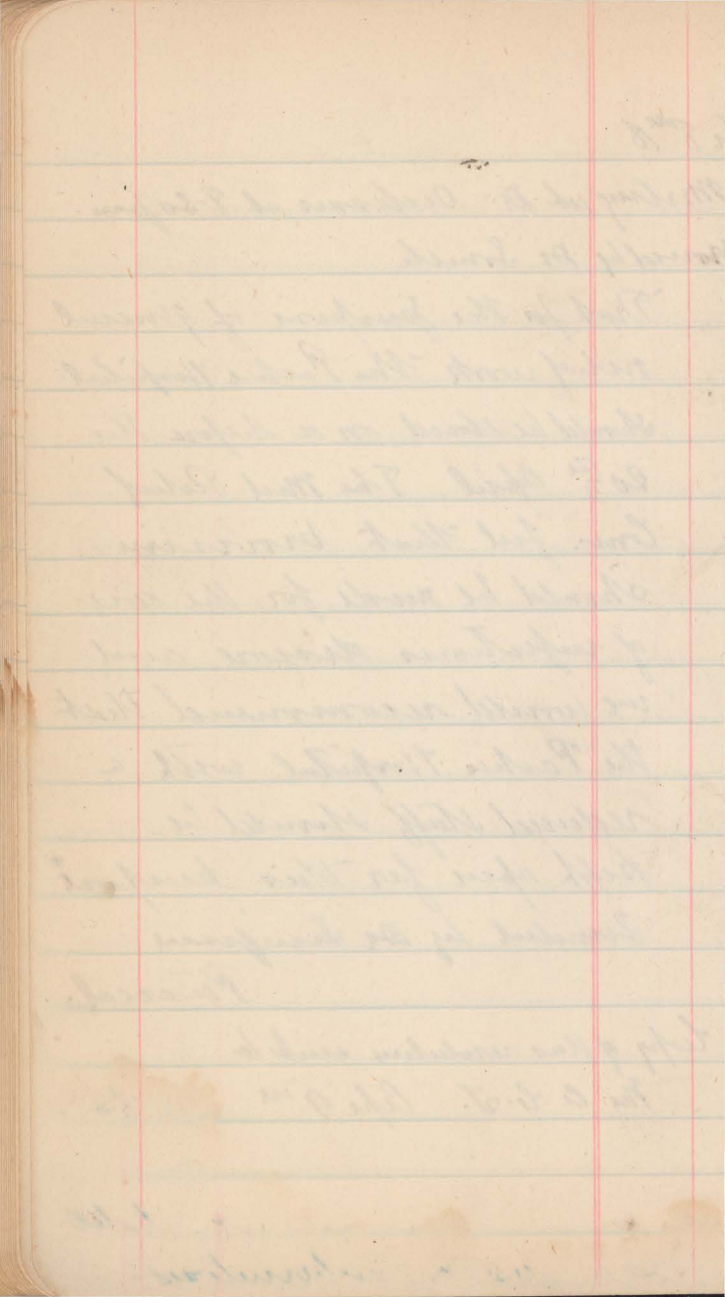
Meeting at Dr. Dickersons at 8-30 pm.

Moved by Dr Smith

That for the purpose of general
relief work the Parker Hospital
should be closed on or before the
20th April. The Med Relief
Com. feel that provision
should be made for the care
of infectious disease and
we would recommend that
the Parker Hospital with a
reduced staff should be
kept open for this purpose
Seconded by Dr Simpson

Passed.

Copy of this resolution sent to
The A. S. J. Apr 9th



Notes added in June 1944.

Of the doctors who composed
the committee of 1918. Dr
M. A. B. Smith and Dr
M. S. Dickson are now deceased.

The "Rosenberg" Hospital was
at that time the residence
of Dr M. Rosenberg. - situated
on Erickson Avenue. It is now
used as an apartment house.
(Mrs Rosenberg (née Seay)
died some years ago. Mr Rosenberg
is I think still living in W. S. A.)

The "Parker" Infectious Disease Hosp.
was at one time the residence
of the late Dr. D. M. W. Parker
of Dartmouth. Situated on
Pleasant Street. It was later
used as a Tuberculosis

Hospital. under the management
of (I think) The Halifax Anti T. B.
League. While so used:
The late Miss Lyons was
matron.

For a number of years. until
patients were removed to the
new T. B. Hospital in Halifax
I was the attending physician
at this Hospital. A large
number of advanced cases of
tuberculosis (mostly pulmonary)
were treated there.

The house, and out buildings etc
have been taken down. The
site is still unoccupied.

* As I recall there were about 20 beds and the
Hospital was open for 2 or possibly 3 years
Facilities were limited & unsatisfactory

A. C. Johnson referred to
in minutes. was the late
Arthur C. Johnson, father
of Dr. S. P. Johnson (Radiologist
V-C Hosp.).

"W. F. Smith" is now
Town Clerk - Durhamville

M. G. Burris on W
Durhamville N.S.

June 19th 1944

Note also. Meeting of Jan^y 30 18
re. "Pensioners"

As I now recall the amount paid
by Relief Committee to such
practising physician or surgeon
for services to indigent & destitute
on and subsequent to Dec 6th was
three hundred dollars.

M. G. B.

Louis Poul.
Infield.



