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MICHELLI, P.

HOSPITAL TREATMENT FOR OFFICERS ON LEAVE

1920

3rd Sept.

See previous Paper.

Suggests that instead of maintaining a special ^{ward} it would be preferable for officials needing treatment to be sent to the branch of the Society which had best facilities for treating ~~the~~ their special ailments. Suggests scale of fees should vary according to means of patients and enclosed proposed scale of charges.

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The Director

Sir R. Read

*Mr. G.H. 7/10
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Mr. 5/20*

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The scheme is an improvement (as, indeed, almost any scheme would be) on Sir R. Coryndon's original suggestion, but the objection I see is that it is proposed to make a limited and partial breach in our general rule of not paying the medical expenses of officers in this country. That the officer himself should pay something to the hospital there can now be no doubt. The principle of payment, except in the case of the absolutely destitute, is now being admitted generally, as, of course, it would have had to be sooner or later. But if we adopted Mr. Michelli's suggestion, the Colonial officer who goes to, say, the Albert Dock Hospital, will be relieved of part of his fee by the Colonial Government, whereas one who goes to the London hospital will not. I daresay we could defend this on the ground that if we provide facilities in London we may reasonably expect our officers to take advantage of

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them and not to submit to the fancy ^{arrangement} attendance of their own
 Etc. It seems to me that it may ~~then~~ be difficult to defend
 in the case of people in Scotland or Ireland, or Wales, or
 the South West of England, in whose case a journey to London
 might be impracticable or even undesirable.

I think we must put the matter to the
 Governors pretty fully before we do take any further steps
 in the matter.

M
 11/11/20

Perhaps the fees should pay at least half of
 the charges & except in the case of a distinctly
 tropical disease I think he should pay the
 whole.

HC
 2/10/20

W.C.S. 2/10/20

Some opposition to any extension of the
 existing system by which, as I
 understand, ~~private~~ officers
 suffering from Tropical disease
 may be admitted to the Broadlyght "A"
 General Hospital at reduced fees.
 Various particulars of the present
 arrangements relative to you are
 given in the meeting general sheet.
 In making provision for our officers
 Mr. G. G. G.

As regards "A" above (in the other branch) Mr
 Nicholls says that Col. Galt Officers are 513
 admitted to the private wards at Broadlyght
 at 2 gu a week (or free) & about 3 to 5 gu
 charged to the public (as shown in the enclosure (The letter)
 I am not sure that I understand the particular details
 but ~~perhaps~~ ^{perhaps} the proposal in the present letter
 is that the same system of reduced fees should be
 applied at the other establishments of the Society - as
 regards operations, the existing arrangements would
 presumably remain in force, as suggested at the informal
 meeting of 7/7/20 (see 293/24).

Mr. Fielden I have discussed with you.
 I understand that the one
 is Mr. Nicholls's & refers only to
 ordinary patients & that Col. Galt officers
 are admitted to the private wards at
 Broadlyght Gardens at £2-2 a week
 or free, if their salary is less than £
 I think that the point thing to
 do is to obtain from Mr. Nicholls a more
 statement of the fees which the Sec. is
 hospital is? & to allow to charge
 in the case of Col. Galt officers admitted
 to the wards in the various establishments
 under their control (Broadlyght Gardens - Broadlyght)

Hospital - all but one hospital - Bramhall
Sanatorium in J. of the Soc. is willing to adopt
the scale of the other institutions
at Endsleigh Gardens. Let the officials
with a view to medical treatment or retrograde
favourable terms, & I do not think that
it will be necessary to do more than
send a copy of the statement of fees
for the various institutions to Sir R. Coryndon,
explaining the difficulties & the way of
adopting his original suggestion & pointing
out that a view of the previous action of the
General Hospital Socy. it is not necessary
for the Govt to make any part to
its officers - & it might at the same
time state the position with regard
to service.

After the sleep has gone to the ground
the paper might go to other Dept. to
note. *Respectfully yours*

J. R.
15/12/20

J. H. D. Head
Please see if possible
with Mr. Michelli. I do not think we will
be able to understand my letter but I want
to know what you think.

Mr. Michelli called here this morning and I think
we succeeded in clearing up the misunderstanding. He is
going to write me as proposed.

Downing Street,
16 October, 1920.

Dear Mr. Michelli,

Our people have been further into the question
of the suggestion, which originated with Sir R. Coryndon,
for special terms for the medical and surgical treatment
of Colonial officers on leave.

I understood from you the other day that Colonial
Government officers were admitted to the private wards at
Endsleigh Gardens at £2.2s. a week, or free, when their
salary was below a certain sum. Now can you give me a
statement of the exact fees which the Seamen's Hospital
Society would be willing to charge in the case of Colonial
Government officers admitted to private wards in all the
hospitals under their control, including the
Seamen's Hospital. If the Society is willing to adopt, in the
case of their Institutions, the scale which is at
present in force at Endsleigh Gardens, I think the Colonial
Government and every officer might well be satisfied: and

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That case we do not propose to do more than let
Coryndon know, as he raised the question, and to
show him the difficulties in the way of accepting his
original suggestion. We should further point out
that, in view of the generous action of the Society,
it is not necessary for the Government to make any
contribution to its officers towards the expense of medical
and surgical treatment. We should, at the same time,
tell him what the position is with regard to
operations.

G. W. S.

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SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL

GREENWICH,

15th Octbr: 1920.

Dear Fiddian,

I fear it is my fault but I do not quite understand your letter. In the past we have sometimes received Two Guineas a week for the treatment of Colonial Office patients but very often they have been admitted and treated without any payment at all. Now we are trying to revise the scale and it is not clear to me from your letter whether you concur in that scale, or in a graduated scale at all.

Furthermore I do not know whether you mean that the Colonial Officer has to pay the fee out of his own pocket or whether the Colonial Office pay it on his account.

In any case I feel sure that my Committee will be desirous to meet your views in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

R. Nicholls.
Secretary.

Fiddian Esq.,
Colonial Office.,
S.W.1.

I will call on and discuss the matter with you.

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SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL
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GREENWICH, 470.

Dear Piddian,

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In reference to a letter written me by Sir Herbert Read, dated 6th May, and our interview yesterday, I write to say that this Society will be pleased to meet the requirements of the Colonial Office in regard to the treatment of Officers home on leave.

I suggest that instead of maintaining a separate ward for these Officers it would be preferable for the patients to be sent to whichever establishment of this Society has the best facilities for treating the particular ailment from which they are suffering. For instance if the patient were suffering from any form of tropical disease he would be admitted to the Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, or if he needed an operation he could go to a ward at the Dreadnought, Greenwich, or the Albert Dock Hospital, or, should he be suffering from pulmonary disease he might be admitted to our new Sanatorium in Hampshire when this is opened.

I would also like you to consider whether it would not be better to make a payment in respect of each Officer, according to his means and length of stay.

I enclose herewith a scale of payments for private patients which was adopted before the war and which I have altered to meet present conditions. You will notice that this gives a portion of the payment to the Medical Officer treating the case. The fee for treatment in a Nursing Home is seldom less than Eight or Ten Guineas a week.

This is a matter for the consideration of the Board of Management of the Seamen's Hospital Society, and not for the Tropical School Committee.

Yours v. truly,

A. Fiddian

Secretary.

A. Fiddian, Esq.,
Colonial Office.,
S.W.1.

Suggested for consideration

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BERT DOCK HOSPITAL TO WHICH IS ATTACHED THE LONDON SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE

Fees payable by Patients whilst in Hospital suffering from Tropical Disease.

	Payable to Members of Visiting Medical and Surgical Staff, in addition to the Hospital charges for maintenance and nursing, and to any consultation fee previously paid.	Payable to Hospital for attendance and nursing in wards.	Total fees payable.
Receipts in receipt of less than £100 per annum	No fees charged.	£1 is a week if patient has to pay it.	£1 is. per week.
Receipts from £100 to £400	A single payment of £20 ^{£33.} after admission. No further payment to Doctor, no matter how long the patient is treated in Hospital.	£20 ^{£4.4} per week.	£20 ^{£4.4} on admission and £20 ^{£4.4} per week.
Receipts over £400	£25 ^{£33.} per week, and in cases where special visits are required other than the ordinary visits twice a week, special terms to be arranged.	£25 ^{£4.4} a week or £25 ^{£5.5} per week in a special ward (private) if available.	£25 ^{£4.4} on admission and £25 ^{£5.5} per week if private ward is occupied.

NOTE Patients have the option of selecting their own Physician or Surgeon from among the Members of the Honorary Medical Staff. If no selection is made the patient will come under the Physician or Surgeon of the day and remain his patient.

Unless the case is urgent, the patient is first to be seen by a member of the Staff, who will decide as to suitability for admission.

In cases needing operations, when the patient is in receipt of over £500 per annum, fees to be arranged with the Surgeons beforehand.

I enclose herewith a notice of Payment for the patient which was adopted before the war and which I have altered to meet present conditions. You will notice that this gives a portion of the payment to the Medical Officer treating the case. The fee for treatment in a ward is some 10s. a week less than that of an ordinary ward.

This is a matter for the consideration of the Board of Management of the Seamen's Hospital Society, and not for the Tropical School Committee.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

SECRETARY

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY
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