

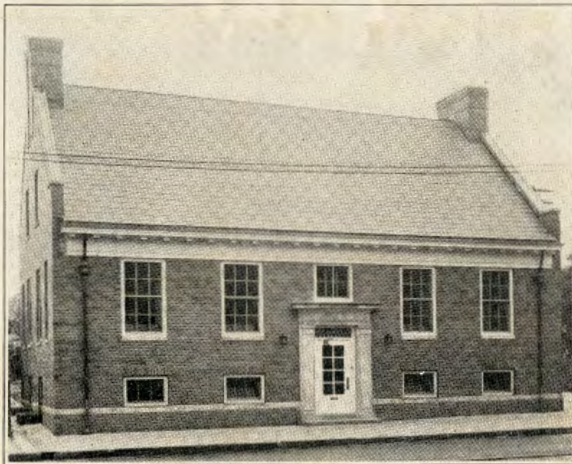
Open House

Davenport

Visiting Nurse Association

Saturday, August 6 — 2 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, August 7 — 2 to 6 p.m.



THE NEW COTTAGE — 1202 W. THIRD STREET

A Memorial to



BETTY ADLER WATERMAN

Twenty-five years of service of the Davenport
Visiting Nurse Association fittingly crowned
by the generous gift of E. P. Adler.

ON January 23, 1902, just twenty-five years ago, a group of women representing various churches and organizations of Davenport was called together by Miss Katharine Blunt and Miss Isabel Kimball to organize visiting nurse work in the city. With monthly pledges from the various groups represented, together with a few individual subscriptions the undertaking was launched. Miss Sara Peck, a graduate of St. Luke's, Davenport, was the first nurse engaged and served for six months at \$60 a month. Miss Sessinger followed Miss Peck, and served until March 1903.



MISS SARA PECK

The first Executive Committee and Advisory Board of the association were as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Alice Kimball, pres. Mrs. H. C. Hoefle, director
Mrs. Ned Lee, vice pres. Mrs. W. H. Kimball
Mrs. N. S. Stephens, treas. Mrs. James Lardner
Miss Mabelle Hepburn, sec'y.

ADVISORY BOARD

Miss Katharine Blunt	Miss Rena Davis
Mrs. Cartwright	Mrs. C. A. McCune
Mrs. M. A. Blair	Dr. Jennie McCowen
Mrs. A. F. Cutter	Mrs. C. E. Robeson
Miss Clara L. Craine	Miss Jenny Snider
Mrs. C. A. Ficke	Miss Louise Swazey
Mrs. Raphael	Mrs. J. P. Van Patten
Mrs. W. A. Fair	Mrs. A. F. Williams
Miss Isabel Kimball	Miss Minnie Perry
Miss Emma Hetzel	Mrs. Wales

The Mission Mothers Mutual Benefit of the Peoples Union Mission pledged one dollar per month and their first payment was the first money received by the association. The second was an individual subscription from Miss Elizabeth Putnam.

Mrs. H. C. Hoefle, formerly Miss Johanna Thompson, superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital, was the director of the nurse's work the first year, receiving calls for the nurse at her home and keeping the supplies there.

At the end of the first year the treasurer's report showed that \$862.50 had been received and that there was a balance of \$65.56 with which to begin the second year.

In March 1903 Miss Clara L. Craine was engaged as nurse, and it is our greatest cause for thankfulness that she has been with the Davenport Visiting Nurse association ever since, in fact we sometimes feel that she IS the Davenport Visiting Nurse Association, so great has been her devotion to the work, and so outstanding her genius for the management and development of it.

When Mrs. Hoefle could no longer act as director, Miss Matilda Hinrichsen was chosen to fill this office, and gave faithful service for a number of years.

In the early days of the work before we had dreamed of having even office space of our own, when we were looking for a central location for our supply closet, the Ladies Industrial Relief Society kindly gave us space in their building. Finally an office room in the old First National Bank Building was secured, and later a room in the Mc-Manus Building where we actually committed the extravagance of having an office assistant at five dollars a week, as recorded in the secretary's report at the time.

The Baby Welfare Clinic was started June 6, 1913 and as this work could not be carried on at the office for lack of room, the invitation to meet at Friendly House was gratefully accepted, the rooms available being admirably adapted to our use. The Welfare Station has been held at Friendly House ever since except for the year or more after the fire, and before the new Friendly House was finished. We are not sure that Mr. Downer does not consider it *his* Welfare work.

In 1914 the Friendly House Board offered us rent free, the cottage adjoining Friendly House for our headquarters, and from then until fire destroyed Friendly House on January 16, 1925 we enjoyed not only the use of the cottage so generously given to us but the neighboring association with Friendly House.

After the fire we gave up the cottage and moved to 1410 West 4th Street, at the same time accepting the hospitality of the Lend-A-Hand Club for the Baby Welfare Clinics each week, until the completion of the new Friendly House.

So through the first twenty-five years of our work we seem always to have been the "poor relation" among the organized charities of Davenport, accepting room space in turn from the Ladies Industrial Relief Society, Friendly House and the Lend-A-Hand Club.

Their friendship as expressed in this material way, has meant and always will mean a great deal to us, but it is with deep gratitude to Mr. Adler that we at last have a building of our own, planned and built for us, and entirely adequate for our many and varied activities.

Betty Adler's interest in the work of the Visiting Nurses was manifested in many ways.

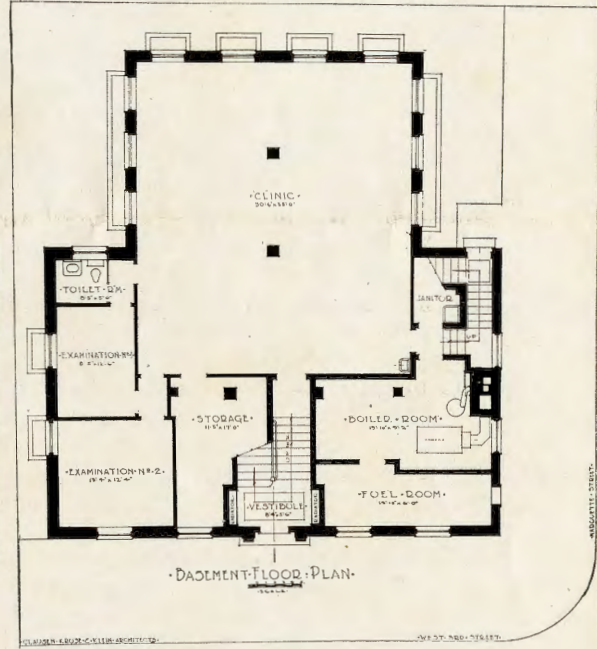
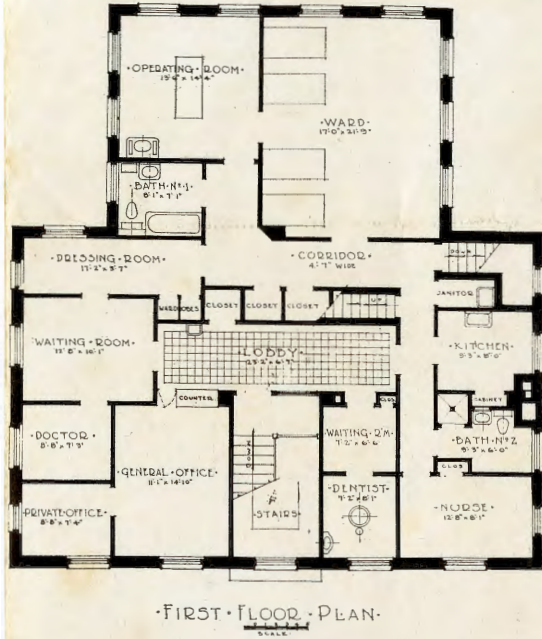
During the first year she spent one day going with the visiting nurse, Miss Sessinger, on her round of visits, and her deep interest in the work dated from that day.

It would be hard to overestimate what she accomplished for the Visiting Nurse Association and the number of friends she made for it, by the newspaper articles she wrote so frequently about the work.

The free ice fund started by the Daily Times in 1912 and the milk station started in 1913 were fostered by her, also a fund collected for the first Ford car presented to the association.

She was a valuable member of the Advisory Board for a number of years, previous to her death, even attending meetings after her marriage to Mr. Henry Waterman of Geneseo, Illinois, when it involved a journey of twenty-five miles.

After the untimely death of Mrs. Betty Adler Waterman February 16, 1925, her brother Mr. E. P. Adler signified his desire to give to the association \$20,000 for a building in her memory. For years the association had looked forward to a building of its own, and had saved all gifts and bequests made to it for this purpose, so with this gift from Mr. Adler, the dream came true. The association bought the lot for the building, and added what was necessary to complete the building, out of its fund of gifts and bequests, so that this building as completed is free from debt.



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

The present Executive Committee and Advisory Board are:

BOARD MEMBERS OF THE DAVENPORT VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

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| Mrs. G. B. Drummond | Mrs. R. J. Clausen | Mrs. P. H. Schroeder |
| Mrs. Joseph L. Hecht | Mrs. Joseph Deutsch | Mrs. I. L. Sears |
| Mrs. Wm. H. Kimball | Mrs. Bert Dow | Mrs. C. C. Smith |
| Mrs. Clarence Stage | Mrs. J. J. Flannigan | Mrs. Chas. E. Robeson |
| Mrs. Louis Silberstein | Mrs. G. Decker French | Mrs. Frank Throop |
| Mrs. E. W. Akin | Mrs. R. H. Harned | Mrs. C. J. Von Maur |
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| Mrs. John J. Brandt | Mrs. J. Reed Lane | Mrs. V. Van Zele |
| Mrs. Edmund Cook | Mrs. Hilda Matthey | Mrs. Carl Vollmer |
| Mrs. C. N. Chubb | Mrs. Thos. Murray | Mrs. Burton Forrester |
| Mrs. F. G. Clausen | Mrs. Burdick N. Richardson | Auxiliary president |

They are much gratified at the opportunity offered by the new building for better and greater service, but feel the added responsibility involved and the probable increase in running expense.

The policy of the association has always been to ask for funds just once a year, and the money collected during these annual campaigns has been barely sufficient to pay the running expenses in the past.

The inconvenience of cramped quarters has been borne uncomplainingly by the nurses for years, and since with our more adequate facilities more money is needed we hope the public will show its appreciation of the nurses and their faithful work, by giving more liberally than ever before, when the Red Letter Campaign comes in the fall.

The growth of the work since the first year is well known to every one interested in the association but a short comparison of the nurse's report for the first year and the report for 1926 will emphasize this growth. The report for the year ending February, 1903 showed the total number of patients attended, to be 108, with a total of 1628 calls made. These figures with the names of the physicians who had called for the nurse, and a list of donors to the supply closet, comprised the whole report.

Our object is still to give skilled nursing care in the homes. The nurses report for 1926 shows that a total of 2257 people were cared for, 521 new families were visited, and 5277 visits made for giving bedside nursing care.

In addition to this primary work of visiting nursing, our activities now are many. 1696 visits were made in 1926 to instruct mothers in the care of well children under the age of two years. Constructive family health work is one of the primary responsibilities of the Public Health Nurse. (Note the significant change in name.)

The Child Welfare work carried on since 1913 at Friendly House is now duplicated in Rockingham, where the clinics are held in the new school building through the interest and cooperation of Mr. Smart, city superintendent of schools and the other clinics now included in our work are: Prenatal, Skin, Tuberculosis, Tonsil and Adenoid beside Dental which is going to be developed further in our new building.

The Junior Auxiliary is a recent organization which is a very great help to the Advisory Board of the Visiting Nurse Association and to the nurses at the Child Welfare Clinics and in many other ways. Its members are as follows:

Mrs. Burton Forrester, chairman	Miss Eloise Johnson	Mrs. Harry Lamb
Mrs. Wm. Bettendorf	Miss Ann Jennings	Mrs. Raymond Waln
Mrs. Edmund Cook	Mrs. Allan Lusk	Miss Francis Salter
Mrs. Kalman Cook	Mrs. Don Luscombe	Mrs. Warren Zeuch
Mrs. Alfred Fleishman	Mrs. Arthur Muhs	Miss Persis Williams
Mrs. George Gibbs	Mrs. Chester Salter	Mrs. Louis Sears
Mrs. John Hanssen	Mrs. Chas. Shuler	Mrs. Robt. Wooden
Mrs. Frank Howes	Mrs. Robt. Waln	Mrs. Richard Von Maur
Mrs. Lynn Hinchcliffe	Miss Katherine Weber	Mrs. Frederic Zeuch
	Mrs. John Wormley	

The increasing scope of our work is indicated by the list of cooperative agencies including as it does the State Department of Health, Iowa Tuberculosis Association, State University of Iowa City, City Board of Health, Police Department, and Scott County Tuberculosis Association, besides Physicians, Hospitals and all social service agencies of the community. With their continued help we hope to be of ever increasing service in making Davenport notable for the good health and happy usefulness of its citizens from the least to the greatest.



MISS AGNES CONWAY, R. N.
 In charge of the Tuberculosis Clinic held each Wednesday.
 Miss Conway devotes all her time to Tuberculosis work.



MISS HARRIETTE BARNES
 Office Secretary



MISS MABLE WALKER, R. N.
 Has charge of the Child Welfare Clinic held each Friday at 1 p. m. at the Nurses Cottage.
 This is a clinic to keep well babies well.



MISS CLARA L. CRAINE, R. N.
 Superintendent



MISS SALLIE MILLER, R. N.
 In charge of Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic, which serves children up to 12 years of age.
 A careful social investigation of each case is made and only those children whose parents are unable to provide this service are taken care of in this Clinic.
 Clinics are held each Saturday morning at eight o'clock at the Nurses Cottage—1202 W. 3rd Street.



MISS DAISY McDUGLE, R. N.
 In charge of Prenatal Clinic. Held each Tuesday at 1 p. m. at the Nurses Cottage. Here attention is given the expectant mother through her pregnancy, and instruction in preparation for her new baby.



MRS. BLANCHE HARDEN, R. N.
 In charge of the Child Welfare Clinic held in the Public School at Rockingham—each Thursday at 1 p. m.

DENTAL CLINIC

Held each Friday at 1 p. m. at the Nurses Cottage, for children of pre school age only.

CLINIC DOCTORS 1927

Skin Clinic—Dr. Robt. E. Jameson Rockingham Child Welfare Clinic—Dr. Henry Meyer
 Prenatal Clinic—Dr. Howard A. Weis Friendly House Child Welfare Clinic—Dr. L. A. Block
 Tuberculosis Clinic—Dr. R. R. Kulp Tonsil and Adenoid Clinic—Dr. J. E. Rock
 Dental Clinic—Dr. J. M. Wormley

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

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 Dr. M. D. Ott

Dr. Wm. L. Allen, chairman

Dr. W. H. Rendleman
 Dr. J. E. Rock