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 BY THE DIRECTORS  
 OF THE  
 Glasgow Ophthalmic Institution,

FOR DISEASES AND INJURIES OF THE EYE,  
 146 WEST REGENT STREET,

FOR THE  
 Period ending 31st December, 1870

Submitted to a General Meeting of the Contributors,  
 6th March, 1871.

*I was substantially efficient in promoting the origin of this Institution  
 greatly from friendly interest in D. Wolfe & I inclined when I found the  
 mean personal use he made of it.*

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1871.

THE GLASGOW  
OPHTHALMIC INSTITUTION,  
No. 146 West Regent Street,  
GLASGOW.

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Patron.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE THE EARL OF STAIR.

Directors.

THE HOR. WM. RAE ARTHUR, Lord Provost of Glasgow.	Bailie JAMES SALMON.
WILLIAM GRAHAM, Esq., M.P.	J. H. YOUNG, Esq., Ruchill.
JAMES A. CAMPBELL, Esq., Yr. of Stracathro.	JAMES WHITE, Esq. of Overtoun
WILLIAM EUING, Esq.	REV. ROBERT BUCHANAN, D.D.
Bailie JAMES WATSON.	ARCHIBALD ARROL, Esq.
JOHN TENNANT, Esq., of St. Rollox.	ROBERT BALLOCH, Esq.
ROBT. FREELAND, Esq. of Gryffe.	DAVID M'COWAN, Esq.
	J. F. C. MACKENZIE, Esq., Captain R.N.
	WM. CLARK, Esq., Mile-End.

Medical Officers.

*Consulting Physician*—DR. CHARLES RITCHIE.

*Consulting Surgeon*—PROFESSOR MACLEOD.

*Physician*—DR. JAMES ADAMS.

*Acting-Surgeon*—DR. J. R. WOLFE.

*Assistant-Surgeons* { MR. THOMAS SMITH.  
DR. DAVID SUTTIE.

Honorary Secretary.

WILLIAM MACLEAN, Esq., Writer, 157 St. Vincent Street.

Honorary Treasurer.

JAMES CLARK, Esq., NATIONAL BANK, 10 Union Street.

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*The Institution is open to out-door Patients, and for admission into the House, daily, between the hours of One and Three p.m. Operations performed on Wednesdays and Saturdays. A Course of Lectures and Clinical Instruction for Medical Students is given during the Summer and Winter Sessions.*

# THE GLASGOW OPHTHALMIC INSTITUTION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Subscribers to the Glasgow Ophthalmic Institution was held within the Religious Institution Rooms, Glasgow, on Monday, 6th March, 1871, at twelve o'clock noon.

In the unavoidable absence of the LORD PROVOST, Chairman of Directors, JAMES WHITE, Esq., of Overtoun, occupied the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN having read letters of apology for absence from the Right Honorable The EARL of STAIR, Patron of the Institution; The Honorable The LORD PROVOST; ROBERT FREELAND, Esq., of Gryffe, and PETER CLOUSTON, Esq.,

Mr. MACLEAN, the Honorary Secretary, read the Annual Report by the Directors which was as follows:—

In submitting their ANNUAL REPORT, the Directors have reason to congratulate the Subscribers and the public upon the condition and prospects of this important public charity.

The number of individuals, who have received the benefits of the Institution during the fourteen months ending 31st December 1870, has been as follows:—

Under treatment prior to 1st November, 1869, . . . . .	450
New Cases admitted,—	
Admitted into the House, . . . . .	139
“Out-door” patients, . . . . .	1465
	——— 1604
TOTAL, . . . . .	2054

Of the total number treated during the above period, there were—

Cured, . . . . .	1930
Relieved, . . . . .	71
Unfit or Incurable, . . . . .	53
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TOTAL, . . . . .	2054

Among the operations performed, the following may be mentioned—

For Cataract, . . . . .	72
For Squint, . . . . .	38
On the Tear passages, . . . . .	43
For Tumour on Eyelids, . . . . .	36
For Cancer, . . . . .	8

In accordance with the principles of the Institution, every patient who appears a proper object for the benefit of the charity is admitted, without any special recommendation, and treated gratuitously, though in some instances the patients treated "indoor" have made a small voluntary contribution to the funds of the Institution.

While it is difficult to estimate the amount of suffering that has been relieved by the action of this Institution during the past year, it is abundantly evident that many of the patients, with their dependant families, have, through its instrumentality, been preserved from falling into a state of destitution, from inability to attend to their ordinary avocations as must have been the result, but for the timely and effective medical aid they have received. In illustration of the number of the cases which so often end in complete blindness unless immediately attended to, it may be interesting to know that of 67 cases of cataract—that have been successfully operated upon throughout the year—no less than 31 have been caused by mechanical injury; and in several instances the

sufferers had already lost the sight of one eye from similar injuries received at some former period, for which they had not received timely treatment. The numerous public works and manufactories of Glasgow furnish almost daily a number and variety of cases of accidental injuries of the eye, and many of these occur to individuals so young, ignorant, or poor, that they are very apt to be neglected in the early stages. Indeed, unless the freest facilities are given for obtaining the generous aid of such an institution as the Ophthalmic, there is great danger of the patient falling into complete blindness.

The greater number of patients applying to this Institution come from the west quarter of the city, thus fully warranting the establishment of the Institution in that locality; while any apprehensions, which in some minds may have existed, of its injuriously interfering with the Eye Infirmary which has been so long established in Charlotte Street at the east end of the city, have been dispelled by its published reports, showing that the relief afforded by it has not been diminished, but that a larger number of patients have been treated than before. As the Ophthalmic Institution has become more generally known, however, the reputation which it has attained has brought to it a steady and gradually increasing number of patients from various districts of Scotland—Ayrshire, Kirkcudbrightshire, Dumbartonshire, Wigtonshire, Perthshire, Aberdeenshire, Forfarshire, &c.,—the sufferers having, in many instances, been recommended by the medical men of the district. This wide-spread recognition on the part of the general public, is gratifying to your Directors, who desire to maintain the efficiency of the Ophthalmic Institution, and to continue to offer with a welcome that relief which the Charity is intended to afford to



all sufferers from Eye Disease who may not have the means of paying for medical aid.

It is encouraging to the supporters of the Institution, to know that a liberal subscription from a few friends has already enabled the Directors to discharge the greater portion of the purchase money of the building, and, in addition, to provide for the costs incurred for the necessary furnishings and accommodation required for indoor patients, as well as for nurses and servants, and the appliances of the medical staff.

The Directors tender their warmest thanks to the respective donors to the purchase fund, by whose liberal action this very desirable result has been obtained.

At the beginning of last year, it became evident that increased medical assistance was urgently needed. The Directors were inclined to leave this matter in the hands of the senior medical officers, but after conference with these gentlemen, and in accordance with their recommendation, the appointments requiring to be filled up were publicly advertised. From among the applicants two gentlemen of highly satisfactory qualifications were selected by the Directors and appointed assistant-surgeons, and their services have greatly added to the efficiency of the establishment.

In the recent report of the Eye Infirmary, the Directors state, they "have for some time had under their consideration the propriety of erecting or procuring new premises in the west end of the City, and they are unanimously of opinion that it is expedient and proper that premises should be procured in a situation that will be more convenient, alike for the medical officers, the students' class, and the public." In the face of the establishment of the Ophthalmic Institution, in the west end of Glasgow, and the acknowledged benefits which have accrued from it, your Directors were somewhat

surprised at this announcement, and naturally regarded such a movement with some concern—especially as the Eye Infirmary has been about fifty years in existence, and it is only now that a westward movement has been seriously contemplated; and the establishment of a branch of that Institution in the western district would seem to undervalue if not to disparage the exertions of your Directors to meet the requirements of the public. Besides, they understand that arrangements have been made for providing eye wards and instruction for medical students in the New University Hospital. It appeared to your Directors that every legitimate requirement would be met in the existence of these institutions; and that, therefore, any additional establishment in that locality for the cure of such diseases was uncalled for. In these circumstances, the Directors of the Ophthalmic Institution asked a conference with the Directors of the Eye Infirmary, with the object of effecting such unity of action, or amalgamation of the two Institutions, as might seem best fitted to carry out the object, which the Directors of both have in view, and to avoid anything like rivalry between them. At the conference which subsequently took place between the Committees named by each Institution, your Directors explained their views, in the expectation that the proposal would be received in the spirit which dictated it, assured that with the co-operation of the influential Directors of the two Boards, the carrying out of such a proposal as they had suggested was capable of easy accomplishment, leaving such matters of detail as locality, general management, direction, and other appointments for after-adjustment. The chief difficulty which transpired at the conference arose out of the terms of the will of the late Dr. Mackenzie, under whose control, while alive, the operations of the Eye Infirmary were practically subordinated, and who, it

was stated had imposed conditions which might restrict and fence in the action of the Directors. The proposal submitted by your Directors, having been subsequently considered by the Directors of the Eye Infirmary, was declined in the following terms:—"The Directors of the Glasgow Eye Infirmary have carefully considered the proposal of amalgamation made by the Directors of the Ophthalmic Institution, and regret that looking to the interests of the Eye Infirmary, they think it inadvisable to enter into the proposed amalgamation." The Directors of the Ophthalmic Institution regret this result, inasmuch as it entails the necessity of maintaining two separate establishments for a like object, both requiring public encouragement and support, and creating a rivalry and antagonism between two charitable institutions, which it was the desire of your Directors to avoid. They have felt it right to refer to this matter, so that there may be no misapprehension as to the object they have in view, or the principles of action by which they are influenced.

In conclusion, it may be stated that the Directors were induced to establish an Eye Infirmary in the west end of Glasgow, from the long felt want of such an Institution, in the proximity of many public works, and surrounded by a vast population who from their occupation were very liable to accidents to their eyesight, and as Dr. Wolfe, whose reputation as an Oculist in successful practice was well known, had recently established himself in Glasgow, the Directors were glad to avail themselves of the opportunity which offered itself of securing his services as consulting oculist and operator of the Institution. Before taking this step some of the Directors of the Eye Infirmary were communicated with; but as difficulties arose to their countenancing the undertaking, your Directors did not feel justified in urging their claims to be recognised, much less did they feel

warranted in abandoning a scheme which seemed to be loudly called for.

The Directors, therefore, appeal with confidence to the citizens of Glasgow, and the adjoining districts, to aid them in carrying on the Ophthalmic Institution, which has been established in the Western portion of the city, and which has already proved eminently successful as one of our public charities.

W. R. ARTHUR, LORD PROVOST,  
*Chairman.*

WILLIAM MACLEAN,  
*Hon. Secy.*

146 WEST REGENT STREET,  
GLASGOW, *March, 1871.*

Mr. CLARK, Honorary Treasurer, then read the Abstract of Accounts of the Institution for the period ending 31st December, 1870.

Thereafter the following resolutions were unanimously agreed to:

“That the Report now read be adopted, and that it, along with the Abstract of Accounts, be printed and circulated amongst the Subscribers, and that the existing Rules of the Institution be confirmed;” moved by the CHAIRMAN and seconded by Professor GEORGE H. B. MACLEOD.

“That the Right Honorable The EARL of STAIR be re-elected Patron of the Institution, and that the following be elected “as the Directors for the ensuing year” (As given at the beginning of this Report,) moved by WILLIAM EUING, Esq., and seconded by Dr. CHARLES RITCHIE.

“That the thanks of the Meeting be given to the Directors “for their services during the past year.” moved by JAMES A. CAMPBELL, Esq., Yr., of Stracathro, and seconded by Bailie SALMON.

“That the thanks of the Meeting be awarded to the Medical “Officers of the Institution, and to JAMES CLARK, Esq., Honorary Treasurer, and to WILLIAM MACLEAN, Esq., Honorary “Secretary, for their services during the past year,” moved by the Rev. ROBERT BUCHANAN, D.D., and seconded by Dr. J. G. WILSON.

“That a vote of thanks be given to the CHAIRMAN,” moved by Dr. ADAMS, and seconded by the Rev. R. T. JEFFREY, M.D.

JAMES WHITE, *Preses.*

## MEDICAL REPORT OF OPERATIONS.

## For Cataract.

By extraction (Wolfe's method),	-	-	26
„ „ „ modified,	-	-	31
„ Solution,	-	-	4
„ Linear Extraction,	-	-	5
„ Solution and Extraction,	-	-	6
For Secondary Cataract,	-	-	7

## Iridectomy.

For Glaucoma,	-	-	2
„ Irido-choroiditis (chronic)	-	-	6
„ Artificial Pupil,	-	-	15
„ Traumatic Keratitis,	-	-	8
„ Staphyloma,	-	-	3
„ Zonular Cataract,	-	-	1
By Paracentesis,	-	-	12

## Removal of Tumours.

Trichosis bulbi,	-	-	1
For Epithelial Cancer, inner Canthus,	-	-	2
„ „ „ inner Canthus and Nose,	-	-	1
„ Tumour of Eyelids,	-	-	13
„ Symblepharon—Plastic operation (new method,)	-	-	2
„ Pterygium (Desmarres' method,)	-	-	5

## Excision of the Eye.

For Sympathetic Ophthalmia	-	-	8
„ Carcinoma,	-	-	1
„ Melanosis,	-	-	2
„ Glioma,	-	-	1

## Abcission.

For Staphyloma of Globe,	-	-	6
Removal of foreign bodies from the lens—			
		Piece of Granite,	1
		Piece of Steel,	3
For Strabismus	-	-	38
„ Entropion,	-	-	5
„ Ectropion,	-	-	1
„ Ptosis,	-	-	2
On Tear Passages,	-	-	43
„ Removal of Foreign Bodies and other minor Operations,	-	-	78

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TOTAL, 339

## MEDICAL REPORT OF CASES.

Inflammation of Conjunctiva—Acute and Chronic,	175
"                    "                    Catarrhal, -	58
"                    Perikeratitis and Pustular -	174
"                    Purulent, do (Adults)	20
"                    "                    " (Infants)	66
"                    Trachoma, - - -	78
Inflammation of Cornea, - - -	315
"                    Panniform, - - -	40
Ulcer of Cornea, - - - -	87
Leucoma " - - - -	45
Injuries of Cornea, - - - -	87
Conical Cornea, - - - -	5
Inflammation of Iris, - - - -	31
Syphilitic, - - - -	16
Traumatic, - - - -	29
Rheumatic, - - - -	7
Cyclitis, - - - -	26
Closed Pupil and Synechia, - - - -	30
Cataract (Idiopathic,) - - - -	48
" (Congenital,) - - - -	6
" (Traumatic,) - - - -	47
Amblyopia, caused by Disease, Choroid, Retina, and Optic nerve, - - - -	218
Claucoma, - - - -	12
Myopia, - - - -	14
Hypermetropia, - - - -	76
Presbyopia, - - - -	8
Paralysis of Third nerve, - - - -	5
" Fourth " - - - -	2
" Sixth " - - - -	4
" Seventh " - - - -	2
Strabismus, - - - -	46
Tumours of Eyelids, - - - -	26
Trichosis bulbi, - - - -	1
Entropion, - - - -	15
Ectropion, - - - -	3
Blenorrhagia of Lacrymal sac, - - - -	36
Fistula Lacrymalis, - - - -	13
Obstruction of Lacrymal passages, - - - -	2

Carry forward, 1873

	Brought forward,	1873
Tumours of Eyelids, -	- - -	63
"    Eyeball (malignant), -	- -	4
Injuries of Eyeball from blows and fragments of metal,		79
"    "    Escharotics, -	- -	8
Exophthalmos, -	- - -	2
Pthisis of the Globe, -	- - -	25
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Total attendance during the year, including old cases,		2054



# ABSTRACT OF TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS

*For period ending 31st December, 1870.*

REVENUE.	EXPENDITURE.
1870. Dec. 30.—By Cash received in Subscriptions, Don- ations, and Interest.....£1,881 19 7 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> £1,881 19 7 <hr style="width: 100%;"/>	1870. Dec. 30.—To Cash paid towards "Building Fund" £1,287 10 0 (Leaving a balance of £700 to be provided for.) "     Paid "Maintenance Account" ..... 291 0 4 "     Balance in National Bank..... 303 9 3 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> £1,881 19 7 <hr style="width: 100%;"/>

GLASGOW, 31st December, 1870.

JAS. CLARK, *Hon. Treasurer.*

28th FEBRUARY, 1871.—The Accounts and Vouchers, of which the foregoing is an Abstract, have been examined and found correct; and the Balance a credit of the Institution in the National Bank is £303 9s. 3d.

JAMES WHITE, }  
 JAMES ADAMS, } *Auditors.*

DONATIONS.

Robert Balloch, Esq.,	...	...	...	...	£10	0	0
William Euing, Esq.,	...	...	...	...	300	0	0
John Freeland, Esq.,	...	...	...	...	300	0	0
Robert Freeland, Esq., of Gryffe,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Messrs William Graham & Co.,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Messrs William M'Laren Sons & Co.,	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Dr. Alexander Morton,	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Thomas Richardson, Esq., of Ralston,	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
Bailie James Salmon,	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
The Right Honourable the Earl of Stair,	...	...	...	...	150	0	0
John Tennant, Esq., of St. Rollox,	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Bailie James Watson,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Messrs John & James White	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
J. H. Young, Esq., Ruchill,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
James Young, Esq.,	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Allan Gilmour, Esq.,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Messrs Arthur & Co.,	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Messrs George Smith & Sons,	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
John M'Ewen, Esq., of Glenlora,	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
Louis Leisler, Esq.,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
Peter Denny, Esq., Dumbarton,	...	...	...	...	20	0	0
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Messrs Inglis & Wakefield,	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
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William Paterson, Esq.,	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
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Messrs William Baird & Co.,	...	...	...	...	100	0	0
Messrs James Finlay & Co.,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
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Dr. Wolfe, (Surgical and Optical Instruments.)	...	...	...	...	25	0	0
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Messrs J. & W. Campbell & Co.,	...	...	...	...	50	0	0
William Clark, Esq., Mile End,	...	...	...	...	5	5	0
Messrs Frazer & Green,	...	...	...	...	2	2	0
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Messrs William Kidston & Sons,	...	...	...	...	5	0	0
Messrs Hannay & Sons,	...	...	...	...	10	0	0
William Euing, Esq., (additional)	...	...	...	...	50	0	0

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