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OF

Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland.

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ANNUAL REPORT.

God help the Imbecile! more dark their lot

Than dumb or deaf, the cripple or the blind:

The closed soul-vision theirs, the blighted mind;

Babes though full-grown; the page of life a blot.

Yet say, shall their affliction be abhorred?

Their need o'erlooked? Shall Charity pass by—
Leave them to perish—with averted eye?

Forbid, the love that burns to serve her Lord!

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NOVEMBER, 1924.

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I BEQUEATH TO THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION AT LANCASTER the sum of free of duty, to be applicable for the purposes of such Institution, and I declare that the receipt of the TREASURER or other proper officer for the time being of such Institution shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

I devise my [describe the property fully] free of duty, unto the Royal Albert Institution at Lancaster, for all my estate and interest therein, the same to be for the absolute use and benefit of the said Institution and applicable for the purposes thereof.*

* Formerly a Testator could give only money to a Charitable Institution, but now he can give real estate (that is land, houses and other buildings, and chief rents) as well as money to such an Institution.

VOTING REGULATIONS.

Each County shares in the benefits of the Institution in proportion to the amount of its contributions, and the CENTRAL COMMITTEE most earnestly APPEAL for DONATIONS and SUBSCRIPTIONS, in order that full advantage may be taken of the accommodation, which has now been increased to 800 beds.

Free patients are periodically elected by the votes of contributors, and are received for seven years or more, subject to the rules and regulations of the Institution. Suitable cases are eligible for re-election for a further period.

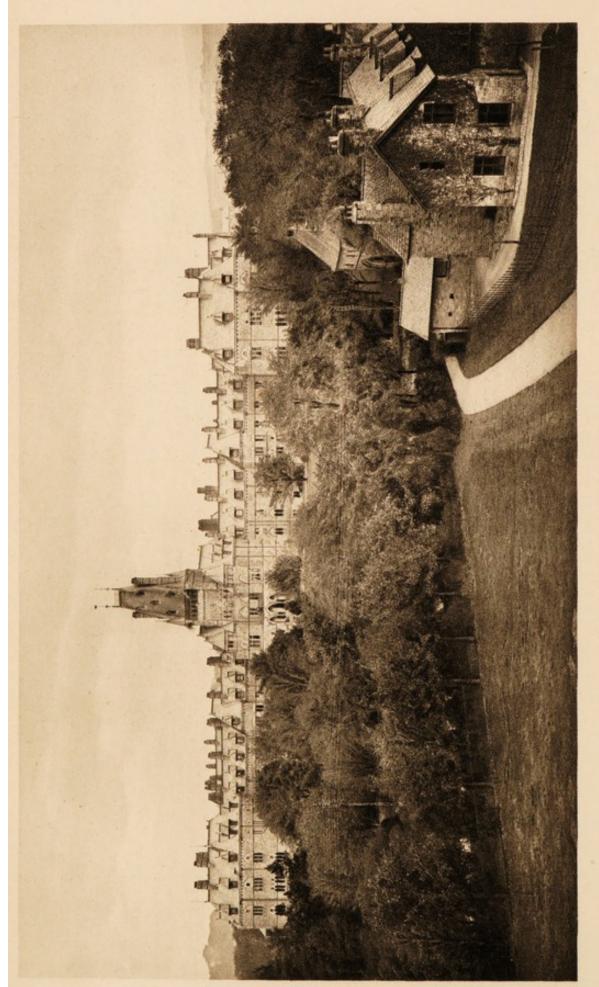
At every election to fill vacancies for their respective Counties, Donors and Subscribers are entitled to one life-vote for every five guineas given in donations, and to an annual vote for each half-guinea subscribed annually by them to the funds of the Institution. For higher sums the votes increase in the same proportion. Smaller amounts are gratefully received.

Every Secretary of a County or Local Committee, and every Secretary, Treasurer or District Receiver of a Ladies' Association, receives two votes for services in such capacity; and each Collector of not less than 10s. 6d. per annum is entitled to one vote for collecting, and to an additional vote for every £2 12s. 6d. collected annually in subscriptions and donations.

Collecting books may be had on application to the Secretary. Annual subscriptions are renewable on the first day of January or July, and continue until their cessation is notified. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

Cheques and Money Orders should be made payable to the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster; or to the General Treasurers, District Bank Limited, LANCASTER. Early intimation of money paid into Local Banks should be sent to Mr. Keir, in order that the usual official acknowledgment may promptly be made.

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THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION

PROSPECTUS.

THE ROYAL ALBERT INSTITUTION was established in 1864 for the care, education and training of the improvable feeble-minded of all classes belonging to the Seven Northern Counties—Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Westmorland, Cumberland, Durham and Northumberland. It was erected and is supported by voluntary contributions, and patients are admitted both free by election and also, WITHOUT ELECTION, AT RATES VARYING FROM 40 TO 250 GUINEAS PER ANNUM. Votes are allotted to subscribers and donors according to the amount contributed, and there are always many election applicants. Special accommodation is reserved for PRIVATE PATIENTS BOTH AT BRUNTON HOUSE AND IN THE MAIN BUILDINGS.

The Institution is situated about a mile from Lancaster; and the estate upon which it is erected consists of 277 acres of excellent land in a charming and salubrious situation, commanding fine views of Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District. Accommodation has been provided for about 800 inmates, and the arrangements comprise every convenience for the specific treatment of the feeble-minded. The system of training is designed to secure, by special means, the physical, mental and moral improvement of the patients.

Besides the school instruction, training is given in a great variety of useful occupations. The boys are taught tailoring, shoemaking, basketmaking, brushmaking, matmaking, joinery and cabinetmaking, woodcarving, toymaking, printing, bookbinding, tinsmithing, weaving, cordmaking and baking; and there are excellent means of outdoor employment and training in farm and garden work. The girls are trained in knitting, sewing, lacemaking, hatmaking, cooking and other household occupations, and in toymaking and laundry work.

The results of training are shown by the following statistics: Since the opening of the Institution in December, 1870, 4,236 patients have been admitted, many of whom have been considerably improved, some 10 per cent. having become practically self-supporting under friendly supervision. Scarcely any case leaves the Institution altogether unimproved.

Epileptic, Paralytic, Tuberculous and Insane Persons are *not* eligible for admission; nor those who are incurably Hydrocephalic. Blindness or Deafness is also a disqualification.

The following are some of the principal Rules and Regulations:

PATIENTS. - Three classes are admitted:

- r. Private patients, admitted at rates varying from 80 to 250 guineas per annum, according to the privileges and accommodation required. There is no maximum age restriction, and no residential qualification is necessary.
- Patients for whom the full payment cannot be offered, and who belong to one of the seven associated northern counties, are eligible for admission at reduced rates varying from 40 to 80 guineas per annum.
- 3. Elected patients, between the ages of six and twenty-one at the date of application, whose friends are proved to be unable to meet the lowest payment. They are admitted by the votes of the Subscribers, and are received for seven years or more, suitable cases being eligible for re-election for a further period. They must belong to one of the seven associated northern counties.

APPLICATIONS FOR ADMISSION.—Applications must be addressed to the Secretary, from whom all necessary information may be obtained. The Central Committee will institute inquiries to ascertain whether there is a reasonable probability of benefit from the treatment adopted in the Institution, and to enable them to decide the terms on which the candidates ought to be admitted. Before every election, a list of approved applicants from each County will be sent to the Subscribers entitled to vote for the admission of patients.

- Mode of Electing Patients.—Subscribers have the option of voting directly by means of voting papers, or of transferring their votes to their respective Local or County Committees. Canvassing for votes is prohibited.
- Votes.—Donors of five guineas have a life-vote, and Annual Subscribers of half a guinea an annual vote, for each vacancy due to their respective Counties. The right of voting, as regards higher sums, increases in the same proportion.
- PERPETUATION OF VOTES.—At the death of a Donor, a vote for every ten guineas of his gift is vested in perpetuity in the Committee of the County to which the gift was originally made; and Legacies confer the same privilege. This voting power is never to exceed one-fourth of the entire voting power belonging to the Donors and Subscribers in the County.

GOVERNMENT. - The government of the Institution is confided to:

- (a) A Central Committee, which consists of representatives from each of the Local Committees, in addition to fifteen Subscribers resident in the neighbourhood of Lancaster, elected at each Annual General Meeting.
- (b) County Committees constituted by the members of the Central Committee forming themselves into Sub-Committees for promoting, in their respective Counties, the interests of the Institution.
- (c) Local Committees formed for the purpose of obtaining funds and generally promoting the interests of the Institution. Every Local Committee is entitled to send one representative to the Central Committee, and also an additional representative for each entire thousand guineas in donations after the first thousand guineas, and for each entire fifty guineas in annual subscriptions after the first fifty guineas, contributed in that district.

The number of patients *elected* by each County is regulated by the amount of its contributions, and 2,258 of the 4,236 cases so far admitted have been sent in this way by the Subscribers. Many others have been received at reduced rates of payment. Of the 808 inmates now in the Institution, 312 belong to Yorkshire, 212 to Lancashire, 98 to Cheshire, 88 to Durham, 36 to Cumberland, 19 to Northumberland and 16 to Westmorland. Twenty-seven payment cases belong to Counties not included in the Institution district.

The Object, being one of broad Christian philanthropy, Challenges the sympathy of all classes, and the Committee confidently appeal for help to rescue the feeble-minded from physical deterioration and mental and moral darkness. The applications for admission are both numerous and urgent. The Central Committee, therefore, while gratefully acknowledging the generous support which they have received in the past, earnestly APPEAL FOR ADDITIONAL DONATIONS AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS. Legacies are invested for the permanent benefit of the Institution.

DONORS OF FIVE HUNDRED GUINEAS ARE ENTITLED TO NAME AN ENDOWED BED, WHICH WILL BE DISTINGUISHED BY A BRASS TABLET.

Reports, regulations, application forms and other information will be gladly supplied by the Secretary, Mr. Samuel Keir, The Royal Albert Institution, Lancaster.

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The Central Committee desire to draw attention to the advantages of BRUNTON HOUSE as a Home for Private Patients attending the scholastic and industrial classes at the Institution. BRUNTON HOUSE, with its extensive private grounds, is pleasantly situated at a little distance from the Institution, and combines for Patients paying remunerative rates the seclusion and comforts of a Private Residence with the hygienic, educational and training resources of a Public Institution under responsible management. Terms on application to the Secretary.

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MEDALS AWARDED IN 1924 FOR LONG SERVICE.

GOLD MEDAL.

Harold A. Berry, Farm Man			 	 1907
SILVER M	EDAL	S.		
Elizabeth Wilcock, Nurse			 	 1912
Mrs. Winifred Templeton, Charge Nurse			 	 1912
Thomas Frederick Hully, Charge Attendant			 	 1912
Mrs. Martha Hully, Charge Attendant			 	 1912
BRONZE M	EDAI	LS.		
William James Stimson, Attendant			 	 1915
Mabel Agnes Sergeant, Clerk			 	 1917
Eliza Jane Lucas, Nurse			 	 1917
Nellie Choake, Teacher			 	 1917
Irene B. Thomson, District Organiser			 	 1917
James Shaw, Tailor			 	 1917
Winifred Stears, Charge Nurse			 	 1917
Agnes Mary Valentine, Industrial Instructor			 	 1917
Mrs. Jessie Lennox Cooke, Teacher			 	 1917
Rose Haddon Porteus, Nurse			 	 1917

ANNUAL ELECTION OF PATIENTS.

An election of forty patients was held at the Institution on Friday, May 30th, 1924. There were no unsuccessful candidates, the whole of the following applicants being elected:

Lancashire.—Samuel Cookson, Barrowford, 3,196; Stanley Hampson, Davyhulme, 3,196; Allan Pendlebury Hope, Bolton, 3,196; Frederick Francis Longley, West Didsbury, 3,196; Doris Winifred Longley, West Didsbury, 3,196; Eric White, Rusholme, 3,196; Michael Wild, Rochdale, 3,196; Francis Cooper, Liverpool, 3,174; Leslie Knox, Liverpool, 3,174; Basil Lambert, Wigan, 3,174; Emily Elizabeth Berry, Garstang, 3,130; Henry Harwood, Lancaster, 3,130; Joseph Long, Lancaster, 3,130; Catherine McKenny, Ulverston, 3,130.

YORKSHIRE.—Mavis Annie Beard, Castleford, 1,678; Maud Heathcote, Bradford, 1,678; Harold Sykes, Shepley, 1,678; Maurice Corboy, Luddenden, 1,627; Fred Smith, Ripponden, 1,627; Jo Wilson, Hebden Bridge, 1,627; Richard Smith, Pontefract, 1,557; Doris Emily Mary Bristow, York, 1,508; Ronald Hay, Kirklevington, 1,508; Marjorie Summerscales, Scarborough, 1,508; Violet Norah Wood, Cowesby, 1,508.

CHESHIRE.— Charles Edward Anderson, Birkenhead, 215; Norman Bradshaw, Birkenhead, 215; Peter Gartland, Birkenhead, 215; Cyril Murphy Lloyd, New Brighton, 215; Wilfred Oldham, Great Moor, 215; Doris Irene Owens, Port Sunlight, 215; John Rees, Neston, 215.

WESTMORLAND. - George Henry King, Witherslack, 143.

CUMBERLAND.—William Fred Fraser, Carlisle, 115; Henry Metcalf, Carlisle, 115; Thomas Stalker, Wigton, 115; George Wade, Hensingham, 115.

DURHAM. - Jane Davison, Ryhope, 170; Arthur Wrightson Rowell, Felling, 170; Sidney Taylor, Gateshead, 170.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT LEEDS.

OCTOBER 17TH, 1924.

The annual general meeting of members and subscribers was held in the Lord Mayor's Rooms at the Leeds Town Hall on Friday, October 17th, 1924, in compliance with Article 12, the Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), presiding.

The minutes of the annual general meeting of members of the Royal Albert Institution, held at Lancaster on September 28th, 1923, were confirmed and signed.

Lord Richard Cavendish briefly opened the proceedings, and the following resolutions were then unanimously passed:

1. - That the Sixtieth Annual Report, with the Annual Accounts, be approved and adopted, and the Central Committee's appeal for increased support commended for sympathetic consideration.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Wm. Briggs, Esq., D.L., Lancaster (Chairman of the Finance Committee).

2.—That the Lancaster members of the Central Committee be cordially thanked for their services, and that the following gentlemen be appointed the fifteen Lancaster members for the coming year:

The Right Hon. LORD RICHARD FREDERICK CAVENDISH, P.C., C.B., C.M.G.

Rev. Walter Langley Appleford. George James Booth, Esq. William Briggs, Esq. GERALD GARNETT, Esq.
Sir Norval Watson Helme.
Thomas Wilson Helme, Esq.
Rev. Charles Cradock Twemlow Royds.

Isaac Henry Storey, Esq.
James Travis Travis-Clegg, Esq.
John Welch, Esq.
William Gibbins Welch, Esq.

CHARLES FREDERICK SEWARD, Esq. RICHARD SMITH, Esq. HERBERT LUSHINGTON STOREY, Esq.

Moved by W. A. Brigg, Esq., Keighley, and seconded by A. R. Pollit, Esq., Halifax.

3.—That the 1925 election of patients be left to the Central Committee, who are hereby authorised, on behalf of the voting subscribers and donors and the County Committees, to elect such candidates as they may deem advisable.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Lady Priestley (President of the Bradford District Association).

4.—That, in compliance with Article 56, Mr. A. B. S. Welch be appointed Auditor for the ensuing year.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by Col. C. H. Tetley, Leeds.

5.—That, in pursuance of Article 12, the next general meeting be held at Rochdale during September or October, 1925, unless the Central Committee deem it advisable to appoint some other place or time.

Moved by the Chairman, and seconded by John Welch, Esq., Lancaster.

PUBLIC MEETING AT LEEDS.

OCTOBER 17TH, 1924.

The annual general meeting was followed immediately by a public meeting, over which the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of Leeds (Sir Edwin Airey) presided.

There was a very good attendance of members and subscribers, including the following ladies and gentlemen: The Lord and Lady Mayoress of Leeds, The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (Chairman of the Central Committee), Ald. C. F. Tetley, and Mr. G. D. Killey (Vice-Chairmen), Mr. W. A. Brigg, Ald. Wm. Briggs, D.L., Mr., Mrs. and Miss Clark, Mr. J. H. Hinchcliffe, Mrs. Leigh, Mr. J. R. Mozley and Miss Mozley, Mr. A. R. Pollit, Lady Priestley, Mr. D. P. Sturton, Col. C. H. Tetley and Miss Tetley, Dr. R. W. Wakefield, Mr. A. B. S. Welch, Mr. John Welch, Mr. John Wormald, Dr. Coupland (Medical Superintendent), Mr. S. Keir (Secretary), and many others.

A number of apologies for absence were submitted by Mr. C. F. Clark (Hon. Local Secretary); and particulars of local donations amounting to £700, in response to an appeal issued by himself as Chairman of the Leeds Committee, were given by Ald. C. F. Tetley, who stated that the whole of the amount received would be invested in the purchase of Leeds Corporation Stock, and the interest applied towards the maintenance of local patients, thus permanently improving the position of the Leeds district with respect to the Institution.

In his address as Chairman, the Lord Mayor congratulated Ald. Tetley upon having maintained his interest in the welfare of the Institution during the long period of fifty years, and said that this was typical of his benevolent and charitable disposition.

The position and requirements of the Institution were explained by Lord Richard Cavendish, who emphasised the fact that although the Royal Albert was situated at Lancaster it was intended to benefit the whole of the seven northern counties, Yorkshire, with 312 out of the 808 patients, now having the largest proportion of inmates. Statistics showed that more than half of the 4,236 patients so far dealt with could not have been treated at all but for the generous support of the charitable subscribers. He earnestly asked them to give their continued and increased support to the Royal Albert, and thus enable it to carry on the great and noble work it had been performing during the past sixty years.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

1.—That this meeting hears with satisfaction of the progress and continued efficiency of the Royal Albert Institution, and trusts that a generous response to the Central Committee's appeal for increased support may enable them to carry through their complete scheme for the provision of a series of detached Homes, thus meeting the pressing demand for accommodation for defectives of the lower grades.

Moved by Ald. C. F. Tetley, Leeds, and seconded by Mr. G. D. Killey, Liverpool.

2.—That this meeting gratefully recognises the valuable assistance rendered by the Collectors and Honorary Officers of the Leeds Ladies' Association and the other Ladies' Associations in the Northern Counties; and also tenders cordial thanks to the Chairman and members of the Leeds Local Committee, and invites them (with power to add to their number) to continue their services in aid of the Institution.

Moved by Mr. W. A. Brigg, Keighley, and seconded by Mr. John Wormald, Leeds.

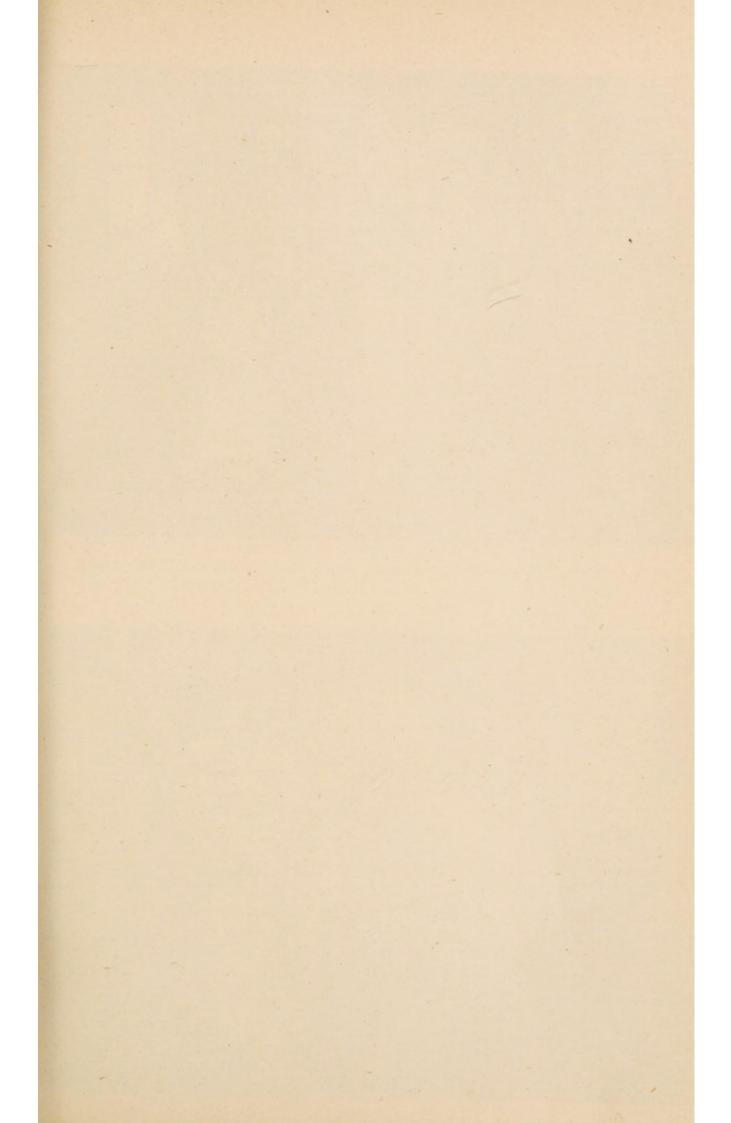
Upon the motion of Ald. Wm. Briggs, seconded by Mr. A. B. S. Welch, Ald. Tetley was cordially thanked for his services and hospitality; the proceedings terminating with a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor for presiding and for the use of the rooms, proposed by Ald. Tetley and seconded by Mr. C. F. Clark.

Specimens of the patients' work were on exhibition, and were inspected with great interest by those who attended.

SAMUEL KEIR, Secretary.

AN APPRECIATION.

So solemnly have I been impressed with this visit to a veritable House of Christ that I find the utmost difficulty in setting down here any definite account of those impressions. The heroic patience, manifested by its definite fruitage on every side, the truly sacred character of the work performed, the magnificent administration also manifested by the perfect order, regularity and peace all round—these things strike my heart and dim my eyes so that I am almost, I feel, like the prophet of old, but for a different reason—"I laid my hand upon my mouth and kept silence, because Thou did'st it." Here is worked the work of the Master, the liberation of the captive mind, the healing of the bruised, stunted brain, and the giving of sight to the blind heart. To say "God bless this place" would be impertinence; it is itself a manifestation of God's blessing.—Entry made in the Visitors' Book by the late Mr. Frank T. Bullen.





CUMBERLAND VISITORS, JULY 220, 1924.



REPORT

Presented to the Annual General Meeting

at Leeds,

Friday, October 17th, 1924.

In this diamond jubilee year of the Royal Albert Institution, Institution's the members of the Central Committee are particular. the members of the Central Committee are particularly glad to be in a position to submit a satisfactory Report to their friends and subscribers. An epitome of the Institution's history and development, from the date of the inaugural meeting held at Lancaster on the 21st of December, 1864, was given only a year ago on the occasion of the Eleventh Quinquennial Festival, and consequently this information need not now be repeated. The intervening months have seen the steady continuance and even a notable expansion of the work carried on so successfully during past years, while the completion of the Cavendish Reception House has added a

much-needed building to the resources of the Institution.

In connection with this year's annual general meeting, the Committee have very gladly accepted the invitation to hold a public meeting at Leeds, which has not been visited for such a purpose since 1905. A similar invitation was received from the Leeds Committee two years ago, but in view of the continuance of industrial depression it was then thought best for the visit to be postponed. It is hoped that conditions may now prove more favourable, and that the meeting, which is to be held at the Leeds Town Hall on October 17th under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, may stimulate local interest in the work and welfare of the Institution. Ald. C. F. Tetley (Chairman of the Leeds and Yorkshire Special Appeal. Committees) has secured a generous response to his special appeal, which has so far brought in a total of £700. These

Leeds.

Ald. C. F. Tetley.

donations have been invested in the purchase of £1,500 Leeds Corporation Stock, thus permanently improving the local financial position with respect to the Institution, and further contributions will be dealt with in the same way. Speaking at last year's quinquennial festival, Mr. W. G. Welch "recalled the fact that Mr. Tetley and his late father had been associated with the work of the Institution since the year 1865. Mr. Tetley for 24 years served as Hon. Secretary of the Leeds Committee, of which he then became Chairman; while in 1908 he accepted the Chairmanship of the Yorkshire Committee, his appointment as one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee following a year later. He had been a splendid helper in every way. There was much for which they had to thank their founders, whose work was based on sound principles, and so long as the Institution was guided by those principles its continued success was assured." The Committee note with pleasure that the family interest in the work of the Institution is being continued by Ald. Tetley's son, Col. C. H. Tetley, who has for some years past served as a member of the Leeds and Yorkshire Committees, and who now joins the Central Committee as a Leeds representative, filling a vacancy caused by Mr. Eustace Browning's removal to the south of England.

Col. C. H. Tetley.

Annual General Meeting.

Chairmanship of Central Committee.

Last year's annual general meeting, held at the Institution on September 28th, attracted an unusually large attendance in consequence of its association with the eleventh quinquennial festival, the public meeting in connection with the festival following immediately afterwards. The Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish, P.C., C.B., C.M.G., who presided over both meetings, is congratulated upon the completion of fourteen years' service as Chairman of the Central Committee, his record being surpassed only by that of the late Sir John T. Hibbert, K.C.B., who held office for eighteen years. The distribution of long-service medals to eighteen members of the staff by Lady Movra Cavendish formed a pleasant little interlude, and the programme also included an important address by Sir Frederick Mott, K.B.E., LL.D., Frederick Mott. M.D., F.R.S., from which the following paragraph is extracted:

Speaking of the Royal Albert Institution and its work, he was greatly impressed by the contentment on the faces of the inmates. There might not be intelligence, but if they saw contentment it went a long way towards showing that the inmates were humanely treated. He was delighted to see many of the inmates engaged in manual occupations, for if they could only get them interested it

was possible to develop what faculties they had. Referring in detail to various departments, he was particularly impressed by the excellence of the Storey Home, while with the Farm Colony he was also greatly pleased. At the Rodgett Infirmary, he was glad to see verandahs were in use, for he was a great believer in fresh-air treatment. With regard to the mentally-defective, there was no possibility of effecting anything that could be described as a permanent cure. The feeble-minded were not capable of competing with their fellows in the struggle for existence, and what he advocated was the segregation of these defective children in an Institution such as that before they had had experience of the world. With the work of the Royal Albert he was deeply impressed.

Speaking at the annual general meeting of present needs and future requirements, Lord Richard Cavendish said that "for the moment their financial position was good, but important developments were contemplated which would greatly enhance the usefulness of the Institution, and they were consequently as urgently in need of funds as they had ever been during the past fifty-nine years"; and in his presidential address at the subsequent quinquennial festival he recalled the fact that they had to forgo the celebration of the quinquennial festival which should have been held in 1918, the war then being still in progress:

Right Hon. Lord Richard Cavendish.

Consequently a period of ten years had elapsed since the last quinquennial celebration, and during that time their Institution, like every other undertaking of a similar nature throughout the country, had had to go through a very difficult time. Although the industrial position of the country still left much to be desired, and trade and commerce were in a critical condition, he believed that the corner had been turned and that better times would follow the period of depression. They hoped that these critical times had ended, and that they might be able to face the future with assurance and confidence. Public bodies would no doubt make greater use of the powers conferred upon them by Parliament, but their work would only be supplemental and would not displace the work of Institutions such as the Royal Albert. He had the utmost confidence in asking them to support its claims, as he firmly believed that for many years to come its needs would be as urgent as ever they had been in the past. He felt convinced that the Royal Albert would never lack the support it so richly deserved.

The proceedings at the quinquennial festival closed with The Cavendish Reception House. the laying of the foundation-stone of the Cavendish Reception This ceremony was performed by Lord Richard Cavendish, who said that he and the members of his family took the association of his name with the new structure as a great honour. The building replaces the James Diggens Memorial Home, which has been converted into a Tuberculosis

Sanatorium, and the Committee hope that before 1924 closes Lord Richard may be able to perform the corresponding opening ceremony.

Proposed Extensions.

Pressure on

Accommodation.

The completion of the Cavendish Reception House, the contract for which, apart from the cost of furnishing, amounted to nearly £6,700, leaves the Committee free to proceed with their scheme for the provision of separate accommodation for lower-grade defectives. improvable cases merely require simple custodial care and treatment, since they are incapable of profiting to any appreciable extent from the educational and training facilities afforded in the various departments of the existing Institution. desirability of extension, particularly in the direction indicated, is shown by the fact that, although the Institution has during the past year had the full number of 800 inmates sanctioned by the Board of Control, there is still a long waiting-list. This contains the names of over fifty eligible applicants, who can be received only in rotation as vacancies become available for them. The scheme marks an important development in the policy of the Institution. The Royal Albert was designed and has been equipped for dealing with the more educable cases, but in view of the urgent need and pressing demand for this special accommodation the Committee feel that their proposals will meet with general support. Their intention is to proceed systematically with the erection of detached Homes, beginning with one or two and gradually completing the series. An admirable site is available on the estate at a little distance from the present buildings, so that the two sides of the work will be kept quite apart and will not interfere with each other in any way. Even this brief outline will show the magnitude of the task which confronts the Committee. If they are to cope with it successfully they will need the sympathy and support of all their friends throughout the seven associated counties.

Election of Patients.

At this year's election of patients, the result of which was declared on the 30th of May last, the number of candidates rose to forty, compared with thirty during each of the preceding two years. Notwithstanding this substantial increase, the Committee are glad to report that they were again able to admit the whole of the applicants. Seventeen of them were patients who had already had the benefit of the usual election term, but whose discharge was deemed inadvisable, either in their own interest or for the sake of the community. The

admission of the 23 fresh applicants increases to 2,258 the Charitable Work. number of inmates elected by the subscribers during the past fifty-four years. Besides these election cases, the total of 4,236 patients admitted to the end of March last includes a large proportion of inmates whose relatives were unable to meet the full cost of maintenance and who were consequently received at reduced rates of payment. During the year the average number of patients rose from 760 to 801, but on the 31st of March there were on the books the names of 808 inmates, of whom 212 were admitted from Lancashire, 312 from Yorkshire, 98 from Cheshire, 88 from Durham, 36 from Cumberland, 19 from Northumberland, 16 from Westmorland, and 27 from counties outside the associated area.

Number of Inmates.

Dealing with the finances, a review of the past year's work shows that the prosperity of the Institution has been well maintained, although there are indications that the decline in the cost of maintenance, to which reference was made last year, has been arrested for the present and may possibly be followed by a slight advance. The investments continue to receive substantial augmentations through legacies and donations, amongst the latter being an anonymous gift of £525 for the endowment of a bed at the Storey Home in memory of the late Mr. E. B. Dawson, LL.B., Constable of Lancaster Castle and one of the Vice-Chairmen of the Central Committee. A donation of £100, in fulfilment of a wish expressed by the late Miss E. Robinson, of Nelson, has also been received from her sister, Miss J. Robinson. generous donations have been given since the 31st of March, and will consequently come into the current year's returns. One is a donation of £1,000 from the Trustees of the late Colonel J. J. Mellor, D.L., of Whitefield, Manchester, who directed by his will that on the death of Mrs. Mellor (which occurred in March last) a quarter of his residuary estate should be applied for charitable purposes; the other is a donation of £525 from Mr. W. G. Welch (Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee), whose gift, which is "in remembrance of fifty years of happy association with the work of the Institution," has been applied for the endowment of a bed in the Storey Home. Mr. Welch, whose appointment as Auditor dated from June 30th, 1874, recalls the fact that he had a link of association with the Royal Albert from the beginning, his father (the late Mr. William Welch) having acted as one of the Hon. Auditors from 1864 to 1868. In 1900, after 26 years' service,

Finances.

The Edward Bousfield Dawson Bed.

The late Col. J. J. Mellor's Bequest.

The William Gibbins Welch Auditorship.

Mr. Welch retired from the Auditorship, and at the following annual meeting he was appointed a member of the Central Committee, of which he was elected a Vice-Chairman on Mr. Dawson's death in 1915. Mr. A. B. S. Welch, who became the Auditor on Mr. Welch's retirement 24 years ago, still holds that position. In addition to these donations, the following legacies, received during the past financial year, are very gratefully acknowledged:

Legacies.

Louis Walker, Bradford	£1,800	0	0
Mrs. Mary Ann McCarthy, Silverdale	500	11	4
Miss Isabel Robinson, Cockermouth		0	0

Endowed Beds.

The endowment of these two beds draws attention to the fact that a donor of not less than five hundred guineas has the right of naming a bed in any department of the Institution that may be preferred, and it is hoped that the mention of this privilege may serve as an incentive to others who may be prepared to help the Royal Albert in a similar way. These beds are distinguished by bronze tablets, and a record of them is also engraved on the brasses in the main entrance hall. As it is some years since particulars were last given, a list of the beds so far endowed is appended:

Dormitory.	Year.	Town.	Name.
ASHTON WING	1897	Bury	The John Openshaw Bed.
			rThe Sir Thomas Storey Bed.
	1898		
	1898	Do.	The Emily Muriel Storey
			. Bed.
	1898	Do.	The Herbert L. Storey Bed.
	1898	Do.	The Edward Howard Dawson Bed.
	1898	Do.	The George William Maxsted Bed.
	1924	Do.	The Edward Bousfield Dawson Bed.
	1924	Do.	The William Gibbins Welch Bed.
GIRLS' WING	1907I	Rochdale	The James Holden Bed.
			The Eleanor Hays Bed.
			The Elizabeth Hays Bed.
	1916		
			The Margaret Hays Bed.
			hThe Jane Gardner Bed.
Boys' Wing			rThe William Roper and Wm. Oliver Roper Bed.
FARM COLONY	1913I	iverpoo	1The Sir Alfred Jones Bed.

Voluntary Income.

It will be seen from the appended analysis of the amount received in subscriptions, legacies and donations from each of the associated counties that the income from voluntary sources continues to be well maintained. Fluctuations in legacies and donations have not quite displaced Lancashire from the leading position, but Yorkshire follows very closely, and it will be noted with satisfaction that each of the other five counties shows an improved return:

Counties. Lancashire Yorkshire Cumberland Cheshire Durham Northumberland Westmorland	Mainte Acco		Sustentation Fund Account.			
	Annual Subscrip- tions.	Donations.	Legacies. Donations.	Total.		
	£ s. d. 1650 18 11 1018 19 2 194 12 10 344 10 3 297 13 1 196 8 3 141 2 9	£ s. d. 153 13 5 11 11 0 37 5 2 2 0 0 4 1 0 2 2 0 210 12 7	£ s. d. £ s. d. 500 11 4 625 0 0 1800 0 0 20 0 0 200 0 0	£ s. d. 2930 3 8 2850 10 2 431 18 0 346 10 3 297 13 1 200 9 3 143 4 9		

Without the assistance rendered by the members of the various Ladies' Associations, the work of the Institution would be seriously hampered, since the contributions collected by them form a substantial proportion of the income from voluntary sources. Unfortunately these Associations still have to contend with the difficulties resulting from prolonged industrial depression, so that the increase in the amount of the annual collection, which has this year risen to £2,609 from the previous year's total of £2,529, testifies all the more forcibly to the enthusiasm and perseverance of the Collectors and Hon. Officers, whose continued success deserves most cordial acknowledgment. The first of these Associations was formed at Durham in 1875, eleven years after the foundation of the Institution; they now number nearly forty, and their aggregate collection during the past forty-nine years amounts Detailed particulars to the magnificent total of £112,641. will be found in past Reports, but even this brief survey of the Institution's progress during the past sixty years would seem incomplete without some reference to the amounts obtained by the several Associations. The following summary gives the date when each Association was established and the total amount collected, omitting the returns for the current year and aggregates of less than £1,000 each:

Ladies' Associations

> Aggregate Collection.

Summary.	1878.	Manchester, Salford and South Lancashire	£19,468
	1875.	Durham County	16,677
	1886.	Cheshire	15,667
	1878.	Halifax District	14,135
	1879.	Cumberland	11,119
	1884.	Bradford and Craven District	8,019
	1891.	Westmorland	5,472
	1899.	Liverpool	4,144
	1882.	Leeds	3,626
	1879.	York and North and East Ridings	3,573
	1900.	Huddersfield	2,640
	1906.	Northumberland and Newcastle	2,229
	1878.	Southport	1,157

Individual Aggregates.

Individual Collections

Individual acknowledgment of the assistance rendered by the Hon. Officers and Collectors, who number over four hundred, is made in the local Subscription Lists, which give details of each collection and are reprinted annually. Lady Priestley (President of the Bradford Association) easily comes first with the splendid aggregate of £1,941, which includes the past year's collection of £45; while the following aggregates of over £500 each have during the year been increased by the amounts mentioned: Mrs. J. C. Ellison (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Liverpool Association), £65 making £845; Mrs. T. A. Duncan (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Bradford Association), £66 making £815; Mrs. and the Misses Crossley (Hebden Bridge), £20 making £695; Mrs. John Powell (Crewe), £20 making £619; Mr. S. Mortimer (Cleckheaton), £37 making £558. Mrs. Lister Brook (Brighouse), with a total of £81, has the distinction of making the largest collection during the year. Miss Thomson (Huddersfield) follows with a collection of £55; over £30 each has been obtained by Miss Mann (Windermere), Mrs. Ingham (Todmorden), Miss H. Taylor Smith (West Hartlepool), Miss Shiela Macfie (Chester) and Miss Annandale (Lancaster); from £20 to £30 each by Miss K. Laing (Newcastle), Lady Paton (Southport), Mrs. Ramsay (Blackburn), Mrs. Grimes (Seaham Harbour), Mrs. Leigh (Worsley), Mrs. Harvey (Hale) and Miss Cameron Mawson (Gateshead); and from £15 to £20 each by Mrs. Blackett-Ord (Alnwick), Miss Pownall (Neston), Mrs. Tipton (Oxton), Miss Crook (Bolton), Miss Walton (Burnley), Mrs. Anthony Wilson (Keswick), Mrs. Pilkington Turner (Manchester), Miss Webb (Bury), Miss Mason Hutchinson (Bromborough), Mrs. Grommé (Manchester), Mrs. Scott (Burneside), Miss Elinor Middleton (Belsay Castle), Mrs. Leighton (Leeds) and Miss Eastwood (Halifax). Want of space forbids the insertion of further details, but other Collectors follow very closely, and all are most cordially thanked for their continued support. Appended are particulars of the amount obtained by each Association during the financial year ending the 31st of March last:

	Annual Subscriptions.		Donations.	Total.			
MANCHESTER, SALFORD & SOUTH	4		20				120
LANCASHIRE:	£	S.	d.	£ s. d.	£	S.	d.
Manchester and Salford	235	14	6		235	14	6
Bury Branch	73	12	0		73	12	0
Rochdale Branch	63	12	6		63	12	6
Burnley Branch	39	3	0		39	3	0
Bolton Branch	28	7	6		28	7	6
Oldham Branch	22	15	0		22	15	0
Warrington Branch	22	8	0		22	8	0
Wigan Branch	15	18	6		15	18	6
Leigh Branch	5	6	6		5	6	6
Ashton Branch	5	5	0		5	5	0
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CHESHIRE	311	7	3	2 0 0	313	7	3
DURHAM	270	8	1		270	8	1
HAI,IFAX	242	16	0		242	16	0
CUMBERI, AND	172	1	4	37 5 2	209	6	6
BRADFORD	173	1	8		173	1	8
LIVERPOOI,	163	15	7		163	15	7
NORTHUMBERI, AND & NEWCASTI,E	150	14	3	3 1 0	153	15	3
WESTMORI, AND	125	19	3		125	19	3
HUDDERSFIELD	113	11	6		113	11	6
SOUTHPORT	80	16	6		80	16	6
LEEDS	57	9	6		57	9	6
NORTH LONSDALE	52	16	0		52	16	0
LANCASTER	51	6	0		51	6	0
YORK, THIRSK & N. & E. RIDINGS	38	11	0		38	11	0
BLACKBURN	26	19	0		26	19	0
PRESTON	14	6	0	3 0 0	17	6	0
SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE	6	6	6		6	6	6
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Grateful reference must also be made to the valuable assistance which the Committee continue to receive from the members of the County and Local Committees and from the newspaper press of the seven northern counties. Collections in aid of the Institution are promoted annually by the Rev. W. L. Appleford (Lancaster), Rev. H. G. Croft (Chaplain of Sedgefield Asylum), Rev. H. L. Hornby (St. Michael-on-Wyre), Rev. J. T. Lawton (Leigh) and the Rev. W. B. Sherwen (Dean, Cockermouth), whose example might well be followed by clergymen and ministers in other districts from which election or reduced-payment patients have been

admitted.

of Annual Collection.

Details

County and Local Committees.

Pulpit Advocacy.

Dr. Shuttleworth.

Reference was made in last year's Report to the valuable services of Dr. Shuttleworth, who joined the staff of the Institution in 1870, when he was appointed the first Medical Superintendent. Dr. Shuttleworth held this post for 23 years, and since his retirement he has continued, as the Hon. Consulting Physician, to give the Institution the advantage of his long experience and wide knowledge. Committee now have pleasure in announcing that they have Hon. Consulting recently been so fortunate as to associate with Dr. Shuttleworth in the same capacity Sir Frederick Mott, K.B.E., M.D., F.R.S., of London, Dr. Charles Paget Lapage, F.R.C.P., of Manchester, and Dr. W. A. Potts, Psychological Expert to the Birmingham Justices, who are also recognised as authorities in matters relating to mental defect.

Physicians.

Hon. Solicitors.

The services of the Hon. Solicitors (Messrs, Gibson, & Sturton) again call for special mention, and the Committee have pleasure in renewing their acknowledgment.

Medical

The Committee are glad to feel that, notwithstanding Superintendent. the increasing numbers, efficiency in the care and training of the patients is fully maintained, and that advantage is continually being taken of new methods, scientific and educational. A full measure of thanks is due to the Medical Superintendent for his whole-hearted interest and enthusiasm, not only in the duties and responsibilities of his office but in the ever-widening field of the care and training of the feeble-minded. mittee also gratefully acknowledge the good services of the Medical Officers Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. C. J. Henderson, and of his colleague, Dr. H. J. Appleyard, as also of the Matron, Miss Siviour, and the other officials.

Assistant

Secretary and Office Staff.

The Committee are also grateful to their Secretary, Mr. Keir, for services which they value very highly, and they give thanks also to his zealous and able assistant staff.

Voluntary Workers.

The vacancies which have occurred during the year in the ranks of the voluntary workers have been caused chiefly by retirement, but death has unfortunately removed from the Huddersfield Committee a venerable figure in Mr. John Watkinson, whose daughter has for 24 years past acted as the Hon. Secretary of the Huddersfield Ladies' Association. retiring Hon. Officers and Collectors, all of whom are most cordially thanked for their assistance, include several who have

Changes.

served for long periods. Amongst them are Mrs. Harvey Heywood, who has acted as District Treasurer at Middleton since 1896, and who has been succeeded by Miss Irene Cheetham; Miss Mitchell, District Treasurer and Collector at Bury since 1912, who has been succeeded by Mrs. Whitehead; Miss Bartlett, who has since 1904 collected £334 at Liverpool, and whose work is being continued by Miss Thistlethwaite; Mrs. Clarence D. Smith, Hexham, £108 since 1911; and Miss Crossley, Arnside, £74 since 1893, whose collection has been taken over by Mr. Wm. Bell. Removal from the district has caused the resignation of Miss Hill (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Oldham Association), and for the same reason Mrs. Scott is unable to continue her collection at Burneside, which has been divided amongst several ladies; Miss Mason Hutchinson's collection at Bromborough has been taken over by Miss Sybil Hutchinson; Mrs. John Wood will continue Miss Rhodes's collection at Huddersfield: Miss Garfit succeeds Mrs. Harlock at Middlewich: Mrs. A. R. Crosslev replaces Miss Crossley at Hebden Bridge; Mrs. Welsford follows Mrs. Francis Barnston at Malpas; while at Barrow and Hale Miss Judge and Mrs. Gallaway make way respectively for Mrs. Finlay and Mrs. B. W. Harvey. Miss Kent will carry on the late Miss Ada Smith's collection at New Brighton. Turning to the Hon. Officers, the Committee have pleasure in announcing that Sir Charles Behrens has accepted the Chairmanship of the Manchester and Salford Committee in succession to the late Sir E. Tootal Broadhurst; and they are also fortunate in securing Miss Dudding as the Hon. Secretary of the Cumberland Ladies' Association, filling the vacancy caused by the removal of Mrs. Donald Jones to Durham. The Hon. Secretaryship of the Stockport Association, held for many years by the late Miss Ada Read, has now been filled by the appointment of Miss Enid Gould.

Hon. Officers

The Manchester representation on the Central Committee has been strengthened by the election of the Right Hon. Lord Cawley of Prestwich, P.C., and Col. P. T. Denis de Vitré, D.S.O. (Caton); Liverpool secures three additional representatives in Mr. J. F. Dowler (Wallasey), Major T. G. Sandeman (Ellel Grange) and Mr. H. Sutton Timmis (Liverpool); Mrs. Allan Hodgson (Carlisle) and Mr. Hubert Lawrence (Carlisle) join as Cumberland members; and the Worshipful the Mayor of Kendal (Mr. Herbert Moser) fills a vacancy for a Westmorland representative. Only last year, reference was made to the

Central Committee.

invaluable services of the late Dr. de Vitré, first Chairman of the Central Committee, to whose energy and enthusiasm the success of the movement for the establishment of the Institution was mainly due, and of the late Sir Edward Lawrence, for many years a Vice-Chairman, who as Mayor of Liverpool presided over the first public meeting held outside Lancaster in support of that movement, so that two of these new appointments renew family associations which will always be held in grateful remembrance. Since these additions, the Committee have lost one of their senior colleagues by the death of Mr. H. J. Coulston, who joined in 1909 as one of the fifteen Lancaster members. In 1920, Mr. Coulston accepted the Chairmanship of the Farm Committee, but about a year ago failing health rendered it advisable for him to relinquish this appointment. On Mr. Coulston's retirement, Mr. Richard Smith was appointed Chairman of the Farm Committee, Mr. T. W. Helme succeeding Mr. Smith in the Chairmanship of the Stores Committee. Removal to the south of England unfortunately deprives the Committee of the assistance of Mr. A. R. Crossley (Vice-Chairman of the Halifax Committee). who has for eighteen years past served as a Halifax representative.

Visits of Associations.

Rochdale Appeal.

During the past summer, the Committee have had the pleasure of welcoming parties of helpers and subscribers representing the Cheshire Association, the Cumberland Association and the Otley Congregational Church. Evidently the opportunity of coming personally into touch with the work carried on by the Institution was greatly appreciated by these visitors, and it was obvious that what they saw of it during the few hours at their disposal aroused their admiration and Special Efforts. enthusiasm. The members of the Otley Congregational Mothers' Meeting, headed by Mrs. Duncan, have continued their annual effort, and have this year sent in over £36. obtained by means of whist-drives and other entertainments. Mrs. Widdrington's annual garden festival at Newton Hall, Felton, brought in £25; while the flag-days at Crewe on the 30th and 31st of May, although again spoilt by wet weather. realised a profit of nearly £27, supplemented by collections amounting to seven guineas made by Mr. G. M. Hand after exhibitions of a film showing the methods adopted in teaching and training the feeble-minded. The canvass at Leeds is being followed by a similar appeal at Rochdale, launched by Councillor Wm. Crossley (Hon. Local Treasurer) as the result of a meeting held there on the 7th of May;

and special efforts are also being made at Warrington and Pontefract, where public meetings during October have been convened by the Hon. Secretaries of the respective Ladies' Associations (Mrs. Johnson and Miss Barker). The Pontefract Association, which has only just been formed, is the latest Association. addition to the number of these valuable auxiliaries. Liverpool, where Mrs. Ellison (Hon. Secretary and Treasurer) is endeavouring to extend the scope of her Association, a further public meeting is to be held during the autumn, so that a good deal of propaganda work is now in progress.

Pontefract

Besides the periodical inspections by the Com- Official Visits missioners of the Board of Control, deputations are frequently received from Local Authorities and Boards of Guardians, who come to see the patients chargeable to them, and the visitors' book contains many appreciative entries made by them on these occasions, as will be seen from the following extracts:

We have been wonderfully impressed with the variety of occupations, which must assist considerably in educating and giving happiness to the inmates.—Prescot Guardians, April 22nd, 1924.

A deputation visited the Institution to-day, and inspected their patients and the various departments. They were exceedingly well pleased with the training given, and with the general management of the Institution .- Oldham Guardians, October 25th, 1923.

Visited the Institution on behalf of the Wakefield Board of Guardians and the Wakefield Corporation. We found the patients sent by these Authorities in good health, well cared for, and as happy as possible under the circumstances.—August 26th, 1924.

Appended is a selection of letters from the relatives of inmates, which must serve as specimens of the messages of appreciation which are constantly being received at the Institution:

Letters from Parents.

Geoffrey has been wonderfully well during his holiday, and we think great credit is due to all at the Royal Albert Institution for his good behaviour and nice manners.—September 1st, 1924.

I am very pleased to say we find Margery very much improved in manners and splendid physically. She is a very great credit to the Institution in every way. It is wonderful how happy she is, and how she looks forward to going back to school.—September 1st, 1924.

I am glad to say Florence has enjoyed good health during her holiday; she has been very useful and happy. We all see a great improvement in her, and find that she is more grown up in her ways and manners. I am pleased to note the interest she takes in sewing, knitting and basket-work.—August 31st, 1924.

We are quite delighted with Clifford, and are sure he has improved in his habits. He ought to have been at the Royal Albert when he was seven years old. You would have made a man of him, but we hope you will still be able to do so. We thank you all at the Institution very much. It is a wonderful place.—September 1st, 1924.

I should like to place on record my appreciation of the manner in which you allowed me to have my little boy out on both September 8th and 9th, after having been under your care for only seven weeks. I must also state that both my wife and I were agreeably surprised to note the easy way in which he went back after tea, which goes to show that he is treated with every kindness and must be quite happy in his new surroundings. We both thought he was looking well and that he seemed very fit.—September 10th, 1924.

I enclose postal order for my son's death certificate, and should like to express my deep appreciation of all the kindness that has been extended both to my boy and to ourselves. Unfortunately, owing to my circumstances, of which you are aware, I am unable to make financial acknowledgment to the Institution, but if gratitude to all connected with it could do anything I am sure mine would. The thoughtfulness and courtesy that have always been extended to all of us, and the knowledge that my boy could not have been in better hands, will always be a great comfort to me and to all my family. I cannot express all I would like to, but with all my heart I thank you.—June 7th, 1924.

It is with a very thankful heart I can, after a very happy month with my boy, report that I find the improvement in him steadily maintained and strengthened. He walks and uses his hand very much better, and can converse on books and newspaper topics in a very intelligent manner. He seems very fond of his work, and I am very grateful to his instructor for the patience he must have had with him. I can never express to you and all at the Royal Albert Institution the deep gratitude I feel for all that is being done for him—not only for the training and instruction he is having but also for the personal care and attention he receives. I can only ask you to accept the heartfelt thanks of his grateful mother.—September 2nd, 1924.

Urgent Need of Accommodation.

In their last Annual Report, the Board of Control point out that, while the provision of Institutional accommodation is "the most onerous and most valuable of the duties imposed on Local Authorities by the Mental Deficiency Act, unfortunately it is one which it is impossible for the present to carry out efficiently, owing to the severe financial restrictions consequent on the war. When we turn to the ordinary Certified Institutions, we find that vacancies are very difficult to obtain, and that most of the Institutions have a long waiting-list."

Consequently, in proceeding with their scheme of

extension, the Committee are endeavouring to meet an urgent public need, and they feel that the large capital expenditure they have in contemplation will be justified by the approval and generous support of all who realise the deprivations from which the feeble-minded must inevitably suffer and the perils to which indifference to the claims of this unfortunate class may subject the rest of the community. Much has been accomplished by the Institution during the past sixty years, but much more remains to be done. Shadowed lives have been brightened; the helpless have been taught to do something useful, and the listless and apathetic have been roused to take an interest in some pursuit which has redeemed their hours from monotony and hopelessness; comfort and happiness have been brought into numbers of homes once oppressed by the crushing burden of anxiety and constant watchfulness caused

by the presence of a defective member of the family.

his answer to the question:

material and appreciable results are recorded in these Reports, but who can say whether account should not be taken of even higher benefits which cannot be stated so definitely? "Who

are they for whom these efforts are being made?" asked Ald. J. R. Heape in May last, in the peroration of an address given by him as Chairman of the Rochdale Committee; and this was

Scheme of Extension

Benefits Conferred.

Ald. J. R. Heape.

We call them the feeble-minded, the mentally-deficient, but have they not body, soul and spirit as we have? Who can say how far their unhappy affliction is physical? Is it not possible that the soul and spirit are there, but imprisoned behind physical barriers? We see only the maimed intellect, the stunted development, but we may be, and probably are, far from realising the whole personality of these unfortunate fellow-creatures, for whom every instinct of Christian sympathy prompts us to do all we can, and it may be that results are obtained which we cannot measure nor even conceive. May we not believe with Tennyson

That nothing walks with aimless feet;

That not one life shall be destroyed,

Or cast as rubbish to the void,

When God hath made the pile complete.

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH,

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Central Committee of the Royal Albert Institution.

MY LORD, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is my pleasant duty to present my tenth Annual Report as Medical Superintendent.

Board of Control.

Before proceeding with my own remarks, it may be useful if I subjoin extracts from the report of Dr. Arthur Rotherham, after his official inspection of the Institution on the 17th and 18th of July last:

During yesterday and to-day I have inspected this Institution and all its branches and can report most favourably as to the condition in which I found the buildings, and as to the care and kindness with which the patients are treated.

The various changes and improvements which have been made since I visited last in 1921 all appear to me to be excellent, and I was most pleased to note the progress that has been made in many ways during this time.

I found the patients to be generally in very good health, and it was obvious that they are on excellent terms with the various members of the staff. I saw them either in school, at work in the shops, or at their dinner and their cheerful and smiling faces everywhere was excellent evidence of their happiness. Their rooms were cheerful and well-kept and their clothing was quite satisfactory.

Except for epidemics of influenza, luckily not severe in character, in December of last year, and in February and March this year, the patients' health during the period under review has been quite satisfactory.

Progress.

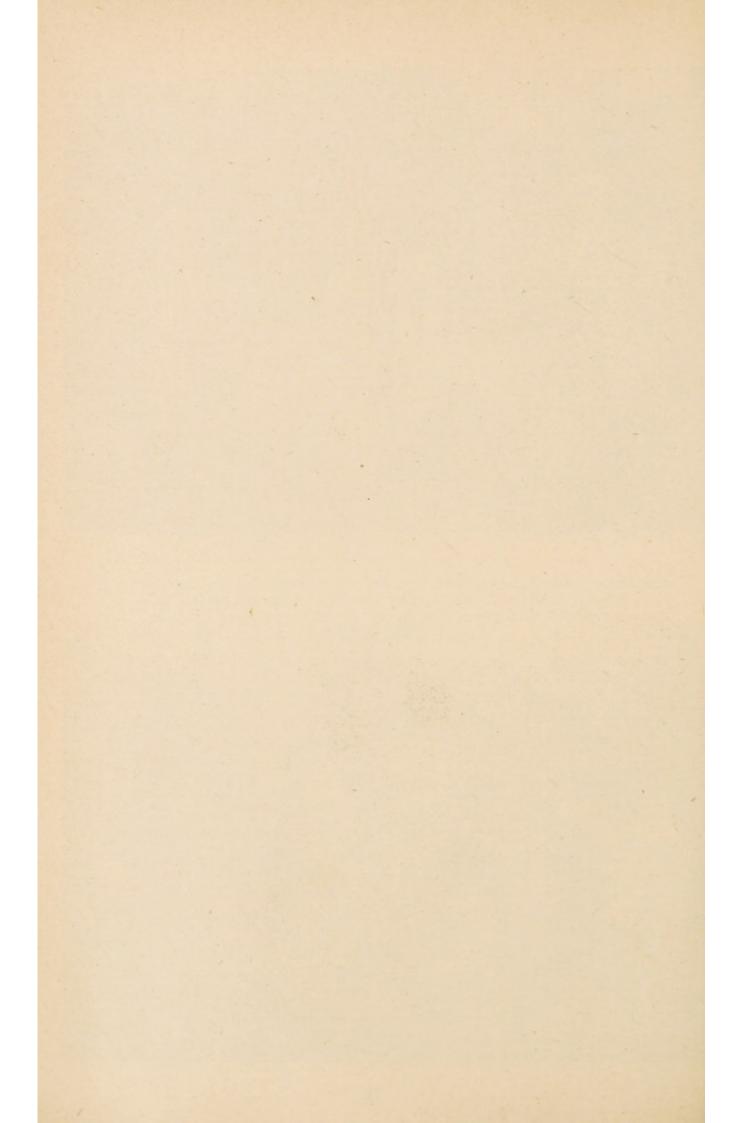
It is encouraging both to myself and the staff generally that the Commissioner, as these quotations show, notes continuous progress during the last three years, and it is also satisfactory to learn that our efforts to enhance the value of the Institution's work are, in the opinion of an official expert, proceeding on right lines.



RURAL DANCE.



JAZZ BAND.



The summary given below states the position with regard to the patients at the end of the financial year, March 31st. 1924:

Summary.

				Males.	Females.	Total.
In the Institution,	March	31st,	1923	 527	272	799
Admitted				 37	15	52
Discharged				 24	10	34
Died				 2	7	9
Aggregate number				 564	287	851
Daily average					269	801
Maximum number					270	808
In the Institution,	March	31st,	1924	 538	270	808

As will be seen by the list of deaths, the number during the year under review has happily been small, there having been ten less than in 1923 and only one death more than in 1922, which was the lowest recorded total for the last quarter of a century. Naturally the annual mortality fluctuates, but if the last 23 years are taken the average death-rate is only 2.56 per cent. A detailed mortality statement accompanied my Report for 1922.

Death-rate.

It has to be realised that the defective is very prone to tubercular infection, and it is therefore important that general hygienic measures to combat this evil should be constantly in the minds of the Medical Officers. Fortunately, the Royal Albert is in close proximity to the sea, and, with the provision of home-fed supplies, material help in raising the level of resistance of the patients is available. An exact knowledge of the natural defences of the body has still to be acquired, so that, except for the help afforded by fresh air, good food, suitable clothing and general departmental hygiene, we are metaphorically working towards this goal in the dark.

Tuberculosis

The detailed list of deaths is as follows:

Deaths

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Broncho Pneumonia	0	1	1
Influenzal Pneumonia	0	1	1
Multiple Abscesses of Lung	0	1	1
General Tuberculosis	0	1	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	0	3	3
Tubercular Abdominal Glands	1	0	1
Chronic Heart Disease	1	0	1
	_	_	
Total	2	7	9

It has always to be realised that any lung condition Pneumonia. may have a pneumonic origin, and consequently the medical

staff are emphatically of opinion that when any sudden rise of temperature occurs it is imperative that the patient should be immediately placed in bed. The attendant staff are accordingly instructed and impressed with the possibility that any sudden illness may turn out to be pneumonia.

Improvements.

Alterations to, and general repair of, the Institution premises have been industriously carried out during the year Special mention may be made of the in many directions. installation of a steam boiler in the kitchen for the provision of water for tea-making, enlargement of the kitchen hot-plate, installation of a new drying-apparatus in the main laundry, and the renovation of the electric hoist. Further renewal of the floors in the main building has also been completed, asbestos composition being used. It is found that this material is now as cheap as linoleum and, being fireproof, it has this advantage over the latter. As it can also be laid on the top of old wooden floors or stone flags without their removal, there is in this direction another considerable gain. A large amount of outdoor and indoor painting has also been carried out.

The Cavendish Reception House would have been available for opening on the date of this Report if it had not Open-air School, been for the recent strike. The erection of an open-air school close to the Winmarleigh Hall has been authorised, and it is hoped to commence work on this shortly. This addition will. I do not doubt, prove very useful for the classes during the warm weather, and is one which accords with the modern idea of increasing facilities for outdoor school work. additional protection to the Lower Ashton Wing verandah is being provided, in order to combat inclement weather during the winter months.

Repairs and Renewals.

A considerable amount of money has had to be expended during the year on the numerous repairs and renewals which, with the painting and alterations already mentioned, have received your earnest consideration. As at other Institutions, the war held up the usual procedure of this nature at the Royal Albert, with the consequence that many matters have become urgent and unfortunately much more expensive as now carried out than would have been the case if done in pre-war time. The recommendations of the Commissioner on his recent visit respecting the renovation of laundry floors and alterations to the playgrounds for girls and boys have now been carried out,

The cricket and football teams have again given Amusements. evidence of their existence in their due seasons, and I have to thank my Senior Assistant, Dr. Henderson, for taking an active part in these games. The cinematograph in the Winmarleigh Hall has amply justified its installation, and a fresh series of pictures will be shown to the patients of all grades from October onwards; "our pictures" being constant talk among them. Renewal of pianos, and the provision of fresh games such as clock golf, badminton, volley shuttle, etc., have all added to the list of available amusements. kindness of separate donors, wireless sets have been installed in two departments, and great pleasure has been given to their inmates, and also to numerous companions, who, together with many of the staff, have enjoyed the opportunity of "listeningin." I think this modern marvel is very profitable for staff and patients, being both amusing and instructive, and so I trust to have the privilege of installing further sets as time goes on.

Wireless Sets.

The usual Christmas Tree function took place on Christmas and December 28th, the attending audience being large and enthusiastic. Although the Whitsuntide Fête had to be postponed to the succeeding week, owing to weather conditions, the function was carried through with great pleasure to the patients.

Whitsuntide.

Miss Maud Gresham, who from 1906 to 1910, was one of the Assistant Mistresses at the Institution, has taken Schoolmistress. up the post of Headmistress rendered vacant by the lamented death of Mrs. Agnes Walker. Since her arrival, considerable activity has been shown in the schools, and I think she must be congratulated upon enhancing their repute by consistent, quiet endeavour, carried out with an entire absence of friction.

Head

Numerous parties of visitors have witnessed the dances Entertainments. and action-songs on the Winmarleigh stage, the usual public displays of these taking place on November 28th, 1923, and April 2nd, 1924. The enthusiastic comments of the audience at these demonstrations may well incline one to repeat with Ecclesiasticus that to the teaching staff "there is a time when in their hands is the very issue for good." This season much younger children were seen on the stage than has been customary, and this advance demonstrates that the leaven of this valuable kind of instruction has taken a further hold on both teachers and taught. As an incentive to good behaviour,

I can much commend these dances and action-songs, it being our object to instil into the minds of the patients that only "good" children are "stage ladies (or gentlemen)."

Manual Occupations.

Both in and out of school the manual occupations have I may particularly mention the further general been extended. development of leather-work, the introduction of which was noted in my last year's Report. On the girls' side, the making of carpet-rugs composed of new (or worn) pieces stitched together has proved a useful innovation. Mattress-covers are also being made by female inmates, thus helping to relieve the pressure on the upholstery department. The installation of sewing-machines worked by electric power has enabled us to produce work in much shorter time, and I therefore purpose asking for additional ones to be purchased in the immediate future. A new senior-boys' occupation is that of tinsmith work, a commencement of which has been made in the plumbers' shop situated in the old workshops.

Specimens of Work. It is pleasing to record that specimens of various occupational work are now being exhibited at Wembley. During this year's spring meetings the Secretary and myself have had the pleasure, as usual, of meeting collectors and subscribers in various parts of the associated area, and I have thus had an opportunity of showing at these meetings some samples of our occupations. I have also been privileged to address the audiences on our aims and aspirations. The exhibition at these meetings of photographs showing the patients in their action-songs and games has served to illustrate, to those who are not able to visit us personally, how happy our inmates really are.

Research Work, The number of those engaged in the study of mental defect and in the investigation of its causes and problems yearly increases. The addition of the names of Sir Frederick Mott, Dr. Lapage and Dr. Potts, referred to in your own Report, as gentlemen now more closely associated with our work, make me hopeful that their skilled advice may aid me in the future in unravelling some of the knotty scientific problems which have frequently to be coped with in an Institution of this size. During the year, a useful paper in an American medical magazine noted the few recorded cases of twinship in Mongolian defect, this being a problem of considerable theoretical interest and one I referred to in my Report for 1922.

Hypertelorism is a new and definite clinical entity that Hypertelorism. formed the subject of the John Struthers lecture at the College of Surgeons, Edinburgh, a living example of which I was fortunate to find a short while afterwards. The lecturer, Mr. David Greig, F.R.C.S.E., Conservator of the College Museum, is investigating the condition, which has considerable developmental interest and a characteristic facial appearance. senior assistant hopes, during the ensuing year, to investigate the "Sigma Reaction" of Dreyer, of Oxford, and if possible thus to throw some light on the contentious problem of mental defect and congenital specific disease.

Sigma Reaction.

My thanks are due for the valued assistance received during the year from the senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. C. J. Henderson, whose interest and skill especially in bacteriological investigation, have proved very helpful. Since November last, I have had a junior colleague, Dr. H. J. Appleyard, whose double qualification in medicine and dentistry has enabled the daily work particularly in his speciality, to be carried through most thoroughly. The efficient support given to my colleagues by the various officials has led to the high standard of care of the patients, which has been apparent to me during the period under review. It is very pleasing to put on record the direct personal interest shown by the ordinary staff towards their defective charges, a good relationship that the Commissioner has not failed to comment upon favourably.

Acknowledgments.

Towards myself, your Lordship and the members of the Committee have continued to evince a kindly feeling and trust that has ever been an encouragement.

Chairman an Committee.

As a conclusion to my Report, I venture to quote the wise words of E. R. Johnstone, an American expert, contained in an address given before the Education Congress in Ohio in April of this year—words with which I am in entire agreement:

Institutional Advantages.

Life in an Institution is ideal for one of defective stock. Here he has wise supervision, suitable occupation, plenty of healthy and moral recreation, good food, proper clothing, prompt medical attention, the companionship of his peers and such preparation for the life to come as he is able to comprehend.

Outside an Institution, even the harmless subnormal finds but little of real life. Some get along apparently well and happily. Most of them are more or less conscious of their inferiority.

busy world has no time or patience with them. They lose jobs, become tramps, follow the first red flag and become the prey of the evil-minded.

Inside, they have a real place in a simple environment. They are appreciated instead of being belittled. They, who outside must always be the followers, the drudges, the abused, become on the inside the leaders, and in this leadership they hold up their heads and walk erect.

Communal Spirit. The true value of the Institution communal spirit is one that can only be realised by those who do live surrounded by numerous happy defectives such as we have at the Royal Albert. Also it may be said that defectives have a similar relationship to their environment as has a sundial, in that they will, in large measure, radiate back to the world any happiness that surrounds them.

I am,

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. H. COUPLAND,

September 26th, 1924.

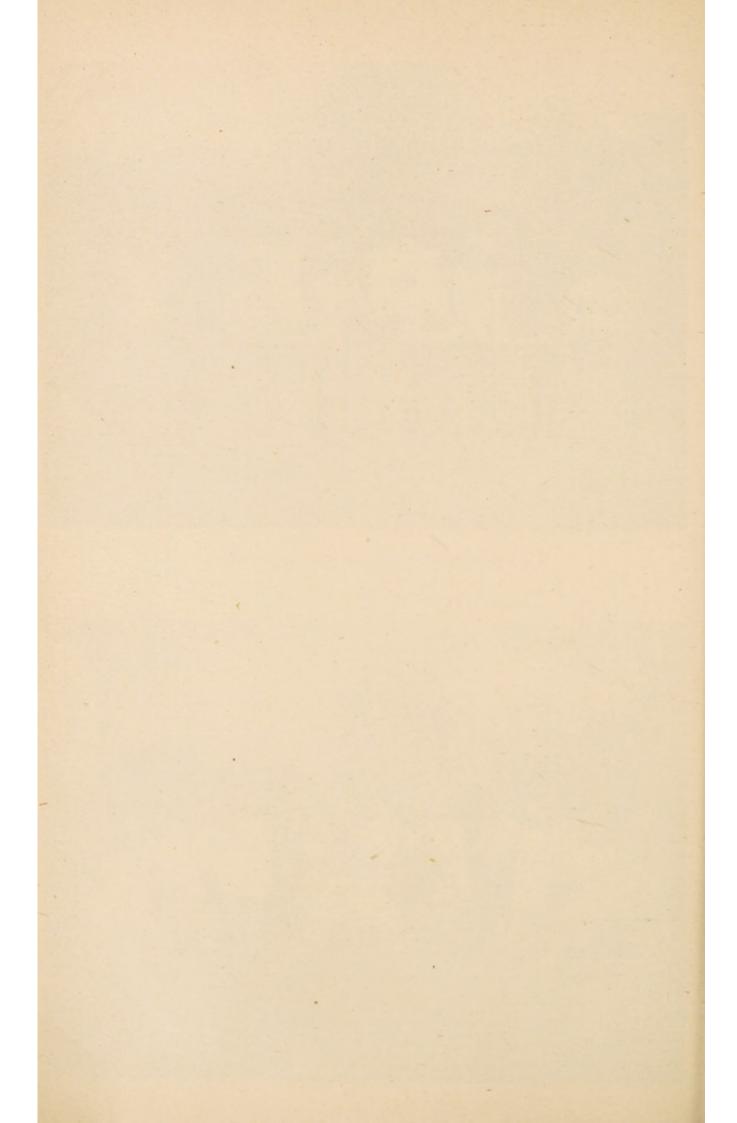
Medical Superintendent.



ACTION SONG "LITTLE WASHERWOMEN"



SINGING GAME: "BRIER ROSEBUD"



AUDITOR'S REPORT.

LANCASTER, 9th SEPTEMBER, 1924.

In accordance with the appointment of the last annual meeting, I have made a careful audit of the books, accounts and vouchers of the Royal Albert Institution for the year ending 31st March, 1924, and have obtained all the information and explanations which I have required.

The books have been kept with neatness and accuracy, and in my opinion the Annual Statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the affairs of the Institution according to the best of my information and as shown by the books.

The deeds and certificates representing the Sustentation Fund investments have been exhibited to me and are all in proper order.

A. B. S. WELCH,

Auditor.

ADDITIONAL LEGACIES AND DONATIONS RECEIVED

SINCE THE 31ST OF MARCH, 1924.

Mrs. Mary Clayton, Ulverston	£1,847	2	6
Trustees of the late Col. J. J. Mellor, D.L., Whitefield, Manchester	1,000	0	0
Mr. W. G. Welch, Hampson, Lancaster: "In Remembrance of Fifty Years of happy association with the Work of the Institution"	525	0	0
Further Donations given in response to Ald. C. F. Tetley's Special Appeal at Leeds	105	0	0

MAINTENANCE

Dr.

From April 1st, 1923,

Receipts.

	£ s.	d. £ s. d.
Balance at Bank, April 1st, 1923		3,524 18 9
Payments for Patients :		
From Local and other Statutory		
Authorities	31,364 8	4
From Private Sources	10,422 2	0
Annual Subscriptions		3
Donations	210 12	7
Interest on Sustentation Fund Investments (Including £17 11s. 10d. "Income from		
Joseph Nutter's Gift '')	8,751 10	3
Rent	378 9	0
Bank Interest	93 6	1
		55,064 13 6
Farm and Garden Account:		
Produce sold	1,985 6	7
Produce supplied to Institution		
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£67,296 18 2

Examined and compared with the Books of Account and Vouchers, and certified to be correct.—9th September, 1924.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

to March 31st, 1924.

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£67,296 18 2

Payments.

	£	S.	d.	£	S.	d.
Salaries and Wages (including Medical						
Attendance)	18,630	18	6			
Provisions	11,412					
Uniforms and Patients' Clothing	2,520					
Madiant Danisitan and Danis	179					
Th	1,842	0.00				
Fuel, Lighting and Water	4,484		8			
Washing and Cleaning Articles and other	4,404	-	0			
	628	10	7			
	040	10	,			
Travelling Expenses and Conveyance and	905	1	7			
Removal of Patients	385	1	1			
Books, Postage, Printing, Stationery and	997	11				
Advertisements	887					
Rates, Taxes and Insurance	1,262	19	5			
Maintenance and Repairs of Buildings and						
Machinery	1,825	9		11 000		
	-			44,060	4	10
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Charges for Land and Buildings:						
Structural Improvements, Additions and						
Alterations	490	11	10			
Transfer to Sinking Fund	250	0	0			
Cavendish Reception House: Sinking						
Fund Repayment	188	13	0			
				929	4	10
Transfer to Extensions and Improve-				101303		
ments Account			. 18	12.000	0	0
				,	1	
Farm and Garden Account:	,					
Wages	1,393	11	10			
Live Stock purchased	2,077	1	2			
Provender, Seeds and Manure	2,528	0	4			
Other items	559					
				6,558	0	1
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1924				3,749	8	5
			-		-	

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, Chairman. W. G. WELCH, Vice-Chairman. SAMUEL KEIR, Secretary.

EXTENSIONS AND IM-

Dr.

From April 1st, 1923,

NOTE .- This Account is intended to meet the cost of the new

				Rec	eipt	s.						
							£	S	. d	£	S.	d.
Balance, Ap	ril 1st	t. 19	23:									
Tempo				 			 10,00	0 (0			
Bank												
										12,000	0	0
Interest on	Loan			 			 			312	18	2
Bank Intere											18	11
Cavendish I												
ment										400	13	0
Transfer fro											0	0
										204 511	10	
										£24,511	10	

Audited and found correct.—9th September, 1924.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

SUSTENTATION FUND

Dr.

From April 1st, 1923,

		TRec	eipt	в.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance at Bank,									17	2	8
Legacies						2,500	11	4			
Donations						645	0	0			
Life Interest Payr						67	0	0			
						-	100		3,212	11	4
Sale of Land									76	10	0
Fractions of £,	in Conve	rsion	of I	Railv	vay						
Stocks									2	10	6

£3,308 14 6

Audited and found correct.—9th September, 1924.

A. B. S. WELCH, Lancaster, Auditor.

PROVEMENTS ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1924.

Cr.

Buildings for Custodial Cases and of other Additions or Extensions.

	1	payı	nent	ts.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Cavendish Reception Balance, March 31st, 1					 			2,900	0	0
Temporary Loan					 17,500	0	0			
Bank								21,611	10	1

£24,511 10 1

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, Chairman. W. G. WELCH, Vice-Chairman. SAMUEL KEIR, Secretary.

ANNUAL ACCOUNT.

to March 31st, 1924.

Cr.

A Unit of the Control				
Payments.				
Investments:		£	S.	d.
New Zealand Government:				
£1,000 3½ per cent. Consolidated Stock, 1940	 	867	12	0
London Midland and Scottish Railway:				
£830 4 per cent. Guaranteed Stock	 	713	12	6
0000 1 77 6 61 1	 	175	3	10
£301 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	 	265	14	4
London and North Eastern Railway:				
£200 4 per cent. First Guaranteed Stock	 	171	18	6
£333 3 per cent. Debenture Stock	 	206	3	0
£375 4 per cent. Debenture Stock	 	718	18	4
Balance at Bank, March 31st, 1924	 	189	12	0
		£3,308	14	6

Signed on behalf of the Central Committee:

RICHARD F. CAVENDISH, Chairman. W. G. WELCH, Vice-Chairman. SAMUEL KEIR, Secretary.

SUMMARY OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS

(including Donations to the General, Maintenance and Sustentation Funds and current Annual Subscriptions)

FROM DISTRICTS WHERE COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN FORMED AND PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD.

				Donations,								Anni	Annual Sub- scriptions.				
									£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
LANCASTER									38179	4	9	199	14	9			
LIVERPOOL									13991	1	10	261	10	7			
MANCHESTER	3								12466	8	0	411	5	0			
BRADFORD									11896	18	8	318	11	8			
PRESTON									9655	19	4	44	3	6			
ROCHDALE									8611	7	10	113	0	0			
WESTMORLAN	ND								7096	4	0	141	2	9			
HALIFAX									6562	12	6	276	10	6			
CHESHIRE									6500	13	4	343	9	3			
LEEDS									6431	6	6	100	8	6			
OLDHAM									6214	7	3	28	0	0			
CUMBERLANI)								6193	19	11	194	12	10			
SHEFFIELD									6062	8	6	75	4	6			
YORK									2955	5	4	35	15	0			
DURHAM (Cou	NTY)								2883	18	1	297	13	1			
NORTH LONS	DAL	E							2691	15	8	82	15	7			
BURY									2168	2	2	73	12	0			
BOLTON									2101	14	10	104	19	0			
NORTHUMBEL	RLA	ND							2094	13	3	196	8	3			
HUDDERSFIE	LD								1957	1	5	159	5	0			
BLACKBURN									1852	16	0	37	9	0			
SKIPTON									1508	17	0	3	3	0			
SETTLE									1477	12	11	2	2	0			
SOUTHPORT									1248	11	0	83	19	6			
BURNLEY									1219	14	4	41	7	0			
KEIGHLEY									1071	14	7	10	0	0			
WAKEFIELD									985	0	7	5	15	6			
WARRINGTON	ī								945	15	1	42	2	0			
WIGAN									736	8	10	26	1	6			
ASHTON-UND	ER-I	LYN	E						674	13	6	5	5	0			
HULL									388	6	8	21	11	6			
ROTHERHAM									387	8	6	1	1	0			
SCARBOROUG	H								379	9	4	5	7	0			
ST. HELENS									297	14	6	9	14				
DONCASTER									184	4	9	4	4				

STATISTICS AS TO PATIENTS.

CONDITION OF PATIENTS discharged during the year.

					Males.	Females.	Total
Much improved					4	2	6
Moderately improved	Rel	ieve	d	 	3	0	3
Slightly improved				 	7	5	12
Not improved					10	3	13
Total				 	24	10	34

ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES AND DEATHS from December 14th, 1870, March 31st, 1924.

Admissions							 	 		4236
Discharges							 	 	2611	
Deaths		M 1	91	. 10			 	 	817	
In Institution	n on	March	1 31:	st, 19	124	•••	 	 	808	4236
										1230

RESULTS OF TRAINING of all Discharged Patients.

Much improved Moderately impr	oved) R	elier	 ved	 	737 718		28·23 p 27·50	er cent.
Slightly improve		1			 	626	or	23.97	.,
Not improved					 	2081 530	or or	79·70 20·30	
7	Total				 	2611	or	100.00	,,

AGES OF PATIENTS who have resided in the Institution, and of those who have died, during the fifty-two weeks included in the Medical Superintendent's Annual Report.

AGES.	NO.	OF EACH RESIDENT	AGE	NO. OF EACH AGE DECEASED.			
		Male.	Female.	Total.	Male.	Female.	Total.
From 5 to 10 years		36	11	47	0	0	0
10 ,, 15 ,,		102	50	152	1	3	4
15 ,, 20 ,,		154	73	227	0	3	3
20 and upwards		272	153	425	1	1	2
	-	564	287	851	2	7	9

PRESENTS RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

Anonymous, £1 for Patients' Amusement Fund. Anonymous, 10s. for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Anonymous, 5s. for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Anonymous, Linen for School Industries.

Anderton, J. T., Japanese Rabbit. Barrow, Mrs., Lancaster, Millinery.

Bruce, Mrs., Ashington, Clothing; 2s. 6d. for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Brunskill, J. & Son, Kendal, Hats, Scarves, Flowers, Gloves and Lace. Bryan, Mrs., Upholland, Chocolate and Fruit.

Cook, Miss C., Lancaster, Easter Eggs.

Dakin, Mrs., Blackpool, 5s. for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Dawson, J. F., Ashton-on-Ribble, £1 for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Dowler, Mrs., Liverpool, £1 for Patients' Treat; Chocolate. Fielden, Mrs., Manchester, 5s. for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.

Finney, Mrs., Manchester, Material for Industries.

Groom, Miss M., Flookburgh, 10s. for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Hall, Mr. and Mrs., Bury, Hats for Patients. Hilton, Mrs., Milnthorpe, Childrens' Costumes.

Hornby, Ven. Archdeacon, St. Michael-on-Wyre, Fruit.

Hutton, Mrs., Lancaster, Collars.

Kinnear, Mrs., Montrose, £1 for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Lovegrove, Miss, London, Needlework Materials. Matthews, R. L., Pendleton, Parcels of Clothing.

McRaith, A., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.

Millar, Mrs., Sunderland, £1 for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Myers, Mrs., Shipley, Material for Industries.

Naylor, Mrs., Brierfield, £1 and Cakes for Rodgett Infirmary Patients.

Nicholson, Mrs., Lindale, Games for Patients. Page, Miss, Kendal, Material for Industries. Potter, Mrs., Wallasey, Articles of Clothing. Rawes, Mrs., Lancaster, Cakes for Patients. Richardson, Mrs., Lancaster, Cottons, Buttons.

Stanley, Mrs., and Friends, Cakes for Crewe Patients.

Tarver, Mrs., Lancaster, Parcel of Clothing.

Taylor, Dr. C. Barrie, Marple, Chocolate and Sweets.

Thompson, Mrs., Great Eccleston, 10s. for Patients' Amusement Fund.

Walker, Mrs., Carlisle, Material for Industries. Watmough, Mrs., Denholme, Serge Material.

Wells, Mr. and Mrs., Sheffield, Apparatus for teaching Walking.

Wells, Mrs., Lancaster, Articles of Clothing.

Westhead, Mrs., Atherton, Material for Industries.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Aitken, Dr. James, Lancaster, for Rodgett Infirmary Patients, £2 2s.

Akeroyd, Mrs. A., Birstall, 3s. 6d.

Allinson, Books.

Anderson, A., Blackburn, 5s.

Armstrong, Mrs. M., Darlington, 6s.

Atherton, W. J., Lancaster, 2 Dozen Picture Books.

Baker, Mrs., Thorne, Doncaster, 10s.

Barker, P., Dewsbury, £1.

Barrow, Misses, Yewgarth, Lancaster, Bags of Sweets.

Mrs., Lancaster, Picture Barrow, Miss S. E., Baldrand, Lancaster, 5s.

Bateson, Miss, Lancaster, 2s. 6d.

Bate & Gorst, Lancaster, Sweets. Bayley, Mrs. E. S., Lancaster, 3s.

Beck, G. M., Ravenstonedale, Balls, Toys, etc.

Bell, Major F. Burns, Lancaster, 10s.
Berry, Mrs., Barnacre, Garstang, 10s.
Bowler, Mrs., Didsbury, Case of Oranges.

Briggs, Mrs., Silsden, £5.

Briggs, Wm., D.L., Lancaster, £1. Brown, Sir Charles, Preston, £1 1s. Bruce, J. W., Hirst, Ashington, 5s.

Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. R., Upholland, Wigan, Chocolate, Hair: Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, Apples, Oranges and 10s. 6d.

Burton, Mrs., Halifax, Chocolate. Calvert, Herbert, Penwortham, £1. Carpenter, A. E., Belton, Doncaster, 10s. Carter, Mrs., Ashington, 5s.

Cheetham, Mrs. S., Chester, Christmas Cards, etc.

Choake, Miss J., Lancaster, 2s. 6d.
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. C. F., Leeds, £3.
Clark, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. E., Lancaster,
Case of Oranges.

Cock, Mrs. E., Rossall Beach, £1. Cockerill, Miss F., Lancaster, Dolls' Clothing.

Constable, H. W., Goole, 7s. 6d.

Cook, Miss C., Lancaster, Masks for Childrens' Entertainments.

Cookson, J. W., Lancaster, 5s.

Croft & Ewan, Lancaster, Box of Apples.

Cross, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s.

Cross, Miss D., Lancaster, Books, Toys. Cross, T. & Sons, Lancaster, large Christmas Stocking.

Dakin, W., Blackpool, Toys.

Dalton, R. B., Lancaster, Crackers.
Davies, J. N., Lancaster, Mistletoe.
Dewhurst, W. Vernon, Lancaster, 5s.
Dickinson, J., Heswall Hills, Cheshire,
4 Boxes of Apples.

Dilworth, T., Lancaster, Chocolate. Douthwaite, Mrs., Sheffield, 10s.

Dowler, Mr. and Mrs. J. F., Wallasey, Parcels for twelve Patients and £2.

Durrant, Mrs. W., Summerseat, 5s. Edwards, Mrs., Lancaster, 12s. 6d.

Ewan, Mrs., Lancaster, Stockings and Boxes of Handkerchiefs.

Farnol, R. C., Landerstead, Surrey, £1 for Staff Amusement Fund.

Fielden, Mr. and Mrs. John, Higher Crumpsall, Manchester, £2 2s.

Field, Mr. and Mrs. J. W., Dewsbury, 2s. 6d.

Fitchett, Mrs., London, 2s. 6d. & £1 1s.

Ferguson, Dr. J., Hest Bank, 10s. Frost, Miss B., Lancaster, Balls.

Gibson, Mrs., Lancaster, Purses, Wallets and Jewellery.

Greenwood & Whitehead, Lancaster, £1 1s.

Gregson, Mrs., and Miss Taylor, Scotforth, Doll, Chocolate, Picture Books. Groves, H. L., Windermere, £1 1s.

Harbottle, T., Stockton-on-Tees, 2 Boxes of Oranges.

Harvey, F. L., Didsbury, £4.

Hawson, Mrs., Ainsdale, £2 for Brunton House Staff Amusement Fund.

Hayhurst, Miss, Lancaster, Cakes. Head, W. H., Liverpool, 10s.

Heald, Miss A., Lancaster, £1 1s.

Heywood, Miss E. M., Lancaster, Picture Books and Crackers.

High, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s.

Hodgson, J. B., Lancaster, £1.

Hollyhead, Mrs. A., Pontefract, 10s. Ireland, Mrs. C. A., Arkholme, 2s. 6d. Jackson, Ald. George, Mayor of Lan-

caster, £1 10s.

Jackson, R., Ashton-under-Lyne, 10s. Jameson, J., Ashton-in-Makerfield, 10s. Johnson, Miss A., Lancaster, 5s.

Johnson, Mrs. F. D. and Mrs. E. N., Lancaster, Crackers, Sweets, etc.

Jones, Mrs. J. F., Cheadle Heath, 10s. 6d.

Kay, Mrs. and Miss, Dunford Bridge, Sheffield, Chocolate and 2s. 6d.

Keen, John, Barrow-in-Furness, 10s. Kelsey, Mrs., Sheffield, 2s. 6d.

Lambert, Mrs. E., Witherslack, Scrap Book, etc.

Lancaster District Co-operative Society, Case of Oranges and Box of Apples.

Lawson, Mr. & Mrs. T., Blackpool, £3.
Lawson & Sons, Lancaster, Dolls and Toys.

Lomas, Mrs., Lancaster, 10s., and 10s. for Patients' Amusement Fund. Marshall, Joseph, Thongsbridge, 5s.

Matthews, R. L., Pendleton, Toys, Necklaces, etc.

McFarlane, Geo., Hamilton, 10s. Millington, Mrs., Southwell, 5s. Moore, F., Heysham, Chocolate.

Moorhouse, S., Grimethorpe, 10s.

Naylor, Mrs., Brierfield, Burnley, 10s.; also Fruit, Cakes, Books, etc., and 5s. for Rodgett Infirmary Patients. Nicholas, Mr. and Mrs. W. A., Sheffield, £1; also Collars, Ties, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, and £1 for Rodgett Infirmary Patients,

Nicholson & Co., Lancaster, £1 1s.

Nicholson, Mr. and Mrs., Sheffield, Collars, Ties, Ribbons and Handkerchiefs.

Parkinson, Mr. and Mrs., Warsop, 5s. Parkinson, Mrs. W., Scotforth, Boys' Annuals and Album.

Parkinson, Misses K. and J., Scotforth, Crackers, Toys, etc.

Parkinson, Mrs. Joseph, Lancaster, 10s. Paulden, T. L., Southport, £10 10s. Pennington, G., Ashton-in-Makerfield,

5s.

Perry, Mrs., Hoylake, £1.

Pickering, Mrs., Irlam, Manchester, 5s. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs., Liverpool, Toys, Games, etc.

Procter, J. P., Scotforth, Lancaster, 5s. Procter, Wm., Lancaster, 5s.

Rawes, Mrs., Chocolate and 2s. 6d.

Rawson, J. Selwyn, Sowerby Bridge, 10s.
Reed, Miss Stella, Newcastle, £1 for Staff Amusement*Fund.

Religious Tract Society, London, Books, Magazines, Papers, etc.

Richardson, Mrs., Lancaster, 2s. 6d.

Richardson, Miss, Lancaster, 5s. Riley and Cottam, Misses, Lancaster,

Sweets, Toys, etc.

Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C., Lancaster, Picture Books.

Robinson, J. A., Lancaster, Boxes of Crackers.

Rodger, J. W., Westbury-on-Trym, £1. Roper, Mrs., London, £1 1s.

Russell, Miss, Ashton-on-Mersey, £2.

Saxton, F., Rugby, 5s. Saxton, W., Retford, 5s.

Seward, C. F., Lancaster, £1. Sharples, Mrs. T., Prescot, 10s.

Shaw, W. H., Bradford, £5.

Sheen, J. R., Seacombe, Balls, Handkerchiefs, etc.

Sherren, Miss, Lancaster, 5s.

Shuttleworth, Dr. and Mrs., Hampstead, London, Crackers.

Simpson, Misses, Lancaster, Christmas Illustrated Papers, Pictures and 10s.

Simpson, Mrs., Scotforth, Toys. Singleton, J. E., K.C., Howick, £2 2s.

Smith, Mrs. J. W., Sheffield, 10s. Smith, Richard, Lancaster, £1.

Smith, Miss M. A. Moore, Sheffield, Scrap Books.

Smiths, T. D., Ltd., Lancaster, Case of Apples.

Snowball, Mrs. T. E., Lancaster, 10s. Soulsby, Mrs., Spennymoor, 5s.

Sowden, J. B., Birkenhead, 10s. 6d. Stackhouse, Mrs., Montreal, 10s.

Stork, Mrs. C. J. W., Morecambe, 10s. 6d.

Sudworth, Joseph, Ashton-in-Makerfield, 2s. 6d.

Sutcliffe, J., Hyde, £2.

Sutton, Mrs., Farington, Preston, 5s. Taylor, Dr. C. Barrie, Marple, Games, Picture Books, etc.

Taylor, Mrs., Clitheroe, Cake and £1.
Thompson, Robert, Lancaster, Case of Oranges and Boxes of Tangerines.

Thornburrow, Misses, Lancaster, Cakes and Crackers.

Thornton, J., Lancaster, Illustrated Papers.

Todd, Miss, Lancaster, Balls, Games, etc. Tomkinson, Mrs., Crewe, £1 1s.

Tonge, Mr. and Mrs., Leyland (collected), £2 9s. 6d.

Toogood, H., Masterton, New Zealand, £5.

Troughton, Henry, Lancaster, Candles for Christmas Trees.

Varcoe, Mrs., Lancaster, Sweets and Nuts.

Varley, Misses, Lancaster, Books and 2 large Christmas Stockings.

Wade, Mrs., Morecambe, Christmas Cards.

Walker, Mrs. J., Lancaster, Annuals. Warburton, Miss H., Stockport, 2s.

Ward, Mrs. W. H., Lancaster, Parcels for Patients and 10s.

Ward, Wm., Batley, 5s.

Wearing, Miss, Parkfield, Lancaster, £1.

Webster, Mrs., Bradford, 5s. Welch, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. S., Lan-

caster, Barrel of Apples.

Welch, John, Lancaster, 7s. 6d.

Welch, W. G., Hampson, Lancaster, £2. Wells, G. E., Sheffield, Pocket-knives, Needle-cases and £3 3s.

Westhead, Mr. and Mrs., Atherton, Chocolate.

Wigley, J. M., Lancaster, £1 1s. Womersley, Mrs., Halifax, 5s.

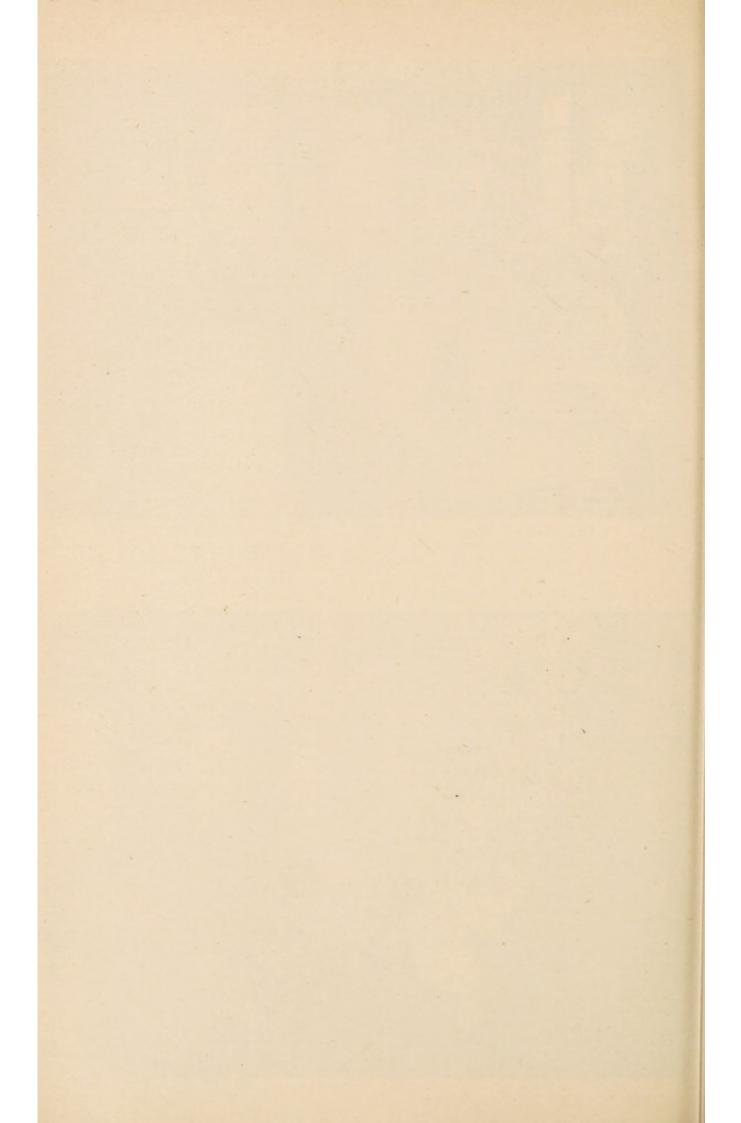
Woodhouse, Mrs., Scotforth, Chocolate. Wright, George, Lancaster, 10s.



STOREY HOME DINING ROOM.



FARM COLONY DINING ROOM.



SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, 1923—24.	
01 20112 001(111120110) 1310 111	£ s. d.
Messrs. Storey Brothers & Co., Ltd., Lancaster	52 10 0
Duadford Duora! Association	50 0 0
Chaffeld Tarre Tourston	50 0 0
Mrs. Arthur Duncan, Westbourne, Otley:	30 0 0
	16 0 0
Proceeds of special efforts at Otley (1923)	46 8 8
,, (1924)	36 9 6
Mrs. Tomkinson, Clifford House, Crewe, proceeds of Flag Day	26 19 1
Mrs. Widdrington, Newton Hall, Felton, Northumberland:	
Part proceeds of Garden Festival (1923)	25 0 0
,, ,, ,, ,, (1924)	10 0 0
Woolcombers Ltd., Bradford	20 0 0
Exors, of Sir W. P. Hartley, Southport	12 0 0
Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid (Charities Fund) (1923)	8 0 0
(1024)	10 0 0
Mr. W. W. Galloway, The Willows, Ashton-on-Ribble	10 10 0
Messrs. Platt Brothers, Oldham	10 10 0
Bonney Tourist Frond I Lineared	10 10 0
M T. L	10 10 0
A Eviand Dolton	
A Friend, Bolton	
Brighouse Infirmaries and Hospitals Committee	10 0 0
Trustees of Sir James Reckitt Charity, Hull	10 0 0
Huddersfield Board of Guardians	7 17 6
Mr. Geo. M. Hand, Kino Picture House, Crewe (Collections)	7 7 0
Miss E. G. Holt, Sudley, Moss Hill, Liverpool	7 7 0
Mr. G. B. Bainbridge, Espley Hall, Morpeth	5 5 0
The Blainscough Colliery Co., Ltd., Coppull	5 5 0
Mr. W. A. Fitzgerald, 37, Curzon Street, Chester	5 5 0
Messrs. Joshua Hoyle & Sons, Ltd., Bacup	5 5 0
Mr. Samuel Lamb, Denzell, Altrincham	5 5 0
Rochdale Board of Guardians	5 5 0
Sedgefield Board of Guardians	5 5 0
Tourstone of Doon Dominist's Charity Vandal	5 5 0
Tourstone of Boolton's Charity Country	5 5 0
Miss Wall West Dank Dum mussed of Delias Counts	5 5 0
Mr. Conne Clamenter Eulevall Tuldeslav Manchester	5 0 0
Mr. R. Crossfield, Ford House, Ulverston	5 0 0
Mr. Gerald Garnett, Dolphinholme	5 0 0
Mr. Robert G. Peel, Moreton Hall, Congleton	5 0 0
Mr. John G. Peel, 214, Corn Exchange Buildings, Manchester	5 0 0
CO ODEDATIVE INDUSTRIAL AND EDIENDLY COCI	PTIEC
CO-OPERATIVE, INDUSTRIAL AND FRIENDLY SOCI	EIIES.
	£ s. d.
Co-operative Wholesale Society, Manchester	21 0 0
Lancaster District Co-operative Society	20 0 0
Crewe Co-operative Friendly Society	12 12 0
Gateshead Industrial Co-operative Society	10 10 0
Deal data Panitable Dispensed Conists	10 10 0
Buigh and District Industrial Conists	5 5 0
Bury District Co-operative Society	5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0 5 5 0
Dewsbury Industrial Pioneers' Society	5 5 0
Great and Little Bolton Co-operative Society	5 5 0
Heywood Industrial Co-operative Society	5 5 0

Huddersfield Industrial Society Jarrow and Hebburn Co-operative Society Manchester and Salford Equitable Co-operative Oldham Equitable Co-operative Society Rochdale Provident Co-operative Society Stockport Industrial and Equitable Co-operatic Cleator Moor Co-operative Society Eccles Provident Co-operative Society Great Harwood Co-operative Society Hebden Bridge Co-operative Society Newcastle Co-operative Society Southend Co-operative Society Southend Co-operative Society Todmorden Co-operative Society Smaller amounts	ve Society		£ 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3	5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 16	d. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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DONATIONS			-		,
Messrs. Storey Brothers & Co., Ltd., Lancaste Miss J. Robinson, West View, St. George's Av Collection at St. Michael-on-Wyre Church, per Miss Emily Barnes, 7, Carlton Gardens, Stany Mr. Chas. H. Cook, 12, Albany Road, Southp Miss Hignett, Bankfield House, West Derby, Mrs. Lewin, Kirklevington Hall, Yarm Mr. Herbert Moser, Mayor of Kendal, Town I Mr. Chas. E. Richardson, Kirklevington Hall, Major T. G. Sandeman, Ellel Grange, Lancas Colonel Denis de Vitré, Gresgarth Hall, Cator Smaller amounts	venue, Black Rev. H. Service, Carlisort Liverpool Hall, Kender Yarm ter PTIONS.	ackpool . L. Hornl sle dal	5 5 5 5 5 5 5	s. 0 0 6 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 18	d. 0 0 7 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6
Mr. Wm. Welch, 35, Park Drive, Harrogate Mr. Frank C. Wilson, 5, Fulwood Park, Liver Mr. Barclay Clemesha, 2, Watling Street Road Under £2 0s. 0d.: 11 at £1 1s. 0d. each 4 at £1 0s. 0d each	ort ord, Roch West, Mar Liverpool pool l, Fulwoo	dale	44 10 5 5 2 2 2	10 0 5 0 3 2 2 2 2 2 0 11 0	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

SPECIAL LEEDS DONATIONS.

SPECIAL LEEDS DONATIONS.			
	£	S.	d.
Ald. C. F. Tetley, Fox Hill, Weetwood, Leeds	100		0
Mr F M I unten (the late) Newton Park I sade	71		0
Misses Puder Person Hill Converset Londo	70		0
Miss Bulmer Planhaim Ladge Lands	50	-	0
			0
Miss March, Beech Grove House, Leeds			
Mr. C. F. Clark, Shortacres, Moor Allerton			3
Messrs. Joseph Hobson & Son, Regent Street, Leeds		10	0
Mr. H. Illingworth Bowring, Barbon	5.4	10	0
Mr. J. W. Oxley, Spenfield, Weetwood, Leeds	. 10	0	0
Mr. W. Sheepshanks, Arthington Hall, Leeds	. 10	0	0
Col. C. H. Tetley, Roundhay Lodge, Leeds	. 10	0	0
Mr. Edwin Woodhouse (the late), Brookleigh, Calverley	. 10	0	0
Messrs. Chorley & Pickersgill, 39, Cookridge Street	. 8	8	0
Mr. Wm. Harvey, 8, North Hill Road, Headingley	. 7	2	0
Mr. John Town (the late), Butt's Court, Leeds	7	0	0
Messrs. A. W. Bain & Sons, Post Office House, Leeds	5	5	0
Mr. I. Marshall Danwick, Low Hall Vonden	5	5	0
Mr. Frank Cott North Dritish Duildings Foot Doredo	5	5	0
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Mr. Wm. Green, 51, Briggate, Leeds			0
Mr. Wm. Irwin, Quarry Dane, Kirkstall, Leeds		5	0
Mr. W. L. Kirby, Briarfield, Park Road, Harrogate		5	0
The Hon. Miss A. Kitson, Gledhow Grange, Leeds		5	0
Mr. F. W. Kitson, Burley Hill, Leeds		5	0
Mr. A. G. Lupton, Beechwood, Roundhay, Leeds		5	0
Messrs. Procter Bros., 42-46, Call Lane, Leeds	5	5	0
Mr. E. J. Silcock, 10, Park Row, Leeds	5	5	0
Messrs. T. Spence, Holbeck, Leeds	5	5	0
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Mr. A. M. McQuat, The Grange, Harrogate Road, Leeds	3	3	0
Mr. R. B. Stephens, 20, Park Row, Leeds	3	3	0
Mr. J. L. Walker, Oak Lodge, Roundhay	3	3	0
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EXTRACTS FROM SPEECHES.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, LEEDS, OCTOBER 17th, 1924.

ELECTION OF LANCASTER MEMBERS.

Mr. W. A. BRIGG (Kildwick Hall), in moving the appointment of the fifteen Lancaster members of the Central Committee for the ensuing year, said that upon these gentlemen devolved the responsibility for the management of the Institution, and the Annual Report showed how well they had performed their duty during the last ten critical years. Living in the district, they were always in close touch with the work, while they had had the assistance of those members of the Westmorland, North Lonsdale, Preston, Liverpool, Leeds, Bradford, Manchester, Cumberland and other County and Local Committees who were able to attend the meetings in Lancaster. Other distant members, who could not attend personally, received the agendas and printed minutes, and were thus kept in touch with the work, so that all parts of the associated area were able to share in the management. The Annual Report showed the importance of the work done by the Committee, but this became more exacting with the growth of the Institution, particularly in these difficult times. The Committee were exceptionally fortunate in having Lord Richard Cavendish as their Chairman. During his fourteen years' tenure of office, his Lordship had missed only three or four annual meetings, once when absent in Canada, and on another occasion when on active service in France. The Committee were also fortunate in having as their three Vice-Chairmen Mr. Tetley (Chairman of the Yorkshire Committee), Mr. Killey (Chairman of the Liverpool Committee), and Mr. Welch. Mr. Welch, as the local Vice-Chairman, had been frequently consulted upon difficult and important questions, and had always been ready to place his time and experience at the service of the Institution. The Storey family, who had supported the Institution so generously, were represented by Mr. H. L. Storey and Mr. I. H. Storey; while Mr. Briggs, Mr. Smith, Mr. Booth and Mr. Helme, were Chairmen respectively of the Finance, Farm, Election and Stores Committees. Mr. J. T. Travis-Clegg, who had for some years past been associated with work of this kind in connection with the Lancashire Deficiency Committee, was nominated for appointment as a Lancaster member in place of the late Mr. H. J. Coulston.-The resolution was seconded by Mr. A. R. POLLIT (Halifax) and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC MEETING AT LEEDS, OCTOBER 17th, 1924.

LORD MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

Subsequently a public meeting took place, presided over by Sir EDWIN AIREY, the Lord Mayor of Leeds, who said it was a great pleasure to offer the hospitality of those rooms to the Royal Albert Institution, and he hoped it would be the means of creating greater interest in its work and producing more support. The present year was one of great interest in the history of the Institution, since it marked the diamond jubilee, the Royal Albert having been founded in 1864. The continued progress of the Institution was testified to by the fact that there were about 800 patients, all of whom, with the exception of about 27, were drawn from the seven northern counties. It was nineteen years since the last public meeting was held on behalf of the Institution in Leeds, and he was sure they would join with him in congratulating Alderman Tetley, who had maintained his interest in the work of the Institution for the long period of fifty years. This was typical of his benevolent and charitable disposition.

LORD RICHARD CAVENDISH'S REVIEW.

The Right Hon. Lord RICHARD CAVENDISH emphasised the fact that although the Institution was situated at Lancaster it was intended to benefit the whole of the seven northern counties, Yorkshire, with 312 out of the 808 patients, now having the largest proportion of the inmates. They had come there that day to give their Yorkshire friends an opportunity of offering any criticism or of making any suggestion as to the Institution's future welfare; and they were also going to ask them for their increased support.

CHARITABLE BASIS OF THE INSTITUTION.

Before asking anyone to subscribe, he should like to emphasise the charitable nature of the Institution. If they looked at the Report they would see that of the large number of cases treated in the 60 years of the Institution's existence considerably more than one half were clearly of a charitable nature, and if it had not been for the generosity of the almsgiving public these patients would never have received treatment at all. It was perfectly true that they did now receive a large number of patients who were paid for by public bodies, but nevertheless the work of the Royal Albert rested essentially upon a charitable They were not merely carrying out work which would otherwise be performed by other public bodies or boards of guardians, but had handed over to them a great charitable Institution which it was their duty to hand on in the same useful state as they found it. Before subscribing to such an Institution, any one could properly enquire whether it was efficiently managed and carried out the purposes for which it was intended. From the financial point of view. they could be perfectly sure that the Board of Control would not tolerate wasteful, unnecessary or extravagant expenditure.

BENEFITS CONFERRED.

They claimed that they gave their patients the utmost possible benefit during the time they were under their care, and they also contended that, while doing everything that modern ideas, science and medical knowledge could suggest, the work was economically and efficiently carried out. Regarding its usefulness there could be no two opinions. The need for the care of mentally affected children to-day was far greater than ever before in the history of the country. The necessity for removing such children from the terrible conditions under which many of them spent their early lives had never been so great. They therefore attempted, and did so successfully, to give a home to a large number of these poor children.

RESULTS ATTAINED.

Whether their treatment was successful only experience in the long run could show, but now after sixty years they had a very considerable foundation of experience to act upon. They had not only the testimony of countless parents who had written to them expressing gratitude at the treatment their children had received, but a more tangible result in the greatly improved mental state and general habits of the inmates committed to their care. In the testimony of the special Commissioners sent down by the Board of Control, they had the crucial test which could be applied to an Institution like this.

IMPORTANT SCHEME OF EXTENSION.

But they were not content merely to rest upon their past laurels; medical science was always advancing, and it was necessary for an Institution like the Royal Albert to be up-to-date. Dr. Coupland, their Medical Superintendent, would be the first to realise that there was still much to be done in this respect, but he was perfectly indefatigable in keeping himself abreast of modern science, and he was ably backed up by his two Medical Assistants and by their

Secretary, Mr. Keir. They must not rest content with remaining as they were; they were changing and constantly making improvements. All sorts of suggestions were made as to the classification of the patients and different methods of instruction, and he thought they could rely on it that they were not to be caught napping or getting into a backwater but were up-to-date in all respects. That was an auspicious occasion in the history of the Institution, not merely because it was the celebration of their diamond jubilee but because they were about to embark on a largely extended scheme of usefulness. contemplated making provision for 300 or more additional patients. This was a large undertaking, especially when they remembered that they had already 800 patients; it represented a very considerable addition. This particular provision was for the lower-grade type of patient. They had so far concentrated on the more improvable cases, but they recognised that one of the crying needs of to-day was the provision of Institutional care for the lower-grade defectives, whose mental outlook could not be much improved, but for whom a great deal could be done physically. The Board of Control were very anxious that provision should be made for this type of case, and he hoped that public bodies in Yorkshire would take advantage of this increased accommodation. They claimed that with the experience they had and their highly-trained staff they could give facilities for the training and well-being of lower-grade cases which could not be obtained outside, and he hoped Yorkshire would continue to send such patients.

LEEDS HELPERS.

They had been exceedingly fortunate at Leeds in having connected with them the family of their excellent chairman, Ald. Tetley, who had been associated with their Institution for fifty years, and whose son had just joined the Central Committee. They were also fortunate in having as Hon. Secretary for the Leeds Committee Mr. Clark, who had acted in that capacity for thirteen years past and had been indefatigable in his work for the benefit of the Institution.

WORK OF LADIES' ASSOCIATIONS.

He would like to emphasise the part Ladies' Associations had played in connection with the Royal Albert in many parts of the northern counties. They had been the means of collecting vast sums of money. They had taken an active interest in the welfare of the patients who had been discharged more or less improved, and altogether had been of enormous advantage to them. Miss Mozley (Hon. Secretary of the Leeds Ladies' Association) had rendered most valuable assistance during recent critical years, but would welcome the help of additional lady collectors. They were also very grateful for the splendid work done by Lady Priestley in connection with the Bradford District Association.

APPEAL FOR CONTINUED GENEROUS SUPPORT.

In conclusion his Lordship once more emphasised the urgent need for continuing the support given to the Institution. A growing consciousness of the urgent need for attention with regard to their feeble-minded population had been aroused. There were special schools for the incapable, but there must always be a large number who would require Institutional treatment, and it was in such an Institution as theirs that accommodation might be found. He earnestly asked them all to give generous and continuing support to the Royal Albert, and so help forward the noble work which had been carried on for the last sixty years.

SPECIAL LEEDS APPEAL.

Ald. C. F. Tetley then moved a resolution expressing the hope that a generous response to the Central Committee's appeal for increased support would enable them to carry through their complete scheme for the provision of a series of detached Homes, thus meeting the pressing demand for accommodation for defectives of the lower grades. In doing so he stated that a special appeal for local support, promoted by him as Chairman of the Leeds Committee, had brought in donations amounting to £700. This sum had been invested in Leeds Corporation Stock, the interest from which would be applied towards the maintenance of local patients. As Lord Richard had said they had reason to feel thankful for the success shown in the Report in their hands. Already their accommodation had been largely increased, and they hoped in the future to make further extensions for the people they had to deal with. In Great Britain we certainly had no less than 160,000 feeble-minded people, and only one-tenth were being properly treated. They would agree with him that anything the Royal Albert and similar Institutions could do towards caring for these unfortunates was certainly for the good of the nation and would not be money thrown away. It was a very difficult question, and very sad, but there were charitable people who would help them if they only knew what to do and how to do it, in which case he felt their difficulties would be very much less than in the past. He noticed that the Homes they had built had effected a great improvement in those sent there. They lived in a beautiful atmosphere, were put to simple occupations, and in the case of the lower grades were kept thoroughly well occupied out of doors and trained so far as training was possible.

STAFF DEVOTION.

He was sure whenever he went he could endorse everything that had been said about the comfort of the patients and the kindliness of the attendants. There was a bond of fellowship between them. It was pleasant to read of the number of attendants who had received medals for long service, which could not be an easy or cheerful thing, for most of their time was occupied with these unfortunate patients. He respected these men and women who gave themselves so loyally and willingly to the service of their fellows. It was interesting to see how the patients were entertained, and how they enjoyed such things as the cinema, and considered it a great honour to be allowed to join in exhibition dances. Another thing they had to congratulate themselves upon was the low death-rate. These people were very degenerate, and an extraordinarily high death-rate amongst them was naturally expected. Much more interest was now taken in mental research than was the case years ago, and from the study of methods and means of relieving these unfortunates they had great hopes. Research was absolutely necessary, and he earnestly hoped that it would lead them to improved methods of dealing with this terrible affliction.

PRESENT STAFF: LONG-SERVICE MEDALLISTS.

GOLD MEDALS.

Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth, Medical	Edward B. Shaw, Accountant	1880
Superintendent and Honorary	Elizabeth Atkinson, Charge Nurse	1881
Consulting Physician 1870	Jane Irwin, Nurse	1882
Geo. Parsons, Master Shoemaker †1871	Frederick Varey, Head Gardener	1883
Worthy Parsons, Shoemaker 1875	Albert Macdonald, Steward	1883
Thomas Cumpsty, Head Plumber †1876	Andrew Yule, Chief Attendant	*1880

Benjamin Vere, Schoolmaster 1885 Alfred Thomas Gallaway, Teacher Elizabeth Hayton, Nurse 1887 Arthur Ernest Sutcliffe, Assistant Storekeeper 1887 Elizabeth Metcalfe, Assistant Matron 1888 Edward Knowles, Estate Workman 1889 Jas. McWhinnie, Surgery Att. 1889 William Parkinson Gardener 1889 Tom Bell, Tailor 1889 Thomas Jackson, Stoker 1890 Charles B. Bennett, Shoemaker 1890 Benjamin Owen, Clerk 1890 Thomas T. Goad, Brushmaker 1890 William Arkwright, Gardener 1890	Joseph Wilson, Joiner Joseph Smith, Plumber Dr. W. H. Coupland, Medical Superintendent Samuel Keir, Secretary Edmund W. Bradford, Attendant John Brownrigg, Farm Man Fredk. W. Leach, Clerk of Works Agnes Forrest, Wardrobe Keeper Alice Siviour, Matron William Physick, Attendant Sarah Dunbar, Nurse Jane Agnes Nelson, Tailoress Marie L. E. Campbell, Brunton House Matron	*1889 1894 1897 1897 1898 *1895 1900 1901 1902 1902 1902 1904 1906
SILVER	MEDALS.	
Frank Bullock, Attendant 1908 Harry Wild, Printer 1908 Charles Kittson, Attendant *1888 Maggie Rawes, Nurse *1908 Richard Yates, Attendant *1908 Christopher Altham, Butcher 1908 Pearson Burrough, Tailor 1908 Martha Lindley, Cook 1916 John Templeton, Charge Att 1916	William E. Gunson, Stores Clerk Robert C. Swarbrick, Attendant Robert F. Davidson, Painter Elizabeth Wilcock, Nurse Mrs. Winifred Templeton, Charge Nurse Thos. Fredk. Hully, Charge Att.	1910 1911 1911 1911 1912 1912 1912 1912
BRONZE	MEDALS.	
Orlando Meadows, Attendant 1912 John J. Taylor, Dynamo Man 1912 Amy Lavinia Morge, Nurse *1912 Mary Hartley, Nurse-Matron 1913 Robert Bland, Labourer 1914 Beatrice Hodgson, Laundress *1912 William Wilson, Joiner 1914 Joseph H. Towers, Attendant 1914 Walter Hodgson, Attendant 1914 Wm. Geo. Heaton, Labourer 1914 John Brockbank, Attendant *1916 Frank Brown, Attendant 1911 John Cragg, Attendant 1912 John Cragg, Attendant 1913 John Cragg, Attendant 1914 Ellen M. Seekins, Upholstress 1915 Mrs. Edith B. Pearson, Laundress *1912 Winifred Bilsborough, Nurse *1916 Sarah C. Lucas, Nurse 1916 Sarah C. Lucas, Nurse 1916 Elizabeth Scott, Clerk 1916 William Foster, Stoker 1916	William H. Hancock, Attendant Annie Annandale, Clerk Matthew Arkwright, Baker James R. Wilson, Attendant Mary J. Johnson, Nurse William Lambert, Farm Man William Lambert, Farm Man William J. Stimson, Attendant Mabel A. Sergeant, Clerk Eliza Jane Lucas, Nurse Nellie Choake, Teacher Irene B. Thomson, District Organiser James Shaw, Tailor Winifred Stears, Charge Nurse Agnes M. Valentine, Industrial Instructor Mrs. Jessie L. Cooke, Teacher	1916 1916 1916 1916 1916 1916 1916 *1916 *1917 1917 1917 1917 1917 1917



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