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# CHELTHENHAM MIDWIFERY INSTITUTION,

For providing medical attendance and other assistance to poor women at their confinement, and through the lying-in month.

## PATRONESS

Right Hon. the DOWAGER LADY CLONBROCK.

*Treasurer*—Mrs. THICKE, 11, Suffolk Square.

*Secretary*—Mrs. THOMAS, Sandford Lodge.

(Together with a Committee of Ladies.)

## CONSULTING SURGEON

WILLIAM WOOD, Esq., Surgeon to the Cheltenham Dispensary and Casualty Hospital.

## SURGEONS-ACCOUCHEUR,

AUGUSTUS EVES, Esq.	J.H.F. SPENCER, Esq. M.D.
Surgeon to the Cheltenham Dispensary and Casualty Hospital.	Late Resident Assistant to the New Lying-in-Hospital, Dublin.

At the Annual Meeting of this Society held on Saturday the 25th of March, at the Royal Old Well Pump Room, the following Resolutions were passed.

I. That the Report of the proceedings of the last Year, together with the Treasurers account be printed.

II. That the thanks of this Society be given to the Treasurer, and Secretary, for their valuable services during the past, and that they be requested to continue the same during the present Year.

III That the thanks of this society, be presented to the Medical Officers, for their indefatigable and constant attention to the Medical Department of this Institution.

IV. That the sum of £2. 2 0. be presented to the Funds of the General Hospital and Dispensary, for the supply of Medicine for the ensuing Year.

## REPORT.

The Committee have much pleasure in laying before the Subscribers the first Report of their Institution, which has been productive of more good to the poor of the town of Cheltenham

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during the past year, than their most sanguine expectations, led them to anticipate. By the Medical Reports which have been forwarded to the Committee quarterly, it appears that thirty-six poor women have been attended, and that eight remain on the books for attendance.

Those Subscribers who have visited their patients, well know the great thankfulness these poor creatures have expressed, for the benefits they have derived from this Institution. The greater number have received that monthly supply of linen without which it is probable in some cases at least, that their offspring would have perished; and eighteen shillings have been expended for those who had scarcely the means of subsistence, but the funds of our Society were so low at its commencement that the Rule which now exists, that of three shillings for nourishment, in extreme cases of distress could not be adhered to. It will be seen by the Treasurer's account, that the Linen, &c. necessary to complete these Boxes (which the Poor have monthly in succession) have amounted to the sum of £19 0s. 8½d., and that, seventeen shillings have been paid to the National School for making these articles. This latter sum may be thought small, it is so, as the Ladies who were present at last year's General Meeting, agreed to do the work themselves, in order that the Society should have no more to pay, than was absolutely required.

There is one sum in the Treasurer's account which the Committee were sorry to expend, namely, £5 5s. for advertising in the Cheltenham papers. This occurred in consequence of the Treasurer of a New Lying-in-Dispensary, stating in his address, that in Cheltenham there was no Institution directly applicable to the support of women at the time of childbirth, and the Committee were then obliged to remind the public that their Institution still existed, and had filled up that vacancy which the New Dispensary was calculated to do, supposing the Cheltenham Midwifery Institution did not exist. The Committee say they were sorry to expend in advertising, but that advertisement it will be seen by the Treasurer's account, brought in an amount of £12 4s. 6d., which must be very gratifying to all the subscribers to this excellent charity. The Committee cannot conclude their Report without thanking the subscribers for the subscriptions and donations received, and hope they will use their utmost influence among their friends, in soliciting support for an Institution, whose sole object is the relief of the *pauper* when overtaken by the pain and danger of childbirth. To all, that period is one of great solicitude, but immeasurably so to those, who in poverty, nakedness, and privation of every sort, are condemned to await their hour of peril exposed to all the sufferings and dangers attendant on their situation, without medical assistance or proper nourishment, and frequently without even the consoling voice of a friend to alleviate their distress. The clergy and medical practitioner whom duty and humanity lead to visit these scenes of misery; and those chari-



table individuals, who desert the gayer scenes of life to devote themselves to benevolent pursuits, can alone appreciate the sufferings, and be aware of the fatalities daily incident to poor females in such situations.

### TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

1836 & 7.		1836 & 7.	
<i>Treasurer Creditor.</i>		<i>Treasurer Debtor.</i>	
£. s. d.		£. s. d.	
Amount of Subscriptions and Donations for the year ending March 25th, 1837 . . . . .	20 3 6	Books, Printing Rules, Circulars, &c., at the first formation of the Institution . . . . .	3 15 0
Received from six ladies 1s. each towards printing Committee circulars . . . . .	0 6 0	Materials for furnishing boxes, namely, linen, calico, flannel, &c. &c., as per account . . . . .	19 0 8½
Amount of Subscriptions and Donations lately received for the year ending March 25, 1838 . . . . .	12 4 6	Work done at National School . . . . .	0 17 0
		Paid to six poor women 3s. each . . . . .	0 18 0
		Advertising in the three Cheltenham papers, and the Cheltenham Magazine . . . . .	5 5 0
		Miss Hasell, for use of old well pump room . . . . .	1 1 0
		Balance in Treasurer's hands . . . . .	1 17 3½
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These accounts examined and found correct.

(Signed)

ELIZA RIDLER,  
ANNE COLT.

### SUBSCRIBERS NAMES, FOR 1836.

	£.	s.	d.
Billings, Mrs. Thos. 2 <i>Park-promenade</i> Ann. Sub.	0	10	0
Bubb Mrs. J. 4, <i>Lansdown-villas</i> . . . . . (Donation)	1	1	0
Bulgin Mrs. <i>Oxford-place</i> . . . . . Annual Sub	0	10	0
Clonbrock The Dowager Lady . . . . . (Donation)	5	0	0
Colt Mrs. <i>High-street</i> . . . . . Annual Sub	1	1	0
D'Orville, Miss, <i>Huntley-lodge</i> . . . . . "	0	5	0
Elliot, Mrs., <i>Arcade</i> . . . . . "	0	5	0
Eves, Mrs., 10, <i>Promenade-villas</i> . . . . . "	0	10	0
Fielden. Mrs., 13, <i>Oxford-place</i> . . . . . "	0	10	6
A Friend . . . . . "	0	10	0
Gaskell, Mrs., 4. <i>Bedford-buildings</i> . . . . . "	0	5	0
Griffiths. Mrs., <i>High-street</i> . . . . . "	0	10	0
Gunstone. Mrs, . . . . . "	0	10	0
Harper, Mrs, <i>High-street</i> (and a donation of linen) . . . . .	0	5	0
Hovell, Miss. <i>Marlborough-house</i> . . . . . Annual Sub.	0	10	0
Kershaw, Mrs., <i>Grosvenor-street</i> . . . . . "	0	5	0
Kirkland, Miss, <i>Belmont-cottage</i> . . . . . "	0	10	0
Kirstien, Miss, 10, <i>Regent-street</i> . . . . . "	0	10	0
Matthews, Mrs., <i>High-street</i> . . . . . "	0	5	0
Newbury, Mrs. . . . . . "	0	10	0
Peek, Mrs., <i>High-street</i> . . . . . "	0	5	0

Ridler, Mrs., <i>Bank, Clarence-street</i>	"	. 0 10 0
Smelt, Mrs.	"	. 1 0 0
Stoodley, Miss, <i>Huntley-lodge</i>	"	. 0 5 0
Thicke, Mrs., <i>11, Suffolk-square</i>	"	. 1 1 0
Thomas, Mrs., <i>Sandford-lodge</i>	"	. 0 10 0
Trench, Lady Le Poer, <i>13, Pitville-parade</i>	"	. 0 10 0
Walker, Miss	(Donation)	. 1 0 0
Williams, Rev. H. H.,	"	. 0 10 0
Winterbotham, Mrs. J., <i>Clarence-sq.</i>	Annual Sub.	. 0 10 0
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		£20 3 6

*The following persons have lately become Subscribers for the year ending March, 1838.*

A'hmuty, Mrs., <i>Union Cottage</i>	Annual Sub.	. 1 0 0
Bailey, Mrs., <i>Alstone-lodge</i>	"	. 1 0 0
Banbury, Mrs., <i>St. George's-place</i>	"	. 0 5 0
Bell, Mrs., <i>5, Oxford-parade</i>	"	. 1 0 0
Bird, Miss, <i>Promenade Villas</i>	"	. 0 10 0
Gardner, Mrs., <i>160, High-street</i>	"	. 1 1 0
Hamilton, Mrs., <i>10, Suffolk-square</i>	"	. 0 10 0
Jenner, Capt.	(Donation)	. 0 10 6
Lambirth, Mrs., <i>345, High-street</i>	Annual Sub.	. 1 0 0
Nicholson, Mrs., <i>Sherborne-house</i>	"	. 1 1 0
Potts, Esq.	"	. 1 1 0
Seward, Mrs., <i>1, North-parade</i>	"	. 1 0 0
Vesey, Mrs. Colonel, <i>1, Portland-place</i>	"	. 0 10 0
Wells, Mrs., <i>Winchcomb-street</i>	"	. 0 5 0
Wells Mrs., <i>High-street</i>	"	. 0 5 0
Whinyates, Miss, <i>10, North-place</i>	"	. 0 5 0
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