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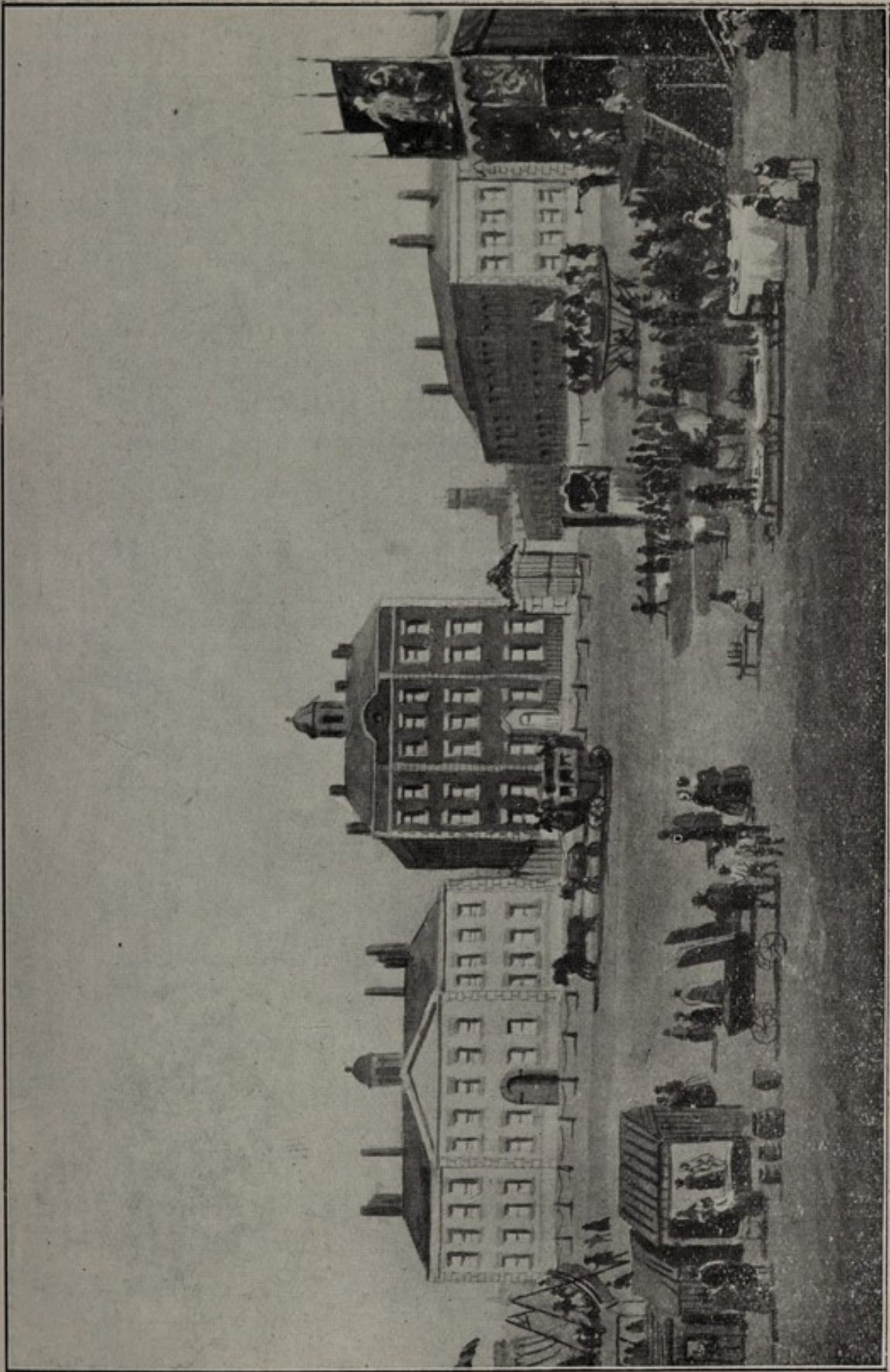


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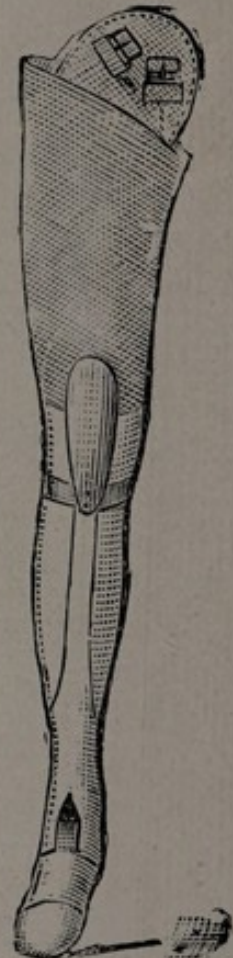
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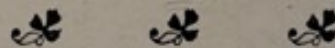
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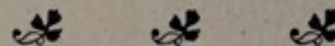
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1745 to 1922

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The Building was opened in 1749, and cost £2,618. In 1820 the Hospital having become inadequate, and the site being desired for improvements in contemplation by the Corporation, a new site in Brownlow Street with an Annuity of £210 was granted. The Foundation Stone was laid in 1821 by Lord Stanley, and the building was opened in 1824 at a cost of £20,426.

In 1830 and 1834 a Lunatic Asylum and Lock Hospital were built. In 1863 the Nurses' Home in Ashton Street was built, the pioneer institution in this movement which was to exercise so great and beneficial an influence on Hospital management and among the community. In 1881 the portion of the Hospital land on which stood the Lunatic Asylum was acquired by the London and North Western Railway. This was the nucleus of a fund for re-building the Hospital, to which the Corporation contributed £15,000, and at a meeting in the Town Hall in December, 1882, £55,000 was promised.

On the old, but largely extended, site, the Foundation Stone of the present building (Illustration No. 3) was laid by the Earl of Derby in October, 1887, and exactly three years afterwards the building was opened by H.R.H. the late Duke of Clarence, the total cost having been £181,000.

Then the Out-patient Department became inadequate, mainly owing to the change of opinion in the value of Out-patient Treatment. In 1887, when the Infirmary was built, the treatment



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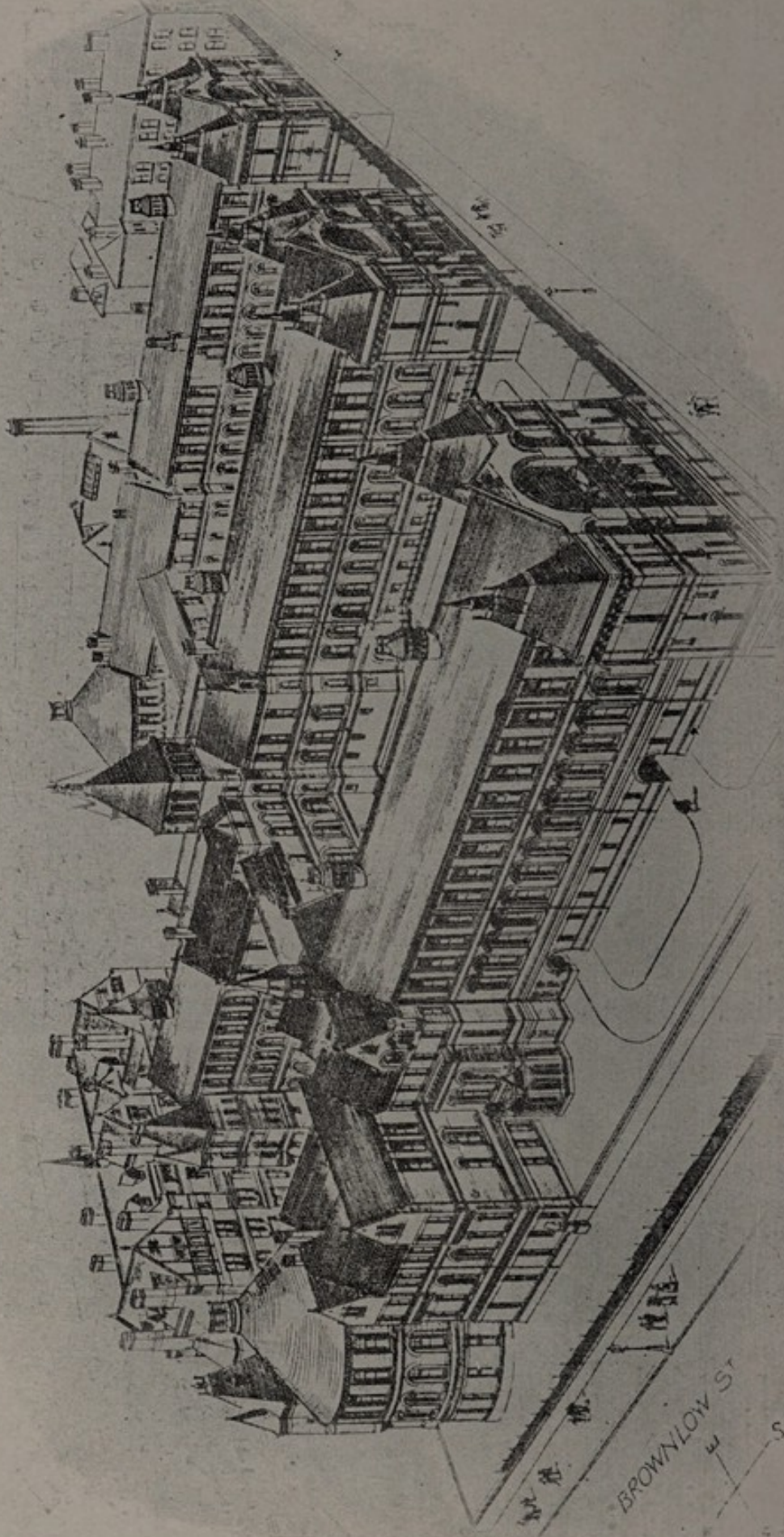


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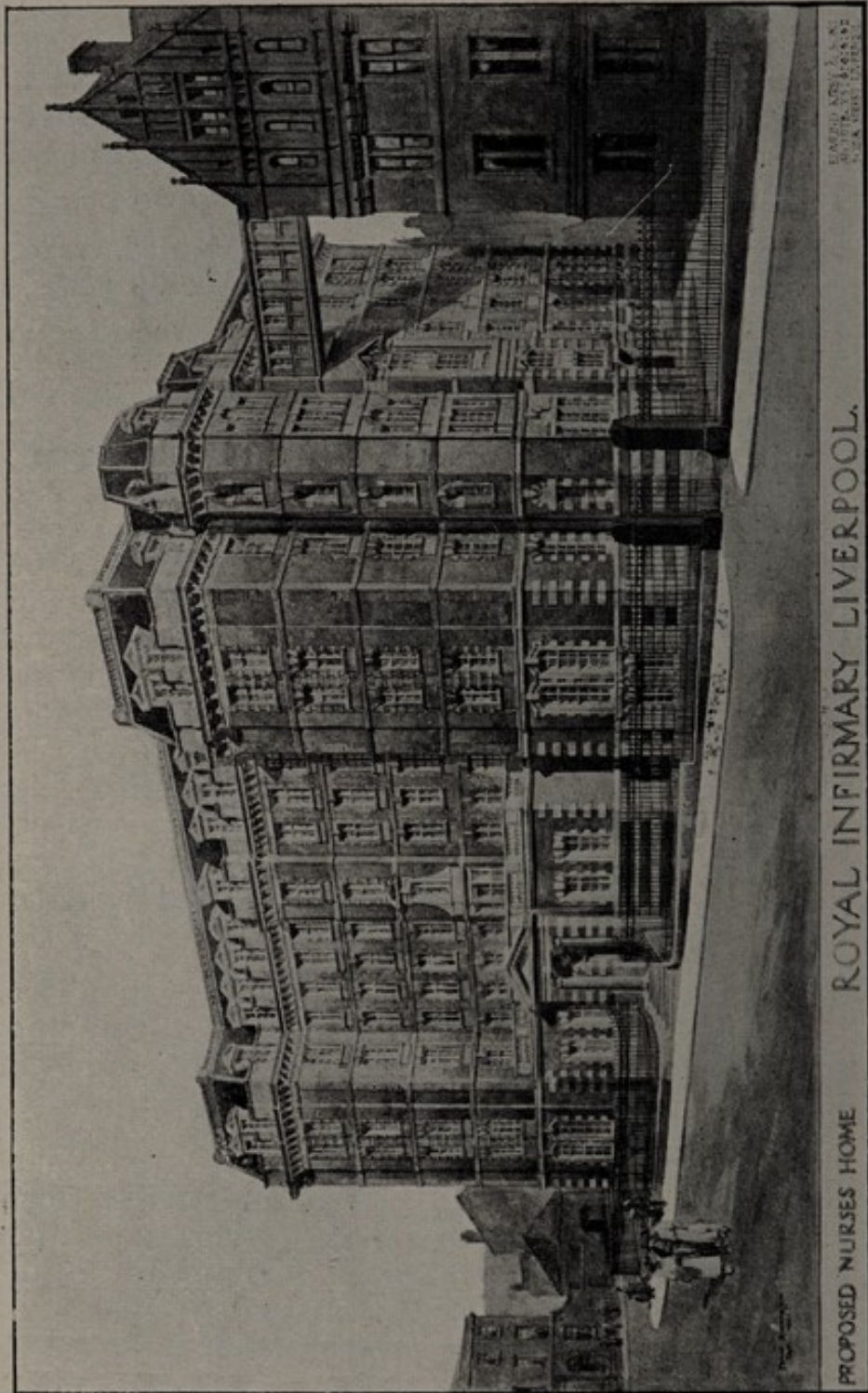
of Out-patients as such was not contemplated; all were prescribed for as only waiting for admission to the wards when beds became available, and the Out-patient accommodation therefore was but meagre. Later it became recognised what tremendous relief could be given through the Out-patient Department where comparatively minor ailments could be attended to by skilled Medical Officers and Nurses, and patients restored to health and occupation without wearisome delay. Therefore, the necessity for a new and up-to-date Out-patient Department, with ample accommodation, asserted itself, and in 1911 the present Out-patient Building was opened by the Earl of Sefton, having cost roughly £45,000.

It is a great tribute to the skill and longsightedness of the Committee and Architect of 1887 that after over 30 years, notwithstanding the great changes that have taken place in Hospital construction and management, the Infirmary maintains its high position as a convenient well-arranged Hospital.

As may be expected however, the Nurses' Home, now nearly 60 years old, is inadequate and out of date, and the erection of a new Home is at the present time exercising the serious consideration of the Committee. A total sum of about £110,000 is required for a suitable new Home, but it is proposed to build it in instalments as money becomes available. Unfortunately, the great depression of trade renders the task of getting money extremely difficult, but acting in the belief that something tangible rather than in contemplation, will appeal more to a generous public, the Committee has decided to start immediately with the erection of that portion of the building which will accommodate those of the Nursing Staff who, owing to the inadequacy of the existing Home, are at present unsuitably and badly housed in old dwellings in Ashton Street.

From the accompanying photograph (Illustration No. 4) it will be seen that the new Home will be a worthy addition to the Infirmary, but the completion of it depends entirely upon the necessary capital being forthcoming.

Having thus briefly dealt with the "capital" or "fabric" aspect of the Infirmary, it may here be of interest to revert to 1770, and study the following extract from "The State of the Liverpool Infirmary" for that year (a framed copy of this Report is in the possession of the Institution).



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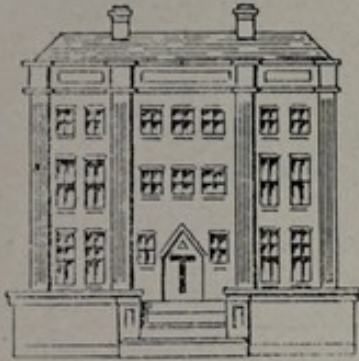
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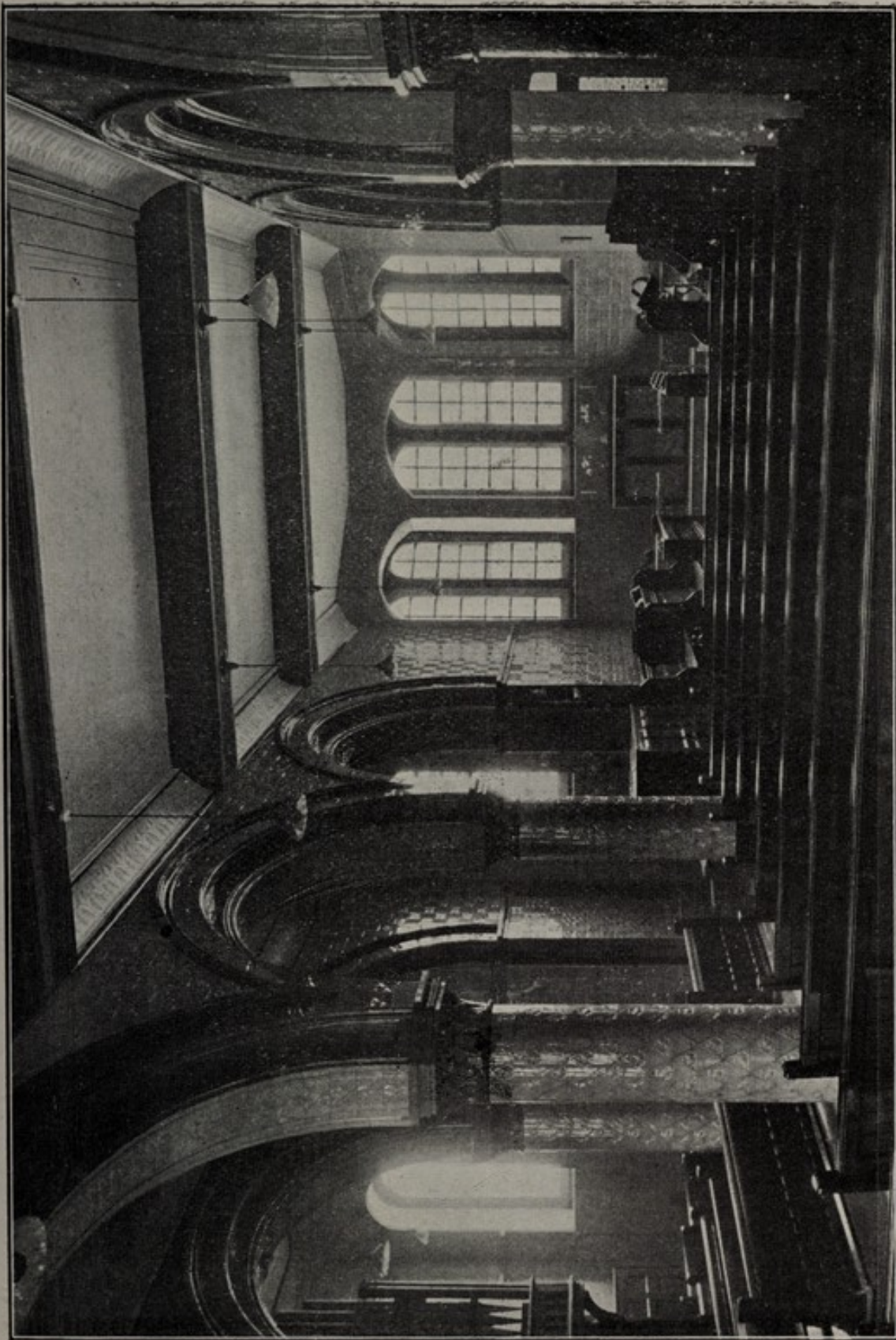
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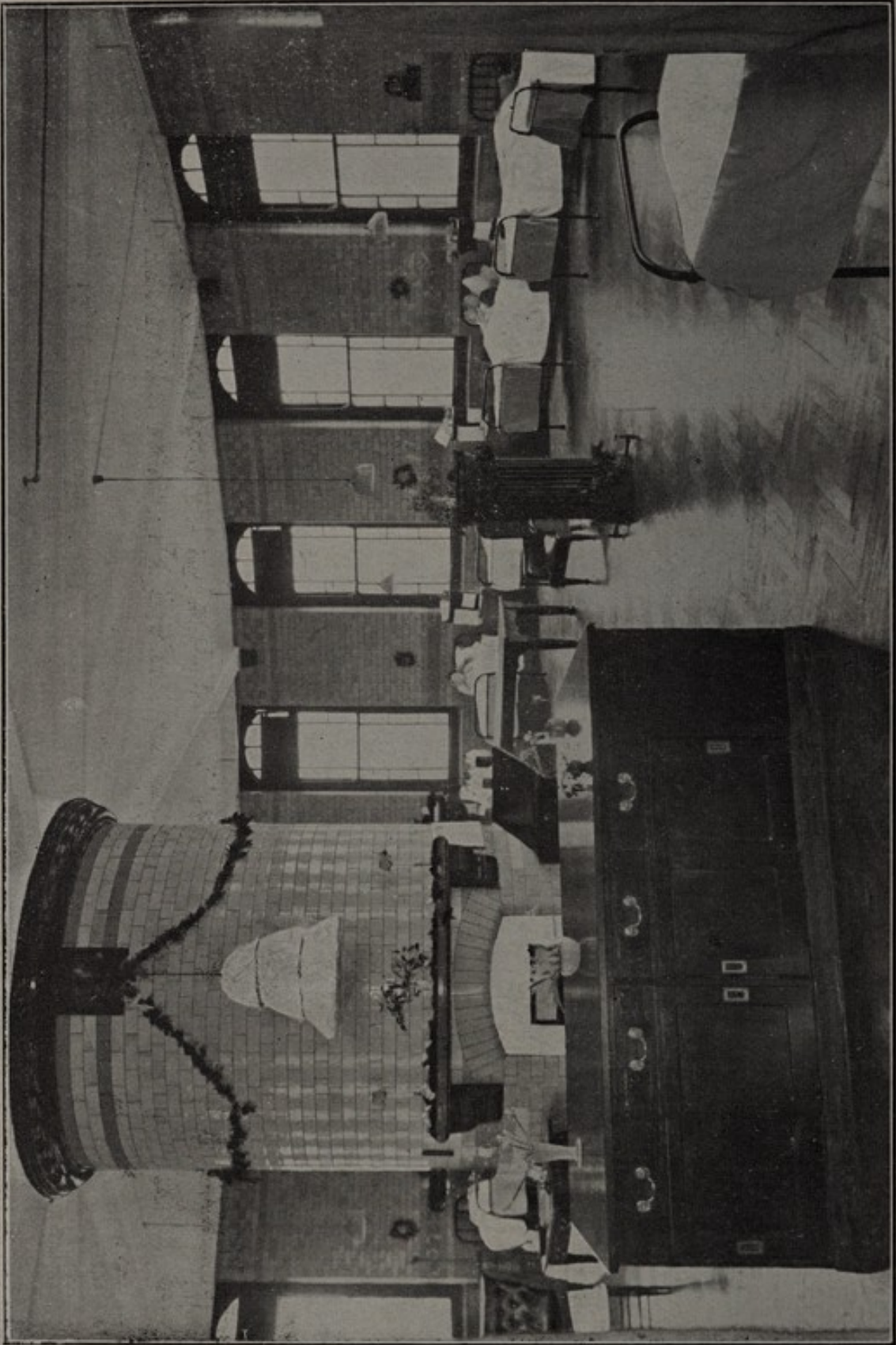


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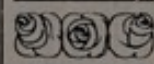
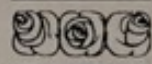


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Grinding Infruments	1	2	2
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It will be seen that the balance of INCOME over Expenditure for that year was £296, which amount, although in the light of present day values pales somewhat insignificantly, nevertheless at that time represented no less than 28% of the year's Expenditure. With what excusable envy this is looked upon to-day may be gauged from a comparison with the following Income and Expenditure Account for 1921, when the excess of EXPENDITURE over Income was £8,990, or a deficiency of over 16% of the year's Expenditure.

1920.			INCOME.			1921.		
£	s.	d.				£	s.	d.
A. ORDINARY.								
3,348	9	4	Annual Subscriptions	...	...	3,299	18	6
2,515	6	6	Donations	...	...	1,729	5	1
224	9	3	Boxes	...	...	140	11	7
4,795	0	0	Hospital Saturday and Sunday Fund	...	...	4,143	15	0
176	2	11	Congregational Collections (apart from Hospital Sunday Fund)	...	...	136	18	8
Invested Property—								
4,463	17	8	Dividends	...	...	4,606	11	2
311	4	2	Rents	...	...	484	3	8
1,775	10	0	Income Tax Returned	...	...	1,784	1	9
Patients' Payments—								
1,167	16	4	Out-patients	...	...	1,741	7	11
1,380	1	9	Outside Radius	...	...	2,334	13	5
65	8	4	Tuberculosis Authorities	...	...	913	11	0
764	6	3	Naval and Military Patients	...	...	105	6	0
1,818	6	0	Private Wards	...	...	1,548	6	0
			Pensioners	...	5,438	7	0	
			Less paid to Hon. Medical Staff	1,087	13	5		
5,223	1	3				4,350	13	7
572	5	8	In-patients	...	...	2,886	12	7
Other Receipts—								
31	9	2	Sundry	...	...	39	15	6
210	0	0	Annuity from Corporation, as per Deed of Transfer of Shaw's Brow Property	...	...	210	0	0
Nursing Institution—								
2,056	13	4	As per separate Account	.....	...	1,961	9	10
B. EXTRAORDINARY—								
Legacies—								
The Executors of								
			Robert Jardine	...	6,910	4	6	
			Ann Killick	...	1,000	0	0	
			Ellinor Harriet Gilmour	...	508	18	0	
			Nathan Stokes	...	456	15	8	
			John Roberts	...	90	0	0	
			Margaret Williams	...	20	0	0	
			Samuel Erskine	...	11	5	0	
			William Taylor	...	6	16	3	
2,082	15	1				9,003	19	5
9,000	0	0	Lord Mayor's Appeal for Medical Charities	...	...	—
3,077	4	9	Venereal Diseases' Department	...	...	3,718	15	2
45,059	7	9				45,139	15	10
7,675	7	6	Balance, being excess of Total Expenditure over Total Income for the Year	8,990	10	8

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1920.			EXPENDITURE.			1921.		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
			A. MAINTENANCE.					
			Provisions—					
			1,449	0	6	Meat	1,227	0 8
			724	10	9	Fish, Poultry, etc.	769	1 10
			780	4	9	Butter, Bacon, etc.	691	4 4
			103	0	1	Eggs	145	7 4
			2,637	19	10	Milk	2,126	8 2
			781	5	6	Bread, Flour, etc.	754	5 6
			962	3	2	Grocery... ..	786	5 7
			675	6	6	Vegetables & Fruit	535	5 9
			34	6	0	Malt Liquors ...	6	1 5
			86	11	6	Aerated Water & Ice	86	2 7
			3,431	3	3	Nurses' Home A/c	3,064	5 10
11,665	11	10	<hr/>			10,191 9 0		
			Surgery and Dispensary—					
			3,041	6	2	Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc.	2,275	16 4
			3,339	17	5	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	2,798	13 3
			1,002	18	3	Instruments and Appliances	833	18 10
			100	9	6	Wines and Spirits .	178	18 3
			167	6	7	Sundries	134	5 0
			1,291	10	10	X-ray	1,258	19 9
			519	0	11	Massage Department	366	9 6
9,462	9	8	<hr/>			7,847 0 11		
			Domestic—					
			Renewal & Repair of—					
			340	12	3	Furniture	255	12 5
			1,811	8	9	Bedding & Linen	617	7 8
			331	19	8	Hardware, Crockery, Brushes, etc. ...	320	14 11
			719	1	2	Cleaning & Chandlery	646	17 1
			18	16	0	Water	—	
			Fuel and Lighting—					
			4,662	19	3	(a) Coal	5,054	18 8
			374	9	0	(b) Gas	449	1 9
			911	6	8	(c) Electric Current	938	15 5
			13	19	10	(d) Oil, Wood, etc.	31	18 6
			359	15	9	Uniforms (Nurses, Porters, etc.) ...	432	13 3
			13	10	0	Sundries	11	3 3
			1,008	5	11	Nurses' Home A/c.	940	16 10
10,566	4	3	<hr/>			9,699 19 9		
			Establishment—					
			206	7	8	Insurance	239	16 6
			975	14	9	Renewals & Repairs	929	19 8
			779	8	0	Annual Cleaning ...	501	12 6
			154	16	3	Garden	147	16 7
			78	3	9	Nurses' Home A/c.	138	9 7
2,194	10	5	<hr/>			1,957 14 10		
			Salaries, Wages, etc.—					
			709	17	9	Medical	805	12 0
			727	19	11	Dispensing	678	3 9
			2,539	14	8	Masseuses	3,117	1 9
			350	0	0	Other Officers ...	434	1 8
			1,723	6	8	Mechanics, etc. ...	1,887	13 2
			538	8	5	Porters	555	11 5
			711	18	1	Domestic Servants	698	16 10
			1,085	14	0	Scrubbers	1,117	6 6
			43	0	0	Pensions	47	0 0
			166	3	9	Insurance Stamps	277	6 8
			4,645	14	6	Nurses' Home A/c.	5,065	1 1
13,241	17	9	<hr/>			14,683 14 10		

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1920		EXPENDITURE.		1921	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
			Miscellaneous—		
		226	16 0 Printing & Stationery	235	2 11
		95	17 0 Postages	133	8 2
		1	19 0 Advertisements ...	—	
		22	4 3 Sundries	30	10 9
		86	1 8 Nurses' Home A/c.	101	12 9
432	17 1	<hr/>		500	14 7
			B. ADMINISTRATION—		
			Management—		
		794	12 7 Official Salaries ...	940	12 1
		200	0 0 Pensions	200	0 0
		202	14 1 Official Printing and Stationery... ..	316	0 1
		43	5 6 Official Postage and Telegrams... ..	43	1 5
		22	12 9 Official Advertisements	18	6 6
		10	10 0 Auditors' Fee ...	10	10 0
		20	2 0 Sundries	24	6 9
1,293	16 11	<hr/>		1,552	16 10
			Finance—		
		—	Appeals... ..	33	0 0
		54	4 1 Commission	45	5 2
		8	6 1 Nurses' Home A/c.	7	6 2
62	10 2	<hr/>		85	11 4
£48,919	18 11	Total Cost of Maintenance & Administration		£46,519	2 1
			C. RENT, RATES and TAXES.		
		28	7 10 Rent	28	7 10
		589	9 0 Rates and Taxes ...	621	11 3
		145	17 10 Nurses' Home A/c.	180	12 4
		<hr/>			
763	14 8	Total Rent, Rates, and Taxes...		830	11 5
£49,683	13 7	Total Ordinary Expenditure		£47,349	13 6
			D. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE.		
		207	1 7 Bank Interest ...	279	5 7
		92	8 6 Bank—Nurses' Home Account... ..	—	
		2,751	11 7 Venereal Diseases' Department ...	2,844	19 3
			Provision of new Plant House—for for the Calorifier, Economisers, etc.—in the course of erection	2,800	0 0
			X-ray Apparatus...	480	5 10
			Structural Alterations to Orthopædic and X-ray Departments ...	307	8 0
			Purchase of Radium	68	14 4
£3,051	1 8	<hr/>		£6,780	13 0
		Audited and found correct,			
		HARMOOD BANNER & SON,			
		Chartered Accountants.			
£52,734	15 3	Total Expenditure		£54,130	6 6

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	1770	1921	
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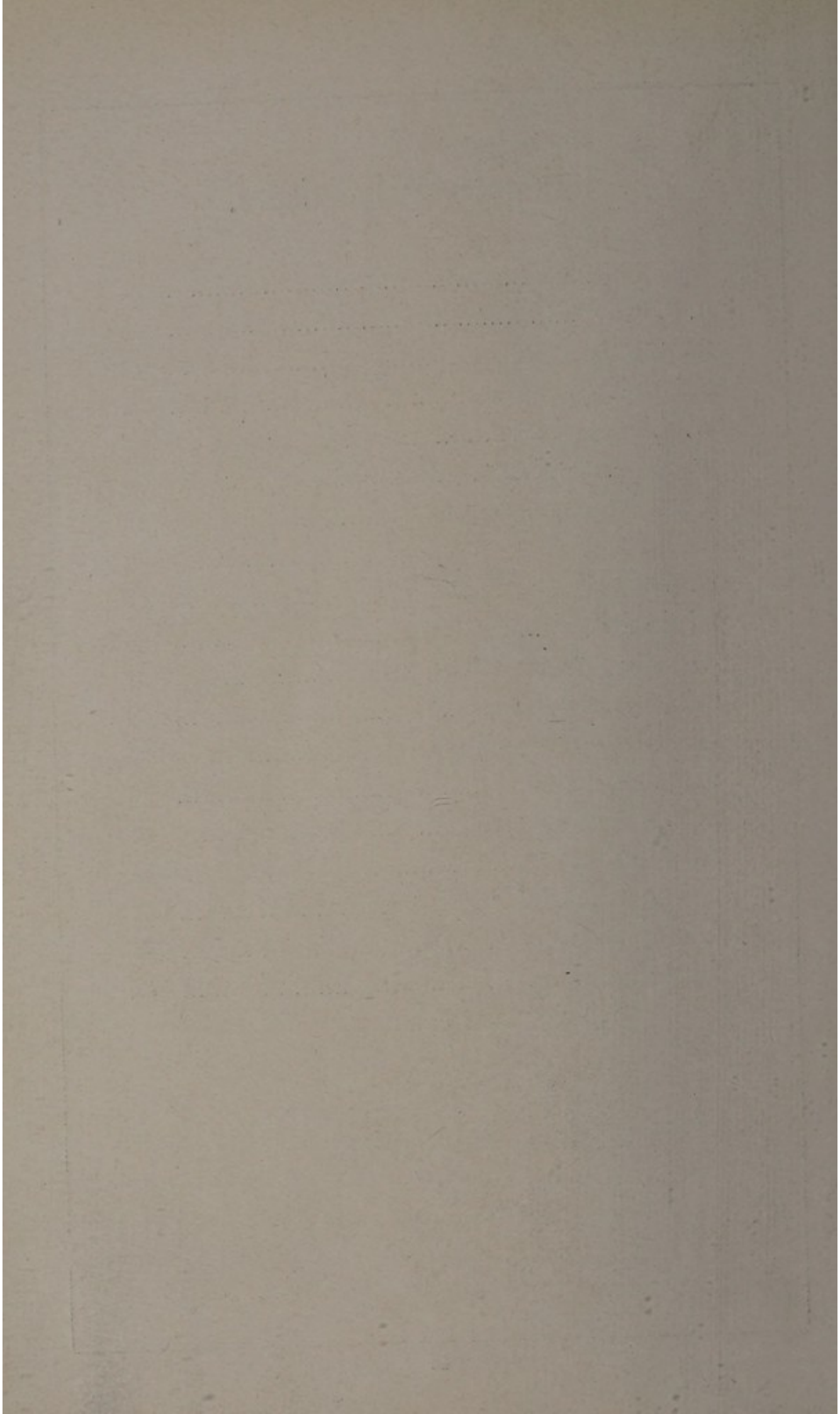
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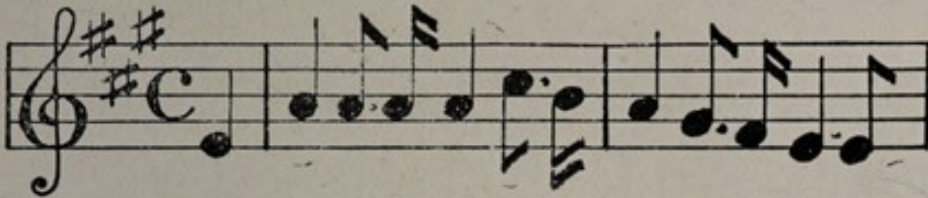
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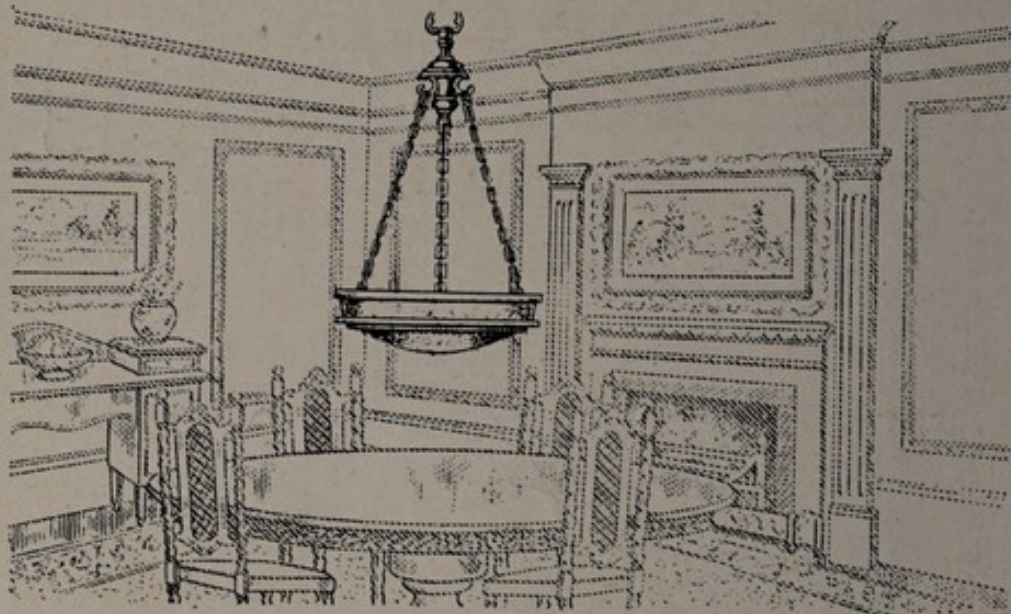


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