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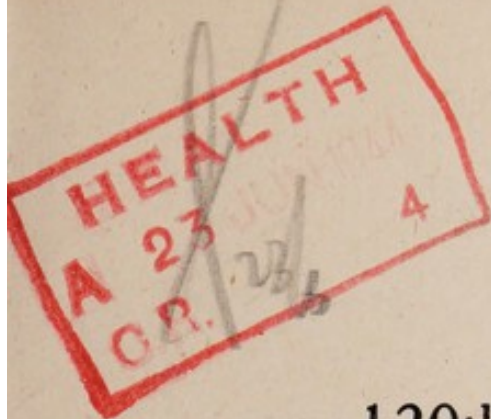
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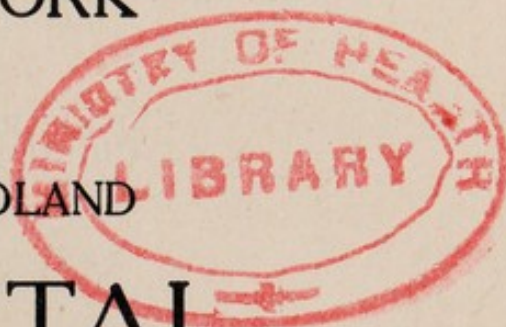
OF THE

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND

EYE HOSPITAL

CHURCH STREET, BIRMINGHAM 3

RELATING TO THE YEAR 1943.



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Report of the Annual General Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, held in the Board Room, Church Street, on Thursday, the 27th April, 1944,

The RIGHT WORSHIPFUL THE LORD MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM (Alderman L. G. H. Alldridge, J.P.) in the Chair,

IT WAS RESOLVED :

1.—That the Reports of the General and Medical Committees, as now presented, and Statements of Accounts, be received, approved and printed, and that the same be distributed to the Governors and in such manner as the Committee may deem expedient.

2.—That the Right Worshipful the Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman L. G. H. Alldridge, J.P.) be and is hereby elected President of this Hospital, and that the following be, and they are hereby, elected Vice-Presidents of this Hospital for the ensuing year :

Dame Elizabeth Cadbury, D.B.E., J.P.

The Right Hon. the Earl of Dudley.

Mr. F. W. Rushbrooke, J.P.

3.—That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Trustees and Committee of Management for their kind attention to the interests of the Charity, and that the Gentlemen whose names follow do form the Committee for the ensuing year, with power to add to their number :

Mr. P. J. Adie.

Mr. H. W. Archer-Hall.

Mr. Geo. J. Edwards.

Air Vice-Marshal

W. C. C. Gell.

Mr. E. A. Greey.

Mr. G. Haynes, J.P.

Mr. J. C. Hudson.

Mr. J. F. C. Keep.

Mr. N. G. Lancaster.

One Representative of the Hospital Saturday Committee
(Mr. Joseph Lilly).

Mr. H. Mucklow.

Mr. F. W. Nash.

Mr. Percy Nichols.

Mr. E. Pacey.

Mr. E. J. Rainsford.

Mr. M. H. Rollason.

The Very Revd. J. H. Richards
(Provost of Birmingham).

Mr. E. A. Milliken Smith.

Mr. G. H. Wilkinson.

One Representative of the Hospital Sunday Fund.

Two Honorary Surgeons elected by the Medical Board (Mr. E. B. Alabaster and Mr. Chas. Rudd).

4.—That Rule 19 of the Hospital Rules, which limits the term of office of the Chairman to three consecutive years, be modified as a war-time measure, so that Mr. E. A. Milliken Smith, the present Chairman, may be eligible for re-election as Chairman of the Management Committee for a further period of one year, due notice of this proposal having been given to the Committee of Management in accordance with the Hospital Rules.

5.—That Mr. E. A. Milliken Smith be elected Chairman of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year.

That Mr. Percy Nichols be elected Vice-Chairman of the Committee of Management for the ensuing year.

That Mr. J. C. Hudson be elected Honorary Treasurer for the ensuing year.

6.—That the thanks of the Subscribers are due and are hereby presented to the Consulting Physicians and Surgeons, the Honorary Surgeons, and the Assistant Surgeon, for their valuable services to this Institution ; also to the retiring Chairman of the Committee, the Vice-Chairman and the Honorary Treasurer for their kind attention to the interests of the Charity.

L. G. H. ALLDRIDGE,
President.

The President having vacated the Chair, it was RESOLVED unanimously :

That the best thanks of this meeting be given to the Lord Mayor of Birmingham for his kindness in taking the Chair, and for his attention to the business of the day.

E. A. MILLIKEN SMITH,
Chairman.

Report of the Committee of Management

TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943

The Committee of Management have pleasure in submitting to the Governors and Subscribers the 120th Annual Report of the Hospital, together with a Report of the Medical Board and the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

Details are given in the Medical Report and in the statistical tables of the work performed in the In-patient and Out-patient Departments during the year.

The beds in the Main Hospital building in Church Street have remained closed throughout the year, but at the In-patient Departments at Burcot Grange, Blackwell Convalescent Home, and the Royal Midland Counties Home, Leamington Spa, it may be said that the Hospital has been extremely busy. The pressure on the In-patient beds was very acute and the waiting list was growing month by month until November, when twenty additional beds for patients were opened on the ground floor of the Nurses' Home in Lionel Street. These beds, which are used at the present time for females and children, have relieved the position, particularly with regard to cataract cases, many of which had been waiting a considerable time for operation. The Committee desires to express its appreciation of the action of the Ministry of Health in accepting financial responsibility for an equivalent number of the beds reserved for this Hospital at the Blackwell Convalescent Home.

The attendances at the Out-patient and Casualty Departments have practically equalled those of 1942, which were a record, and the Committee are well aware of the heavy strain placed upon the Medical and Nursing staffs through circumstances beyond the control of the Hospital, and desire to express their thanks for the excellent work carried out under such great difficulties.

THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

The recent debate in Parliament on the Government proposals on a National Health Service will have been followed with attention by all who have the interests of the Voluntary Hospitals at heart.

There are certain aspects of the scheme in its present form which cause your Committee to view it with apprehension and these are referred to below.

The White Paper makes it clear that in order to remain voluntary institutions, and thereby preserve their traditional enterprise and independence, the Voluntary Hospitals must continue to receive a substantial proportion of their income from voluntary sources.

If the Government proposals are adopted it is inevitable that the Contributory Schemes, in their present form, will cease to exist, and with them will go the principal source of income of the Voluntary Hospital System.

It is essential that the Voluntary Hospitals should be informed more exactly as to what proportion of the cost of treating patients they must find from their own resources. The Government state that the proportion should be 'substantial,' and it may prove to be beyond the power of the Voluntary Hospitals to find the amount required if contributory scheme support is lost without adequate compensatory income.

From the Government proposals it appears that the new joint authorities, i.e., the counties and county boroughs in combination, will be responsible for assessing the hospital needs of the areas and the resources available to those areas. The part that the Voluntary Hospitals are to play in the future appears to be to perform such services as are allocated to them by the joint authority, on a contractual basis. Surely the Voluntary System, which has been responsible for practically every major discovery in medical science and hospital practice, is worthy of full representation on any authority set up to discuss the hospital needs of an area and the most suitable method of meeting those needs.

The White Paper does not make clear from what source is to be derived the considerable sums required for capital expenditure. If it is to be from the State, will it be possible for a Voluntary Hospital to receive State aid for reconstruction and maintain its voluntary status?

These and many other questions of a similar nature are causing your Committee much concern at the present time. The friends of the Voluntary Hospital System are asked to do everything in their power to assist by maintaining and increasing where possible their subscriptions and benefactions, as it is obvious that these voluntary gifts are going to be of even greater value in the future than in the past.

THE RUSHCLIFFE SALARY SCALE

This Hospital has for many years paid salaries considerably above the normal, and in common with practically all other hospitals has adopted the salary scale for the nursing staff recommended in the report of the Rushcliffe Committee. Payments on the new scale have been made as from the 1st April, 1943, and represent the second major salary increase since the war. The Committee welcome the improved conditions for nurses, though it is emphasized that the effect of the Rushcliffe scale will be to increase expenditure by over £1,000 per annum.

Although 50 per cent. of the increase is to be borne by the Ministry of Health for the present, if the White Paper proposals are adopted the Ministry grant will cease.

POST-WAR DEVELOPMENT

The Management Committee and Medical Board have given careful consideration to the developments required in post-war years to provide an ophthalmic service adequate for the area served by the Hospital.

The present site of the Hospital could hardly be improved upon from the point of view of convenience for the patients and the staff. There are, however, major disadvantages which prohibit adequate development on this site.

The site is leasehold and the term expires in 1996. The area available is approximately 2,000 square yards, all of which is in use. The buildings are of brick construction, with practically no steelwork, and do not lend themselves to extension.

The ground floor space available for the Casualty and Out-patient Departments is entirely inadequate and should be compared with the space available for treating a similar number of patients at the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital, where over 4,000 square yards is used for out-patients and casualties in the modern department completed just before the war.

It has been decided that the most logical solution of the problem is to obtain a freehold site of some 6,000–7,000 square yards within one mile of the centre of the city, on which could be erected an entirely new hospital with accommodation for 200–250 in-patient beds and with an adequate Out-patient and Casualty Department. In view of the proposals in the Government White Paper, further consideration of these plans for development must be deferred.

Finance

INCOME

The total income for the year amounts to £25,316, being a reduction of £302 from the income of the previous year.

The increases and decreases under the various headings of income are summarised below :

	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
	£	£
Voluntary Gifts'	259	—
Receipts on Account of Services		
Rendered.....	—	640
Fees	218	—
Investment Income	28	—
Ministry of Health	—	111

The **voluntary gifts** are well maintained and, in particular, donations during the year have been very gratifying, increasing from £1,438 in 1942 to £1,827 in 1943. The Committee wish to take this opportunity of thanking once again those who have contributed so generously during the year. A statement of the larger donations is set out below :

	£	s.	d.
Birmingham Hospitals Council (Sunday Enter- tainments Act, 1932).....	666	0	0
Baron Davenport's Charity Trust	170	0	0
Sir John Sumner's Trust	100	0	0
The John Avins Trust	75	0	0
Birmingham Local Charities Committee	50	0	0
County Borough of Smethwick (Sunday Enter- tainments Act, 1932).....	50	0	0
E. A. Greey, Esq.	50	0	0

	£	s.	d.
The Muntz Trust	40	0	0
Eighty-five Factory, No. 2 Hospital Fund.....	35	0	0
B.S.A. Guns, Shirley, No. 2 Hospital Committee	25	0	0
Brinsley Bequest	25	0	0
Hollingsworth Fund of Help	25	0	0
Hospital Savings Association	25	0	0
Linread, Ltd.	25	0	0
F. W. Rushbrooke, Esq., J.P.	25	0	0
B.S.A. Hospital Fund	23	0	0
Birmingham and District Mineral Water Trade Association	21	0	0
Sir Edmund Crane.....	20	0	0
Iron Trades Employers' Insurance Association, Ltd.	20	0	0
Boulton Paul Aircraft Employees	16	16	0
Exors. of W. W. Greener	16	16	0
M. Myers and Son, Ltd., Workpeople's Voluntary Hospital Fund	16	0	0
Lord Mayor's Benevolent Fund.....	15	0	0
Retail Fruit Federation, Birmingham Branch ..	11	2	6
E. A. Gilbert.....	10	10	0
Blackheath, Rowley Hill, and Cakemore Hospital Committee	10	0	0
Conduit Colliery Workmen's Hospital Fund....	10	0	0
Miss Sarah Jenkins	10	0	0

The death of many **annual subscribers** in the last two or three years has materially affected the income from this source; but the Hospital is feeling the benefit of the considerable number of seven-year covenants entered into recently, and the nett result is a slight increase in income from subscribers.

May the Committee appeal to all subscribers who have not already signed a form of covenant to do so without delay and thus double the value of their subscriptions.

With the exception of the income from the Birmingham Hospitals Contributory Association and from Public Authorities every item of **receipts on account of services rendered** shows an increase. The reduction in income from the Contributory Association is the most serious item on the income side of the Income and Expenditure Account. The Committee are aware that the Association is not satisfied with the present position

and that strenuous efforts have been made during the past year to arrive at some agreement by which, in return for increased contributions by the contributors, the scope of those eligible to receive treatment without inquiry shall be largely increased. Unfortunately, the implications of the Government White Paper on a National Health Service will probably prevent any further development in this direction until the position of contributory schemes under the Government proposals is clarified.

Fees from Orthoptic Students.—Owing to the fact that a larger number of students have been receiving training in the Department, the receipts from this source have been increased by £218 during the year.

Investment Income and Rents.—Some reduction in income is apparent, due to the fact that the lease of premises in the former Nurses' Home in Barwick Street to the Ministry of Food terminated at the end of December, 1942. They were re-let to the Girls' Friendly Society from the 1st July, 1943, and a highly successful canteen and rest room has been set up.

Ministry of Health.—The payment under this heading is dependent on the work done for E.M.S. patients, which is charged to the Ministry at cost.

EXPENDITURE

The total of **Ordinary Expenditure** for the year amounted to £28,928, an increase of £1,266 over the corresponding figure for 1942.

There is in addition nett **Extraordinary Expenditure** amounting to £64, being the amount borne by the Hospital in respect of the enlargement of the Casualty Department. The Committee wish to take this opportunity of expressing their sincere gratitude to the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust, who made a grant of £377 towards the cost of this alteration, which has been a most successful development.

A summary of the increases and decreases under the various headings of expenditure is set out below :

	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
	£	£
Provisions	—	26
Surgery and Dispensary	273	—

	<i>Increase.</i>	<i>Decrease.</i>
	£	£
Salaries and Wages	2052	—
Miscellaneous	142	—
War Damage Insurance	—	129
Blackwell Convalescent Home.....	—	924
Garden.....	—	28
Administration	43	—
Establishment	—	41
Finance	—	83

In general, the various items of expenditure show a tendency to increase, as is only to be expected with the constant steady rise in prices.

Some additional expenditure was caused through the conversion of the major portion of the ground floor of the new Nurses' Home into wards for twenty patients. Certain items of equipment were required, additional instruments were purchased, and alterations were required to sanitary and electrical services.

It has also been necessary to increase the nursing and domestic staff by reason of these additional beds, and this in its turn has affected such items as salaries and wages, and uniform.

Three major alterations call for special comment :

The increase in **Medical Salaries** of £633 is largely due to the payment of the salary of the Director of the Casualty Department and his secretary for a full twelve months in 1943, compared with four months in 1942.

Nursing Salaries are increased by reason of the adoption of the Rushcliffe Scale by the Hospital, and by the additional nursing staff engaged during the year, as mentioned above.

To offset these increases in some measure, there is a decrease of £924 in the payment made to the **Blackwell Convalescent Home** for the treatment of this Hospital's patients. In July, 1943, the Ministry of Health agreed to accept financial responsibility for twenty of the thirty-five beds reserved for our use at that institution.

The result of the year's working is a deficit of £3,676, and it is apparent that the Committee are justified in appealing for yet greater support during the coming year if they are to maintain the services of the Hospital at their highest efficiency.

LEGACIES

The Committee acknowledge with sincere gratitude legacies to the Hospital from the undermentioned estates:

	£	s.	d
Exors. of Sir Charles Hyde	1,000	0	0
„ Baron Robert Walker	1,000	0	0
„ A. Shakespeare	905	2	7
„ W. Jewkes	740	0	0
„ J. F. Eborall	640	0	0
„ J. D. Skirrow	376	7	10
„ Edgar Tain	338	8	3
„ J. E. Wyles	200	0	0
„ W. J. Adams	183	0	0
„ Miss Mary Keay	150	0	0
„ W. A. Albright	104	0	0
„ T. Child	38	5	5
	£5,675	4	1

It has always been the policy of the Committee, when possible, to use legacies for extension and development, and it is hoped that by increased support a return may be made in the near future to this practice.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

Opportunity has been taken during the year to strengthen the Committee of Management. The following gentlemen consented to serve and have been serving on the Committee:

Mr. G. Haynes, J.P.
 Mr. F. W. Nash.
 Capt. N. G. Lancaster.
 Mr. E. Pacey.

The Committee are confident, from the great interest they have shown in the affairs of the institution since their election, that their advice and help will prove of the greatest value in the future.

APPOINTMENT OF MATRON

Early in 1943 the Committee received with regret the resignation of Miss D. Tayler, who had acted as Matron since October, 1932.

Much difficulty had been caused by the necessity for running the Hospital in sections inside and outside the city, and this, together with the impossibility of securing adequate domestic help, had caused Miss Tayler to undertake much of this work herself. In the circumstances, she felt that she could do nothing less than resign. The Committee are pleased to report that she has been successful in obtaining another post, where her capabilities will still have adequate scope.

The vacancy was advertised, and after interviewing a number of applicants the Committee unanimously appointed Miss C. M. McDonald, formerly Assistant Matron at the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women.

Miss McDonald took up her duties on the 19th July, and the Committee are confident that they have chosen wisely and have been much impressed by the interest and ability Miss McDonald has displayed, particularly in the work of preparing the Nurses' Home for the reception of patients.

CATERING

Considerable attention has been drawn during the past year to the question of catering in hospitals, which culminated in the issue of a report from the King Edward Hospital Fund for London.

Your Committee have long appreciated the necessity for a high standard of catering, particularly in a hospital of this nature, where the majority of patients are able to partake of normal meals. It was resolved to advertise for a lady cook with domestic science diploma and institutional experience, and the Committee are pleased to report that they were successful in obtaining the services of Miss N. M. Guest, who took up duty on the 1st January, 1944. Even in the short time which has elapsed since the end of the year under review, it is obvious that this appointment is most successful.

RESIGNATION AND DEATH OF MR. W. E. MEGGESON

Many friends of the Hospital and thousands of patients will remember with affection the work of Mr. W. E. Meggeson, who was Pharmacist to the Hospital for over fifty years. Mr. Meggeson had suffered with failing health for some time, and in April the Committee received his resignation with great regret. Unfortunately, Mr. Meggeson's health gave continued cause for anxiety and, following a chill early in 1944, we are sorry to report his death. Sincere sympathy is tendered to his family.

We were fortunate in securing as Mr. Meggeson's successor the services of Miss M. Mitchell, who is a member of the Pharmaceutical Society, and who had previously held appointments at the General Hospital and at the Western Road Infirmary.

THANKS

Special thanks are expressed to the members of the American Ambulance Unit for their help in conveying patients to and from the beds at the Royal Midland Counties Home at Leamington Spa, and also to the Women's Voluntary Services, whose members have so kindly assisted with transport to Burcot Grange and Blackwell.

The help of Sister Alton in the Dispensary and Mrs. Turley in the Out-patient Registration Department is warmly appreciated.

It is very encouraging to know that the members of the Ladies' Guild have continued their most helpful work for the Hospital and its patients.

For reasons of space it is impossible to acknowledge many other acts of kindness performed by friends and supporters of the Hospital, for which the Committee are deeply grateful.

In conclusion, the Committee desire to express their sincere gratitude to the Honorary Medical and Surgical Staff for their devotion to the best interests of the patients and for the attention they have given to the affairs of the Hospital; and to the House Governor (Mr. F. M. Haughton), the Matron (Miss C. M. McDonald), and the members of the Nursing and Administrative Staffs for their unremitting attention to the Hospital and its patients.

E. A. MILLIKEN SMITH,
Chairman.

Annual Medical Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

The Medical Board have pleasure in presenting their Report on the work of the Hospital for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

IN-PATIENT DEPARTMENT

In 1942 an approach was made to the Senior Regional Officer of the Ministry of Health for further in-patient accommodation under the Emergency Medical Scheme. These negotiations were continued during 1943 and, eventually, it was agreed that the Ministry of Health should accept financial responsibility for twenty of the existing thirty-five beds reserved for the use of this Hospital at the Blackwell Convalescent Home; and permission was obtained to open twenty in-patient beds at the Nurses' Home in Lionel Street.

The ground floor of the Nurses' Home was converted for this purpose and these beds were first occupied on the 1st November, 1943.

The waiting list showed that many female and cot cases had been waiting for longer than three months. In order to deal with these cases the beds at the Nurses' Home are first being used for women and children, though later men may be admitted there.

There are now 116 beds available for use, made up as follows :

Burcot Grange	36
Blackwell Convalescent Home.....	35
(Including 20 E.M.S. beds)	
Nurses' Home, Lionel Street	20
Royal Midland Counties Home, Leamington Spa....	25
(All E.M.S. beds)	
	116

The number of patients admitted during the year to Burcot Grange, Blackwell, and the Nurses' Home, totalled 891, or an average of 54.48 per day, excluding E.M.S. beds at Blackwell and Leamington.

In addition, 364 patients were admitted to the Royal Midland Counties Home, Leamington Spa, and 161 to the E.M.S. beds at Blackwell. In-patient admissions total 1,416.

The Medical Board take this opportunity of thanking Dr. Dorothy Campbell, Mr. T. Harrison Butler and Mr. Howell Jones for the time, skill and attention which they have devoted to this Hospital's patients receiving treatment at Leamington.

OUT-PATIENT AND CASUALTY DEPARTMENTS

For the greater portion of 1943 the Out-patient and Casualty Departments were working at very high pressure, though there was a tendency for attendances to fall off during the last two months of the year.

The total attendances in the Out-patient Department show a decrease of 1,036 over the corresponding figure for 1942, the details being as follows :

	1942	1943
<i>New Cases :</i>		
Consultative	33,240	32,407
Casualties	25,342	25,717
<i>Old Cases</i>	85,427	84,847
 TOTAL	 144,007	 142,971

The enlarged Casualty Department has proved itself to be of the greatest value during the year.

Arrangements were made early in the year, through the Association of Industrial Medical Officers, for the training in ophthalmic work of nurses from the large industrial establishments of the city. These nurses have each attended for a fortnight in the Casualty Department and have been afforded every facility for learning modern methods of treating ophthalmic casualties. During the year fifty-one nurses received training and it is anticipated that the arrangement will continue for some time to come, with much benefit to casualties receiving first aid treatment at works clinics.

OPERATIONS

The following statistics are submitted :

Operations performed in the Out-patient Department.....	2,277
Operations performed in the In-patient Departments	1,137
Including 305 for extraction of cataract.	
221 for glaucoma.	
284 for rectification of squint.	

The ring magnet has proved to be of the greatest value in many delicate operations performed during the year for the extraction of foreign bodies from the interior of the eye. Forty-five patients were treated with the ring magnet during 1943.

SPECTACLE PRESCRIPTIONS

Spectacle prescriptions issued during the year totalled 13,837.

STAFFING UNDER DIFFICULTIES

The Hospital has experienced the greatest difficulty in its endeavours to maintain the staff necessary to deal with the enormous attendances at the Hospital, particularly with regard to resident staff and refraction assistants.

Application was made to the Ministry of Health for permission to appoint a third House Surgeon, but this permission was refused. It is impossible to reduce the time that patients are called upon to wait unless the medical staff is increased, though very many of these waiting patients are engaged on work of the most urgent national importance.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH : HOSPITAL SURVEY

The Ministry of Health, through the Nuffield Provincial Hospitals Trust, arranged surveys of many of the hospital areas of the country during the year. This Hospital is in the West Midlands area, and the Ministry's surveyors, Dr. Veitch Clark and Mr. Hunter, visited the Hospital on the 9th April.

Opportunity was taken to acquaint the surveyors with the Hospital's proposals for post-war development, which may be summarised as the transfer of the Hospital to an adequate freehold site within one mile of the City Centre, on which would be erected a Hospital with 200-250 in-patient beds and a much enlarged Out-patient and Casualty Department.

DEATH OF HONORARY RHINOLOGIST

The Medical Board record with sincere regret the loss of their colleague, Mr. F. W. Sydenham, F.R.C.S., who died on 15th April, 1943.

Mr. Sydenham had served this Hospital with distinction as Honorary Rhinologist since 1918, and his colleagues are deeply appreciative of the splendid work he performed over this long period.

In conformity with the policy of the British Medical Association it has been resolved to defer any new appointment until after the war. It is desired to convey the thanks of the Medical Board to the Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, and in particular to Mr. E. Naylor Strong and Mr. C. L. Walker, who have kindly agreed to see at that Hospital patients from the Eye Hospital requiring rhinological treatment.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

The agreement with the Public Health Department for the treatment of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum and the Department's grant to the Hospital towards the expense incurred in the prevention of blindness have continued. The financial assistance thus received is gratefully acknowledged.

It is desired to tender the sincere thanks of the Medical Board to the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. H. P. Newsholme, the Deputy Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Matthew Burn, and their assistants, for the ready help which they have given in any cases of difficulty.

The Externe Nursing Department has proved of the greatest value during the year and has made 3,852 visits to the homes of patients who were, for a variety of reasons, unable to attend the Out-patient Clinics at the Hospital. Of these visits, 2,440 were for the treatment of cases of ophthalmia neonatorum.

REPORTS OF ANCILLARY DEPARTMENTS

Following this Report are given particulars of the work performed in the Dental, Pathological, X-ray and Orthoptic Departments.

The Medical Board wish to convey their gratitude to the heads of these various Departments for the care and attention which they have devoted to the patients referred to them.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. L. P. JAMESON EVANS AS HON. SURGEON TO THE HOSPITAL

Mr. L. P. Jameson Evans completed ten years' service as Assistant Surgeon to the Hospital in September, 1943. The Medical Board expressed with much pleasure their entire satisfaction with his work throughout that period, and supported his application to the Election Committee for promotion. At a meeting of that Committee held on the 21st October, 1943, Mr. Jameson Evans was unanimously elected Honorary Surgeon to the Hospital.

THE RICHARD MIDDLEMORE ENDOWMENT

The Fifty-fifth Annual Post-graduate Lecture under this Endowment was given at the Hospital on 24th September, 1943, by Mr. G. F. Haycraft, Hon. Surgeon to the Wolverhampton and Midland Counties Eye Infirmary.

Mr. Haycraft took as his subject: "Amblyopia ex Anopsia, with special reference to Recruitment for the Armed Forces."

Opportunity was taken before the lecture to show a number of colour films of ophthalmic operations, including the film of the Lexer operation taken at this Hospital.

PUBLICATIONS BY THE HONORARY STAFF

The following are the publications of the Honorary Staff for the year:

Mr. T. HARRISON BUTLER:

"Glaucoma."—*British Journal of Ophthalmology*, March, 1943.

"Cataract Extraction."—*British Journal of Ophthalmology*.—November, 1943.

Mr. P. JAMESON EVANS:

"A Note on Iridenceleisis."—*British Journal of Ophthalmology*, December, 1943.

GENERAL

The members of the Medical Board desire to tender their congratulations to their colleague, Mr. H. T. Roper-Hall, Honorary Dental Surgeon to the Hospital, on his election as President for the ensuing year of the Odontological Section of the Royal Society of Medicine.

The Medical Board wish to testify once again to the valuable services rendered by Mr. T. Harrison Butler, both at the Hospital and at Leamington, where he has continued to act on behalf of his son, Major R. D. Weeden Butler, serving with the Forces. The Board greatly regret that an illness at the end of the year much restricted his activities and they trust that he will soon be restored to health.

In conclusion, the Board once again acknowledge the services of their Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. M. Haughton), the Matron, and all members of the Nursing Staff.

H. W. ARCHER-HALL,
Chairman of the Medical Board.

Annual Reports of the Special Departments

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

DENTAL DEPARTMENT

The work of the Department for the year ended 31st December, 1943, was as follows :

New Patients	101
Patients referred for radiographs	39
Number of teeth extracted :	
Under Nitrous Oxide	581
Under Local Anæsthetic	168
	— 749
Patients given scaling and gum treatment	3
Patients given hæmorrhage treatment	2
Operation for gingival hypertrophy	1

Thanks are expressed for efficient co-operation to Dr. Williams for anæsthetics, and to the radiographer and nursing staff.

The appointment during the year of Mr. C. H. Oakes as clinical assistant has proved a success ; it is wise during the present quiet period to train suitable men for the special requirements of an Eye Hospital for the strenuous time ahead.

H. T. ROPER-HALL,

Hon. Dental Surgeon.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT

During the year ended 31st December, 1943, the total number of patients referred to the Department was 917, which have been analysed as set out below :

Skulls for Sinuses, etc.	555
Foreign Bodies	173
Foreign Bodies, Bone Free	50
Foreign Bodies localised by Dr. Sweet's method	26
	— 249
Dental Department Radiographs	62
Miscellaneous	51
	— 917

HAROLD BLACK,

Radiologist.

PATHOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

The particulars of work done in the Pathological Department for the year ended 31st December, 1943, are as under :

(1)	Sections of Eyes : (a) Macroscopic	107
	(b) Microscopic	94
	Sections of Tissues and Growths	52
(2)	Blood Examinations :	
	(a) Wasserman and/or Flocculation Tests....	595
	(b) Blood Counts, etc.	120
(3)	Ophthalmia Neonatorum Cases :	
	Smears and Cultures from each case	1,443
(4)	Cultures of Eyes (operation cases)	998
(5)	Miscellaneous :	
	Smears and Cultures : Conjunctiva	833
	Throat, Nose, etc.	51
	Vaccines	122
	Specimens taken for other examinations, including complement fixation tests, urines, spinal fluids, sputa, etc.	105
(6)	Intravenous Injections of N.A.B.	320
TOTAL		4,840

E. W. ASSINDER,
Pathologist.

ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT DEPARTMENT

This Department has been closed since the outbreak of war.

ORTHOPTIC DEPARTMENT

During the year ended 31st December, 1943, the work of the Department was as follows :

	1943	1942
Total number of Attendances (including 380 attendances at Evening Clinics) ..	22,013	21,780
New Cases accepted for Treatment.....	539	478
Cases Treated during the Year	1,397	1,289
Cases Discharged :		
Single Binocular Vision :—		
Cured with Operation	17	
Cured without Operation..	165	
	—	
	182	
Cosmetically Straight	138	
Symptomatic	8	
	—	
	328	263

The number of new cases accepted for treatment in the Orthoptic Department continues to increase, as does the number of cases treated throughout the year. The cases discharged as cured have also exceeded those of the previous year.

The training of students has been continued very successfully during the period. Miss Ball and Miss Woollaston completed their training and qualified in July, 1943, and were taken on the staff as assistants.

In November Miss Ball applied with success for the position of Officer-in-Charge of the Orthoptic Department at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester. Miss Dolan also obtained in December a part-time appointment as Officer-in-Charge of the Orthoptic Department at the Worcester City and County Eye Hospital, continuing on the staff of this Hospital as part-time assistant.

Three students commenced training in January, 1943, Miss Harris, Miss Holland, and Miss Richards. They maintained the excellent reputation of this Hospital at the examination of the Orthoptic Board in January, 1944, when all three were successful, Miss Holland passing with distinction.

A fully-trained staff of eight was maintained during the year, of which seven were working full-time in the Department.

Statistical Tables.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.

Statistics for Year to 31st December, 1943, compared with those of the previous year.

I.—IN-PATIENTS.

A.—Number of Beds and In-patients.

	Numbers in 1943 (year under review).	Numbers in previous year.
Number of Beds normally available	146	146
Average number of available Beds during the year	65.33	67
Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	54.48	58.39
Number of Patients in the Hospital at beginning of year..	56	52
Number of Patients admitted during year	891	928
Number of Patients in the Hospital at the end of the year ..	49	56
Average number of days each Patient was resident.....	22.14	23.06
Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the year, who were resident for (i) only 1 day	3	4
(ii) 2 and 3 days	1	13

NOTE.—364 patients were admitted to the E.M.S. Hospital at Leamington Spa, and 161 patients were admitted to the E.M.S. beds at Blackwell. These patients have not been included in the above statistics.

B.—Annual Expenditure on In-patients apart from that on Out-patients; Average Cost of each In-patient per week; and Average Cost of each In-patient.

	1943 Expenditure on In-patients (pounds only)	1943 (Year under review.)				Previous Year.			
		Average cost of each In-patient per week.		Average total cost of each In-patient.		Average cost of each In-patient per week.		Average total cost of each In-patient.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Provisions: Including Board of Officials	1,318	0	9 4	1	9 4	0	8 3	1	7 2
Surgery and Dispensary	470	0	3 4	0	10 6	0	2 3	0	7 5
Domestic	1,934	0	13 7	2	3 1	0	12 4	2	0 7
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ...	5,722	2	0 3	6	7 5	1	11 10	5	5 0
Miscellaneous	833	0	5 10	0	18 6	0	4 11	0	16 3
War Damage Insurance	93	0	0 8	0	2 1	0	1 5	0	4 4
Garden	290	0	2 1	0	6 6	0	2 2	0	7 2
Administration	518	0	3 8	0	11 6	0	4 4	0	14 5
Establishment, Renewals and Repairs.	441	0	3 1	0	9 10	0	3 5	0	11 4
Finance	1086	0	7 8	1	4 2	0	7 6	1	4 10
Blackwell Convalescent Home	2,205	0	15 6	2	9 1	1	0 7	3	7 9

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1943.
(Incorporating Burcot Grange.)

TOTAL COST

£27,662 9 11

£27,662 9 1

£27,662	9	11	Total Expenditure	£28,992	11	0
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Income and Expenditure Account

**combining the Main Hospital,
Blackwell, and Burcot Grange,**

for the year ended 31st December, 1943,

**with comparable figures
for the previous year.**

Statistical Tables.—continued.

BIRMINGHAM AND MIDLAND EYE HOSPITAL.

Statistics for Year to 31st December, 1943, compared with those of the previous year.

II.—OUT-PATIENTS.

A.—Numbers.

	Numbers in 1943 (Year under review.)	Numbers in Previous year
Total Number of new Out-patients.....	58,124	58,582
Total number of Out-patient Attendances	142,971	144,007
(a) Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year	Not ascertainable.	
(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above	25,717	25,342

B.—Annual Expenditure on Out-patients and Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance and of each Out-patient.

	1943	(Year under review).		Previous Year.	
	Expenditure on Out-patients (pounds only).	Average cost of each Out-patient Attendance.	Average total cost of each Out-patient.	Average cost of each Out-patient Attendance	Average total cost of each Out-patient.
	£	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
Provisions	856	1.43	3.53	1.58	3.86
Surgery and Dispensary	858	1.44	3.54	1.19	2.92
Domestic	721	1.21	2.98	1.32	3.25
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance) ...	9,728	16.33	40.17	14.25	35.02
Miscellaneous	481	.81	1.99	.70	1.72
War Damage Insurance	10	.02	.04	.03	.09
Garden	41	.07	.17	.05	.18
Administration	631	1.06	2.60	.73	1.80
Establishment, Renewals, and Repairs	360	.60	1.49	.54	1.31
Finance	332	.56	1.37	.59	1.45
TOTAL COST	£14,018	23.53	57.88	20.98	51.60

BALANCE SHEET,

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On General Account—						
Sundry Creditors and Reserves ..	5,923	13	5			
General Funds Account	21,731	2	3			
				27,654	15	8

On Endowment and other Accounts—

Buildings Reserve Fund	55,937	4	6			
Bed and other Endowments	15,402	3	6			
Insurance Reserve Fund	3,231	4	1			
				74,570	12	1

Examined with the Books and
Vouchers, and found to be in accord-
ance therewith.

HARRISON, WEST, LEDSAM & CO.,
Chartered Accountants, Auditors.
BIRMINGHAM, 13th March, 1944.

F. M. HAUGHTON,
House Governor.

£102,225 7 9

GENERAL FUNDS ACCOUNT FOR THE

	£	s.	d.
To Balance brought forward, December 31st, 1942	19,731	19	3
„ Legacies received during the year.....	5,675	4	1

£25,407 3 4

31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

ASSETS.						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
On General Account—											
Cash in hand of House Governor..						17	14	1			
Cash at Bankers :											
On Deposit						£	s.	d.			
Account ..						13,521	16	1			
Less Current Account											
Overdrawn ..						9,810	18	3			
						3,710 17 10					
Sundry Debtors						1,166	14	4			
General Funds Investment Account						22,759	9	5			
						27,654 15 8					
On Endowment and other Accounts—											
Buildings Reserve Fund Invest-											
ment Account						55,937	4	6			
Bed and other Endowment Funds											
Investment Account						15,402	3	6			
Insurance Reserve Fund Invest-											
ment Account						3,231	4	1			
						74,570 12 1					
£102,225 7 9											

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943.

	£	s.	d.
By Ordinary Income and Expenditure Account			
Balance, being deficit for the year 1943, as			
per Account	3,676	1	1
„ Balance at 31st December, 1943, carried			
forward	21,731	2	3
	£25,407	3	4

BUILDINGS RESERVE FUND

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance of Fund at 31st December, 1942	53,224	15	4			
<i>Add—</i>						
Income from Buildings Reserve Fund Investments.....	1,854	6	8			
Surplus on redemption of East India Railway Stock.....	858	2	6			
				55,937	4	6

£55,937 4 6

31st DECEMBER, 1943.

ASSETS.

	£	s.	d.
Investments at cost—			
£4,586 London, Midland and Scottish Railway Co. 4 per cent Preference Stock.....	3,496	6	9
£5,442 17s. 0d. 4 per cent Consolidated Stock..	4,769	11	9
£3,708 3s. 9d. Birmingham Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1948-1968).....	3,606	10	0
£2,000 Bristol Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1962).....	2,047	14	0
£2,000 Hull Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1972).....	2,025	4	0
£2,000 Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, Ltd., 4½ per cent Debenture Stock (1961-1991).....	1,995	2	6
£2,000 Gateshead Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1952-1962).....	2,047	14	0
£2,000 West Bromwich Corporation 4½ per cent Stock (1955-1965).....	2,027	14	0
£4,000 Local Loans 3 per cent Stock.....	3,576	13	7
£1,500 Walsall Corporation 3¼ per cent Redeemable Stock (1954-1964).....	1,505	16	6
£4,500 Central Electricity Board 3¼ per cent Stock (1974-1994).....	4,416	17	9
£3,000 Walsall Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable Stock (1957).....	2,990	6	6
£3,000 Birmingham Corporation 3 per cent Stock (1956-1958).....	2,982	9	3
£520 5 per cent Conversion Stock (1944-1964)	520	0	0
£200 4½ per cent New Zealand Stock (1944)..	200	0	0
£1,919 9s. 0d. 3 per cent Conversion Loan....	1,990	9	3
£2,500 Liverpool Corporation 3 per cent Stock (1955-1958).....	2,428	6	6
£2,500 Coventry Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable Stock (1956-1958).....	2,422	1	6
£3,350 10s. 3d. 3 per cent Savings Bonds (1960-1970).....	3,350	10	3
£7,500 Australia 3 per cent Stock (1944-1946)	7,423	2	0

£55,937 4 6

BED AND OTHER ENDOWMENT FUNDS,

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Richard Coleman Bed	1,250	0	0
William Edward Johnson Bed.....	1,200	0	0
Walter Wilkinson Ward	1,200	0	0
William Ross Bed	1,856	1	3
William Hutton Ticket Fund	225	0	0
Edwin Sampson Moore Bed.....	1,200	3	0
T. Bernard Hall Fund	100	0	0
Samuel Palmer Cooper Fund	500	0	0
Martha Izod Cot.....	660	6	4
Dunlop Benevolent Fund Bed	2,017	6	6
Research Fund Endowment.....	1,591	4	0
Burcot Grange, " The Bunnie Cot "	600	0	0
Christmas Festivities Fund	105	0	0
Tompson Bed	1046	10	9
Rushbrooke Bed	1,000	0	0
John Jameson Evans Bed	403	9	8
S. C. Harrison Bed	271	1	4
The " Out-patients' " Bed	176	0	8

£15,402 3 6

31st DECEMBER, 1943

INVESTMENT ACCOUNT.

	£	s.	d.
Richard Coleman Bed : £1,321 3½ per cent War			
Stock at cost	1,250	0	0
William Edward Johnson Bed : £1,916 13s. 7d.			
Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost	1,200	0	0
Walter Wilkinson Ward : £1,595 16s. 0d. 3½ per			
cent Conversion Stock at cost	1,200	0	0
William Ross Bed : £1,730 15s. 4d.			
3½ per cent War Stock at cost	1,713	9	0
Cash on Deposit at Barclays Bank	142	12	3
	1,856	1	3
William Hutton Ticket Fund : £262 1s. 2d. 3½ per			
cent War Stock at cost	225	0	0
Edwin Sampson Moore Bed : £1,200 New Zealand			
Government 5 per cent Inscribed Stock at cost ..	1,200	3	0
T. Bernard Hall Endowment : £127 11s. 0d. 3½ per			
cent Conversion Stock at cost	100	0	0
Samuel Palmer Cooper Endowment : £508 17s. 0d.			
New South Wales 5 per cent Stock at cost	500	0	0
Martha Izod Cot : £664 16s. 7d. Local			
Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost	625	0	0
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	35	6	4
	660	6	4
Dunlop Benevolent Fund Bed :			
£1,062 6s. 0d. 3½ per cent Birming-			
ham Corporation Stock at cost	1,000	0	0
£36 8s. 4d. Birmingham Corporation			
Water Annuity	1,017	6	6
	2,017	6	6
Research Fund Endowment : £1,450			
Guaranteed 3 per cent Stock at cost	1,337	12	3
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	253	11	9
	1,591	4	0
" The Bunnie Cot " (Burcot Grange), £617 5s. 0d.			
Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost	600	0	0
Christmas Festivities Fund : £100 18s. 5d. 3½ per			
cent War Stock at cost	105	0	0
Tompson Bed : £922 4s. 2d. Leeds			
Corporation 3 per cent Redeemable			
Stock (1955-1958) at cost	895	15	10
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	150	14	11
	1,046	10	9
Rushbrooke Bed (Burcot Grange) : £1,062 6s. 0d.			
3½ per cent Birmingham Corporation Stock at cost	1,000	0	0
John Jameson Evans Bed :			
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	403	9	8
S. C. Harrison Bed :			
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	271	1	4
The " Out-patients " Bed :			
Cash on Deposit at Barclay's Bank	176	0	8
	£15,402	3	6

GENERAL FUNDS.

INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT, 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

To Investments :	£	s.	d.
£2,335 6s. 10d. 4 per cent Consolidated Stock	2,000	0	0
£2,500 4 per cent Funding Loan.....	1,693	15	0
£600 Metropolitan Water Board " B " Stock	303	0	0
£1,010 Metropolitan Water Board " D " Stock	907	10	0
£1,000 Birmingham Corporation 3½ per cent. Stock	575	0	0
£41 15s. 11d. Birmingham Corporation Gas Annuity	700	1	7
£400 G.W.R. 5 per cent Consolidated Preference Stock	298	0	0
£500 G.W.R. 4 per cent Debenture Stock	337	10	0
£500 L.M.S. Railway 4 per cent Preference Stock	304	0	0
£784 South Staffordshire Waterworks Co. Ordinary Stock, Class " A ".....	497	16	10
£951 South Staffordshire Waterworks Co. Ordinary Stock, Class " B ".....	603	17	8
£1,000 Commonwealth of Australia 3½ per cent Stock (1948-53)	973	17	0
£800 Local Loans 3 per cent Stock.....	699	2	0
Five £100 4 per cent Debentures in the City Arcades (Birmingham), Ltd.....	348	15	0
£13,234 6s. 0d. 3 per cent Conversion Stock	10,132	10	11
£2,221 3s. 9d. 3½ per cent War Stock....	2,354	13	5
£29 7s. 8d. 3 per cent Savings Bonds....	30	0	0
	<u>£22,759</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>5</u>

The Hospital owns the following properties which have not been valued :

Freehold Ground Rents in Liverpool Street, Birmingham.

Leasehold Premises and Equipment of Hospital, expiring 25th March, 1996.

Leasehold Premises and Equipment of Nurses' Home, Ludgate Hill, expiring 25th March, 2035.

Freehold Residence, " Burcot Grange," Blackwell.

INSURANCE RESERVE FUND, 31ST DECEMBER, 1943.

CAPITAL ACCOUNT.		INVESTMENTS ACCOUNT.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward, 31st December, 1942.....	3,121 13 10	£390 11s. 7d. 3 per cent Conversion Stock at cost	383 6 7
Additions during year	109 10 3	£100 Birmingham Corporation 4½ per cent Stock at cost	103 3 6
		£2,683 10s. 5d. Local Loans 3 per cent Stock at cost.....	2,450 13 1
		Cash at Bank, 31st December, 1943....	2,937 3 2
			294 0 11
			£3,231 4 1

RICHARD MIDDLEMORE TRUST.
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1943

Income Account.			
RECEIPTS.		PAYMENTS.	
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.
Cash in hand brought forward	6 7 1	Mr. G. F. Haycraft for	
Dividends	32 7 3	Lecture	21 0 0
		Expenses for Lecture..	5 0 0
		Cash in hand carried	26 0 0
		forward to next year	12 14 4
	£38 14 4		£38 14 4

Principal Account.
INVESTMENT OF BEQUEST OF £1,000.
 London, Midland and Scottish Railway £809 4 per cent. Preference Stock at cost £999 1 6