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# BOSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL



## Seventy-second Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1945.



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# Boston General Hospital

## REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

For the twelve months ended 31st December, 1945.



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## Seventy-second Report of Boston General Hospital.

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The Committee have pleasure in presenting the 72nd report of the work of the hospital during the twelve months ended December, 1945.

The year has been one full of incident, encouraging and disappointing, but definitely a year of progress in face of many handicaps and extreme difficulties.

In July last the New Ward was officially opened by His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. H. Mountain) and named the Rysdale Ward. It is a great disappointment that this ward, so urgently needed, cannot be used owing to lack of staff. The Physio-Therapy department building opened early in the year has proved of great value, and is becoming an increasingly important branch of the hospital service.

"Greyfriars" has been purchased to relieve overcrowding in the Nurses' Home and to house additional staff for the Rysdale Ward. Little structural alteration has been necessary, and when completely furnished and equipped "Greyfriars" will provide comfortable accommodation in pleasant surroundings for eighteen members of the staff, within easy reach of the hospital.

Other improvements involving substantial expenditure include additional labour saving equipment in the kitchen to cater for larger numbers and facilitate the preparation of meals for patients and staff.

**Finance.**—General Fund Income amounted to £17,688/16/11 during the year ended December, 1945, and Expenditure during the same period to £19,469/14/10, creating a deficit of £1,780/17/11. Salaries and Wages account for a large part of the additional expenditure although most headings show an increase. New salaries scales issued since the end of the year will mean an even greater increase in 1946.

Income is maintained, despite many other appeals to the generosity of the public. With the cessation of hostilities payments



received from the Ministry of Health for Emergency Medical Services have dropped to half the amount received in previous years.

The valuable and constant support of the Boston and District Benefit Society continues, and the Committee appreciate the untiring services of all the officers and collectors of the Society.

The Committee are encouraged by the flow of receipts from entertainments and donations and would like to record in detail the valuable contributions received during the year. However, they ask all those who have worked so enthusiastically, and with such excellent results, to accept this acknowledgment. Contributions have been received from many sources, and include donations from the distribution of balances of W.V.S., A.R.P., Firewatchers and Home Guard Funds.

Messrs. Hodgson, Harris & Co., despite considerable staff problems, have continued the audit of the hospital accounts without fee throughout the war years. This valuable help is deeply appreciated.

**Legacy.**—It is with deep gratitude the Committee record a legacy of £50 received from the Estate of Major J. M. Staniland, who was killed on active service.

**Hon. Medical Staff.**—After serving thirty-two years on the Hon. Medical Staff of the hospital, Dr. S. S. Rendall resigned his appointment on retiring from practice. His devotion to the interests of the patients and to the hospital is well known, and Dr. Rendall has been appointed Hon. Consulting Surgeon in recognition of his services.

Mr. J. J. Rainforth who has visited the hospital regularly since 1929 as Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon, retired in December, resigning his hospital appointment at the same time. The Committee place on record their appreciation of Mr. Rainforth's services during these fifteen years. Mr. M. S. Harrison has been appointed Hon. Ear, Nose and Throat Surgeon.

The death of Mr. R. A. C. Rigby after a short illness was a great shock to everyone. His unswerving service and constant thought for the patients as Radiologist since 1936 were well known, and staff and patients felt that they had lost a friend. Mr. J. L. Freer has accepted the appointment of Radiologist, and is continuing to develop the work commenced by Mr. Rigby.



**Committee.**—Mrs. Morris resigned, on leaving the district after many years of loyal service on the House, Finance and other Committees. At the last Annual Meeting Mrs. Morris was unanimously elected a Life Governor in recognition of her work. Miss Bedford, Mr. P. Jenner and Sir Robert Pattinson were also unanimously elected Life Governors in recognition of their services to the hospital.

Miss Bedford, Mrs. C. W. Day, Mrs. Giles, Mr. A. Bradley and Col. A. Grounds, elected at the last Annual Meeting are serving on House, Finance and General Committees.

**Matron.**—After four years' service during difficult war years, Miss A. M. Boxall resigned her appointment as Matron, on accepting a similar appointment at the Princess Alice Memorial Hospital, Eastbourne. Miss G. Bowler, trained at the Nottingham General Hospital and Assistant Matron at Chester Royal Infirmary, has been appointed Matron to succeed Miss Boxall.

**Personal Service.**—Once more the Committee are happy to place on record their appreciation of the personal service rendered by many organisations and individuals. Members of the V.A.D. of the British Red Cross Society, Girl Guides, and Girls' Training Corps in their spare time have been of considerable help in maintaining the services of the hospital during the continuing staff shortage. The library service provided by the Toc. H. League of Women Helpers is appreciated by the patients. In addition to the invaluable help of the Linen Guild in providing and maintaining most of the bedding and linen of the hospital, nine members raised over £100 to provide a refrigerator for the new Children's Ward.

Substantial gifts of eggs and vegetables have been received regularly throughout the year. Over five thousand eggs were preserved as a result of collections made by schools, Sunday Schools and Women's Institutes.

Statistics, on page 7 indicate, so far as figures are able to do so, the steady expansion of the work of all departments. The Committee desire to record their appreciation of the work of the Hon Medical Staff on whom falls the responsibility of the treatment of these patients. The Nursing Staff have dealt with this additional work,



with unfortunately no increase and often a reduction in their numbers, owing to the national shortage of Nurses. The Committee are grateful to the members of the staffs who have seen that all patients attending the hospital receive the treatment that they require. They are encouraged by the expressions of appreciation received from patients and relatives.

**National Health Service.**—Although the proposed National Health Service Bill was not published during the year under review the Committee feel that subscribers would wish some reference to be made to the introduction of a Bill which will mean the extinction of the voluntary hospitals and the local authority hospitals. A special meeting was called to place before supporters of the hospital the possible effect of the Bill, and a resolution protesting against certain aspects was sent to the Government.

The Bill provides that all Endowments and Trust Funds of the Hospital shall be appropriated and vested in a "Hospital Endowments Fund" under the control of the Minister.

The Management of the Hospital will be in the hands of a Regional Board who may or may not nominate local persons to serve on the Management Committee of the Hospital. As there will be only from fifteen to twenty of these Boards for the whole country, the size of each region may be visualised. The constitution of the Regional Board and Management Committees provided for in the Bill has not been yet clearly defined, but it seems reasonable to assume from the provisions of the Bill that the opportunities for local interest and management in the affairs of the Hospital are to be restricted—a factor which causes considerable concern to those who have been closely associated with the management for a number of years and who have been enabled to create an atmosphere of personal ownership of the institution in the minds of the public of the Boston district.

As the Minister of Health recently indicated, his Ministry is not yet ready to take over the hospital services. It must be recognised that the services of this hospital must be maintained on the highest possible level, and that the buildings and equipment should be kept in a state of good repair and if necessary extended and brought up to modern standards.

A. C. RYSDALE, Chairman.  
B. HAINES, Secretary.



# Statistical Tables

For the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1945.

TABLE I. IN-PATIENTS.

A. Number of Beds and In-Patients :—

1. Total number of available beds on 31st December .....	95 + 25*
2. Average number of patients resident daily .....	56.66
3. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at beginning of period .....	58.
4. Number of In-Patients admitted during period .....	1410.
5. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at end of period .....	43.
6. Average number of days each patient was resident .....	14.66
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B. Average cost of each In-Patient per week .....	£5/9/5
Average total cost of each In-Patient .....	£11/8/8

TABLE II. OUT-PATIENTS.

	1944.	1945.
1. Total number of Out-Patients treated .....	4965.	5134.
2. Total number of Out-Patient attendances .....	12871.	15652.
3. Average cost per Out-Patient attendance .....	4/10½	4/3¼

WORK DONE IN SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

	1944.	1945.
1. General and Fracture New Out-patients .....	662.	672.
"    "    "    attendances .....	594.	480.
2. Number of Ear, Nose and Throat patients .....	171.	120.
"    "    "    attendances .....	190.	134.
3. Number of Ophthalmic patients .....	457.	466.
"    "    "    attendances .....	689.	821.
4. Medical and Heart .....	158.	227.
"    "    "    attendances .....	50.	22.
5. Cancer and Deep X-Ray Therapy .....	217.	240.
"    "    "    attendances .....	480.	710.
6. X-Ray Examinations, In-Patients .....	356.	265.
"    "    "    Out-Patients .....	2303.	2241.
7. Physio-Therapy, In-Patient attendances .....	—	3733.
"    "    "    Out-Patients .....	—	198.
"    "    "    attendances .....	1403.	3934.
8. Casualties and Dressings .....	5499.	5585.
9. Operations performed—Main Theatre .....	628.	677.
"    "    "    Second Theatre .....	1005.	685.

\*Emergency Medical Service Beds.



# BOSTON

## BALANCE SHEET on

### Liabilities and Funds.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors for Working Expenses, etc. ....				1939	8	9
Building Fund, as at 31st December, 1944 ....	37947	17	8			
Add : Transferred from Building Extension Fund ....	6506	1	6			
				44453	19	2
Equipment Fund, as at 31st December, 1944 ....	6965	5	3			
Add : Transferred from Building Extension Fund ....	973	1	2			
				7938	6	5
Endowment Fund, as at 31st December, 1944 ....	50025	2	1			
Add : Additions during the year ....	200	0	0			
				50225	2	1
Building Extension Fund, as per Account on page 14 ....				952	1	4
X-Ray Appeal Fund, as at 31st December, 1944 ....				111	11	4
Suspense Account :—						
Shuttleworth Charity Trustees ....				10000	0	0
Income and Expenditure Account ....				5442	18	5½

Boston, 27th May, 1946.

We have examined the Accounts of the Boston Hospital for the year ended 31st December, 1945, and certify that in our opinion the foregoing Balance Sheet is correct.

HODGSON, HARRIS & CO.,  
Chartered Accountants.

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# HOSPITAL

the 31st December, 1945.

## Assets.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Leasehold Property, comprising the Hospital Buildings, Boston, Lincolnshire, as at 31st December, 1944	37947	17	8			
Additions during the year	2870	0	0			
				40817	17	8
Freehold Property, "Greyfriars," South Square, Boston, at cost				3636	1	6
Surgical and Domestic Equipment, Furniture, etc. :— As at 31st December, 1944	6965	5	3			
Additions during the year	973	1	2			
				7938	6	5
Investments for Endowment Fund :— £595 London, Midland & Scottish Railway Company 4% Debenture Stock	822	14	3			
£579 The Southern Railway Company 4% Debenture Stock	818	4	6			
£1,200 New Zealand Government 3½% Stock 1962- 1965	1110	1	0			
£41,956/4/9 3½% War Loan	42406	7	7			
£716/3/0 3% Local Loans 3% Stock	450	0	0			
£650 3% Defence Bonds	650	0	0			
£3,730 3% Savings Bonds	3730	0	0			
	49987	7	4			
(The Market Value of the above investments at 31st December, 1945, was £50,848/13/5).						
Mortgages, as at 31st December, 1944	200	0	0			
				50187	7	4
Balances with Bankers on Endowment Fund Account :— Lloyds Bank Limited	36	7	3			
Boston and District Trustee Savings Bank	3	6	8			
				39	13	11
Stock of Consumable Goods on hand (as certified by the Secretary)				2569	11	10½
Sundry Debtors :— For Treatment, etc.	796	16	0			
Boston and District Benefit Society for Hospital Treatment	1200	0	0			
Ministry of Health	17	9	9			
				2014	5	9
Investment of Grant from Shuttleworth Charity Trustees : £10,000 3% Savings Bonds				10000	0	0
Accrued Interest on Mortgages (less Tax)				2	5	0
Balances with Bankers on General Account :— Lloyds Bank Ltd.—Current Account	515	19	9			
Lloyds Bank Ltd.—Deposit Account	59	15	1			
Boston and District Trustee Savings Bank	3156	0	9			
				3731	15	7
Cash in hand				105	0	0
Apportionment of Payments made in advance				21	2	6
				£121063	7	6½



## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### INCOME.

#### Ordinary :—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Subscriptions .....	266	4	0			
Donations .....	871	10	2			
Congregational Collections .....	145	1	9½			
Entertainments, etc .....	296	4	10½			
Boxes .....	153	19	3			
				1733	0	1

#### Invested Property :—

Dividends .....	171	0	3			
War Loan Interest .....	1468	9	2			
Mortgage Interest (less Tax) .....	4	10	0			
Annuities .....	10	0	0			
				1653	19	5

#### Patients' Fees :—

In-Patients :						
Private .....	1231	16	8			
General .....	504	4	3			
				1736	0	11
Public Authorities .....				1036	18	10
Contribution Schemes :						
Boston & District						
Benefit Society .....	4750	0	0			
Others .....	813	15	8			
				5563	15	8
Maternity Patients :						
Public Authorities .....	1052	1	0			
Private .....	1205	1	4			
				2257	2	4
Out-Patients .....	114	9	10			
X-Ray .....	779	14	6			
Ministry of Health (on account of Emergency Medical Service Casualty Cases) .....	1759	7	10			
				13247	9	11

#### Other Income :—

Bank Interest :						
On Endowment Fund Account .....		4	0			
On Deposit Account .....		1	2	0		
On Savings Bank Account .....			1	6		
State Grant for Nursing Salaries .....	1042	0	0			
Sundries .....	11	0	0			
				1054	7	6
Balance carried down .....				1780	17	11

Carried forward .....	19469	14	10
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for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

EXPENDITURE.

Provisions :—		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Meat	.....	527	10	2			
Fish, Poultry, etc.	.....	338	4	5			
Butter, Bacon, etc.	.....	286	14	8			
Milk and Eggs	.....	774	0	1			
Bread and Flour, etc.	.....	163	10	8			
Groceries	.....	964	0	1½			
Vegetables and Fruit	.....	54	9	3			
					3108	9	4½
<b>Surgery and Dispensary :—</b>							
Drugs and Chemicals	.....	562	2	7			
Dressings and Bandages	.....	479	12	6½			
Renewals and Repairs to Instruments and Appliances	.....	539	4	7½			
Doctor's Fees for Ear, Throat, Nose and Cancer Treatment	.....	481	17	9			
X-Ray Maintenance, Radiologist's Salary, etc.	.....	1250	13	3			
Dispensing Salaries	.....	81	9	9			
Sundries	.....	85	8	3			
					3480	8	9
<b>Domestic :—</b>							
Renewals and Repairs to Equipment, Furniture, Bedding, Linen, etc.	.....	296	8	6½			
Repairs and Renewals to Crockery, Hardware, etc.	.....	34	4	0			
Cleaning and Chandlery	.....	171	7	8			
Washing done off Hospital premises	.....	918	1	2			
Fuel and Lighting	.....	1178	15	6			
Uniforms	.....	83	4	0			
					2682	0	10½
<b>Establishment :—</b>							
Rent and Rates	.....	103	5	5			
Insurance	.....	79	19	10			
Repairs to Property, etc.	.....	737	6	3			
					920	11	6
<b>Salaries, Wages, etc. :—</b>							
Matron and Nurses	.....	4581	4	5			
Domestic Servants, Porters, etc.	.....	2209	9	5			
Medical	.....	197	14	9			
Pensions	.....	52	0	0			
Superannuation Contributions	.....	485	18	8			
					7526	7	3
<b>Miscellaneous :—</b>							
Printing and Stationery	.....	54	19	9½			
Advertisements	.....	78	14	0			
Telephone Calls, Postages, etc.	.....	210	16	9			
Sundries	.....	59	0	9			
					403	11	3½
Carried forward	.....				18121	9	0½



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
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INCOME.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ....				19469	14	10
				£19,469 14 10		
Balance, as at 31st December, 1944, brought forward ....				7223	16	4½

				£7223 16 4½		
Balance brought down ....				5442	18	5½

SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance payable to Insurance Companies at 31st December, 1944; represented by :—						
Balance with Lloyds Bank, Ltd. ....				54	8	6
Staff Contributions ....				258	2	7
Hospital Contributions ....				485	18	8
				£798 9 9		

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EXPENDITURE.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward ....				18121	9	0½
<b>Administration :—</b>						
Clerical Salaries (including Secretary's Salary) ....	1001	17	8			
Official Printing, Cheque Books, etc. ....	202	10	3½			
Bank Interest and Charges ....	11	8	6			
Sundries ....	132	9	4			
				<u>1348</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>9½</u>
				<u>£19469</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>
Balance brought down ....				1780	17	11
Balance carried down ....				5442	18	5½
				<u>£7223</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>4½</u>

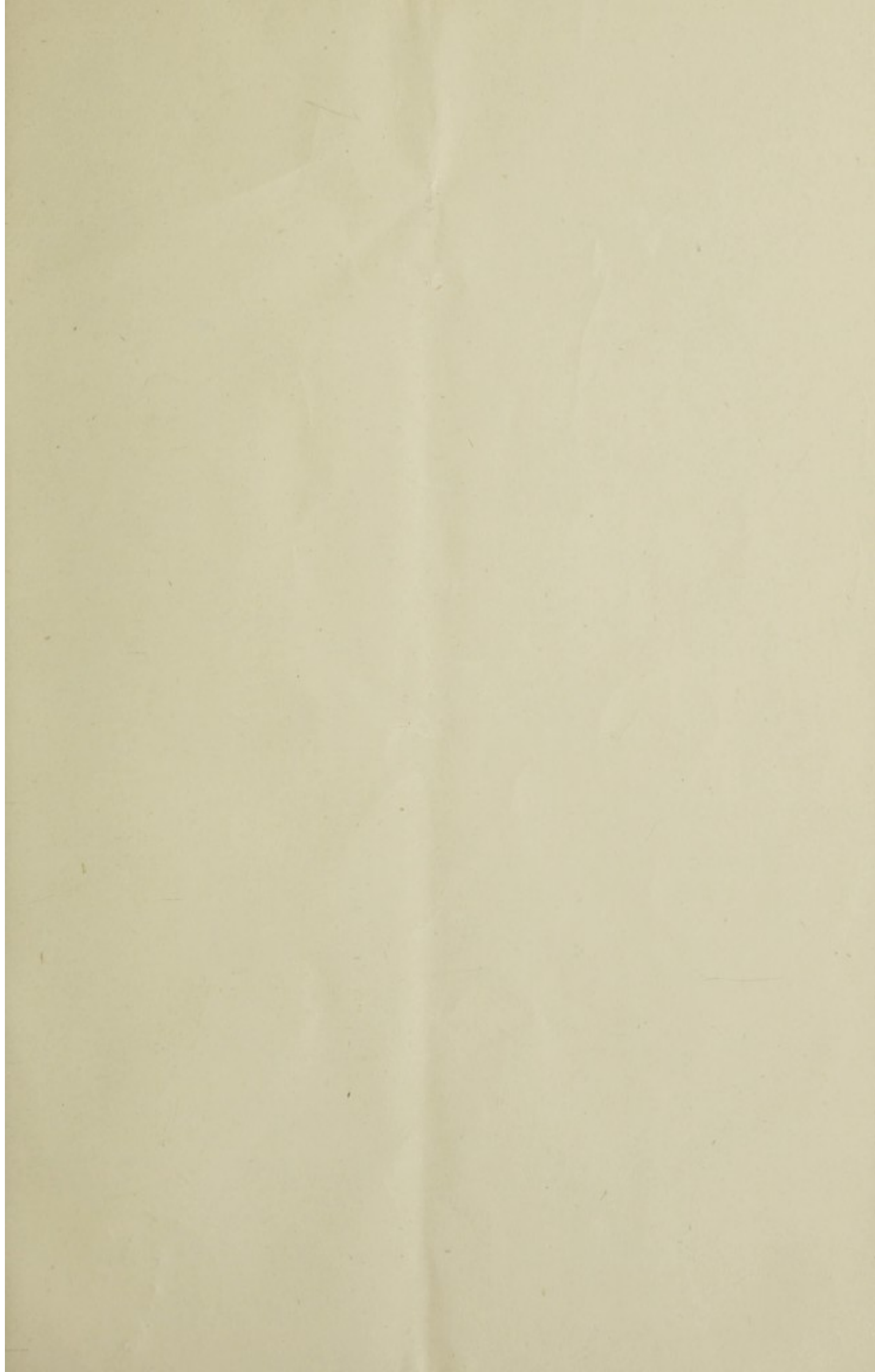
for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Payments to Insurance Companies				645	6	3
Balance payable to Insurance Companies, etc., represented by :—						
Cash in hand ....	56	2	6			
Balance with Lloyds Bank Limited ....	97	1	0			
				<u>153</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
				<u>£798</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>

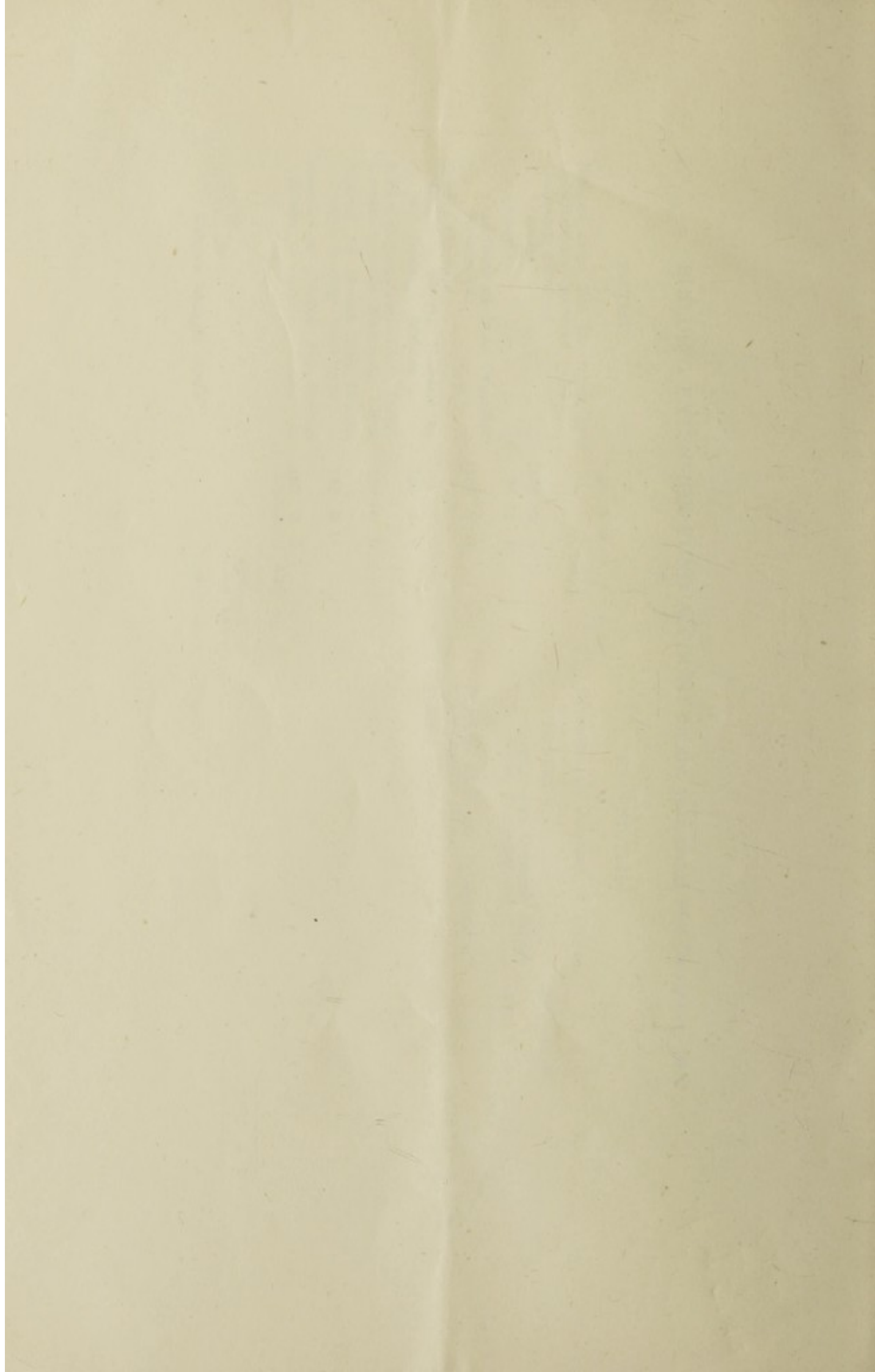


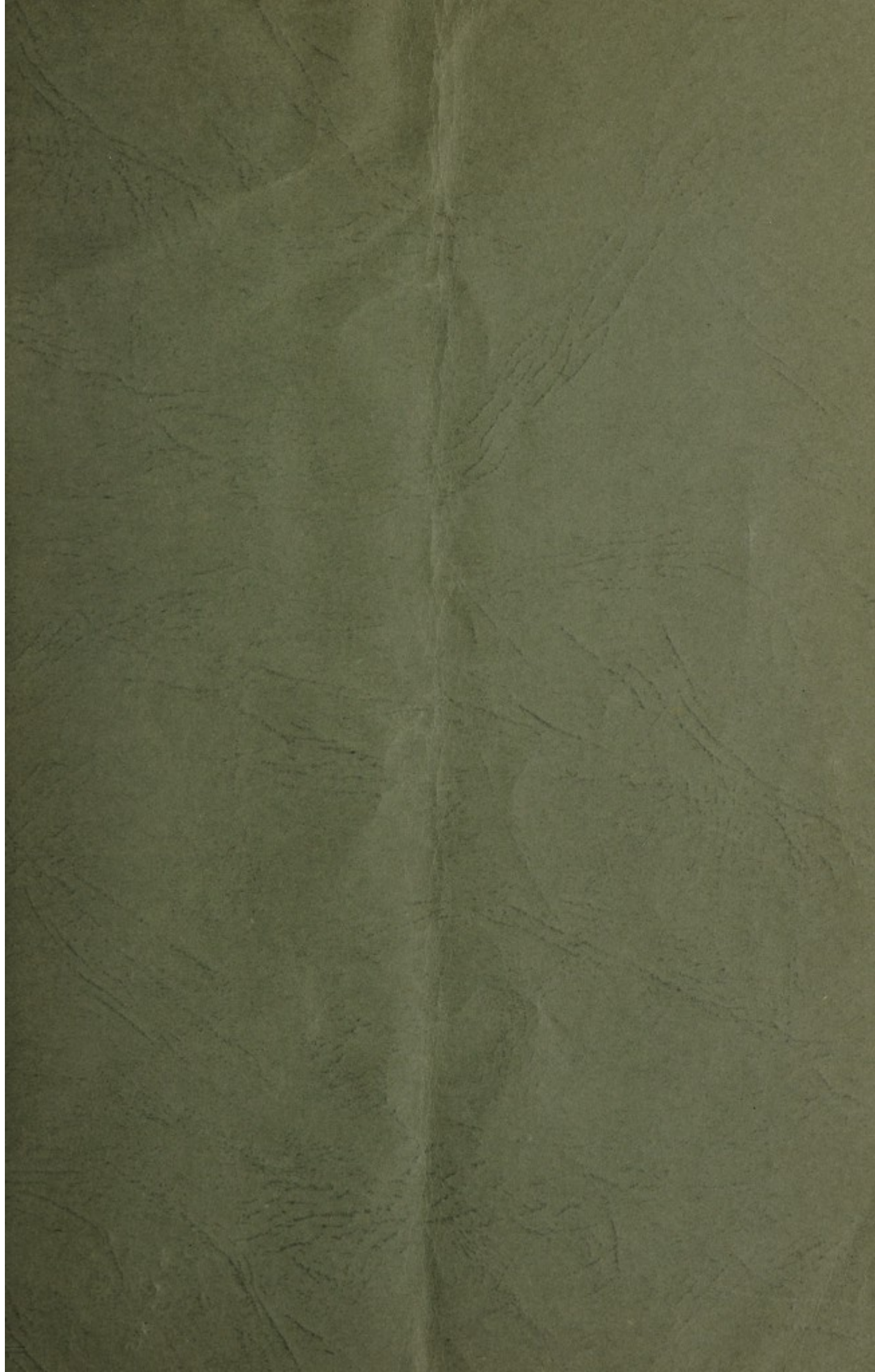
BUILDING EXTENSION FUND ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
Balance as at 31st December, 1944	£ s. d.	Payments on Account of Extensions :—	£ s. d.
Contributions received and amounts allocated :—	4125 12 7	Building ... ..	2870 0 0
Legacies ... ..	1576 18 4	Surgical and Domestic Equipment, Furniture, etc. ...	973 1 2
Donations ... ..	774 11 5		3843 1 2
Contributions from Organised Events, etc. ... ..	1107 7 3	Purchase of House, "Greyfriars," for Nurses' Home ... ..	3636 1 6
Sunday Cinemas :—		Balance carried down ... ..	952 1 4
Allocation to the Hospital by the Borough Justices ... ..	293 4 6		
Boston Corporation—Tenth Installation towards Maternity Clinic	250 0 0		
Interest on Boston and District Trustee Savings Bank A/c ...	153 9 11		
Interest on £10,000 3% Savings Bonds ... ..	150 0 0		
	<u>4305 11 5</u>		
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