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BOSTON GENERAL HOSPITAL



Seventy-fourth Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1947.

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Boston General Hospital

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS.

For the twelve months ended 31st December, 1947.

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Acting Hon. Radio-Therapist :

J. R. CONDON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.M.R.

Surgeon :

(Ministry of Health Appointment jointly with the Holland County Council)

C. MACLAY, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Eng. and Edin.), F.R.F.P.S.

Radiologist :

J. L. FREER, D.M.R.E.

Clinical Assistant :

Mrs. MURIEL C. YATES, M.B., B.S. (Lond.).

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Miss M. BROWN, M.B., Ch.B.
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Visiting Physio-Therapist :

Miss M. MORGAN, C.S.P.

Physio-Therapist in Charge :

Miss C. BEALE, C.S.P.

Seventy-fourth Report of the Boston General Hospital.

The General Committee have pleasure in presenting the 74th Report on the activities of the Hospital during the year ended 31st December, 1947.

From the statistics on page 9 it will be seen that despite the limitations of staff and accommodation the services rendered to the sick and injured of the district are greater than ever before. Owing to the severe weather from January to March attendances in the Out-Patients Department were below the average, but the increased numbers made the congestion in the Department most acute during the rest of the year. The Committee have given serious consideration to possible ways of providing more space for the Out-Patients Department and although their efforts have the sympathetic support of the Ministry of Health, it is not easy to find a solution under the present building restrictions. The Committee, however, are exploring the possibility of obtaining and erecting temporary accommodation adjacent to the Department in order to in some measure reduce the difficulties under which the service is now administered. In an attempt to relieve congestion and to avoid long waiting at the Hospital an Appointments System is now functioning for a number of clinics.

There has been also an increase in the number of in-patient days treatment provided despite short periods of isolation when it was not possible to use accommodation available to the fullest extent. Unfortunately, lack of staff still makes it impossible to use the ward of 20 beds, a state of affairs existing in many hospitals to-day. The number of nurses able to offer regular part-time help seems, however, to be smaller here than in some parts of the country.

The Committee learned with great regret of the death of Dr. J. Braithwaite, a Life Governor of the Hospital and for many years a member of the Medical Staff.

For some years the Committee have been anxious to provide Mr. Pilcher with some help with the tremendous amount of work for which he is responsible and they were pleased to have the opportunity through the Ministry of Health to appoint jointly with the Holland County Council an additional Surgeon. Mr. Charles Maclay, F.R.C.S., was appointed in April, from a good field of candidates, and has rendered considerable assistance with the major surgery in the district.

Dr. J. E. Walker, the well-liked Honorary Radiotherapist, resigned on leaving his appointment at Scunthorpe to join the Staff of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. Mr. S. P. Redmond, M.B., B.Ch., D.O.M.S., has been appointed Honorary Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon, to deputize for Mr. Briggs when necessary. The Dermatological Department, which has now been functioning for one year under Dr. E. Ritter, has been appreciated by the medical practitioners and patients.

After consultation with the Medical Committee some appointments to the Honorary Medical Staff have been re-designated so as more accurately to describe the duties of the members of the Honorary Medical Staff.

The Committee have pleasure in again recording their gratitude to the Medical Staff for the services rendered to the hospital and patients and for lectures to the Nursing Staff. During the year a request was received that honoraria be paid to the Medical Staff. The Committee gave long and very careful consideration to this matter involving as it did a departure from the established practice of the Hospital. The principal of payments to the Medical Staff had been however steadily adopted by hospitals in this area, and the Committee therefore decided to adopt the principle, having secured the approval of the Ministry of Health, as from 1st July, 1947.

The pre-nursing scheme for the employment of girls interested in nursing between leaving school and entering the Training School has been working successfully throughout the year. The services of the girls are welcomed in the Departments in which they are employed and they should benefit considerably from the further general education provided with the co-operation of the Education Authority and by the lectures of the Sister Tutor.

The Central Preliminary School for Nurses has been established at Lincoln for four Lincolnshire Hospitals, of which Boston is one, and all Student Nurses spend the first nine weeks of their training there.

The General Nursing Council have expressed their approval of a plan for a complete Training School for Nurses at Boston, based on this Hospital, but this cannot function until certain requirements of the General Nursing Council are met by the other Hospitals. In the meantime our affiliation to Lincoln County Hospital and Grimsby Hospital continues and the Committee records with pleasure that one of our students, Nurse Parrish, won the Lincoln Hospital Gold Medal as the best nurse of the year. It has been possible to engage an Assistant Cook for night work to ensure that the staff on night duty shall have adequate meals properly served away from the wards.

Following a visit of inspection by a Catering Officer of the Ministry of Health, a letter was received expressing the Minister's appreciation of the keen interest taken in the diet of the patients and staff and of the high standard of the general catering arrangements.

Despite the return to the General Fund Account of £3,000, which it had been hoped to use for extensions at a later date, the total income of £22,980 was not sufficient to meet expenditure which reached £28,533 leaving a deficit of £5,553 13s. 7d. No one item in the accounts is responsible for a large part of this difference and details of expenditure are set out in the accounts at the end of this report.

A legacy of £500 bequeathed by the late Mrs. L. Brooks, to endow a bed has been received. Mrs. A. Bramley, bequeathed £100 for the work of the Hospital. The Committee are deeply grateful for this help.

The internal painting and re-decoration of the Hospital property has been continued and almost completed during the year and various new items have been purchased at the request of the Medical Staff, including a modern surgical diathermy apparatus.

A new lift to the Rysdale Ward and an incinerator has been added, and the necessary licence has been obtained to add a small but urgently needed extension to the present operating theatre.

In 1912 a Ladies' Hospital Association was founded for the purpose of collecting subscriptions, and regularly since that date members of the Association have collected something over £100 annually for the Hospital. For many years Mrs. G. E. MacTaggart, as President, and Mrs. G. A. Day as Honorary Secretary have been responsible for the organisation of the Association's activities and the Committee deeply appreciate their work and the very valuable services of the collectors, many of whom have been responsible for a district for a very long time. Unfortunately, this year it was not possible to arrange for district collections but most of the subscribers on the collectors' books have responded generously to a direct appeal for a continuation of their support.

The Boston and District Benefit Society and other Hospital Associations by the loyal support and hard work of their officers and collectors have maintained their contributions towards the cost of members treated.

The invaluable support of the Ladies' Linen Guild continues and particular thanks are due to the small group of members who attend regularly to do the mending.

The V.A.D. detachment of the British Red Cross Society help us whenever they can and again members of the St. John's Ambulance Society have formed a rota to help with special patients.

Once more a great variety of very welcome gifts in kind received during the year have been augmented by generous food parcels from overseas and in particular from Australia and South Africa. Again we were fortunate to receive over 10,000 eggs, mainly collected by the members of the Women's Institutes supported by outstanding collections from certain Schools and Sunday Schools. The generous gifts of vegetables received from the various merchants in the area are greatly appreciated and considerably assist in the maintenance of the high standard of catering.

With regard to the National Health Service which comes into force on 5th July, 1948, the Committee have little more information to add to that given in last year's report. The Regional Boards have been formed and the Sheffield Board in which region this Hospital is situated will shortly announce the areas allotted to the Hospital Management Committees, and will proceed to form these Committees from persons in the area.

The Committee have given serious consideration to the position of certain members of the Staff with a record of long and loyal service to this Hospital and, in some cases, other Hospitals. Accepting guidance from a memorandum issued by the British Hospitals Association and the Ministry of Health, and in view of the transfer of ownership on 5th July, 1948, they have recorded in the minutes so far as possible their intention to recognise this service by pension had there been no change of ownership.

The Hospital will continue to serve the people of Boston and district after the appointed day as it has done for generations and the Committee wish to stress again that the interest of the people of Boston and district in their Hospital is just as necessary and valuable.

A. C. RYSDALE, Chairman

B. HAINES, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLES

For the Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1947.

TABLE I. IN-PATIENTS.

A. Number of Beds and In-Patients :—

1. Total number of available beds on 31st December	95.
Less beds closed due to staff shortage	20.
	— 75.
2. Average number of patients resident daily	54.14
3. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at beginning of period	42.
4. Number of In-Patients admitted during period	1596.
5. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at end of period	46.
6. Average number of days each patient was resident	12.38
7. Babies born in Maternity Block	274.
8. Patients in Hospital for one day only	98.
9. Patients in Hospital for two or three days	109.
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B. Average cost of each In-Patient per week	£8/8/1
Average total cost of each In-Patient	£14/16/6.

TABLE II. OUT-PATIENTS.

	1946.	1947.
1. Total number of Out-Patients treated	5,521	- 6,161
2. Total number of Out-Patient attendances	17,125	- 18,926
3. Average cost per Out-Patient attendance	4/7	5/1 $\frac{3}{4}$

WORK DONE IN SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS.

	1946.	1947.
1. New General and Fracture Out-patients	718	- 856
attendances	582	- 510
2. New Ear, Nose and Throat patients	327	- 368
attendances	266	- 441
3. New Ophthalmic patients	426	- 396
attendances	720	- 940
4. New Medical and Heart patients	168	- 169
attendances	23	- 26
5. New Dermatological patients		205
attendances		78
6. Cancer and Deep X-Ray Therapy Patients	229	- 165
attendances	945	- 923
7. X-Ray Examinations : In-Patients	344	- 272
Out-Patients	2,594	- 2,667
8. Physio-Therapy : In-Patient attendances	2,899	- 6,518
Out-Patients	290	- 333
attendances	4,349	- 6,472
9. Casualties and Dressings	5,488	- 4,377
10. Operations performed—Main Theatre	765	- 898
Second Theatre	486	- 370
11. Attendances at ante-natal clinics in Maternity Block		650.

BOSTON

BALANCE SHEET on

Liabilities and Funds.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Creditors for Working Expenses, etc.				4081	12	8
Lloyds Bank Limited Current Account				836	13	7
Buildings Fund, as at 31st December, 1946	45336	4	0			
Add : Transferred from Building Extension Fund	2150	2	11			
				47486	6	11
Equipment Fund, as at 31st December, 1946	9593	8	5			
Add : Transferred from Building Extension Fund	119	10	0			
				9712	18	5
Endowment Fund, as at 31st December, 1946	50331	2	1			
Add : Additions during the year	500	0	0			
				50831	2	1
Building Extension Fund, as per Account on page 16				2000	0	0
X-Ray Appeal Fund, as at 31st December, 1946				111	11	4
Income and Expenditure Account				1743	6	9½

Boston, 6th April, 1948.

We have examined the Accounts of the Boston Hospital for the year ended 31st December, 1947, 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, 1947.

Assets.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Leasehold Property, comprising the Hospital Buildings, Boston, Lincolnshire, as at 31st December, 1946	41429	15	5			
Additions during the year	2001	7	8			
				43431	3	1
Freehold Properties, "Greyfriars", South Square, Boston, as at 31st December, 1946	3906	8	7			
Additions during the year	148	15	3			
				4055	3	10
Surgical and Domestic Equipment, Furniture, etc :—						
As at 31st December, 1946	9593	8	5			
Additions during the year	119	10	0			
				9712	18	5
Investments for Endowment Fund :—						
£595 London, Midland and 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 2½% Treasury Stock, 1975	450	0	0			
£70 3% Defence Bonds repayable 1951	70	0	0			
£2,400 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-1970	2400	0	0			
£1,200 3% Savings Bonds 1955-1965	1200	0	0			
£130 3% Savings Bonds, 1965-1975	130	0	0			
£580 2½% Defence Bonds, repayable 1958	580	0	0			
				49987	7	4
Mortgage, as at 31st December, 1946	200	0	0			
				50187	7	4
Investment of balance of Grant from Shuttleworth Charity Trustees, £2,000 3% Savings Bonds, 1960-1970	2000	0	0			
				52187	7	4
(The Market Value of the above investments at 31st December, 1947, was £53,136/8/10).						
Balance with Bankers on Endowment Fund Account—Boston and District Trustee Savings Bank				621	0	2
Stock of Consumable Goods on hand (as certified by the Secretary)				3448	12	6½
Sundry Debtors :—						
For Treatment, etc.	1651	1	8			
Boston and District Benefit Society for Hospital Treatment	1150	0	0			
				2801	1	8
Accrued Interest on Mortgage (less Tax)				2	9	6
Balance with Bankers on General Account :—						
Boston and District Trustee Savings Bank				332	9	3
Cash in hand				80	0	0
Apportionment of Payments made in advance				131	6	0
				1116,803	11	9½

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Ordinary :—						
Legacies	100	0	0			
Subscriptions	372	15	0			
Donations	726	19	10			
Congregational Collections	135	17	9			
Entertainments, etc.	529	10	1			
Boxes	172	7	8			
				2037	10	4
Invested Property :—						
Dividends	182	7	3			
War Loan Interest	1468	9	2			
Mortgage Interest (less Tax)	4	19	0			
Annuities	10	0	0			
				1665	15	5
Patients Fees :—						
In-Patients :	£	s.	d.			
Private	1431	19	0			
General	763	0	4			
				2194	19	4
Public Authorities	1346	6	0½			
Contribution Schemes :						
Boston and District Benefit Society	4850	0	0			
Others	1337	5	6			
				6187	5	6
Maternity Patients :						
Public Authorities	1666	12	0			
Private	1322	9	0			
				2989	1	0
Out-Patients	474	17	0			
X-Ray	1296	0	6			
Ministry of Health	80	14	7			
				14569	3	11½
Other Income :—						
Income Tax repaid	125	1	8			
Bank Interest :						
On Endowment Fund Account	2	2				
On Deposit Account	2	10				
On Savings Bank Account	12	3	8			
Receipts on account of State Grant for Nursing Salaries	1353	13	7			
Receipts for Staff Meals	115	0	9			
Sundries	44	5	0			
				1650	9	8
Carried forward				19922	19	4½

for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Provisions :—						
Meat	526	17	11			
Fish, Poultry, etc.	293	19	6			
Butter, Bacon, etc.	164	3	5			
Milk and Eggs	640	12	11			
Bread and Flour, etc.	148	16	2			
Groceries	857	9	0			
Vegetables and Fruit	148	11	11½			
				2780	10	10½
Surgery and Dispensary :—						
Drugs and Chemicals	1690	5	0½			
Dressings and Bandages	541	8	10½			
Renewals and Repairs to Instruments and Appliances	308	2	2			
Doctor's Fees for Ear, Throat, Nose and Cancer Treatment	341	8	9			
X-Ray Maintenance, Radiologist's Salary, etc.	1828	17	7½			
Dispensing Salaries	108	16	0			
Sundries	45	10	4			
				4864	8	9½
Domestic :—						
Renewals and Repairs to Equipment, Furniture, Bedding, Linen, etc.	187	13	9½			
Repairs and Renewals to Crockery, Hardware, etc.	60	1	4½			
Cleaning and Chandlery	115	0	8			
Washing done off Hospital Premises	1035	6	4			
Fuel and Lighting	1296	13	5½			
Uniforms	126	7	3			
				2821	2	10½
Establishment :—						
Rent and Rates	245	0	7			
Insurance	94	6	8			
Repairs to Property, etc.	1574	3	4			
				1913	10	7
Salaries, Wages, etc. :—						
Matron and Nurses	5793	12	1			
Domestic Servants, Porters, etc.	5100	14	3			
Pre-Nursing	236	12	5			
Medical	231	5	0			
Honoraria to Consultants and Honorary Medical Staff	1525	0	0			
Pensions	52	0	0			
Superannuation Contributions	604	12	8			
				13543	16	5
Carried forward				25,923	9	6½

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

INCOME.	£	s. d.	con-	£	s. d.
Brought forward				19922	19 4½
Transfer from Building Extension Fund Account				3057	1 7
Balance Carried down				5553	13 7
				£28533	14 6½
Balance, as at 31st December, 1946, brought forward				7297	0 4½
				£7297	0 4½
Balance brought down				1743	6 9½

SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance payable to Insurance Companies at 31st December, 1946, represented by :—				
Balance with Lloyds Bank Limited			150	9 6
Staff Contributions			302	6 4
Hospital Contributions			604	12 8
			£1057	8 6

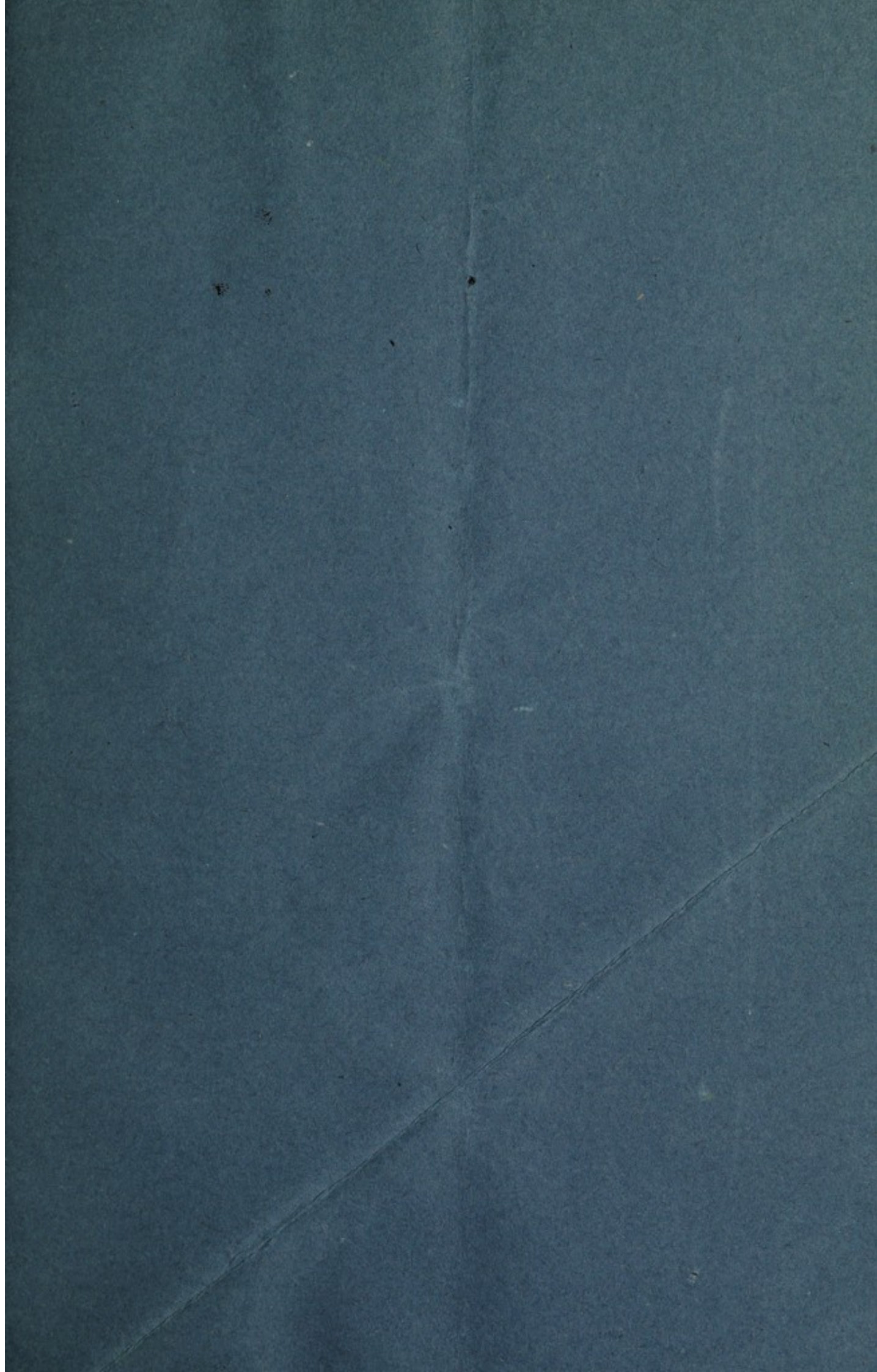
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EXPENDITURE.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Brought forward			25923	9 6½
Miscellaneous :—				
Advertisements	139	10 4		
Telephone Calls, Postages, etc.	193	10 8		
Sundries	173	6 1		
Printing and Stationery	63	19 8		
			<u>570</u>	<u>6 9</u>
Administration :—				
Clerical Salaries (including Secretary's Salary)	1725	8 10		
Office Printing, Cheque Books, etc.	218	15 11		
Bank Interest and Charges	35	2 6		
Sundries	60	11 0		
			<u>2039</u>	<u>18 3</u>
			<u>£28533</u>	<u>14 6½</u>
Balance brought down			5553	13 7
Balance carried down			1743	6 9½
			<u>£7297</u>	<u>0 4½</u>

for the year ended 31st December, 1947.

	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Payments to Insurance Companies			899	6 3
Balance payable to Insurance Companies, etc., represented by :—				
Balance with Lloyds Bank, Limited			158	2 3
			<u>£1057</u>	<u>8 6</u>



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