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THE CORBETT HOSPITAL

STOURBRIDGE

ABRIDGED REPORT and STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

for the Year ending 31st December

1944

THE CORBETT HOSPITAL, STOURBRIDGE.

1944.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.

Your Board have to present their 52nd Annual Report, in abridged form again.

The detailed lists of Subscriptions and Donations have been prepared and may be inspected at the House Governor's Office at any time.

The Annual General Meeting unanimously re-elected Major W. Harcourt Webb as President, and Mr. J. James as Honorary Treasurer.

The Board of Management, at their first Meeting of the year, unanimously re-elected Sir Sidney Law, J.P., as Chairman, and Mr. J. M. Standish as Vice-Chairman. The Standing Committees were re-elected en bloc.

Obituary.—With very deep regret, your Board report the great loss sustained during the year, by the death of Mr. J. Wardale King. Mr. King had, before being elected to the board of Management, given valuable services for a number of years in many ways. The vacancy thus created was filled by the appointment of Mr. T. Share, of Wollescote, who had been actively associated with the Hospital in connection with the Lye and Wollescote Carnival Committee, the Lye and Wollescote Egg Collection and the Contributory Fund for a very long time.

Legacies.—The following legacies were received and are most gratefully acknowledged to the Executors of the late:—

Mr. E. Davies	....	....	....	£1,000	0	0
Miss E. Brough	....	....	....	£45	0	0
Miss M. Skidmore Westwood	....	....	....	£200	0	0

Staff.—Thanks are accorded to the Medical, Nursing, Clerical and other Staffs for their services during the year, which was probably one of the most difficult in many ways owing to the restriction on the admission of civilians, rationing and the general shortage of staff. Arrangements for the reception of convoys of wounded were put to the test and proved to have been very efficiently organised, and an atmosphere of co-operation among all those engaged was obvious. Members of the medical and surgical staff were called upon to undertake work at various Emergency Hospitals and this made it necessary, as far as was possible, for the remaining members of the staff to shoulder heavier responsibilities. The Board hope that in the near future the Honorary Staff will be sufficiently relieved to resume their normal attendances, and the Board take this opportunity of thanking the civilian population for the very tolerant manner in which they accepted the position. The nursing problem has been very much affected owing to the compulsory direction by the Ministry of Labour to other Hospitals of Nurses six months after becoming State Registered, and no adequate substitutes being provided. Your Board are aware that the nursing position generally throughout the country is most unsatisfactory and the number of probationer nurses entering the profession is gravely insufficient. The position calls for urgent and well-counselled advice as to future steps to be taken.

Preliminary Training School.—Your Board, acting upon the recommendations of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, have decided to establish a Preliminary Training School for Nurses, and as soon as the property which they own becomes available, the necessary alterations will be carried out. It is hoped that the School will afford accommodation in the first place for 12 students for each session.

Chaplaincy.—The resignation, on account of health reasons, of the Reverend Stephen Pritt, A.K.C., was received with very much regret and the Bishop of Worcester was approached, but owing to the very difficult times the vacancy so created has not been filled, as many members of the Clergy are serving in H.M. Forces. Mr. Pritt's services are greatly appreciated and your Board tender him their warmest thanks and best wishes.

Annual Subscriptions.—£594 8s. 10d. was received from Annual Subscriptions, which was slightly less than that of the previous year. There are still many residents in the Hospital area to whom your Board feel that they must again appeal.

Gymkhana Committee.—Another very successful Gymkhana was held on August Bank Holiday Monday, as a result of which the Hospital received £1,530 16s. 9d. Improvements to the Hospital grounds, particularly the jumping arena, have been carried out. To the whole of the Gymkhana Committee and their supporters, your Board tender their most grateful thanks and hope the Committee will continue to meet with every success.

Corbett Hospital Sports Committee.—The Corbett Hospital Sports Committee, who organised the Sports on the 22nd July, raised £288. The event was attractive and very well managed, and it is hoped it will become an annual event. Your Board take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to the Committee and supporters for their valuable work.

Voluntary Association.—The Voluntary Association, under the Chairmanship of Mr. J. M. Standish, again increased their support by raising £2,094 16s. 9½d., an increase of £291 15s. 8½d. over the previous year. To the promoters of the various efforts and all who in any way assisted your Board record their high appreciation. The Hill Street Boys' School, who collected £94 1s. 0½d.; Mr. J. H. Mees, for the Rose Day collection, £244 1s. 3d.; the Midland Red 'Bus collection, £111 19s. 2d.; and the Licensed Houses, £160 4s. 6d.—especially the Foxcote Arms, Wollescote, who again won the Shield with a collection of £120; Messrs. Stuart and Sons' Athletic Club, £151 15s. 0d.; the Stourbridge Branch of the Warriors' Club, £200 as a result of the Ball; and "Anonymous Friends" of the Hospital, who raised £231 9s. 4d. by promoting Dances; Mr. W. H. Williams, who organised the Darts Competition; and the "Wollaston Special Effort," £121, per Mr. Elt, must be mentioned. The response to Mr. Standish's Appeal in connection with Christmas festivities, was again a marked success. £168 9s. 8d. was raised, and to all donors the thanks of your Board are accorded.

Contributory Fund.—The Contributory Fund raised £11,843 3s. 7d., and although the Committee experienced much difficulty owing to the absence of permanent staff, the result is considered most satisfactory, and to the Contributors, Employers, Chairman and Committee Members, your Board record their most grateful thanks. The amount raised was £400 less than in the previous year and is accounted for by the fact that a number of factories have become redundant and a large number of the workers have been transferred to other areas. It does appear probable that the rate of contribution will come up for review and contributors will be invited to increase their contributions.

Linen Fund.—The Linen Fund Committee collected £112 14s. 4d., against £124 11s. 0d. in the previous year, but this was not due to any lack of effort on the part of the honorary organisers and collectors. Probably the many calls by other charitable organisations in connection with the Services account for the decrease. The amount raised was a valuable contribution towards the cost of linen, and thanks are again tendered to the donors, honorary organisers and collectors and others who assisted in any way. The list of the amounts received from each area will be found on page 15.

General—National Health Service.—The proposals contained in a White Paper on a National Health Service have engaged the attention of your Board very much during the past year, and they feel that as far as possible every effort should be made to continue to improve facilities so that patients may derive the best service that medical and nursing ability can give.

The General Income from all sources for the year amounted to £31,593 15s. 4d., and after deduction of Expenditure, left a surplus of income of £645 19s. 9d. Various Church collections totalled £125 16s. 6d. This was slightly less than in the previous year. It is hoped that as soon as circumstances permit a Hospital Sunday Committee might be set up to cover the whole district and that a very substantial increased sum will be raised. The full year's operation of the Scales of Salaries recommended by the Rushcliffe and Hetherington Committees for Nurses and Domestic Staff accounts for an increased expenditure of over £2,000. The remainder of the expenditure compares very well with the previous year. The activity of the Hospital may be gathered from the comparative figures on page 8, and at the earliest opportune time your Board propose to review their Building programme, as the rapidly increasing demands on the Hospital are great and the accommodation suggested in the Re-building Scheme of 1934 will be inadequate. Other forms of treatment are being introduced and larger accommodation will have to be planned for, especially in the future Out-patient Department.

In conclusion, your Board thank all the donors and friends of the Hospital who have contributed in any way during the year, and hope that they may continue to enjoy their confidence. A very large number of letters of appreciation have been received from late patients.

FORM OF BEQUEST

of Money or Stock to the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge.

Or for the perpetual naming of a Bed to my memory in the said Corbett Hospital, or for the perpetual naming of a Cot to the memory of

I BEQUEATH to the CORBETT HOSPITAL, STOURBRIDGE, the sum of Pounds (free of duty), to be applied to the general purposes of the said Hospital. AND I Declare that the receipt of the Hon. Treasurer, or other proper officer for the time being of the said Hospital, shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

NOTE.—By virtue of the Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1891 (54 and 55 Vict. c. 73) every kind of property may be left by Will to the Hospital.

£1,000 WILL NAME A BED.

£500 WILL NAME A COT.

HOW TO SAVE INCOME TAX AND HELP THE HOSPITALS.

Annual Subscribers, by completing the Form of Agreement overleaf, can subscribe to the Corbett Hospital and increase their subscription by enabling the Hospital Board to recover Income Tax thereon. Subscribers can deduct all such subscriptions from their Return.

Based upon the rate of Income Tax being 10s. in the £, the following are examples of the effect:—

Annual Subscription to be paid by Subscriber.	Amount recovered by Hospital from Inland Revenue.	Amount credited to Subscriber in Subscription List.
(1)	(2)	(3)
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
1 1 0	1 1 0	2 2 0
2 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
2 2 0	2 2 0	4 4 0
3 0 0	3 0 0	6 0 0
3 3 0	3 3 0	6 6 0
4 0 0	4 0 0	8 0 0
4 4 0	4 4 0	8 8 0
5 0 0	5 0 0	10 0 0
5 5 0	5 5 0	10 10 0
10 0 0	10 0 0	20 0 0
10 10 0	10 10 0	21 0 0

FORM OF AGREEMENT.

I, of.....
 HEREBY COVENANT with THE CORBETT HOSPITAL, STOURBRIDGE,
 that during the period of seven years from the date hereof or until the
 date which shall by Order in Council or otherwise be ordered to be
 treated as the date of the termination of the present war between Great
 Britain and Germany or during my life (whichever shall be the shorter
 period) I will pay annually to the said Hospital such a sum as will after
 the deduction of Income Tax leave in the hands of the Hospital the sum of
 £..... (WORDS) the first of such annual pay-
 ments to be made on the (a)..... day of.....
 194..... and the six subsequent annual payments to be made on the same
 day, in each of such subsequent years, all such sums to be paid from my
 general fund of taxed income so that I shall receive no personal or private
 benefit in the said period from the said sums or any part thereof.
 IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this
 (b).....day of.....194.....

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED by the
 above-named in the presence of

{	Signature	}	L.S. Signature.
	Address		
	Occupation		

- (a) The date for the first payment should be at least one month later than the date at (b).
 (b) Insert the actual date of signing.

NOTES AS TO COMPLETION OF AGREEMENT.

- (1) The term of seven years commences from the date of signature.
- (2) The directions for filling in the dates at (a) and (b) should be carefully observed.
- (3) Signature should be placed where indicated, and the witness should sign, etc., in the space provided.
- (4) If the seven annual payments are to be made under Banker's Order, the date at (a) should be furnished to the Bank.
- (5) The agreement duly completed as above should be forwarded to the Secretary, Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, as soon as signed in order that it may be stamped within the allotted time.

COMPARATIVE FIGURES, 1943-44.

The activity of the Hospital is shown by the following statistics:—

1943.		1944.
	Total number of patients examined in all	
16063	Departments	17308
2178	Admitted into the wards	1995
1390	Total number of operations performed:—	
	Total number of minor operations (Casualty	
514	Dept.)	669
717	Total number of minor operations (In-patients)	673
673	Total number of major operations (In-patients)	631
		1973
14.03	Average stay per patient (in days)	12.72
£12 5s. 0d.	Average cost per patient	£14 10s. 2d.
17s. 6d.	Average cost per patient per day	£1 2s. 10d.
127	Total number of deaths	108
	Number of deaths primarily due to motor	
3	accidents (included in above total)	3
20	Number of deaths within 24 hours, from	
	other causes (included in above total)	36
12.20	Average number of days' stay of fatal cases	7.76
	Massage Department:	
626	Number of New Patients	638
7914	Attendances	7805
	Eye Department:	
500	Number of New Patients	460
1445	Attendances	1349
	Orthopaedic Department:	
1385	Number of New Patients	1379
6228	Attendances	5486
	X-Ray Department:	
13626	Number of photographs	13788
4542	Number of Patients	4596
	Casualty Department:	
7648	Total number of dressings	5217
3795	Number of New Patients	3877
	Medical Department:	
524	Number of New Patients	392
858	Attendances	974
	Surgical Department:	
649	Number of New Patients	686
1663	Attendances	1662
	Ear, Nose and Throat Department:	
782	Number of New Patients	846
2028	Attendances	2218
	Orthoptic Department:	
52	Number of New Patients	55
2193	Attendances	2310
	Hay Fever:	
8	Number of New Patients	3
34	Attendances	34
	Pathological Department:	
1022	Number of Examinations carried out	1041

INCOME.				EXPENDITURE.			
£ s. d.				£ s. d.			
Contributions as per				Salary and Expenses			
Summary	12535	13	3	of Administration ...	491	3	8
				Contributors' Reim-			
				bursements	201	6	0
				Balance to General			
				Account	11843	3	7

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT—continued.

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BALANCE SHEET—continued.

ASSETS.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£235/12/3 4 per Cent. Fund- ing Loan	211	3	10			
£1000 Queensland 4 per Cent. Stock, 1940-50	995	0	6			
£1000 2½ per Cent. National War Bonds	1000	0	0			
£1500 G.W. Ry. 5 per Cent. Rent Charge Stock	1913	2	5			
£2000 Birmingham Corporation 3½ per Cent. Registered Stock, 1946	2065	4	0	31672	19	0
<i>Building and Equipment Fund—</i>						
£9500 2½ per Cent. National War Bonds				9500	0	0
<i>General Fund—</i>						
£2567/3/10 Local Loans 3 per Cent. Stock	2500	0	0			
£2906/13/6 4 per Cent. Fund- ing Loan	2550	0	0			
£4406/2/9 3½ per Cent. War Stock	4425	14	4			
£2000 S. Ry. 4 per Cent. Debenture Stock	2126	16	0			
£2100 Birmingham Corporation 3½ per Cent. Registered Stock, 1946	2115	19	0			
£2000 Western Australia 3½ per Cent. Inscribed Stock, 1935-55	1970	4	0			
£4250/6/10 City of Birming- ham 3½ per Cent. Redeem- able Stock, 1957-62	4181	11	6			
£1000 3 per Cent. Defence Bonds	1000	0	0			
£6000 2½ per Cent. National War Bonds	6000	0	0			

BALANCE SHEET—continued.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We report that we have audited the above Balance Sheet and Accounts of the Hospital, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion such Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of affairs of the Hospital, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the Books of the Hospital.

(Signed) GOUGH & WRIGHT,
Auditors.

DUDLEY.

13th July, 1945.

ASSETS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£4000 3 per Cent. Savings Bonds, 1955-1965	...	4000	0	0	30870	4	10
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NOTE.—The Market Value of the above Investments at 31st December, 1944, was £75,451/8/5.							
Cash at Bank—							
General Fund	...	...	...	...	21766	11	3
New Building Fund	...	...	...	...	1147	0	9
Repairs Reserve Fund	5824	1	4
Electrical Installation Fund	64	2	6
Iron Lung Fund	22	15	4
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Cash in Hand—							
Secretary	1	7	
Matron	10	0	0
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					10	1	7
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					£150924 8 7		
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					28824 11 2		
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					72043 3 10		
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CHRISTMAS FUND ACCOUNT.

Income.

To Subscriptions and Donations	£	s.	d.
	168	9	8
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				£168 9 8		
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Expenditure.

By Christmas Fare and Entertainments	£	s.	d.
„ Balance to General Account	47	7	10
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				£168 9 8		
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THE CORBETT HOSPITAL LINEN GUILD.

Collections to December 31st, 1944.

Hon. Secretary—Mrs. J. M. STANDISH.

	£	s.	d.
Brierley Hill Inner Wheel	2	2	0
„ „ Townswomen's Guild, per Mrs. Hickman ...	8	8	6
Lye and Wollescote Carnival Committee	13	0	4
West Hagley, per Mrs. E. M. Jones	41	11	9
Wordsley and Kingswinford, per Miss L. M. Stuart ...	13	19	3
Hagley, per Miss I. Harrison	10	0	0
Pedmore, per Mrs. F. L. Law	21	10	6
Stourbridge Townswomen's Guild, per Miss E. J. King ...	2	2	0
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	£112	14	4
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DETAILS OF ROSE DAY COLLECTION, 1944.

	£	s.	d.
Stourbridge	85	16	7½
Amblecote	50	13	1½
West Hagley	22	3	6½
Wollaston	23	5	6
Belbroughton	9	2	3
Pedmore	18	6	6
Upper Hagley	6	11	5½
Kinver	15	16	10½
Wordsley	12	5	4½
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	£244	1	3
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TIMES OF ATTENDANCE OF VISITING CONSULTANTS.

Monday	Orthopaedic & Fractures. Massage & Electrical.	A. M. HENDRY, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S. (Ed.).	10 a.m.
Tuesday	Medical.	BRIG. ERNEST BULMER, C.B.E. (Mil.), M.D., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P.	10 a.m.
	Squint Dept.	*PROF. J. G. EMANUEL, M.D., F.R.C.P. MISS V. BANKS.	9 a.m.
Wednesday	X-Ray.	G. E. DYAS, M.C., B.A., B.Ch., D.M.R.E. (Cantab.).	10 a.m.
	Ear, Nose and Throat.	BERNARD GOODWIN, J.P., F.R.C.S. (Eng.).	10 a.m.
Thursday	Squint Dept.	MISS V. BANKS.	9 a.m.
	Surgical.	J. W. RIDDOCH, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.	11 a.m.
Friday	Squint Dept.	MISS V. BANKS.	9 a.m.
	Ophthalmic.	MAJOR R. D. WEEDEN-BUTLER, B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.O.M.S.	1.30 p.m.
	Hay Fever.		2 p.m.
	Mental Hygiene.	A. SHEPHERD, M.B., D.P.M.	2.30 p.m.
Monday to Saturday	Minor Casualties.		9 a.m.

*Deputy owing to first-named Honorary being on Active Service.