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By virtue of the Income Tax Act, 1918, and subsequent Finance Acts, it is possible for the Hospital to effect an increase of its income by the recovery from the Inland Revenue Department of the Income Tax that has been paid by its subscribers in respect of their subscriptions. To enable the Hospital to do this, however, it is necessary that each subscriber should enter into a legally binding contract to pay the Hospital an annual subscription of a definite amount during a period of at least seven years.

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2 2 0	2 2 0	4 4 0
3 3 0	3 3 0	6 6 0
4 4 0	4 4 0	8 8 0
5 5 0	5 5 0	10 10 0
10 10 0	10 10 0	21 0 0

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EXTRACT FROM THE RULES AND REGULATIONS of Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool.

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| Objects | 2. The objects of the Hospital shall be the reception and treatment of patients who have sustained injuries or are suffering from diseases (infectious or contagious cases excepted) requiring surgical or medical treatment, and who reside within the Boroughs of West Hartlepool or Hartlepool or such other Districts as the Management Committee may from time to time decide, on such conditions as may be agreed upon. |
| Cost of Maintaining | 3. The cost of maintaining the Hospital shall be provided for by public subscriptions, donations, bequests, the interest arising from funds held in trust for the benefit of the Hospital, and by donations made by patients or friends. |
| Free Benefits | 4. The free benefits of the Hospital shall be available to persons who are not in a position to provide themselves with private medical attendance. Other persons may be admitted, provided the patients or their friends subscribe to the funds of the Hospital such sums as shall be determined by the House Committee. |
| Subscriptions—when due | 9. Subscriptions for the current year are due on the first day of January in each year, and are payable in advance. |
| Discontinuance of Subscriptions | 10. All Annual Subscribers shall be considered as continuing their subscriptions until they signify the contrary to the Secretary or Treasurer. |
| Subscriber's Vote at Meeting | 11. Every Annual Subscriber of £1 1s. 0d. or more shall be entitled to vote at the General Meeting of the Subscribers or at any Special Meeting as hereinafter provided. |
| Special Meeting | 14. A Special Meeting of Subscribers and Representatives shall be summoned at the request of the Committee of Management or at the request of twelve Subscribers or Representatives by application to the Committee of Management. |
| Admission | 76. Emergency cases shall be admitted at any hour of the day or night. Other applicants seeking admission shall present themselves at any time, Sundays excepted, at 9-30 a.m. for examination by the House Surgeon. If found suitable they will be admitted so far as the accommodation of the Hospital admits. |
| Accepted Cases | 78. Accepted cases for which there is no immediate room will be sent for by the House Surgeon as vacancies occur. |
| Ineligible Cases | 79. The following cases are ineligible :—
Those who upon examination are deemed incurable or not likely to receive permanent relief ;
Those suffering from Phthisis or Mental Diseases, and those whose complaints are likely to be so tedious as to preclude the admission of more urgent cases ;
Those whose admission might endanger other patients. |

Obey Directions	82. Patients shall obey the directions of the Medical Staff, the House Surgeon, the Matron and the Nurses.								
Bringing Food or Liquor to Hospital	83. Patients shall be permitted to supplement the diet provided by the Hospital with fruit, eggs and other light foods, subject to the approval of the Doctor or Nurse in charge. No medicine or intoxicant shall be brought into the hospital by or for the use of any patient.								
Handing over Valuables	86. Patients on admission shall hand to the Matron all money or valuables, and shall be given a receipt. The Hospital will not be responsible for any loss through neglect of this precaution.								
Visiting	88. Relations and friends may visit patients under the following conditions :— <table> <tr> <td>On Saturdays ...</td><td>... from 2-30 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.</td></tr> <tr> <td>On Sundays ...</td><td>... from 3-0 p.m. to 4-0 p.m.</td></tr> <tr> <td>On Wednesdays...</td><td>... from 2-0 p.m. to 3-0 p.m.</td></tr> <tr> <td>* On Thursdays ...</td><td>... from 6-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m.</td></tr> </table> (for male visitors only) No other visits will be allowed except by permission of the House Surgeon or, in his absence, the Matron.	On Saturdays ...	... from 2-30 p.m. to 3-30 p.m.	On Sundays ...	... from 3-0 p.m. to 4-0 p.m.	On Wednesdays...	... from 2-0 p.m. to 3-0 p.m.	* On Thursdays ...	... from 6-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m.
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On Sundays ...	... from 3-0 p.m. to 4-0 p.m.								
On Wednesdays...	... from 2-0 p.m. to 3-0 p.m.								
* On Thursdays ...	... from 6-30 p.m. to 7-30 p.m.								
Number	89. Each patient is allowed two visitors only at a time. Each visitor is allowed to see one patient only. Ward to ward visiting is not allowed.								
Children visiting	90. Children will be admitted as visitors if in charge of a responsible person, subject to Rule 89.								
Infectious Visitors	91. Visitors in whose household any infectious disease prevails will not be allowed to visit the Hospital.								
Finance Committee	35. The Finance Committee shall, subject to the control of the Management Committee, superintend and manage the finances of the Hospital and shall, in particular, initiate, foster and manage schemes for increasing the income of the Hospital.								
Investments	40. The Finance Committee shall, subject to the approval of the Management Committee, invest in the name of the Trustees all money for investments.								

* General Visiting permitted during period of war.

OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR 1944.

President :

SIR WILLIAM GRAY, Bart.

Vice-Presidents :

J. W. CAMERON.
A. McGLASHAN, J.P.
J. E. MITCHELL, M.D.
N. GRAHAM.
B. AARVOLD *
D. EDGAR. *
R. B. CARTER, J.P.
W. J. YEATS.
W. N. CROSBY.

Honorary Treasurer :

H. P. LLOYD,
National Provincial Bank Limited, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Assistant Treasurer :

D. MOLE.

Honorary Solicitor :

F. W. J. WEBB.

Honorary Auditors :

W. T. WALTON & SON.

Honorary Architect :

F. DURKIN, A.M.I.C.E.

Emergency Officers :

J. E. MITCHELL, M.D.
A. C. STRAIN, M.D.

Matron :

MISS S. BRESLIN.

Permanent Secretary :

C. S. Kay, A.H.A. *

War-time Secretary :

Miss P. M. Betts.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Chairman : N. GRAHAM.

Representing West Hartlepool Corporation :

Alderman E. Bloom.	Councillor J. Middleton, J.P.
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* On War Service.

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A. Standing	A. Frame	W. M. Shields.
	J. Barker	

R.A.O.B., G.L.E., South Durham Province :
John Spencely.

Representing Organisations etc.,

Association of Friends of Cameron Hospital :

Mrs. M. Wyatt	Mrs. H. Burton	Mrs. E. Smith
F. Binks	Mrs. M. Watson	J. P. Smith
Mrs. A. Hird	Mrs. E. Clarke	

Association of Local Tradesmen :

B. Heseltine	J. Appleyard
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Hartlepoons and Distriet Hospital Sunday Fund :
Rev. P. J. H. Kirner.

Hartlepoons Co-operative Society Ltd., :
Mrs. H. M. Worthy.

Hartlepool's Hospital Quoilt Championship :
W. Wright

Ladies' Hospital Guild :

Mrs. H. L. Hogg	Miss S. Rowe
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H. Campbell	J. Gibbons	J. Mc Elvenny
A. Cook	J. McLoughan	T. O. Smith

Nursery Inn Gardeners' Society :

J. Armstrong	J. Gibson
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West Hartlepool Boilermakers' Institute :

T. H. Wood	T. L. Wilson
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Central Marine Engine Works :

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M. Fadden

J. Bratton

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G. Kirkman.

Hartlepoons & District Post Office Benevolent Society :

F. M. Roworth

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and Benevolent Fund :**

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G. W. Gledden

J. Payne

H. Baker

A. Broderick

A. Foster

R. Pounder

Hartlepool Gas and Water Company :

A. E. Sinden

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R. O. Bird

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J. Smith

J. Stainsby

A. Tetlow

W. Warnes

W. Wright

G. Cooke

R. Brannon

L. Johnson

Mr. Pearson.

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Mrs. Waller

Miss Hall

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W. Taylor

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F. Bell

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J. Boddy

F. Braithwaite

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P. Davison

F. Kerr

L. Guttridge

B. Greenwood

W. P. Lumley

H. Hodgson

W. James

V. Nunn

G. Moore

W. Rodgers

A. E. Shaw

S. Swain

D. Thomas

A. E. Wells

T. Taylor

W. Wilson

C. Miller

S. Cartwright

R. Steele

West Hartlepool Corporation Employees :

C. Caldon

E. Readman

**West Hartlepool Corporation Health Department,
Ambulance Service and the First Aid Post Service :**

J. Oliver

Wood Workers :

H. Webster

T. D. Whittet

HOUSE COMMITTEE :

Chairman : LT. COL. N. GRAHAM

The President,
The Vice-Presidents
Members of the Finance Committee,
and the Following Elected Members :

Workpeople's Reps.	Subscriber's Reps.	Medical Board Reps.
Allen, W.	Appleyard, J.	Ainsley, A. C.
Baker, H.	Barton, O. H.	Strain, A. C.
Broderick, A.	Birks, F. C.	Biggart, R.S.L.
Brownlee, L.	Gledden, G. W.	Rishworth, W.N.
Davison, A.	Hogg, Mrs. H.L.	
Greenwood, B.	Heseltine, B.	
Johnson, C. E.	Middleton, J.	
Lewis, O.	Nicholson, Mrs. W. A.	
Oliver, J.	Nicholson, W.A.	
Payne, J.	Peddie, P.	
Smith, H.	Shields, W.M.	
Smith, J.	Standing, A.	
Tetlow, A.	Watt, W.J.	
Thoburn, D.	Worthy, Mrs. H. M.	
Whittet, T. D.		
Westmoreland, Mr.		

FINANCE COMMITTEE :

Chairman : Mr. J. W. HOOKER.

The President,
The Chairman Management Committee
The Hon. Treasurer,
The Asst. Hon. Treasurer,
and the Following Elected Members,

Armstrong, N.	Hooker, J. W.
Bloom, E.	Lupton, G. C.
Bradshaw, J. R.	Lumley, W. P.
Edgar, D.	Mitchell, J. E.
Hall, J. T.	Worthy, J. W.

FIXED MEETINGS

Finance Committee	.....	1st Wednesday in month at 6-45 p.m.
House Committee	.....	1st Wednesday in month at 7-30 p.m.
Management Committee		2nd Wednesday in month at 7-30 p.m.

MEDICAL STAFF.

Honorary Consulting Physicians :

W. ROSS, M.D.
A. E. S. JACK, M.D.

Honorary Consulting Surgeon :

A. V. MCGREGOR, M.D.

Honorary Consulting Gynaecologist :

E. FARQUHAR MURRAY, M.D., F.R.C.S., F.R.C.O.G.

Honorary Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon :

C. GORDON IRWIN, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edin.) deputed by
EDWARD KNOWLES, M.Ch. Ortho., F.R.C.S. (Eng.)

Honorary Consulting Medical Officer of Health :

J. W. McKEGGIE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Honorary Physicians :

J. E. MITCHELL, M.D.
A. S. L. BIGGART, M.B., Ch.B.

Honorary Assistant Physician :

W. A. NICHOLSON, M.B., B.Chir.

Honorary Surgeons :

A. C. AINSLEY, F.R.C.S., (Eng.)
A. C. STRAIN, M.D.
W. N. RISHWORTH, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Honorary Aural Surgeon :

R. M. MARSHALL, F.R.C.S., (Edin.)

Honorary Ophthalmic Surgeon :

R. N. AJINKYA, F.R.C.S., (Edin.) D.O., D.O.M.S.

Honorary Orthopaedic Surgeons :

A. C. AINSLEY, F.R.C.S., (Eng.)
W. N. RISHWORTH, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Honorary Assistant Surgeons :

W. N. CONLEY, M.B., Ch.B.
G. S. MATHER, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Honorary Assistant Aural Surgeon :

*G. STRAIN, M.B., Ch.B.

Honorary Radiologist :

J. KERR MUIR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.M.R.E. (Cantab.)

Honorary Surgeon Dentist :

R. SOMERVILLE WOODIWIS, L.D.S.

Anaesthetists :

*G. STRAIN, M.B., Ch.B.
A. RENNIE MUIR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
MISS R. ASHLEY, L.R.C.P. & S.I.

*On War Service.

REPORT

OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE CAMERON HOSPITAL FOR THE YEAR 1943.

THE Management Committee has pleasure in presenting its Thirty-ninth Annual Report, together with Balance Sheet and Statements of Account for the year ended 31st December, 1943.

The Year's Work.

The comparative statistics which form an appendix to this report indicate the increasing extent to which every department of the Hospital is being utilised. The new X-ray installation has proved a great asset in the work of that department. Many special examinations are now being undertaken which it was not possible to carry out with the old equipment. 900 more X-ray examinations were undertaken than in the previous year. The re-establishment of the Orthopaedic Department in its own building has proved a great benefit. The increased volume of work carried on there has called for the appointment of a part-time qualified Masseuse. Reference is made later in this report to an addition to the Honorary Medical Staff in connection with this department.

Finance.

The financial position of the Hospital continues to be satisfactory, the net assets shewing an increase of some £3,000 for the year. It should be noted, however, that for the last four years the Hospital has been in receipt of substantial contributions from the Ministry of Health, averaging more than £4,000 per annum, and it cannot be expected that this source of revenue will be available much longer. Such expectations as we have from the White Paper are as yet tentative.

The Income and Expenditure Account shews a surplus of £850 which, added to the balance brought forward in the Revenue Account of £867, makes a total of £1,718. Against this the cost of installation of the Bed Pan Washers—£58—has been transferred to the Buildings and Equipment Fund. £1,000 has been transferred to the Reserve for deferred repairs in respect of the years 1940 and 1941, for which no reservation had previously been made. These transfers leave a nett balance in the Revenue Account of £660 as against £867 at the end of the previous year.

A total of £2,000 has now been set aside to meet deferred expenditure in the nature of repairs and renewals and other essential work which would normally have taken place, but which has had to be postponed during the war. Since the close of the year this amount has been invested in 2% National Bonds 1952/4, and the investment has been earmarked for the specific purpose for which it was set aside.

Ordinary Income.

The total Ordinary Income for the year amounted to £17,080 compared with £16,048 received during 1943. Of this amount £3,534 was received from the Ministry of Health.

It will be noted from the principal items of income which are given below that the main increases appear under the headings "Donations", "Workpeople's Contributions", "Paying Patients" and "Interest on Investments."

	1943	1942
Annual Subscriptions	918	897
Donations	1311	1019
Workpeople's Contributions	5782	5483
Patients Donations	316	305
Paying Patients	756	431
Association of Friends	1000	625
Interest on Investments	1477	1188
Emergency Hospital Organisation	3534	3936
Hospital Trust of the Hartlepoons	850	825
	15944	14709

Annual Subscriptions.

The Committee acknowledges with a deep sense of gratitude the continued and increasing financial support rendered by annual subscribers. It is anticipated that the forthcoming year will shew a further substantial increase in revenue from this source on account of the fact that many more subscribers have signed deeds covenanting to subscribe over a period of seven years, thus enabling the Hospital to recover from the Inland Revenue Authorities an amount equivalent to the subscription, without additional cost to the subscribers. The Committee expresses the hope that all subscribers who have not already signed a Deed of Covenant will kindly do so.

Donations.

This item, which shews an increase of £220 over the previous year, includes the figure of £93 from the Co-operative Society Dividend Share, No. 19. The Account was opened in March through the good offices of the Society, and is a promising avenue of revenue.

The Committee desires it to be widely known that the dividend on any purchase can be paid to the credit of this Account by instructing the Society's counter Assistant at the time of purchase. It is thus available to members as well as to non-members making casual purchases.

The Committee is greatly indebted to the many good friends of the Hospital who have forwarded donations in the nature of personal gifts, proceeds of entertainments, and special efforts organised in aid of the Hospital. The Committee is also grateful to ex-patients for their practical recognition of the treatment received.

Workpeople's Fund.

There is a steady increase in contributions from this source, as will be seen from the comparative figures recorded below. The Committee is ever mindful of the substantial contributions received annually from groups of employees, and desires to emphasise its grateful recognition of their increasing financial support. Prior to the close of the year a Sub-Committee of the Finance Committee was appointed with a view to extending the scheme, as it was felt that there are many persons in employment who have not taken advantage of the facilities available to them. A further increase is therefore anticipated in 1944.

	£
1939	4803
1940	4832
1941	5070
1942	5483
1943	5782

Hospital Trust of the Hartlepoons.

The Hospital has received an income of £850 from this source in the current year as against £825 last year. So regular and substantial an income is of great value to the Hospital, and the services of Sir William Gray, the Trustees and other Honorary Officers of the Trust, are much appreciated. The Committee feels that this Trust contributing as it does to the two Local Hospitals, may well make a special appeal to hospital well-wishers generally, and is deserving of a wider publicity than it enjoys.

Hospital Sunday.

The Committee records its grateful thanks to the Churches and Chapels in the Hartlepoons and surrounding districts for maintaining their financial support, and also desires to thank the Officials and Committee for their continued and active interest in the welfare of the Hospital.

Flag Day.

A record collection was raised on Flag Day, which was held on Saturday, June 5th. The gross receipts amounted to £386, compared with £238 in 1942. The nett proceeds for 1943 are shewn in the accompanying accounts. The Committee is cognisant of the enormous amount of work involved in the organisation of an effort of this nature, and realises that the success achieved was due in a large measure to the persistent and un-failing efforts of the collectors. The Committee highly appreciates the generous response of the public to this appeal, and desires to thank all those who participated in the collection, and looks forward to their co-operation and assistance during the coming year.

Legacies.

The Committee is pleased to acknowledge receipt of the following bequests during the year under review :—

Executors of the late Mrs. M. A. Birch	£230
" " " Miss E. Christopher-Brown	£500
" " " Mr. Wm. Harwood	£669

The above monies were placed to the credit of the Endowment Fund and later invested.

Investments.

At the 31st December, Investments at cost totalled £33934 compared with £32409 in the previous year. The sum of £850 was invested during Wings for Victory Week and a further £675 before the close of the year, making a total of £1525. Interest on Investments and Income Tax recovered was higher during 1943 by £289.

Emergency Medical Service.

The Accounts with the Ministry of Health have been agreed and settled up to the 30th September, 1943. There is a further amount due for the remaining three months of the year which is not ascertainable at present, and has not been taken into account in the Balance Sheet.

Association of Friends.

In 1942, the Hospital benefitted to the extent of £800 (General Funds £625 and X-Ray Fund £175) as a result of the Association's efforts. In 1943 they embarked on a more ambitious scheme with a view to raising £1,000 and the Management Committee very happily wishes to record that the "Friends" reached their target. At the close of their year on the 30th September the Hospital had received a Donation of £1,000 (which included £250 raised by the Association of Clubs) and a Cycle Exerciser for the Orthopaedic Department at a cost of £10.

Their magnificent achievement reflects the greatest credit on the Officials and Committees. The Management Committee wishes to pay tribute to the President Mr. H. R. Fordham, whose zeal and enthusiasm has been an inspiration to all those who have laboured to raise funds for the Association, and to the Honorary Secretary Mr. F. Binks for his invaluable support. The Committee is conscious of the unswerving loyalty and devotion of this band of workers. Their continuous efforts throughout the year are fully appreciated, and it is desired to tender to the Officers and Members of the Executive Committee and to the Ward Secretaries and their respective Officers and Committees, our sincere gratitude.

The Committee has come to regard their annual donation as a permanent source of revenue, and looks forward to another very successful year.

During the course of the year the Association of Clubs decided to work independently of the Friends. It is the intention of the Clubs to continue to raise funds for Charity, and the Committee is confident that they will not fall short of its expectations. Our best thanks are due to them.

Association of Local Tradesmen.

Credit is due to the Officers and Committee for the splendid support which they have rendered during the year, despite the fact that the task of collecting has been undertaken under extremely difficult conditions. Many of the collectors are on war service, and the Chairman, Mr. J. Lauder, has suffered a prolonged illness. It is gratifying to record that Mr. Lauder has resumed his activities with renewed enthusiasm.

At the Annual Meeting held in early December it was decided to make a Donation of £70 to the Hospital, compared with £64 in the previous year, and further to increase the rate of contribution as and from January 1st 1944 from 10/- to 13/- for adult members and 4/- to 5/- per annum in respect of Juniors between the ages of 16 and 21. Vigorous efforts are also to be made to increase membership.

The Committee is grateful to the Officers, Committee and Members for the financial support received in the past, and looks forward with lively interest to a record collection in 1944.

Salvage of Paper.

Although there has been an inevitable decrease in the amount received in 1943 for this waste material—receipts totalling £478 compared with £534 in the previous year—the amount is

still considerable. The Committee is very appreciative of the co-operation of the general public, and also thanks the Durham Paper Mills for their ready and continued assistance.

List of Subscriptions.

As a war-time measure, lists of subscriptions will not be published in this Report, but are available for inspection in the Secretary's Office.

Ordinary Expenditure.

During 1943, the Ordinary Expenditure totalled £16,230 compared with £15,447 in the previous year. The chief items of increase appear under the headings "Surgery and Dispensary" and "Salaries". In June the Committee decided to adopt in its entirety the findings of the Rushcliffe Committee in relation to salaries and conditions of service of the Nursing Staff, with retrospective effect from April 1st. This has incurred additional heavy expenditure, but both increased salaries and superannuation are subject to a 50% State Grant calculated on the basis of the scales in operation in April 1941. No interim payments in this respect have been received from the Government during 1943. The wages paid to Domestics have also been increased in order to keep pace with other sections of the staff. It is hoped that the higher wages paid to Domestics will ensure a greater degree of permanency in their services.

The increase under "Surgery and Dispensary" is due to rising prices, and to the larger number of patients treated during the year.

An additional item of expenditure in 1943 is the amount of £195 allocated to an X-Ray Insurance Fund which was created in March. As mentioned in the previous Report, the new X-Ray Apparatus was installed in November, 1942. Insurance cover was effected against contingencies of fire, electrical breakdowns and war damage. The question arose regarding accidental breakages of the costly Tubes and Valves. It was finally decided that the Hospital should carry its own risk, and that provision should be made for depreciation of the plant. 10% per annum of the cost of the X-Ray apparatus is being set aside for this purpose.

The following statement shows the comparative expenditure under the main headings :—

	1943	1942
Provisions	2,391	2,479
Surgery and Dispensary	1,836	1,658
Domestic	2,765	2,750
Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	6,811	5,773
Miscellaneous	620	361
Administration	903	564
Establishment	381	870
Finance	64	82
	15,771	14,537

Comparison of Income and Expenditure for Past Ten Years.

Year	Income £	Expenditure £		£
1934	7965	7945	Income plus	20
1935	8606	8393	do.	305
1936	9906	9008	do.	898
1937	10082	9931	do.	151
1938	10459	9740	do.	719
1939	9987	10745	Expenditure plus	767
1940	16028	14599	Income plus	1429
1941	16066	15464	do.	602
1942	16048	15447	do.	601
1943	17080	16230	do.	850

Obituaries.

The Committee records with deep regret the death of Lt. Col. Sir Wm. Thomlinson, a Vice-President, whose association with the Hospital extends over many years.

Since the close of the year the death has occurred of Coun. John Fenwick, a member of the Finance and House Committees. Coun. Fenwick devoted much of his time to the interest and welfare of the Hospital, and will long be remembered for his yeoman service in connection with the Association of Friends. He was also a Vice-President.

Life Members.

Mr. J. Barker was appointed a Life Member in virtue of his length of service.

Nursing Staff.

As mentioned previously in this Report the conditions of service and new rates of salaries recommended in the Rushcliffe Report were adopted by the Committee. The 96 hour fortnight has been in operation at this Hospital for several years, and is therefore no innovation.

The Report recommends many other welcome improvements in the status and remuneration paid to Nursing Staff which it is anticipated will attract many more suitable young women to this chosen and highly respected profession.

Lectures were given by the Honorary Medical Staff and the Sister Tutor.

In July the Committee entered into an arrangement with the Sunderland Royal Infirmary to receive students from this Hospital into their Preliminary Training School for periods of eight weeks' tuition.

Five students have already received this special training with beneficial results, and the Committee is confident that the knowledge and experience gained will more than justify the additional expenditure.

Members of the Civil Nursing Reserve continue to render valuable help in the wards and special departments.

Examination Results.

During the year 1943 twelve Nurses were successful in passing the State Examinations. Seven members passed the Final and five Nurses passed the Preliminary Examination.

Honorary Medical Staff.

Although the Honorary Medical Staff are working under extreme pressure their work at the Hospital is unimpaired. The Committee records its deep gratitude and thanks for their loyalty and devotion, and for the efficient service which they have maintained.

During the war years our Honorary Consulting Orthopaedic Surgeon Mr. Gordon Irwin, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. (Edinburgh) has been unable to attend as heretofore. The lack of Mr. Gordon Irwin's services had been keenly felt, and at the instigation of the Honorary Medical Staff the Hospital has been singularly fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. Edward Knowles, M. Ch. Orthop. F.R.C.S., Orthopaedic Surgeon at the Winterton Emergency Hospital. The thanks of the Committee are due to the Ministry of Health for giving their consent to Mr. Knowles acting for us in this capacity.

Honorary Officers.

The Committee records its real appreciation of the professional services and advice given by Mr. H.P. Lloyd (Treasurer), Mr. F. Durkin (Architect) and Mr. F. W. J. Webb (Solicitor). Their services have been called upon frequently during the year, and their ready help and co-operation have greatly facilitated the smooth working of the Hospital.

Ladies' Hospital Guild.

The Guild continues to meet the demands of the Hospital by providing and maintaining the whole of the linen requirements for the Wards and Nurses Home. They also defray the wages of a Seamstress.

This is a very essential service which has proved of inestimable value, and for which the Committee is particularly grateful to Mrs. Hogg, Miss Rowe and the members who have laboured to maintain their service during an extremely difficult period.

Women's Voluntary Service.

The Committee is appreciative of the support received from the Officers and members of this Service, and acknowledges the many gifts received during the year. The Committee is particularly grateful to the "Thursday Afternoon Sewing Ladies" for their untiring labours and also to the members who kindly staff the Telephone Switch Board during the evenings.

Ambulance Service.

This service has been utilised to a great extent and has proved most valuable. Our utmost thanks are due to the Officials responsible for placing the facilities of the Service at the disposal of patients.

Toc H.

It is felt that the services of the Toc H. in maintaining the Hospital Wireless and Library is deserving of special mention. They are rendering a very valuable and useful service which brings much joy and comfort to the patients.

Acknowledgments.

So many people assist the Hospital from time to time that it is impossible to record them individually. The Committee takes this opportunity of conveying its cordial thanks to the many supporters of the Hospital who in addition to contributing to our Funds have forwarded gifts of all kinds for the patients. The Committee looks forward to a continuance of their support in the year ahead.

Co-operation with the Hartlepool Hospital.

The Collaboration Committee consisting of lay and medical representatives of both Hospitals, which was formed in 1942, has met periodically and as a result of its deliberations much has been accomplished in attaining a greater co-ordination of Hospital

Administration in the Hartlepoons. A happy state of collaboration and co-operation exists between the two Hospitals. Matters affecting both Hospitals have been discussed and conclusions reached with unanimity.

Maternity Beds.

Reference was made in the previous Report to the Committee's opinion that the facilities existing in the County Borough for the treatment of maternity cases was inadequate. An approach to the Local Authority was made with a view to joint action which, however, did not materialise. The Committee then decided to proceed independently. It was considered that a unit of around 30 beds was required, but could hardly be achieved in war-time. In these circumstances a scheme was prepared, by way of more or less a temporary expedient, to provide 8 maternity beds and ancillary rooms on the first floor of the Administrative Block. The project has been placed before the Ministry of Health, and the matter is held in abeyance pending their decision.

Survey of Hospitals.

Visits have been made throughout the year by representatives of the Ministry of Health in connection with a survey of Hospital services and the establishment of Rehabilitation Centres.

Conclusion.

The Committee looks back at the year's work with a sense of satisfaction and with assurance that the esteem in which the services of the Hospital are held by the public will result in a continuance of popular support in full and increasing measure.

N. GRAHAM,
Chairman of Management Committee.

P. M. BETTS, Secretary.

STATISTICAL TABLES

**STATISTICS for the year ended 31st December, 1943,
compared with those of the previous year**

1 IN-PATIENTS

	1943	1942
A Number of Beds and In-patients		
Total number of beds available 31st December (includes 18 E.M.S. beds)	104	104
Number of patients in Hospital 1st January	46	48
Number of patients admitted during year	1709	1587
Number of patients in Hospital 31st December	61	46
Average number of patients resident daily throughout the year	58.6	52.4
Average number of days each patient was resident	14.4	11.7
Number of patients awaiting admission on 31st December	31	39

Expenditure on In-Patients, apart from that of Out-Patients, for the Period of Twelve Months Ended 31st December, 1943.

Average Cost of Each In-Patient and Average Cost of Each In-Patient per week.

	Expenditure on In- Patients	Aver. Cost of each In-Patient	Aver. Cost of each In-Patient per week
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Provisions	2318 14 6	1 6 5.1	15 2
2 Surgery & Dispensary	1134 4 2	12 11.1	7 5
3 Domestic	2566 5 6	1 9 2.9	16 9.1
4 Salaries & Wages (Maintenance)	5893 15 0	3 7 2	1 18 7
5 Miscellaneous	480 12 3	5 5.7	3 1.2
6 Administration	752 17 8	8 6.9	4 11
7 Establishment	734 17 4	8 4.6	4 9.6
8 Finance	53 12 6	7.3	4.3
	£13934 18 11	£7 18 9.6	£4 11 1.2

Average Cost per In-Patient per Day 13s. 0.1d.

STATISTICAL TABLES (Continued)

STATISTICS for the year ended 31st December, 1943
compared with those of the previous year

OUT-PATIENTS

A. Numbers.

	1943	1942
1. Number of new Out-patients	7293	6182
2. Number of subsequent attendances	17026	14385
3. Total number of Attendances	<u>24319</u>	<u>21567</u>

**Expenditure on Out-Patients for the Period of Twelve Months Ended
31st December, 1943.**

**Average Cost of Each Out-Patient and Average Cost of Each Out-Patient
Attendance.**

	Expenditure on Out- Patients	Aver. Cost of each Out-Patient	Aver. Cost of each Out-Patient Attendance
	£ s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1 Provisions	72 8 11	0 2.4	0 0.7
2 Surgery & Dispensary	701 17 9	1 11.1	0 6.9
3 Domestic	199 13 7	0 6.6	0 1.9
4 Salaries & Wages (Maintenance)	917 0 2	2 6.2	0 9.1
5 Miscellaneous	96 2 5	0 3.2	0 0.9
6 Administration	150 12 8	0 4.9	0 1.5
7 Establishment	146 19 6	0 4.8	0 1.5
8 Finance	10 14 6	0 0.3	0 0.1
	<u>£2295 9 6</u>	<u>6 3.5</u>	<u>1 10.6</u>

Classification of Patients for the year ended 31st
December, 1943, compared with those of
the previous year.

	1943	1942
I. IN-PATIENTS.		
General—Medical	436	399
Surgical.....	486	481
Accidents	300	261
Orthopaedic	29	46
Gynaecology	64	57
Maternity	9	4
Ophthalmic	48	41
Ear, Nose & Throat	248	223
Burns and Scalds	61	40
Dentals	28	31
	<u>1709</u>	<u>1583</u>
Live Babies born in Hospital	8	4
II. OUT-PATIENTS.		
New Out-Patients.		
General	539	826
Ophthalmic	189	153
Ear, Nose and Throat	433	399
Accidents	1435	1202
	<u>2596</u>	<u>2580</u>
Out-Patients Attendances.		
General	4588	
E.N.T.	3995	
	<u>8583</u>	<u>7971</u>
X-Ray Examinations.		
Ordinary	3088	
Service	264	
T.B.	602	
	<u>3954</u>	<u>3054</u>
Orthopaedic Department.		
New Patients.....	649	435

Treatments—			
Massage & Exercises	.....	2102	1786
Electrical	.....	4660	3476
U.V.R.	.....	1484	1084
		<u>8246</u>	<u>6346</u>
Special Examinations	.....	197	68
III. GENERAL.			
No. of Operations—Major	.....	954	767
Minor	.....	126	276
		<u>1080</u>	<u>1043</u>
Total Number of X-Ray Films used	.....	5285	
Clinical Pathology.			
In-Patient Examinations	.....	130	
Out-Patient do.	.....	94	
		<u>224</u>	<u>113</u>

Geographical Analysis of Patients Admitted During The Year, 1943.

District.	No. of Patients.
W. Hartlepool	1554
Hartlepool	12
Seaton Carew	43
Greatham	20
Hart	4
Elwick	4
Dalton Piercy	3
Horden & Wingate	6
Stockton & Middlesbrough	3
Billingham	17
Others	61
	<u>1727</u>

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE CAMERON HOSPITAL

As at 31st December, 1943.

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		£	£	PROPERTY AND ASSETS.		£	£
Building and Equipment Capital Account.				Building and Equipment.			
As at 1942	...	28169		Provided out of Donations and	...	23571	
Added during Year	...	58		Children's Ward Fund—as at 1942	...	4598	
			28227	Provided out of Revenue	...	58	
			5378	Added during Year	...		28227
Children's Ward Capital Account				Children's Ward & New Heating Installation			5378
Extensions Capital Account				Extensions Account			
As at 1942	...	13630		Payments to date	...		13962
Received during Year	...	250					
Amount due Bankers	...	82		X-Ray Equipment			
			13962	As at 1942	...	2279	
X-Ray Capital Account.				Added during Year	...	117	
As at 1942	...	2795		Cash at Bank	...	448	
Received during Year	...	43					2844
Insurance Fund	...	195		Surgical Instruments and Appliances.			
				Given and Provided out of Revenue	...	Not Valued.	
Expended during Year	...			Emergency Stock of Drugs and Dressings		390	
				Cash at Bank.			
Revenue Account				Paying Patients' Account	...	47	
As per Account	...	3033		Current Account	...	208	
Endowment Fund				Cash in Hand	...	15	
As at 1942	...	32538					660
Added during Year	...	1416		Endowment Fund			
				Investments at Cost	...	33934	
Transfer General Account	...	33954		Cash at Bank	...	5	
			33939				33939
Reserve for Deferred Repairs.				Deferred Repairs.			
As at 1942	...	500		Cash at Bank	...		2000
Added during Year	...	1500					
			2000	Firewatchers' Account.			
Firewatchers' Account.				Amount due from Local Authority	...		37
Amount due Bankers	...		37				
Army, Navy & Air Force Pay Account.				Army, Navy & Air Force Pay Account.			
Amount due thereon	...		1	Cash at Bank	...		1
			£87048				£87048

Examined with Books of Accounts and Vouchers and certified to be in accordance therewith.
 West Hartlepool, 15th February, 1943.
 W. T. WALTON & SON, Hon. Auditors.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st December, 1943.

	EXPENDITURE			INCOME					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1942									
2479				2391	3	5			918 9 0
	Provisions	...	...				Annual Subscriptions	...	
	Surgery and Dispensary.	...	...				Donations—General	...	727 10 5
	Drugs, Chemicals, etc.	...	...				Entertainments & Special Efforts	...	491 0 7
	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	...	...	797 13 7			Nominated Co-operative Society	...	
	Instruments and Appliances	...	...	255 10 7			Dividends	...	92 13 11
	Wines and Spirits	...	...	694 15 4					
	Sundries	...	...	51 0 11					
1658				37 1 6					
	Domestic.	...	...						
	Repairs and Renewals of Furniture	...	...	1836	1	11			
	Laundry	...	...				Workmen	...	1311 4 11
	Cleaning and Chandlery	...	...				Association of Friends	...	5782 6 2
	Water	...	...				Patients	...	1000 0 0
	Fuel and Lighting	...	...	273 11 9			Flag Day net receipts	...	316 0 7
	Uniforms	...	...	522 14 8			Sale of Waste Paper	...	348 4 0
	Sundries	...	...	168 9 0					478 2 11
2750				111 14 9					
	Salaries and Wages—Maintenance.	...	...	1611 11 0					
	Medical	...	...	61 9 5					
	Nursing	...	...	16 8 6					
	Other Officers	...	...	299 5 1					
	Superannuation Fund Hospital	...	...	4345 18 6					
	Proportion	...	...	1837 5 9					
5773				328 5 10					
	Miscellaneous	...	...						
	Printing, Stationery, Postages, etc.	...	...						
	Advertisements	...	...	144 14 11					
	Insurance—Building, Equipment, etc.	...	...	59 14 0					
	Garden and Sundries	...	...	153 6 8					
620				23 19 1					
	Administration.	...	...						
	Salaries	...	...						
	Printing, Stationery, Postages, etc.	...	...	640 11 1					
	Advertisements	...	...	165 14 5					
	Auditors' Honorarium	...	...	1 16 0					
	Sundries	...	...	21 0 0					
546				74 8 10					
	Establishment—Repairs and Renewals	...	...						
870									
168	A.R.P. Expenditure	...	...	903 10 4					
500	Provision for Deferred Repairs	...	...	381 16 10					
	X-Ray Insurance Fund	...	...						
	Finance.	...	...						
34	Interest	...	...						
48	Rent and Rates	...	...	500 0 0					
	Balance being Excess of Income over	...	...	195 0 0					
	Expenditure for Year, transferred to	...	...						
601	Revenue Account	...	...	16 16 4					
		...	...	47 10 8					
16047				850 7 0					
				£17080 15 5					£17080 15 5
				16047					

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REVENUE ACCOUNT

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1942		1942	
153	To cost of Installing new Bed Pan Washer transferred to Buildings and Equipment Fund	58 1 9	420 By Balance
	„ Provision for Deferred Repairs	1000 0 0	601 „ Excess of Income over Expenditure for Year
868	„ Balance per Balance Sheet ...	660 4 1	
1021		<u>£1718 5 10</u>	<u>£1718 5 10</u>

SUPERANNUATION ACCOUNT

	To Balance at Bank 1st January 1943...	41 7 6	By Premiums paid during Year	500 10 3
	„ Contributions :—		„ Balance at Bank, being contributions on account of pre-not due	39 6 9
	Employees (5%)	166 3 2		
	Hospital (10%)	332 6 4		
		<u>498 9 6</u>		<u>£539 17 0</u>
		<u>£539 17 0</u>		

INVESTMENTS—31st December, 1943.

	Nominal Value			Cost		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hull Corporation						
3½% Irredeemable	1000	0	0	1030	0	0
Queensland 3½% Stock, 1945	152	16	7	148	17	4
3½% War Loan	4044	2	6	4059	9	6
3½% Conversion Loan, 1961	2545	16	1	2000	0	0
5% Conversion Loan, 1944/64	14451	5	9	14577	10	6
3% Local Loans	2973	6	5	2575	0	0
Australia 3¾% 1952/56	601	1	6	562	9	1
Australia 4% 1955/70	1017	15	1	1000	0	0
2½% Consols	1833	5	8	1349	15	10
4% Consols	938	14	10	986	7	5
New Zealand 5% 1956/71	933	7	11	1000	0	0
3% Defence Bonds	995	0	0	995	0	0
3% Savings Bonds	3650	0	0	3650	0	0
	£35136	12	4	£33934	9	8

PRIVILEGES OF SUBSCRIBERS

Annual Subscribers of £1 1s. 0d. or more shall be entitled to attend the General and Special Meetings of Subscribers; and will be eligible for election on the Management Committee in accordance with the Rules of the Hospital.

Any Corporate Body, Board of Guardians, Public Body of Subscribers, Church, Chapel, or other place of worship, group of Workpeople or Employees, Athletic or other Club, Trade or Friendly Society, or any other Association or Committee, shall be entitled to nominate one representative for every £25 subscribed or collected, to serve on the Management Committee.

Recommendation Letters

Each Annual Subscriber or Body of Subscribers shall receive one Letter of Recommendation for each £1 1s. 0d. subscribed, which will entitle them to recommend patients for treatment as follows:—

For a Subscription of £1 1 0 per Annum—
One Out-door Patient.

For a Subscription of £2 2 0 per Annum—
Two Out-door Patients or
One In-Patient.

For larger sums in the same proportion.

THE FOLLOWING BEDS AND COTS have been named in perpetuity and are indicated by a plaque bearing an inscription in accordance with the wishes of the Benefactor

WILSON WARD

- 1915 "Arthur Llewellyn Ford."
"Mrs. Elizabeth Ford."
1921 "Chas. Henry Ford."
"Joseph Forster and Emily Wilson."
1916 "Elizabeth Crosby."
1935 "Barbara Mildred Guthe."
1942 "Mary (Mamie) Chilton Young."
"Mary Jane Lawson (Mamie's Mother)"

CHILDREN'S WARD

- 1907 "Kitty Crosby."
1915 "Eric Herbert Belk."
1934 "West Hartlepool Schools Athletic Association."
"Thomas and Annie Bower."
"Basil Withy."
1943 "The William and Ann Harwood and Miles Harwood."
1916 "Gladys Lund."

SOUTH WARD

- 1923 "James E. Brown."
1936 "Victory Social Club."

NORTH WARD

- 1923 "Watson Cameron."
1942 "Ralph Hutchinson Young."
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The Management Committee invite Visits to the Hospital from Committees of Employees in Factories, Warehouses and other Establishments and from companies of interested friends, and they will be glad to arrange suitable dates on application being made to the Secretary.

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CAMERON HOSPITAL, WEST HARTLEPOOL.

The objects of the Association are to raise funds for the Hospital, to keep the Hospital, its needs and services constantly before the public of the districts it serves, and such other voluntary service on behalf of the Hospital as may seem desirable.

President :

H. R. FORDHAM.

Vice-Presidents :

Barton, A.	Graham, N.	Wainwright, Mrs. C. L.
*Bidgood, G. J. B.	D'Alby, V.	Wilson, Mrs. P.
Cameron, Mrs. J. W.	Mudd, Mrs. P. A.	Horsley, Mrs. G.
Cameron, J. W.	Robson, J. E.	Yeats, W. J.

Executive Committee :

President	Watson, Mrs. M.	*Buglass, F.
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Hon. Treasurer	Hird, Mrs. A.	Wyatt, Mrs. M.
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Hon. Assist.	Clarke, E.	
Secretary	Smith, J. P.	
*Benson, A. M.	Roworth, Mrs. F.	
Smith, Mrs. E. W.	Roworth, F.	

Hon. General Secretary :

F. Binks, 30 Baden Street, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Assistant Secretary :

J. P. Smith.

Hon. Treasurer :

H. P. Lloyd, National Provincial Bank, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Auditors :

W. T. Walton & Son.

*On War Service.

Ward Committee Officials.

NORTH WARD.

Hird, Mrs. A., 9 Suggitt Street. — Chairman.

PARK WARD.

Smith, Mrs. E.W., 54 Eamont Gardens. Chairman.

Watson, Mrs. M., 6 Rossall Street. — Treasurer.

Dewell, Mrs. E. M., 70 Arncliffe Gardens. — Secy.

SEATON (Town End) WARD.

Clarke, Mrs. E., 13 Whitfield Drive. Secretary.

Clarke, E., 13 Whitfield Drive. — Treasurer.

Smith, J. P., 39 Penrhyn Street. — Chairman.

SEATON (Village) WARD.

Taylor, Miss A.S., Langdale, Station Lane. Chairman.

Wyatt, Mrs. M., 28 Station Lane. — Secretary.

Burton, Mrs. H., Landon, Station Lane. Treasurer.

WEST WARD.

Roworth, Mrs. F., 16 Cobden Street. Secretary.

Roworth, F., 16 Cobden Street. — Chairman;

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS of the CAMERON HOSPITAL

REPORT
OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
in respect of the year ended 30th September, 1943.

The Executive Committee has pleasure in presenting its Annual Report for the year ended 30th September, 1943.

The year under review has seen the realisation of the ambition of us all in that we were able to transfer to the Cameron Hospital the grand sum of £1,000.

President and Vice-Presidents.

Our activities have been continued during the year under the very capable and enthusiastic leadership of Mr. H. R. Fordham, and we trust that our record during the year has proved a sufficient reward for all the hard work put in by him during his first term as President. Once more we express to our Vice-Presidents our very grateful thanks for their continued support. The spirit of this fine body of ladies and gentlemen has not changed since the inception of the Association, in that some of them help by monetary contributions, some by arduous service, and some by both. In this latter category we have Coun. Fenwick, and we would like to take this opportunity of tendering our special thanks to him for continuing to render yeoman service in the quieter role of Vice-President.

We would also tender our best thanks to Mrs. G. Horsley, who was elected a Vice President last year and who has taken a keen interest in our work, and attended many of our functions.

Ward Committees.

Following the appeal contained in our last annual Report for increased activity in the various wards, we regret being reluctantly compelled to advise that the position in this particular respect has worsened. We are, of course, carrying on under very difficult conditions, our two greatest difficulties being the pre-occupation of so many people engaged in helping the war effort, and also the absence of suitable accommodation in which to organise our separate ward functions. Domestic trouble in our family circle has, for the time being, deprived us of the working of the South West and Central Wards, but we are convinced that the resultant happier spirit prevailing amongst our present members will more than recompense us for their loss. Consequent

upon the lack of activity in the wards we are, however, happy that joint ward functions have shewn a very pleasing increase, and although we have not quite made on the swings what we have lost on the roundabouts we are making steady progress in the right direction. Whilst on this subject, we would state that the Executive Committee have for some time been of the opinion that whilst activities on the part of the separate wards is commendable, it is becoming increasingly evident that where such activities are lacking, the whole Association must combine together in organising events. With this object in view it has been, and will continue to be, our intention to co-opt on to our Executive Committee representatives from various outside bodies, with the hope that with increased helpers we will extend the scope of our activities. Of course, we look forward to that happy day when peace is declared and trust that then we will have every ward working with a full complement of workers.

Association of Clubs.

During the year we received from this Association the sum of £150. However, as this body has broken away from us we will not be the recipient of further donations from them. Of course, we deprecate very much this severance, but as we anticipate that the Hospital will benefit direct, though possibly not to such a large extent, we feel that our efforts in forming this Association have not been in vain.

Association Badge.

The sale of the Association's badge is still very poor, and as the cost of same represents tied up money it is hoped that our members will make a special drive during the coming year to dispose of the badges still on hand.

Dance Committee.

A very profitable committee formed during the year has been the Dance Committee, composed of representatives from several local business houses. That this committee has been instrumental in raising over £125 since its inception speaks very highly of their efforts and augurs very favourably for the future. Dances organised by the local division of the Police and by the employees of Richardsons, Westgarth & Co., have realised over £70, so that on the whole the popular pastime of dancing has been a very lucrative one for the Association.

Finance.

As we hastened to inform you at the beginning of our report, £1,000 has been handed over to the Cameron Hospital, and we will now examine in detail the sources from which we have been fortunate in drawing this income. Our total revenue for

the year amounted to £1,062 0s. 8d., which together with the sum of £23 9s. 6½d. brought forward from last year makes £1,085 10s. 2½d., out of which we have transferred the £1,000. In addition, we purchased for £10 a stationery cycle exerciser for use in the Orthopaedic department at the hospital, and we believe that this item has been in daily use ever since with consequent benefit to its many users. Our expenses for stationery, postages, etc. amount to the surprisingly low figure of £15 1s. 8½d., thus leaving us with a credit balance of £60 8s. 6d. which we consider a good start for our next year. Considering the record amount raised it is surprising to note that one or two large items of revenue appearing in last year's accounts have been denied to us this year, for instance last year our receipts included £235 from a raffle and the fete, also £26 from the Ladies Bowling Clubs, plus £45 extra from Ward functions. We still have the support of the Ladies Bowling Clubs, but their donations from the 1943 season arrived too late for inclusion in our current accounts. It will therefore be apparent that we have received additional monies from some source, also that we have been able to tap new ground in order to make up the above decreases. Receipts from box collections amount to £223, showing an increase of over £100, donations are increased by £15, the latter including £31 from the West Hartlepool Horticultural Society and £11 from the Primrose League. Joint Ward efforts, which included a garden party, baby show and boxing tournament, made £75. After again mentioning the £197 from Dances organised by or on behalf of the Association, as compared with a loss of £5 last year, we think we have given a brief but clear resume of our year's financial workings.

One point which emerges very clearly when comparing our finances of various years is that as one source of revenue is withdrawn there is always one or more fresh sources waiting to be investigated. It is therefore very clear that whilst we must not let go or relax our efforts with the more or less stable revenue items we must at all times be vigilant to grasp any as yet untouched sources, which will serve to compensate us for the loss or diminution of income from those sources which for various reasons disappear from year to year.

Conclusion.

We are very proud to have been able to place before you such a fine report, and in conclusion would ask all our worthy supporters to accept our very sincere thanks for all the very hard work which must have been contributed by them in achieving the success which we feel the Association can justly claim it has achieved. It would be invidious, indeed impossible, to mention any individual names, and consequently we trust all will accept this omnibus expression of thanks.

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CAMERON HOSPITAL.

RECEIPTS

Brought forward

Bank	13	12	1
Hon. Secertary	3	3	11½
Central Ward		11	10
North Ward.....	2	1	5
Seaton Town End	1	16	9
South West	1	16	11
Park		6	7

Ward Efforts.

Central	59	15	10
Seaton Town End	30	9	5
Seaton Village	27	12	3
South West	182	16	9

Boxes.

Central	22	7	1
North	6	4	7
Park	10	17	1
Seaton Town End	10	10	7
Seaton Village	4	1	6
South West	16	13	8
West	17	4	2
Sundry	135	9	4

Association of Clubs

.....	150	0	0
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Donations.

Col. Burdon	1	0	0
Nurse Cavanack		10	0
Mrs. Curry	3	0	0
Mrs. Dennis	3	12	9
Elderly Ladies, Stranton Church.....	1	0	0
Elwick Show	5	0	0
J. Fenwick, Esq.	1	1	0
Mrs. Flint	1	0	0
Fred, Eva, Roy and Nellie	1	1	0
Mrs. G. Horsley	1	0	0
J. M. W.	2	0	0
Mr. McIntosh	1	1	0
Mrs. Nelson	1	0	0
Old Friend	5	0	0
Primrose League	11	0	0
Miss M. Pyman	2	2	0
Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Robson	1	1	0
Mrs. Snaith	5	0	0

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF CAMERON HOSPITAL.

RECEIPTS—contd.

Mrs. Wainwright	1	1	0
W. H'pool Horticultural Show	31	0	0
Mrs. A. M. Wilson	2	2	0
W. Yeats, Esq.	10	10	0
Mrs. F. Yeoman	2	0	0
Anon. and In Memory	1	16	2
Dance Account.			
A.O.F.	72	14	6
W. Gray & Co.	54	17	10
Richardsons Westgarth	15	0	0
Police	54	14	3
Garden Party	30	8	4
Boxing Tournament	29	17	8
Baby Show	15	1	0
Raffle of Savings Certificates	10	0	0
Sale of Waste Paper	4	2	5
Raffle of Model aeroplane	2	14	6
Raffle per H. Dyer Esq.	2	0	0
Sale of Tunisian Note	1	0	0
Sale of Badges	10	0	
	<u>£1085</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2½</u>

PAYMENTS

Printing & Stationery	4	8	6
Advertising	2	4	0
Engraving Silver Cup for Association of Clubs.....	1	2	0
Postages and Sundries	7	7	2½
Cameron Hospital	1000	0	0
Stationery Cycle Exerciser	10	0	0
Balances in Hand.			
Cash at Bank	56	6	3
Hon. Secretary		17	3
North Ward.....	1	6	9
Park Ward		7	0
Seaton Town End	1	0	0
West Ward		11	3
	<u>£1085</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>2½</u>

ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL TRADESMEN.

Objects and Conditions of Membership.

THERE are those in this area who are ABLE but DO NOT support their Hospital who, if sickness or accident came upon them, would be obliged to seek the help of the Hospital and would expect to receive free treatment. Such patients now often occupy beds to the exclusion of those who DO subscribe.

In justice to REGULAR SUBSCRIBERS, this Association has now been formed to provide an avenue for those self-employed persons and their families who, it is known, desire to subscribe to the Cameron Hospital, in a small way and for whom there has heretofore been no organisation available.

Membership of the Association is limited to self employed persons only.

The Annual Subscription is 13/- per shop or establishment not to include any employees or children over 16 years of age. For children over 16 years and up to 21 years an additional subscription of 5/- per annum will be payable, and for persons (single) over 21 years 13/- per annum, provided they are not employed elsewhere.

Subscriptions may be paid annually on 1st November, or quarterly on 1st November, 1st February, 1st May and 1st August. IN ADVANCE.

THE BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME are to provide free treatment at the Cameron Hospital to members and their families under 16 years for any period as an indoor or outdoor patient when recommended by their doctor. Members being admitted to the Hospital as paying patients will receive a reduction of 25% from the account of the Hospital charges.

All monies collected will be paid by the Association to the Cameron Hospital on 31st October in each year and will be devoted to ordinary maintenance purposes.

Further particulars of the scheme may be obtained from the Hon. Sec., or member of the Committee of the Association.

ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL TRADESMEN.

OFFICERS.

Chairman :

J. LAUDER, North Road, Elwick.

Hon. Treasurer :

Mrs. P. BAINBRIDGE, 10 Duke Street.

Hon. Auditors :

Miss M. BOLAND, 33 Duke Street.

T. WELFORD, 20 Bright Street.

Hon. Secretary :

Mrs. W. G. WRIGHT, 6 Wansbeck Gardens.

COMMITTEE AND COLLECTORS

Mrs. S. E. Coverdale
Mr. & Mrs. B. Heseltine
W. Rose
E. S. Burnup.

Mrs. G. Thacker
J. Appleyard
H. Davies

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31st October, 1943

RECEIPTS			PAYMENTS		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
To Balance at Bank			By expenses by		
October 31st, 1942	64	3 6	Petty Cash	10	11
„ Subscriptions	70	4 6	„ Bal. Petty Cash	2	9
„ Secretary's			„ Donation Cam-		
Petty Cash		13 8	eron Hospital	64	0 0
			„ Balance at Bank	70	8 0
	£135	1 8		£135	1 8

Audited and found correct,
(signed) T. WELFORD.
M. BOLAND

**CAMERON HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
OF LOCAL TRADESMEN**

For Year Ended October 31st, 1943

October 31st, 1943, marks the ending of the seventh year of the existence of the Local Traders' Association. During this year, the number of subscribers has increased from 131 to 146 members, but we regret that of these, 3 have died and 4 have left the district.

The number of collectors is still very small, merely 5, which has necessitated a big encroachment on the little spare time of these collectors, who nevertheless have done the work most willingly.

Despite all difficulties the subscriptions for this year show an increase from £64 13s. 6d. in 1942, to £70 4s. 6d. in 1943.

For ten months, during this year, we have been without the untiring help of our Chairman, Mr. Lauder, who has been seriously ill, but we are very pleased that he is sufficiently recovered to take up the reins again.

We also are extremely grateful to Miss Betts for having shewn such a keen interest in this Association and with her added zeal we hope to achieve much better results during the ensuing year.

In December, 1942, a cheque for £64 was given over to the Hospital, and out of this year's subscriptions we propose to give a cheque for £70.

Finally, we have to report the loss to our Committee of Mr. T. Welford, who since April, 1939, has done magnificent work, and to whom has fallen the bulk of the collecting which he has always done so readily. Owing to business difficulties he has been, most unwillingly, obliged to give up for the time being.

J. LAUDER, Chairman.

F. A. WRIGHT, Hon. Secretary.

**VISITING DAYS OF MEDICAL OFFICERS
ATTENDING THE OUT-PATIENTS
DEPARTMENT.**

<i>Department.</i>	<i>Name.</i>	<i>In Attendance.</i>
Casualty Surgical Medical	House Surgeon Mr. A. C. Ainsley (Dr. J. E. Mitchell (Dr. A. S. L. Biggart	Daily at 9-30 a.m. Noon on Tuesday. Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Friday at 11-0 a.m.
Orthopaedic	Dr. W.N. Rishworth	Monday and Friday at 11-0 a.m.
Ear, Nose & Throat	Mr. R. M. Marshall	Monday at 9-30 a.m.
Ophthalmic X-Ray	Mr. R. N. Ajinkya Dr. J. K. Muir	Wednesday at 11-30 a.m. Mon., Tues., Thurs. and Sat. at Noon and Friday at 11-0 a.m.
Obstetric	Prof. E. F. Murray	First Wednesday alter- nate months at 11-0 a.m.
Dental	Mr R. Somerville- Woodiwis	Thursday at 11-0 a.m.
Orthopaedic deputised by	Mr. Gordon Irwin Mr. E. Knowles	Thursday 3 p.m. by appointment.
Pathological	Dr. W. A. Nicholson	Thursday at 3-30 p.m.

URGENT CASES ATTENDED TO AT ANY TIME.

Named Beds and Cots

at the

Cameron Hospital.

A DONATION or LEGACY of £500
Will NAME a COT in PERPETUITY.

A DONATION or LEGACY of £1,000
Will NAME a BED in PERPETUITY.

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Benefactions for the purpose of naming a BED or COT are invested and the income applied towards the permanent maintenance of the Bed or Cot.

This is one of the highest forms of Benefit conferrable upon the Hospital as it ensures a perpetual income for the carrying on of a great work of healing.

A List of Beds and Cots already named appears on page 30,