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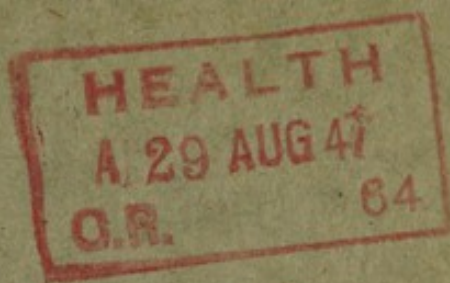
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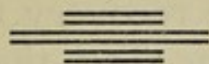
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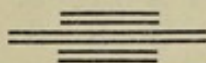
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INCREASE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS BY RECOVERY OF INCOME TAX.

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.

The agreement is terminable by death, so that a subscriber's estate would not be liable for subsequent payments of the subscription.

Table showing the Benefit accruing to the
Hospital from seven years' Agreement so
long as Income Tax remains at 9/- in the £.

Annual Subscription to be paid by Subscriber	Amount recovered by Hospital from Inland Revenue	Amount credited to subscriber on Subscription List.
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 1 0	17 2	1 18 2
2 2 0	1 14 4	3 16 4
3 3 0	2 11 6	5 14 6
4 4 0	3 8 8	7 12 8
5 5 0	4 5 10	9 10 10
10 10 0	8 11 8	19 1 8

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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 the 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:—
<div style="margin-left: 40px;">Those who upon examination are deemed incurable or not likely to receive permanent relief;</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">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;</div> <div style="margin-left: 40px;">Those whose admission might endanger other patients.</div> |

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 :— 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. (for male visitors only) No other visits will be allowed except by permission of the House Surgeon or, in his absence, the Matron.
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 investment.

OFFICERS OF THE HOSPITAL FOR 1946.

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S. R. Cranstoun

Ladies' Hospital Guild:

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R. Cosgrove	F. Kerr	W. Wilson
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J. L. Blanthorn

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L. Johnson	J. Smith	Mr. Willis
G. Wooton	W. Wright	

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H. R. Faul	N. Peacock	J. W. Worthy
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Wood Workers:

H. Webster	T. D. Whittet
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The Vice-Presidents

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and the following Elected Members

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A. Cook
A. Davison
J. Heaton
F. Kerr
W. P. Lumley
J. Martindale
G. Mitchell
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The President

The Chairman Management Committee

The Hon. Treasurer

The Hon. Asst. Treasurer

and the following Elected Members

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D. Edgar

J. Fenwick

Dr. J. E. Mitchell

W. J. Yeats

L. Brownlee

T. P. Gibson

J. Smith

J. W. Worthy

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 Surgeon:

A. V. MCGREGOR, M.D.

Honorary Consulting Gynæcologist:

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

Honorary Consulting Orthopædic Surgeon:

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*EDWARD KNOWLES, M.Ch., Ortho., F.R.C.S. (Eng.)

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A. S. L. BIGGART, M.B., Ch.B.

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Anæsthetists:

G. STRAIN, M.B., Ch.B.
A. RENNIE MUIR, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

*On Military Service.

STATISTICAL TABLES

**STATISTICS for the year ended 31st December, 1946,
compared with those of the previous year.**

1. IN-PATIENTS

	1946	1945
A. Number of Beds and In-patients		
Total number of beds available 31st December (includes 18 E.M.S. beds in year 1945) ...	86	104
Number of patients in Hospital 1st January	55	59
Number of patients admitted during year	1958	1962
Number of patients in Hospital 31st December	66	55
Average number of patients resi- dent daily throughout the year	63	65
Average number of days each patient was resident	11.7	11.5
Number of patients awaiting ad- mission on 31st December ...	16	76

B. Expenditure on In-Patients, apart from that of Out-Patients, for the Period of Twelve Months ended 31st December, 1946.

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

	Expend- iture on In-Patients	Average Cost of each In-Patient	Aver. Cost of each In-Patient per week
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Provisions	3278	1 13 5.7	19 11.4
2 Surgery and Dispensary ...	2312	1 3 7.3	14 0.8
3 Domestic	3935	2 0 2.3	1 3 11.4
4 Salaries & Wages (Maintenance)	8897	4 10 10.5	2 14 1.9
5 Miscellaneous	758	7 8.9	4 7.3
6 Administrative	976	9 11.5	5 11.2
7 Establishment	1487	15 2.2	9 0.6
8 Finance	59	7.2	4.3
	21702	11 1 7.6	6 12 0.9

Average Cost per In-Patient per Day 18s. 10.48d.

STATISTICAL TABLES (continued)

**STATISTICS for the year ended 31st December, 1946,
compared with those of the previous year.**

OUT-PATIENTS

A. Numbers

	1946	1945
1. Number of new Out-patients ...	7983	7884
2. Number of subsequent attendances	12596	12834
3. Total number of attendances ...	<u>20579</u>	<u>20718</u>

B. Expenditure on Out-Patients for the period of Twelve Months Ended 31st December, 1945.

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

	Expend- ture on Out- Patients	Aver. Cost of each Out-Patient	Aver. Cost of each Out-Patient Attendance
	£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1 Provisions	20	0.6	0.2
2 Surgery and Dispensary ...	1130	2 9.9	1 1.2
3 Domestic	267	8.1	3.1
4 Salaries & Wages (Maintenance)	1203	3 0.1	1 2.1
5 Miscellaneous	126	3.8	1.5
6 Administrative	150	4.5	1.3
7 Establishment	247	7.4	2.8
8 Finance	9	0.3	0.1
	<u>£3152</u>	<u>7 10.7</u>	<u>3 0.3</u>

**Classification of Patients for the year ended 31st
December, 1946, compared with those of
the previous year.**

	1946	1945
I. IN-PATIENTS.		
General—Medical	470	388
Surgical (including war casualties) ...	505	628
Accidents	217	303
Orthopædic	176	128
Gynæcology	122	107
Maternity	7	15
Ophthalmic	41	39
Ear, Nose & Throat	349	297
Burns and Scalds	42	39
Dentals	29	18
	<u>1958</u>	<u>1962</u>
Live Babies born in Hospital	7	13
II. OUT-PATIENTS.		
New Out-Patients.		
General	683	763
Ophthalmic	299	212
Ear, Nose & Throat	423	379
Accidents	1464	1362
	<u>2869</u>	<u>2716</u>
Out-Patients Attendances.		
General	1941	1649
E.N.T.	2073	2804
	<u>4014</u>	<u>4453</u>
X-Ray Examinations.		
Ordinary	3743	3253
Service	63	399
T.B.	698	604
	<u>4504</u>	<u>4256</u>
Orthopædic Department.		
New Patients	<u>513</u>	<u>813</u>

Treatments:—	1946	1945
Massage	2163	2497
Exercises	1341	—
Electrical	3680	4389
U.V.R.	1323	1174
	8507	8060

Special Examinations ...	302	318
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DIABETIC CLINIC.

New Patients	21	—
Attendances	75	—
Total number attendances ...	96	—

III. GENERAL.

No. of Operations—Major ...	1375	1353
Minor ...	303	152
	1678	1505

Total No. of X-Ray Films used	6182	5372

Clinical Pathology.

In-Patient Examinations ...	130	131
Out-Patient do. ...	76	99
	206	230

Geographical Analysis of Patients admitted during the Year, 1946.

	District	No. of Patients
W. Hartlepool	...	1780
Hartlepool	...	6
Seaton Carew	...	70
Greatham	...	22
Hart	...	9
Elwick	...	7
Dalton Piercy	...	—
Horden, Wingate & District ...	...	22
Stockton, Middlesbrough & District ...	...	12
Billingham	...	2
Others	...	28

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REPORT

OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31st DECEMBER, 1946.

THE Management Committee has much pleasure in submitting to the subscribers its 42nd Annual Report, together with a statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

The Year's Work.

Accompanying this report is a statistical table, with figures of the previous year given for the purpose of comparison.

The figures, taken as a whole, represent at once a busy year and a new high record in the number of patients treated.

There has been a general increase in the work of the out-patient department and in the attendances at the several clinics. Relief of congestion in this department has become an urgent necessity and reference is made elsewhere in this report to the proposed alterations and extensions directed to this purpose.

A diabetic clinic was started in October 1946. It is held on Friday afternoons at 3-30. It is recognised by the Diabetic Association and has as its object the after care of diabetic patients who have received initial treatment and those referred as new patients. The clinic is available for diabetic patients travelling or on holiday and by arrangement Insulin injections are available at any time in emergency for such patients, otherwise patients are seen only after being referred by their own family doctor. So far 21 are attending the clinic and 75 attendances have been made.

Finance.

For the first time since 1939 the Hospitals accounts show an adverse balance, and of large proportions, as will be seen from the table set out below.

Year		Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
1937	...	10082	9931	151	
1938	...	10459	9740	719	
1939	...	9987	10754		767
1940	...	16028	14599	1429	
1941	...	16066	15464	602	
1942	...	16048	15447	601	
1943	...	17080	16230	850	
1944	...	21328	18113	3215	
1945	...	21871	19194	2677	
1946	...	18746	24853		6107

The Hospital has suffered a severe loss in revenue by the withdrawal of a major part of the Ministry of Health grant respecting the Emergency Hospital Scheme. We were in receipt of £1,872 this year, as against £6,377 in 1945, and in 1947 the payment will be negligible. Workmen's contributions maintain a steady upward trend, whilst other forms of receipts have, on the whole, remained steady.

Almost every item of expenditure has increased, and your committee's warning of last year against complacency in the matter of financial support must be repeated with greater emphasis.

The outstanding increase in our expenses is in respect of salaries and wages which are fixed for every grade of employee by National Scales. Whilst the acceptance of these scales and the higher standards involved in them, is welcomed by your committee, it is felt that the public must be made aware of the resulting increased financial obligation.

A contribution or subscription fixed in the light of pre-war costs, calls for substantial revision in prevailing conditions.

“ PLEASE HELP TO KEEP THE HOSPITAL'S
INCOME LEVEL WITH RISING COSTS.”

These words have appeared in hospital notice-boards, and are repeated here as an earnest appeal and reminder to the public.

It cannot be too clearly or too widely known that for the time being the hospital must be self-supporting and that no part of the increased stamp-payments being made by insured persons under the National Insurance Scheme is being received by the Hospital.

Workpeoples' Contributions.

It is gratifying to note a new high record. Your Committee however, invite workpeople's organisations to look critically at the figures; to compare increased contributions with increased costs; to compute for example, the cost of the treatment received by members of their organisations at 18/10½d. per in-patient per day, and to compare such cost with the total of their contributions.

1942	...	...	...	...	...	5483
1943	...	...	...	...	...	5712
1944	...	...	...	...	...	5746
1945	...	...	...	...	...	6026
1946	...	...	...	...	...	7099

Legacies.

A further payment of £25/9/3d. has been received from the exors. of the late Miss M. A. Burch in respect of the residue of the legacy due to the hospital.

List of Subscriptions.

In accordance with national economy lists of subscriptions, donations, etc., have not been included in this report, but may be inspected in the secretary's office.

Emergency Hospital Scheme.

Your committee has received notification from the Ministry of Health that, as from the 1st September, 1946, it will no longer be necessary for the hospital to reserve any beds under the Emergency Hospital Scheme, and in consequence the grants in this respect are withdrawn as from the date mentioned.

Audit.

Messrs. W. T. Walton & Son, Scarborough St., West Hartlepool, have again audited the books and accounts, a task which annually becomes greater as the hospital accounting expands. They are congratulated and thanked for this expert and gratuitous work.

Property.

Your Works Committee has been faced with a large programme of repairs and maintenance which had accumulated during the war years owing to limitations of labour and materials. A substantial part of the programme has been carried through and the remainder is well in hand. The out-patient department has recently been decorated throughout, and a new tiled floor laid. The outside of the hospital has been repainted.

The hard tennis court is in the process of renovation and will be ready for the use of the nursing staff in the coming season.

Waiting-room accommodation in the Orthopædic Dept. has been improved.

A motor cultivator has been ordered and will assist in making the hospital self supporting in the matter of vegetables.

The inadequacy of the out-patient department in its every aspect, has long been present to our minds and the matter has come to be accepted as one of the first priority. Insufficiency and unsuitability of waiting room facilities, the conjunction of casualties with normal out-patient treatments and the incidence of the several clinics have all combined to render unacceptable a continuance of the present set-up in this department. The urgency of the problem and conditions of supply tended at one stage towards a palliative in the form of a pre-fabricated hut. On examination, the palliative has been turned down in favour of radical treatment. It is proposed to accommodate the secretary and his office staff, and to provide a board room in a pre-fabricated hut already purchased and to be erected on a convenient site outside the main building. A permanent building is proposed to be erected in the open space between the West gable of the out-patient department and the men's South ward. It is envisaged that the dual proposition will provide within the hospital building adequate clinic rooms, waiting room, out-patient department, and casualty reception rooms, and in addition some or all of the following:— X-ray viewing room, night nurses duty room, and a doctors' common room, also night sisters' room.

With a view to future building extensions generally the hospital has purchased the vacant land on the North side of our site bounded by Hart Road on the North and by Wooler Road on the East. The new site measures nearly 4 acres.

The committee are alive to the urgent need of recreation rooms for the nursing and domestic staffs respectively. At present nothing is available for the domestic staff, and the room in the new nurses home is only sufficient for the limited number living there. It is hoped to meet the need at an early date by the provision of pre-fabricated huts which will furnish two recreation rooms with a common canteen.

Medical and Surgical Equipment.

The following items of note have been acquired or ordered in the course of the year:—

Centrosul ultra violet ray lamp.

4 Sollux lamps.

Infra-red lamp.

Operating table.

Medical and Surgical diathermy units.

Electro cardiograph.

Association of Local Tradesmen.

The Association have given of their best this difficult year, with most gratifying results. Strong action to increase membership of the contributory section, together with special efforts such as a well patronised dance at the Boilermakers' Institute helped to augment the hospital funds by their largest donation in a single year, i.e., £140. It was a matter of some regret to members that the largest function of their association, the popular Sunday evening concert at the Empire Theatre, was deferred beyond their financial year, and the proceeds could not be added to this year's donation. The money raised at this concert is, however, making an encouraging basis for their next financial year.

The Association of Clubs.

The committee notes with great satisfaction the growth of this association, and the increasing success with which their efforts have been attended. £180 has been received within the year, and a programme is in operation which leaves no doubt as to a continuance of support in the future.

The committee learned with great regret of the death of their president, Mr. Percy Scott, in July 1946.

Gifts of Relief Goods.

With the cessation of hostilities there has come to an end the gifts of goods which for six years we most gratefully received from America through the British War Relief Society. Recently tinned foodstuffs, gifts of the Dominions, have arrived and been gratefully accepted.

Ladies' Linen Guild.

The Committee again extends its thanks to the ladies of the Linen Guild who though much restricted by the rationing of clothing have materially aided the hospital during the year. We look forward to a resumption of their pre-war assistance when restrictions on linen, etc., are eased.

W.V.S.

The ladies of this organisation fully live up to their title, for we continue to have the invaluable assistance of members one afternoon each week making and marking bedding and clothing. The party of ladies who take charge of the Hospital switch-board each evening are too to be congratulated on a task well done.

Toc H.

Miss Dalziel and the members of the Toc H have the gratitude of the patients for an efficient library service, and other tasks, which are much appreciated.

Obituary.

The Committee has to record with deep regret the death during the year of Coun. W. J. Watt, who ably represented the West Hartlepool Corporation on the Management Committee for a number of years.

The Committee has in like manner, to record the loss by death of our Honorary Architect, Mr. Francis Durkin, who had served the Hospital in this capacity for upwards of 18 years.

Last year reference was made to the death of our masseur, Mr. H. R. Fordham. The nursing staff have subscribed for and had erected in the main corridor of the Hospital a Memorial Plaque in bronze. The Memorial Fund sponsored by the Hospital has been closed and the proceeds made over to his widow.

Hon. Medical and Surgical Staff.

The Committee records its sense of indebtedness to the Honorary Medical and Surgical Staff for a continuance of their devotion and service which command the respect and gratitude of us all.

The Committee also place on record the high appreciation of the services of Mr. E. Knowles, hon. orthopaedic surgeon to the Hospital, who is very shortly to be called for military service. The position of Mr. Knowles on the staff is to be kept open for his resumption on return, and meantime active steps are being taken in conjunction with the Sunderland Royal Infirmary and the Hartlepoons Hospital, to obtain the services of a temporary successor.

Hon. Officials.

During the year the Committee had to accept with much regret the resignation of Mr. H. P. Lloyd, hon. treasurer, and the Committee place on record its high appreciation of the services of this gentleman during his twelve years of office.

Mr. H. Shepherd has undertaken to carry out the duties of hon. treasurer, pending election at the Annual Meeting. Mr. S. R. Jackman upon his return from H.M. Forces resumed his position as hon. asst. treasurer, after the resignation of Mr. D. Mole whose business duties have taken him out of the town.

To these gentlemen, and also to Mr. F. W. J. Webb, the hon. solicitor, we extend our cordial thanks for much valuable advice and material help.

Architect.

Since the death of Mr. Francis Durkin, to which reference has been made, the Committee, having regard to the volume of work in hand and in prospect, have accepted the principle of employing an architect in preference to an honorary appointment.

Nursing Staff.

During the year, nine candidates entered the Preliminary Training School, and were successful in passing the examinations.

Ten nurses entered the state examinations of the General Nursing Council, and eight were successful.

Lectures were given by the medical staff and a qualified sister tutor.

The number of nurses in training at the end of December 1946, was as follows:—

- 4th year nurses 7.
- 3rd year nurses 6.
- 2nd year nurses 6.
- 1st year nurses 9.

A very interesting nursing exhibition was organised by the student nurses in April, which attracted many young pupils from the local schools.

Members of the Hospital Committee kindly awarded two prizes for the best exhibits.

First prize to Miss Leila Harrison.

Second prize to Misses G. Trotter and Margaret Pearson.

A third prize very kindly given by Miss J. Cormack, a mistress from the Girls' High School, was presented to Miss Mary Pearson.

For those student nurses who passed the state examinations, your Committee has decided to reimburse fees expended.

The Regulations of the General Nursing Council have for some considerable time provided that recognition as a Training School for Student Nurses was dependant upon the Hospital having a minimum average daily bed occupancy of 100 and upon affording adequate training in the main branches of medicine and surgery respectively. Strict enforcement of the regulations after having been held in abeyance was later imposed with May, 1947, as the effective date. The Council expressed the opinion that neither the Cameron, the Hartlepool or Howbeck Infirmary fulfilled the conditions. Negotiations with the other two hospitals were opened up for collaboration in the matter and for the necessary mutual secondment of nurses for periods of training. In the result whilst the Hartlepool Hospital found themselves unable to join in any scheme, your Committee formulated an arrangement with Howbeck Infirmary. This bilateral arrangement has been presented to the General Nursing Council and it is hoped with some measure of confidence, that continued recognition as a Training School will be forthcoming.

Co-ordination of the Local Hospital Services.

Arising from a meeting of the North Eastern Regional Hospitals Advisory Council held to consider the hospital survey conducted by Sir Hugh Lett and Dr. A. E. Quine, it was felt desirable in view of the imminence of the National Health Service to formulate a scheme on the lines of the Lett and Quine report for the co-ordination of the Hospitals services in the Hartlepool, in preference to such an arrangement with hospitals in other districts.

Your Committee, in conjunction with the Hartlepoons Hospital, Howbeck Infirmary and the West Hartlepool Corporation, set up a sub-committee to formulate a scheme. After many meetings, a plan to become operative when Howbeck is in a position to complete structural alterations, was formulated.

The scheme contemplates a medical staff common to all three hospitals, and the provision of a complete panel of consultants.

The proposed allocation of functions to the several hospitals is as under:—

Cameron Hospital.	Gynæcological and children's cases.
Hartlepoons Hospital.	General surgical, orthopædic, accident, and ear, nose and throat cases.
Howbeck Infirmary.	General medical, midwifery, ophthalmic, skin, genito-urinary, chronic mental cases and ultimately all pathology.

It is appreciated that the allocations are tentative in character and may require adjustment and alteration in the light of future events and circumstances. Whilst the scheme exists only on paper, it does represent a clear expression of intention, and a broad framework within which to work and which can be presented in due time to the Regional Board.

National Health Service.

Royal assent was given on the 6th November, 1946, to the National Health Service Bill which thereby became an act, and it is expected that the "appointed day," when the service comes into operation, will be in April, 1948. Regional districts have already been decided, and boards are in the process of formation.

Conclusion.

In conclusion we must express our heartfelt gratitude to good friends for constancy of assistance in varied ways. Such help has enabled the hospital once more in its long history to record a year of high service for the public of West Hartlepool. We venture to say that the facilities which the Cameron Hospital has provided for the community since its inception in 1905 rank as high as those given by any institution of its size, and to maintain, and if possible, increase such a service in this current year, which may be the last under the voluntary system before the Government assumes responsibility within the new National Health Service, will require the greatest possible support of friends both old and new.

N. GRAHAM,
Chairman, Management Committee.

C. S. KAY,
Secretary.

INVESTMENTS as at 31st December, 1946.

				Nominal Value			Cost		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
3½% War Loan, 1952	...	...	...	4044	2	6	4059	9	6
3% Defence Bonds	...	...	...	1250	0	0	1250	0	0
3½% Conversion Loan, 1961	...	...	...	2545	16	1	2000	0	0
2½% Consols	...	...	...	1833	6	8	1349	15	10
4% do.	...	...	...	938	14	10	986	7	5
3% Savings Bonds	...	...	...	7869	0	2	8099	14	3
2½% Defence Bonds	...	...	...	300	0	0	300	0	0
Hull Corporation 3½% Irred. Stock	...	...	...	1000	0	0	1030	0	0
New Zealand 5% Inscrib. Stock	...	...	...	933	7	11	1000	0	0
Government of Australia 3¾%	...	...	...	601	1	6	562	9	1
do. 4%	...	...	...	1017	15	1	1000	0	0
Southern Railway 4% Deb. Stock	...	...	...	6350	0	0	7219	11	9
Great Western Railway 4%	...	...	...	6190	0	0	7226	2	4
							£36083 10 2		

Specially Earmarked for Deferred Expenditure.

2½% National War Bonds	...	...	...	2000	0	0	2000	0	0
3% Savings Bonds 1965/75	...	...	...	500	0	0	500	0	0
3% Defence Bonds	...	...	...	750	0	0	750	0	0
2½% Consols	...	...	...	266	14	1	250	0	0
							£3500 0 0		
2½% Savings Bonds	...	...	...	2429	9	7	2549	14	3
2½% Defence Bonds	...	...	...	200	0	0	200	0	0
							£2749 14 3		

THE BALANCE SHEET OF THE

as at 31st

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

1945		£	£	£
	Building and Equipment Capital Account.			
	As at 1945		47816	
	Received during the year ...		155	
47816	Provided out of Revenue Account for year ...		285	
			—————	48256
	X-Ray Capital Account.			
	As at 1945	3090		
	Received during Year	47		
		—————	3137	
	Insurance Fund	866		
3722	Less:—Repairs during Year	6		
		—————	860	
			—————	3997
	Endowment Fund.			
	As at 1945		35823	
	Added during Year		26	
35823	Surplus on Sale of Local Loans		266	
			—————	36115
	Reserve for Deferred Repairs			
3500	As at 1945			3500
	Revenue Account.			
6553	As per Account		735	
	Bank Overdraft.			
—	General Account		3111	
			—————	3846
	2 Army, Navy & Air Force Pay Account.			
	28 Forces Comforts Fund Account.			
97444				£95714
				—————

Examined with Books of Accounts and Vouchers and certified to be in accordance therewith.

CAMERON HOSPITAL, WEST HARTLEPOOL

December, 1946

PROPERTY AND ASSETS				
1945		£	£	£
	Building and Equipment.			
	Provided out of Donations -			
	as at 1945 ...		42911	
	Provided out of Revenue ...		4942	
47816	Cash at Bank ...		403	
				48256
	X-Ray Equipment.			
	As at 1945 ...		2467	
3722	Cash at Bank ...		1530	
				3997
	Endowment Fund.			
	Investments at Cost ...		36084	
35823	Cash at Bank ...		31	
				36115
	Deferred Repairs.			
	Investments at Cost:—			
	2½% National War Bonds ...		2000	
	3% Savings Bonds ...		500	
	3% Defence Bonds ...		750	
3500	2½% Consols ...		250	
				3500
	Surgical Instruments and Appliances.			
	Given and Provided out of Revenue		Not Valued.	
390	Emergency Stock of Drugs & Dressings		390	
	Investments at Cost.			
	2½% Savings Bonds ...	2550		
2500	2½% Defence Bonds ...	200		
			2750	
1873	Emergency Hospital Scheme.		—	
	Income Tax on Investment Income.			
—	Received since 31st Dec., 1946 ...		691	
	Cash at Bank.			
1775	General Account ...		—	
15	Cash in Hand.		15	
				3846
	2 Army, Navy & Air Force Pay Account.			—
	28 Forces Comforts Fund Account.			—
97444				£95714

West Hartlepool,
27th March, 1947.

(Signed) W. T. WALTON & SON,
Auditors.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1945.	EXPENDITURE.						£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
3087	Provisions	...	...	...	...	...				3297	15	3
	Surgery and Dispensary											
	Drugs, Chemicals, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	1281	10	10			
	Dressings, Bandages, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	411	14	8			
	Instruments and Appliances	...	...	...	...	...	993	1	10			
	Wines and Spirits	...	...	...	...	...	6	17	1			
	X-Ray Films, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	700	10	11			
2164	Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	47	18	0			
										3441	13	4
	Domestic											
	Repairs and Renewals of Furniture	...	...	...	...	...	381	11	6			
	Laundry	...	...	...	...	...	805	9	4			
	Cleaning and Chandlery	...	...	...	...	...	110	2	10			
	Water	...	...	...	...	...	223	19	3			
	Fuel and Lighting	...	...	...	...	...	2518	17	5			
	Uniforms	...	...	...	...	...	155	10	11			
2772	Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	6			
										4201	19	9
	Salaries and Wages - Maintenance											
	Medical	...	...	...	...	...	342	13	5			
	Nursing	...	...	...	...	...	5243	19	2			
	C.N.R.	...	...	...	...	...	667	1	1			
	Other Officers	...	...	...	...	...	3544	6	9			
	Superannuation Fund											
	Hospital Proportion	...	...	...	...	...	342	5	8			
7990	Less:—Refund	...	...	...	...	...	40	12	4			
										301	13	4
										10099	13	9
	Miscellaneous											
	Printing, Stationery, Postage, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	405	7	8			
	Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...	93	13	7			
	Insurance, Building Equipment, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	121	14	0			
	Garden and Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	29	16	1			
672	X-Ray Insurance Fund	...	...	...	...	...	234	0	0			
										884	11	4
	Administration											
	Salaries	...	...	...	...	...	902	13	3			
	Printing, Stationery, Postages, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	108	15	8			
	Advertisements	...	...	...	...	...	6	8	0			
	Sundries	...	...	...	...	...	53	15	11			
1145	Superannuation - Hospital Proportion	...	...	...	...	...	54	1	10			
										1125	14	8
	Establishment											
1178	Repairs and Renewals	...	...	...	...	...				1733	19	7
	Finance											
	Rent and Rates	...	...	...	...	...	61	2	0			
54	Interest	...	...	...	...	...	7	5	3			
										68	7	3
132	Extraordinary Expenditure	...	...	...	...	...				—	—	—
2677	Surplus	...	...	...	...	...				—	—	—
21871										£24853	14	11

for the Year ended 31st December, 1946

1945.	INCOME.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Voluntary Gifts							
Subscriptions, Donations, etc.							
1515	Annual Subscription	1366	4	1			
718	Donations - General	753	14	0			
162	" - Patients	215	16	10			
825	Hospital Trust of the Hartlepoons	810	0	0			
	Nominated Dividends - Hartlepoons						
521	Co-operative Society Account No. 19	617	18	0			
64	Shipping Dues	85	8	8			
6026	Workpeople's Fund	7099	1	11			
					10948	3	6
Entertainments and Special Efforts							
911	General	1448	8	4			
317	Flag Day - Net receipts	282	17	3			
389	Durham Paper Mills - Waste Paper Scheme...	84	16	0			
					1816	1	7
Hospitals Association							
750	Association of Friends	340	0	0			
219	Association of Local Tradesmen	140	0	0			
200	Association of Clubs	180	0	0			
					660	0	0
87	Hartlepoons Hospitals Sunday Fund				91	7	3
Receipts on Account of Services Rendered							
655	Paying Patients	1009	2	8			
148	Contributory Schemes	—	—	—			
266	Patients - Non-contributors	56	1	6			
60	R.T.A. Cases	136	5	8			
6377	Ministry of Health Grants	1871	19	6			
					3073	9	4
Invested Property							
	Interest on Investments	1029	9	5			
1276	Add:—Recovery of Income Tax, 1945/46	374	12	10			
					1404	2	3
1	Use of Board Room	1	12	6			
					1405	14	9
Other Receipts							
	State Grants, Nurses Salaries						
384	B.H.A. Interim Payments				745	0	0
	M.O.H. Grant for Student Nurses				6	5	0
Balance being excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year, transferred to Revenue Account							
					6107	13	6
21871		£24853 14 11					

Dr.

REVENUE

1945	£	s.	d.
— To Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year. ...	6107	13	6
— „ Cost of Sectional Hut for Administration Block.	285	3	7
6553 „ Balance per Balance Sheet ...	735	2	5
6553	£7127	19	6

SUPERANNUATION

To Balance at Bank 1st January, 1946	79	18	11
„ Contributions:—			
Transferred from other Hospitals	8	16	0
Employees (5%).	198	3	9
Hospital (10%).	396	7	6
	603	7	3
	£683	6	2

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. d. 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.

ACCOUNT

Cr.

					£	s.	d.
1945							
3876	By	Balance 1945	...	...	6552	16	0
—	„	Income Tax recovered on					
		Investment Income 1944/45			316	16	9
					6869	12	9
—	„	Surplus on Sale of Local Loans			258	6	9
—	„	Excess on Income over					
		Expenditure for Year.					
					—	—	—
6553					£7127	19	6

ACCOUNT

By	Premiums paid during Year.	...	591	4	9
„	Balance at Bank, being contri-				
	butions on account of Premiums				
	not due		92	1	5
			£683	6	2

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.

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—the gift of Alderman Joseph Forster Wilson, J.P., (November, 1913).

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|------|--------------------------------------|
| 1915 | "Arthur Llewellyn Ford." |
| " | "Mrs. Elizabeth Ford." |
| 1916 | "Elizabeth Crosby." |
| 1921 | "Chas. Henry Ford." |
| " | "Joseph Forster and Emily Wilson." |
| 1935 | "Barbara Mildred Guthrie." |
| 1942 | "Mary (Mamie) Chilton Young." |
| " | "Mary Jane Lawson (Mamie's Mother)." |
| 1944 | "Ada Lund." |

WILSON WARD VERANDAH—dedicated in memory of Robert Woodliffe Simpson (December 1917).

CHILDREN'S WARD.

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

WILSON BROWN WARD—named in commemoration of the late Mr. John Wilson Brown, (1944).

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|------|-------------------|
| 1923 | "James E. Brown." |
|------|-------------------|

NORTH WARD

- | | |
|------|---------------------------|
| 1923 | "Watson Cameron." |
| 1942 | "Ralph Hutchinson Young." |

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:

J. W. HOOKER.

Vice-Presidents:

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

Executive Committee:

President	Smith, Mrs. E. W.	Rowarth, Mrs. F.
Vice-Presidents	Watson, Mrs. M.	Rowarth, F.
Hon. Treasurer	Dewell, Mrs. E. M.	Buglass, F.
Hon. Secretary	Hird, Mrs. A.	Taylor, Miss A. S.
Hon. Assist.	Clarke, Mrs. E.	Wyatt, Mrs. M.
Secretary	Clarke, E.	Burton, Mrs. H.

Hon. General Secretary:

F. Binks, 30 Baden Street, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Assistant Secretary:

J. P. Smith.

Hon. Treasurer:

D. Mole, National Provincial Bank, West Hartlepool.

Hon. Auditors:

W. T. Walton & Son.

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 — Secretary.

SEATON (Town End) WARD.

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

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

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

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.

Rowarth, F., 16 Cobden Street. — Chairman.

Rowarth, Mrs. F., 16 Cobden Street. — Secretary.

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.

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.

Vice-Chairman:

J. APPLEYARD, "Wansford," Tunstall Avenue.

Honorary Treasurer:

Mrs. P. BAINBRIDGE, 10 Duke Street.

Honorary Auditors:

T. WELFORD.

W. SMITH.

Honorary Secretary:

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

Committee and Collectors:

Mrs. Coverdale	H. Barnes	Mr Burnam
Mrs. Burton	H. Davies	Mr. Bainbridge
Mrs. Thacker	W. Smith	G. Thacker
Mrs. Fraser	T. Welford	T. Greenwell

RECEIPTS and PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the Year ended 31st October, 1946.

Receipts	£	s.	d.	Payments	£	s.	d.
To Balance at Bank,				By Donation Cam-			
Nov. 1st, 1945 ...	154	17	2	eron Hosp. ...	150	0	0
„ Subscriptions ...	128	16	6	„ Concert Exs. ...	8	12	3
„ Petty Cash ...	1	0	0	„ Petty Exs. ...		8	8
„ Donations ...	10	12	6	„ Bank Balance...	142	16	5
„ Durham Paper				„ Cash Balance ...	7	10	10
Mills ...		7	7				
„ Dance ...	3	7	0				
„ Whist Drive ...	3	3	0				
„ Elwick Show ...	7	14	5				
	£309	8	2		£309	8	2

Audited and found correct.

(Sgd.) T. WELFORD,
W. F. SMITH.

ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL TRADESMEN.

Annual Report for Year ended October 31st, 1946.

October 31st, 1946, brings to an end the 10th year of the Association of Local Tradesmen, and considerable progress has been made.

The number of contributors this year is 210 as against 168 at the end of last year.

Subscriptions collected amounted to £128 16 6, an increase of £27 11 3 from last year.

In February of the year Miss Betts, temporary secretary of the Cameron Hospital during the absence of Mr. C. S. Kay who was in H.M. Forces, left on the return of Mr. Kay. She gave invaluable assistance to this Committee during her stay here and this Association has greatly benefited by her work and efforts.

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Kay on his return and we feel confident that his assistance will continue to further the progress of the Association.

On April 23rd a successful Whist Drive and Dance, organised by Mr. Greenwell and Mr. Barnes, was held at the Boilermakers' Institute. From this effort the Hospital will receive £18 2 6. Also there was a cheque for £9 as the result of a raffle by Mr. Davies at this Dance. Again, a cheque was received from the promoters of the Elwick Show for the sum of £7 14 5.

It has not been possible during this year to hold a Sunday evening Concert in the Empire Theatre, as in the two preceding years, but a Sunday Evening in February has been promised by the Manager on which to have a Concert if it can be organised.

A welcome addition to the Committee during this year, was Mrs. Fraser of Seaton Carew, who is a most willing worker. We have to thank her for a donation of £10 at the last meeting. Other donations received are 10/6 from Mr. Appleyard, and 12/6 from Mr. Smith.

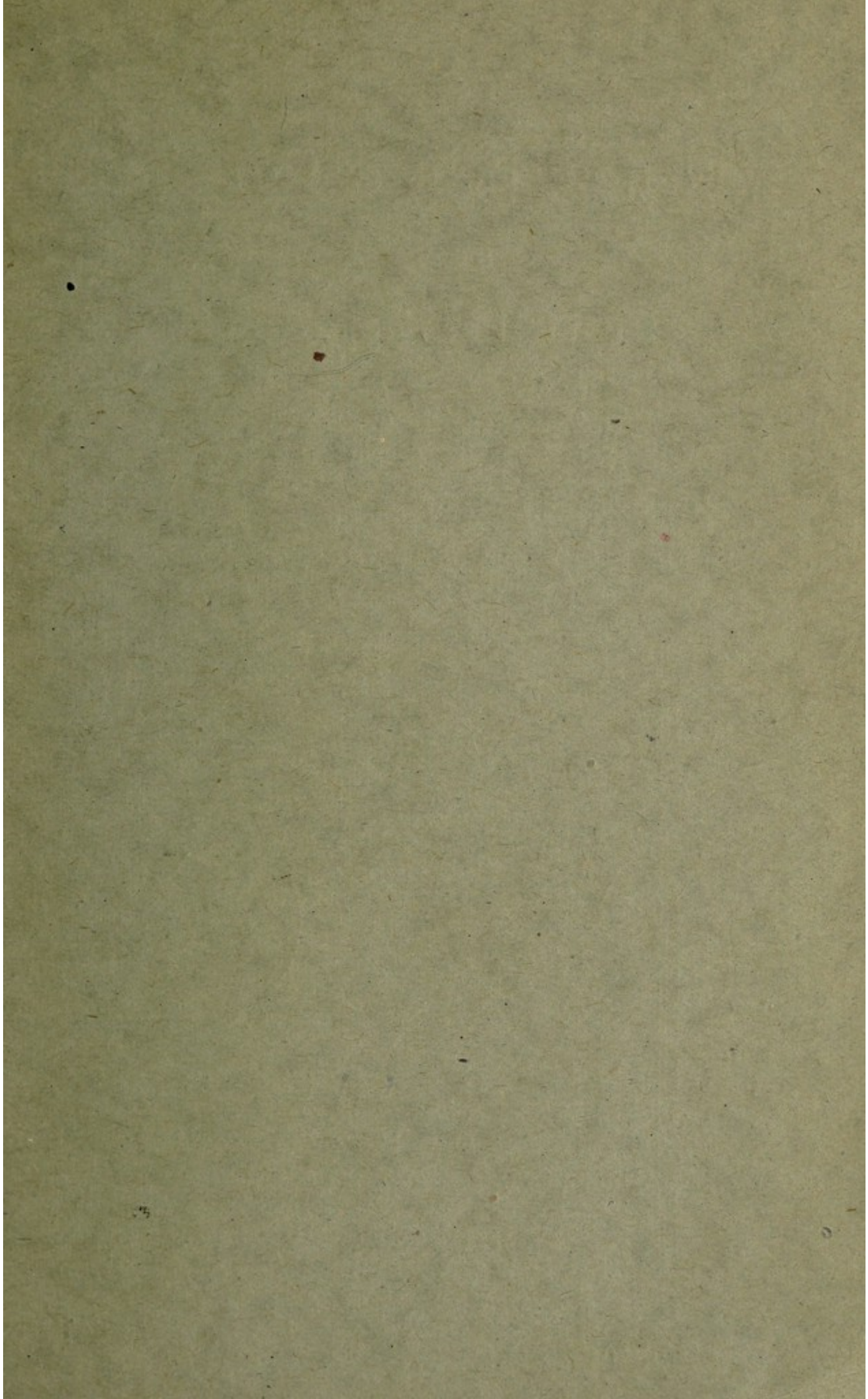
Out of this year's subscriptions and donations we propose to give a cheque for £140 from the Cameron Hospital Association of Local Tradesmen.

(Signed) J. LAUDER, Chairman.
F. A. WRIGHT, Hon. Secretary.

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

Department	Name	In Attendance
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.
Orthopædic	Dr. W. N. Rish- worth	Monday and Friday at 11-0 a.m.
Ear, Nose & Throat	Mr. R. M. Marshall	Monday at 3 p.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.
Orthopædic	Mr. Gordon Irwin deputised by Mr. J. J. Williams	Thursday 3-0 p.m. by appointment.
Pathological Diabetic	Dr. W. A. Nicholson do.	Thursday at 3-30 p.m. Friday at 3-30 p.m.

URGENT CASES ATTENDED TO AT ANY TIME



Named Beds & Cots

at the

Cameron Hospital .

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

**A DONATION or LEGACY of £1000
Will NAME a BED in PERPETUITY**

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 conferable 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 34.