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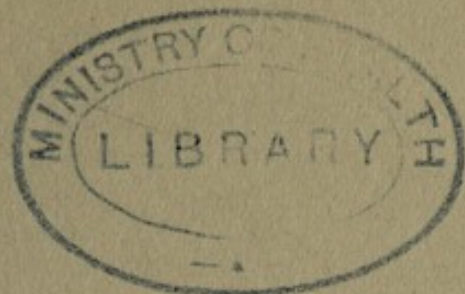
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**REPORTS**  
**AND**  
**STATISTICAL TABLES**

**Relating to**  
**THE STORTHES HALL HOSPITAL**  
**KIRKBURTON**  
**for the year ending**  
**31st December 1949**

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**REPORT**

**for the year ending**

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## HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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## STORTHES HALL HOSPITAL

### *Medical Staff—*

Dr. David Kennedy Bruce, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M. (Medical Superintendent).

Dr. Neil Montgomery, M.D., Ch.B., D.P.M. (Deputy Medical Superintendent).

Dr. Alexander Clarke, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.

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Rev. L. A. Smith (Church of England Chaplain).

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Dr. J. A. Stephens, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Visiting Medical Officer).

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**STORTHERS HALL GROUP  
HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Group No. 12**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**For the period ended 31st December, 1949**

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The Committee has pleasure in presenting its second Annual Report for the period 1st January to 31st December, 1949.

**Health**

The general health of the patients has been good and the Hospital has been free from epidemic disease. Many elderly patients were admitted, some of whom died within a few weeks of admission. The Committee hope that alternative accommodation will be provided for aged patients so that their remaining days need not be spent in a mental hospital.

**Out-Patient Clinics**

Out-patient psychiatric clinics are held at Barnsley, Halifax and Huddersfield. The Committee are pleased with the results achieved by these clinics and to note the changing outlook towards mental illness evidenced by the number of new patients attending them.

**Finance**

The Committee is satisfied that the financial administration of the Hospital is conducted with efficiency and that the increased cost of maintenance is due to matters over which the Committee have no control, namely higher rates of pay and rising prices of commodities. The Health Service Audit of Accounts has taken place at regular intervals.

**Works and Engineering**

No important structural repairs, alterations or improvements were carried out during the year. Internal and external decoration is proceeding and it is hoped that the leeway—a result of unavoidable suspension of all but urgent maintenance work during the war years—will soon be made up.



## **Farm and Garden**

The Farm and Garden crops were up to standard and the Hospital is now practically self-supporting in the supply of fruit and vegetables. An additional 40 acres were brought into cultivation.

## **Staff**

The shortage of female nurses has been the most serious difficulty and there is no sign of an improvement. Part-time nursing assistants have been used extensively, but their use is limited by lack of training and their inability to attend at week-ends and evenings. Nineteen European Voluntary Workers have also been engaged as Ward Orderlies.

## **General**

The Hospital Management Committee have been impressed by the efforts made to increase the facilities available for the welfare and treatment of the patients, and expresses its appreciation and thanks to the principal officers of the departments for the efficient and enthusiastic manner in which their duties have been performed.

JOSEPH L. BROOK,

Chairman

**COPY OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL**

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**STORTHES HALL HOSPITAL  
NEAR KIRKBURTON**

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13th April, 1949.

At our visit to this Hospital the effects of the outstanding handicaps of overcrowding on both sides, the extreme shortage of female nursing staff and to a lesser extent though material shortage of the male nursing staff, were noticeable in nearly every department. In fact we can say that progress in any direction has and is being governed in particular by the shortage of nursing staff. The number of medical staff, which will be referred to later, is also small.

The Hospital is a particularly large one there being 2,941 (1,224 M., 1,717 F.) patients in residence.

Overcrowding at this Hospital still remains serious on both sides: according to the figures placed before us there is a deficiency of accommodation by day for 226 men and 357 women, and by night for 292 and 369 respectively.

In some cases the overcrowding and its consequent handicap to classification was more noticeable than these figures might lead one to believe. This Hospital still has on its books 232 female patients from Bracebridge Heath Mental Hospital and 175 (134 M., 41 F.) from Wadsley Mental Hospital. Throughout our visit, especially when bearing in



mind the handicap of overcrowding and shortage of staff, we found the patients, generally, particularly quiet and content. We would also like to put on record our appreciation of the co-operation which was evident between the patients and the depleted nursing staffs.

The various day rooms and dormitories were well kept and as comfortable as circumstances would allow. There is still a considerable leeway of re-decoration to be overcome. The wards for the most part are in need of modernising. The fact that so many W.C.'s have no doors should not be overlooked. However, steps have been taken in some instances to modernise wards and their sanitary annexes, e.g., at the Farm Residence where W.C.'s are being installed off the dormitories. A special room for drying out of door clothes is being constructed.

The heating of the Hospital in most parts appears efficient, but there are a few wards which still require better heating facilities, and it is satisfactory to say that it is hoped that this will be attended to in the very near future.

Included amongst the work which it is hoped to carry out are the provision of new workshops, the reconstruction of the boiler house, the provision of a new generating set and the re-tiling of the roofs of the Hospital by degrees.

The Hospital is situated on a hill and is rather isolated: this in itself raises the question of transport for members of all staffs. We discussed this problem and it is evident that re-organisation and improvement are essential. We gathered that the Hospital Management Committee were aware of this point.

The wards are well supplied with morning daily papers although they arrive rather late. It is hoped that when the transport difficulties are overcome evening newspapers will be more easily obtained. The patients' outdoor recreations will be improved when the new bowling green is ready for



play. The visits to football matches in the district are very much appreciated. Since the date of the last visit on behalf of our Board, some eight months ago, a patients' Social Club has been formed: it is proving a success and promises to develop.

There are 165 (68 M., 97 F.) patients who have parole beyond the Hospital grounds, and there are in all 426 (287 M., 139 F.) who have various degrees of parole within the estate.

The patients for the most part appear well dressed, but some of the various articles such as women's dresses and men's suits were old and not very attractive. This is now being remedied we were informed. The ward stocks appeared, where we investigated them, to be up to standard for basic requirements. There are, however, certain shortages which are to be found generally in other Mental Hospitals.

Mr. Spooner, the Clerk and Steward, left in December last. Mr. Walsh took up his appointment at this Hospital as Supplies Officer and Secretary to the Management Committee in November last, Mr. Carlisle took up his appointment here as Finance Officer very shortly after that. We discussed various points with the Medical Superintendent and these gentlemen who informed us that they were just getting on their feet in matters concerning the administration and that they hoped to up-grade in the very near future any matters concerning supplies which are feasible.

This Hospital has a large turnover of patients: During the year 1948 the direct admissions numbered 888 (421 M., 467 F.). A very large proportion of these came direct from their homes. Of the 888 direct admissions, 418 were received under Certificates and the remaining 466 and 4 under the provisions of Sections 1 and 5 of the Mental Treatment Act (1930); quite a fair proportion of Voluntary patients when considering the lack of suitable accommodation and overcrowding prevailing at this Hospital. During the same period 674 (291 M., 383 F.) either left or were discharged.



Some of the direct admissions still arrive from areas outside the Region, and no doubt in due time the catchment area of this Hospital will have to be revised or determined. The Hospital has been designated for the reception of Short Order cases, but up to date no such case has been sent here. If one should arrive he or she perforce would have to be nursed wherever it might be most suitable.

The shortage of nursing staff has been mentioned. The male staff is regarded as 36 short of establishment, and the female staff as 155 short. The figures are:—

		MALE	FEMALE		
			Whole-time	Part-time	Total
In 1948	...	160	100	45	145
In 1949	...	141	93	52	145

Twenty-two of each sex are on night duty. Of the total, 84 male and 42 female nurses are certificated or registered as mental nurses.

There is a preliminary training school under a doubly qualified nurse, where at present five student nurses are at work. It has not been possible to appoint a qualified Tutor since the last one left.

The effect of the shortage is evident in the wards. In 19 of the female wards, accommodating well over 1,000 patients, there were on duty at the time of visit only 14 whole-time and 10 part-time nurses. The conditions of the wards and of patients, as has been said, was remarkably good, and we received no complaint of any kind except on the score of detention. It is evident that the staff are cheerfully carrying the burden of work, but the position is serious and cannot fail to cause anxiety.

In addition to the nursing staff there are four ward cleaners and some 22 porters.



Patients are employed in farm and garden or in maintenance industries, to a total of 760 males (of whom 457 do ward work only) and 453 females (280 ward workers). Occupational centres, under experienced nurses, employ 28 males and 26 or more female patients. The introduction of varied and attractive handicrafts into the wards is an outstanding need, as is well recognised, but with such severe staff shortage it is not considered to be possible.

The health of the patients has been good. There have been no epidemics since the visit of our colleagues last year. Tuberculosis was responsible for 9 of the total of 110 male deaths in 1948, and for 7 of the total of 129 deaths of females. Nine males and ten females remain under treatment. Sterilizers have been supplied for these and other sick wards. There are one male and seventeen females treated as typhoid or paratyphoid carriers.

The death rate for 1948 was 7.9 per cent. (males 8.9 per cent. and females 7.3 per cent.). Since the last visit there have been four inquests which call for no comment here. Seventeen patients have sustained fractures of bones and one a dislocation in the same period.

We discussed with Dr. Bruce the wording of the suicidal caution cards and their use generally.

A well-cooked and well-served midday meal was seen and tasted during our visit. A number of the patients spoke appreciatively of the food.

Medical treatment includes the use of modified insulin therapy, electric convulsion treatment and continuous narcosis. There is a shortage of medical staff and the Hospital should benefit from the services of senior psychiatrists when these can be appointed. This is now under consideration by the Regional Hospital Board. One difficulty to be overcome is the lack of accommodation for Medical Officers.

Much Out-Patient work continues at Huddersfield, Barnsley and Halifax. The Social Worker is employed in the Hospital and has as part of her duties the interviewing of patients who may be trained for work through the rehabilitation centres.

Dr. Bruce has the assistance of Dr. Montgomery (Deputy Medical Superintendent), Dr. Clark, Dr. Timoney, Dr. Schweder and Dr. Krzanowski, and of Dr. Devers (who is indisposed) as locum tenens.

We are obliged to all concerned for their help and information. At the conclusion of our visit we were glad to have the opportunity to meet Mr. Brook (Chairman) and Mr. Crowther (Vice-Chairman) of the Hospital Management Committee.

(Signed) JOHN C. RAWLINSON

ISOBEL G. H. WILSON

Commissioners of the Board of Control.



# REPORT OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR THE YEAR 1949

Storthes Hall Hospital,  
Kirkburton,  
Nr. Huddersfield

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the forty-sixth Annual Report of the Hospital for the year ended the 31st December, 1949.

The following summary shows the numerical changes which took place during the year:—

	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Number of patients on the Register on 31st December, 1938 .....							1233	1741	2974
The Admissions during the year were:—									
Voluntary .....	219	229	448						
Temporary .....	—	3	3						
Certified .....	156	209	365						
				375	441	816			
Transfer from other Mental Hospitals:—									
Certified .....	6	2	8						
				6	2	8			
TOTAL ADMISSIONS:							381	443	824
Total Number under care during the year ..							1614	2184	3798
Discharges have been as follows:—									
RECOVERED									
Voluntary .....	58	134	192						
Temporary .....	—	—	—						
Certified .....	50	87	137						
				108	221	329			
RELIEVED									
Voluntary .....	113	44	157						
Temporary .....	—	—	—						
Certified .....	27	40	67						
				140	84	224			
NOT IMPROVED									
Voluntary .....	26	39	65						
Temporary .....	—	—	—						
Certified .....	6	13	19						
				32	52	84			



	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Transfer to other Mental Hospitals:—									
Certified .....	7	23	30						
				7	23	30			
<b>TOTAL DISCHARGES</b>							287	380	667
The Deaths have been:—									
Voluntary .....	18	17	35						
Temporary .....	—	1	1						
Certified .....	85	120	205						
				103	138	241			
<b>TOTAL DISCHARGES AND DEATHS</b> .....							390	518	908
Patients remaining in the Hospital on 31st December, 1949:—									
<b>HEALTH SERVICE</b>									
<b>PATIENTS:</b>									
Voluntary .....	159	139	298						
Temporary .....	—	2	2						
Certified .....	1065	1299	2364						
				1224	1440	2664			
Bracebridge Hospital—									
Emergency Transfers ..					226	226			
<b>TOTAL PATIENTS REMAINING ON BOOKS</b> .....							1224	1666	2890

The population at the close of the year showed a decrease of 9 men and 75 women. This was due to a decline in the admission rate and to an increase in the number of patients transferred to other mental hospitals as compared with the previous year. Included in the population figures are 226 women remaining from the 430 women received on transfer in 1940 from the Bracebridge Heath Hospital under the Emergency Hospital Scheme. The authorities of that Hospital have been unable to date to accept the return of these patients owing to acute shortage of female nursing staff. However, I am given to understand that the nursing position there is improving and the return of the patients can be anticipated at a near future date.

The average number of patients resident during the year has been 1,221 for males and 1,701 for females, a total of 2,922 patients.

Eight hundred and twenty-four patients were admitted during the year (sixty-nine less than in 1948). Fifty-five per cent. of the patients admitted came to the Hospital voluntarily or on a temporary basis.



The discharges numbered 667. Of these, 329 were discharged recovered and 224 were discharged relieved to return to their homes to complete convalescence. The Recovery rate, calculated on the number of direct admissions, was 40 per cent., and the Discharge rate—Recovered plus Relieved—calculated in the same way as the Recovery rate, was 75 per cent.

The Death rate, calculated on the daily average number of patients resident, was 8.4 for males and 8.1 for females; a total of 8.2 per cent. The principal cause of death was degenerative change associated with old age.

### Accommodation

In March, on the instructions of the Leeds Regional Hospital Board, Mr Watson, Architect, of Wakefield, undertook a survey of the Hospital for the purpose of assessing the statutory accommodation in accordance with the recognised standards set out recently by the Board of Control. The agreed and accepted statutory return for all wards of the Hospital was Day Accommodation 2,737 (males 1,189 and females 1,548) and Night Accommodation 2,355 (males 977 and females 1,378). At the close of the year four wards were not available for the accommodation of patients, namely, Ward M.5A (converted to part of the Preliminary Training School for Student Nurses), Boothroyd House (temporarily converted into flats for accommodating staff), and Ward F.21 and Ward F.22 (due to a defect in the central heating circulation). Deducting the accommodation of these four wards from the agreed total accommodation of all wards leaves the accommodation of the wards available and occupied by patients at 2,587 for Day (males 1,147 and females 1,440) and 2,193 for Night (males 935 and females 1,258).

The following table shows, at the close of the year, the number of patients accommodated at the Hospital together with the statutory accommodation of the wards available for patients and the consequent extent of overcrowding:—

	Night			Day		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Number of patients ...	1224	1666	2890	1224	1666	2890
Accommodation of wards occupied ...	935	1258	2193	1147	1440	2587
Extent of overcrowding	289	408	697	77	226	303



## General Health

During the year the health of the patients and staff in general has been good. The Hospital has been free from epidemics and there has been a complete absence of infectious disorders such as Typhoid and Dysentery. In September a male certified patient aged 70 years was found on admission to be excreting by bowel the germs of Bacillary Dysentery. Investigation revealed he had been subject to recurring attacks of Diarrhoea for many years and it was presumed he was a chronic "carrier" of this infection. Precautionary measures prevented the spread to other patients. At the close of the year there were 11 male and 14 female patients suffering from Tuberculosis in active forms. These numbers represent an incident of nine per thousand for males and 8.4 per thousand for females, which is considerably higher than in previous years and higher than the incidence in the population of the country in general and of the average of mental hospital population. It is considered that overcrowding in the sleeping dormitories is the primary factor producing the high incidence having regard to the majority of the patients affected being long-stay cases and for some time preceding the onset of the disease being accommodated in the dormitories most acutely overcrowded.

## Treatment

All the established forms of treatment have been fully maintained, including Prolonged Narcosis, Electric Convulsant Therapy, Deep and Modified Insulin Therapies and the surgical methods of Topectomy and Prefrontal Leucotomy.

Occupational Therapy is actively employed throughout the Hospital and recreational treatment continues to be considered a matter of the greatest importance and to be encouraged and carried out to the fullest extent. Each week there has been a dance and a good quality film show, and the Patients' Social Club have organised and conducted Whist Drives, Social Evenings, Dancing Classes and, in respective seasons, Football, Cricket, Tennis, Billiards and Bowling Matches. I have to record my deep indebtedness to the forty-five concert parties that attended the Hospital during the year to gratuitously provide entertainments to the patients and, in addition, to the Directors of the Huddersfield Town Football Club and the Directors of the Huddersfield Rugby League Club for granting free admission to all League and Cup Matches to patients on producing their parole card.



Motor tours during the Summer and Pantomime and Theatre visits during the Winter were continued, and also were the visits of patients occupied in the Farm and Gardens to the Southport Flower Show and the Great Yorkshire and other local Agricultural Shows.

The Annual Sports and Gala and the Patients' Christmas Ball were provided as usual.

In July, through the generosity of the Management of Bertram Mills, one hundred patients were granted free seats and attended the opening of the Circus on its visit to Huddersfield.

During the same month, on the occasion of the Royal Visit to Huddersfield of H.R.H. Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by her husband, The Duke of Edinburgh, The Chief Constable allocated a special stance in one of the main streets in Huddersfield for 120 patients to view the procession.

A Display by the Mounted and Mobile Sections of the West Riding Constabulary, given on the Recreation Field in August, due to its all-round excellence of presentation and entertainment, will be long remembered by over one thousand patients who attended.

A 16mm. Sound Projector and an Electric Recorder for providing Dance Music were supplied at the beginning of the year. The projector is taken to various wards at regular intervals to provide a cinema show to patients confined to bed, and more especially to patients accommodated in the isolation wards, and, in addition, is used to show medical and instructional films, obtained from film libraries, in connection with the training of the nurses. The Electric Recorder operates at all dances and provides music by the latest gramophone dance band records alternating with music by the Hospital Dance Band. Both these apparatus have supplied a long-felt want.

By the courtesy of the Huddersfield Rotary Club, a stall was allocated at their "Home Hobbies" Exhibition, held in the Drill Hall at Huddersfield from the 7th to the 12th November for the display of articles made by the patients in the Occupational Therapy Departments. All the articles exhibited were greatly admired and very favourably commented upon by the large number of general public attending, and the display, in addition, gave the public an insight into one of the Hospital's Rehabilitation methods.



### Visiting Staff

The Visiting Surgeons performed eight major surgical operations, and Mr. James Hardman, F.R.C.S., Neuro Surgeon, of Sheffield, performed the operation of Prefrontal Leucotomy on fifty-five cases.

Mr. R. M. Swift, L.D.S., Visiting Dental Surgeon, treated 279 patients, for whom 430 extractions were performed. Many patients received treatment other than extractions, consisting for the most part in the adjustment of dentures, fillings, scaling and gum treatment, etc. Twenty-nine dentures were supplied and 39 dentures were repaired.

Two hundred and seventy-two Radiographic examinations were carried out. The majority were chest examinations for the detection of Tuberculosis.

Under the direction and supervision of Doctor J. Adler, Visiting Pathologist, 6,278 Bacteriological, Pathological and Bio-Chemical examinations were carried out.

Since the beginning of the year the Hospital has had the services of a Visiting Chiropodist, who visits on three sessions of three hours in each week. This service has been of great benefit to a large number of patients.

### Out-Patient Clinics

These Clinics continue to be held each week at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, at the Halifax General Hospital and Beckett Hospital at Barnsley. At the two former clinics an average of six new cases and fourteen old cases attend each week, and at the latter an average of four new cases and eight old cases.

### Official Visits

The Annual Statutory Visit of the Board of Control was made to the Hospital in April by Doctor Isobel C. H. Wilson and Mr. John C. Rawlinson.

Visitations were also received from the Lord Chancellor's Visitor, the Medical Inspector of the Ministry of Pensions, and deputations from the Bradford City and from Huddersfield and the Barnsley County Borough Mental Health Sub-Committees.

We were honoured in August by a visit from the Lord Bishop of Wakefield, who gave an address.



### Staffing

The acute shortage of nursing staff, especially on the female division, continued throughout the year. Relief to some extent was given by a slight increase in the number of female part-time workers engaged. I feel I must once again record my thanks to all the nursing staff who, despite the many difficulties and being switched from one ward to another, played their part excellently and allowed the Hospital to continue with all its varied forms of treatment without interruption.

The Training School has again proved valuable and nurses have benefited considerably.

Two male nurses were seconded to the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary for a course of two years' training in General Nursing, and five male nurses to an Intensive Course in General Nursing at Birmingham under the Further Education Scheme for Ex-Servicemen. Two male Nursing Officers were granted one year's leave of absence to attend a Male Tutor's Course at Hull University.

It is with regret that I have to record the deaths during the year of two Pensioners—Mr. Jack Rodgers, at the age of 67 years, who was employed on the Male Nursing Staff from 1914 to 1936, and Mr. William Stanley Case, who was the first Clerk and Steward of the Hospital and held that position from the inception of the Hospital in 1904 until his retirement in 1931.

### Changes in Staff — 1949

#### APPOINTED

Mr. J. Holden, Assistant Secretary.  
 Mr. H. C. Dearden, Assistant Finance Officer.  
 Mr. T. W. Healy, Assistant Supplies Officer.  
 Mr. H. Armitage, Senior Audit Clerk.  
 Mr. G. F. Lock, Committee Clerk.  
 Dr. M. Krzanowski, Junior Registrar.  
 Dr. Adolf J. Mester, Locum Tenens M.O.  
 Dr. Susanna Rosenfeld, Locum Tenens M.O.

#### RESIGNATIONS

Dr. R. M. Kirwan, House Physician.  
 Dr. S. Rosenfeld, Locum Tenens M.O.  
 Dr. J. Timoney, House Physician.

#### DIED IN SERVICE

Dr. M. Devers, Locum Tenens M.O.  
 Mr. E. Thackray, Assistant Chief Male Nurse.

Before closing this report I wish to record my deep appreciation to my medical colleagues and to all officers for their loyalty and help throughout the year.

In conclusion, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, I beg to express to you my gratitude for your much valued advice, support and encouragement.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed) DAVID K. BRUCE, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.M.,

Medical Superintendent.



**STORTHES HALL MENTAL HOSPITAL**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOCIAL WORKER**

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This report covers the full year from January 1st, 1949, to December 31st. It includes work for the patients who are admitted to the Hospital and also for all patients who are discharged by the Committee on a month's probation.

Under the former heading I have visited the families of 1,026 of the patients. During my visits I find that I have to do a great amount of educational work about the new Mental Act and also about the care which must be taken of the patient when he or she is discharged.

As a result of our conversation I often find that several visits have to be paid to various official departments so that difficulties which have already affected the health of the patient may be removed before he is again expected to take up life in the world.

I am finding more and more that the families of the patients are asking for my co-operation and that the Local Authorities and the Voluntary Bodies in the area are seeking me for assistance with cases in their early stages, but are also offering me facilities to consult their records so that we can have a complete picture of the patient's home and family life.

During the year I have made a complete survey of four areas from which we have groups of patients who have never been visited by friends or relatives over a period of one year. These include Halifax, Bradford, York and the Calder Valley. The first-named include visits to over 100 families. The Mental Welfare Officers of that town gave me very valuable assistance with this huge task, and we can now say that we have persuaded every available relative to take an interest in those patients who can recognise the members of their family, or, who are not debarred from contact on the advice of the medical officer on the grounds of inadvisability of such contact for the progress of the patient's recovery. Before the end of the year the whole of our side of the Region will have been examined. When this is completed it will be an easy matter for the hospital authorities to draw the attention of the Social Worker to any case that may lose contact with their next-of-kin. The Red Cross, at my instigation, has



undertaken to assist old people who cannot travel by bus or train. They use their cars to bring them to the hospital when necessary. This has been very much appreciated by these old patients.

The Ministry of Pensions, the Ministry of Labour and the Women's Land Army officials have worked, hand in hand, with me to ensure that all the discharged patients have a fair deal when they try for work. This applies especially to cases which have been for a lengthy period in the Hospital.

During this year I have continued the visits to the cases who have had the Prefrontal Leucotomy operation and are now at home or at work. It is interesting to see that not only have most of them remained at the jobs that I found for them, after consultation with the Medical Superintendent, before their discharge was decided upon, but also to know that in case of difficulty they come for advice and help. Many of these cases are progressing well and are happier than they had been for many years before the operation.

At the end of five years we shall have a complete picture of the history of these cases for any statistical survey that the hospital may be called upon to produce.

The problem of the foreigners who come to the hospital as patients has needed some assistance from me, both from the language point of view and from a social aspect. The Mayor of one town had the temerity to ask me to accept the position of Chairman of a Committee he formed to deal with the Social Welfare of the E.V.W. in his town because of the interest I had taken in the care of the mental cases from his town.

Two hundred and thirty-one cases who have left the Hospital have asked for help and supervision after they left the Hospital and for this work I have found that employers of labour have been very willing to give all these cases a very fair deal.

The Educational Authorities have shown every consideration to anything I have suggested for the welfare of the juveniles who have come into our hands; even sending books so that the boys should not lose touch with the school work from which they are being debarred whilst in the Hospital.



As will be seen, the work is varied and absorbing, and, as far as I am concerned, the happy relations with my colleagues in the Hospital go on as before, and without this no good work could be achieved.

I know that we have had difficulties in the way of clerical work and that on various occasions the adequate typing and filing service that I was promised when I took up the work has been far from ideal. The depleted office staff has been very loyal to me, and, between us, have done our best to prevent chaos from existing in my Department. We hope for better things next year.

I have visited the Hospitals at Sheffield and at Crichton Royal during two of my week-ends in order to see the Welfare Work and to see if I could bring back hints for the betterment of our Department.

(Signed) M. E. WALKER,

Social Welfare Worker.



**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
IN STORTHES HALL MENTAL HOSPITAL**

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The Vicarage,  
Farnley Tyas,  
Huddersfield.

March, 1950.

With a sense of profound thankfulness I look back over the year past.

The Chairman (Councillor J. Louis Brook), Mrs. Brook, The Medical Superintendent (Dr. D. K. Bruce) and Mrs. Bruce, the Matron (Miss Wroe) and other officials of the Hospital, have given me every possible courtesy and encouragement. With but one exception, the co-operation of the Nursing Staff has been most praiseworthy. Preparations for the Holy Communion, administered privately in the wards, have been made with a sense of reverence and beauty. Private interviews with the patients have been readily accorded, and every facility for the deep spiritual work of the Church and God.

One notable advance towards greater dignity in the Church services, one for which we are deeply grateful, has been in the provision of robes for the Choir. Unfortunately, this has been somewhat offset by the failure of the ancient and rather unpleasant harmonium, forcing us back for accompaniment upon a piano, an instrument totally inadequate to lead so large a congregation. Mr. W. Pontefract (Organist) and the Choir deserve a special word of congratulation and thanks.

The absence of Books for the patients still seriously hampers the progress of the full devotional side of the Church's work.

The attendances at Divine Service, especially the Holy Communion, is maintained at a very high level. The behaviour of patients on all occasions is that of reverence and devotion.



On Sunday, October 23rd, we welcomed for the first time Roger, Lord Bishop of Wakefield, at a United Service, arranged with the full co-operation of the Rev. J. W. Darrell, who himself took part in the service. The Rt. Hon. the Lord Savile read the Lessons, the Lord Bishop preaching the sermon. The Bishop was much moved at the devotional atmosphere in the service, and expressed his pleasure at the love and care with which the patients are surrounded. His Lordship was, however, very much astonished that a hospital of such dimensions, such modern equipment, and such devoted Staff, should yet be without a Church, consecrated and set apart for the worship of Almighty God. Despite the ready and willing efforts made in the Great Hall, the lack of a proper Church is felt and is apparent.

Only God knows what benefits would accrue from Prayer and Praise offered in a building set apart exclusively for this purpose.

It was my privilege to minister at the last to two faithful servants of the Hospital, and to conduct funeral services in the Great Hall for Sister Doris Eassom and Mr. Ernest Thackray. May God grant them light and rest.

I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and kindness shown to me at the Hospital, and for the help, so willingly given, at all times.

L. A. SMITH,

Chaplain and Vicar of Farnley Tyas.

**COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE NON-CONFORMIST CHAPLAIN**

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Town Gate,  
Thurlstone,  
Penistone.

16/2/1950.

Dear Dr. Bruce,

I have pleasure in presenting my report for the year ending December, 1949.

**Visitation.**—Visits have been regular and systematic. I am certain that the personal touch is sincerely appreciated by the patients and is most helpful.

**Services.**—These have been well maintained throughout the year. Attendances have been, on the whole, good. There are still, however, some empty chairs which one would like to see occupied.

**Staff.**—I should like to pay my tribute to the staff for their kindness and goodwill. Always ready to help in every way possible, and this makes the work more pleasureable.

Yours sincerely,

Jno. W. DARRELL.



**COPY OF THE ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST**

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St. Joseph's Presbytery,  
15, King's Mill Lane,  
Huddersfield.

26th February, 1950.

The Medical Superintendent,  
Storthes Hall Hospital,  
Kirkburton, Nr. Huddersfield.

Dear Sir,

During the Year 19<sup>49</sup>~~50~~ a regular weekly visit was made to the Hospital. On Sundays the Service of Mass was offered, in the room provided, and an attendance of about 50% was recorded. On eight other special occasions Divine Service was also held. About forty additional visits were made to individual patients on sick note. The Funeral Rites were performed for the Catholic patients interred at the Thurstonland Cemetery.

The Staff offered cheerful co-operation and their courtesy was appreciated. A depleted nursing staff and overcrowded wards added to the difficulty of securing a fuller attendance at the Sunday and Holy Day Services. We hope that in the near future it will be possible to have a more suitable place for the Services. More cheerful surroundings and better equipment would benefit the patients both spiritually and mentally. The "spare room" atmosphere does not add to their self-respect. We hope to make application for specified items during the coming year, and we know the appropriate Committee will give a favourable reception.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

J. F. O'GRADY,

Visiting Catholic Priest.

GENERAL TABLE showing the movement of the Hospital population during each year since the year 1905, together with the Recoveries and the Deaths to December, 1949.

GENERAL TABLE, showing the movement of the Hospital population during each year since the year 1905, together with the Recoveries and the Deaths to December 31, 1948.																																																																																																			
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