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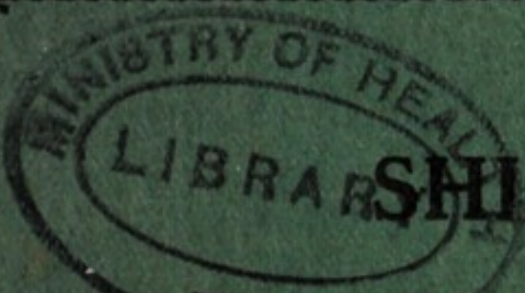
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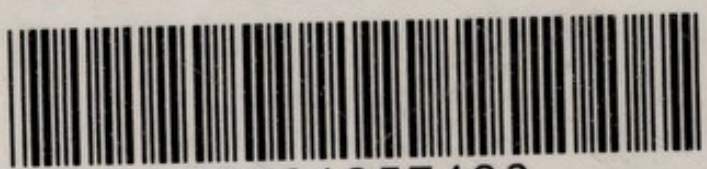
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REPORT

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Statement of Accounts,

From January 1st to December 31st, 1926.

Trustees.

J. REID WALKER, ESQ., J.P.

N. W. HOWARD-MCLEAN, ESQ., J.P.

Medical Staff.

DR. J. MELVILLE LEGGE, DR. S. BUXTON LEGGE,
DR. J. K. SYMS.

MR. GRANT LEGGE, *Dental Surgeon.*

MISS JOYCE AUDEN, *Masseuse.*

General Committee.

DR. S. BUXTON LEGGE,
Chairman

MR. J. E. MEREDITH

MR. F. W. PLANT

MRS. MELVILLE LEGGE

MR. FREESTON

MR. C. R. D. SUMMERS

REV. J. K. SWINBURNE

MR. B. FARMER

MR. T. THOMSON

MRS. BANISTER

MR. S. HODGKISS

COL. J. R. HOWARD-MCLEAN

MR. C. W. SCOTT

MR. E. BOWEN

HON. F. WELD-FORESTER

MR. T. C. SMITH, *Hon. Secretary.*

MR. EDWIN HOLMES, *Hon. Treasurer.*

MISS CALTON, *Matron.*

Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1926.

From the Medical Report it will be observed that 444 cases have been treated during the year as against 380 during the preceding year.

Cases treated for the last two years are as follows :

	YEAR 1925.	YEAR 1926.
Dental cases	...	...
Medical	...	...
Accident cases	...	...
Surgical	...	...
Out-Patients—Medical and Surgical	...	...
	9	14
	20	26
	17	18
	61	82
	273	304
	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 380	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 444

Deaths, 3.

Average Stay in Hospital during 1926	...	8.5 days
Total Number of Out-Patient Attendances during 1926	...	2,029
Number of Beds during 1926	...	8

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

SHIFNAL COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The annual meeting of subscribers to the Shifnal Cottage Hospital was held on Tuesday, February 8th, 1927, under the chairmanship of Col. Sir Chas. E. Yate, Bart., C.S.I., C.M.G., D.L. There was a large attendance.

The Annual Report, presented by Mr. T. C. Smith (Hon. Secretary), stated that in consequence of an enlarged building and a larger staff there had been an increase in the number of patients and an increase in expenditure; but thanks to additional gifts from the Shifnal branch of the National Farmers' Union and the Donington Fete Committee, the Committee had been able to meet the whole of their working expenses and had a small balance in hand. On the current account, which ran the everyday expenses, the receipts last year amounted to £676/1/0, as against £613/14/11 in 1925, and the expenditure to £674/4/7 as against £578/6/0 in 1925, leaving a credit balance of £1/16/5 only. The deposit account for extensions and furnishing, stood at £296/11/9; to this they placed their rents account of £74/18/10, making the total £371/10/7. Their investments, for building purposes only, amounted to £350. In considering these accounts they might with all modesty count themselves fortunate that, although their expenses were considerably higher, thanks to increased support and the goodwill of their friends they had been able to pay their way, which strengthened their faith that with a continuation of the splendid support already accorded the Hospital, and this used entirely for the comfort of the sufferers, they would be able to meet all demands in the future.

The Committee tendered sincere thanks to all who had supported the Hospital during the year, whether by gifts of money or in kind, also to those who so ably collected in the town or country districts, or assisted in any way to make their Fete Day and their Pound Day so successful. The Committee valued the continued support from the Lady Forester Trust, the Friendly Societies in Shifnal, Albrighton, Beckbury and Ivetsey Bank, the Working Men's Clubs at Shifnal and Albrighton, and the Shifnal and District Flying Club. Those also who organized and took part in the dances held in the Recreation Room and the Bell Hotel, Tong, and at Beckbury, Albrighton and Burnhill Green; the entertainments given by Blymhill Dramatic Party and Shifnal New Town Band, and the matches played by the Manor Football Club and St. Andrew's Cricket Club were deserving of hearty thanks, and it was only by such united action that success was assured. They must not omit mention of the Linen League recently formed by Mrs. Reid Walker and friends, which would doubtless be of great value in the future.

The Committee asked all supporters to use their influence in persuading more friends to become annual subscribers to a local hospital with an able staff ready at all times, if accommodation allowed, to give the best aid possible to those brought in, and the need of the building was emphasised by the continued increase in the number of patients.

The Rev. J. K. Swinburne (Vicar) moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded by Colonel J. R. Howard-McLean and carried unanimously.

Dr. Legge proposed the re-election of Mr. T. C. Smith as Hon. Secretary. Colonel the Hon. F. C. H. Weld-Forester seconded the motion which was carried with great heartiness.

Mr. E. Holmes (who was described by the mover as "the grand old man of Shifnal") was unanimously re-elected Hon. Treasurer, on the motion of Mr. E. Bowen, seconded by the Vicar.

Colonel A. N. B. Garrett proposed the re-election of Mr. Ford as Hon. Auditor, and this was seconded by Mrs. Banister and carried.

The retiring members of the Committee, Mr. S. Hodgkiss, Colonel J. R. Howard-McLean, Mr. C. W. M. D. Scott, Mr. E. Bowen and Colonel the Hon. F. C. H. Weld-Forester, were re-elected, on the proposition of Dr. Legge and seconded by Mrs. Banister.

The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to the Medical and Nursing Staff, and spoke of the efficient way their duties were always performed. Mr. C. R. D. Summers seconded; the Chairman supported. The motion was carried, and Dr. Legge responded.

Colonel Forester said that at a recent full meeting of the Committee the other day it had been unanimously decided to proceed with the provision of a maternity ward, in spite of the fact that the tender for the work was £1,587, towards which they only had £635. They at once opened a second donation list to raise the necessary funds, to which among the first subscribers were the Drs. Legge. When their medical officers took such an interest in their district and tried to make the Hospital a success, it showed a fine spirit and was a great asset. In spite of the financial situation the Committee hoped to have three wards—one private—completed in July, and they would like to open it free from debt. The Committee hoped that the public would help that scheme to the best of their ability, as the maternity ward was urgently needed. Shifnal had many calls on its purse, but he looked on that particular call as of the first importance.

Dr. Legge supported Colonel Forester's remarks. He felt that Shifnal people would derive great benefit from the new ward.

Colonel Forester moved that the action of the Committee in deciding to proceed with the provision of the maternity ward be approved. The Rev. Dr. Stephenson seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was accorded Sir Chas. Yate for presiding, on the motion of Colonel Howard-McLean, and this was carried with applause.

Gifts Received during the Year 1926.

"DAILY MAIL" & "MIRROR" FOR YEAR—Mrs. Melville Legge.

"TATLER" FOR YEAR—Mrs. Ault (Bank House).

DOLL—Miss Edna Smith (Haughton).

SMALL CLOCK—Mrs. Abrahams (Aston Street).

MAGAZINES—Mrs. Harris Edge, Mrs. Wadlow (The Wyke), Mrs. Ault, Mrs. Craig, Miss D. Hughes, Mrs. Dixon (Madeley), Mrs. Lee (Church Street), Mrs. Lea (Evelith House), Colonel Forester, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Burgoyne (Blymhill), Mrs. V. Lea (Evelith Manor), Mrs. Kent.

ONE PARCEL OF BOOKS—St. John's Library (London).

CHILDREN'S BOOKS—Mrs. Aldersey, Master A. Hoare, Mrs. Swinburne, Miss Betty Chard.

BOOKS—Major A. W. Foster (Apley Park).

CHILD'S BED JACKET—Mrs. F. Brown (Haughton).

GROCERIES—Beckbury Women's Institute, Stirchley Harvest Festival, Chatwell Chapel Harvest Festival, Shifnal Harvest Festival Children's Service.

ASPARAGUS—Mrs. Revell Phillips (Beech House).

BREAD AND CAKES—Mrs. Lea (Evelith House), Mrs. Perrott (Prior's Lee), Stirchley Harvest Festival, Sheriffhales Harvest Festival, Badger Harvest Festival, Kingswood Common Harvest Festival.

SHROPSHIRE NEEDLEWORK GUILD per the Hon. Mrs. Hamilton Russell—15 Bath Towels, Three plain Pillowcases, One pair Embroidered Pillowcases.

A WEE GIRLIE'S MITE from Shifnal.

OLD LINEN—Mrs. Nock.

BAGS OF POTATOES—Mr. Barratt (Tong) one bag, Mr. Holding, Sen., two bags, Mr. Jones (Upton) one bag, Chatwell Chapel Harvest Festival, two bags, Mr. Lea (Evelith House) three bags.

PLANTS—Mrs. S. Legge, Mr. Aldersey, Mr. Warrender (Haughton Lane), Mrs. Grimmer.

CHEESE—Mrs. Cambidge (Wheaton Aston), Chatwell Harvest Festival.

Mr. Smith (Haughton) 2-lb Rolled Beef.

Gifts Received—Continued.

1,572 EGGS received from County Egg Collection.

BUTTER AND EGGS—Miss Harper (Wellington), Mr. William Fletcher (Kemberton), Mrs. Grimmer, Stirchley Sunday School Children, Mrs. W. R. Hughes, Mrs. Champion Jones (Prior's Lee), Mrs. Cambridge (Wheaton Aston), Mr. Silvester (Haughton), Mrs. Fullerton (Broadway), Mrs. Jeffreys (Haughton), Mrs. R. Oliver (Heath Hill Colony), Mrs. Fulford (Heath Hill Colony), Mrs. Fowler (Heath Hill Colony), Mrs. Walsh (Heath Hill Colony), Mrs. Dean (Chatwell), Mrs. Revell Phillips, Badger Women's Institute, Mrs. Preece (Albrighton), Mrs. Bowen (Norton), Miss Williams (Brineton), Mrs. Kemp (Burnhill Green), Miss Prosser (Albrighton), Mr. Cadwaller (Neach Hill), Mrs. Rippon (Patshull), Mrs. Morris (Tong), Mr. Jervis (Spring Bower), Mrs. Parkes, Mrs. Davies Clive (Pattingham), Stirchley Harvest Festival, Chatwell Chapel Harvest Festival, Boningale Harvest Festival, Weston Harvest Festival, Sutton Maddock Harvest Festival, Badger Harvest Festival, Mrs. Dakin (Brewer's Oak), Mrs. Summerton (Pattingham), Mrs. Botley (Stableford), Mrs. Allman (Weston), Mrs. Lea (Evelith House), Mrs. Parton (Tong), Mrs. Ault.

NIGHT DUTY—Mrs. Hines (Haughton Lane).

MILK AND CREAM—Mrs. Yates (Sheriffhales), Mrs. Butler (Sheriffhales), Mrs. Brown (Stafford Place), Mrs. Davis Clive (Pattingham), Mrs. Burton (Donington), Mrs. Jaundrell (Codsall).

FAWN—Major Foster (Apley Park).

FISH—Miss Hall (Church Street).

SALMON—Mr. Smith (Haughton Lane).

COT AND MATTRESS—Mrs. Bishop (Haughton).

GAME—Mrs. Maddock, Mrs. Adlington, Mrs. Broome (Park Lane), Mrs. Lea (Evelith House), Mrs. Reid Walker, Mrs. Banister (Caynton), Right Hon. the Earl of Bradford.

POULTRY—Mrs. Champion Jones, Mr. Bishop (Haughton), Mrs. Barnes (Humphreston), Mrs. Bolton (Blymhill), Mr. Jervis (Spring Bower), Countess of Dartmouth, Mrs. W. R. Hughes.

PORK AND PORK PIES—Mrs. Perrott (Prior's Lee), Mrs. Morris (Tong), Mrs. Roberts (Broadway).

Gifts Received—Continued.

FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND FLOWERS—Mrs. Harris Edge, Mrs. W. R. Hughes, Mrs. Lea, Master B. Durrance, Mrs. Bowen, Mrs. Wadlow (The Wyke), Mr. Aldersey, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. S. Legge, Mrs. Craig, Children Hartland, Mrs. Grimmer, Mrs. Champion Jones, Shifnal School Gardens, Mrs. Yate (Beckbury), Miss Dora Hughes, Mrs. Dixon (Madeley), Mrs. Syms, Hon. Mrs. Weld-Forester, Mrs. Revell Phillips, Mrs. Reid Walker, Mrs. Lee (Church Street), Mrs. T. Nock, Mrs. Boyle, Mr. and Mrs. Asberry, Miss Prosser (Albrighton), Mrs. J. Cherrington (High Street), Mr. Spragg (Sheriffhales), Mr. Chard, Mr. Cadwaller (Neach Hill), Mr. Meredith (Tong Norton), Mrs. Rippon (Patshull), Mrs. Unitt (Burnhill Green), Mrs. Hartland, Mrs. Ault, Mrs. Smith (Haughton), Mrs. Hartland (Tong), Miss Exley, Mrs. McConnell, Mrs. Brooke, Mrs. F. Brown, Mrs. Cambidge (Wheaton Aston), Mr. Vincent Lea, Mrs. Barnes (Humphreston), Mrs. Bennett (High Street), Irene Williams, Mrs. Maddox, Mrs. S. Ford, A Friend, Mr. Smith (Kemberton), Mrs. Cartwright, Mrs. Jones (Cosford), Mrs. J. C. Lloyd, Mr. J. Baggott (Madeley), Mr. Jervis, Mrs. Hoare (Badger), Mr. Beech (Tong), Mrs. Jones (Park Street), Miss M. Easthope, Colonel Forester, Colonel Yate, Mrs. Lloyd (Albrighton), Mrs. Dyas, Stirchley Harvest Festival, Sheriffhales Harvest Festival, Chatwell Chapel Harvest Festival, Boningale Harvest Festival, Mrs. Baker (Park House), Blymhill Harvest Festival, Stockton Harvest Festival, Shifnal Harvest Festival Children's Service, Weston Harvest Festival, Mrs. Burgoyne (Blymhill), Mr. Francis (Donington), Sutton Maddock Harvest Festival, Badger Harvest Festival, Tong Harvest Festival, Albrighton Harvest Festival, Kingswood Common Harvest Festival, Mrs. Auden, Mrs. Banister (Caynton), Mrs. V. Lea, Mrs. Botley (Stableford)

Pound Day, 1926.

Tea 33 lbs, Sugar 127 lbs, Cocoa 5½ lbs, Raisins 8 lbs, Honey 3 lbs, Candles 4 lbs, Rice 32 lbs, Jam 37 lbs, Soap 25½ lbs, Sago 12½ lbs, Tapioca 12 lbs, Oatmeal 5 lbs, Marmalade 6 lbs, Pickles 2 lbs, Cornflour 6½ lbs, Sultanas 11 lbs, Currants 8 lbs, Coffee 2 lbs, Ground Rice 1 lb, Buttered Beans 1 lb, Cake 6 lbs, Golden Syrup 8 lbs, Sweet Almonds 1 lb, Ground Almonds 2 lbs, Potatoes 447 lbs, Apples 82 lbs, Butter 5 lbs, Lemco 1 lb, Custard Powder 2 lbs, Biscuits 1 lb, Cherries 1 lb, Mixed Peel 1 lb, Pepper ½ lb, Cerebos Salt 2 lbs, Icing Sugar 2 lbs, Swedes 38 lbs, Knitting Cotton 1 lb, Bottled Fruit 10 bottles, Jellies 4 packets, Benger's Food 1 tin, Soap Flakes 2 packets, Pine-apple Cubes 1 tin, Eggs 23, Fowls 2, Bath Towels 1, Flesh Towels 2, Crutches 1 pair.

A Special Gift of Sweets by Mrs. Roberts, Broadway, realised £14/10/0.

Balance Sheet for year ending December 31st, 1926.

PAYMENTS.	£	s.	d.	RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Repairs, Rates and Taxes ...	26	4	10	Patients Payments ...	128	12	0
Furniture, Drapery and Apparatus ...	22	8	0	Weekly " ...	15	9	3
Medical Necessities ...	125	7	3	Subscriptions and Donations...	271	13	9
Coal and Lighting ...	79	6	3	Church Collections ...	32	19	3
Salaries ...	189	4	4	Entertainments and Collections	106	9	6
Laundry ...	24	13	10	Fete Day ...	40	0	0
Housekeeping ...	185	10	10	Credit Balance, 1925	35	8	11
Petty Expenses and Printing...	21	9	3	Sundries ...	45	8	4
Credit Balance, December 31st, 1926 ...	1	16	5				
	676	1	0		676	1	0

Deposit at Credit	£	s.	d.
Rent	296	11	9
"	74	18	10
	£371	10	7

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RULES FOR SHIFNAL COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

Adopted and revised at a General Meeting, Feb. 24th, 1914.

1.—The Hospital is designed for the benefit and accommodation of the poor, when suffering from disease or accident ; but no case of advanced pulmonary consumption, or other incurable, infectious or contagious disease shall be admissable. In the case of private patients, under the care of either of the Medical Officers in Shifnal who cannot be treated satisfactorily at the residence of such patients, they may be brought to the Hospital for the purpose of such treatment, with the consent of the Medical Officers, and subject to the approval of the Committee, upon making a special weekly payment, to be fixed by the Committee, provided the admission of such patients shall in no way interfere with the accommodation required for the poor.

2.—All subscriptions shall be due on the 1st Jan. of each year, and shall be paid to Mr. T. C. Smith, Market Place, Shifnal, or to the Treasurer, Mr. E. Holmes, Russell House, Shifnal. No one whose subscription is three months in arrear, or who has not been a subscriber for six months, shall be entitled to vote at any annual or general meeting, but except as aforesaid, all subscribers shall be entitled to vote on all occasions

3.—Every annual subscriber of one guinea shall have the privilege of recommending one patient for admission to the Hospital for a period not exceeding one week, and one patient for every additional guinea subscribed. Donations from Church or Chapel offertories and collections, from Friendly Societies, or from private Collecting Boxes, of one guinea, shall entitle the person remitting the same to recommend one patient, and similar donations of two guineas, two patients, and one patient for every additional one guinea, at any time within twelve months from the day of the remission of such donation. But no person remitting such donation shall be entitled to vote in respect thereof.

4.—Any employer or other person, not being a subscriber of at least 21s., who may send a patient in to the Hospital will be held liable for the expense of that patient at the rate of 21s. per week for board and washing. Any patient admitted to the Hospital who is a member of a Club or in receipt of statutory compensation from his employer will be charged by the Committee at the above rate. All questions as to contribution or amount of contribution shall be subject to the decision of the Committee.

5.—The annual meeting of subscribers shall be held as soon as convenient after January 31st each year. Any subscriber desiring to bring forward a proposition at such meeting, shall give at least fourteen days' notice of his or her intention to the Honorary Secretary, stating the terms of the proposition. Six clear days' notice of such meeting shall be given to the Subscribers by the Honorary Secretary, and such notice shall state the business to be transacted at such meeting.

6.—A special general meeting may be called at any time on the written application to the Honorary Secretary of at least ten Subscribers, or five Members of the Committee; such application shall state the purpose for which such special meeting is to be called, and no other business than that stated, shall be transacted at such meeting.

7.—The general management of the Hospital shall be entrusted to a Committee of 15 Subscribers, one-third of whom shall retire in rotation every year, and shall be eligible for re-election. The *ex-officio* members of the Committee shall consist of the Hon. Treasurer, the Honorary Medical Officers, and the Honorary Secretary. In case of a vacancy in any office, the same shall be filled up by the Committee. That any Member of the Committee who shall be absent from more than six consecutive monthly Meetings of the Committee (except in case of illness, or for some reason approved by the Committee), his or her seat on the Committee shall become vacant.

8.—The Committee shall have power to make any bye-laws they think necessary for the management of the Hospital, provided such bye-laws be submitted to the next general meeting to be confirmed, and if not confirmed, then such bye-laws shall be rescinded. Three members of Committee shall form a quorum.

9.—The Medical Department shall be under the control and superintendence of the Medical Officers.

10.—Patients who have received Hospital Tickets from Subscribers, shall be admitted to the Hospital, provided there is sufficient accommodation, and the case is a suitable one in the opinion of the Medical Officers and Committee.

11.—Patients who are able to contribute may be admitted on the payment of a sum, not exceeding three guineas per week, to be decided by the Committee or the Medical Staff.

12.—Other Admission Tickets shall be:—

TICKETS for Subscribers of one guinea to those only who cannot afford to pay.

13.—No patient shall be received into the Hospital without an Admission Ticket, except in cases of emergency.

14.—The services of the Medical Staff are honorary, but this shall not preclude the acceptance of fees for accidents from friends, or any public or private body, according to the Poor Law Scale.

15.—Hours of admission for friends of patients from 2 to 4 on Sundays and Thursdays.

16.—These Rules shall not be altered except at an annual or general meeting.



