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ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHTH

REPORT

OF THE

Eye, Ear and Throat
Hospital

for Shropshire and Wales

1945

INFORMATION USEFUL TO SUBSCRIBERS

Recommendation Forms can only be used during the year for which they are issued. One Ticket entitles a patient to attend the Hospital for three months ; at the end of which time a fresh one is required.

There are no special in-patient recommendation forms ; such patients are admitted at the discretion of the Surgeons.

No food or intoxicating beverages are allowed to be introduced into the Hospital without the knowledge of the Matron.

Friends of in-patients are allowed to visit them on Wednesdays and Sundays from 2 till 4, but on no other day without special leave.

Out-patients not bringing their own bottles are charged 3d. each for large, and 2d. for small bottles. By special arrangement with the Official Opticians, patients can purchase the spectacles ordered for them at greatly reduced prices.

At the first visit to the Hospital with a recommendation form, patients are given a card with a reference number on it ; this should always be quoted when enquiries are made concerning patients.

This Institution being established for the relief of those who are **POOR AND UNABLE TO PAY FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**, subscribers are most earnestly requested not to give these recommendation forms indiscriminately. In doubtful cases the Secretary will be pleased to advise as to the best course to pursue.

Letters requiring information as to Subscriptions, etc., should be sent to the Secretary : C. S. Asbury, 7 The Square, Shrewsbury ; those on purely medical matters to the Surgeons at the Hospital.

For information regarding the Shropshire Voluntary Hospitals Contributory Association, School Inspection Cases, and Ophthalmic of this cover.



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Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital

for Shropshire and Wales

SHREWSBURY

SUPPORTED BY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
and established in 1818 for the relief of the really poor and
destitute.

DISPENSARY ESTABLISHED 1818.

HOSPITAL OPENED 1868.

NEW HOSPITAL, MURIVANCE, 1881.

EXTENSIONS GIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR 45 BEDS COMPLETED
1926. FURTHER EXTENSIONS GIVING ACCOMMODATION FOR
46 BEDS IN THE GENERAL WARDS AND 7 PRIVATE WARDS,
COMPLETED 1932.

President :

MAJOR A. HEYWOOD LONSDALE.

Trustees :

MAJOR R. C. HOLCROFT.

EDMUND C. TAYLOR, ESQ., J.P.

Walker, Printer, Shrewsbury

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OFFICERS OF THE INSTITUTION

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Surgeon : FREDERICK A. ANDERSON, ESQ., M.D., B.CH.

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Hon. Treasurer : THE MANAGER, LLOYDS BANK LTD., SHREWSBURY BRANCH.

Secretary : MR. C. S. ASBURY, F.C.A., 7 The Square, Shrewsbury.

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Hon. Anaesthetist : ALAN V. MACKENZIE, ESQ., M.B., M.R.C.S.(ENG.).
L.R.C.P. (LOND).

Hon. Anaesthetist (Acting) : DR. J. J. POLLAND.

Hon. Dental Surgeon : T. E. HOGGINS, ESQ., L.D.S., R.F.P.S.

Matron : MISS HELEN ROBSON, S.R.N.

Auditors : MESSRS. HARPER, KENT & WHEELER, Incorporated Accountants.

Dispenser : MRS. E. M. C. HADLEY, M.P.S.

Opticians : MESSRS. ROBINSON & Co., LTD., The Square, Shrewsbury.

MR. E. W. IRWIN, St. Mary's Street, Shrewsbury.

MESSRS. RAYNER'S, St. John's Hill, Shrewsbury.

DAYS AND HOURS OF ATTENDANCE :

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS and SATURDAYS only from 9 to 11,
except for patients arriving by train from distant parts, who will be seen up
to 12 noon, on notice being given.

The Out-Patients' Department is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Sundays,
Christmas Day, Good Friday, and all Bank Holidays.

Tel. Nos. : Hospital, Shrewsbury 3683 ; Secretary's Office, Shrewsbury 2018.

SURGEON'S REPORT FOR 1945

The essential figures for 1945 are given below :—

Total Outpatients	..	..	..	7,632
New Outpatients	..	..	..	5,324
Outpatient Attendances	..	..	..	20,446
Inpatients	..	..	..	2,031
Operations	..	..	..	3,069
Ophthalmia Neonatorum			..	48

During the year it was decided to divide the work of the hospital into two separate sections, and there is now an Eye Department and Ear, Nose and Throat Department. Each will be under the care of Specialists in their respective spheres and the closest co-operation will at all times obtain between the two.

This development will bring the hospital into line with similar institutions throughout the country and indeed throughout the world, and will be greatly to the benefit of the patients whose welfare it has always been our aim to serve.

This change will necessitate an alteration in the outpatient sessions, and it is proposed to have separate outpatient days for patients suffering from eye conditions and those suffering from conditions of the ear, nose and throat.

I wish to record my gratitude to all my colleagues for their help during the year, and my appreciation of the ever willing and efficient service of the Matron and Nursing Staff.

F. A. ANDERSON, M.D.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee of Management have pleasure in submitting the 128th Annual Report of the Hospital, together with the Surgeon's Report and the audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1945.

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Mr. W. E. Stamer, who had been a member of the Committee for 25 years and given most valuable service to the Hospital. His wise judgment and ripe experience will be a great loss, not only to this Hospital but to many other similar organisations throughout the County who enjoyed the benefit of his services.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Hospital held on 6th June, 1945, the following were elected to the Committee :—

Miss Gwynneth LLOYD

Mr. George Fryer

Mr. Frith Lusty

Mr. J. A. G. Sparrow

Lieut.-Colonel Otter Barry

Unfortunately for us Miss LLOYD found it impossible to accept the appointment. To the other members elected we offer a cordial welcome as also we do to Mr. R. A. Pace who, as Manager of Lloyds Bank Limited (Shrewsbury Branch), succeeds Mr. Lusty as Honorary Treasurer.

It is with a feeling of intense relief and gratitude that we look back to the year 1945 as marking the victorious conclusion of the wars in Europe and the Far East. Unhappily the aftermath of war is still with us, the demands of the Services, especially for Nurses, making our staff difficulties very serious. During the year we have lost the services of Dr. McGarrity and Mr. Gordon Laurence, both of

whom had been with us for many years and we wish them well in their new appointments. To those new members of the Medical and Surgical Staff who have come to us during the year—Mr. S. W. G. Hargrove, Mr. Ian Fraser and Dr. Barry Devane—we extend a very warm welcome, particularly as we are sure that their work will relieve our Senior Surgeon, Dr. Anderson, of some of his onerous duties which he has borne so cheerfully and efficiently for so many years.

Our supporters will have noted the proposals of the Government for a National Health Service as embodied in the Bill now before Parliament. We have got to face the fact that, if the Bill goes through (as it is likely to do) in its present form, our Hospital, in common with others of a like nature, will form a unit—or part of a unit—which will be administered by a Regional Board set up by the Minister of Health. While opinions may differ widely as to the wisdom of this measure, there is nothing your Committee can do but to carry on so that, if and when the time comes to hand over our Hospital to the State, we can do so in the full knowledge that everything possible has been done to maintain our organisation in a state of efficiency.

As will be seen from the Surgeon's Report on page 3, the number of cases treated has again been very large. Your Committee have been giving careful consideration to the possibility of enlarging the accommodation of the Hospital but, owing to the restrictions on building and the uncertainty surrounding the future, it is most difficult to formulate a policy. It is certain, however, that if the present number of out-patients is to be dealt with satisfactorily, more accommodation will have to be provided; and it is equally true that our wards are seriously overcrowded. Again, the question of accommodation for our nurses has given your Committee the greatest anxiety. At present many of our nurses are boarded out—a most unsatisfactory arrangement from the nurses' and the Matron's point of view. Many attempts have been made to obtain a house within easy reach of the Hospital where our nurses could be housed under reasonable and comfortable conditions, and it is gratifying to know that a suitable building has been promised to us as soon as the military authorities vacate it.

The accounts for the year are, as usual, published in detail and appear on a separate statement attached to this Report. Last year we gave a comparative table shewing the buoyancy of our income and, on this occasion, we submit a statement shewing that, while our Income has been maintained—indeed it shows a small increase—our Expenditure has outrun all our expectations and the result is a deficit of £639 8s. 3d. on the year's working. Here is the statement referred to :—

	1944	1945
Total Income	<u>£13,669</u>	<u>£13,881</u>
Expenditure :—		
Maintenance	2,441	2,655
Surgery and Dispensary	1,405	1,733
Domestic	1,121	1,068
Fuel and Lighting	1,297	1,396
Uniforms and Drapery	121	148
Establishment	381	381
Repairs and Renewals	482	400
Salaries and Wages	4,933	5,166
Miscellaneous	472	672
Administration	675	708
Rent, Rates, Bank Charges, etc.	209	193
	<u>13,537</u>	<u>14,520</u>
<i>Surplus</i>	<u>132</u>	<i>Deficit</i> <u>639</u>
	<u>£13,669</u>	<u>£13,881</u>

The above table tells its own tale. Increased income has not kept pace with rising expenditure and the inevitable result is a deficit. Bearing in mind, however, that we have been able to show a surplus of Income over Expenditure for many years previous to 1945, the deficit of £639 is not discouraging.

The Shropshire Voluntary Hospitals Contributory Association has again done magnificently, our allocation being £4,712 11s. 11d. To this must be added Reciprocal Benefit and other special adjustments which brings the total to £5,995 2s. 9d.—only some £725 less than the 1944 record total. Once again we extend our thanks and expressions of appreciation to those responsible for this most gratifying contribution.

In our last Report we mentioned that the Shropshire Combined Hospitals Appeal had made a preliminary distribution. We are happy to state that, during the year £3,269 10s. 0d. has been received from this source and that a further substantial sum has been or will be paid in 1946.

Before leaving the matter of Finance reference must be made to the receipt of the sum of £500 for the endowment of a bed by Mrs. Gertrude Phillips in memory of her late husband, Mr. Richard Phillips. A very pleasing ceremony was held on the 13th November, 1945, at the Hospital, when the dedication of the bed took place. Our grateful thanks are extended to Mrs. Phillips for her generosity.

The Ladies' Guild has been very active throughout the year and has rendered most valuable service. The gifts of linen, clothing, etc., received from this source have played a most important part in the economy of the Hospital and, to all who have helped in this cause, your Committee extend their grateful appreciation.

During the War Years it has been our pleasure to record the assistance given to the Hospital by the British Red Cross Society and the St. John's Ambulance Brigade. Again we wish to say how greatly the work of these organisations has helped the Hospital and, with the cessation of hostilities the British Red Cross Society have been able to distribute a large number of comforts and a considerable amount of clothing to various Hospitals in which our institution has participated. The British Red Cross Society has done magnificent work during the War and their efforts to help the sick now that peace is with us are entitled to our warmest recognition.

No words of ours can express the appreciation of the work of the Staff. From the Senior Surgeon to the youngest probationer we extend the thanks of the Committee for their cheerful and loyal co-operation, frequently under conditions of considerable strain.

Lastly, once more we say "thank you" to all our Subscribers and Donors whether of money, goods or services. In this connection the generosity of the Oakengates and District Hospital Fund and the Bridgnorth Contributory Association call for special mention.

EDMUND C. TAYLOR,

CHAIRMAN.



PORT OF ORIGIN:

for Shropshire and Wales

I have been brought to the Treasury for the first time

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT. Year ended 31st December, 1894

We have audited the foregoing Account with the books and vouchers of the Hospital, and certify it to be correct and satisfactorily vouched.

HARRIS, KENT & WHEELER,
Investment Consultants

ended 31st December, 1915

EXPENDITURE

Maintenance	
Provisions	141 0 0
Meat	230 13 4
Fish	104 4 10
Butter	400 10 0
Eggs	73 17 2
Milk	30 10 0
Cheese	248 10 0
Tea	242 0 0
Starch	187 13 0
1915 10 0	

Sundry and Laboratory	
Books and Instruments	2150 17 0
Instrumental and Equipment	210 10 0
Waxes and Oils	17 10 10
Spectacles	10 0 0
Refrigerator	222 10 0
1915 0 0	

Domestic	
Domestic Supplies etc.	204 8 0
Household of Laboratory, etc.	204 8 10
Light etc.	405 11 0
Laundry	121 5 0
Cleaning Materials	1000 0 0

Fuel and Lighting	
Coal and Coke	200 10 10
Gas	133 7 10
Electricity	202 7 0
1915 0 10	

Uniforms and Laundry	
Uniforms	20 0 0
Laundry	27 4 0
Travelling Expenses	250 1 10
Travelling Expenses	23 12 0
Travelling Expenses	21 10 0
1915 0 0	

Repairs and Renewals	
Repairs and Renewals	215 0 0
Repairs and Renewals	155 7 0
Repairs and Renewals	7 11 0
Repairs and Renewals	10 0 11
1915 0 11	

Salaries and Wages	
Salaries and Wages	200 10 0
Salaries and Wages	20 0 0
Salaries and Wages	20 0 0

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SECRETARY.

C. S. ASBURY.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT.

TELEPHONE 2018 SHREWSBURY.

Secretary's Office,

7. The Square,

Shrewsbury.

16th May, 1946.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 128th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Hospital, Murivance, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, the 25th May, 1946, at 2-30 p.m.

Alterations to Rules 13 and 16, details of which are specified on the back hereof, will be submitted to this Meeting.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE,

C. S. ASBURY,

Secretary.

RULE 13. Insert the word "or" between the words "and" and "must" at the end of the sixth line.

RULE 16, which now reads "The Hospital shall be opened Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays only (Bank Holidays excepted), at such hours as shall be appointed for the relief of the Poor suffering from the diseases of the Eye, Ear and Throat, who shall be admitted by the Governors' recommendations, and be treated gratuitously for the space of three months. Cases of accidents shall at all times be eligible for admission without recommendations" shall be rescinded, and the following substituted:—

"The Hospital shall be opened every day during the week except Sunday, Bank Holidays and such other days as from time to time may be authorised by the Committee, at such hours as shall be appointed, for the relief of those suffering from diseases of the Eye, and/or Ear, Nose and Throat. Such cases shall be admitted on the Governors' recommendations and on such Subscribers' vouchers as may, from time to time, be authorised by the Committee. Governors' recommendations shall entitle the case recommended to a maximum period of three months treatment. Cases of accident shall be admitted at all times without recommendation or voucher, but one or other must be provided as soon as possible after admission."

SHROPSHIRE VOLUNTARY HOSPITALS CONTRIBUTORY ASSOCIATION.

This Hospital is one of the Constituents of the Shropshire Voluntary Hospitals Contributory Association, members whereof are not required to produce a recommendation form, but, in place of it, the official voucher of the Contributory Scheme certifying membership, together with a letter signed by their private doctor addressed to the Hospital.

SCHOOL INSPECTION CASES.

Ordinary Subscribers' recommendation forms are not accepted for School Medical Inspection cases ; special forms are required which are obtainable from the Education Authorities, as under :—

For the Borough of Shrewsbury	Health Centre, Murivance, Shrewsbury.
For the County of Salop.	The County Medical Officer of Health, College Hill, Shrewsbury.

OPHTHALMIC BENEFIT.

Most Approved Societies have adopted what is known as Ophthalmic (Additional) Benefit, under which there are available private consultations with specially qualified medical men, and which entitles their members to examination of the eyes and, if necessary, to a prescription for spectacles.

In cases where a member of the Scheme belongs to a Society which provides Ophthalmic Benefit, he should consult his panel doctor, who, if he thinks that the patient needs ophthalmic examination or treatment, will inform the patient how to proceed.

If the Approved Society to which the member belongs does not provide Ophthalmic Benefit, then he is eligible for treatment, either as a contributor or by recommendation.

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