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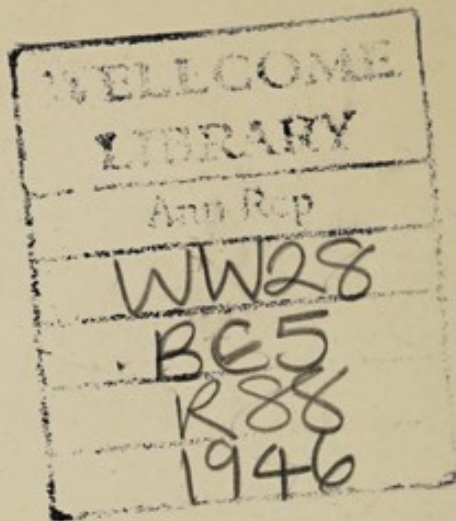
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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER,

HIGH HOLBORN, W.C.1.

Founded in 1816 by the late G. J. Guthrie, Esq., F.R.S.,

FOR THE TREATMENT

OF

DISEASES AND INJURIES OF THE EYE.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DEC., 1945,

WITH

STATEMENT OF INCOME, EXPENDITURE, BALANCE SHEET
STATISTICS, Etc., Etc.

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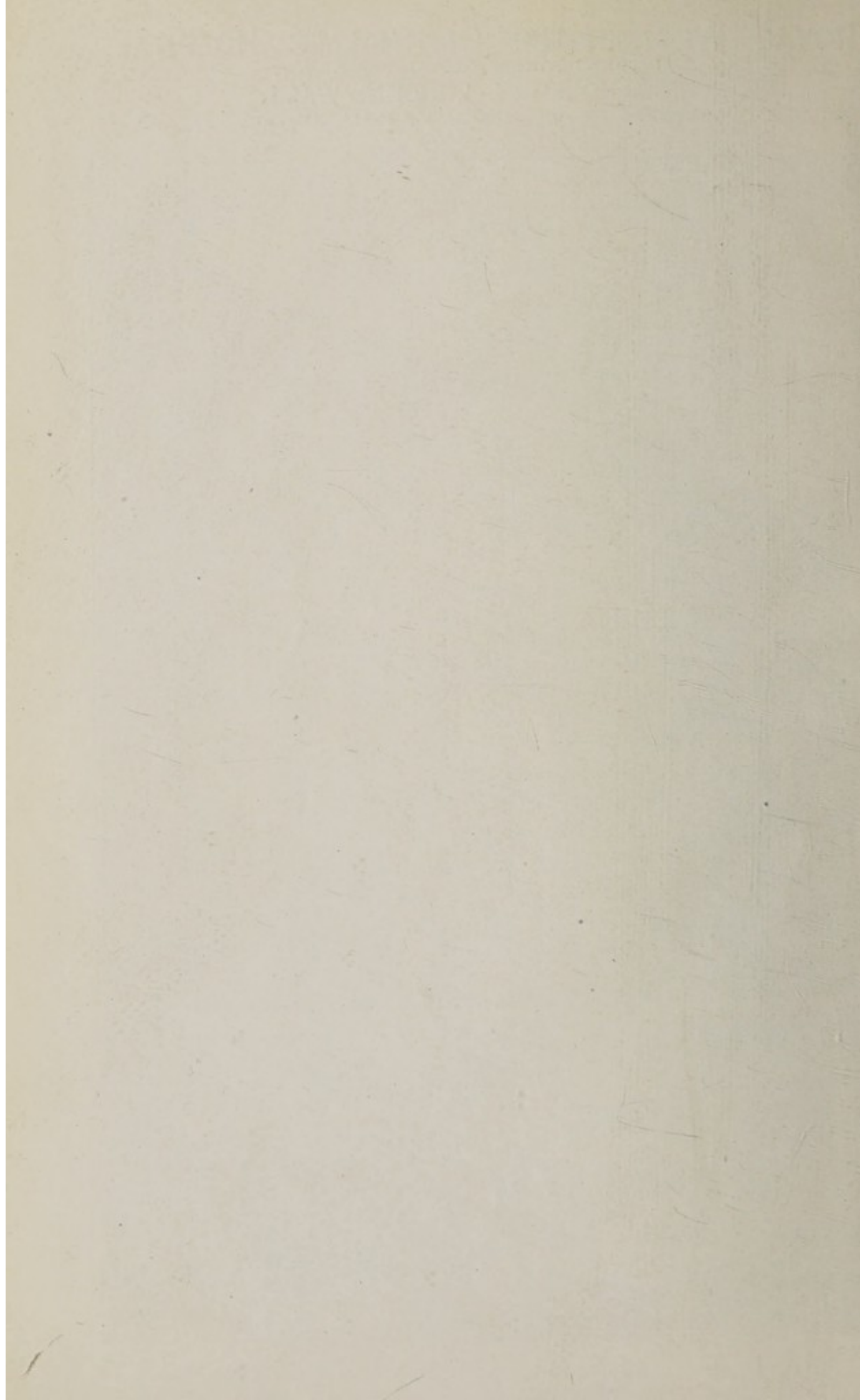
Patients are earnestly asked to help the Hospital as much as possible by contributing according to their means.

Although, owing to the difficulties of the times, the Bed complement has been temporarily reduced, the Hospital, which ministers to many thousands of Patients every year, still costs over **£500** per week for administration and increased cost of maintenance, mainly due to greatly increased charges for Provisions, Drugs, Lighting and Fuel.

Towards this outlay, it receives only about **£50** per week from Invested Property—the balance consequently has to be found from voluntary sources.

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Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital,

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT FOR 1945.

To the Governors.

The Committee of Management, in presenting the 129th Report, are glad to say that although many Hospitals were destroyed or damaged by enemy action during the War, this Hospital has escaped serious injury and has only had to contend with minor damage. Consequently the Hospital never closed its doors for the treatment of patients, many of whom were air-raid casualties, suffering from injuries to the eye from splinters and glass.

Economic conditions, however, are still very trying, and with high taxation and difficulties in the supply of commodities, give some concern to the Committee.

Fortunately, the ordinary Income for maintenance and administration has been well maintained, as will be seen on pages 18-19 of the Report, and the Expenditure met.

WORK DONE.

The Bed complement has varied during the year under review, but at the 31st December last **Eighty** beds were in use. The difficulty in re-opening the remaining twenty beds (now closed), to bring the complement up to a Hundred, is mainly due to lack of accommodation in the Building for Nurses. Owing to the reduction of working hours and increased "off duty" time, provided by the Rushcliffe Report, more Nurses are required than were necessary before the War.

	<u>1945.</u>	<u>1944.</u>
In-Patients. —(<i>i.e.</i> , General, Private and Cubicle Patients) ...	1,195	1,002
Sent to Base Hospitals ...	<u>119</u>	<u>200</u>
Out-Patients. —		
New Patients	15,354	12,223
Casualties	2,731	2,608
	<u>18,085</u>	<u>14,831</u>
Attendances	67,585	60,461

Special Departments.—Although the figures are included in the above, the following analyses are of interest :—

	New Patients.	Attendances.
Physician	105	363
Pathological and Bacteriological Department	—	2,890
Electro-Therapeutic	117	6,239
Orthoptic	637	10,807

FINANCIAL POSITION.

The Income for the past year shews an appreciable increase over the preceding year, as the following comparative summary shews :—

Voluntary Gifts.

	1945.	1944.
	£	£
Annual Subscriptions, Donations, etc. ...	8,605	9,934
Entertainments	—	37

Central Funds.

King Edward's Hospital Fund	900	900
Hospital Sunday Fund	280	280

Receipts on Account of Services to Patients.

Patients, Approved Societies, Public Authorities	9,448	7,606
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Other Receipts.

Government Grant—Nursing Salaries ...	729	504
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Contributory Schemes.

Hospital Saturday Fund	452	328
Hospital Saving Association	4,582	3,976
Other Schemes	418	247

Invested Property.

Interest, Dividends, etc.	2,656	2,633
	<u>£28,070</u>	<u>£26,445</u>

LEGACIES AND DISCRETIONARY BEQUESTS.

The Executors of the late :—

	£	s.	d.
Lewis M. Davies, Esq. (on account)	774	19	0
T. K. Pexton, Esq.	340	10	0
G. M. Fleming, Esq. (further, on account)	110	19	5
Miss E. M. Baker	100	0	0
Miss Constance Harvie (Final Payment)	59	16	3
Miss G. S. Bristow	10	0	0

The following, amongst other generous benefactions, are gratefully recorded :—

	£	s.	d.
King Edward's Hospital Fund for London	900	0	0
Gaumont-British Picture Corporation	530	0	0
Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund	280	0	0
Trustees of Bernhard Baron Charitable Trust	260	0	0
Trustees of Smith's (Kensington Estate) Charity	200	0	0
Alexandra Day Committee	100	0	0
Sir Albert Levy Benevolent Fund (per Lady Levy)	100	0	0
Prudential Assurance Company, Ltd	70	0	0
The Worshipful Company of Spectacle Makers	50	0	0
The Printers' Medical Aid & Sanatoria Association	31	10	0
The National Union of Railwaymen	25	0	0

	£	s.	d.
Hospital Saving Association (Southern Branch) ...	25	0	0
The Halford Cycle Co. Ltd.	25	0	0
The Victoria Club Benevolent Fund	25	0	0
Messrs. Coutts & Co. (Staff of)	20	7	6
Great Western Railway Medical Fund Society ...	20	0	0
The Hon. Mrs. Rendell	20	0	0
Miss P. I. Peet	20	0	0
The Glacier Metal Co. Ltd.	20	0	0
The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths	15	0	0
Western Central District Post Office (Staff of) ...	15	0	0
Messrs. Crompton-Parkinson Ltd.	15	0	0
The Rt. Hon. Viscount Mersey, P.C., C.M.G., C.B.E.	10	10	0
The Hon. Arthur Gore	10	10	0
Messrs. Coutts & Co.	10	10	0
British Broadcasting Corporation	10	10	0
The Southern Railway	10	10	0
The Gas Light & Coke Company	10	10	0
The Law Society	10	10	0
Association of Correctors of the Press	10	10	0
Messrs. Thomson, McLintock & Co.	10	10	0
The Pearl Assurance Co. Ltd.	10	10	0
Central London Electricity, Ltd.	10	10	0
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The Worshipful Company of Cutlers	10	10	0
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Miss E. J. Proctor	10	10	0
Bethnal Green Hospital Aid Society	10	10	0
J. S. Hollings, Esq.	10	10	0
The John Lewis Partnership Ltd.	10	10	0
The John Edward Lewis Memorial Fund	10	10	0
Messrs. George Culver, Ltd.	10	10	0

EXPENDITURE.

Due to further increases in salaries, wages and commodities generally, the cost of maintaining the Hospital during the past

year shews a further increase of £1,568. The comparative figures are as follows:—

	1945.	1944.
Maintenance.		
	£	£
Provisions	3,369	2,919
Surgery and Dispensary	1,929	1,563
Domestic	4,702	4,580
Salaries and Wages	12,429	11,707
Miscellaneous	1,112	1,131
Administration	1,755	1,718
Establishment	982	995
Finance.		
Appeals	1,150	1,233
Rates and Taxes	447	501
	<u>£27,875</u>	<u>£26,307</u>

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Last year the Committee of Management reported the resignation of Sir Bernard Halsey-Bircham, G.C.V.O., as Joint Treasurer of the Hospital for over 40 years. They deeply regret to say that Sir Bernard died on the 11th July, 1945. A vote of condolence was passed to Lady Bircham.

Messrs. Bircham & Company have been appointed Honorary Solicitors in succession to the late Sir Bernard Bircham.

So far only one member of the Surgical Staff—Squadron-Leader J. G. Milner, F.R.C.S., has been released from the Forces. It is hoped, however, that Air Commodore T. Keith Lyle, F.R.C.S., and Lieut.-Col. A. S. Philps, F.R.C.S., will be able to return to the Hospital at an early date.

Several retired Surgeons have fortunately been able to carry on work in the Out-Patient Department throughout the past year,

and the Committee desire to record their deep appreciation to Sir Richard Cruise, Mr. G. Viner and Mr. Adrian Caddy.

Government Registrarships.—On the recommendation of the Medical Committee the Committee of Management have agreed to accept candidates for Post-Graduate Education in Ophthalmology of Medical Officers on release from the Forces, if considered eligible for such appointments by the University of London.

So far, two Scholarships have been granted, tenable for six months, but holders are eligible for a six months renewal if approved by the Medical Committee.

Hospital Survey.—The Ministry of Health, in their Hospital Survey (April, 1945), state that so far as this Hospital is concerned that there is no room for expansion, except by acquisition of adjoining land; but this Hospital amalgamated with another Ophthalmic Unit would provide a good basis for one large Hospital.

Base Hospital.—The Ophthalmic Branch at Stanmore, which was throughout the war period in charge of Mr. M. L. Hine, F.R.C.S., was closed down at the end of July, 1945—1,026 patients, transferred from the parent Hospital, were admitted for either treatment or operation, the Nursing personnel being supplied from the Hospital Staff.

Ladies' Committee.—The Committee of Management record their appreciation of the services rendered by the Ladies' Committee under the Chairmanship of Viscountess Mersey.

The Committee of Management again express their thanks to the Honorary Surgical Staff for the valuable services to the patients attending the Hospital. They also record their appre-

ciation of the work of the Resident Medical Officers, Matron, Nursing and Administrative Staff for their work and efficiency in their particular spheres.

The Committee of Management, in concluding their Report for the past year, are naturally concerned as to the future of the Voluntary Hospitals of this country, although at the moment we have no official information.

In the meantime the Hospitals must be carried on, and the Committee, speaking on behalf of the R.W.O.H., which has provided an eye service for the public for 129 years, must still appeal to the community so heavily taxed, to whom the Committee tenders their gratitude for continued support.

The Hospital's work is truly national—

BECAUSE its patients come from all parts of the country for the specialised treatment which only a well-equipped Hospital can provide.

BECAUSE it is better to help in the prevention of blindness than to pity the blind.

—So we place our cause before the generous public an object well worthy of assistance.

On behalf of the Committee of Management,

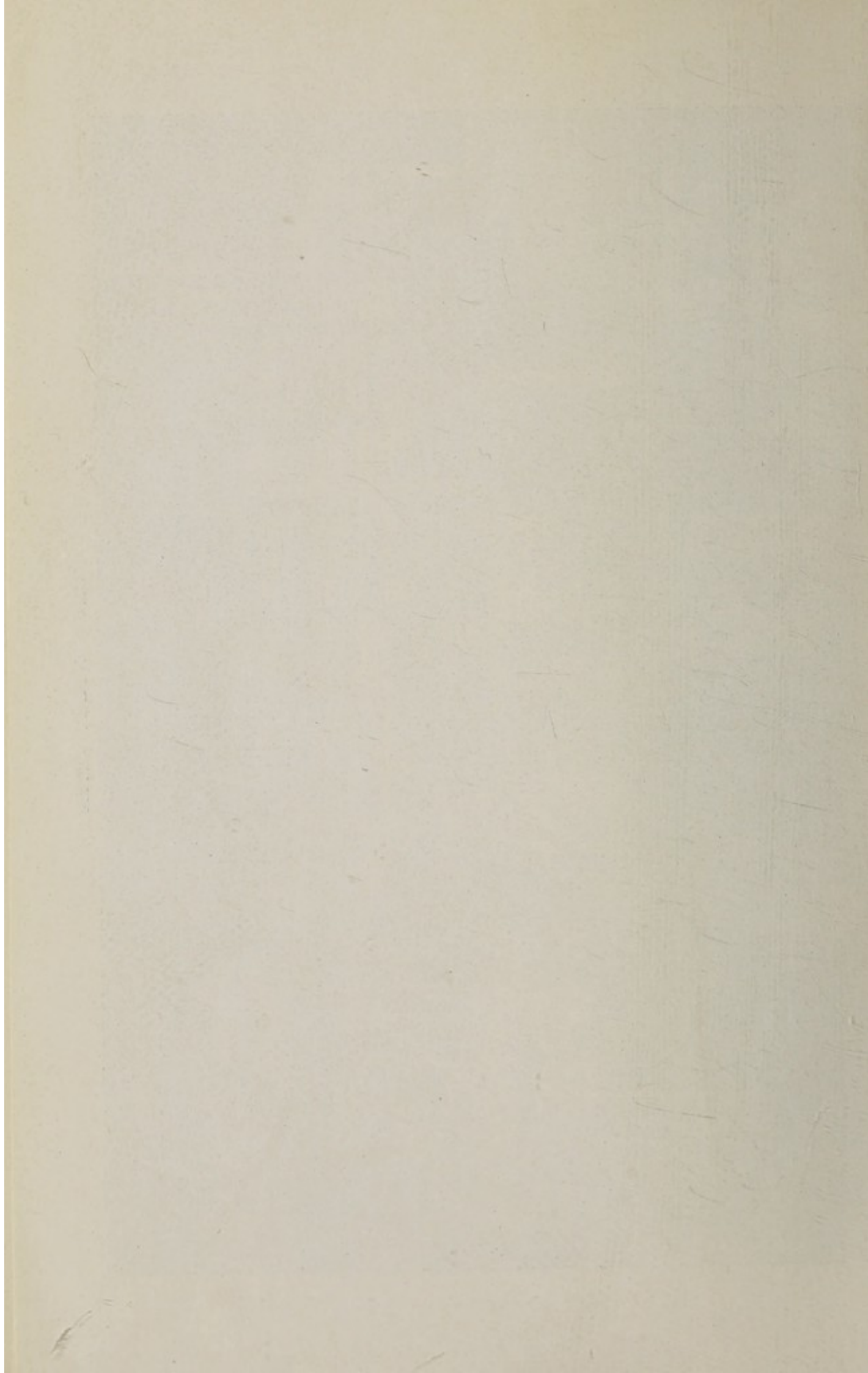
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J. H. JOHNSON,
Secretary.

21st March, 1946.



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ACCOUNTS



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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for the Year to 31st December, 1945.

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(See also LEGACIES ACCOUNT.)

ORDINARY		INCOME.		EXPENDITURE.	
	£	£	£		£
I. Voluntary Gifts.					
SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, ETC.—					
Annual Subscriptions	1,187				
Donations	7,056				
Box Collections	362				
Entertainments	—		8,605		
CENTRAL FUNDS—					
King Edward's Hospital Fund	900				
Hospital Sunday Fund	280				
		1,180			1,929
			9,785		
II. Receipts on Account of Services rendered.					
CONTRIBUTIONS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES TO PATIENTS—					
(a) Patients	£2,713				
Private Patients	4,782				
		7,495			
Contributory Schemes—					
Hospital Saturday Fund	452				
Hospital Saving Association	4,582				
Other Schemes	418				
Approved Societies	13		12,960		
					62
(b) Public Authorities					
Government Emergency Hospital Scheme—					
Contribution towards cost of Casualty Service	416				
Contribution towards increases in Nursing Salaries	729				
		1,145			
ORDINARY					
I. Provisions					
II. Surgery and Dispensary.					
Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc.	774				
Dressings, Bandages, etc.	106				
Instruments and Appliances	488				
Wines and Spirits	12				
Salaries and Wages of Dispensary Staff	333				
Sundries	216				
II. Domestic.					
Renewal and Repair of Bedding, Furniture, Crockery, etc.	554				
Laundry	861				
Cleaning and Chandlery	336				
Water	73				
Fuel and Lighting	2,823				
Uniforms	55				
Sundries	—				
IV. Salaries and Wages (Maintenance).					
Medical	2,661				
Nursing	4,533				
Other Officers and Employees	5,235				
V. Miscellaneous.					
Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.	654				
Advertisements	86				
Insurance of Buildings, Equipment, Stores, etc.	247				
Sundries	125				
					12,429
					4,702
					1,112

OTHER RECEIPTS—

Sale of Bottles ...	99
Sale of Refreshments ...	129
Opticians ...	1,000
Borough of Holborn First Aid Post (A.R.P.) ...	185
R.W.O.H. Medical School ...	49
	<u>1,462</u>

15,629

III. Invested Property.

Interest, Dividends, etc. ...

2,656

Ordinary Income

28,070

EXTRAORDINARY

... ..

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Total Income

28,070£28,070

VI. Administration.

Salaries ...	1,487
Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc. ...	115
Advertisements ...	4
Auditors' Fee ...	68
Sundries ...	81
	<u>1,755</u>

VII. Establishment.

Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant ...

982

VIII. Finance.

Appeals ...	1,150
Rates and Taxes ...	447
	<u>1,597</u>

Ordinary Expenditure

27,875

EXTRAORDINARY

... ..

—

Total Expenditure

27,875

Balance being Excess of Total Income over Total Expenditure for the year ...

195

£28,070

LEGACIES ACCOUNT for the Year to 31st December, 1945.

Legacies ...	£
(See page 12) ...	1,396
	<u>£1,396</u>

£

Balance transferred to Capital Account General Fund ...

1,396

£1,396

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

BALANCE SHEET, as at 31st December, 1945.

LIABILITIES.		£	£	ASSETS.		£	£
1. SUNDRY CREDITORS—				1. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND ON ACCOUNT OF—			
General Fund	...	4,219		Special Funds—			
Samaritan Fund	...	94		Samaritan Fund	...	227	
			4,313	Cruise Clinical Research Scholarship Fund	...	253	480
2. CAPITAL ACCOUNTS—				Endowment Fund	...	...	54
(A) Hospital Endowments—				General Fund	...	...	7,362
Balance as per last Account	...	18,374					7,896
Less Deficit on Conversion of Investment		63		2. STOCKS OF UNISSUED STORES ON HAND—			
			18,311	General Fund	...	...	1,152
(B) Special Funds—				3. SUNDRY DEBTORS—			
SAMARITAN FUND:				General Fund—			
Balance as per last Account	...	302		Income Tax Recoverable, etc.	...	1,938	
CRUISE CLINICAL RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND:				Prepaid Expenses	...	3	1,941
Balance as per last Account	...	2,511		Special Funds—			
			2,813	Samaritan Fund	...	...	10
(C) Buildings and Equipment Fund—				Cruise Clinical Research Scholarship Fund	...	...	23
Balance as per last Account	...	152,404					33
Transfer from General Fund	...	152	152,556				1,974

(D) General Fund—			
Balance as per last Account ...	44,195		
Transfer from Legacies Account ...	1,396		
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ...	195		18,257
	<u>45,786</u>		
Less Transfer to Buildings and Equipment Fund ...	152		
	<u>45,634</u>		2,813
Less Deficit on conversion of Investment ...	150		39,248
			<u>15,680</u>
(E) Suspense Fund—			75,998
Trustees of ZUNZ BEQUEST—			
Balance as per last Account ...	15,680	234,844	
3. UNEXPENDED INCOME BALANCES OF SPECIAL FUNDS—			
Samaritan Fund—			
Balance as per last Account ...	152		152,404
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...	9		152
			<u>152,556</u>
Cruise Clinical Research Scholarship Fund—			
Balance as per last Account ...	183		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year ...	93		
			<u>276</u>
		419	
			<u>£239,576</u>
4. INVESTMENTS—(Detailed on pages 22 and 23)			
(A) Hospital Endowments ...			
(B) Special Funds—			
Samaritan Fund ...	302		
Cruise Clinical Research Scholarship Fund ...	2,511		
(C) General Fund ...			
(D) Suspense Fund ...			
5. FREEHOLD LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT OF THE HOSPITAL—			
Balance as per last Account ...			152,404
Expenditure during the year ended 31st December, 1945 ...			152
			<u>152,556</u>
			<u>£239,576</u>

In accordance with Clause 55 of the Charter of Incorporation, we report that we have examined the Books, Accounts and Vouchers of the Hospital, and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the above Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Hospital's affairs according to the best of our information, the explanations given us and as shown by the Books of the Hospital, and further, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the Regulations of the Revised Uniform System of Hospital Accounts, as modified by the instructions of King Edward's Hospital Fund relating to the treatment of Free Legacies, dated December, 1940, have been followed. As at 31st December last the Investments shown herein have been verified by reference to the Bankers, the Charity Commissioners and others.

9, IDOL LANE, EASTCHEAP, LONDON, E.C.3.

5th March, 1946.

(Signed) MIALL, SAVAGE, AVERY & CO.,

Auditors, Chartered Accountants.

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS, 31st December, 1945.

NOMINAL VALUE.		BOOK VALUE.
HOSPITAL ENDOWMENTS.		
William Hollins Fund.		
£570 0 0	Great Western Railway 5% Rent Charge Stock ...	£658
Annie Zunz Fund.		
1,731 3 7	Local Loans 3% Stock	1,700
M.F.G. per Charity Commissioners.		
1,065 9 8	London County 3% Consolidated Stock, 1962/67	1,065
Elizabeth Wills Allen Fund.		
5,024 16 6	3½% Conversion Stock	4,962
Inalienable Fund.		
996 3 3	3½% Conversion Stock	1,000
1,258 8 6	Funding 3% Stock, 1959/69	1,189
1,151 6 4	" " " Mrs. Petley's Gift ...	1,147
2,888 17 11	Swansea 3½% Stock	2,802
101 7 6	Australia 3½% Stock, 1954/59 (In Memory of the late Miss Bracken)	92
1,451 0 0	London and North Eastern Railway Co. 4% 1st Preference Stock	399
119 5 0	East Indian Railway "D" Annuity	2,743
516 0 0	Canadian Pacific Railway Co. 4% Debenture Stock, "In Memoriam John Cory"	500
		18,257
(Market Value 31st December, 1945—£19,648.)		
FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.		
Sustentation Fund.		
1,331 1 2	2½% Annuities	918
3,100 6 11	4% Consolidated Loan	3,446
1,000 0 0	3½% Conversion Stock	988
2,237 8 10	Funding 3% Stock, 1959/69	2,151
1,000 0 0	3% Savings Bonds, 1955/65	1,000
6,000 0 0	3% Savings Bonds, 1960/70	6,000
1,000 0 0	3% Savings Bonds, 1965/75	1,000
1,804 5 8	3% War Loan 1955/59	1,811
2,000 0 0	3½% War Loan	1,960
5 5 0	7 National Savings Certificates	5
£36,352 5 10	<i>Carried forward.</i>	<i>Carried forward</i> £19,279 £18,257

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS—continued.

NOMINAL VALUE.			BOOK VALUE.	
£36,352	5 10	<i>Brought forward.</i>	<i>Brought forward</i>	£19,279 £18,257
3,500	0 0	London County 3% Consolidated Stock, 1920	...	2,853
2,524	7 8	London County 3% Consolidated Stock, 1962/67	...	2,525
500	0 0	Essex County 3% Stock, 1955/65	... ..	465
1,000	0 0	Manchester 3% Stock, 1952/55	... ..	950
500	0 0	West Riding 3½% Stock 1957	... ..	505
5,000	0 0	Metropolitan Water Board "B" Stock	... ..	4,275
3,593	0 0	Central Electricity Board 3¼% Stock, 1974/94	... ..	3,180
1,000	0 0	Australia 3¼% Stock, 1964/74...	... ..	825
250	0 0	Australia 4% Stock, 1961/64	... ..	267
850	0 0	Queensland 3½% Stock, 1950/70	... ..	769
1,000	0 0	London and North Eastern Railway Co. 3% Debenture Stock	... ..	705
1,500	0 0	London Midland and Scottish Railway Co. 4% Preference Stock	... ..	750
2,000	0 0	Southern Railway Co. 5% Preference Stock	...	1,850
100	0 0	Wheeler's Wycombe Breweries, Ltd., 10 Preference Shares of £10 each	... ..	50
				39,248
		(Market Value 31st December, 1945—£42,954.)		
		SUSPENSE FUND (Zunz Bequest).		
16,000	0 0	3½% War Loan	... ..	15,680
		(Market Value 31st December, 1945—£16,520.)		
		SPECIAL FUNDS.		
		Samaritan Fund.		
300	0 0	3½% War Loan	... ..	302
		(Market Value 31st December, 1945—£310.)		
		Cruise Clinical Research Scholarship Fund.		
930	0 0	Taylor Walker & Co., Ltd. 3½% Debenture Stock, 2005	913	
1,517	0 0	Canadian Pacific Railway Co. 4% Debenture Stock	1,598	
			2,511	
		(Market Value 31st December, 1945—£2,521.)		
£78,416 13 6				£75,998

Total Market Value of all Investments as at 31st December, 1945, is £81,952.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATISTICS FOR YEAR TO 31ST DECEMBER, 1945.

OUT-PATIENTS.

	Numbers in 1945.	Numbers in previous year.
1. Total number of new Out-Patients	18,085	14,831
2. Total number of Out-Patient Attendances	67,585	60,461
(a) Number of Patients on books at the beginning of the year, if ascertainable	—	—
(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above	2,731	2,608
(c) Number of Maternity Patients included in No. 1 above, attended at home	—	—
(d) Number of Attendances on Maternity Patients included in No. 2 above	—	—

IN-PATIENTS.

NUMBER OF BEDS AND IN-PATIENTS.

	Numbers in 1945.	Numbers in previous year.
1. BEDS (a) Complement at 31st December, 1945	100	100
(b) Average Daily Complement during year	100	100
(c) Average Daily Number Closed during year owing to:—		
(1) Re-building or Extension Schemes	—	—
(2) Repairs, Redecoration, Cleaning or Infection	—	—
(3) Other Causes (Beds reduced owing to War conditions)	30	40
(d) Average Daily Number Open during the year:		
(1) E.H.S. Casualty Beds	—	—
(2) Other Beds (including Service and Civilian Air-raid Casualties)	70	60
(e) Average Daily Number occupied during the year:		
(1) E.H.S. Casualty Beds occupied by Casualties	—	—
(2) Other Beds (including Service and Civilian Air-raid Casualties)	53	45
2. Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at beginning of year	25	44
3. " " " admitted during the year	1,195	1,002
4. " " " in the Hospital at the end of the year	20	25
5. Average number of days each Patient was resident	16	16
(Ascertained by dividing the total of daily counts, viz:—19,501 by the number of Patients treated to a conclusion, i.e. (2)+(3)–(4).		
6. Number of Patients admitted and discharged during the year who were resident for		
(1) only 1 day	9	12
(2) 2 and 3 days	21	41

ALMONER'S REPORT, 1945.

Since the last published report of the Almoner's Department was that for 1941, we welcome this opportunity as a sign of returning normality. The first six months of 1945 saw Londoners still going about their business, but becoming ever more war-weary, while to the strain of flying bombs had been added the terror of rockets. With the advent of peace, fresh problems developed, appearing sometimes even more insoluble than those arising from enemy action. Since the restrictions imposed by the Paper Controller are still rigid, space forbids more than a selection of one case from each period.

Mrs. H—— was an air-raid casualty, a cheerful middle-aged woman who worked as a bath-attendant in the East End. A rocket bomb shattered the baths and she was suddenly and completely blinded in both eyes. For sheer courage this woman can have no equal. When after many weeks she was able to get up and grope her way around the ward she was the life and soul of the party and often remarked that there were many poor things worse off than herself! Dreading the well-meaning but unwise sympathy of relatives and neighbours, we urged her to spend a few weeks in a Home of Recovery at Torquay. She had a husband, and twin daughters who were in the A.T.S., and these were encouraged and helped to visit her as often as possible in the hope that they, too, might be educated in the technique of fostering her independence and encouraging her to eschew helplessness.

Peace was followed by demobilisation and the problem of where to live; by the return of prisoners, and the difficulties of resettlement.

We have known Alice N—— for many years and confess to a lump in the throat when waylaid in the busy Out-Patient Department to admire the photograph of herself on her wedding day with the soldier husband who had stuck to her in spite of her blindness. Alice continued to live with her mother in

terribly over-crowded conditions. Later she was referred to the Almoner for convalescence as her electrical treatment was not having the desired effect. It appeared that the husband, a prisoner of war, had escaped when Italy collapsed, had been recaptured and she had no word of his whereabouts. The racket of noisy children in the house, worry for his safety and the strain of rocket bombs were "getting her down." A good holiday in peaceful country surroundings with good home-grown food and, above all, kindly people set her up for a time.

Then the husband was repatriated and after the first thrill of his safe return Alice began to droop again and it was obvious that all was not well. By now the household had been increased by the addition of a sister and her family who had lost their own home, and seven people were existing in two rooms and a kitchenette, with the pending arrival of the brother-in-law about to be released from the Forces. A protest to the Housing Authority brought about the removal of her sister and her family, but repeated appeals have so far failed to secure a home of their own for Alice and her husband, who are obliged, like thousands of other young couples, to share cramped quarters with the mother-in-law. In this case the strain appeared to be threatening the success of the marriage, and the young couple were hastily packed off to the same convalescent home in the country, where a spell of glorious weather gave them a second honeymoon, and the situation seems eased for the moment.

So the work has gone on through the war years and to whatever extent the State may in future undertake to supply a National Health Service, it is certain that personal problems and difficulties will remain so that intelligent after-care will always be needed to ensure that the good work of the doctors and nurses can have its full effect. Likewise, in spite of legislation to provide insurance against many of the vicissitudes of life, a Samaritan Fund will still be a necessity so that financial help can be given in cases of urgent need. We are most grateful to our old supporters and would welcome new friends.

P. ARMSTRONG,
Almoner.

APPEAL.

The Committee of Management desire to thank all Subscribers and Donors for their kind support during the past year.

Owing to the increased cost of printing and to economise in paper this Report has been reduced in size and lists of Subscriptions and Donations for 1945 are not being published, thus saving expense to the Hospital.

The Hospital is still playing its part in the Emergency Medical Scheme, besides carrying on a complete Eye Service, and the Committee earnestly hope that all Governors and Donors who have so generously supported in the past, this, one of the oldest and largest Ophthalmic Hospitals in the United Kingdom, will continue their valued support.

SPECIMEN FORM SUGGESTED.

This is a Codicil to the last Will and Testa-

Insert here
full name and
description.

ment of me.....

of.....

in the County of.....

I give to the ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHAL-
MIC HOSPITAL the sum of.....

*or for
Endowment
to my memory
in the said
Hospital.

pounds free of all duty, to be applied* to the
general purposes of the said Hospital. AND I
declare that the receipt of the Treasurer for the
time being of the said Hospital shall be sufficient
discharge to my Executors. AS WITNESS my

hand this.....day of.....19.....

SIGNED by the Testator in the
joint presence of us who in his/her
presence and that of each other have
hereunto subscribed our names as
witnesses.

(Signature)

Name.....

Address.....

Occupation.....

Name.....

Address.....

Occupation.....

NOTE.—The Endowment of a Bed in perpetuity requires
a sum of £1,000.

BANKERS' ORDER FORM

.....1946.



ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC
HOSPITAL,

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

HIGH HOLBORN,
W.C. 1.

Subscribers who prefer making their Annual payments through their Bankers are invited to SIGN THIS ORDER and return it to the Secretary of the Hospital, so that it may be noted and remitted to the Bankers.

The adoption of this plan saves trouble to the Subscriber, and facilitates the financial arrangements of the Hospital

To.....(*Bankers*).

Please pay to

Messrs. Coutts & Co., 440, Strand, W.C. 2, on behalf of
the **ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL,**
the sum of.....Guineas, and charge the same to
my account.

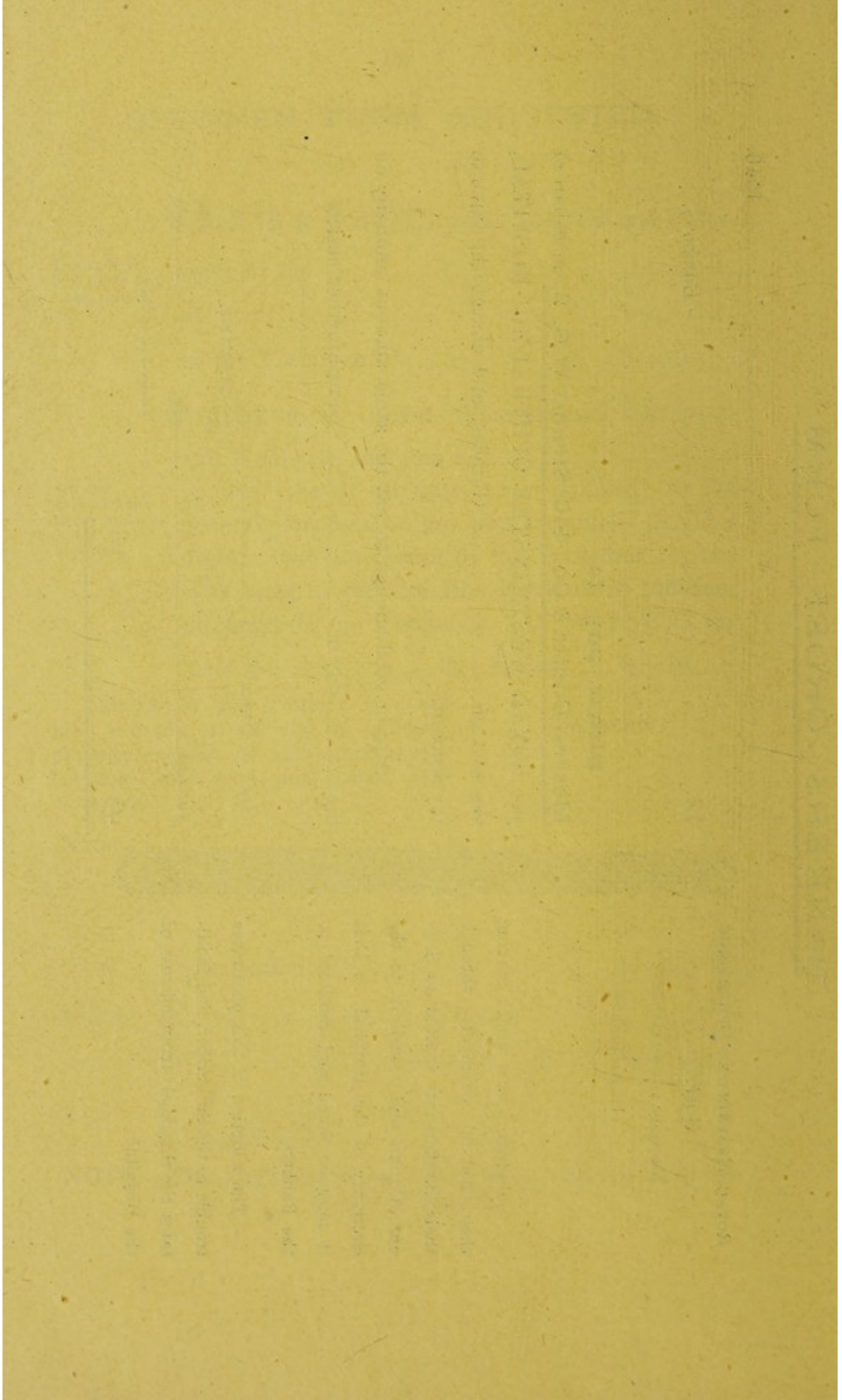
Also be good enough to pay the same amount annually on
theday of.....until further notice.

(*Sig^{re} of Subscr.*)

Address.....

£ : _____

2d. STAMP.



TO THE SECRETARY,

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL,

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

HIGH HOLBORN, W.C. 1.

Date 1946.

Sir,

Recognising the good work the HOSPITAL is doing I have pleasure in enclosing £

which I send you as a*

..... + in aid of { the General Funds of }
{ the Samaritan Fund of }

the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital.

(Mrs. or Miss in the
case of Ladies.)

(Signed)

Address

* Annual Subscription or Donation.

† Kindly strike out which is not applicable.

**Donations of Ten Guineas and upwards constitute a Life Governorship.
Annual Subscribers of One Guinea and upwards are Governors.**



THE
ROYAL WESTMINSTER
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CLAIMS—————

that it is the second largest Eye Hospital in London and was the first to receive Patients without Letters of Recommendation, thus giving the prompt attention so often necessary in Eye diseases and accidents.

NEEDS—————

Annual Subscriptions, Donations and Legacies.

In these difficult times, voluntary gifts are of great necessity, but not easy to obtain.

Patients who were unfortunately injured during the War from splinters or blast are still attending for treatment.

SO PLEASE HELP THIS OLD AND
VALUABLE HOSPITAL AS FAR AS POSSIBLE



A CORNER OF THE CHILDREN'S WARD