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ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL...	*374 Beds
BLAGRAVE BRANCH	64 "
"GREENLANDS" (Paying Patients)	23 "
	461 Beds

* Including 50 beds held in reserve under E.M.S. Scheme.



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Bacteriologist :

A. A. MILLER, M.D. (Edin.), D.P.H. (Lond.), D.T.M. (L'vp.).

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C. A. MAWSON, Ph.D., M.Sc. (Vict.).

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J. BRUCE, M.B., Ch.B. (Glas.), B.Sc.

Medical Officer in Charge of the V.D. Department :

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Resident Medical Staff :

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HOUSE SURGEON TO OPHTHALMIC AND AURAL DEPARTMENTS.

The 108th Annual Report of the Board of Management of the ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL *For the Year ended 31st December, 1946.*

The Board of Management have the honour to present their 108th Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1946.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT.—The Board reports with regret the retirement of the following members who are thanked for the long and valuable services they have rendered to the Hospital: Mr. A. E. Chenery, Mr. H. S. Simpson, Miss E. M. Sutton, Miss K. Rowles, Mr. C. F. Bowman, Capt. R. W. Bradley.

The following new members were elected during the year: Mr. J. H. Morton, Mr. E. Thatcher, Mr. E. W. Reeves and Major C. J. Salt.

The Board record with regret the death of Mr. E. S. Makower, which occurred soon after his election as a member.

HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.—The Board welcomed the return early in the year of the following members of the Honorary Medical Staff on their release from service with H.M. Forces: Mr. G. T. W. Cashell, Mr. F. E. Wheeler, M.B.E., Mr. R. H. Hunt Williams.

Mr. C. B. Baxter, O.B.E., relinquished the post of Honorary Obstetrician and Gynaecologist in January after having served for 27 years on the staff of the Hospital. The Board in electing him Honorary Consulting Obstetrician and Gynaecologist expressed their high appreciation of his long and valuable services.

Mr. D. T. G. Dickens, after nearly 20 years' service as Honorary Dental Surgeon, resigned during June, and has been elected Honorary Consulting Dental Surgeon. The Board take this opportunity of expressing their sincere thanks to Mr. Dickens for his long and valuable services, and to Mr. W. B. Secretan, Consulting Surgeon, for the invaluable help he gave in taking Surgical Clinical Sessions in the Out-Patients' Department throughout the latter portion of the War.

The Board once again record their high appreciation of the services rendered by all members of the Honorary Medical Staff for their care and personal attention to the needs of the patients throughout the year.

MEDICAL STAFF.—The following appointments to the Medical Staff to fill vacancies caused by resignations were made during the year:—

Medical Registrar	...	...	Dr. J. J. Kempton, to succeed Dr. W. J. Tindall.
Bacteriologist	...	...	Dr. A. A. Miller, to succeed Dr. P. Kidd.
Assistant Pathologist	...	...	Dr. J. Bruce, to succeed Dr. L. Dowsett.

Dr. T. R. M. Bristow has been appointed an Assistant Anaesthetist.

Dr. K. Joyce Mulvany has resigned from the post of Radiotherapist.

Mr. R. G. Reid, Surgical Registrar, returned from service with the Forces in September.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.—The Royal Assent was given on the 6th November, 1946, to the National Health Service Bill, which thereby became an Act.

Under this Act, the Minister of Health will become responsible for providing the whole of the health services in England and Wales: for this purpose he will be entrusted with the ownership of existing hospitals, both voluntary and others. He will be advised by a central council of experts and will delegate many of his powers regarding the hospital services: (a) to REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARDS, who will be

responsible to the Minister for the Regional planning and provision of hospital services, including the grouping of hospitals where necessary; (b) to MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES of non-teaching hospitals. These Committees will be appointed by the Regional Hospital Boards and will be responsible to the Minister through these Boards for the control and management of their hospitals.

Parliament has, however, made important alterations to the Bill which largely remove a very general fear that the interests of the patient would come second to the requirements of national administration and that continued interest in the work of hospitals would be destroyed as a consequence of State ownership.

Under the Act :—

1. The Management Committees will have the duty of controlling and managing their individual hospital or local group of hospitals.

2. Hospitals will retain certain funds which they can spend at will in providing additional comforts for their patients and staff.

3. Hospitals will still be able to accept donations for specific purposes other than maintenance.

4. The effect of the above provisions will be to maintain and encourage the continuance of the widest public interest in the work of the hospitals and in the welfare of their patients.

5. The Minister when appointing the Regional Boards and Management Committees of Hospitals will be under obligation to consult with the present Governing Bodies of each of the voluntary hospitals concerned, members from which will be appointed to the new Boards and Committees.

6. Management Committees will be empowered (a) to have legal corporate entity and to have the right to sue, and the consequential liability to be sued, in their own right.

(b) To undertake research.

(c) To appoint the hospitals' officers with the exception of senior medical staff, who will be appointed by the Regional Board.

(d) To estimate the cost of their services under the State scheme and, when their budgets have been agreed, to receive lump sum payments for the expenditure of which they will be responsible to the Regional Boards.

7. In the case of non-teaching hospitals, the capital assets will, on the day the service comes into operation, be transferred to a National Pool—the Hospitals Endowments Fund. From this pool the Minister will redistribute the available funds to each Management Committee. The amount of each share will be in the discretion of the Minister.

When the contents of the Bill first became known many supporters of voluntary hospitals were discouraged by the fear that their gifts would in future be diverted from their original purposes, thus breaking the personal link between the giver and the receiving hospital.

The Act provides that gifts made after 6th November, 1946 (the date of the passing of the Act) to the existing governing body of a voluntary hospital will not be pooled, but will be transferred to the Management Committee—provided that these gifts are made upon trusts for :—

(a) Their administration as a capital fund separate from the general funds of the hospital; or

(b) Their application for some specific object distinct from the general purposes of the hospital and involving expenditure of a capital nature.

The Management Committee will continue to apply these gifts according to the intention of the donor.

It will be unnecessary to make gifts to hospitals for general maintenance, since this will, after the "appointed day" on which the Act comes into operation, be paid for by the State.

It must, however, be emphasised that the Hospitals will probably not be taken over before April, 1948, and that, therefore, for at least another year the maximum of voluntary effort will be required to cope with ever increasing costs.

NURSING STAFF.—Miss F. L. Mutimer retired from the post of Matron in March after 10 years' service. The Board record their high appreciation of the unremitting attention which Miss Mutimer devoted to her duties throughout the period of her appointment.

Miss K. I. Cawood, late Matron of the General Hospital, Birkenhead, has been appointed to succeed her. Miss Cawood, who took up her duties on 25th March, 1946, received her general nursing training at the Manchester Royal Infirmary.

Miss A. L. Reynolds retired from the post of Matron at the Blagrove Branch in May. Whilst welcoming Miss W. J. Pavier who succeeds her, the Board record their thanks to Miss Reynolds for the loyal and admirable way in which she carried out her duties, especially during the period of the War.

The Board greatly regret that in common with many other hospitals all over the country they have been compelled, owing to the shortage of Nurses, to close additional beds during the year.

The number of entries to the Preliminary Training School has recently shewn a marked increase, and it is hoped that sufficient Nursing Staff will be available in the near future to enable all Departments to resume work at full capacity.

The closure of beds has unfortunately resulted in a considerable increase in the number of cases awaiting admission to the Hospital, but every effort is made to deal with cases of emergency without delay.

The recent reduction in the number of hours worked by the Nursing Staff has made it imperative to provide additional accommodation and plans for an extension of the existing Nurses' Home are now under consideration.

The Board has accepted the offer made by St. Mary's Hospital, London, to accommodate the Preliminary Training School at Joyce Grove, Nettlebed, and arrangements have been made for the transfer of the School to its new quarters in March.

EXTENSIONS AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS.—Work has already begun on the permanent block of buildings in which the Radiotherapy Department will be temporarily housed, and it is hoped shortly to proceed with the modernisation of Benyon and Sidmouth Wards.

The installation of radiators in the Library was completed during the year and the provision of additional Staff lavatory accommodation to which reference was made in the last report is now in progress.

OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENT.—The Ophthalmic Department, which was closed in July, 1945, owing to the lack of staff, was re-opened for admission of a limited number of cases, in October, 1946.

The Board take this opportunity of thanking the Royal Eye Hospital, London, and the Oxford Eye Hospital for so kindly admitting patients to their Wards during this period.

CONTRIBUTORY SCHEME.—By the terms of the National Health Service Act, Contributory Schemes will form no part of the Hospital system of the future.

Nevertheless the Honorary Secretaries, Treasurers and Collectors have in no wise lost interest or slackened their efforts, and although some loss of revenue has taken place this is not so great as was anticipated.

The Board hopes that this state of affairs will continue until such time as control of the hospitals is taken over by the State.

The voluntary helpers of Contributory Schemes will long be remembered, for the work they have so faithfully done for so many years has been the mainstay of the Voluntary Hospitals.

The Annual Meeting of the Contributory Scheme Workers was held by invitation of the Board on the 19th October, 1946, at "Olympia," when those in attendance heard a most interesting address by Mr. F. H. Aitken Walker, F.R.C.S., on the work of the Hospital from the Surgeon's point of view. Representatives of the Board present availed themselves of the opportunity of expressing their appreciation and thanks for the splendid work accomplished by the Scheme.

HOSPITAL CAR SERVICE.—The Hospital Car Service, which was organised at the end of July, 1945, to fill the gap caused by the termination of the Volunteer Car Pool, has been of great value throughout the year. Although the scope of this service is to some extent limited by the shortage of drivers, the help it has afforded the patients is invaluable.

948 journeys were undertaken during 1946, involving a total of 34,825 miles.

It is hoped that there will be sufficient drivers to enable this excellent and essential service to continue, as it is the only means of transport for a large number of patients who owing to disability, distance from the Hospital, and limited means would otherwise be prevented from attending.

HOSPITAL FLAG DAY.—The organisation of this event, for many years past undertaken by the Special Needs Committee, was this year organised by the joint efforts of the Special Needs and Hospital Appeal Committees. This united effort resulted in the collection of the record sum of £1,552.

The Board record their warmest thanks to the members of the Joint Committee for their untiring efforts on behalf of the patients.

REVISION OF RULES.—The Rules for the governing of the Hospital were revised during the year, involving much time and labour.

The work was entrusted to a Sub-Committee under the Chairmanship of the Rev. A. R. Vine, with the assistance of the Chairman of the Board, the Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the House and Honorary Medical Staff Committees, Mr. F. F. Prosser acting as Honorary Secretary.

This Committee rendered most valuable service to the Hospital, and the Board take this opportunity of recording their warmest thanks.

THANKS.—The Board record their sincere thanks for the services rendered by the following :—

The British Red Cross Society, Voluntary Aid Detachments, for once again servicing the Canteen in the Out-Patients' Department; Lady Sibly and the Reading Townswomen's Guild for the circulation of library books to the patients; the Hospital Car Service and the drivers who gave invaluable help by transporting patients to and from the Hospital; Mrs. Benyon, for organising Egg Weeks, and to the many helpers throughout the area served by the Hospital, whose efforts resulted in the collection of 11,264 eggs and a sum of £200 10s. 10d.; Messrs. Huntley and Palmers for presenting Christmas Cake for the patients; Mr. Keith Boddington, of the Berkshire Printing Co., for gifts of printing and stationery; the members of the Ladies' Linen League, who presented articles to the value of £328, together with a sum of £260; and the League of Remembrance which has again rendered very valuable service in making dressings and bandages for the Hospital.

In addition, the Board once again record their thanks to all those who by their voluntary service or generous financial help have contributed to the welfare of the patients, and to all individuals and organisations who have so readily continued to support the Hospital during the past year.

The Board takes this opportunity of expressing their appreciation of the loyalty and devotion to duty with which the Medical, Nursing, Administrative and other staffs have carried out their work during the past year.

C. B. KRABBÉ,

Chairman.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

for the Year ending 31st December, 1946.

In my Budget for the year 1946 I anticipated a decrease in Income mainly due to the reduction in the amount received from the Government Emergency Hospital Scheme. This has materialized, but not quite to the extent forecast, owing to the Scheme being prolonged more than was at first expected. Expenditure I had hoped would remain nearly the same as in the previous year, and such would have been the case but for the large increases in Salaries and Wages sanctioned nationally since last April. In this category there has been an increase of £10,406, which, when added to the increase in Salaries and Wages under the headings "Surgery and Dispensary," "Domestic," "Administration" and "Establishment," forms the greater part of the increase in Expenditure as compared with that of the previous year.

INCOME.

Ordinary Income shows a reduction of almost £7,482 when compared with the previous year. Voluntary Gifts amount to a total of £18,561, and as this is only £603 less than in the previous year, this is an outstanding achievement when taking into consideration the general effect of the publication of the National Health Service Act.

The receipts for services rendered have been adversely affected by reason of the Hospital being forced to close some of the Wards, due to the lack of Nursing Staff.

The amount of £40,797 received from the R.B.H. Contributory Scheme shows a decrease of £5,164, and, similarly, the Reading Workpeoples Fund shows a decrease from £964 to £664.

The Government Emergency Hospital Scheme shows a reduction, when compared with last year, of £4,535. These items represent the main decreases in Ordinary Income. However, the increase in the amount received from the Government in respect of Rushcliffe rates of salaries for Nurses offsets this reduction to a certain extent.

The following special donations and subscriptions are most gratefully acknowledged, together with many smaller amounts too numerous to mention:—

	£	s.	d.
American Red Cross—Gift of Xmas Cards	996	5	0
Pangbourne and Tidmarsh Welfare Association :—			
Fête	199	12	10
Xmas Draw	339	4	1
	538	16	11
Miles Aircraft Ltd.	400	0	0
Hurst Welfare Association :—			
Fête	158	4	6
Horticultural Show	193	4	8
	351	9	2
G.W.R. Employees	300	0	0
Forest Division of Berks, Justices of	225	0	0
Anonymous	200	0	0
Reading Symphony Orchestra	194	3	8
Calcot Welfare Association—Fête	193	5	6
Twyford and Ruscombe Welfare Association	193	7	0
Reading Darts League	150	0	0
St. Peter's Hill School, Caversham	113	10	0
Ashampstead Hospital Day	106	0	0
Worthington, T. B.	100	0	0
Reincke, H. G.	100	0	0
St. Mary's Church, Reading	100	0	0
Royal Ordnance Factory, Theale	100	0	0
Williams, Miss C. E. S.	100	0	0

EXPENDITURE.

Ordinary Expenditure shows an increase of £13,506, which is nearly all due to increased rates of salaries and wages.

Provisions.—The reduction in comparison with last year's figure under this heading is entirely due to closure of beds in the Hospital during the year.

Surgery and Dispensary.—Although the comparative figures in this category appear similar, it must be borne in mind that last year's figure included almost £3,000 in respect

of X-ray equipment; thus this year's figure, due mainly to higher costs of instruments and appliances, wages and expensive drugs such as Penicillin, shows a considerable increase.

Domestic.—All categories under this heading are higher than the previous year, due to higher rates of salaries and wages in the Laundry, and to higher costs of materials generally.

Salaries and Wages.—As already stated, this shows the outstanding increase in the Income and Expenditure for the year, amounting to £10,406, due to more staff and higher rates of pay for all categories of staff. The total average number of staff was 445 in 1945 and 491 in 1946. Due to the Rushcliffe rates of pay and new conditions of service for Nurses, the number of Nurses employed per bed has increased from .624 in 1943 to .729 in 1946. To illustrate this point, in 1943 the average was 193 nurses to 309 patients; in 1946 the average was 183 nurses to 251 patients.

Owing to the fact that Ordinary Expenditure exceeds Ordinary Income to such an extent, we have been unable to reserve as was usual our Free Legacies, which amount to £8,454, but have been forced to use them to reduce the deficit from £20,149 to £11,695.

The cost of treating Road Accident cases during the past year was £2,862. The amount recovered was £2,460 (£1,675 under the Road Traffic Acts, and £785 from the Contributory Scheme).

The cost per In-patient has increased from £15 8s. 1d. to £22 8s. 7d., or from 17s. 1d. to £1 4s. 6d. per day. This substantial increase is partly due to the fact that the Hospital was only able to keep an average of 251 beds open during the year, against 321 during the previous year. (The percentage of Contributory Scheme In-patients was 53.77%.)

The cost per Out-patient has only increased from 17/1 to 17/5, and the cost of each attendance remains at 3/4½d. (The percentage of Contributory Scheme Out-patient attendances was 67.20%.)

"Greenlands" Private Patients Account shows a deficit of £923, due to the adoption of the new scales of pay for Nursing and Domestic Staffs, both of which were long back-dated. "Greenlands" Capital has been reduced to £45 3s. 2d. No provision has been made for Deferred Repairs. The fees for "Greenlands" patients are being revised.

The Out-patients Department Canteen showed an excess of Income over Expenditure for the year of £199. This amount has not been transferred, as it is now necessary to pay some wages and the excess of Income will soon cease.

The Convalescent Fund shows an excess of Income of £41 for the year, after an expenditure of £21 to patients for relief on leaving the Hospital, £643 for surgical appliances, £25 for maintenance of patients in Convalescent Homes, and £50 travelling expenses and miscellaneous payments to patients.

Laundry Account shows an increase in cost per 100 pieces washed from 12/2 to 15/11, due to increase in rates of pay for staff and to the reduction in the number of pieces washed.

In 1945 we earmarked £20,000 for the structural alterations mentioned in the report of the Board of Management, of which only £850 has so far been used.

On carefully prepared Estimates our Ordinary Expenditure this year is likely to be increased by £11,000 to £140,000. Income, however, is impossible to forecast with any degree of accuracy.

On the 31st December, 1946, we had £29,842 at the Bank and in hand, plus Free Securities of £35,186, giving a total of £65,028. It will be readily seen that if there is a serious drop in Income, it is quite possible that if the State takes over in April, 1948, we shall be left with no available funds and unable to incur any further capital expenditure.

To accommodate the number of Nurses to service the present number of beds in the Hospital, the Board of Management have decided, as stated in the Chairman's Report, to extend the present Nurses Home provided approval and financial help is given by the Ministry of Health.

In conclusion, although I cannot hope to meet the heavy increase in Expenditure without some help from the Government, it would be a calamity if the Hospital were to lose the financial help and interest of our many well-wishers and supporters. I would like to stress the importance of maintaining our Welfare Association, some branches of which have been very active during the past year, as it may well be that this Association will be the main link between the public and the Hospital when the National Health Service comes into force.

H. H. WILDER,
Treasurer.

Income and Expenditure Account for EXPENDITURE.

1945.	ORDINARY.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£	I. PROVISIONS.		
2,852	1. Meat	2,148 16 0	
1,925	2. Fish and Poultry	1,769 12 3	
1,477	3. Butter, Bacon, etc.	1,250 1 1	
649	4. Eggs	603 18 4	
3,272	5. Milk	2,835 10 11	
1,003	6. Bread and Flour	751 15 5	
1,826	7. Groceries	1,803 17 11	
2,568	8. Vegetables and Fruit	1,920 16 6	
318	9. Malt Liquors and Ice	481 7 6	
15,690			13,565 15 11
	II. SURGERY AND DISPENSARY.		
3,406	1. Drugs, Chemicals, etc.	3,811 0 0	
1,724	2. Dressings and Bandages	1,659 0 3	
6,561	3. Instruments and Appliances	5,933 13 10	
26	4. Wines and Spirits	23 5 0	
1,739	5. Salaries of Dispensing Staff	1,831 9 3	
1,377	6. Sundries	1,383 8 4	
14,833			14,641 16 8
	III. DOMESTIC.		
1,563	1. Renewals and Repairs of Furniture, Bedding, Linen, etc.	2,611 6 7	
4,466	2. Laundry	4,939 11 8	
657	3. Water	956 16 3	
412	4. Cleaning and Chandlery	502 8 5	
	5. Fuel and Lighting—		
8,245	Coal and Coke	8,913 10 7	
1,321	Gas	1,316 1 3	
352	Electricity	422 19 1	
10	Oil, Wood, etc.	12 5 3	
562	6. Uniforms	1,016 5 3	
192	7. Sundries	147 3 9	
17,780			20,838 8 1
	IV. SALARIES AND WAGES.		
5,403	1. Medical	5,811 15 6	
19,777	2. Nursing	23,034 3 8	
8,793	3. Other Officers and Employees	10,872 1 8	
3,121	4. Mechanics	3,489 8 3	
3,474	5. Porters	4,528 19 6	
10,284	6. Domestic	13,167 2 2	
669	7. Pensions	993 2 6	
51,521			61,926 13 3
	V. MISCELLANEOUS.		
2,106	1. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.	2,165 5 4	
344	2. Advertisements	344 19 9	
528	3. Insurances	499 7 5	
660	4. Gardens	829 11 10	
723	5. Ambulance Maintenance	1,148 8 3	
445	6. Sundries	473 19 11	
4,806			5,461 12 6
	VI. ADMINISTRATION.		
3,441	1. Salaries and Wages	4,737 1 3	
408	2. Printing, Stationery, Postages, Telephones, etc.	441 10 6	
54	3. Law Charges	1 11 8	
47	4. Auditors' Fees	44 2 0	
116	5. Sundries	283 5 5	
4,066			5,507 10 10
	VII. ESTABLISHMENT.		
4,416	Renewals and Repairs to Buildings and Plant		4,654 2 2
	VIII. FINANCE.		
—	1. Bank Interest and Charges	—	
25	2. Trustees' Fees	25 0 0	
837	3. Appeals	979 6 6	
88	4. Rent	48 19 6	
1,396	5. Rates and Taxes	1,315 1 3	
2,346			2,368 7 3
115,458			128,964 6 8
	ORDINARY EXPENDITURE		
	EXTRAORDINARY.		
	1. Fees for Valuation of Land, Buildings and Equipment	200 0 0	
	2. Refrigerator—Dispensary	134 5 0	
	3. Re-wiring O/P Department	425 0 0	
	4. Heating Library (Hot Water)	212 0 0	
	5. Singer 9 h.p. Private Car	350 0 0	
458			1,321 5 0
115,916			130,285 11 8
4,673	Free Legacies and Appeals transferred to Capital Account		—
1,603	BALANCE, BEING EXCESS OF TOTAL INCOME OVER		—
£122,192	TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		£130,285 11 8

the Year ended 31st December, 1946.

INCOME.

1945. £	ORDINARY.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	I. VOLUNTARY GIFTS.			
6,872	(a) Annual Subscriptions		6,047 6 3	
6,503	Donations		9,703 6 9	
1,724	Box Collections		1,304 19 8	
1,077	Church Collections		986 7 2	
330	Parades		174 19 6	
158	Gifts in Kind		343 16 7	
2,500	Special Gifts		—	
19,164				18,560 15 11
300	(b) Central Funds—League of Mercy .. .. .		.. ..	350 0 0
7,271	(c) From Public Authorities—Berks, Bucks and Oxon Regional Council .. .. .		.. ..	6,881 0 0
	II. RECEIPTS ON ACCOUNT OF SERVICES RENDERED TO PATIENTS.			
4,856	(a) From Patients and their Societies—			
1,250	In-patients	4,510 5 5		
3,319	Out-Patients	1,198 18 7		
9,425	Pathological Fees	4,102 16 9		
			9,812 0 9	
25,301	Royal Berkshire and Associated Hospitals Contributory Scheme—			
20,680	Country	21,797 2 11		
45,961	Reading	19,000 0 0		
			40,797 2 11	
11	Other Contributory Schemes		10 10 10	
964	Reading Workpeople's Fund		663 15 0	
—	Approved Societies		4 0 0	
811	Road Traffic Cases	1,675 16 10		
121	Less Paid to Honorary Medical Staff	251 7 6		
690			1,424 9 4	
57,051				52,711 18 10
11,253	(b) From Public Authorities	9,981 2 3		
2,335	Less Paid to Honorary Medical Staff	2,022 4 8		
8,918				7,958 17
19,339	(c) Government Emergency Hospital Scheme	13,632 1 6		
2,439	Less Paid to Honorary Medical Staff	1,266 14 6		
16,900				12,365 7 0
461	(d) Other Receipts			610 8 4
	III. INVESTED PROPERTY.			
4,407	Interest, Dividends, etc.		4,446 2 6	
428	Rents—"Greenlands"	428 0 0		
490	Other properties	458 16 0		
			886 16 0	
5,325				5,332 18 6
	IV. STATE GRANT.			
2,129	Grant towards Rushcliffe Rates of Salaries for Nurses and Midwives .. .. .		.. ..	5,266 2 3

117,519	EXTRAORDINARY.	ORDINARY INCOME	110,037 8 5
3,273	Free Legacies (see page No. 22)	8,453 12 9	
—	Sale of Ambulance	100 0 0	
28	Centenary Appeal	—	
1,372	New Out-Patients Buildings Appeal	—	
4,673			8,553 12

BALANCE, BEING EXCESS OF TOTAL EXPENDITURE OVER TOTAL INCOME	11,694 10 6
<u>£122,192</u>	<u>£130,285 11 8</u>

GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

LIABILITIES.

1945. I. SUNDRY CREDITORS.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£	General Account ...	6,517	17	2			
	Greenlands Account ...	212	8	0			
	Canteen Account ...	6	3	4			
	Convalescent Account ...	58	9	1			
	Subscriptions paid in advance ...	102	2	0			
	State Grant. Nurses' Salaries ...	768	0	0			
5,726					7,664	19	7

II. ACCOUNTS CURRENT.

	Greenlands Account ...	1,589	7	9			
	Canteen Account ...	80	19	11			
	Convalescent Account ...	21	4	11			
1,545					1,691	12	7

III. CAPITAL ACCOUNT.

	(a) Hospital Endowments—						
	Balance as at 31/12/45 ...	64,500	4	7			
	Add Additional Endowments ...	509	0	3			
64,500					65,009	4	10
750	(b) Special Funds ...				750	0	0
236,166	(c) Land, Buildings and Equipment ...				236,166	4	1
	(d) General Fund—						
	Balance as at 31/12/45 ...	97,455	18	9			
	Less Excess of Expenditure over						
	Income for the year (after credit-						
	ing Legacies £8453 12s. 9d.) ...	11,694	10	6			
97,456					85,761	8	3
398,872					387,686	17	2

IV. UNEXPENDED INCOME BALANCES OF SPECIAL FUNDS, Etc.

397	(a) Canteen ...	595	16	7			
1,017	(b) Convalescent ...	1,057	8	0			
304	(c) Capital Suspense ...	303	12	6			
969	(d) Greenlands ...	45	3	2			
400	Ditto—Reserve for Repairs ...	400	0	0			
2,798	(e) Out-Patients Extension Fund ...	380	12	6			
197	(f) Radium ...						
6,000	(g) General Reserve for Repairs ...	6,000	0	0			
50	(h) Nurses' Christian Association ...	50	0	0			
2,886	(i) Out-Patients' New Building Appeal ...	2,885	16	9			
15,755	(j) Free Legacies, etc., for Investment and Improve-				15,754	15	11
—	ment Account ...				5	5	0
	(k) Suspense Account—Nurses' Recruitment Campaign						
					27,478	10	5
£436,916					£424,521	19	9

Since the date of the Balance Sheet a further liability has arisen due to the back dating of wage increase awards amounting to £485 3s. 3d.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and Accounts with the Books and Vouchers of the Hospital and certify them to be correct and in accordance therewith.

We have verified the Securities and Bank Balances.

(Signed) BLAKE ALLNATT & CRADDOCK,

Chartered Accountants,

25/26, Market Place, Reading.

March 21st, 1947.

The above Balance Sheet and Accounts were presented at the Annual Court of Governors held 1st April, 1947.

AS AT DECEMBER 31st, 1946.

ASSETS.

1945. I. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
£	(a) Special Funds—						
	(i) Canteen	682	19	10			
	(ii) Capital Suspense	303	12	6			
	(iii) Convalescent	1,106	19	8			
	Ditto—Cash in hand	20	0	0			
	(iv) Greenlands	2,152	0	11			
	(v) Out-Patients' Extension	380	12	6			
	(vi) Nurses' Christian Association	50	0	0			
6,933					4,696	5	5
	(b) General Fund—						
	Cash at Bank (Lloyds) Current						
	Account... ..	3,152	5	6			
	Ditto (Lloyds) Deposit	15,000	0	0			
	Ditto (Reading Savings)	11,390	10	1			
	Petty Cash	300	0	0			
20,743					29,842	15	7
27,676							34,539 1 0

II. SUNDRY DEBTORS.

	General Account	16,073	17	11			
	Convalescent Account	10	2	4			
	Greenlands Account	94	18	0			
16,577							16,178 18 3

III. ACCOUNTS CURRENT.

1,545	General Account						1,691 12 7
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9,689	IV. STOCKS OF UNISSUED STORES ON HAND						10,350 11 2
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V. INVESTMENTS.

	(a) Hospital Endowments—						
	Securities	64,599	16	3			
	Property	400	0	0			
	Cash in Hand (Uninvested)	9	8	7			
64,500					65,009	4	10
750	(b) Special Funds—Securities				750	0	0
	(c) General Fund—						
	Securities	35,186	7	10			
	Property	24,650	0	0			
80,013					59,836	7	10
145,263							125,595 12 8

VI. LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT.

236,166	Balance as at 31/12/45						236,166 4 1
	(Professional Valuation 1945, £607,721).						
£436,916							£424,521 19 9

N.B.—Investments are shown at Market Value at time of acquisition.

Property, Land, Buildings, etc., are as valued in the Books of our Trustees, Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd., subject to expenditure on additions.

GREENLANDS (PRIVATE PATIENTS).

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1946.

1945.	EXPENDITURE.	£	s.	d.	INCOME.	£	s.	d.
1,308	By Provisions	...	...	1,428	To Fees	7,322	...	...
263	" Surgery and Dispensary	...	...	348	" Balance being Excess of Expenditure	—	...	7,086
587	" Domestic	...	...	640	over Income for the year	...	...	15
4,014	" Salaries and Wages	...	...	4,691	...	...	...	8
150	" Miscellaneous	...	...	98	...	...	...	5
160	" Administration	...	...	150	...	...	...	...
374	" Establishment	...	...	224	...	...	...	...
428	" Finance	...	...	428	...	...	...	...
8	" Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	...	...	—	...	...	...	...
7,322		£8,010	3	6		£8,010	3	6

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1946.

1945.	LIABILITIES.	£	s.	d.	ASSETS.	£	s.	d.
242	Sundry Creditors	...	...	212	Cash at Bank	2,727	...	2,152
1,201	Account Current	...	...	1,589	Sundry Debtors	85	...	0
	Capital Account.							
	Balance as at 31/12/45	968	11	7				
	Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year	923	8	5				
969	Reserve for Repairs—			45				
400	Balance as at 31/12/45	...	...	400				
2,812		£2,246	18	11		£2,246	18	11

CAPITAL SUSPENSE ACCOUNT.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Library Books	4	0 0	To Receipts	3	3 0
			„ Balance, being excess of Ex- penditure over Income for the year	17	0
	£4	0 0		£4	0 0

Statement of Balances as at 31st December, 1946.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital Account.			Cash at Bank—		
Balance as at 31/12/45 ...	304	9 6	Halford Fund	103	12 6
Less Excess of Expenditure over Income for the year ...	17	0	‘Cousins’ Bequest	200	0 0
	£303	12 6		£303	12 6

CANTEEN ACCOUNT.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1946.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Groceries	145	4 8	To Receipts	519	16 1
„ Bread and Cakes	101	11 1			
„ Milk	55	1 3			
„ Hardware and Crockery ...	11	0 8			
„ Cleaning	10	7			
„ Stationery	1	4 9			
„ Wages	6	3 4			
„ Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	198	19 9			
	£519	16 1		£519	16 1

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1946.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors	6	3 4	Cash at Bank	682	19 10
Account Current	80	19 11			
Capital Account.					
Balance as at 31/12/45	396	16 10			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year... ..	198	19 9			
	595	16 7			
	£682	19 10		£682	19 10

OUT-PATIENTS EXTENSION FUND.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year ended December 31st, 1946.

EXPENDITURE.				INCOME.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
By Expenditure	2,417	2	6	To Receipts	—		
				„ Excess of Expenditure over			
				Income for the year ...	2,417	2	6
	<u>£2,417</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£2,417</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1946.

LIABILITIES.				ASSETS.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Capital Account.				Cash at Bank	380	12	6
Balance as at							
31/12/45 ...	2,797	15	0				
Less Excess of							
Expenditure							
over Income							
for the year...	2,417	2	6				
	<u>380</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>				
	<u>£380</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>		<u>£380</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>6</u>

Reconstruction of Clinical Records Office, formation of new Appointments and Registration Offices, and new Almoner's Office.

Total Cost £3,080. (Including an estimated figure for Architect's Fees).

LAUNDRY ACCOUNT

for the Year Ended 31st December, 1946.

	£	s.	d.
1. Salaries and Wages	3,285	14	9
2. Board, Uniforms and other allowances	10	0	0
3. Materials, etc.	312	19	9
4. Fuel, Power, Light and Water	1,239	18	2
5. Renewals and Repairs to Machinery and Plant	121	5	4
6. Insurance of Machinery, Plant and Buildings	21	5	8
7. Rates	56	5	5
8. Sundry	128	1	10
Total Net Expenditure	<u>£5,175</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

Allocated as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
General Fund	4,939	11	8
Greenlands (Private Patient's Block)	235	19	3
	<u>£5,175</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>

STATISTICS OF COST.

Average number of pieces washed weekly	12,486
Cost per 100 pieces washed	15s. 11d.

CONVALESCENT FUND.

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended December 31st, 1946.

EXPENDITURE.			INCOME.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
By Relief on Leaving	21	4 11	To Subscriptions	10	6
„ Surgical Appliances	642	17 2	„ Donations	14	6 8
„ Maintenance of Patients in			„ Interest on Investments ...	36	4 4
Convalescent Homes	25	2 6	„ Receipts collected by Almoner		
„ Travelling and Miscellaneous			for Appliances, Convales-		
Payments for Patients	49	17 10	cences, etc.—		
„ Balance, being excess of In-			Patients	477	9 8
come over Expenditure for			Approved Societies	92	9 4
the year	40	13 3	Charitable Sources	38	15 4
			Public Authorities	97	8 10
			Contributory Schemes...	22	11 0
	<u>£779</u>	<u>15 8</u>		<u>£779</u>	<u>15 8</u>

Statement of Balances as at December 31st, 1946.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Sundry Creditors	58	9 1	Cash at Bank	1,106	19 8
Account Current	21	4 11	Cash in Hand	20	0 0
Capital Account.			Sundry Debtors	10	2 4
Balance as at					
31/12/45	1,016	14 9			
Add Excess of					
Income over					
Expenditure					
for the year...	40	13 3			
	<u>1,057</u>	<u>8 0</u>			
	<u>£1,137</u>	<u>2 0</u>		<u>£1,137</u>	<u>2 0</u>

SCHEDULE OF OUTSIDE PROPERTIES owned by the Hospital

at Dec. 31st 1946, as valued in the Books of our Trustees, Messrs. Lloyds Bank Ltd.

	£	s. d.
36 Princes Street	800	0 0
34 Princes Street	400	0 0
32 Princes Street	300	0 0
"Greenlands," Redlands Road, Reading	7,500	0 0
79 Watlington Street, Reading	490	0 0
Land at Langley Hill, Tilehurst	2,370	0 0
"Linden," 4 Craven Road	1,500	0 0
"Craven Villa" and "St. Denys," 6-8 Craven Road	2,800	0 0
"Melrose Villa," East and West, 71-73 London Road	5,000	0 0
"Thirlmere," 2 Craven Road	1,200	0 0
24-26 Princes Street (Endowment)	400	0 0
38 Elm Road, Reading	2,100	0 0
202, Whitley Wood Road (Total Cost £1,900)	190	0 0
	<u>£25,050</u>	<u>0 0</u>

THE ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.

Schedule of Investments as at December 31st, 1946.

NOMINAL VALUE.	HOLDING.	FREE FUNDS.		ENDOWMENT FUNDS.	
		NOMINAL VALUE.	MARKET VALUE AS AT 31/12/46.	NOMINAL VALUE.	MARKET VALUE AS AT 31/12/46.
£ s. d.		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
BRITISH GOVERNMENT STOCKS:					
11,673 7 5	4% Consolidated Loan, 1957, Inscribed ..	1,730 5 10	2,015 15 10	9,943 1 7	11,383 13 9
1,759 8 5	4% Funding Loan, 1960/1990 ..	—	—	1,759 8 5	2,133 5 11
1,146 13 7	3½% Conversion Stock, 1961, or after ..	213 0 0	244 19 0	933 13 7	1,073 14 7
7,833 7 9	3½% War Stock, 1952, or after ..	1,589 9 3	1,716 12 5	6,243 18 6	6,743 8 10
6,497 17 10	3% Local Loans ..	—	—	6,497 17 10	6,497 17 10
7,349 14 8	3% Funding Loan, 1959/69 ..	—	—	7,349 14 8	7,992 16 8
1,481 6 8	3% Guaranteed Stock Inscribed ..	—	—	1,481 6 8	1,496 2 11
7,465 0 0	3% Savings Bonds, 1960/70 ..	5,545 0 0	6,057 18 3	1,920 0 0	2,097 12 0
2,520 0 0	3% Defence Bonds (2nd Series) ..	1,020 0 0	1,020 0 0	1,500 0 0	1,500 0 0
3,714 16 1	2½% Consolidated Stock ..	305 3 5	300 11 10	3,409 12 8	3,358 9 9
851 17 5	Ditto (Convalescent Fund) ..	—	—	851 17 5	839 1 10
781 15 0	2½% National War Bonds, 1952/54 ..	391 15 0	410 7 2	390 0 0	408 10 6
492 6 0	2½% National War Bonds, 1954/56 ..	—	—	492 6 0	520 12 2
BRITISH CORPORATIONS AND PUBLIC BOARDS:					
1,013 16 10	Reading Corporation 4½% Stock, 1951/61 ..	1,013 16 10	1,115 4 6	—	—
490 13 2	Reading Corporation 3½% Inscribed Stock ..	—	—	490 13 2	647 13 4
112 14 3	Reading Corporation 3% Inscribed Stock, 1962 ..	—	—	112 14 3	122 17 2
1,064 9 2	Birmingham Corporation 4½% Stock, 1948/68 ..	—	—	1,064 9 2	1,117 13 8
495 0 0	Sheffield Corporation 3½% Red. Deb. Stock 1953 ..	—	—	495 0 0	537 1 6
488 19 0	South Shields Corporation 4½% Red. Stock, 1952/62 ..	—	—	488 19 0	537 16 11
974 6 6	Bristol Corporation 3½% Stock, 1961/66 ..	—	—	974 6 6	1,100 19 9
976 2 2	London County Consolidated 3½% Stock, 1952/62 ..	—	—	976 2 2	1,044 8 9
964 18 3	Metropolitan Water Board (Staines Reservoirs) 3% Guaranteed Stock ..	—	—	964 18 3	969 14 10
1,397 0 0	London Passenger Transport Board 4½% "A" Stock ..	—	—	1,397 0 0	1,809 2 3
COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS:					
3,014 18 3	Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Stock, 1965/69 ..	—	—	3,014 18 3	3,376 14 1
200 4 0	Commonwealth of Australia 3½% Stock, 1956/61 ..	—	—	200 4 0	216 4 4
2,250 13 0	Commonwealth of Australia 3% Stock, 1955/58 ..	—	—	2,250 13 0	2,385 13 10
879 3 5	New South Wales 5½% Stock, 1947/57 ..	—	—	879 3 5	896 15 1
528 17 2	New Zealand 3½% Inscribed Stock, 1962/65 ..	—	—	528 17 2	602 18 0
RAILWAYS (HOME):					
1,800 0 0	Great Western Railway 5% Consolidated Preference Stock ..	1,800 0 0	2,241 0 0	—	—
3,263 0 0	Great Western Railway Guaranteed Stock ..	3,263 0 0	4,388 14 9	—	—
3,548 0 0	London, Midland & Scottish Railway Company 4% Preference Stock ..	1,648 0 0	1,376 0 2	1,900 0 0	1,586 10 0
1,625 0 0	London Midland & Scottish Railway Company 4% Preference Stock, 1923 ..	1,625 0 0	1,015 12 6	—	—
1,851 0 0	London & North Eastern Railway Company 4% Debenture Stock ..	—	—	1,851 0 0	2,137 18 1
1,675 0 0	London & North Eastern Railway Company 3% Debenture Stock ..	—	—	1,675 0 0	1,675 0 0
7,870 0 0	Southern Railway 5% Preference Stock ..	5,470 0 0	6,755 9 0	2,400 0 0	2,964 0 0
4,137 0 0	Southern Railway Preferred Ordinary Stock ..	4,137 0 0	3,164 16 1	—	—
RAILWAYS (INDIAN):					
471 0 0	East Indian Railway Annuity, Class "B" ..	254 0 0	5,524 10 0	217 0 0	4,719 15 6
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL:					
240 0 0	Lloyds Bank Ltd. "A" Shares, £5 each, £1 paid ..	240 0 0	876 0 0	—	—
6 0 0	Lloyds Bank Ltd. "B" Stock ..	6 0 0	10 13 0	—	—
20 0 0	Dunlop Plantations Ltd. 6% Cumulative Preference Shares, £1 each ..	20 0 0	36 0 0	—	—
177 0 0	Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. Ordinary Stock ..	177 0 0	402 13 6	—	—
44 5 0	59 National Savings Certificates ..	44 5 0	44 5 0	—	—
95,146 11 0		30,492 15 4	38,717 3 0	64,653 15 8	74,694 3 4

Wards Beds and Cots Named in Perpetuity.

The sum required to Name a Bed in perpetuity is ... £1,000

The sum required to Name a Cot in perpetuity is ... £500

Wards and Beds.

No.	Year.	Name of Bed.	Ward.	Named by
1	1897	"Huntley & Palmer" Ward	—	Messrs. Huntley & Palmers Ltd.
2	1903	"Mary Hall Pocock" ...	Adelaide ...	Miss M. H. Pocock
3	1903	"Martha Penelope Leggatt" ...	Adelaide ...	Miss M. P. Leggatt
4	1912	"Douglas Johnson" Ward	Eye ...	Mrs. Elizabeth R. Johnson
5	1912	"Mrs. Elizabeth Rebecca Johnson" ...	Eye ...	Miss E. A. Slatter
6	1914	"Charles Stephens" ...	Sidmouth ...	Mrs. S. L. Stephens
7	1915	"Bruce Allfrey" ...	Benyon ...	Mrs. J. A. Bruce
8	1916	"Jack Ritson" ...	Benyon ...	Dr. and Mrs. Ritson
9	1918	"Dugdale Astley" ...	Sidmouth ...	Mr. and Mrs. H. D'O. W. Astley
10	1919	"Ernest William Ridley" ...	Benyon ...	Mrs. Ernest Ridley
11	1920	"Amy Hissey" ...	Victoria ...	Miss Hissey
12	1921	"United Services" ...	Sidmouth ...	Ex-Servicemen of Reading
13	1922	"Maryon Shore" ...	Adelaide ...	{ Mrs. Anne Toppin Mrs. Elizabeth Davies
14	1922	"Jessie" ...	Adelaide ...	Mr. Hugh Hawkins
15	1923	"Robert Hewett" ...	Sidmouth ...	Mr. C. E. Hewett
16	1923	"Howard Palmer" ...	Benyon ...	Mr. William Howard Palmer
17	1923	"William Dyke" ...	Adelaide ...	Mr. William Dyke
18	1923	"The Luard Bed" ...	Benyon ...	Mrs. Luard and Family
19	1923	"William McIlroy Ltd." ...	Victoria ...	Messrs. McIlroy, Ltd.
20	1925	"Wargrave" ...	Adelaide ...	Sir Keith Elphinstone, K.B.E.
21	1928	"Michael Bernard Secretan" ...	Benyon ...	Mr. W. B. Secretan, F.R.C.S.
22	1928	"M.A.H." ...	Adelaide ...	"Anonymous"
23	1929	"Emma Dyke" ...	Victoria ...	Miss Emma Dyke
24	1929	"James Royle" ...	Benyon ...	The Sportsmen of Reading
25	1930	"Ancient Order of Druids" ...	Benyon ...	Royal Berkshire Lodge
26	1930	"Mary Elsley Newbery" ...	Victoria ...	Mr. Arthur Newbery
27	1931	"Frank Cooksey" ...	Benyon ...	Mrs. Alice Cooksey
28	1931	"P. O. Watson" ...	Benyon ...	Mr. P. O. Watson
29	1933	"Wokingham Hospital Committee" ...	Sidmouth ...	Wokingham Hospital Committee
30	1934	"Arthur Newbery" ...	Victoria ...	Mr. Arthur Newbery
31	1936	"William James Wakelin" ...	Blagrove Branch	Mr. W. J. Wakelin
32	1937	"Charles H. Palmer" ...	Huntley & Palmer	Mrs. Charles Palmer
33	1937	"Alice Ridley" ...	Benyon ...	Mrs. Ernest Ridley
34	1937	"The Reading & District Licensed Trades' Protection and Benevolent Association" ...	Sidmouth ...	The Association
35	1940	"Ancient Order of Druids" ...	Benyon ...	Royal Berkshire Lodge
36	1940	"Mrs. Walter May" ...	Nuffield I. ...	Mr. C. E. Hodgkin (Executor)
37	1941	"Wm. John Day Venner" ...	Nuffield II. ...	The late Miss Florence Elsie Venner
38	1942	"Reading Fire Guards" ...	Victoria ...	Reading Fire Guards
39	1943	"John and Louisa Wooberry" ...	Nuffield I. ...	Mr. F. G. Ashman } Executors. Mr. G. F. Attwood }
40	1943	"James Fish" ...	Nuffield I. ...	Special Needs Committee.
41	1944	"Lawrence" Memorial	Nuffield I. ...	The late Miss Matilda Lawrence.
42	1944	"Lawrence Hignett" ...	Nuffield I. ...	Trustees of Settlement.
43	1945	"Mable Nash" ...	Nuffield II ...	The late Col. W. P. Nash, J.P.

No.	Year.	Name of Bed.	Ward.	Named by
44	Debt Reduction Appeal, 1943.	"Binfield" ...	Nuffield II.	Binfield.
45		"The Seventh Marquis of Downshire"		Her Stepson, in Memory of Evelyn Downshire.
46		"Frieth" ...		Frieth.
47		"Employees of G.W.R."		Employees of G.W.R.
48		"Henley" ...		Henley.
49		"Pangbourne and Tidmarsh"		Pangbourne and Tidmarsh.
50		"Peppard and Kidmore End"		Peppard and Kidmore End.
51		"Reading Jewish Community"		Reading Jewish Community.
52		"Reading Sportsmen's"		Reading Sportsmen.
53		"Dr. Shea" ...		Anonymous.
54	—	"Streatley" ...	Nuffield I	Streatley.
55		"Woodley and Sandford"		Woodley and Sandford.
56		Kate Allnatt ...		Mr. P. Allnatt.
57		Beatrice Eleanor Allnatt		Mr. P. Allnatt.

Cots.

No.	Year.	Name of Cot.	Ward.	Named by
1	1912	"Thomas Howard Beet"	Children's ...	Mr. Charlotte Harvey
2	1914	"Miss Theresa de Gournay Miller, M.B., B.S."	"	Her Brothers and Sisters
3	1918	"Leonard Kingham"	"	Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Kingham
4	1922	"Arthur Hennis Perrott"	"	Lady Perrott
5	1925	"Berkshire Operatic Club"	"	Berkshire Operatic Club
6	1931	"The Nurses' Cot"	Blagrove Branch	Past & Present R.B.H. Nurses
7	1933	"Edwin Harvey"	Children's ...	Edwin Leonard Harvey
8	1933	"Mrs. Peel, Wargrave"	"	Her Sons and Daughters
9	1935	"James Herbert Benyon"	"	His Farm Tenants
10	1936	"G. F. G. Purvis"	"	Mrs. Purvis
11	1938	"Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Crispe"	"	Mr. & Mrs. J. H. Crispe
12	1938	"James Henry Stephens"	"	Messrs. Lloyds Bank, Ltd., Executors
13	1938	"The Robin Cot"	"	Miss Vera C. Palmer
14	1939	"F. A. Sarjeant"	"	Special Needs Committee
15	1941	"Wm. Fredk. Fouracre Venner"	"	The late Miss Florence Elsie Venner
16	Debt Reduction Appeal, 1943.	"Reading Fire Guards"	"	Reading Fire Guards
17		"Bradfield"	"	Bradfield.
18		"California in England, Ltd"	"	California in England, Ltd.
19		"Earley"	"	Earley.
20		"East Reading Wardens"	"	East Reading Wardens.
21		"Goring"	"	Goring.
22		"H. & G. Simonds"	"	Messes. H. & G. Simonds.
23		"Henley"	"	Henley.
24		"Huntley & Palmers, Ltd. Employees"	"	Employees of Messrs. Huntley & Palmers, Ltd.
25		"Mapledurham"	"	Mapledurham.
26		"Metalair, Ltd., Wokingham"	"	Metalair, Ltd.
27	—	"Reading Borough Spec's"	"	Reading Borough Specials.
28		"Reading Jewish Community"	"	Reading Jewish Community.
29		Reading and District Master Butchers' Assoc."	"	Reading and District Master Butchers' Association.
30		"Reading Post Office Staff"	"	Reading Post Office Staff.
31		"St. John's Coffee Stall"	"	The Committee of St. John's C.E.T.S. Coffee Stall.
32		"St. Mary's, Reading"	"	In Memory of A. C. Bartholomew.
33		"Lady Edward Somerset"	Blagrove Branch	Herbert and Peter Blagrove.
34		"Stratfield Mortimer"	Children's ...	Stratfield Mortimer.
35		"Sutton"	"	Sutton and Sons, Ltd.
36		"Thatcham"	"	Thatcham.
37		"Wokingham"	"	Wokingham.
38		"Woodley and Sandford"	"	Woodley and Sandford.
39	1945	Hilda and Geoff	Blagrove Branch	Mrs. A. E. Smith, Caversham.
40	1946	Nellie Cornell	Maternity ...	The Board of Management.
41	1946	"St. Peter's Hill School, Caversham"	Blagrove Branch	The Pupils.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL**(374 Beds.)***

	1945.	1946.
Number of In-Patients admitted	6,468	4,943
Number of Beds in constant occupation ...	269.76	200.54
Number of New Out-Patients treated ...	18,048	19,311
Number of Casualty Patients treated ...	7,400	7,505
(included in above)		
Number of Out-Patient Attendances ...	91,320	99,946

BLAGRAVE BRANCH HOSPITAL**(64 Beds.)**

Number of In-Patients admitted	1,122	1,137
Number of Beds in constant occupation ...	51.63	50.17

Paying Patients Block. 'GREENLANDS'**(23 Beds).**

Number of Patients admitted	536	567
Number of Beds in constant occupation ...	19.32	18.46

* Includes 40 Beds reserved under Emergency Medical Service Scheme.

VISITING DAYS**ADULT PATIENTS.**

Wednesday { 2.30 p.m.
and { to
Saturday { 3.30 p.m.
Sunday, 2.30-3.45 p.m.

CHILDREN.

Saturday, 2.30-3.30 p.m.
Parents or Guardians only are
permitted to visit Children
Patients.

Children under the age of 10 years are not permitted to visit adult patients.

Children under the age of 15 years are not permitted to visit in the Children's Ward.

Visiting of patients in the Maternity Department is subject to special restriction.

IN THE INTERESTS OF ECONOMY THE FULL LIST OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS CHURCH COLLECTIONS, ETC., HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT. THE DETAILED LISTS MAY BE SEEN AT THE HOSPITAL.

GENERAL MAINTENANCE FUND.							£	s.	d.
Annual Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,047	6	3
Donations	...	...	...	...	...	...	9,703	6	9
Box Collections	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,304	19	8
Church Collections	...	...	...	...	...	...	986	7	2
Hospital Parades	...	...	...	...	...	...	174	19	6
Legacies	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,453	12	9
CONVALESCENT FUND.									
Subscriptions	...	...	...	...	...	...		10	6
Donations	...	...	...	...	...	...		14	6 8

LEGACIES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1946

					Free Fund.			Endowment Fund.		
The Late :—					£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mrs. C. Hutton	...	...	...	...	25	0	0	—		
Mr. A. T. Loyd	...	...	...	...	500	0	0	—		
Miss Seed	...	...	...	...	2	2	0	—		
Miss S. E. Stacey	...	...	...	...	279	4	9	—		
Mr. A. Reynolds	...	...	...	...	45	0	0	—		
Miss E. C. Stevens	...	...	...	...	1,000	0	0	—		
Mr. H. B. Bradshaw	...	...	...	...	25	0	0	—		
Mr. J. Waldron	...	...	...	...	225	0	0	—		
Sir W. F. Jury	...	...	...	...	763	10	3	509	0	3
Lt.-Col. W. P. Nash	...	...	...	...	500	0	0	—		
Mr. E. F. Hill	...	...	...	...	5,053	5	9	—		
Miss D. Tucker	...	...	...	...	25	0	0	—		
Capt. N. S. Johnstone	...	...	...	...	10	10	0	—		
					<u>£8,453 12 9</u>			<u>£509 0 3</u>		

STATISTICAL TABLES

Statistics for Year ended 31st December, 1946, compared with those of the previous Year.

I.—IN-PATIENTS.

A.—NUMBER OF BEDS AND IN-PATIENTS.

I.—ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL, READING.

	Numbers in 1946.	Numbers in previous year.
1. Total number of available Beds on 31st December ...	*†272	*†323
2. Average number of available Beds during the year ...	262.19	343.59
3. Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	200.54	269.76
4. Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at beginning of year	244	278
5. " " " admitted during year	4,943	6,468
6. " " " in the Hospital at the end of the year	193	244
7. Average number of days each Patient was resident ...	14.65	15.14

* These figures include Beds (A) reserved under the Emergency Medical Service Scheme.

† This figure excludes 102 beds closed owing to shortage of staff.

II.—BLAGRAVE BRANCH HOSPITAL, CALCOT.

	Numbers in 1946.	Numbers in previous year.
1. Total number of available Beds on 31st December ...	64	64
2. Average number of available Beds during the year ...	64	62.59
3. Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	50.17	51.68
4. Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at beginning of year	48	41
5. " " " admitted during year (included in Royal Berks Hospital admissions)	1,137	1,122
6. " " " in the Hospital at the end of year	42	48
7. Average number of days each Patient was resident ...	16.02	16.9

MOTOR AMBULANCE.

- I. The Ambulance is available for the conveyance of In-patients who are members of the Contributory Scheme and application in such cases should be made to the Resident Medical Officer.
- II. When circumstances permit, the Ambulance is available for cases other than the above. Application must be made to the House Governor and the nature of the illness or accident must be stated. No infectious case will be undertaken. A charge of 1/- per mile (minimum 10/-) will be made, except to members of the Contributory Scheme.
- III. If a Nurse be sent with the Ambulance, an additional charge of 10/6 will be made.

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL,
including the
BLAGRAVE BRANCH HOSPITAL.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

For Year ended 31st December, 1946, compared with those of the previous year.

I.—IN-PATIENTS : (a) *Number of Beds and In-Patients.*

II.—OUT-PATIENTS : (a) *Numbers.*

	Numbers in 1946	Numbers in previous year		Numbers in 1946	Numbers in previous year
1. Total number of available Beds on 31st December	336	438	1. Total number of new Out-Patients ...	19,311	18,048
2. Average number of available Beds during the year	326.19	406.18	2. Total number of Out-Patient Attendances	99,946	91,320
3. Average number of Patients resident daily throughout the year	250.72	321.39	(a) Number of Patients on books at beginning of year	—	—
4. Number of In-Patients in the Hospital at the beginning of year	292	319	(b) Number of Casualty Patients included in No. 1 above ...	7,505	7,400
5. Number of In-Patients admitted during the year	4,943	*6,468			
6. Number of In-Patients in Hospital at the end of the year	235	292			
7. Average number of days each Patient was resident	18.3	18.06			

* All patients admitted to the Branch Hospital are transferred from the Royal Berkshire Hospital : their admission is therefore counted once only.

STATISTICAL TABLES—continued.

(a) Annual Expenditure on In-patients and Average Cost of each In-patient per week, and Average Cost of each In-patient.

		1946.				PREVIOUS YEAR.	
		Expenditure on In-patients.	Average Cost of each In-patient per week.	Average Total Cost of each In-patient.	Average Cost of each In-patient per week.	Average Total Cost of each In-patient.	
		£	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
1.	Provisions (including Board of Staff)	12,637	19 4	2 10 6	17 7	2 5 3	
2.	Surgery and Dispensary	9,637	14 9	1 18 6	11 9	1 10 5	
3.	Domestic	19,101	1 9 2	3 16 5	19 6	2 10 4	
4.	Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	55,558	4 5 0	11 2 3	2 14 9	7 1 3	
5.	Miscellaneous	4,681	7 2	18 9	4 11	12 8	
6.	Administration	4,406	6 9	17 8	3 10	10 0	
Statistical Cost		106,020	8 2 2	21 4 1	5 12 4	14 9 11	
7.	Establishment—Renewals and Repairs	4,072	6 4	16 3	4 7	11 11	
8.	Finance	2,059	3 1	8 3	2 5	6 3	
Total Cost		112,151	8 11 7	22 8 7	5 19 4	15 8 1	

(b) Annual Expenditure on Out-patients and Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance and of each Out-patient.

		1946.				PREVIOUS YEAR.	
		Expenditure on Out-patients.	Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance	Average Total Cost of each Out-patient.	Average Cost of each Out-patient Attendance.	Average Total Cost of each Out-patient.	
		£	Pence	Pence	Pence	Pence	
1.	Provisions (including Board of Staff)	929	2-23	11-54	2-57	12-99	
2.	Surgery and Dispensary	5,005	12-02	62-20	13-04	65-97	
3.	Domestic	1,738	4-17	21-60	3-83	19-37	
4.	Salaries and Wages (Maintenance)	6,369	15-29	79-16	14-86	75-19	
5.	Miscellaneous	780	1-87	9-69	1-80	9-12	
6.	Administration	1,101	2-65	13-68	2-13	10-81	
Statistical Cost		15,922	38-23	197-87	38-23	193-45	
7.	Establishment—Renewals and Repairs	582	1-40	7-24	1-45	7-34	
8.	Finance	309	.74	3-84	0-82	4-16	
Total Cost		16,813	40-37	208-95	40-50	204-95	

MATRON'S REPORT, 1946

I have pleasure in presenting the report of the Royal Berkshire Hospital Training School for Nurses for the year 1946.

During the year 58 Student Nurses entered for training, including 7 second year Nurses from Bexhill Hospital and one from High Wycombe Hospital, under affiliation schemes.

This was better than 1945, when 42 entered.

Thirty-five Nurses completed their training in 1946, 9 of whom were promoted to be Staff Nurses, and 26 left on completion of training for the following reasons:—

4 Marriage; 10 Midwifery; 12 Other Posts.

Sixteen Student Nurses left without completing their training, 5 due to failure in examinations, 5 due to ill-health, 2 when the National Service Order was withdrawn, 1 to be married, and 3 because they did not care for practical nursing.

The past year has been very difficult, the saddest part being the closing of the Huntley and Palmer, Albert, and Nuffield (2) wards in April, due to shortage of nursing staff. Huntley and Palmer ward at once became the Preliminary Training School, a great relief to the Sister Tutors, who had "boxed and coxed" in "Lindens" for so long. During the year the staff position improved slowly, and we were able to open some of the wards; first the Eye wards in August, Nuffield (2) in October, and Alice in January of this year. There is still a long way to go before we are able to open all the wards and staff them properly, but we have made a start, and that is very heartening. The extra accommodation to be provided in March, for the Preliminary Training School at Joyce Grove, Nettlebed, will be a great help, and I am looking forward to visiting the Student Nurses there. Joyce Grove is only a temporary measure, and I hope we shall soon build a new teaching block in the hospital grounds.

Social activities during the year have been few. The weather did not allow the tennis cup matches to be decided, and for the same reason the boat was not used as much as in some years. We have, however, held some successful parties and dances.

There have been a number of senior staff changes; we were very sorry to lose Sister Matthews when she was appointed Assistant Matron to the County Branch of the Hull Royal Infirmary; and have welcomed in her place Sister Aldwinckle, A.R.R.C. Sister Duncan left when appointed Senior Sister Tutor to the Royal Buckinghamshire Hospital, and we were fortunate enough to have Sister Lawrence to take her place. Sisters Gange, Hosken and Williams all returned to us after service in H.M. Forces, and Sister Madasa came back to the Eye wards when they were re-opened. Sisters Bowins, Holmes, Blackwood and Towndrow all joined the staff during the year, and Staff Nurse Evans was appointed second Night Sister. We were sorry to lose Sister Tyrrell, who had been here for twelve years.

STATE EXAMINATION RESULTS.

28 entered for the Final State Examination; 5 failed—4 passed subsequently.

11 entered for the whole Preliminary State Examination; 1 failed.

7 entered for the first part only; 1 failed.

K. I. CAWOOD, S.R.N., S.C.M., R.S.C.N.,

Matron.

ALMONER'S REPORT, 1946

During the past year the after-effects of war conditions have been felt in many ways, and unremitting effort has been made to respond to the heavy and varied demands on the Department, and to overcome the very real difficulties experienced by the patient.

Although it is not possible for statistics to show the more personal side of the work of the Department, it is hoped that they will serve as a guide to the type of work done throughout the year :—

Number of In-patients interviewed	...	...	...	4,680
Number of Out-patients interviewed	...	...	...	10,836
ASSISTANCE GIVEN :—				
Surgical Appliances	...	...	...	369
Convalescence	...	...	...	88
Transfer to Special Hospitals and Institutions	...	...	...	51
Fares	...	...	...	66
Transport	...	...	...	948
Labour Exchange Rehabilitation Officer	...	...	...	17
Referred to Voluntary Agencies (British Legion, S.S.A.F.A., Reading Dispensary Trust, etc.)	...	...	...	29
Extra Nourishment	...	...	...	7
Homes for Old People	...	...	...	2
Home Visits	...	...	...	174
Other forms of Help	...	...	...	375

As the need for home-visiting on a much larger scale had become urgent, and it was impossible to meet this in full without further assistance, a part-time social welfare worker was appointed to the staff of the Department during the latter half of the year, for the sole purpose of home-visiting; 174 visits have been made and, as a result, it has been possible to give assistance where it has been most needed. Home conditions have been reported on and recommendations made to the Housing Department. Although the lack of living accommodation is no new theme, three of our families have been re-housed, and we have been promised that more will be as soon as accommodation is available. In particular, I would like to mention one family whose deplorable home conditions were referred to in a previous report, and of whom I can now record that they are satisfactorily re-housed.

Space prevents the mention in any detail of the patients whose surgical appliances were found, by a visit to the home, to be worn incorrectly, or in need of repair or alteration. By arranging for the patient to attend the hospital again, adjustments have been made and supervision carried out.

Perhaps two visits are of especial interest. A youth, who many years ago had undergone an amputation of leg, had been provided with an artificial limb, and had been recommended to the Juvenile Employment Officer for training, when of age, in work suitable to his disability. He attended the hospital again early in the year for a new limb as he had completely outgrown the old one. He reported that he was being trained in boot-repairing by a local firm and was very happy in his work. A recommendation for the new limb was sent to the appropriate Employment Officer for provision under the rehabilitation scheme and, a few months later, the home visited, to find out if all was satisfactory. This visit revealed the fact that the boy was still without the new limb and was experiencing the greatest difficulty in getting to and from his work. Enquiries were made, and it was found that a "technical hitch" had occurred, as the result of the youth reaching the age of eighteen during these intervening months and the responsibility of providing the limb passing from one authority to another. The right machinery was soon set in motion and the youth now has the new limb, which he finds most satisfactory.

Another case reported was that of a child, who had to lie in bed for some months owing to a weak heart. As she was too young to read and her mother was a hard-working woman, with little time to spare for amusing the child, the help of the Red Cross Society was sought. Suitable toys and amusements for her were found and, although she died some months later, the mother said she would never forget the many hours of pleasure and entertainment that these gifts had given the child.

Arrangements for transport by the Hospital Car Service have been made for 948 patients. So many of our patients are unable to travel by public conveyance, either because of their disability and the distance from hospital involving long and difficult

*bus journeys, or the cost of other transport is beyond their financial means, and it is impossible to over-estimate the value of the Hospital Car Service or the co-operation of the Area Transport Officers, without which, much of the continuity of treatment received at hospital could not be carried out.

Sixty-six patients, who, though able to use public transport, were unable to meet the full cost, have been assisted with fares. Three of these were women, whose husbands were in-patients for several months and who, without this assistance, would have been unable to visit them.

Amongst the 369 instruments and appliances supplied during the year have been four hearing aids. To those of us who have no need of such aids it may be difficult to understand their inestimable value to those who really need them. Perhaps this can best be appreciated by the joy of a woman who said that she had been able to go to the cinema for the first time for twenty years. Unfortunately these instruments are very expensive, but in every case financial assistance has been given to the patient, either by a grant from an Approved Society or from one charitable source or another.

Transfer to institutions has become so difficult as to be almost impossible, except in very special circumstances, and the problem of the aged and infirm person becomes more and more acute. Alternative arrangements have had to be made for these patients, but deep anxiety is felt concerning them. Several patients have been successfully referred to Special Hospitals and a number of children to Heart Homes and Special Schools.

There are still very many more patients requiring convalescence than there are homes to take them. Many of the homes closed during the war have been unable to re-open, chiefly because of staff shortage. Much to our satisfaction, however, two homes have recently opened, not many miles from the Hospital, the Fieldhead Convalescent Home for Men and Women at Bourne End and the Beech Hill Convalescent Home for Children. The latter was a wartime residential nursery until the beginning of the year. We are always grateful to the many Homes to which we send our patients for completing the work begun by the Hospital in restoring the health of patients so that they are able to resume their work.

Co-operation with the Borough Councils and Tuberculosis Officers has been most helpful. Children under five and patients suffering from tuberculosis have been referred to them for follow-up and special after-care.

During the year talks have again been given to sociology students on various aspects of Almoners' work related to their studies, and several have been shown the practical side of the work of the Department.

It is quite impossible to mention individually all who have helped throughout the year, but I would like to offer my thanks to the officers of the various Local Authorities and Government Departments, the representatives of Voluntary Organisations and Charitable Societies, the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector, and Relieving Officers. It is only the happy relationship existing between them and this Department and the valuable co-operation received from our own Medical, Surgical and Nursing Staffs that makes it possible to work satisfactorily for the welfare of the patients.

A. E. PLATT,
Almoner.

MEDICAL REPORT

	1945.	1946.
Admissions	824	1,177
Deaths	66	98
Deaths within 48 hours	29	28
Number of New Out-patients	1,890	2,186

J. J. KEMPTON, *Medical Registrar.*

SURGICAL REPORT

	1945.	1946.
Total admissions to Surgical Wards	5,641	3,766
Total of operations	4,114	3,173
General surgical cases	2,903	2,302
Gynaecological cases	555	590
Military cases	263	
Greenlands cases	210	281
Minor operations	183	110
Total deaths in Surgical Wards	133	130
Deaths within 48 hours	46	36
Deaths after 48 hours	87	94

R. G. REID, *Surgical Registrar.*

PHYSIOTHERAPEUTIC DEPARTMENT

	1945.	1946.
In-patients—		
Treated	156	97
Treatments given	1,371	844
Ward Class Exercises (Mat. Dept.)	—	335
Out-patients—		
New cases	1,366	1,545
Treatments concluded	1,154	1,356
Attendances	21,820	28,586
Treated by massage	123	121
Treated by galvanism, faradism or radiant heat	170	307
Treated by galvanism, faradism or radiant heat and massage	709	735
Treated by diathermy	70	73
" " injections	116	93
Class Exercises	198	276
Occupational Therapy	14	23
Treatments completed by Class Exercises	345	323
Treatments completed by Occupational Therapy	10	10

It is with the greatest regret that we learn that Sister Gunston, who has been Sister-in-Charge for 25 years, has decided to retire. We give her our warmest wishes for "happy days."

A. HENRY PRICE, *Medical Officer in Charge.*

PATHOLOGICAL REPORT

	1946.	1945.	1944.
Royal Berkshire Hospital investigations ...	9,480	10,045	10,829
Greenlands investigations	354	387	303
V.D. Clinic investigations	1,141	1,175	1,254
Other investigations—			
Private patients	1,056		
Other hospitals	329		
Public authorities	1,895		
Forces	249		
	3,529	6,259	4,584
Post-mortem examinations	99	91	93
	14,603	17,957	17,063
Branch Laboratories :—			
Battle Hospital	1,250	1,250	1,616
Berks and Bucks Joint Sanatorium ...	2,955	3,061	3,163
	18,808	22,268	21,842
Work expressed as units :—			
Royal Berkshire Hospital	97,370	109,510	98,030
Battle Hospital	11,909	10,391	
Berks and Bucks Sanatorium	8,749	11,032	

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

	1946.	1945.	1944.
<i>Sent away :</i>			
	68	557	3,017
<i>Bottles used in Reading.</i>			
<i>Patients :—</i>			
181 Royal Berkshire Hospital	811	—	—
55 Battle Hospital	168	—	—
16 Greenlands	60	—	—
28 Private	94	—	—
	1,133	1,642	1,593
<i>Bottles rejected</i>	51	23	11
<i>Total donors bled</i>	1,252	2,222	4,621

The diagnostic activities of the laboratory for 1946 show a considerable reduction when compared with those of 1945 and 1944. When details are examined it is found that this reduction is limited to two groups of investigations carried out in the central laboratory at this Hospital. Firstly, there is a marked fall in investigations for Royal Berkshire Hospital patients, probably due to the closure of some of the wards. Secondly, there is a still greater fall in investigations for Public Authorities (3,922 in 1945, 1,895 in 1946), and this is due to the relative absence of investigations of epidemic disease in schools in 1946 as compared with 1945. This fall is also evident when work done is expressed in units rather than as specimens received.

The blood transfusion service is still in process of transition from a war-time to peace-time basis, though all blood collected during the year has been on civilian account. This is reflected in the very small number of bottles sent away for use elsewhere. The transfer of blood is now restricted to the relief of banks which are temporarily short or overstocked. No blood has been sent away for preparation of dried plasma and, since this means of disposal of time-expired blood has ceased to be available, the number of bottles rejected has increased. (1946, 4% ; 1945, 1% ; 1944, $\frac{1}{2}$ %)

Our very special thanks are due to donors who have continued to serve the Hospital loyally. We are in process of writing to all donors to thank them for their war service, and at the same time we are revising the register of active donors. We should also thank Mrs. Gardner and Mrs. Prouten for much voluntary help in maintaining the service.

J. MILLS,
Director Pathological Department.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT

The following is the report for the year ended December 31st, 1946, as compared with that of 1945 :—

RADIOGRAPHIC DEPARTMENT.

						1946.	1945.	Increase.		Decrease	
Patients		...	In-patients	...		1,354	1,136				
			Out-patients	...		7,542	6,543				
						8,896	7,679	1217		—	
Attendances		...	In-patients	...		2,523	2,487				
			Out-patients	...		9,279	8,674				
						11,802	11,161	641		—	
Films	14/14.	15/12.	11/14.	12/10.	10/8.	1/1.	6/15.	6/12.	9/12.	1/2.	D
1945.	330.	3,305.	210.	4,882.	3,063.	5,734.	1,161.	471.	1,935.	1,361.	712.
1946.	524.	4,265.	264.	5,408.	2,247.	5,441.	1,034.	310.	1,664.	1,657.	559.
* TOTAL FILMS						23,373	23,164	209		—	
Barium examinations						942	865	77		—	
Cholecystograms						173	145	28		—	
Intravenous examinations						213	193	20		—	

PAUL CAVE, *Medical Officer in Charge.*

RADIOTHERAPY DEPARTMENT

										1945.	1946.
NUMBER OF CASES TREATED BY X-RAYS.											
In-patients										41	24
Out-patients										239	343
										280	367
NUMBER OF CASES TREATED BY RADIUM										51	33
NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES.											
In-patients										443	307
Out-patients										1,641	1,963
										2,084	2,270
ATTENDANCES AT " FOLLOW-UP " CLINIC										1,655	1,807
TREATMENTS—											
Skin Diseases											396
Malignant Diseases											1,230

K. JOYCE MULVANY,
Radiotherapist.

ORTHOPTIC DEPARTMENT

									1945.	1946.
New Patients	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	105	171
Number of Attendances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3,104	3,385
Operations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	22
Cases discharged cured	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	42	52

The Orthoptic Department has now moved into larger accommodation in the old Decontamination Unit, and will shortly be provided with an entirely new hatted department of its own.

Arrangements have been made to reopen the Orthoptic School for the training of students and the Reading School and the Oxford School, which is at the Oxford Eye Hospital, have been amalgamated to form a joint school tutored by Miss Hare.

H. CAIGER-SMITH, *Orthoptist.*

G. T. WILLOUGHBY CASHELL,
Medical Officer in Charge.

EAR, NOSE AND THROAT DEPARTMENT

	1945.	1946.
OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.		
New Patients	1,820	1,779
IN-PATIENTS.		
Admitted	1,813	967
OPERATIONS.		
Tonsils and Adenoids	1,254	369
Mastoid	44	60
Sub-mucus Resection of Septum	66	49
Radical Antra	33	17
Tonsillectomy	244	276
Laryngectomy	30	31
Oesophagoscopy	—	13
Bronchoscopy	4	14
Tracheotomy	1	4
Sinus Investigation	—	61
Frontal Sinus Drills	—	4
Radical Frontal Sinus	—	9
Intra-nasal antrostomy	—	6
Dacryocystorhinostomy	—	3
Bone Grafts	—	2
Plastic Operation	—	1
Other Operations	116	151
Total number of Operations	1,792	1,070

It will be seen from the above figures that the number of operations and the number of patients dealt with are keeping at a high level, except the number of operations on children for Tonsils and Adenoids which has fallen on account of the closing of Alice Ward owing to the shortage of nurses.

The Department is grateful to Major Munro for all his kind help during Mr. Powell's illness. Mr. Hunt Williams has returned from active service, and the Department is now running smoothly with his assistance.

S. F. LOGAN DAHNE, *Aural Registrar.*

CARDIOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT

	<i>In-Patients.</i>	<i>Out-Patients.</i>	<i>Private Patients.</i>
1946	17	123	16
1945	20	91	142
1944	36	94	23
1943	16	64	29
1942	22	31	26

J. G. BIRD, *Medical Officer in Charge.*

OPHTHALMIC DEPARTMENT

	1945.	1946.
Admissions as In-patients	140	73
Operations	70	94
Casualties treated	895	897
New Out-patients	1,501	1,532
Voluntary Hospitals Ophthalmic Clinic—Patients treated	160	170

It will be noted that the number of patients treated as In-Patients is again less than the previous year on account of the fact that the Eye Theatre had been closed in my absence. Fortunately, however, with the co-operation of the Matron, we have been able to open both the Male and Female Eye Wards again and the Operating Theatre.

The Out-Patient Department is continuing. Dr. Beale, who has given us great assistance in the past, has unfortunately had to give up his work at the Hospital, and Dr. Fawcett, of Newbury, has been appointed to take his place.

The Eye Department is now functioning as a fully equipped unit.

G. T. WILLOUGHBY CASHELL,
Hon. Ophthalmic Surgeon.

TOWNS and VILLAGES

from which Patients attended in 1946

READING (including Caversham, Tilehurst and Whitley).—Totals—In-Patients, 1,883 ; Out-Patients, 5,390 ; Casualties, 4,748.

BERKSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 1,736 ; Out-Patients, 3,482 ; Casualties, 1,558.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.
Abingdon ..	3	—	—	Easthampstead ..	1	—	—	Purley ..	9	20	25
Aldermaston ..	4	15	5	East Ilsley ..	1	6	—	Riseley ..	6	10	11
Aldworth ..	7	6	2	Embrook ..	2	4	3	Ruscombe ..	3	3	4
Arborfield ..	14	38	32	Englefield ..	2	6	7	Ryeish Green ..	—	—	5
Ascot ..	3	1	4	Farley Hill ..	—	3	7	Sandhurst ..	25	22	12
Ashampstead ..	2	7	5	Finchampstead ..	22	41	19	Shaw ..	10	—	—
Ashmore Green ..	1	—	—	Firisham ..	1	2	2	Shinfield ..	35	43	53
Aston Tirrold ..	—	1	—	Grazeley ..	19	30	26	Shurlock Row ..	7	5	2
Barkham ..	12	18	20	Great Shefford ..	—	4	—	Sindlesham ..	4	9	15
Basildon ..	12	26	12	Hagbourne, East ..	—	—	—	Sonning ..	24	62	24
Bearwood ..	—	6	—	and West ..	1	—	1	Speenhamland ..	1	1	—
Beech Hill ..	2	—	10	Haines Hill ..	—	—	4	Spencers Wood ..	39	47	41
Beenham ..	10	14	8	Hamstead ..	—	—	—	Stanford Dingley ..	4	3	1
Binfield ..	36	58	28	Marshall ..	—	—	1	Stockcross ..	2	—	—
Blewbury ..	—	—	1	Hampstead Norris ..	5	9	1	Streatley ..	17	29	23
Bracknell ..	24	55	18	Hare Hatch ..	1	3	3	Sulham ..	—	1	—
Bradfield ..	25	47	23	Harwell ..	1	1	—	Sulhamstead ..	9	13	3
Bray ..	1	—	—	Hermitage ..	6	8	—	Swallowfield ..	25	39	16
Brightwalton ..	—	1	—	Hungerford ..	23	72	2	Thatcham ..	58	101	5
Brightwell ..	1	—	—	Hurley ..	3	—	1	Theale ..	39	73	55
Brimpton ..	6	15	4	Hurst ..	11	28	28	Three Mile Cross ..	29	38	18
Broadmoor ..	—	2	—	Inkpen ..	7	4	—	Tidmarsh ..	5	1	1
Buckebury ..	7	25	6	Kingston ..	—	—	—	Tutts Clump ..	—	3	3
Burchett's Green ..	—	1	—	Bagpuize ..	1	—	—	Twyford ..	60	128	37
Burghfield ..	49	102	33	Kintbury ..	12	23	6	Upton Nervet ..	—	—	—
Calcot ..	8	38	26	Knowl Hill ..	2	5	5	Wallingford ..	15	25	1
Chieveley ..	7	2	—	Lambourn ..	31	51	—	Waltham St. ..	—	—	—
Cholsey ..	12	18	3	Leckhampstead ..	—	4	—	Lawrence ..	8	21	6
Clewer ..	1	—	—	Little Sandhurst ..	—	24	—	Warfield ..	2	1	—
Cold Ash ..	10	4	7	Littlewick ..	2	—	2	Wargrave ..	40	62	21
Compton ..	6	15	1	Maidenhead ..	11	40	4	White Waltham ..	1	—	—
Cookham ..	2	3	1	Midgham ..	2	6	2	Windsor ..	10	—	—
Crazies Hill ..	—	1	—	Mortimer ..	45	94	36	Winnersh ..	31	58	56
Crowthorne ..	74	94	32	Moulsford ..	4	1	5	Wokingham ..	212	520	278
Didcot ..	1	1	2	Newbury ..	182	491	37	Woodbay, East ..	—	—	—
Donnington ..	2	—	—	Owlsmoor ..	7	—	3	and West ..	—	4	—
Earley ..	103	222	161	Padworth ..	7	13	21	Woodley ..	91	202	123
Eastbury ..	3	—	—	Pangbourne ..	51	94	26	Woolhampton ..	14	16	11
East Garston ..	2	—	—	Pingewood ..	1	3	2	Yattendon ..	7	14	10

HAMPSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 337 ; Out-Patients, 730 ; Casualties, 200.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.
Aldershot ..	10	5	5	Farnborough ..	9	6	3	Pamber ..	15	7	10
Alton ..	1	—	—	Fleet ..	7	61	2	Portsmouth ..	—	—	1
Ashford Hill ..	—	2	1	Greywell ..	3	2	2	Ramsdell ..	—	3	1
Basing ..	—	1	—	Hannington ..	5	1	—	Rotherwick ..	1	1	2
Basingstoke ..	47	234	10	Hartley Wespall ..	2	—	6	Sherfield-on- ..	—	—	—
Baughurst ..	14	14	5	Hartley Wintney ..	33	47	7	Loddon ..	4	15	—
Blackwater ..	12	18	13	Hazeley Heath ..	—	1	2	Silchester ..	9	16	5
Bournemouth ..	—	—	2	Headley ..	6	3	—	Stratfieldsaye ..	14	20	6
Bramley ..	10	10	8	Heckfield ..	5	8	9	Stratfield Turgis ..	3	1	3
Burghclere ..	2	5	—	Highclere ..	1	3	—	Tadley ..	25	23	18
Chineham ..	—	2	—	Hook ..	15	33	6	Upton Grey ..	1	1	4
Cove ..	2	—	—	Ibworth ..	—	—	1	Warnborough, ..	—	—	—
Crandall ..	3	1	—	Kingsclere ..	7	36	2	North & South ..	9	11	6
Crookham ..	3	17	2	Lee-on-Solent ..	—	—	1	Whitchurch ..	—	—	13
Dogmersfield ..	—	1	—	Little London ..	6	1	4	Winchfield ..	—	1	1
Eastleigh ..	—	—	1	Mattingley ..	3	4	—	Wolverton ..	4	—	—
Ecchinswell ..	3	—	—	Monk Sherborne ..	—	3	—	Woolton Hill ..	1	—	—
Elvetham ..	1	—	—	Odiham ..	15	48	16	Yateley ..	16	30	12
Eversley ..	10	33	10	Overton ..	—	1	—				

**BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 75 ; Out-Patients, 68 ;
Casualties, 19.**

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.
Aylesbury ..	1	—	2	Farnham Royal ..	3	—	—	Medmenham ..	—	2	—
Bisham ..	1	—	1	Hambleden ..	8	5	3	Seer Green ..	1	—	—
Burnham ..	1	—	—	High Wycombe ..	6	3	—	Slough ..	16	—	9
Chalfont St. Giles ..	1	—	—	Iver ..	1	—	—	Stokenchurch ..	—	1	—
				Marlow ..	36	56	4	Taplow ..	—	1	—

OXFORDSHIRE.—Totals—In-Patients, 364 ; Out-Patients, 692 ; Casualties, 273.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.
Assendon ..	1	—	—	Emmer Green ..	13	20	27	Peppard ..	10	39	7
Banbury ..	—	—	2	Gallows Tree ..	—	—	—	Play Hatch ..	1	16	—
Benson ..	1	2	—	Common ..	6	5	5	Rotherfield Greys ..	1	1	1
Binfield Heath ..	9	3	13	Goring ..	31	59	24	Shiplake ..	8	30	2
Bix ..	1	—	1	Goring Heath ..	10	2	11	Sonning Common ..	25	32	38
Cane End ..	—	1	—	Harpsden ..	2	2	1	Sonning Eye ..	4	—	3
Chalk House ..	—	—	—	Henley ..	137	304	21	Stoke, North and ..	—	—	—
Green ..	4	—	3	Highmoor ..	3	1	4	South ..	6	11	3
Checkendon ..	9	16	11	Ipsden ..	7	3	3	Stoke Row ..	7	4	10
Cleeve ..	—	—	1	Kidmore End ..	21	36	11	Tokers Green ..	2	2	7
Crays Pond ..	1	—	—	Kingwood ..	2	2	9	Watlington ..	1	1	—
Crowmarsh ..	1	2	—	Mapledurham ..	6	13	11	Whitchurch ..	14	29	—
Crowsley ..	—	—	1	Nettlebed ..	9	23	13	Woodcote ..	5	27	20
Dorchester ..	—	—	1	Nuffield ..	1	2	2	Wyfold ..	3	—	—
Dunsden ..	2	—	1	Oxford ..	—	4	6				

SURREY.—Totals—In-Patients, 55 ; Out-Patients, 101 ; Casualties, 34.

	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.		I.P.	O.P.	Cas.
Addlestone ..	—	—	1	Frimley ..	1	4	—	Richmond ..	—	—	1
Bagshot ..	—	—	1	Haslemere ..	—	—	1	Shepperton ..	—	—	1
Camberley ..	48	93	18	Hindhead ..	—	—	1	Sutton ..	—	—	4
Croydon ..	3	—	—	Kew ..	1	—	—	Wallington ..	—	—	1
Ewell ..	1	—	2	Kingston ..	—	—	1	Weybridge ..	—	—	1
Farnham ..	1	4	—	Mitcham ..	—	—	1				

**MISCELLANEOUS.—Totals—In-Patients, 230 ; Out-Patients, 1,020 ;
Casualties, 268.**

SERVICE.—Totals—In-Patients, 263 ; Out-Patients, 323 ; Casualties, 405.

SUMMARY

	ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.			BLAGRAVE BRANCH.
	I.P.	O.P.	Cas.	I.P.
READING ..	1,883	5,390	4,748	393
BERKSHIRE ..	1,736	3,482	1,558	464
HAMPSHIRE ..	337	730	200	96
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE ..	75	68	19	24
OXFORDSHIRE ..	364	692	273	114
SURREY ..	55	101	34	16
MISCELLANEOUS ..	230	1,020	268	25
O.H.M.S. ..	263	323	405	5
TOTALS ..	4,943	11,806	7,505	1,137

ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL

PAYING PATIENTS BLOCK, "GREENLANDS"

TELEPHONE : READING 2828.

"GREENLANDS" is primarily intended for persons of moderate means.

PATIENTS will be admitted under a member of the Medical Staff of The Hospital, and operations will be performed in the Hospital Theatres.

THE CHARGES FOR ROOMS are :—

In a two-bed room ...	...	...	£7 7s. per week.
In a single-bed room ...	...	...	$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{£9 9s.} \\ \text{£11 11s.} \end{array} \right.$ " "

If a case be admitted for less than one week, the usual charges will be :—In a two-bed room, 25/- per day ; in a single-bed room, 32/6 or £2 per day, according to the price of room. The minimum charge to be £2 10s.

Patients undergoing an operation will be charged £2 2s. for the use of the Operating Theatre. All cases admitted to "Greenlands" will be charged for Dressings, Drugs and Medicines.

The Committee have power to raise or lower the charges in exceptional cases.

MEDICAL FEES are a matter for arrangement between the patient's Medical Attendant and the Physician or Surgeon under whom the patient is to be admitted.

The following will be charged extra :—

Radium Treatment, Massage, Diathermy, Radiant Heat, Ionisation, Galvanic Bath, Faradism, Pathological Examinations, X-Ray Examinations or Treatment, Special Nursing, Orthoptic Treatment, and Electro-cardiography.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM TOWNS AND VILLAGES

	£	s.	d.
READING (including Caversham and Tilehurst)	9,598	18	9
COUNTRY (as per list below)	8,968	0	7
Total ...	18,566	19	4

COUNTRY.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Aldermaston	5	13	10	Englefield	54	14	2
Aldworth	3	4	9	Eversley	63	12	1
Arborfield	57	2	2	Faringdon	8	16	0
Ascot	2	15	10	Farley Hill	27	16	1
Ashampstead	127	12	1	Farnborough (Berks)	2	0	0
Ashbury	3	2	4	Farnborough (Hants)	6	6	0
Assenden	2	2	0	Fawley (Berks)	1	10	0
Aston Tirrold	8	2	0	Fawley (Bucks)	12	7	0
Barkham	7	15	0	Finchampstead	49	5	1
Basildon	79	5	1	Fleet	1	1	0
Basingstoke	54	1	6	Frieth	4	12	4
Baughurst	61	5	3	Frilsham	4	18	10
Bearwood	22	14	4	Gallows Tree Common	10	10	0
Beech Hill	21	17	2	Garston, East	3	10	0
Beenham	28	13	0	Goring	184	15	5
Binfield	77	4	6	Goring Heath	32	16	0
Binfield Heath	7	14	6	Grazeley	19	3	9
Bisham	13	15	0	Greenham	11	16	0
Bix	3	4	0	Grove	11	0	0
Boxford	32	7	8	Hagbourne, East	1	9	0
Bracknell	203	14	6	Hambleden	48	12	0
Bradfield	51	0	8	Hampstead Norris	2	6	0
Bramley	22	8	6	Hanney, East	12	3	0
Bray and Braywick	5	5	0	Hannington	5	0	0
Brightwell	7	4	0	Hare Hatch	15	19	0
Brimpton	21	6	4	Harpsden	27	7	11
Bucklebury	29	17	3	Hartley Wintney	31	7	3
Burghclere	3	3	0	Harwell	10	0	0
Burghfield	38	11	5	Hawley and Blackwater	17	3	8
Buscot	8	6	0	Headley	3	0	0
Calcot	397	9	8	Heckfield	7	17	5
Camberley	19	15	4	Henley	149	13	6
Chaddleworth	2	16	4	Hermitage	6	8	6
Checkendon	29	18	2	Highclere	4	4	0
Chieveley, Curridge and Snelsmore	12	12	0	Highmoor	3	3	11
Cholsey	17	7	6	High Wycombe	3	3	0
Cold Ash and Ashmore Green	21	19	10	Hoe Benham	1	1	0
Compton	6	16	10	Hook and Newnham	7	10	0
Coxwell, Little	14	0	0	Hungerford	20	17	0
Crowthorne	150	9	0	Hurley	2	2	0
Cumnor	2	6	0	Hurst	471	16	4
Donnington and Shaw	19	0	5	Ilsley	3	19	0
Dunsden and Play Hatch	14	16	0	Inkpen	1	8	6
Earley	203	0	9	Ipsden	21	0	4
Eastbury	5	4	0	Kidmore End and District	129	1	5
Easthampstead	15	0	0	Kingsclere	52	2	0
Ecchinswell and Sydmonton	3	13	0	Kintbury	4	3	0
Ellisfield	2	2	0	Knowl Hill and Warren Row	24	18	1
Embrook	5	11	0	Lambourn and Bockhampton	16	5	6
Emmer Green	27	5	6	Littlewick Green and Burchetts Green	1	11	9
Enborne	5	0	0	Lockinge	50	0	0
				Longcot	11	0	0

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Maidenhead	34	0	6	Spencers Wood	15	4	3
Mapledurham	25	19	10	Stanford Dingley	2	1	6
Marcham and Dry Sandford	4	14	6	Stockcross	32	16	6
Marlow	33	0	0	Stoke Row	44	12	0
Marlston	2	17	9	Stratfieldsaye	8	11	0
Mattingley	5	14	0	Streatley	189	0	8
Medmenham	19	8	1	Sulham	26	19	10
Midgham	24	8	9	Sulhamstead	32	12	4
Monk Sherborne, Pamber and Little London	20	14	0	Sunninghill	6	13	2
Mortimer and Mortimer Common	128	14	6	Swallowfield and Riseley ...	19	8	2
Mortimer West End	15	12	10	Swyncombe	2	2	0
Moulsford	2	9	0	Tadley	11	4	2
Nettlebed	18	8	9	Taplow	2	0	0
Newbury	123	13	11	Thatcham and Crookham ...	46	9	0
North Stoke	2	2	0	Theale	214	16	10
Nuffield and Huntercombe	104	18	10	Three Mile Cross	1	14	2
Odiham	6	6	0	Twyford and Ruscombe ...	253	19	6
Old Basing	4	5	3	Ufton Nervet	12	15	5
Oxford	8	10	6	Upton Grey	2	15	0
Padworth	6	18	9	Wallingford	58	7	3
Pangbourne and Tidmarsh	739	6	1	Waltham St. Lawrence ...	28	14	6
Pinkneys Green	25	4	0	Warfield	26	11	9
Pishill	2	18	5	Wargrave and Crazies Hill	96	1	3
Purley	25	8	2	Wasing	6	6	0
Ramsdell	2	10	0	Welford	5	0	0
Remenham	35	2	11	Whitchurch (Oxon)	47	5	2
Rotherfield Greys	40	11	0	White Waltham	2	6	
Rotherfield Peppard	60	8	10	Winchfield	10	0	0
Rotherwick	5	5	0	Windsor	32	15	0
Sandhurst	31	0	2	Winkfield	9	9	0
Sherfield	90	18	10	Winnersh	24	8	6
Shinfield	137	7	7	Wittenham, Long	4	4	0
Shiplake	17	5	6	Wokingham	381	10	4
Shurlock Row	7	10	0	Wolverton and Ewehurst ...	2	7	2
Silchester	48	17	0	Woodcote	16	14	10
Sindlesham	7	17	0	Woodley	237	18	2
Sonning	71	9	4	„ (Miles Aircraft, Ltd.)	52	9	7
Sonning Common	37	5	4	Woolhampton	41	16	11
Sotwell	6	6	0	Woolton Hill	21	0	0
South Stoke	57	4	1	Yateley and Darby Green...	11	11	6
South Warnborough	2	18	0	Yattendon	75	13	0
Speen	7	17	0	Yorktown	2	18	5
				Outside the District ...	1,191	10	2

HONORARY LIFE GOVERNORS.

1929. EGGLETON, G. T., 41, Prince of Wales Avenue, Reading.
 1929. MORLEY, H. T., J.P., 312, Kings Road, Reading.
 1931. TIMS, F., 10, St. Anne's Road, Caversham.
 1946. CORNELL, Mrs., 20, Northumberland Avenue, Reading.

LIFE GOVERNOR.

1945. H. SYDNEY WRIGHT, (Solicitor), 18, Bloomsbury Square, London, W.C.1.
 (Sir W. F. JURY, deceased).

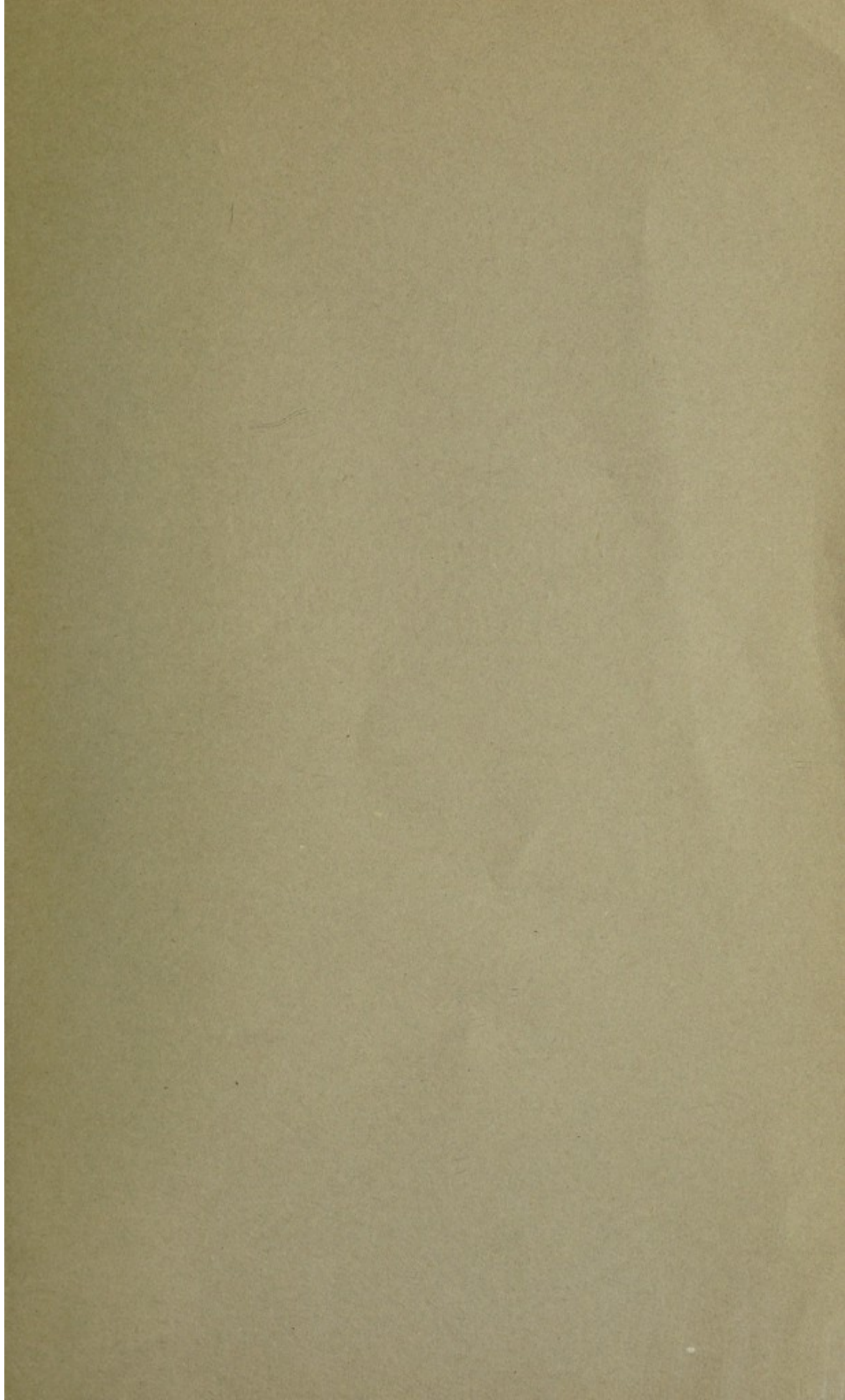
Progress of the Contributory Scheme 1924-1946

<i>Year.</i>		<i>Income.</i>	<i>Membership.</i>
1924	...	£19,599	36,818
1925	...	£22,562	40,940
1926	...	£24,181	44,066
1927	...	£24,153	49,691
1928	...	£27,452	52,728
1929	...	£29,911	59,915
1930	...	£31,137	64,660
1931	...	£32,257	67,173
1932	...	£35,659	70,674
1933	...	£37,094	72,446
1934	...	£39,650	75,663
1935	...	£41,294	79,319
1936	...	£42,770	83,875
1937	...	£44,075	84,639
1938	...	£45,619	87,021
1939	...	£46,576	87,726
1940	...	£49,880	86,985
1941	...	*£53,783	89,740
1942	...	*£67,216	93,213
1943	...	*£70,639	96,180
1944	...	*£71,543	96,892
1945	...	*£70,840	94,280
1946	...	*£70,432	95,443

* This figure does not include the amount received from the Private Patients' Schemes.

**SOME WAYS OF HELPING THE
HOSPITAL :**

1. Name a Bed in perpetuity for £1,000.
2. Name a Cot in perpetuity for £500.
3. Remember the Hospital in your will.
4. Organise a Concert, Whist Drive or Dance in aid of the Hospital funds.
5. Send gifts of Fruit, Vegetables, Eggs, Groceries and Tinfoil.
6. Take a collecting box.
7. Speak well of the Hospital to your friends.
8. Come and see the Hospital.
(If you send your name to the House Governor he will arrange to include you in a conducted tour on a Saturday afternoon.)



**Will those who receive a copy of
this Report kindly pass it on to a
friend, with a view to increasing
interest in the work of the Hospital.**