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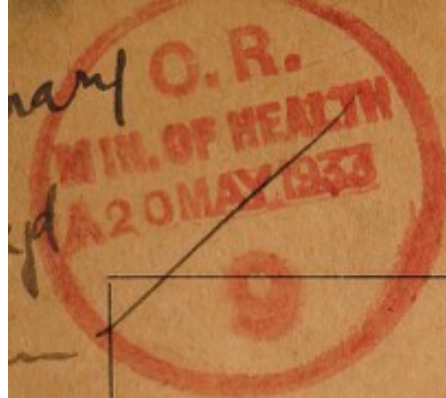
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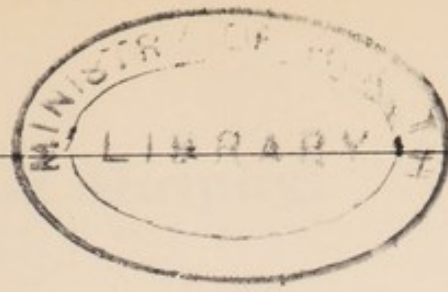
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Annual Report for the Year 1932-33.

There was a considerable falling off last year (1st April, 1932 to 31st March, 1933) in the number of patients admitted to the Hospital, which, adding 7 in hospital on 1st April, was 180 as against 208 the year before. There is no known reason for this, but it cannot be because there is a decreasing demand for the services of the Hospital, for, although there have been slack periods, there have been other times when the Hospital was full, either in the male or the female ward, or both. 112 of the cases came in under the Radcliffe Scheme, an increase of 20 on the year before. Of the 173 admissions to Hospital 52 were those of children under 12 years of age, including School tonsil and adenoid cases for one quarter only. This figure points to the need for a children's ward, for these cases are often unsuited for treatment in the public ward, and it is never desirable to have them there. There were 103 operations performed during the year (61 major and 42 minor), a decrease of 24.

No important additions or improvements were carried out to the Hospital during the year, but it was found necessary to improve the water supply, which had been increasingly unsatisfactory for some time past, by laying a new pipe down from the main on the Maids Moreton road instead of the old pipe which went up from North End Square. Among minor improvements are the following: New lighting has been installed over each bed in the wards instead of centrally only, and this was made possible by the Buckingham Women's Institute collection on Alexandra Rose Day; a never-failing independent emergency light has been placed in the Operating Theatre; fireplaces in the Matron's room, Nurses' room, and two Private Wards have been modernised, thereby effecting a saving of coal; a new instrument cabinet has been provided, and new chairs for the wards and Iron Hut; a new wireless set has been bought; and the Kitchen and the Sterilising Room have been redecorated.

But an important addition to the value and the amenities of the Hospital has been made by the generosity of Lord Addington, who has granted a long lease, with the option of buying, at a purely nominal sum, of the house adjoining the Hospital, No. 20 High Street. The house has been redecorated, and will be used to lodge the Porter, pending other arrangements which may follow later. It need hardly be said that this generous gift (for it amounts to that) will not only save the Hospital a considerable sum yearly but will add very greatly to the convenience of all concerned.

The Committee has suffered a great loss by the death of Ald. H. R. Harrison who was an assiduous attender at committee meetings and took a keen and a helpful interest in the affairs of the Hospital.

The equipment under the head of "Linen" is in a most satisfactory condition, thanks to the care of Mrs. Bruce Pearson and Mrs. T. R. Hearn. Mrs. S. Clark has for many years been so kind as to undertake all repairs, and sincere thanks are due to her.

An arrangement has been made whereby the Honorary Consulting Surgeon, who makes frequent visits to the Hospital from Oxford to carry out operations, receives as "Conduct Money" a certain percentage of the receipts from the Radcliffe Contributory Scheme. This is a principle which has already been adopted by some other Hospitals and which will probably become more general in future, for the fairness of it can hardly be denied, and it appears to be an arrangement satisfactory to all parties.

The Pound Day announced for last October was postponed for various reasons and it is proposed to hold it in June this year, when it is to be hoped that the public will respond with their usual generosity.

The Egg week so kindly organised by Mrs. Robarts began on 27th March and resulted in the record number of 5,686 eggs, the value of which is not reckoned in last years' accounts, but represents a large saving to the Hospital, and all concerned are sincerely thanked.

The House to House Collection, which was the one serious effort organised by the Committee last year, made £161 9s. 2d. This exceeded all expectations and was in fact about £11 more than the total of targets aimed at by each village, in spite of the fact that six places (not counting Winslow which was not asked to collect) were unable to make a collection at all. Buckingham headed the list of those which exceeded their target, closely followed by the Lillingstones, thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Walford and Mrs. Robarts respectively. Mr. Pringle kindly acted as Treasurer, and to him and to all who worked and contributed cordial thanks are tendered.

The three events which the Committee have come to look upon as hardy annuals (and it is to be hoped that their faith is justified), namely, the Stowe Entertainment, the Hospital Ball, and the Hospital Football Cup Competition, again came fully up to expectations, and the Headmaster and Bursar of Stowe School, Mrs. Ferrars Loftus, and Mr. Hillier, together with all associated with them, are to be thanked for their kindness.

Mrs. Close Smith very kindly organised another Pantomime acted by the ladies of the "Lend a Hand Club." This was a great success and realised a substantial sum.

Thanks are also tendered to the donors or organisers of the following which contributed to the funds of the Hospital—viz.: Hillesden Community Singing, Buckingham W.I. Rose Day Collection, Winslow Group W.I. Hospital Stall, Maids Moreton Boy Scout

Carollers, Stowe Madrigal Society Carollers, Buckingham Amateur Dramatic Society, Tingewick Boy Scouts Concert, and also to Miss Flowers, Miss Olney, Buckingham General Charities, Bucks Constabulary Sports, and the League of Mercy for valuable contributions.

A small fire broke out in the Hospital on Sunday morning, 22nd January involving no damage or danger to the Hospital. The Buckingham Fire Brigade arrived very promptly and acted most efficiently.

The Matron's usual Christmas tree and party for children had to be abandoned at the last minute to the great regret of everybody owing to a case of mumps breaking out in Hospital.

The V.A.D. Nurses of the town have on many occasions given valuable help in times of stress and emergency, and have earned the thanks of the Committee no less than of the Nursing Staff for their voluntary services.

Thanks are offered to the Incumbents and Ministers of the Churches who gave offertories to the Hospital Funds, and also to those who kept Hospital boxes on their premises, and especially to Mr. Downer for his efforts in that direction.

The Committee have decided that the special effort to raise funds this year shall take the form of an organised Whist Drive throughout the Area served by the Hospital. It is hoped that every village will take part, and, if any do not wish to do so, that they will get up some other kind of entertainment on their own account to take its place.

The Committee again offer cordial thanks to the Hon. Consulting Surgeon, the Hon. Medical Officers, the Hon. Dental Surgeon, the Matron and Nursing Staff, the Lady Almoner, and the Hon. Auditor for their invaluable services.

FINANCE.

The financial year ended with a small but satisfactory balance on the right side, but it has not been possible to add to the Reserve Fund, as in the year before, when nearly £100 was placed on deposit. The Reserve stands at £550, and the building projects are therefore unfortunately no nearer consummation. The total Receipts as well as the total Expenditure have been slightly less than in 1931-32, and where there has been a gain in one item there has been a loss in another. Under the head of Receipts there has been a large drop in Patients' fees, as might have been expected from the decrease in the number of patients, but the drop of about £58 in receipts from the Radcliffe Contributory Scheme was not expected, for there was an increased number of patients under the Scheme, and it can


BUCKINGHAM HOSPITAL.

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Year ended March 31st, 1933.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS									
As per list	.. ..	270	6	8				
DONATIONS									
As per list	.. ..	40	14	6				
COLLECTIONS.									
Church and other Collections as per list	.. ..	89	18	4				
House to House Collections	.. ..	161	9	2				
Boxes	.. ..	5	9	9				
Do., Mr. Downer	.. ..	3	0	5				
Gifts in kind	.. ..	37	18	4				
Silver Paper	.. ..	2	7	7				
		390	3	7					
HOSPITAL PAYMENTS.									
Patients' fees	.. ..	317	17	8				
Radcliffe Scheme	.. ..	463	12	3				
Bucks County Council for Tonals and Adenoids Operations	.. ..	7	5	0				
Hire of Bath Chair, Air bed, etc.	.. ..	1	1	0				
		789	15	11					
ENTERTAINMENTS.									
As per list	.. ..	233	2	4				
RENT.									
Hire of Iron Room	.. ..	4	7	9				
DIVIDENDS.									
Dr. De'Ath Memorial—									
£399 13s. 11d. 5% War Stock	.. ..	19	19	8				
Bonus on Conversion of do. to 3½% Stock	.. ..	3	19	11				
A. C. Rogers, Esq., Legacy—									
£683 12s. 1d. 2½% Consols	.. ..	15	17	8				
Deposit Interest	.. ..	14	9	7				
		54	6	10					
		£1692	17	7					
PAYMENTS.									
PROVISIONS.									
Meat	.. ..	76	19	9				
Fish and Poultry	.. ..	27	3	1				
Milk, Eggs and Butter	.. ..	92	13	4				
Bread and Flour	.. ..	25	10	10				
Groceries	.. ..	83	9	8				
Vegetables and Fruit	.. ..	23	2	3				
Aerated Waters	.. ..	19	6					
		329	18	5					
DRUGS, &c.									
Drugs and Anaesthetics	.. ..	57	1	10				
Dressings	.. ..	35	1	0				
Instruments	.. ..	30	5	0				
Wines, Spirits and Ice	.. ..	1	18	2				
		144	3	0					
DOMESTIC.									
Renewals & Repairs to Furniture	.. ..	11	9	8				
Ditto Crockery, etc.	.. ..	13	10	6				
Ditto Bedding and Linen	.. ..	6	0					
Laundry	.. ..	86	5	3				
Fuel	.. ..	161	7	7				
Light	.. ..	29	6	1				
Chandlery	.. ..	20	18	11				
Sundries	.. ..	4	10	11				
		327	14	11					
ESTABLISHMENT.									
Garden	.. ..	1	4	10				
Insurance	.. ..	24	16	6				
Renewals and Repairs	.. ..	112	10	5				
		138	11	9					
SALARIES, &c.									
Nursing Staff	.. ..	389	1	94				
Domestic Staff	.. ..	196	1	0				
National Health Insurance	.. ..	17	6	5				
Travelling Expenses	.. ..	11	10	11				
Lodgings	.. ..	30	1	0				
		654	1	14					
MISCELLANEOUS.									
Printing and Stationery	.. ..	9	2	7				
Postage	.. ..	5	10	04				
Telephone	.. ..	14	4	7				
Advertising	.. ..	2	15	24				
Wireless Licence and Repairs	.. ..	6	2	0				
Administration Expenses	.. ..	7	15	1				
		45	9	6					
FINANCE.									
Tithe Rent	.. ..	7	6					
Rates	.. ..	7	19	0				
Subscription to British Hospitals Association	.. ..	1	1	0				
		9	7	6					
LAUNDRY EXTENSION.									
Balance of Builders' Accounts and Architect's fees	.. ..	60	15	1				
Balance carried forward	.. ..	59	7	7				
		£1769	8	104					
RESERVE FUND.									
1932.									
April 1. Balance brought forward	.. ..	550	0	0				
		£550	0	0					
1933.									
March 31. On deposit at Lloyds Bank, Buckingham	550	0	0						
		£550	0	0					
LEGACY.									
1932.									
Dec. 8. Bequest from the late Mr. C. Collins	.. ..	100	0	0				
		£	s.	d.	1933.				
					Jan. 4. Purchase of £133 10s. 6d. South Australian 3% Stock	100	0	0

I have examined the above accounts and certify the same to be correct.

APRIL 27th, 1933. (Signed) P. G. T. LOGAN,
Buckingham.



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only be accounted for by the Radcliffe patients having averaged a shorter time in Hospital. The only other item which shows a decrease is Donations, but against that there is a substantial increase in Collections.

Subscriptions show a small increase, but this is more apparent than real for it is nearly all due to the rebate of Income Tax on subscriptions of those who have joined the scheme mentioned in last year's Report. Only 15 subscribers of two guineas and upwards have joined the scheme, and the rebate has not been received on all of them, but in a full year the gain will amount to nearly £20. Thanks are tendered to those who have signed the Covenant.

The need for more permanent annual subscribers is as strong as ever, for it is obvious that the Hospital could not exist on its present certain sources of income, which include Annual Subscriptions, Hospital Payments, and Dividends, and do not include Donations, Collections, or Entertainments, for, although some income may be expected from these every year, the amount varies and depends on circumstances and the goodwill of individuals.

The Collins bequest of £100, which through the generosity of Mrs. Collins was received tax free, has been invested in Trustee Stock.

On the Expenditure side there are no large differences between any of the headings in the two years under comparison, the greatest being under Establishment Charges where there is a decrease in Renewals and Repairs.

MARY A. ADDINGTON, *Chairman.*

W. L. WICKENS, *Hon. Treasurer.*

B. F. WIDDRINGTON, *Hon. Secretary.*

LIST OF WANTS.

More subscribers of 5/- and upwards.

Fruit, vegetables, eggs, game, etc.

Lounge chairs for garden.

Ward Lockers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 1932-33.

						£	s.	d.
Addington, The Lady	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
Addington, The Lord	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	0
Ashwell, Miss E. C.	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
Atwood, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Barclays Bank, Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Barrett, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Bartlett, C. P.	..	..	..	..	..	1	11	6
Bennett, Alderman R. E.	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	0
Bletchley Co-Operative Society, Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Bond, G. E.	..	..	..	..	..		10	6
Briggs, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
Brown, The Misses	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Burrowes, Miss M. E. B.	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Butcher, W. H.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Bucks County Council Public Assistance Committee*	..	..	..	..	..	5	5	0
Cantell, C. W.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Chapman, Mr. & Mrs. R. C., & H.	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
Collins, C.	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Covell, Miss	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Cracknell, Miss	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	0
Davidson, Sir Lionel and Lady	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Fisher, W. K.	..	..	..	..	..	2	16	0
Mr. and Mrs. L. Fleischman	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
Gore Langton, Mrs. (2 years)	..	..	..	..	..	12	12	0
Gossage, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Gough, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Hamilton, Mrs. Douglas	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Harris, Colonel	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Harrison, H. R.	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Harrison, Miss L. M.	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
Harrison, Mrs. J. T.	..	..	..	..	..	2	13	4
Hawes, Mrs. T.	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	0
Hillingdon, Lady	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Holton, T. H.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Hooker, Major	..	..	..	..	..	6	6	0
Hopcraft & Norris, Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Hull, T. F. R.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
International Tea Stores	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Jagger, Mrs.	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Jordan, E. J.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0
Kinloss, The Right Honourable the Baroness	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Laurence, Mrs. E. H.	..	..	..	..	..	2	16	0
Lees, J. D.	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Lennox, Miss	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	0

	£	s.	d.
Lloyds Bank Ltd.	2	2	0
Logan, P. G. T.	1	1	0
London Co-operative Society	1	1	0
Lord, Mrs.	1	1	0
Martin, The Reverend C. J.		10	0
Morny, Mrs.	1	0	0
Murphy, J. O. and Mrs.	2	0	0
Page, Mr. and Mrs. F.	1	1	0
Pearson, Mrs. G. B...	2	16	0
Post Office Staff, Buckingham	2	2	0
Potter, Miss C. K.	2	2	0
Price, Mrs.	5	5	0
Pringle, W. S.	1	1	0
Prior, C. M.	2	2	0
Purefoy, Admiral	4	4	0
Purefoy, Mrs.	2	2	0
Penn, Mrs. A.	5	0	0
Phillips & Sons	4	4	0
Raikes, Mrs.	1	0	0
Ramsay, Mrs. (the late)	1	1	0
Ramsay, The Reverend N. R.	2	2	0
Robarts, Captain G.	2	2	0
Robarts, J.	15	0	0
Robarts, Mrs. J.	2	2	0
Rogers, Mrs. A. C.	10	0	0
Robson, Mrs.	2	2	0
Selby Lowndes, Mrs.	3	0	0
Small, Mrs. E. H.	2	2	0
Small, E. H.	2	2	0
Smith, Major & Mrs. T. Close	23	15	4
Smith, Mrs. R. W.	2	2	0
Smith, T. H...	2	2	0
Smith, Miss J. O.	2	2	0
Stacey, Mrs...	3	3	0
Temple, Mrs...	2	2	0
Thew, Hooker & Gilbey, Ltd.	10	10	0
Trotter, The Honourable Mrs.	3	3	0
Verney, Sir H.	2	2	0
Vyle & Sons, A.	1	1	0
Walford, Mr. & Mrs.	2	2	0
Watts, A. N.	5	5	0
Watts, Mrs. E. M.	2	2	0
Westminster Bank Ltd.	2	2	0
Whitla, Major	2	2	0
Wickens, W. L.	1	1	0

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DONATIONS.

							£	s.	d.
Bucks County Constabulary Sports	20	0	0
Buckingham General Charities	5	0	0
League of Mercy	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
The Mayor of Buckingham (Councillor Byron Hill, B.A.)							1	0	0
Bowyer, Mrs.	1	0	0
Howlett, Mr. J. J.	2	2	0
Clements, Rev. H. J. M. & Mrs.	1	1	0
Busby, M. & Sons	1	0	0
Various	4	11	6
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BOXES.

Boots		3	5
Downer	3	0	5
Hospital	2	3	5
Markham & Sons		4	1½
Gittins & Co.		15	6
White Hart Hotel	2	3	3½
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CHURCH AND OTHER COLLECTIONS.

Addington	7	12	9
Adstock		10	0
Akeley	1	7	0
Barton Hartshorn & Chetwode	1	6	0
Beachampton	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	3	3
Buckingham	..	..	..	..	..	..	6	4	4
Church End Mission Room	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	12	7
Gawcott	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
Hillesden	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Lillingstone Dayrell	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	7	10
Leckhampstead	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	7
Maids Moreton	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	19	3
Padbury	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
Radclive-cum-Chackmore	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4	0
Shalstone	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	12	10
Stowe	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	0
Stowe School Chapel	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	6	5
Tingewick	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7	0
Buckingham W.I. Alexandra Rose Day	..	..	..	..	..	..	18	1	6
Thornborough	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	0	0
Hillesden Community Singing	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	11	3

	£	s.	d.
Maids Moreton Boy Scouts Carollers	2	0	0
Stowe Madrigal Society Carollers	3	5	9
Tingewick Boy Scouts' Concert	2	5	0
Collection at Addington Whist Drive		5	0
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	£89	18	4

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Buckingham Hospital Football Cup	40	0	0
Miss Flower's Concert at Buckingham	1	13	0
Proceeds of stall at Winslow Group of National Federa- tion of Women's Institutes	3	6	0
Proceeds of Entertainment at Stowe School	74	15	0
Buckingham A.D.S., " Tilley of Bloomsbury "	9	4	0
Buckingham Ball, per Mrs. Loftus	62	0	0
Olney, Miss	2	14	4
Buckingham Pantomime, per Hon. Mrs. Close Smith ..	39	10	0
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	£233	2	4

DIVIDENDS.

De'Ath Memorial £399/13/11 5% War Stock	19	19	8
Bonus on Conversion of do. to 3½% Stock	3	19	11
A. C. Rogers Legacy £635/12/1 2½% Consols	15	17	8
Deposit Interest	14	9	7
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	£54	6	10

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