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THE COMPANY OF ST. GILES, LIMITED.

1918.

*Fifth Annual Report
and Accounts,*

To be submitted to the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TO BE HELD ON

THURSDAY, MAY 15th, 1919.

The Company of St. Giles, Limited.

Fifth Annual Report & Accounts for 1918.

Directors.

SIR MALCOLM MORRIS, K.C.V.O. (*Chairman*).

SIR MONTAGU POLLOCK, BART. (*Managing Director*).

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LLOYDS BANK, LIMITED,

Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C. 4.

Secretary and Treasurer.

R. C. BOLTON, Esq., 10, Old Jewry Chambers, London, E.C. 2.

Report of the Directors.

DURING the year 1918 the work of the Company of St. Giles has been bravely carried on by those in charge of the Homes. It is hoped that with the termination of the War some of the many difficulties under which they have laboured will be removed, though it is evident that abnormal conditions must continue for a long time.

Two of the patients have died since the last Report was issued. One of these was a young man of twenty-eight, born of British parents in the British West Indies, where he contracted the disease at the age of seven. His case was a very sad one, as he was rapidly losing his sight and becoming more and more helpless. The other was an old Artilleryman, afterwards in the Indian Police, aged seventy-six. He was our first patient, having come to Moor House with his wife in July, 1914, and it was largely on his account that the original fund for the relief of Lepers in England (which afterwards grew into the present Company) was started in 1912 by the Rev. Clinton Engleheart, Chaplain of Robben Island. He became much incapacitated towards the end of his life, and required constant attention and nursing. His condition imposed also a heavy strain on one of the Brothers, who sat up with him night after night for many months, never leaving him for more than five or ten minutes at a time. In spite of his feeble condition he maintained

a wonderfully cheerful outlook, and continued to take a keen interest in the War to the last, the victorious end of which he had always believed in, but, alas, never lived to see.

Three new patients have been received. One is an Icclander by birth who has followed the sea most of his life. He was naturalised a British subject in Aberdeen in 1912, and came to us after several years of isolation. The second, a young engineer and an expert in his profession, came in August, and was followed shortly afterwards by his wife. The latest arrival is a young Officer, also a West Indian, who likewise had to suffer long isolation in a military hospital before coming to the Homes.

The space available for Patients is now fully occupied, and it would be impossible to take any further cases with the present accommodation. In addition to the Patients in residence, one of whom has his wife living with him, the Company makes a monthly grant towards the maintenance of a married Patient resident in his own home, and supplies him with drugs and other medicaments free of charge. An old Indian civilian, totally blind and incapacitated, who is living with his invalid wife in a London suburb, and who for want of accommodation cannot be admitted into the Homes, is also receiving assistance.

In the recent epidemic of influenza St. Giles suffered very severely. Three of the Nurses, all three Brothers, and three of the Patients were laid up at the same time. The difficulty of carrying on under the circumstances may be more easily imagined than described. Sister Clare only succumbed after she had nursed the other invalids through the worst stages. One Brother, who has lived at the Homes since shortly after they were started in 1914, was very ill and obliged to leave for a time. It is hoped

that he will soon be able to return and take up again the duties of management which he has so efficiently discharged hitherto.

In consequence of the death of the Rev. Canon Scott Holland a vacancy occurred on the Board, which has been filled by the appointment of Dr. John Turner, who has for a long time rendered invaluable service to the Company by his regular monthly visits to the Homes.

As stated in the last Report, the balance of Miss Erskine's loan, amounting to £250, was paid off and the advance from the Bank reduced from £800 to £600. A sum of £100 was also voted to the Society of Divine Compassion. No special Appeal for funds was issued during the year. The total received in subscriptions and donations was £614 9s. 6d., while the expenditure, amounting to £937 11s. 4d., exceeded this sum by £313 1s. 10d. A further Appeal was thus shown to be necessary, and shortly after the New Year a fresh one was circulated amongst the public, the result of which, amounting to over £1,000, and including a donation of £75 from Her Majesty the Queen, will appear in the next Report.

In this appeal the Directors pleaded for an endowment of at least £10,000 to enable them to obtain the services of a salaried medical officer and to establish a Leprosy Research Fund, but so far the response has been singularly disappointing, a sum of a little over £100 only having been subscribed for this purpose.

Furthermore, it is obvious that the work cannot long be continued with the wholly inadequate income upon which it has to depend, unless by the generosity of the public the annual subscriptions are increased by at least £500. The

Directors hope, therefore, that their anxiety on this point may be allayed by this amount being forthcoming. A capital sum would, of course, be the most suitable response, and is it too much to ask that friends and helpers should remember the needs of the Leper Homes when making their testamentary dispositions? In the hope that the Company may be included amongst the Charitable or other legatees in a Will, a form of bequest is sent herewith.

The Directors beg to thank the Trustees of the Strathcona Bequest for a grant of £150 and the Trustees of the Sherburn Hospital, Durham, for one of £119 9s. received this year. Amongst many very generous donations was one of £150 from the Rev. Hugh B. Chapman, Chaplain to the Chapel Royal, Savoy.

A new block for the reception of further Patients is badly needed, but in view of the great cost of building its erection would not seem to be possible at present.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the following Directors retire from office, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election, namely, Mr. H. L. D. Engleheart and Sir Malcolm Morris.

April, 1919.

Report of the Sister-in-charge.

SINCE we last wrote two of our Patients have passed to their rest and three new ones have come to us. We feel lost without our dear old Daddie, patiently sitting year after year in his chair, blind, crippled, and often in pain, yet with the never failing courtesy and prompt response to our enquiries: "I am all right, thank you, Sister"; and kneeling by his grave we could with our hearts say, "He is all right," and rejoice in his long-earned rest from suffering. The second who has "passed on" this year was a brilliant young fellow of twenty-eight, and as we realised we could do nothing to cure him, but that it probably meant years of increasing suffering and darkness, our hearts sometimes almost failed us for him. But, thank God, he was not asked to bear more, and the end came suddenly and peacefully, and though we miss his striking personality, we can only rejoice for him, too. One of our new Patients came to us on the verge of a bad breakdown. We have great hopes that the complete rest from anxiety and work here may restore him, as the disease itself is not in such a very advanced stage, and the inoculations of oil we use here have without doubt had a marvellous effect. Another Patient has come to us after two years shut up in an isolation ward of a hospital. He was in an advanced stage, but is showing great improvement, and what pleases us still more is to see his renewed interest in life—once more a man among men. He takes the deepest pride in his house, garden and chickens, is a keen politician, and joins heartily in the life and amusements of the colony. Our two sportsmen

have been invaluable with their guns in replenishing a meatless larder, and have been known to be up at 5.30 a.m. to catch the early rabbit. On one famous occasion our youngest Patient brought in a bag of five before breakfast. The boy is full of life and interest, and the doctors are delighted with his progress. During the summer he built himself a hut and slept out entirely, with a perfect menagerie of pets round him. One glorious fortnight was spent under canvas by the river with daily bathing. We have had some delightful picnics this summer in the woods and by the Crouch. Essex has so many quiet, pretty spots, where we can go without interfering with our neighbours, and an outing, however short, does wonders in breaking the monotony for our Patients. One is making wonderful progress in piano-playing, under the tuition of a Sister, another is learning the mandoline, and a third plays the banjo.

Christmas found us all in the grip of "Flu," so we had to content ourselves with a quiet tea and entertainment, all the Patients being invited down to the Sister's house. The nigger entertainment, which was then postponed, has just been given by the Patients themselves, and was a very great success. Both audience and performers enjoyed themselves thoroughly, and we have quite decided that so much talent must be kept employed, and are looking forward to further entertainments. We were very pleased to see Sir Arthur Downes and Dr. and Mrs. Turner amongst the audience. In spite of a pouring wet day, they had come respectively from London and Brentwood, but it only emphasises the kindness and interest always shown us by our Trustees.

The gardens and estate are slowly improving, but, like the rest of the world, we very often have to content ourselves with

“when the war is over.” Vegetables and necessities must have first place, but, for all that, the beds are bright with flowers all the spring and summer, and roses are still in bloom in late October. We have not attempted any fresh building, but the existing bungalows have all been freshly painted and distempered, and the drive-in has at last been completed; so “what we have we hold.”

We should like to say how very grateful we are to our local tradesmen, who have in every sense been our good friends and endeavoured to keep us in supplies during these difficult times. Again we have to thank everyone for their many gifts this year: old linen (which is like gold to us), plants and seeds, books, music and fruit. Our wants do not vary very much. Good gramophone records would be most acceptable.

CLARE,

Sister-in-Charge.

THE COMPANY OF

BALANCE SHEET,

LIABILITIES.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
TO SHARE CAPITAL AUTHORISED—						
2,000 Shares of £1 each ...	£2,000	0	0			
„ SHARE CAPITAL ISSUED—						
133 Shares of £1 each ...				133	0	0
„ LOAN FROM BANKERS—						
(Guaranteed by Directors personally) ...				600	0	0
„ CASH OVERSPENT—						
Brother Stephen ...				5	2	1
„ SUNDRY CREDITORS ...				4	4	0
„ BALANCE—						
Being Surplus of Assets over Liabilities (subject to realisation) ...				3,105	0	5
				<u>£3,847</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>

To the Shareholders of THE COMPANY OF ST. GILES, LTD.

We have audited the above Balance Sheet, dated the 31st December, 1918, we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to the best of our information and the explanations given us, and as shown by the

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LONDON, E.C. 4.

8th April, 1919.

ST. GILES, LIMITED.

31st December, 1918.

ASSETS.

			£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BY PURCHASE OF MOOR HOUSE ...	...					1,536	12	6
„ ERECTION OF BUNGALOWS, LAUNDRY AND COAL BINS—								
Per last Balance Sheet ...	...		2,065	11	9			
Add Expenditure to date (making up new road) ...	...		75	0	0			
						2,140	11	9
„ BALANCE AT BANKERS ...	...					108	2	1
„ PETTY CASH IN HAND ...	...					2	3	2
„ HORSE, CARTS, ETC. ...	...					59	17	0
						£3,847	6	6

and in connection therewith have obtained all the information and explanations to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs, according books of the Company.

HICKS, WALTERS & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
TO EXPENSES AT MOOR HOUSE—						
Food and Stores...	293	2	10			
Coals ...	55	1	7			
Drugs and Appliances ...	49	10	10			
Rates, Taxes, etc. ...	42	15	2			
Wages ...	49	13	8			
Insurance and other Stamps ...	18	18	0			
Sundry Expenses ...	58	4	5			
Stable and Garden Expenses ...	59	9	9			
Repairs (Repairing and Painting) ...	109	7	11			
Furniture and Fittings ...	70	13	6			
Maintenance of Non-resident Patients ...	55	0	0			
Nursing Fees ...	4	2	0			
	865	19	8			
<i>Less</i> Received from Inmates, etc. ...	172	16	11			
				693	2	9
„ PRINTING AND STATIONERY ...				76	10	0
„ SECRETARY'S SALARY ...				25	7	6
„ SPECIAL GRANT TO SOCIETY OF DIVINE COM- PASSION ...				100	0	0
„ INTEREST ON LOAN FROM BANK ...				34	3	1
„ AUDIT FEES (1917 and 1918) ...				8	8	0
				£937	11	4

for one year ended 31st December, 1918.

			£	s.	d.
BY DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS	...	...	...	614	9 6
„ SALE OF GRASS	...	...	...	10	0 0
„ BALANCE—					
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts	...	...	...	313	1 10

£937 11 4

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

received during the year 1918.

Name.				Annual Subscriptions.			Donations.		
				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Anonymous			1	0	0
Arnold, Mrs.	2	2	0		
"A Well Wisher," per Sir Malcolm Morris			20	0	0
Baker, Miss (collected)			1	5	0
Ball, Mrs.	1	1	0		
Bentinck, Lord Francis Cavendish			1	0	0
Bright, Miss Edith (collected)	4	0	0		
Carter, Miss B.	1	0	0		
Causton, Canon F. J.			3	3	0
Chapman, Rev. Hugh B.			150	0	0
Chamberlain, Lady	5	5	0		
Chapman, Mrs. Horace			1	0	0
Chawner, Major H.			1	0	0
Clephane, Miss Douglas	1	0	0		
Cranbrook, The Countess	2	2	0	3	10
Curle, J. H., Esq.			10	0	0
Currie, Lady			25	0	0
Debenham, Ernest, Esq.	25	0	0		
Dugdale, Mrs. James	2	0	0		
Dering, Mrs. Heneage	2	2	0		
Downes, Sir Arthur	2	2	0		
Downes, Lady	0	10	6		
Emmet, Rev. W. C.	0	10	6		
Engleheart, F. H. A., Esq. (collected)			2	0	0
Engleheart, Victor F., Esq.	3	3	0		
Engleheart, Rev. C.	5	0	0		
Engleheart, H. L. D., Esq.	2	0	0		
Carried forward				...	58	18	0	218	18

Name.	Annual Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	58	18	0
Evans, Miss Isabel A.	218	18	0
Farebrother, Miss	5	0	0
Fletcher, Sir Lancelot Aubrey	20	0	0
Foster, Lieut.-Col. Arthur W.	5	0	0
Glasgow, The Countess of	0	2	0
Gold, Sir Charles	10	0	0
Gouldsmith, Mrs. Kate	3	3	0
Grant, M. Abdy, Esq.	2	0	0
Hambelton, Miss A. J.	0	10	0
Henderson, Mrs. A. N.	1	1	0
Heyland, Mrs. M. B.	1	0	0
Hill, Miss Evelyn	1	0	0
Hill-James, Lady Eleanor	0	5	0
Hill-James, Colonel	2	2	0
Hodgson, Miss F.	2	2	0
Holland, E. L., Esq.	0	10	0
Inskip, Lady Augusta	3	3	0
Jebb, —, Esq.	1	0	0
Lawrence, Miss	1	0	0
Le Mesurier, Miss	0	10	6
Levett, Mrs.	1	0	0
Lister, Mrs.	1	1	0
Loch, Dowager Lady	5	0	0
Long, Mrs.	2	2	0
Loyd, Lewis C., Esq.	5	0	0
Macartney, Lieut. C. A., R.F.A.	5	0	0
Macartney, Miss Beatrix	1	1	0
Maud, S., Esq.	2	0	0
McConnell, W. H., Esq.	1	0	0
Melville, Mrs. E. C.	1	0	0
Moorsom, Lieut-Col.	2	0	0
Morris, H. S., Esq.	2	0	0
Mowbray, Rev. Sir Edmund, Bart.	0	10	0
Montagu-Pollock, Miss E. S.	2	0	0
Myers, Mrs. L. H.	2	2	0
Newbolt, Rev. Canon	1	0	0
Carried forward	103	6	6
				274	18	0

Name.	Annual Subscriptions.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	103	6	6	274	18	0
Norwich, The Rt. Rev. The Lord Bishop of	1	1	0			
Oldham, E. F., Esq.	1	1	0			
Palmer, Alfred W., Esq.				25	0	0
Palmer, The Hon. Mrs. G. W.	2	0	0			
Paterson, Mrs. M. G.	1	0	0			
Pearce, R., Esq.	10	0	0			
Penruddocke, Rev. W. F.	0	5	0			
Pinhey, Ed., Esq.	1	0	0			
Pollock, Sir Montagu, Bart.	5	5	0			
Portsmouth, The Countess of	1	0	0			
Preston, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Randolph, Rev. Canon	0	10	0			
Ruston, Miss Lucy	1	1	0			
Sandwich, Earl and Countess of	2	0	0			
Savile, Rev. W. H. and Mrs.	2	2	0			
Scott, Miss M. M. Macmillan	2	0	0			
Shakspeare, Mrs.	4	2	0			
Shakspeare, Wm., Esq.	3	0	0			
Simpson, Mrs. E. O.	2	2	0			
Sotheby, Mrs.	1	0	0			
Spencer-Phillips, Major J. C.	3	3	0			
Starkey, Capt. and Mrs. W. H.				0	10	0
Strathcona Bequest, Trustees of				150	0	0
Sydenham of Combe, The Lady				2	0	0
Watson, Edward J., Esq.				1	1	0
Wheeler, Capt. A. H.				10	0	0
Wood, Mrs. J. L.				1	0	0
Wynyard, Miss Amy E.	2	2	0			
	150	0	6	464	9	0
				150	0	6
				<u>£614</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>

