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Patients on the Terrace

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER, 1961

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ANNUAL REPORT

The year started with the comfortable feeling of a surplus in the bank, due entirely to the exceptional legacies received in the previous year. The Board of Management therefore decided that this was the year. The Board of Management therefore decided that this was the opportunity to put in hand a number of improvements in the men's wing, which have been a long-felt want. These have consisted of a new ward for five men patients, and the conversion of their old ward into a new ward kitchen and a utility room. Such major building works, which have cost nearly £10,000, would normally only be possible through a generous grant from one of the large charitable funds which sometimes act as fairy godmothers to voluntary hospitals. It has been a matter of some satisfaction and pride to the Board that it was able to put these works in hand without having to approach any of them for a grant-in-aid

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The Board is sorry to hear that the National Association for the Paralysed is closing down. This comparatively new charity had done much for the disabled, and our patients have benefited from that efficient organisation, mainly by the use of their Holiday Scheme and information about gadgets. The reason for this closure was that, owing largely to the lead given by the N.A.P., Local Authorities have now expanded their services to the physically handicapped to such an extent that they would

only be duplicating their work.

The Board of the R.H.H.I. therefore felt it should ask itself the same question, and the answer has been re-assuring. It is true that the Local Authority Welfare Services for the Physically Handicapped have been able Authority Welfare Services for the Physically Handicapped have been able to expand in recent years, but mainly for the benefit of those who can continue to live in their own homes. The one direction in which they have not yet been able to expand sufficiently is in the provision of permanent homes for the disabled, nor does it seem likely that the supply will meet the ever-increasing demand within the foreseeable future. Local Authorities therefore need to supplement their own accommodation by contracts with such charitable bodies as the Royal Hospital and Home.

Those who are too severely handicapped for Local Authority assistance have to be accommodated by the National Health Service through the Regional Hospital Boards, which also are short of accommodation for the younger chronic sick. The Board therefore welcomed the offer of the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board to pay the running costs of 20 beds out of our total of 254, for patients who would otherwise be in chronic sick wards of N.H.S. Hospitals.

Many N.H.S. Hospitals have wards for the chronic sick, but they tend to become wards for very elderly and often senile patients and it needs no great imagination to visualize the unfortunate plight of young or middle-aged women and men who have nowhere else to spend their days. This Hospital and Home has so much to offer in the way of treatment, occupation and amenities, that it is particularly suitable for the younger

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chronic sick.

The Welfare State, as represented by the Regional Boards and the Local Authorities, is doing a lot for the chronic sick and for the physically handicapped, and it is encouraging to note that they are doing more every year, but the lack of suitable permanent accommodation is a problem

which is so universal and so insoluble that the need for charitable organisations such as the Royal Hospital and Home will continue for very many years to come.

PATIENTS

Fifty patients were admitted during the year. Of these:-

21 came from National Health Service Hospitals.

13 came from Nursing Homes. 16 came from their own homes.

Most of the new admissions (21) suffer from Disseminated Sclerosis, and the next largest group (17) from Rheumatoid Arthritis. The remaining 12 are disabled from various other causes. Applications from disseminated sclerotic cases are more numerous than from any other group—a trend which has become apparent in recent years. As one Almoner wrote recently:—" It is because provision other than in geriatric or acute wards does not exist for them (under the National Health Service) that we make our applications to you and to the very few other Homes for Incurables of a similar nature." Obviously acute wards are not suitable for permanent cases, and the average age in geriatric wards is probably over 80. As the average of our 21 disseminated cases was 52 on admission, it is clear that the National Health Service does not make adequate provision for this type of disablement.

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The disseminated patients usually form the younger group of admissions. Thus out of 12 under-50 patients admitted last year, 9 were sufferers from Disseminated Sclerosis. The average age of all admissions was 57. It is a sad task to reject applications from the very elderly, but the Board's policy is to give preference where possible to those who are too young for geriatric wards and to those who are not suitable, for one reason or another, for Local Authority Homes. Only by this discrimination is it possible to avoid duplicating the work of the Welfare State.

PENSIONERS

As stated in the opening paragraphs of this report, the Welfare Services for Physically Handicapped are particularly helpful to those still able to live in their own homes, and the Board is glad to know that our 125 pensioners will benefit from the extra facilities now being made available to them. These facilities do not, however, include financial assistance except over such items as holidays, supply of gadgets, etc. Letters from pensioners continue to show how much our pensions are appreciated to enable them to buy a few extras, and the Board was glad to be able to increase the original pensions of £20 a year to £39 a year. increase the original pensions of £20 a year to £39 a year.

This was made possible by a re-organisation of the capital, being money originally given or bequeathed specifically for pensions. This capital, which for the past eight years has included a proportion of high class Equities, has now been switched back into fixed interest securities, and the higher yield of these has brought the income of the Pension Fund up to £4,874 a year, compared with £3,570 last year.

The Board decided to use this increase by giving our existing pensioners larger annuities rather than by increasing the number of pensions. The figure of £39 a year was fixed, as that is the maximum amount which the National Assistance Board will disregard. Over 50 pensioners have therefore benefited from this new policy.

MEDICAL TREATMENT

There is something very enervating and depressing in the atmosphere of a Home where the patients have little to do except feel ill, and ever since our Founder, Dr. Andrew Reed, laid down in the original Charter that every case was to be treated hopefully and that all should have the best medical treatment known to science, the Board of Management has taken steps to ensure that no patient feels on admission that they are "on the scrapheap". The Board could not have a more enthusiastic exponent of this principle than the Medical Officer, Dr. V. Kendall. New methods of treatment, including surgery, new drugs on the market, new techniques—all are welcomed by Dr. Kendall and made available to such patients as may be helped by them.

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The Physiotherapy Department

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The Occupational Therapy Department

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So many patients are now admitted suffering from speech defects that it was necessary to arrange an extra weekly clinic for speech therapy, and the results have been most encouraging. Nothing is so frustrating as inability to make oneself understood, and a number of patients are now able to make their needs clear to the nursing staff who were unable to do even this before treatment.

The physiotherapy and occupational therapy description

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The physiotherapy and occupational therapy departments continue to do excellent work, but shortage of physiotherapy staff means that some patients do not attend as frequently as the Medical Officer would like.

There are many factors to be taken into account, besides the purely physical limitations, when trying to rehabilitate disabled persons, such as the intellectual and emotional aspects of disablement. What is the goal?

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"When all has been done, when medical and surgical treatment have "When all has been done, when medical and surgical treatment have been pursued to their limits, and when emotional adjustment has been achieved, what is the result? The result should be an individual who, in spite of his handicap, is as normal as it is possible for him to be, as happy, as productive, as self-reliant and as socially acceptable. He should have a range of interests at least as wide as he would have had without his handicap. He will then be able to enrich the community to the limit of his capacity—materially, culturally and spiritually. That is the goal."*

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The X-ray Department

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PATIENTS' ACTIVITIES

It has been an accepted principle of the Board for a long time that patients should have the opportunity of passing their days in interesting and useful ways, and the number of amenities provided for this purpose has grown over the years. The most important, because it is regularly used by at least 200 patients, is the Library, well stocked with over 5,000 books. These are added to by purchases at the rate of £50 a year and by gifts of books, which are always most welcome. The Board is most grateful to Mrs. Dawney and her team of 12 honorary librarians, who attend twice weekly throughout the year.

Wireless is another important amenity and this is provided by headphones to each bed and in all day rooms. Television presents a problem as most programmes are on after patients have returned to their wards. All day rooms are, however, provided with a set, and a few patients have their own private sets in their wards. In this case they are required to adapt the set with headphones if other occupants of the room wish.

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There are two telephones for the use of patients, one fixed on the ground floor and the other mobile on a trolley to use in the wards. This latter was a recent gift from the Rotary Clubs of Putney and Wandsworth, and the Board wishes to acknowledge its gratitude for this generous gift, which is a boon to patients who are confined to their wards, either temporarily or permanently.

Musical Therapy continues to be very popular, and the choir, trained Musical Therapy continues to be very popular, and the choir, trained by Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Gibbs, has given performances of Handel's "The Messiah" and Sir Charles Stanford's "Songs of the Fleet" this year. The Board is most grateful to the soloists who gave their services at these concerts who, this year, have included Miss Joan Taylor, Miss Nancy Thomas, Mr. Griffiths-Lewis and Mr. Norman Tattersall, and to Miss Phyllis Spurr and Mr. G. Hobbs, who have accompanied the choir.

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The Board is also very grateful to those who give the concerts and other forms of entertainment arranged by Matron on Saturday afternoons throughout the year except during the summer months. The weekly cinema show on Tuesday afternoons, which is free to any patients who care to attend, is also very popular. Mrs. Canetty gives interesting talks on musical appreciation in courses of 12 weekly sessions, under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association.

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There is a different type of amenity which should be mentioned. The Board aims to provide within the building many of the facilities for which an able-bodied person can walk round the corner; the shop, which stocks everything from cigarettes and confectionery to toilet requisites and stationery, is open every morning and afternoon except Sundays; it is manned by voluntary helpers, to whom the Board is most grateful; the G.P.O. collect letters and parcels for posting from the post box on the ground floor, and a member of the staff is available to cash patients'



Trolley Telephone presented by Putney and Wandsworth Rotarians (PHOTO BY W. A. MEREDITH)



The Countess of Brecknock with the Chairman and members of the staff at the Garden Party (PHOTO BY W. A. MEREDITH)

insurance benefits on their behalf. There is also a small ladies' hair-dressing department which, judging by its popularity, needs to be enlarged and to be fitted with improved equipment.

It is sad to report that Mrs. Duncan, who has been voluntarily teaching patients to use a typewriter for the last 5 years, has been suffering from a long illness which has prevented her attending. Efforts are being made to find some way of replacing her and an approach has been made to the British Council for Rehabilitation to see if they can help in this respect.

As mentioned in the last report, a number of patients have been spending their mornings doing light industrial work assembling toys for Messrs. Lines Brothers. This work is continuing and is very popular with the patients, who earn a few shillings each week for the work they do, and it is good to know that Messrs. Lines Brothers value the patients' services, which produce work of a high quality.

The spiritual needs of the patients are met by the Vicar of Wandsworth, The Reverend K. W. Howell, M.A., R. D., who is the official Hospital Chaplain. He and his parish staff take Sunday and weekday services, visit those who are recently admitted as well as those who are gravely ill, and take Holy Communion to those who cannot attend the services in the Chapel or Assembly Room. There are also visiting chaplains from Free

Churches, each of whom takes two services a month, and the Roman Catholic patients are looked after by a priest from the nearby church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett in West Hill.

St. Thomas-a-Beckett in West Hill.

The Annual Garden Party was held on the 24th June and once again it was a gloriously fine day. The Board much appreciated the visit of Marjorie, Countess of Brecknock, who came as the principal guest, after an earlier engagement that afternoon. More than 2,000 guests attended and were most interested in the excellent display of police dog work by the Metropolitan Police. Once again the band from the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall played during the afternoon, and the Board is most grateful to the Commandant for his continued help. The stalls, stocked and manned by the London and Surrey Committees, as well as Matron's stall and the tombola, were all well patronised, and Toc H again provided a variety of amusing side-shows. The nett profit from the afternoon was £1,720, and the Board express sincere thanks to all those who helped to make this such an enjoyable social occasion as well as a profitable one.

One of the amenities which is seldom mentioned in the Annual Report, as it is taken so much for granted, is the gardens and grounds of the Hospital and Home. Under our new Head Gardener, these have taken on an added beauty, and many of the patients now enjoy visiting the aviaries which Mr. and Mrs. Cann have started near their cottage in the grounds.



Garden Party 1961

(PHOTO BY W. A. MEREDITH)

SALE OF WORK

The Annual Sale of Work, which was held on the 18th and 19th of October, 1961, was once again a great success, though everybody felt the loss of the late Miss E. Webb-Johnson who died suddenly in November, 1960. She had been a tireless worker behind the scenes for the Sale for many years.

It was opened by Viscountess Hailsham, whom the Board was glad to welcome on the first day, and was attended on both days by a large number of visitors, who bought enthusiastically from the stalls, which were well stocked not only with articles made by the patients, but with gifts from generous friends. The proceeds from this popular annual function are distributed among the patients, those who make goods receiving payment for them, and those who are unable to work because of their disabilities sharing the proceeds from the gifts.

The Board is most grateful to all who work so hard to make the Sale so successful—to the Sale of Work Committee, who spend many weeks in organising it, to all those who help to run it, to those who send gifts, and to all Governors and friends who come to the Hospital to support this event.



Authorised Lady Visitors in Committee

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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

All friends of the Hospital and Home will wish to join the Board in congratulating our President, the Duke of Devonshire, on his appointment as Permanent Under Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations. A natural consequence of this appointment is that the Duke has less time to devote to this Hospital and Home, as much of his time is now spent overseas. The Board is all the more grateful to him for his visits, as his leisure time is so limited.

The resignation of the Treasurer is a matter of importance, as it is he who guides the Board of Management in their considerations of financial policies, and who, as Chairman of the Finance Committee, is responsible for reviewing at their monthly meetings the financial position. Sir Francis Glyn has carried out these duties with conspicuous success for the last eleven years, and it is with much regret that news has been received of his resignation. This has not come as a surprise, as Sir Francis' health has not been good for the last two years, and it is entirely for this reason that he nows feels he must hand over this responsibility. Having been elected Treasurer just after the Hospital and Home was disclaimed, when the Board was faced with the need to raise additional income to meet ever-rising expenditure, much re-organisation of the finances was necessary. New methods of increasing income were introduced with the result that the annual income (legacies excepted) is now nearly £87,000 more than when Sir Francis took office. The Board was indeed fortunate to have had such an able Treasurer, in whom there was complete confidence, through such difficult years, and it takes this opportunity of thanking Sir Francis for all the time and trouble which he has devoted to the affairs of the Royal Hospital and Home.

The Board has not yet had an opportunity of deciding whom to nominate for election as Treasurer at the Annual General Meeting but it is good to know that connection with the bank will be maintained through Mr. Jeremy Morse, a partner of Glyn, Mills & Co., who has agreed to join the Board of Management and serve on the Finance Committee.

It is with much regret that the Board has received the resignation at the end of 1961 of Mrs. Pennefather. After a connection with the Hospital for many years as an Authorised Lady Visitor, Mrs. Pennefather was particularly welcome as the successor of the late Mrs. Wilson Black as Chairman of that Committee. In order that the closest possible contact can be maintained between the Authorised Lady Visitors and the House Committee, Mrs. Pennefather joined the Board and the House Committee in January, 1959, on assuming that appointment. Her intimate knowledge of the patients and her experience of the patients' way of life has made her a valuable Committee member, who will be sadly missed. The Board will welcome in her place, Miss J. Dean, M.A.

Governors will also be asked to elect at the Annual General Meeting, Mr. C. M. Raphael, who has been nominated by the Board. His considerable business experience will be of great value to the Board and to the House Committee, on which he has agreed to serve.

All Governors will hear with regret that General Sir Douglas Gracey, who was elected Chairman of the Board in 1960, has been in hospital following a heart attack in the latter half of October. All will wish him a speedy and complete recovery to health, so that he may resume the activities which he undertook so whole-heartedly.

STAFF

It is with deep regret that the Board announces the sudden death of Captain J. D. Kimpton, D.S.C., R.N., who was appointed Appeals Secretary in March, 1960. In the comparatively short time he was on the staff, John Kimpton's enthusiasm, friendliness and obvious desire to help everyone and anyone made him not only a popular figure but also an efficient and effective Appeals Secretary, and his death after only one day's illness came as a shock to his many friends. The Board extends to his widow and step-daughter its sincere sympathy in their unexpected betreavened.

Captain G. Talbot-Smith, O.B.E., D.S.C., R.N., was appointed at the same time as Captain Kimpton, but resigned to take up another appointment shortly before Captain Kimpton's death. The Board was sorry to see him leave, and appointed Brigadier R. H. Long, O.B.E., to take his place. It is fortunate in the circumstances that one with so much administrative experience is already on the Appeals Staff to ensure that the work of this busy department continues.

There have been few changes among senior staff, but the Board was sorry to say good-bye to Miss E. M. Harris, S.R.N., who had been on the nursing staff for 13 years, first as a Ward Sister and since 1953 as Assistant Matron. The Board wishes her a happy retirement, and welcomes in her place as Assistant Matron, Mrs. K. Wedderburn, S.R.N.

The Board was also sorry to lose Mrs. Porter, M.P.S., who succeeded the late Mr. Barstow as Pharmacist in 1960. Ill health has forced Mrs. Porter to resign and Miss A. M. Sistern, M.P.S., is welcomed as her

Staffing the Hospital and Home continues to present a problem in most of the junior grades. Many patients rely on the nursing staff for practically everything, including washing, dressing and feeding, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find junior nurses and nursing assistants who have a vocation for this type of work. This throws more responsibility on the trained nursing staff, and the Board appreciates the unstinted devotion of the trained staff in such circumstances. It is not only on the nursing side that shortages occur; the same, unfortunately, applies to domestic staff, and the same problems face the Catering Officer and the Steward over porters and other male staff, without whom it is impossible to organise an efficient service for the patients. Week-end work is always difficult to cover, and it is only by the extra work of the faithful few that adequate arrangements can be made for patients to be dressed few that adequate arrangements can be made for patients to be dressed and meals served on Sundays.

COUNTY COMMITTEES

There are still only two County Committees—in Surrey and London. It is the aim of the Board to have committees in all the Home Counties, It is the aim of the Board to have committees in all the Home Counties, from which most of our patients come. Many efforts have been made to start committees in other counties, but the main difficulty has been to find suitable chairmen; it is on their initiative and drive that the success of the committee hangs, and the problem of finding the right people who are not already engaged in other good works is not easy, and this difficulty makes the Board all the more appreciative of the work of Mrs. Habershon, the Chairman of Surrey, and of Lady Norton, Chairman of the London Committee. The Board is immensely grateful to these two ladies and to the members of their committees, who work so untringly and willingly to organise functions which not only raise funds, but also, by introducing so many people to the Hospital and Home, make its work better known. The Hospital and Home is its own best advertisement, and the more people who enter the gates, the more friends and supporters it has.

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The function which brings most people into the grounds is the Annual Garden Party, which has been referred to earlier, but it should Annual Garden Farty, which has been referred to cartic, out it associated by an experiment of the stalls run by the Surrey and London Committees at this event raise over a third of the nett proceeds. After the Garden Party comes the Annual Ball run by the Surrey Committee. During the 48 hours before the Ball, the day rooms of the Hospital and Home are 48 hours before the Ball, the day rooms of the Hospital and Holland are transformed into a Ball Room, Supper Room, sitting-out rooms and a bar, with a Tombola displaying over 1,000 prizes. The fairy godmothers who make this amazing transformation are the members of the Surrey Committee, who don their aprons and then get busy with food, flowers, tables, tombola and all the hundred and one preparations which are necessary for a successful social occasion.

The London Committee are no less enthusiastic, and their functions The London Committee are no less entitusiastic, and their functions this year have included Bridge Parties, Jumble Sales and a Scavenger Hunt at the Hurlingham Club. Lady Norton was also good enough to accept the Chairmanship of a Charity Preview of "Toys in the Attic", which realised nearly £1,500.

FINANCE

The accounts show that ordinary income this year has totalled £143,787, an increase on the previous year of £24,689. This welcome increase is reflected under all sources of income; voluntary gifts are up by £6,000, while contributions by or on behalf of patients show an increase of £12,110. This includes the payment by the South West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board for twenty beds for six months. It is satisfactory to find that in spite of the sale of about £10,000 of capital, income from investments shows an increase of £6,455 to £38,722 and the Board acknowledges with gratitude the services of Helbert, Wagg & Co. Ltd., who are the investment advisers. The dividend pause requested by the Chancellor of the Exchequer is likely, however, to restrict income from this source during the current year. from this source during the current year.

Legacies have totalled £44,812 which, although not up to the previous year's exceptional figure, are up to the average of the last ten years. This brings the total income to £188,599, which the Board considers satisfactory.

Unfortunately total expenditure has also increased, but it should be noted that this year's figures include £10,000 on building the new ward and converting an old ward in the men's wing to a new ward kitchen and a utility room. The result of these exceptional items has been to bring expenditure to £197,482. Of this, over £100,000 was spent on Salaries and Wages, and it is amazing to realise that ten years ago this would have covered the total expenditure by the Board. Although the Board is always seeking ways and means of reducing costs by introducing laboursaving devices, the plain fact is that there are no machines which can replace a pair of hands in helping disabled people to dress, wash and feed. It is the high ratio of staff to patients which makes expenditure so heavy in a Home such as this, where the aim is to get every patient dressed and down into the day rooms on seven days a week. Any reduction in the staff would therefore adversely affect the welfare of the patients, and this the Board is unwilling to do so long as the expense can be afforded.

For the future, it is inevitable that a building as old as ours should become increasingly expensive to maintain. Some examples of the cost in the current year are the re-wiring of the electrical installation (£10,000), a new fire alarm system (£1,600) and a new lift for the men's wing (£8,000). These may not be items which arouse sympathy or appeal to donors, but no-one will deny that they are necessary, and unfortunately they are also expensive.

The Board of Management therefore continues to rely on the generosity of its supporters to ensure that there is sufficient income to pay for these items without having recourse to the desperate expedient of realising capital.

TERMS OF ADMISSION

The Board of Management always has in mind that the Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, is a charitable institution and no applicant will be refused admission because of lack of means. The Board will, however, require a contribution from patients if it appears to the Board that the means of the applicant or of any person responsible for his maintenance are such as to render a contribution just and proper.

A limited number of beds is available for those who can afford to pay a full set fee. The inclusive fees are determined by the Board of Management, and at present are fixed at eleven guineas or nine guineas per week.

Sympathetic consideration will also be given to applications from those recommended by Local Authorities, for whom the Local Authorities will pay a maintenance fee amounting to approximately half the full cost of their support.

THE FOLLOWING PATIENTS HAVE BEEN ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR

Name				Previous Residence
ABBOTT, MISS ANGELA				Stockport, Cheshire
ABRAHAM, MISS JESSIE				London
ALLEN, MR. ROBERT				Berkhamsted, Herts.
ANDERSON, MISS D.				Uxbridge, Middlesex
BARNES, MISS ELEANOR				Bournemouth, Hants.
BARTLETT, Mrs. Elsie				Northwood, Middlesex
BAVERSTOCK, MISS MARY				London
primore in		***		London
BRENT, Mrs. WINIFRED				Learnington Spa, Warwickshire
BRYSON, Mrs. Hansi				
				London
BURROWS, Mrs. Phyllis	***			London
CHAMBERS, MRS. FLOREN				Pembury, Kent
CHARLES, MRS. HILDA			***	London
CLIFFORD, MISS VERA				London
CORNEY, MISS R. O.				Bath, Somerset
DAVIES, Mrs. Ruby				London
DELVIGNE, MISS FELICIA				Tunbridge Wells, Kent
DOWLING, MISS EMMA				Ilford, Essex
ELSTON, MRS. FRIEDA				Sutton, Surrey
FIGG, MISS LILIAN				London
FURNEAUX, MISS NELLIE				London
GIBSON, MRS. CONSTANCE				London
HALL, MRS. DAISY				London
HARRIS, MISS KATHERINE				Melton Mowbray, Leics
HENRICKSEN, MISS RACH	EL.			Tunbridge Wells, Kent
HEWITT, MISS MABEL				London
HOERNLE, MR. ROBERT				Wareham, Dorset
INGRAM, Mr. GEORGE				London
JACOBS, Mr. WILLIAM				London
JAMES, Mrs. May				Croydon, Surrey
JAMES, MISS E. M			***	Worcester Park, Surrey
IADVIC Mee Contr.				
********	***	***	***	Welling, Kent
			• • • •	Hounslow, Middlesex
LEE, Mrs. Daisy		+ + +		London
McCABE, Mrs. Audrey			***	Gosport, Hants.
MOORE, MISS ETHEL			• • •	Burgess Hill, Sussex
NUSSEY, MISS MARGARET				Swanley, Kent
O'NEAL, MISS PEGGY				London
PAGE, Mrs. Elsie				Harrow, Middlesex
PICKETT, Mr. Percy				Farnham, Surrey
POTTER, MISS MABEL		***		Surbiton, Surrey
RANKIN, Mr. STANLEY				London
SEARSON, MRS. PHYLLIS				Hove, Sussex
SHORE, MISS EMMA				London
SKIPP, Mrs. Nora				Campbeltown, Argyll
CMITTI Mas Crimus				Sutton, Surrey
CITALATER O M. A				Thornton Heath, Surrey
WILLIAMS, MISS IRENE				Guildford, Surrey
WITT T TO MA Towns				Canterbury, Kent
WOOLLETT, MRS. MARGER				Kew, Surrey
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	INCOME AND EXPE	NDITUR	E ACC	OUNT	for the 1	Year ended 30th September, 1961
1960 £	ORDINARY— INCOME	£	2	2	1960 £	ORDINARY—
L	I. Voluntary Gifts— (1) SUBSCRIPTIONS, DONATIONS, ETC.—	L	~	~	26,496	I. Provisions
12,857 18,530	Annual Subscriptions Donations	12,976 24,028			_	II. DISPENSARY
1,454 1,833	Entertainments (net proceeds) Surrey County Committee	3,524 1,908			336	Less Receipts for Prescriptions Dispensed
872 65	London Committee Leicester Committee	398			16 270	III. Domestic (including Furniture, Bedding, Laundry,
(35,611)			42,834		16,379	Cleaning, Water, Fuel & Uniforms) IV. SALARIES AND WAGES of Medical, Nursing and Domestic
_	(2) CENTRAL FUNDS— King Edward's Hospital Fund	60				Staff
1,000 1,000	Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund City Parochial Foundation	1,000			96,768	Less Receipts for Board and Lodging
500 275	Gardner's Trust for the Blind Alexandra Rose Day Sunday Cinemas—	500 350			4,149	V. MISCELLANEOUS (including printing and stationery, Insurance, Gardens, etc.)
240 226	London County Council Surrey County Council	207			8,550	VI. Administration
116 37	Middlesex County Council Other Local Authorities	40 15			11,101	VII. BUILDINGS AND PLANT (Repairs & Renewals)
(3,394)			2,172	45,006	6,027	VIII. APPEALS DEPARTMENT AND PUBLICITY
47,357	II. Receipts on Account of Services Rendered— CONTRIBUTIONS BY AND ON BEHALF OF PATIENTS III. Invested Property—			59,467	2,428	IX. Rates
25,007	INTEREST AND DIVIDENDS— General Fund		30,026		171,562	
3,541 3,570	Endowment Fund Pensions Fund		4,376 4,171		3,978	X. Pensions (Patients still living at home) Pensions (Administration)
149	Lopes Chaplain's Stipend Endowment Fund		149	20 522	3,776	
(32,267) 469	IV. Hospital Shop			38,722 592		
119,098	ORDINARY INCOME			143,787		
56,442	Transferred from Legacies Account			44,812		
175,540	Total Income Excess of Expenditure over Income (General			188,599		
_	Fund) Excess of Income over Expenditure (Pensions		9,031			
-	Fund)		148	8,883	•	
£175,540				£197,482	£175,540	
	LEGACII	ES ACC	OUNT	for the	Year end	ded 30th September, 1961
1960 £				£	1960 £	
144,778	Legacies and Residuary Bequests for General Purposes (for details see page 20)			44,812		Transferred to Income and Expenditure Account Transferred to General Fund
			-		£144,778	

£ 27,530

19,085

102,264

5,785 9,062 21,423 6,401 2,513 193,459

4,023

£197,482

44,812 £44,812

109,853 7,589

1960				
£		£	£	£
	I. SUNDRY CREDITORS—			
17 120	General Fund		16,089 148 312	14540
17,128				16,549
	II. GENERAL FUND—			
	Balance at 30th September, 1960 Less Net Loss on Sale and Exchange of Investments Cost of House Property written off	13,601 6,628	448,876	
	Excess of Expenditure over Income	9,031	20.240	
448,876			29,260	419,616
	III. ENDOWMENT FUND—			,
	Balance at 30th September, 1960 Less Net Loss on Sale and Exchange of		70,849	
70,849	Investments		722	70,127
	IV. Pensions Fund—			
	Balance at September 30th, 1960 Add Net Profit on Sale and Exchange of		46,836	
	Investments		28,387	
46,836	Excess of Income over Expenditure		148	75,371
	V. SPECIAL FUNDS—(see contra)			
	Chaplain's Stipend Endowment Fund Amenities Fund		3,971 3,667 940	
7,203				8,578

LIABILITIES

Notes: (1) No credit has been taken in the investments for the value of the Hospital Premises, Land, Nurses' Home, Furniture and Effects.
(2) The market value of the Stocks and Shares held (including those of the Special Funds) at the date of this Balance Sheet was £773,659 (1960—£780,236).
(3) There is a liability in respect of partly-paid Investments amounting to £10,960.

£590,241

We have examined the above Balance Sheet dated 30th September, 1961, and the relating thereto, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the whole 3, Grosvenor Gardens, London, S.W.1.

£590,892

14th November, 1961.

at 30th September, 1961

£590,892

of the investments and bank balances.

BALANCE SHEET as

1960	ASSETS				
£ 19,181	I. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND		 £	£	£ 16,082
6,513	II(a). STOCKS OF UNISSUED STORES ON HAND				5,268
1,009	II(b). Motor Cars at cost less depreciation				840
3,633	III. SUNDRY DEBTORS				5,905
	IV. INVESTMENTS AT COST-				1000
506,517	General Fund Endowment Fund	:::		408,070 70,127	478,197
	V. Pensions Fund—				
46,836	Investments at cost Cash at Bank			75,263 108	75,371
	VI. SPECIAL FUNDS—(see contra)				
	LOPES CHAPLAIN'S STIPEND FUND-				
	Investments at Cost			3,971	
	Amenities Fund—				
	Investments at Cost Cash at Bank		 3,470 197		
	PATIENTS' FUNERAL FUND-			3,667	
7.202	Investments at Cost Cash in Post Office Savings Bank	•••	 800 140	940	
7,203					8,578

attached Income and Expenditure Account for the year to that date with the books and vouchers

(Signed) HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

£590,241

LEGACIES & RESIDUARY BEQUESTS RECEIVED

LEGACIES &	KE21	DU	AKI B	EQUI	E313 F	E	EIVED
Year	ende	d 3	0th Sept	embe	r, 1961		
Name		Y	ear of Will	Yes	ar of Death		£ s. d.
BACON R C	***		-	***	1961		200 0 0
BACON, R. C BAKER, Mrs. E. M	***		1945		1946		300 0 0
BAKTER, Mrs. E. M. BAKTER, I. C. BELFIELD, R. S. BELL, Sir John C. S. BELL, Sir John C. S. BERCE, Mrs. G. K. BENTON, Mrs. G. K. BRICE, Miss C. E. BROWN, Mrs. Emily BUTLER, Mrs. L. M. COWERN, Mrs. Emily BUTLER, Mrs. L. M. COWERN, Mrs. Mrs. M. DOLD Miss K. T. GERTRICAGEEN, Mrs. A. GEBETON-GREEN, Miss A. FARMER, Miss M. A. FARMER, Miss M. A. FLETCHER, Mrs. I-orence	4.00		1020	***	1020		250 0 0 62 19 5
BELFIELD, R. S	***		1928 1957	***	1929 1958		62 19 5 14 5 3*
BENNETT, L. S	***	***	1923	***	1924	***	1,190 0 6**
BENTON Mrs G K	***		1956	***	1960	***	1,918 19 10
BRICE Miss C E	***		1953		1959		43 18 0
BROWN, C. A.			1959		1960		10 2 2
BROWN, Mrs. R. M			1958				500 0 0
BROWNING, Miss E. W.			1940	441	1960		35 13 2**
BURROWS, Mrs. Emily	444		1939	***	1940		£1,619 17 2** 789 7 7
BUTLER, Mrs. L. M			1958 1958		1960 1959	***	789 7 7 160 8 5*
COWERN, Mrs. M. M.	***		1958	+++	1958	***	109 0 2
DUVIVIER Mrs I G S	***		1937		1960		100 0 0
EGERTON-GREEN Mrs A	H		1950	***	1960		100 0 0
EGERTON-GREEN, Miss A	A		1932		1933		100 0 0
ENGLISH, Miss M. M.			-		1961		128 13 11
FARMER, Miss M. A.			1952		1959		1,152 9 7
FLETCHER, Mrs. Florence	M.		_		_		25 0 0
FRANKLIN, Miss R. E.	***		1950	***	1952		754 14 0
GAITE, Mrs. E. M	4.4.4		1955	***	1959		1,340 8 5
FRANKLIN, Miss R. E. GAITE, Mrs. E. M. GAME, Miss E. M. GITTENS, W. E. GOLDBERG, Mrs. R. R.	***		1945	444	1950		307 18 3 258 2 9
GITTENS, W. E.	***	+++	1958	4.00	1959 1931	***	258 2 9 17 18 4
GOLDBERG, Mrs. R. R.	***		1930 1956	481	1957		3,600 0 0
GOODALL, C. N. GRACE, G. W. GRACE, Mrs. Gertrude A.			1954	***	1955		3,780 0 0
GRACE Mrs Gertrude A	***		1955		1960	***	1,000 0 0†
GRACE, Mrs. Gertrude A. GRACE, Mrs. Gertrude A. GRUNDY, Miss J. M. A. GUTHRIE, Mrs. Edith HARWOOD, Miss M. HAYWARD, Miss E. J. HEATLY, Mrs. A. E.			1933		1960		170 0 0
GUTHRIE, Mrs. Edith			1958		1960		250 0 0
HARWOOD, Miss M.			1953		1956		490 7 11**
HAYWARD, Miss E. J.			_		1960		200 0 0
HEATLY, Mrs. A. E.	***		1938		1940		68 12 2**
HEATLY, Mrs. A. E. HEDGER, G. A. W HILLIER, William	***		1958	***	1959		50 5 7
HILLIER, William	***		1960	***	1960		300 0 0
HOLLAMS, Mrs. M. M. G.	***		1957		1959	***	18 3 7* 500 0 0
JEFFREY, Miss L	***	***	1957	***	1960 1931	***	537 13 0
KIDMAN, W. J.			1954		1959		2,829 18 7
KNIGHIS, MIS. E. E.		***	1954	***	1960	***	150 0 0
I AW Miss I T C	***		1954		1959		28 0 0
LEGG Miss I S			1957		1959		421 10 8
LUCAS, Mrs. E. M.			1957		1960		151 11 6
MASTERS, C. A			1954		1954		30 19 10*
MEDEN, A. H. D			1939		1940		2,933 2 3
MELHUISH, A. W	***		1933	140	1933		50 0 0
HOLLAMS, Mrs. M. M. G. HEFFREY, Miss L. KIDMAN, W. J. E. E. KIDMAN, W. J. E. E. KIDGHEN, Mrs. M. LAW, Miss L., T. C. LEGG, Miss I. S. LUCAS, Mrs. E. M. MASTERS, C. A. MEDEN, A. H. D. MORRIS, Miss A. D. NGEDHAM, S. B.			1931		1949	+++	40 11 9* 25 0 0
MORRIS, Miss A. D	***	***	1960		1960	***	
MORRIS, MISS A. D NEEDHAM, S. B OLDROYD, Miss E. E. PHILLIPS, P. H. PRINCE, Mrs. V. H QUANT, Mrs. E. M. RAILING, Lady Charlotte C RICKETT'S. Mrs. K. I.	***		1957 1945	***	1960 1946		200 0 0 42 9 9
DUTI I IDC D U	***	***	1945		1961	:::	175 0 0
PRINCE Mrs V H	***		1958		1960		100 0 0
OUANT, Mrs. F. M.	***		1950		1961		100 0 0
RAILING, Lady Charlotte C			1770				100 0 0
RICKETTS, Mrs. K. L.			1925		1925		303 15 10
RICKETTS, Mrs. K. L. ROBERTS, Miss M. B. ROBINSON, Miss R. G. SAMBELLS, Mrs. Eleanor	***		1954		1960		485 6 10
ROBINSON, Miss R. G.	***				1950		200 0 0
SAMBELLS, Mrs. Eleanor	***		1951	+++	1959	***	886 10 0
	***		1959		1960 1946		3,750 0 0 79 3 10
SHEPHERD, Sir H. Percy			1943			***	33 16 9
SIMMONS, Sydney SPARKES, Miss D. K. V. STEWARDSON, Mrs. Lilia TAYLOR, Miss L. M	***		1917 1952	***	1924 1960		166 13 4
STEW ADDSON Mrs Lilia		***	1957	***	1959		420 0 0
TAVI OR Miss I M			1954		1960		1,000 0 0
			1959		1960		50 0 0
TARRANT, Miss M. W.		***	1948		1959		320 0 0
TARRANT, Miss M. W. THOMPSON, Mrs. A. M. M.	M.		1957		1957		105 14 4
TINDLE, Miss H. L			name of the last		1948		100 0 0
TINDLE, Miss H. L TINGLE, A. J	***	***	1945		1955		119 0 2*
WALKER, Mrs. M. A.		***	1959		1960		250 0 0
WALLIS, Mrs. Laura			1959		1960		1,000 0 0
WALLIS, Mrs. Laura WINGATE, Mrs. D. L. G. WOOTTON-ISAACSON, A			1052	***	1054	***	100 0 0 5,049 11 11
WOOTTON-ISAACSON, N	ars. J.	+ • •	1953 1959		1954 1959	***	5,049 11 11 1,524 13 11
WYLIE, Miss B. M. Amounts under £10 (12)	***	***	1959	+++	1939	***	34 13 11
ranounts under £10 (12)	***	***	-	***	TOTAL:	***	£45.812 4 4
					TOTAL		~ 10,014 4 4
						200	

* Income Tax Repaid. ** Including Income Tax Repaid. † Amenities Fund 22

LEGACIES

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THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES

PUTNEY

In Your Will.

A Bequest may take the following form:

I give to The Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, the sum of $\mathfrak L$, free of duty, and I declare that the receipt of the Treasurer or other proper Officer for the time being thereof shall be a sufficient discharge for the same.

A BED WILL BE NAMED IN PERPETUITY FOR $\label{eq:theory} \text{THE SUM OF $\pounds1,000.}$

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THE SECRETARY,
R.H.H.I.,
WEST HILL,
LONDON, S.W.15.

A SUBSCRIPTION GIVEN UNDER A

DEED OF COVENANT

SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASES THE AMOUNT

RECEIVED BY THE HOSPITAL, AT NO EXTRA

COST TO THE SUBSCRIBER.

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