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THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Instituted in the year 1854.



Offices

42, GRACECHURCH STREET, E.C.3.

Temporary Offices at the Hospital, West Hill, Putney, S.W.15.

REPORT

For Year ended 30th September, 1943.

The Institution is intended for the middle classes.

Telegraphic Address : " INCURIAL, PUTNEY, LONDON."

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An Annual Subscriber has One Vote at each Election for each Half Guinea, and an additional Vote for every additional Half Guinea. A Donation entitles to votes at the next ensuing Election only, four votes being given for each Guinea contributed. A Life Subscriber has One Vote for Life at each Election for Five Guineas, and an additional Vote for Life for every additional Five Guineas.

Subscriptions are received at the Hospital by the Secretary, to whom all Orders should be made payable; by the Treasurer, and by Messrs. GLYN, MILLS & Co., 67, Lombard Street, E.C.3.

In Memoriam.

WHY NOT COMMEMORATE THE PRECIOUS MEMORY OF THOSE DEAR TO YOU BY NAMING IN PERPETUITY A BED, OR A WARD, AT THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY, A MEANS WHICH WOULD NOT ONLY BE A LASTING TRIBUTE TO THE DEPARTED, BUT ALSO PROVIDE THE ADDITIONAL MERIT OF AFFORDING RELIEF TO THOSE WHO ARE WORTHY OBJECTS FOR SUCH PRACTICAL SYMPATHY. A BED WILL BE NAMED IN PERPETUITY FOR THE SUM OF £1,000. A PENSION OF £42 A YEAR FOR AN INCURABLE WILL BE NAMED IN PERPETUITY FOR THE SUM OF £1,000, OR A PENSION OF £20 A YEAR FOR THE SUM OF £500.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY.

REPORT

FOR THE
Financial year ended on the
30th day of September, 1943,

FOR
Presentation at the Annual General Meeting.
26th November, 1943.

IN compliance with Paper Restrictions Orders, this, the Eighty-ninth Report of the Board of Management, is reduced to the barest minimum. The need for continuous and additional support remains as urgent as ever, and a fuller story of the work at the Home under increased difficulties through shortage of labour, etc., must be related when the need for conserving paper passes.

FINANCE.

The income of the Hospital during the last two years is compared below with the last year prior to the war—1938/39:—

	1938/9	1941/2	1942/3
Annual Subscriptions	7,879	7,363	7,357
Life Subscriptions	10,230	5,248	3,634
Donations... ..	5,873	3,373	3,904
Interest and Dividends	16,886	17,581	17,749
Sundry Collections	405	606	581
Gifts in Kind	14	5	—
Farm Produce	—	1,253	1,465
Total Ordinary Income	41,287	35,429	34,690
Legacies	29,090	21,686	17,879
Gifts to Found Pensions	2,050	500	2,500
Total Income	72,427	57,615	55,069

The expenditure, which in 1938/9 amounted to £55,494, fell substantially during the early years of the war and now stands at £52,517, and shows a tendency to reach again its former level. Prices have risen and the salaries of the staff have been materially increased: the cost of the nursing alone, which before the last war stood at £1,760, has already risen to £7,600, and further increases will ensue from the recent adoption of the recommendations of the Rushcliffe Committee on Nursing. To meet the expenditure of the Home and its 500 Pensioners a sum of £6 is needed every hour.

There is some interest in comparing the effect on our finances of the last and the present war. Taking the four years previous to and the four years during the two wars we find that our ordinary income (that is excluding legacies) rose in the last war by six per cent. but in the present war fell by seventeen per cent. Expenditure, on the other hand, which rose seven per cent. in the last war, fell during the present war by over four per cent. and the difference is most marked in the cost of provisions, which, after rising twenty-five per cent. in the last war, have fallen seven-and-a-half per cent. during the present war, a result due probably in the main to the present system of Government rationing but attributable also in part to careful management by our staff.

ACCOMMODATION OF PATIENTS.

The number of patients accommodated in the Hospital is normally 250, but since the war it has not been possible to work up to this figure.

- (i) Some fifty patients made use of the special arrangements by which they were permitted to live with friends outside the Hospital and, of these, seventeen are still with their friends.
- (ii) The wards on the top storey of the building have been evacuated on the grounds of security, with the result that a number of beds have been put out of use.
- (iii) Owing to want of adequate nursing staff, fewer new patients have been admitted. The numbers admitted before the war averaged some twenty in each year, and during the four years of war the average admitted has been eleven only.

The net result is that the number of patients in the Hospital on 30th September, 1943, amounted to 195. It is hoped that circumstances may permit of an early return to the normal number prevailing before the war.

The number of pensioners has been less affected. We had at the beginning of the war 569 pensioners, of whom 521 drew the old pension of £20 per annum, and 48 received pension at the new rate of £42. There are now 402 pensioners on the lower and 83 on the higher scale, or 485 in all.

A NEW MATRON.

Following the death of Miss Rosier in September, 1942, the Board appointed Miss Kathleen M. Corbett as her successor. Miss Corbett has had many years' experience of hospital affairs and has held responsible posts. She has the best wishes of all concerned for many happy and successful years at Putney.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

During the past twelve months two Church of England Services and one Free Church Service have been conducted every Sunday. Services have also been held on Christmas Day, Good Friday and Ascension Day and also on the National days appointed for Prayer. Services have also been held every Friday afternoon. There is a Celebration of Holy Communion once a fortnight in the Assembly Room, the average number of Communicants being 57, with 84 on Easter Day. Services of Holy Communion are also held every week in the wards, once a month in the Library and once a month (for the Staff) in Holy Trinity Church.

Prayers are said twice daily during the week: patients attend in the morning and members of the staff in the evening.

The Bishop of the Diocese (Dr. Simpson) has visited the Home twice—on 25th November, 1942, to conduct a Licensing Service for the new Chaplain, and on 7th March, 1943, to conduct a Confirmation Service, when two patients were confirmed.

The Sunday Offertories during the year have amounted to over £70. A sum of between £4 and £6 is sent every month to some good cause. The Offertory on our Harvest Thanksgiving Day in 1942 amounted to over £16, and was given to this Home and Hospital.

A Bible Class, which was very well attended, held seventeen Meetings during the winter months: it was conducted by the Chaplain and visiting speakers of various denominations.

Many of our Services are fully choral—thanks largely to Dr. Bell Porter, our organist, and to an excellent choir of lady patients trained by Sister Frow.

THE LIBRARY.

One of the most comforting resources of our patients is the reading of books, and one is glad to find that there has been a great increase of the taste for reading during the war. In the first year of the war books were taken on 2,800 occasions from our Library, and in the year now under report the figure had risen to 4,091, in spite of the reduction in the number of patients. The thanks of the Board are due to Mrs. G. Strang Steel and her helpers from among the patients for the efficiency with which this valuable aid to true happiness has been developed.

Mrs. Vigers has kindly undertaken to voluntarily repair and rebind some of the books, a service for which the Board express their grateful appreciation.

The Hospital also continues to obtain weekly a consignment of twenty books of current literature from the Times Book Club.

LADIES' ASSOCIATION.

A Ladies' Association was inaugurated in 1906, under the auspices of the Honble. Mrs. Charles Lawrence, and was for many years of considerable use in helping the candidature of applicants of long standing. For some time past the support given in this way has been diminishing and the Association has recently dissolved, the remaining subscribers arranging to transfer their subscriptions to the general funds of the Home.

SALE OF WORK.

The Annual Sale of Patients' Work was held at the Hospital on 9th and 10th June. The opening ceremony was performed by Lady Gowers, a great-granddaughter of our Founder. Lady Gowers gave an interesting account of the life of her great-grandfather, Dr. Andrew Reed, and an outline of the circumstances under which the Royal Hospital was founded by that great philanthropist. There was a very large attendance of the public and a record sum was received. As usual, the whole of the proceeds were distributed among the patients. The work of the capable band of helpers is beyond praise, and the Board can only once again express their sincere appreciation to Mrs. Herbert A. Satchell for her untiring efforts as Chairman of the Sale of Work Committee in the organisation of the Sale on this and on many previous occasions. After her resignation in July last of the Chairmanship of the Committee our patients showed their appreciation of her labours by an entertainment and a suitable presentation.

GARDEN.

The cultivation of our gardens, meadowland and orchard has again shown satisfactory results. It may interest our readers to learn that the

market value of vegetables and fruit supplied to the Kitchen amounted to £1,465 during our financial year ended on the 30th September last. A sum of £219 in addition was received from the sale of surplus supplies. The following figures relating to amounts of some of the items grown may also prove interesting reading, namely:—

Apples	491 bushels.
Plums	3,289 lbs.
Pears	138 bushels.
Tomatoes	1,155 lbs.
Potatoes	358 cwts.
Onions	976 lbs.
Beetroot	478 "
Brassica	17,876 "

Since the commencement of the war the Hospital has had under cultivation an additional area of some three-and-a-half acres, occupied mainly by brassica and potatoes.

OUR PENSION BENEFICIARIES.

During the year under review the deaths have occurred, at the advanced ages of 83 and 84, of two of our outdoor pensioners. One received £20 a year for 62 years and the other for 49 years. What a boon these little pensions are to the incurably afflicted, who desire to live at home and not feel too dependent upon relatives. This benefit is subsidiary to our larger task of providing a Haven of Rest for those who have nobody in a position to render them the skilled care and attention they require.

THE STAFF.

The Board wish to record their appreciation of the services of their officials and the nursing, domestic and outdoor staffs, who have all discharged their duties so faithfully during the past year, which has been one of many difficulties. The shortage of resident nurses still continues, though it is not so acute as in recent years, and the nursing work has been nobly maintained with the help of part-time workers from outside the Hospital.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, the Board express their gratitude to all the friends and supporters who have given welcome and practical help to enable the great task of caring for over 700 incurables to be maintained. The present time is a critical one and the governing body will meet with many difficulties, not only in the months that lie immediately ahead but also in the post-war era. They do not underestimate their task but, with God's blessing and the close and intimate co-operation and support of those who care and think, their trials must and will be overcome.

By Order of the Board of Management,

P. W. BENNETT,
Acting Secretary.

THE BRODIE-SEWELL PENSION FUND for the Year ended 30th September, 1943.

To Balance, 1st October, 1942	£	s.	d.
Dividends	209	18	10
Income Tax Refunded	141	13	10
	85	4	5
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	£436	17	1

Examined and found correct.
HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

19th October, 1943.

THE LOUISA LUCAS PENSION FUND for the Year ended 30th September, 1943.

To Balance, 1st October, 1942	£	s.	d.
Dividends	240	0	10
Income Tax Refunded	67	8	2
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	£374	17	2

Examined and found correct.
HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

19th October, 1943.

THE LOPES CHAPLAIN ENDOWMENT FUND for the Year ended 30th September, 1943.

To Balance, 1st October, 1942	£	s.	d.
Dividends	24	12	8
	75	0	0
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	£99	12	8

Examined and found correct.
HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

19th October, 1943.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
for the Year ended 30th September, 1943.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
Annual Subscriptions	7,356	16	0	HOSPITAL ACCOUNT:	7,580	14	5
Life Subscriptions	3,634	1	7	Provisions	310	10	11
Donations	3,903	16	10	Surgery and Dispensary	6,027	1	1
State Grant, Nursing Salaries	85	0	0	Domestic	3,131	6	9
Sundry Collections	495	14	8	Establishment Charges	17,706	13	3
Garden produce	1,465	1	7	Salaries, Wages, etc... ..	522	1	10
Interest and Dividends	13,368	10	3	Miscellaneous... ..	135	19	0
Beynon Trust Income	300	6	3	War Damage Insurance	450	16	11
Brodie-Sewell Trust Income	225	15	0	A.R.P. Expenditure, etc.	35,865	4	2
Louisa Lucas Trust Income	121	8	8				
Lopes Chaplain Fund Income... ..	75	0	0	PENSIONS ACCOUNT:—			
Income Tax Refund				General	11,253	17	8
Excess of Expenditure over				Brodie-Sewell Trust	220	0	0
Ordinary Income				Louisa Lucas Trust	118	6	8
				To Evacuated Patients	1,157	8	1
				Publicity	12,749	12	5
				Administration Expenses	616	14	8
					3,285	12	3
					£52,517	3	6

We have examined the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September, 1943 (as above set forth), with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and certify same to be correct in accordance therewith.

(Signed) HELMORE, HELMORE & Co.,
Chartered Accountants,
3, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.

19th October, 1943.

SUBSCRIBERS will be interested to know that without any extra cost to themselves, every £1 they contribute may be increased to £2 os. od.

Charities are entitled to recover Income Tax on subscriptions received, and all that is required is that the donor should agree to spread his contributions over a period of seven years. It should be pointed out that no extra trouble to the subscriber is involved by this method, as the Hospital takes the necessary steps to recover the Income Tax the subscriber has paid.

The agreement which ceases to be valid on the death of the contributor, can, of course, be for any amount according to the wishes of the donor, and the following examples illustrate the great benefit to the Hospital of this scheme.

Annual Gift.			With Income Tax @ 10/- in the £ The Hospital receives		
£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1	0	0	2	0	0
1	1	0	2	2	0
2	2	0	4	4	0
3	3	0	6	6	0
5	0	0	10	0	0
5	5	0	10	10	0
10	0	0	20	0	0
10	10	0	21	0	0

Extra Votes are allotted to donors covenanting for their subscriptions.

When completing the form overleaf, the figure to be filled in is that which you are actually sending to the Hospital, ignoring Income Tax completely, and the date of signing should be prior to the date when the Deed commences.

The Royal Hospital and Home for
Incurables, Putney.
(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

I,
of

HEREBY COVENANT with THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY (Incorporated), of 42, Gracechurch Street, E.C.3, that for seven years, or during my lifetime, whichever is the shorter period, I will pay to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Hospital, for the general use of the Hospital, such yearly sum as, after deduction of Income Tax at the rate for the time being in force, will leave the net yearly sum of £ : : such sum to be paid from my general fund of taxed income, so that I shall receive no personal or private benefit in either of the said periods from the said sum or any part thereof, the first payment to be made on the day of , 19

Dated this day of , 19

SIGNED, SEALED and delivered by the above-named

in the presence of

NAME

ADDRESS

Occupation

FORM OF BEQUEST.

I give to THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY, the sum of £ 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.

N.B.—By virtue of the "Mortmain and Charitable Uses Act, 1891," land may be devised to a Charity, but it is liable to be sold within one year from the death of the Testator unless the Court or the Charity Commissioners authorise its retention.

(NOTE.—When a Will has been already made, and it is afterwards desired to benefit the Hospital, it will be sufficient if the form on other side is filled up, detached, duly signed by two witnesses in like manner as the Will itself, and kept with the existing Will.)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

for the Year ended 30th September 1943

I, _____ of _____ DECLARE this to be a Codicil which I make this _____ day of _____ 19 _____ to my Will which Will bears date the day of _____ 19 _____

(1) I GIVE to the ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY, £ _____ 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.

(2) In all other respects I CONFIRM my said Will.

IN WITNESS whereof I have hereunto set my hand the day and year first above-written.

SIGNED by the Testator in our presence and attested by us in the presence of _____ and of each other.

Remittance Form.

To Mr. P. W. BENNETT, Acting Secretary, ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY, LONDON, S.W.15.

Date 19

From*

Address

Sir, Enclosed you will find a for £ which send you as † } an Annual Subscription } in aid of the funds of the } a Donation } a Life Subscription }

ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY.

(Signed)

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* Please write name as it should be printed in the List of Governors and Donors. † Kindly strike out the words not applicable.

Inquiries are invited from intended Subscribers.

Average number of In-patients during year	214
Average cost per bed occupied	£173 0 0

It may surprise some readers to learn that The Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, does not receive a share in the annual distribution from the King Edward's Hospital Fund and the Saturday and Sunday Collections for the Hospitals. Not one penny from these Funds ever finds its way to this Charity. Surely, this fact lends added claim upon the generosity of the public?

Subscribers and Friends are cordially invited to visit the Hospital any afternoon between 2 and 5 o'clock; Saturdays, 2 to 5.30 p.m.

The Hospital is not quite a mile from East Putney Railway Station (District Railway), Putney Station (Southern Railway) is about a mile distant, where cabs are obtainable. Motor omnibuses (Services Nos. 93 and 85) run from Putney Bridge Station (District Railway) to the top of Putney Hill, which is within three minutes' walk of the Hospital.