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THE ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR INCURABLES, PUTNEY.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

Instituted in the year 1854.



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42, GRACECHURCH STREET, E.C.3.

REPORT

For Year ended 30th September, 1945.

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 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, 1945,

FOR

Presentation at the Annual General Meeting,
30th November, 1945.

IN issuing the Ninety-first Report of the Hospital and Home (still in an attenuated form owing to the shortage of paper), the Board of Management wish to sincerely thank all those subscribers and friends who have so generously supported the work of this National Charity during this sixth and last year of the war in Europe.

FINANCE.

The total income for the year, including legacies, was £69,835. Omitting legacies (which are a very variable factor), the ordinary income was £37,989. The following comparisons of our finances during the two wars are of interest:—

Average per annum.	Ordinary income.	Expenditure.
1910-14	21,365	33,503
During the war, 1915-18	22,891	36,662
1935-39	37,907	57,663
During the war, 1940-45	34,770	52,732

It will be noticed that the falling off in income, though substantial, has not been serious. The considerable reduction in expenditure is satisfactory but, as it is mainly due to (a) the temporary absence of many patients from the Hospital, and (b) the entire intermission of building and repairs during the war, we must anticipate a considerable increase of expenditure in the years to come. In several branches of our work—as for instance, in the pay of nursing and domestic staff—it has already been necessary to incur considerable increases of expenditure. Under the heading of "Nursing," which at the end of the last war cost us £2,260 a year, we have now to pay £7,728, and that for a considerably smaller staff.

DEATH OF A MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

On the 20th April, 1945, the Board lost a valued colleague, owing to the sudden death of Mr. Lewis French, C.I.E., C.B.E., following an accident. Mr. French had served on the Board for nearly fifteen years and, during that period, gave ungrudgingly of his time in furthering the interests of the Home, taking a constant and critical interest in the details of its administration. His services were especially valuable in connection with the supervision and upkeep of the orchard and gardens, and in the days before restrictions on petrol he was untiring in his journeys throughout the country to interview candidates for election to the Hospital. He was also well versed in the history of the Institution and had in 1936 compiled a valuable memoir of the Hospital and its Founder, which is full of information of much interest.

DEATH OF AN EX-MATRON.

The Board also regretfully record the death, in January last, of Miss Lucy Begg, M.B.E., who was so well-known during her Matronship. Miss Begg retired in 1930, after serving for twenty-one years as Matron, during which time her unselfish care and sympathy for those in her charge won the admiration of all who knew her.

RETURN OF EVACUATED PATIENTS.

As noted in our last Report, an opportunity was given last year for such of our patients as wished to avoid the danger from bombs to be removed to safer quarters and, on 19th August, 1944, seventy-two of our patients were transferred to the Lennox Castle Emergency Hospital near Glasgow. After a stay of nearly a year, they returned to us on 3rd August, 1945, and were warmly greeted by the patients and staff who had remained in Putney. During their absence they had missed many of the amenities of our Home, including the use of their chairs, and there were some difficulties about food, but they were admirably housed and well looked after and have pleasant memories of the many kindnesses they experienced during their time in exile.

Concurrently with their return, the first floor of our Hospital was again opened for patients and the basement rooms vacated.

CHAPLAINS' REPORT.

As in previous years, three services have been held every Sunday, two of them Church of England and one Free Church. There have been Services every Friday afternoon, also on Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Ascension Day, and on the National Days appointed for Prayer. Special Services of Thanksgiving were also held on VE-Day and on VJ-Day, and on the Wednesday after the return of our patients from Scotland.

Services of Holy Communion have been held once a fortnight in the Assembly Room, also on Christmas Day, Ash Wednesday and Ascension Day. Holy Communion is also celebrated every week in the wards and once a month (for the staff) in Holy Trinity Church. There is a "family" Service every Sunday evening for the Staff, and prayers are said twice daily during the week—the patients attend in the morning and members of the staff in the evening.

During the year the Chaplain paid three visits to the evacuated patients in Scotland—in October, 1944, and in January and May, 1945. The Chaplain spent five Sundays with the patients, holding Services in all the wards.

The Sunday offertories during the year, excluding Harvest Festival Sunday, amounted to £99 2s. 3d. (9s. 1d. more than last year). The Harvest Festival Collection of £34 10s. 1d. (a record amount and £3 15s. 4d. more than last year) was again given to the Hospital. The £98 was divided among the following fifteen "Good Causes": The Mission to Lepers, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, the Walcheren Relief Fund, the Discharged Prisoners' Aid Society, the Channel Islands Refugee Committee, the Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Help Society, the British and Foreign Bible Society, St. Dunstan's Home for the Blind, the Waifs and Strays Society, the Lord Mayor's Fund for the Royal and Merchant Navy, the Sudan United Mission, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Church Army, and the Missions to Seamen.

THE LIBRARY.

The Library is always a source of comfort and many books are taken out every year by our patients and resident staff. The Board would wish to express their warm appreciation and thanks to Mrs. G. Strang Steel, who has so kindly acted during the war as Honorary Librarian, for the many hours of work she has undertaken. The Hospital also subscribes for a weekly consignment of books of current issue from the Times Book Club. Other books are received from time to time from the Red Cross and from friends interested in our Library, for which we tender grateful thanks.

SALE OF WORK.

The Annual Sale of Patients' Work was held on 30th and 31st May, 1945. The Sale was opened by Dame Lilian Braithwaite, D.B.E., who was welcomed by our President, Lord Clifden. Dame Lilian, in the course of her opening speech said: "I am very impressed by the wonderful condition of the patients. Everything possible appears to be done to make their lives happy." Many visitors attended on both days and a

sum of £1,500 was realised. The proceeds of the Sale are distributed among our patients, to enable them to purchase any extra personal comforts they require.

Once again, the Board of Management wish to record their grateful thanks to Mrs. Wilson Black, Honorary Chairman of the Sale of Work Committee, Mrs. Henry Arnold and Miss Dobson, Honorary Secretaries, Mrs. Robinson, Honorary Treasurer, and to all the voluntary helpers, whose services helped in making the Sale of Work such a success.

GARDEN.

Once again the Board have to report another satisfactory year of results, in spite of shortage of labour, from our orchard and meadowland. The gardens have been as well kept as ever, and large quantities of vegetable produce have been grown.

FOUNDER'S DAY.

Each year the memory of the Founder—Dr. Andrew Reed—is commemorated by the holding of an entertainment for the patients. Many friends of the Home were present on 30th November, 1944, when the Celebration was held. An enjoyable programme was presented—provided by the generosity of Mr. T. G. Marriott—by Mr. Champion Jones' Concert Party. The patients who were evacuated to Scotland sent a telegram of greetings. Mrs. Wm. Pendraves presented prizes and certificates for the nurses and attendants for meritorious work.

YULETIDE.

Christmas, 1944, was a happy time. All the rooms were garlanded with holly and evergreen and the tables decorated. The usual services were held in the morning and at one o'clock the patients had their Christmas dinner. Turkeys were provided by the generosity of friends. In the afternoon the nursing staff gave an entertainment to the patients and their colleagues. The patients expressed their sincere appreciation of all that had been done to make their Christmas a happy and memorable occasion.

BALL AT DORCHESTER HOTEL.

On 9th December, 1944, a Ball was held at the Dorchester Hotel and the proceeds given to the Hospital Funds. The function was a great success and the amount realised just over £535. The Board would wish to express their warmest thanks to Miss Penelope Henderson and the members of her Committee, who worked so hard to make the occasion not only financially profitable but a memorable social success.

STAFF.

The shortage in our nursing, domestic and other staffs throughout the war has been acute, and we have only just managed to carry on with a reduced number of patients. The present post-war position as regards staff seems to be almost as difficult as at any previous time, and some of our duly-elected candidates are anxiously awaiting the time when we shall be in a position to send them Admission Orders but, until we are able to fill our many staff vacancies, delays are inevitable.

RENOVATIONS.

When we are able to obtain permission to carry out the necessary work, many thousands of pounds will have to be expended in renovations and repairs, in order to get the Home and other buildings in the grounds into the state of repair they were in prior to the war. Like other institutions and householders, we have not been allowed hitherto to spend more than the barest minimum for maintenance. Such items as painting and cleaning have had to be shelved.

GENERAL ELECTION.

On the 5th July, 1945, the large Hall of the Home was the scene of great activity and a constant coming and going of young and old, as the authorities used the premises as one of the Polling Stations for the Putney Division Election. Prior to the Election, all five candidates were given the opportunity to meet our patients and staff and put forward their Party's programme and political aims.

OUR POST-BAG.

Our post-bag during each year contains many letters of thanks and appreciation of our work from our beneficiaries and supporters. The Board would like to quote from a subscriber's letter received in July last:—

"I feel I should like you to know that I recently took advantage of the general invitation to all subscribers to visit the Home.

"On my arrival, the Lodgekeeper informed me that the patients would probably be at lunch but I was welcome to go where I liked.

"I was very struck with the beauty of the Home, the manner in which it is kept, the happy atmosphere and the friendship shown by all with whom I spoke, both patients and nurses. I felt it was really a home for all and the first man I spoke to said he had been at Putney thirty years.

"Having seen the Home and knowing how many deserving cases there are striving for admission, I now enclose a cheque for one guinea to add to this year's subscription.

"With best wishes and my thanks to all the staff for the kindly way in which they are administering to the wants of the patients at Putney."

Another interesting letter reads as follows:—

"I enclose you stamps for 2s. 6d. in memory of my dear master, who was an incurable for twelve years. He never walked and was always in bed, except when we got him out in a bath-chair, which my mistress pushed, and I used to help by pulling along with my lead attached. I am a spaniel dog—my name is Don. Please acknowledge to 'Don Hunt, c/o Mrs. Hunt, my mistress.'"

THE STAFF.

The Board would wish to record their sincere thanks to all members of the staff for their work during the year under review—the Matron and her staff, the Secretary, Steward and other members of the administrative and maintenance staff and, finally, the porters and domestics—all of whom have helped to carry to a successful conclusion a very difficult year.

CHRONIC SICK.

The administration of relief to the chronic sick and incurable in this country constitutes a problem which has, in recent years, become more acute, and the number of applications for admission to our Hospital steadily increases. Many of our elected candidates have to wait a considerable time before we are able to admit them and give them the attention they need. It is to be hoped that, in the near future, the nursing and other staff shortages we have had to contend with during the war will be overcome and that we shall once again be in a position to admit our successful candidates without undue delay, but at the end of the year under report we still had 25 evacuated patients and duly elected candidates whose claims to admission have to be met before further candidates can be admitted.

IN CONCLUSION.

Every year the names of old friends and supporters have to be removed from our list by death and other circumstances, and it becomes increasingly necessary to find new sympathisers with the work done by the Institution. Subscriptions and donations from new friends are always gratefully welcomed, so, with all earnestness, subscribers and donors are asked not only to continue their present support, but to obtain the interest and financial aid of others in the work that this Charity has carried on for ninety-one years.

There are many charitable societies and objects in the world but none more worthy, in our opinion, than the amelioration of the lives of incurables.

By Order of the Board of Management,

P. W. BENNETT,
Acting Secretary.

THE BRODIE-SEWELL PENSION FUND for the Year ended 30th September, 1945.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st October, 1944	213	6	8
Dividends ..	5	0	0
Income Tax Refunded ..	198	18	11
	£417	5	7

Examined and found correct.

18th October, 1945. HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE LOUISA LUCAS PENSION FUND for the Year ended 30th September, 1945.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st October, 1944	116	13	4
Dividends ..	2	10	0
Income Tax Refunded ..	289	1	2
	£408	4	6

Examined and found correct.

18th October, 1945. HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

THE LOPES CHAPLAIN ENDOWMENT FUND for the Year ended 30th September, 1945.

	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st October, 1944	75	0	0
Dividends ..	24	12	8
	£99	12	8

Examined and found correct.

18th October, 1945. HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the Year ended 30th September, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Annual Subscriptions ...	8,148	4	2			
Life Subscriptions ...	5,014	11	2			
Donations ...	4,389	19	11			
State Grant, towards Rushcliffe ...	407	0	0			
Sundry Collections ...	865	12	3			
Garden produce ...	818	7	9			
Rent from City Offices ...	326	13	4			
Interest and Dividends ...	13,661	16	3			
Bevnon Trust Income ...	304	0	4			
Brodie-Sewell Trust Income ...	218	6	8			
Louisa Lucas Trust Income ...	119	3	4			
Lopes Chaplain Fund Income ...	75	0	0			
Income Tax Refund ...				14,378	6	7
Excess of Expenditure over Ordinary Income ...				3,640	12	7
				13,368	13	4
				£51,358	1	1
HOSPITAL ACCOUNT :-						
Provisions ...	5,869	16	7			
Surgery and Dispensary ...	108	17	2			
Domestic ...	6,444	7	5			
Establishment Charges ...	2,886	11	0			
Salaries, Wages, etc. ...	18,128	14	7			
Miscellaneous ...	638	3	2			
A.R.P. Expenditure, etc. ...	159	12	11			
				34,326	2	10
PATIENTS ACCOUNT :-						
General ...	11,025	7	10			
Brodie-Sewell Trust ...	213	6	8			
Louisa Lucas Trust ...	116	13	4			
To Evacuated Patients ...	1,288	9	0			
				12,643	16	10
Publicity ...				230	9	8
Administration Expenses ...				4,137	11	9
				£51,358	1	1

We have examined the Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 30th September, 1945 (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.

18th October, 1945.

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

BANKER'S ORDER.

Subscribers who prefer making their Annual payments through their Bankers are invited to sign this Order and return it to the Secretary of the Hospital, so that it may be noted and remitted to the Bankers.

The adoption of this plan saves trouble to the Subscriber, and facilitates the financial arrangements of the Hospital.

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.

Messrs. _____ 19____

Please pay now and annually to the A/c of the
Royal Hospital and Home for Incurables, Putney, at
MESSRS, GLYN, MILLS & Co., 67, Lombard Street, London,
E.C. 3, the sum of _____Guineas.

Name _____

Address _____

£ : :
Nov., 1945.

HOSPITAL ACCOUNT:			
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
3148	4 2		
		5869	16 7

18th October, 1941.

We have ex
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18th October, 1941.

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.

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.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the Year ended 30th September, 1945.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Annual Subscriptions	8,148	4	2			
Life Subscriptions	5,014	11	2			
HOSPITAL ACCOUNT:						
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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.)

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 him and of
her each other.

Address..

Date..... 19..

Enclosed you will find a.....for £.....
which.....send you as

<i>an Annual Subscription</i> <i>a Donation</i> <i>a Life Subscription</i>	<i>in aid of the funds of the</i>

ROYAL HOSPITAL AND HOME FOR
INCURABLES, PUTNEY

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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 every additional Five Guineas.

Please write name as it should be printed in the List of Governors and Donors.

† Kindly strike out the words not applicable.

BOTH NOVEMBER, 1945.

Inquiries are invited from intended Subscribers.

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NOTE.—No credit has been taken in the Investments for the value of the Hospital premises and land, the Nurses' Home, and furniture and effects.

We have examined the Capital Account for the year ended 30th September, 1945 (as above set forth), with the books and vouchers relating thereto, and certify same to be correct in accordance therewith. We have also verified the whole of the Securities and Bank Balances.

(Signed) HELMORE, HELMORE & CO.,

3, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.1.

18th October, 1945.

Average number of In-patients during year	195
Average cost per bed occupied	£181 14s. 2d.

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. 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.