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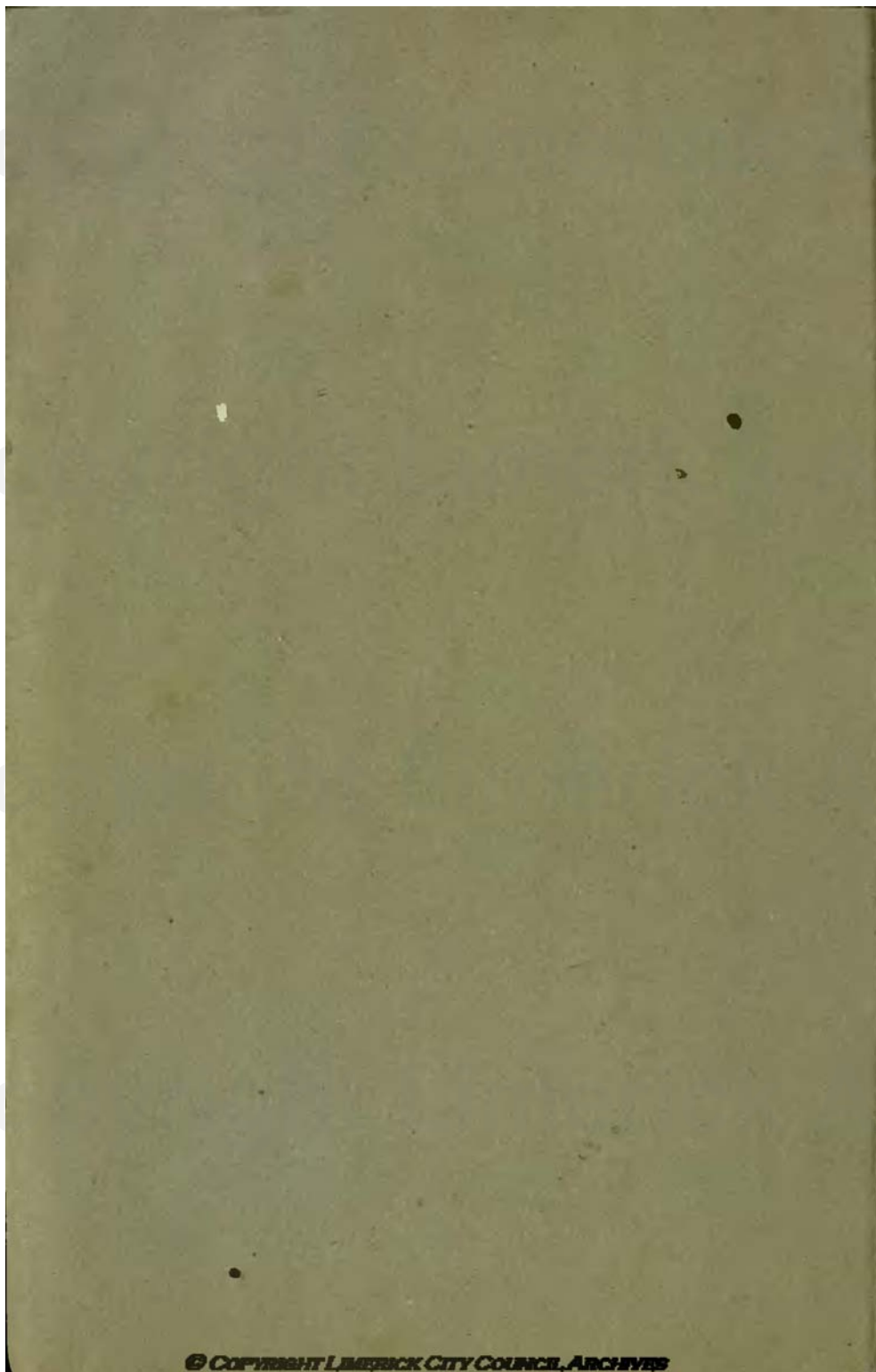
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## **THE MEDICAL STAFF,**

**1944.**

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### **Consulting Accoucheur:**

HUBERT ROCHE-KELLY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

### **Visiting Physicians:**

JOHN G. HOLMES, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

TIGHE FOLEY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

WILLIAM P. DUNDON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.

DENIS J. CORBOY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

MARY ROCHE-KELLY, L.R.C.S.I., L.R.C.P.I., L.M.

PATRICK J. McMAHON, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., L.M.

### **Matron:**

MISS K. WALSH.

Number of Patients for year ending 31st Dec., 1943, 543.

Number of Extern Patients ... 89.

Number of Deaths ... 3.

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Established 1812).

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## OFFICERS 1944.

### Patron:

HIS LORDSHIP, THE MOST REV. DAVID KEANE, D.D.,  
Bishop of Limerick.

### President:

MRS. L. O'BRIEN-KELLY.

### Trustees:

HIS LORDSHIP, THE MOST REV. DAVID KEANE.  
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MRS. O'BRIEN-KELLY. MRS. SPILLANE.  
MRS. TREACY.

### Honorary Treasurer:

LADY NASH, Shannon View House.

### Honorary Secretary:

MRS. TREACY, Ard Caoin.

### Committee:

MRS. J. R. DUNDON.	MRS. ROBERTS.	MRS. T. CORBOY.
MRS. O'DWYER.	MRS. J. G. HOLMES.	MRS. DEVANE.
MRS. O'MALLEY.	MRS. SHEEHY.	MRS. CORBOY.
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MRS. SPILLANE.	MRS. WOODHOUSE.	
MRS. DOWLING (Hon. Member).		

**Law Adviser:** EDWARD TREACY, Esq., Solr., 101 O'Connell St.  
**Auditors:** MESSRS PURTILL & CO., Dublin and Limerick.  
**Bankers:** PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND, LTD.  
**Architect:** EDWARD RYAN, Esq., A.I.A.A., Upper Mallow St.



# Bedford Row Hospital,

BEDFORD ROW, LIMERICK.

1943.

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The Hospital was established in 1812, and now comprises:

**Maternity Wards** to which Patients in Labour are admitted at all hours, beds being available for their reception.

**Gynæcological Department** for treatment of women suffering from diseases peculiar to their sex.

**Ante-natal Department** for treatment of expectant mothers.

**Extern Maternity Nursing Service** with a qualified Maternity Nurse.

The Hospital is intended primarily for the relief of the destitute poor and secondarily for those who, although not destitute, are not in a financial position to pay for treatment either in their own homes or in a Nursing Home.

No charge is made to the destitute poor, but those patients who are insured and whose husbands are employed, contribute half their maternity benefit, that is, one pound.

The Hospital is situated in Bedford Row, Limerick, in the heart of the City, and is readily accessible to those patients who avail of its services.

There is a resident Matron and a staff of qualified Nurses.

### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR 1943.

The work of the Hospital has proceeded very satisfactorily during the year under review. This is the fifth Annual Report since the outbreak of the European War and it is gratifying to be in a position to record that despite emergency conditions the Hospital has been able to carry out its accustomed programme without any restrictions of the excellent service which has always been afforded to its patients.

The Site of the proposed New Hospital at Belfield, on the Ennis Road, continues to be unoccupied. It is significant of the times, that the only reference to it in the records for the past year is the fact that at the urgent request of the Department of Defence the Committee gave permission for the digging of slit-trenches in the grounds in connection with the City Defence Scheme.

Now that the war is in its fifth year it may not be too much to hope that the days of peace are not far away and that then the long anticipated new Hospital Building will be erected on this pleasant and suitable site and continue to give that faithful and efficient service which the old Hospital has been pleased and privileged to give for over a century and a quarter.

The Committee suffered a severe loss during the year in the death of one of its most active members, the late Mrs. Jack Hartigan. Mrs. Hartigan had been a member of the Committee for many years, and had been unremitting in her services to the Hospital as indeed she had been to all charitable works in the city. Her greatly regretted death was rendered all the more poignant by reason of the fact that her elder daughter had died earlier in the year. May they both rest in peace.

#### THE WORK OF THE HOSPITAL.

The work of the Hospital was carried out with continued efficiency during the year. The Committee are happy to record their sincere appreciation of the unsparing services of the medical staff and the efficient discharge of their meritorious duties by the Matron, Miss Walsh, her competent assistant and the other nurses. It is no small consolation and encouragement to the Committee to realise that the medical administration of the Hospital is in such capable and well tried hands.



During the year the system of appointing two members of the Committee to act as visitors to the Hospital for the ensuing month, was continued and the various visitors thus appointed attended regularly to their duties.

The Committee considered the question of Emergency Bonuses for the Nursing Staff and as a result a bonus of 5s. per week (retrospective from 1st April, 1943) with £5 uniform allowance was granted to each nurse and continues in force. A bonus of 2s. 6d. per week from 1st April, 1943, was also granted to the domestic staff.

Towards the end of the year the erection of a new well-constructed mortuary was put in hands and has now been completed in the vacant plot beside the Hospital Building. One of the Wards which showed signs of dampness was treated and is now in excellent condition. In addition the stone steps in front of the Hospital were renovated and pointed during the year.

#### THE URBAN DISTRICT NURSING SCHEME.

The Urban District Nursing Scheme was continued during the year with Nurse Gilligan again in charge. The number of cases treated was 89, which necessitated 1,246 visits. The operation of this Scheme is a great boon to many of the city poor, and it is a source of considerable satisfaction to the Hospital to be co-operating in such a praiseworthy work. The Committee made recommendations to the Corporation for an increase in the sum payable in respect of these services, sufficient to pay an emergency bonus to the Nurse in charge. As a result of these recommendations the Hospital was able to grant a bonus of 7/6d. per week as from 1st September, 1943.

A. TREACY,  
Hon. Secretary.

# **MEDICAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31-12-'43.**

During the year 1943 there were 543 patients admitted to the Maternity Department, and of these 426 were delivered in the Hospital.

There were 89 patients delivered in their own homes, and approximately 1,246 visits made.

The Hospital was therefore responsible for 515 confinements.

Ante-Natal Cases	324
Attendances	1,296
Post-Natal Cases	792
Attendances	2,880
Gynaecological Cases	87
Attendances	512

There were several abnormal cases during the year.

Two cases of Caesarian Section were removed to other hospitals—one for contracted Pelvis and the other for Placenta Praevia. Both had live babies.

There were 26 Forceps Cases. (Incidence less than 5%)

- 18 Breech Deliveries.
- 10 Cases of Adherent Placenta.
- 2 Face Presentations.
- 8 Cases of Placenta Praevia.
- 3 Cases of Cord Presentation.
- 2 babies born alive.
- 1 Case of Internal Version.
- 2 Cases of Blood Transfusion.

There were 26 cases of Abortion and Haemorrhage. 18 of these were incomplete and required operation treatment (Curettage).

Three deaths occurred during the year. One case was transferred from another hospital suffering from serious Heart and Kidney disease. She died immediately after delivery. The second case was one of Eclampsia. She had several seizures before admission. The baby was still-born and the mother died 12 hours after delivery. The third had been suffering from Heart and Kidney disease for some time without treatment. Her baby was born on the way to hospital. She was admitted in a state of collapse and died in a few hours.

The Hospital again had a most successful year, and there was again an increase in the number of deliveries in the Hospital.

It is good to see that women are eager to share the advantages of admission to a hospital for their confinements. It speaks well for the whole administration especially the Nursing Staff.

The efficient manner in which the Matron and the Nursing Staff discharged their duties is evident from the absence of any serious infection in spite of difficult and serious cases, overcrowding and want of sufficient accommodation.

Our best thanks are due to them for their excellent work and for the very satisfactory and courteous manner in which they performed their responsible duties.

J. HOLMES, M.B.





THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIPTIONS AND GIFTS  
ARE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED:—

				£	s	d
Lady Nash	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Brien-Kelly	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Treacy	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Malley	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. D. Corboy	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Holmes	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. T. Corboy	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Devane	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Dwyer	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Sheehy	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Irwin	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Spillane	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Woodhouse	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dundon	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dowling	...	...	...	1	0	0
Messrs Guinness, Son & Co.	...	...	...	5	0	0
Clyde Shipping Co.	...	...	...	1	0	0

Lady Nash—Confectionery.  
Mrs. O'Brien-Kelly—Turkey and Plum Pudding.  
Mrs. Treacy—Fruit, Sweets and Cake.  
Mrs. Devane—Turkey.  
Dr. Holmes—Turkey.  
Dr. Dundon—Turkey.  
Dr. McMahon—Sweets.  
Dr. Corboy—Sweets.  
Dr. Foley—Sweets.  
Dr. M. Roche-Kelly—Sweets.  
Miss Daly—Cake.  
Mrs. O'Flanagan—Turkey.  
Mr. Sheehan—Turkey.



Dr. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

EXPENDITURE.	£	s	d	£	s	d
1943. Dec. 31— To Provisions				739	8	8
„ Surgery and Dispensary				87	14	4
„ Uniforms and Linen	58	15	3			
„ Hardware and Delph	1	7	0			
„ Laundry	63	15	10			
„ Cleaning and Chandlery	40	1	4			
„ Light and Heat	178	8	2			
				342	7	7
„ Salaries and Wages			...	943	7	4
„ Printing and Stationery	11	16	11			
„ Telephone	18	12	3			
„ Postage	3	0	0			
„ Audit and Secretarial	26	5	0			
				59	14	2
„ Insurance of Buildings, etc.				10	12	6
„ Repairs and Renewals—Buildings, etc.				16	7	0
„ Bank Interest and Charges	12	5	9			
„ Rent and Rates	58	2	11			
				70	8	8
„ Sundry Expenses				3	4	10
„ Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure for year				389	3	5

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DEC., 1943.

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INCOME.		£	s	d	£	s	d
1943. Dec. 31—							
By Voluntary Gifts					28	10	0
„ Receipts for Services Rendered					619	10	4
„ Grant					150	0	0
„ Interest and Dividends (other than from Sweep Funds)	374	3	2				
„ Interest and Dividends (from Sweep Funds)	1,067	5	0				
„ Rents	68	0	0				
					1,509	8	2
„ Hospitals' Trust to recoup Deficit for year ended 31st December, 1942					355	0	0

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**BALANCE SHEET AS AT****CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.**

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>SUNDRY CREDITORS</b>				63	6	5
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT—</b>						
Balance as at 1st January, 1943	36,921	8	6			
Add Excess of Income over						
Expenditure for year	389	3	5			
				37,310	11	11

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**AUDITORS'**

Certified prepared from the Books of the Hospital

 33/34 Anglesea Street,  
 Dublin.  
 18th April, 1944.

31st DEC., 1943.

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.	£	s	d	£	s	d
INVESTMENTS from own funds, including Donations and Bequests at market value at 31st December, 1931, or at cost with regard to those since purchased	3,494	16	4			
INVESTMENTS PURCHASED FROM Hospitals Trust Allocation	25,299	11	0	28,794	7	4
CASH IN BANK on Current Account				126	19	9
OTHER ASSETS— Barbara Tuthill Bequest:— Share of Rents and Dividends				Not Valued		
Westropp Trust:— Proceeds of £900 invested on foot of Deed of Trust				Not Valued		
Humphrey's Trust:— Share of Income from Property				Not Valued		
O'Brien Bequest:— Share from certain Properties and Securities				Not Valued		
HOSPITAL PREMISES, LAND AND BUILDINGS at Belfield, per last Balance Sheet	8,196	2	0			
FURNITURE AND EFFECTS, per last Balance Sheet	125	11	8			
SUNDRY DEBTORS	27	16	6			
SUNDRY STOCKS	103	1	1			

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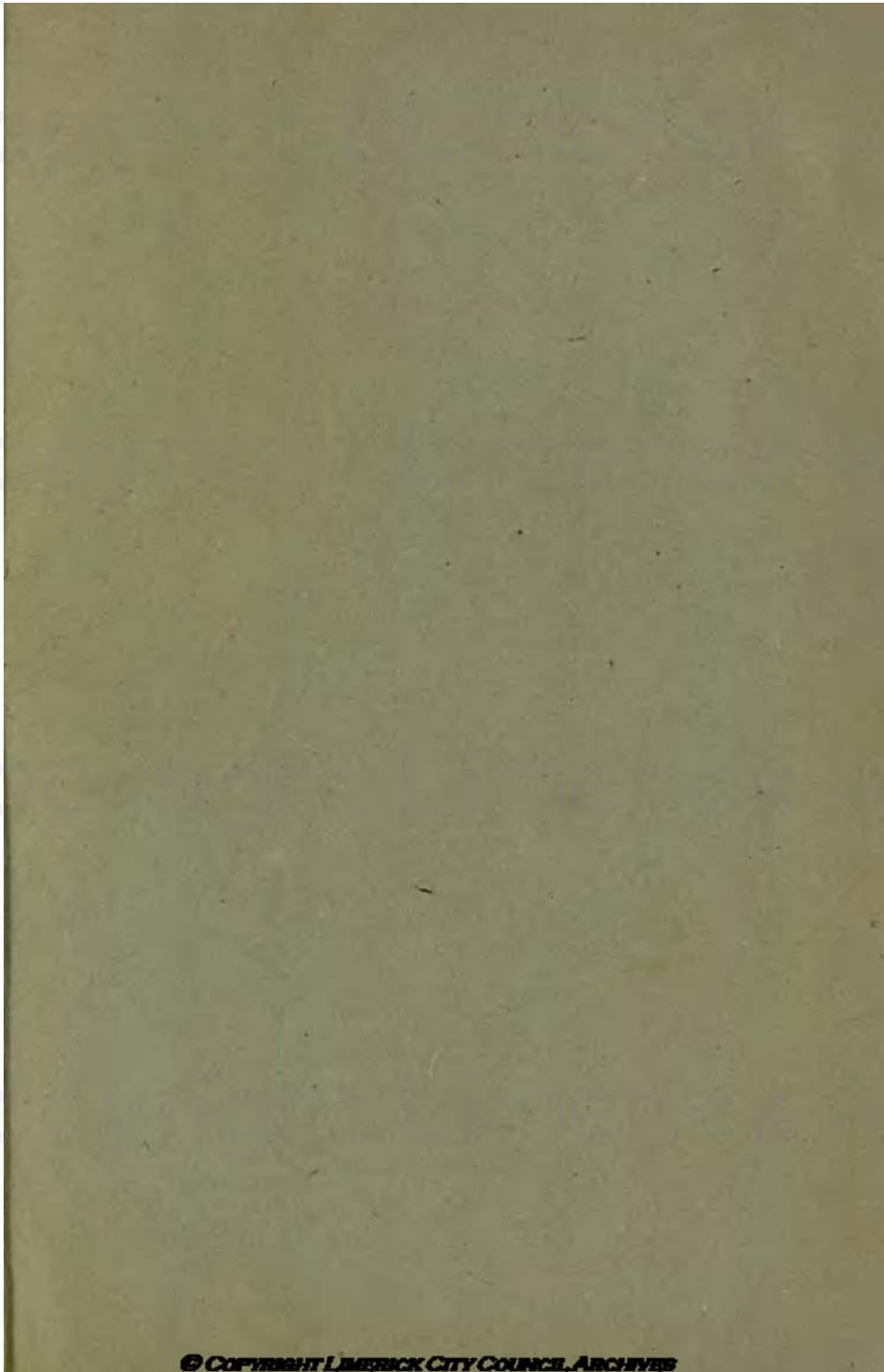
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PURTILL & COMPANY.  
Auditors.



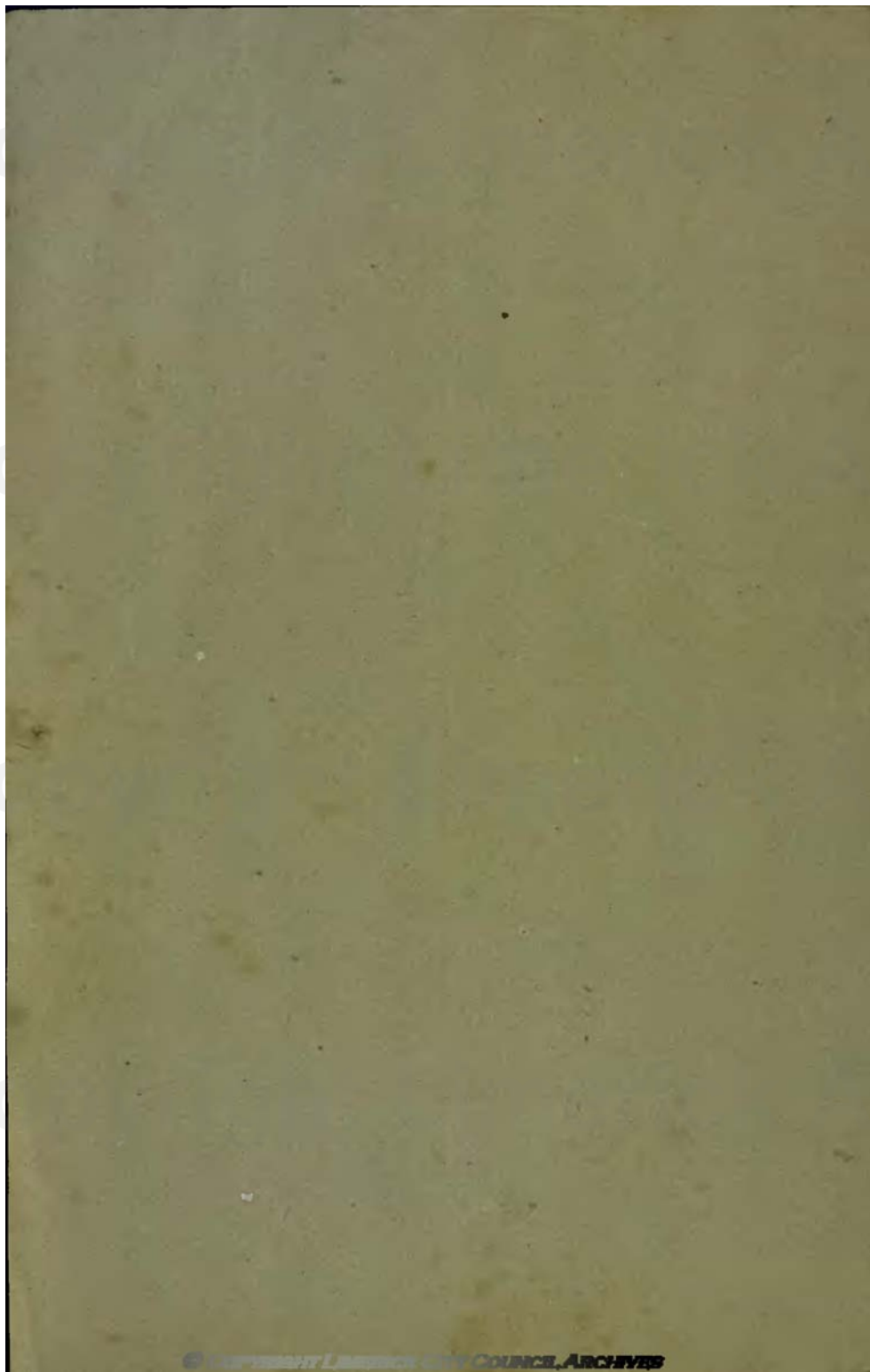
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