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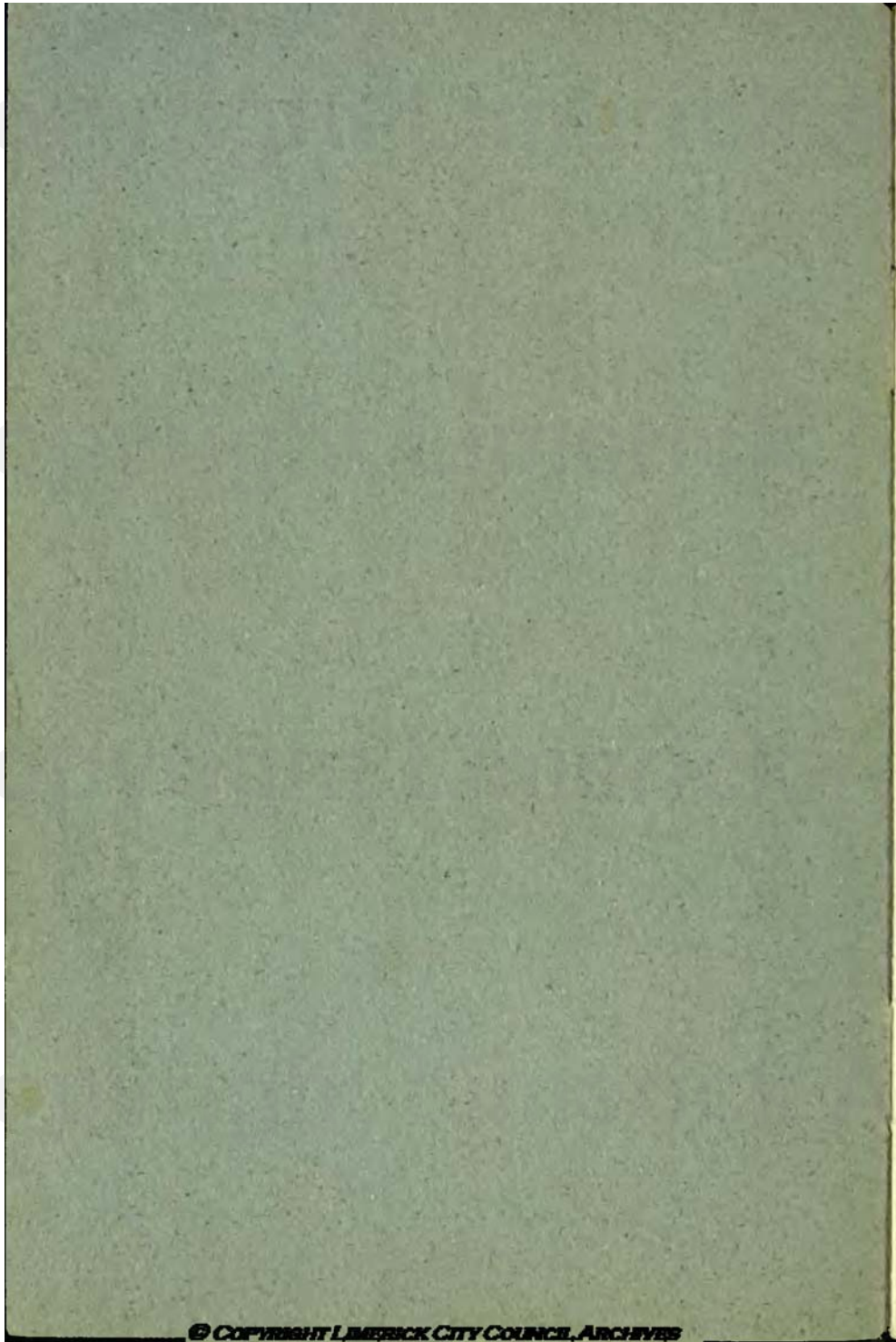
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THE MEDICAL STAFF,

1944.

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.A.O., M.B., B.Ch.

Matron:

MISS K. WALSH.

Number of Patients for year ending 31st Dec., 1944, ... 565

Number of Extern Patients ... 75

Number of Deaths ... 2

Bedford Row Hospital

Established 1812)

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.
LADY NASH. MRS. ROBERTS.
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.
MRS. McGRATH	MRS. IRWIN.	DR. J. G. HOLMES.
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.

1944.

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.

Gynaecological 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 1944.

It is now almost six years since the Belfield site on the Ennis Road was purchased by the Committee as a site for the proposed new Maternity Hospital. At that time it had been hoped to begin the erection of the new building in a few months. Before the year was out, however, the world had been plunged into a war which is still with us and which has meant that all ideas of proceeding with the new Hospital have had to be postponed.

Now that the clouds appear to be lifting from the horizon, it may not be too much to revive the hopes that within a few years there will be erected on the Belfield site, an up-to-date, well appointed, modern Hospital, which will be an adornment to the City, and a source of incalculable benefits to its patients. The sooner such hopes are realised the better. For many years now the Hospital has had to carry on its work in the old building in Bedford Row, under circumstances which considerably hinder its efficiency.

In every recent report, emphasis has been laid on the fact, that the Hospital suffers from severe over-crowding. It will be seen in this year's Medical Report, that often during the year under review, the accommodation was over-taxed and that several times extra beds and stretchers had to be provided at short notice. It is regrettable that there should be need for such a statement, but the fact that there is need, shows clearly how necessary it is to provide extra Maternity Hospital accommodation for the poor of Limerick at as early as possible a date.

It is a source of considerable pleasure to the Committee to realise that notwithstanding the difficulties of overcrowding, the work of the Hospital has been carried out so efficiently and satisfactorily during the year. They would like to place on record their high appreciation of the splendid work of the medical and nursing staffs, and to congratulate them on the excellent results that have been achieved.

During the year almost the entire interior of the Hospital was repainted and decorated in cheery practical colours. A new blood transfusion instrument was acquired for the operating theatre. As a result of a visit from the City Manager and the Chief of the Limerick Fire Brigade, steps were taken to implement their request that an exterior fire escape be fitted to the building. Plans were prepared and

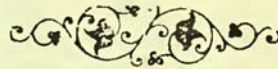
submitted to the Hospital Commission, which has now approved of them and the work will shortly be started. At the request of the Chief of the Fire Brigade arrangements were made whereby the Hospital Staff would be made familiar with fire fighting in the Hospital. The Hospital also arranged for its representation by the Matron on the Fire Watching Committee which includes the block on which the Hospital building stands.

In June the Hospital was visited by Miss Brooke Tyrrell of the Hospitals' Commission.

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 visitors thus appointed attended regularly to their duties.

The Urban District Nursing Scheme was continued during the year and Nurse Gilligan was again in charge. There was a decrease in the number of cases treated in their own homes, the figure being 75 against 89 for the previous year. These 75 cases necessitated 1,035 visits. The scheme is a very useful one to many of the City's poor, and the Hospital is very pleased to be participating in it.

A. TREACY,
Hon. Secretary.



MEDICAL REPORT FOR 1944.

During the year 1944 there were 565 admissions to the Maternity Department and of these 438 were delivered in the Hospital as against 426 in 1943, and 420 in 1942. Thus again showing an increase in the number of patients delivered in the Hospital. There were 75 patients delivered in their own homes and approximately 1,036 visits were paid.

The Hospital was therefore responsible for 513 Confinements.

Out patients at beginning of year	...	15
Total number of new out patients	...	334
Out patients attendances	...	3777
Gynaecological cases	...	528
Ante-Natal Cases	...	350
Post-Natal Attendances	...	820

The abnormal cases were as follows:—

Five cases required Caesarian Section and were transferred to other hospitals. Three of them had contracted Pelvis and two were aged Primipara. All had live babies and all the mothers recovered had normal Puerperiums.

Forceps cases, 24 (Incidence less than 5%)

Breech cases, 17

Adherent Placenta, 12

Brow Presentation, 4

Placenta Praevia, 13, with 8 babies living.

Twins—11 cases of these; 9 sets were born alive and 2 sets were premature and only survived birth a short time.

26 Cases of Abortion and Haemorrhage, 18 required operative treatment.

There were two deaths during the year.

The first was admitted as a case of Threatened Eclampsia and was safely delivered. Her baby was born alive and she died on the 9th day from Renal failure. The second was admitted as a case of failed Forceps outside. Her condition on admission was poor; delivery was difficult, due to abnormal size of baby and a Hydracephalic head. She died on the 8th day. None of these patients, in my opinion, could have been saved.

This was again a most successful year for the Hospital, with an increase in the number of deliveries. The Matron and the Nursing Staff were most assiduous in the discharge of their onerous duties and our best thanks are due to them for their highly efficient and courteous manner in which they carried on in spite of numerous difficulties such as overcrowding. The Hospital accommodation was often overtaxed and several times during the year extra beds and stretchers had to be provided, often at short notice and at night time.

Signed: 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. Devane	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Woodhouse	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dowling	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Gavin	...	...	...	3	0	0
Mrs. Holmes	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. T. Corboy	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dr. Corboy	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Malley	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Irwin	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Spillane	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dundon	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Dwyer	...	...	...	1	0	0
Messrs Guinness, Son & Co.	...	...	...	5	0	0
Clyde Shipping Co.	...	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Sheehy	...	...	...	1	0	0

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

Dr. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

EXPENDITURE	£	s	d	£	s	d
1944. Dec. 31st—						
To Provisions				804	9	0
.. Surgery and Dispensary				137	18	9
.. Uniforms and Linen	89	10	3			
.. Hardware and Delph	3	7	4			
.. Laundry	71	8	1			
.. Cleaning and Chandlery	34	11	3			
.. Light and Heat	217	2	10			
				415	19	9
.. Salaries and Wages				973	13	4
.. Printing and Stationery	9	7	11			
.. Telephone	18	19	5			
.. Postage	3	0	0			
.. Audit and Secretarial	26	5	0			
				57	12	4
.. Insurance of Buildings, etc.				13	10	0
.. Repairs and Renewals—Buildings, etc.				324	5	11
.. Bank Interest and Charges	12	16	6			
.. Rent and Rates	60	17	10			
				73	14	4
.. Sundry Expenses				2	17	6

£2,804 0 11

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DEC., 1944.

INCOME.	£	s	d	£	s	d
1944, Dec. 31—						
By Voluntary Gifts				21	0	0
„ Receipts for Services				743	10	3
„ Grant				169	8	0
„ Interest and Dividends (other than from Sweep Funds)	340	19	3			
„ Interest and Dividends (from Sweep Funds)	1067	5	0			
„ Rents	71	0	0	1479	4	3
„ Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year				390	18	5

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

	£	s	d	£	s	d
SUNDRY CREDITORS						
Bank Overdraft	392	16	5			
Expenses	32	19	8			
				425	16	1

CAPITAL ACCOUNT—

Balance at 1st Jan., 1944	37310	11	11			
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for the Year	390	18	5			
				36919	13	6

£37,345 9 7

AUDITORS'

Certified prepared from the Books of the Hospital

33/34 Anglesea Street,
Dublin.
13th April, 1945.

31st DECEMBER, 1944.

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
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	138	17	6			
SUNDRY STOCKS	90	11	1			

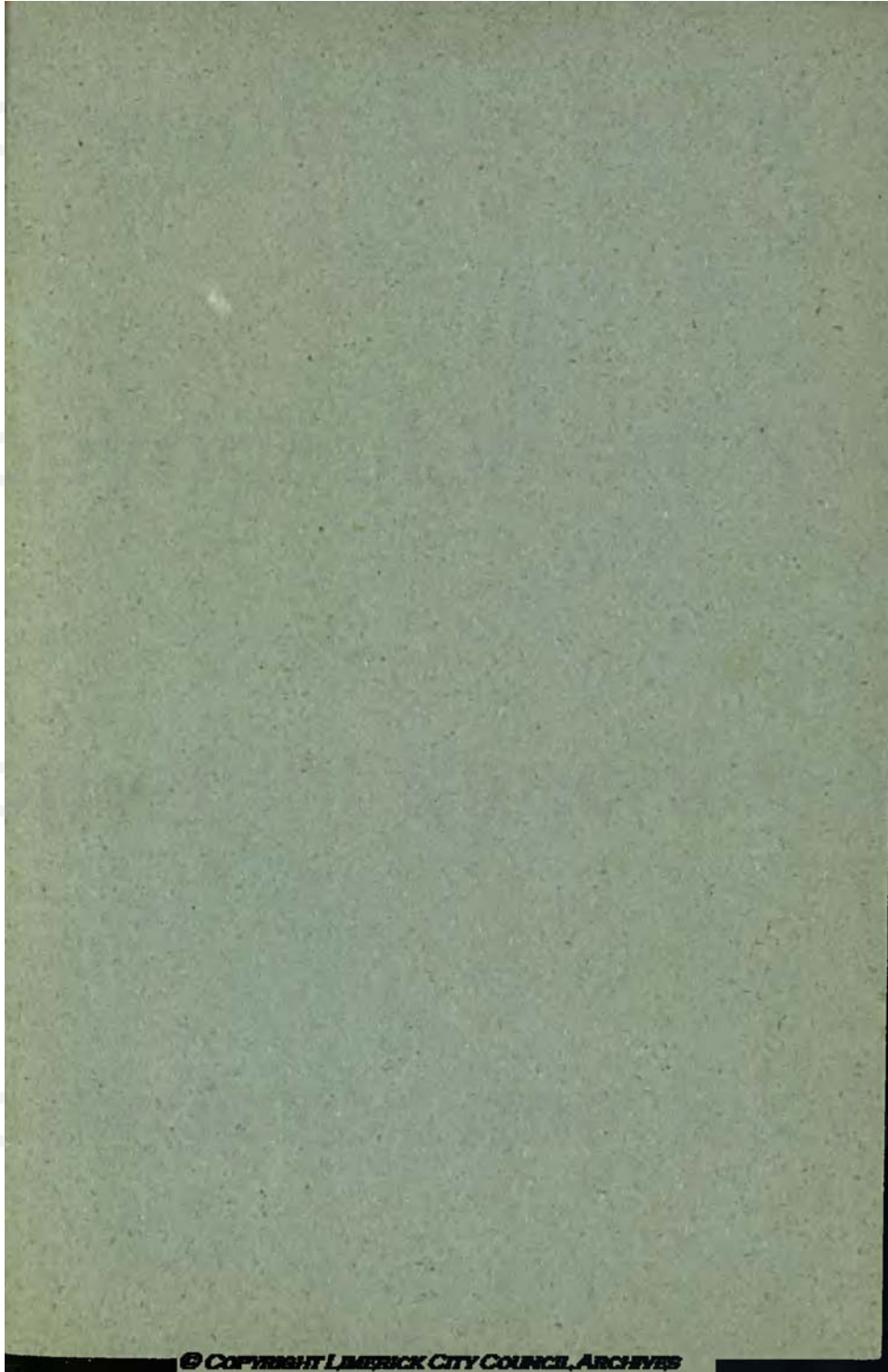
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PURTILL & COMPANY,
Auditors.

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