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## ANNUAL REPORT

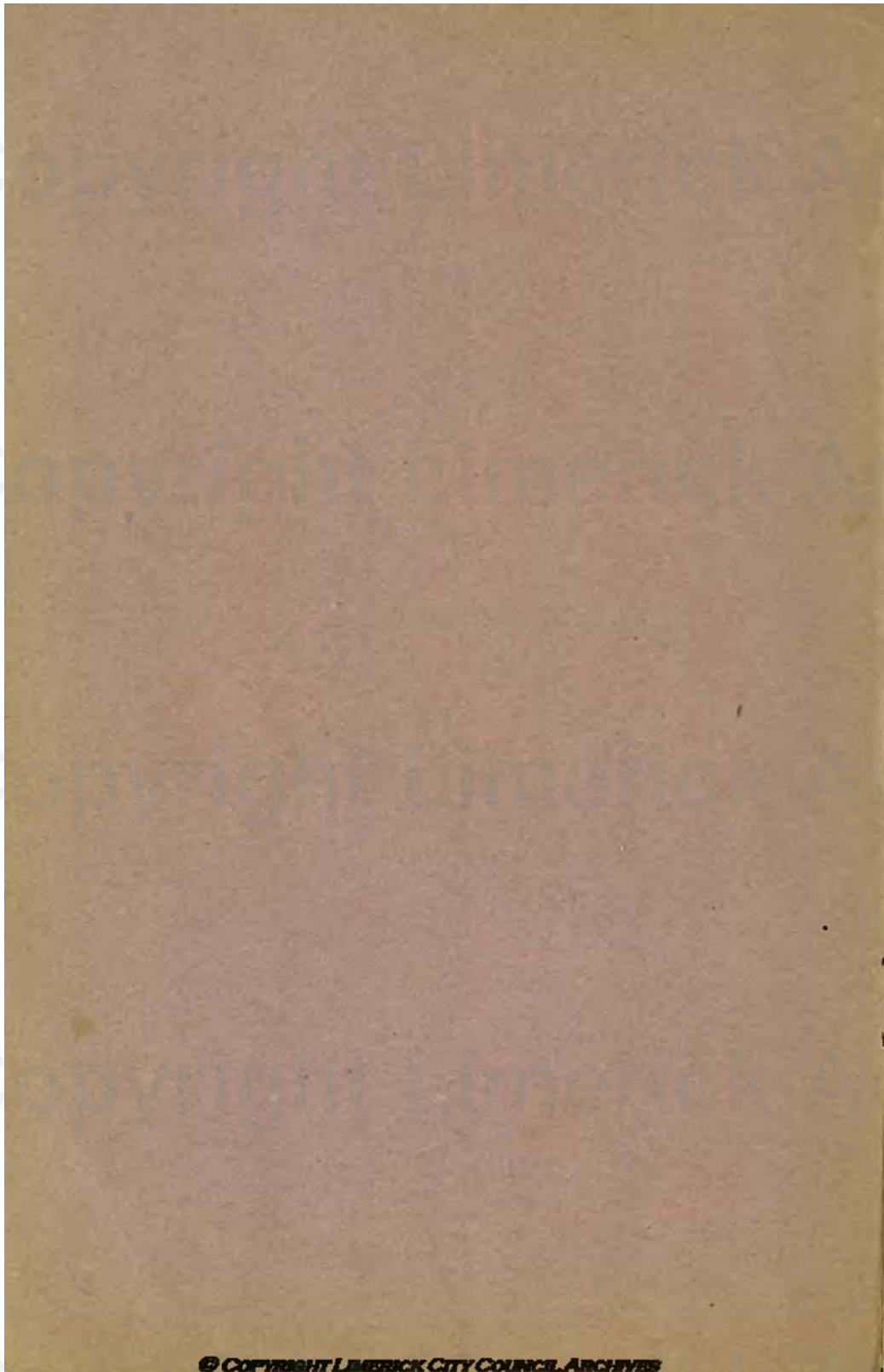
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## OFFICERS 1953.

### Patron:

**HIS LORDSHIP, THE MOST REV. PATRICK O'NEILL, D.D.,**  
Bishop of Limerick.

### President:

**MRS. L. O'BRIEN-KELLY.**  
Clonmacken House.

### Trustees:

**HIS LORDSHIP, THE MOST REV. PATRICK O'NEILL.**  
**LADY NASH.** **DR. J. F. HOLMES.**  
**MRS. O'BRIEN-KELLY.** **MRS. SPILLANE.**  
**MRS. TREACY.**

### Honorary Treasurer:

**LADY NASH, Shannon View House**

### Honorary Secretary:

**MRS. TREACY, Ard Caoin.**

### Committee:

<b>MRS. J. B. DUNDON.</b>	<b>MRS. J. G. HOLMES.</b>	<b>MRS. T. CORBOY.</b>
<b>MRS. O'MALLEY.</b>	<b>MRS. IRWIN.</b>	<b>MRS. DEVANE.</b>
<b>MRS. SPILLANE.</b>	<b>DR. J. G. HOLMES</b>	<b>MRS. CORBOY.</b>

### Law Adviser:

**EDWARD TREACY, Esq., Solr., 92 O'Connell St.** ✓

### Auditors:

**Messrs. PURTILL & CO., Dublin and Limerick.**

### Bankers:

**PROVINCIAL BANK OF IRELAND, LIMITED.** ✓



## **Bedford Row Hospital.**

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### **THE MEDICAL STAFF,**

**1953**

#### **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.**

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

**CECIL E. MOLONEY, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.**

#### **Matrons:**

**MISS K. WALSH.**

Number of Patients for year ending 31st Dec., 1953—771.

Number of Extern Patients—87.

Number of Extern Visits—957.

Number of Deaths—1.

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## **Bedford Row Hospital,**

**BEDFORD ROW, LIMERICK.**

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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.

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 1953.

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Throughout the year 1953 the work of the Hospital was carried out in an efficient and orderly manner.

As will be seen from the Medical Report it was a very busy and successful year. The Committee once more wishes to place on record its deep appreciation of the unfailing kindness and attention which the members of the Medical Staff give to the patients who avail of the services afforded by the Hospital. The Committee also desires to pay its tribute to the Matron, Miss Walsh and her competent and willing nursing staff who, despite the congestion in the Hospital, and the always present difficulties occasioned by overcrowding, carried out their work cheerfully and with such excellent results.

The Committee as usual held its monthly meetings throughout the twelve months under review.

In March the death took place of Mrs. Dowling of Kilrush, for very many years an Honorary Member of the Committee and a lady who took a keen interest in the Hospital.

Towards the end of the year the Committee received the resignation of one of its long standing members, Mrs. Sheehy. She had been an excellent member for a good number of years. She, with her husband, the late Mr. Brian Sheehy, B.E., had given unstinted service to this Hospital.

A. TREACY,

Hon. Secretary.



# MEDICAL REPORT FOR 1953.

The Hospital Maternal numbers are higher than in previous years. The number of Intern deliveries was 641. 603 living babies and 38 stillborn.

In the Extern department there were 87 deliveries and 957 visits paid.

Caesarean Section .....	9 cases.
Forceps .....	45 cases.
Placenta Praevia .....	8 cases.
Twins .....	5 sets.
Adherent Placenta .....	9 cases.
Abortion and Haemorrhage .....	39:
Threatened Abortion .....	30: 69 cases.
Stillborn Births .....	38 cases.
Breech .....	16 cases.
Face Presentation .....	2 cases.
Albuminuria and High Blood Pressure .....	12 cases.

One death occurred during the year. The patient was admitted in a very poor condition. Her baby was born without any complications. She got a transfusion—2 pints of blood and 4 pints of saline. She failed to respond to treatment and died 5 hours afterwards.

There were 45 Forceps deliveries. Twenty seven were Primiparas and 18 Multiparae. Slow labour Uterine Inertia and contracted pelvis were the indications for instrumental delivery.

Eight cases of Placenta Praevia. Four had Caesarean Section done. Three had version performed and babies were stillborn and one delivered a stillborn child.

There were five cases of twins born. In two cases both babies were alive. In the other two cases one baby in each case was stillborn. The fifth case was premature, both babies were born dead.

There were 9 cases of Manual removal of Placenta. Three patients had their babies born at home and were brought to Hospital to have Placenta removed. All patients did well.

Abortion and Haemorrhage. There were 14 cases of complete abortion. Twenty five cases had to be operated on for Incomplete Abortion and thirty of threatened abortion after being treated were discharged and proceeded to term.

There were 38 stillborn births, an increase in previous years. Accidental Haemorrhage accounted for 7 stillbirths. Prolapse of the cord accounted for 5, Placenta Praevia for three, Hydramnios for 2. Three cases were due to eclamptic Toxaemia; 2 to Diabetes complicating pregnancy and one was an anencephalic. In the other cases the foetal heart had disappeared before the onset of labour (15).

Breech deliveries were 16. There were eight Primipara Breech presentations all of which were delivered vaginally—all babies were born alive, except one. The other eight were Multipara and the delivery was not as difficult and all the babies were born alive.

There were two Face presentations. Both babies survived.

12 cases of Albumin and high blood pressure. Two patients had eclamptic seizures before admission. Their babies were born alive.

The other patients responded to treatment.

The intern service has again been overtaxed. The tendency of the public to seek Institutional Lying-in-Service showed no abatement.

There was one death in 641 deliveries—a patient who was terribly weak and anaemic on admission.

The greatest praise must be given to the Matron and Nursing Staff for their constant and unremitting care. The absence of any infection is a tribute to their watchfulness and attention to nursing details.

Relief of the pains of child-birth by Analgesia and inhalation anaesthetic is given when ever possible and under close supervision of the Medical Staff.

An incubator has been installed and has been of the greatest possible assistance in the nursing and care of premature children. It has saved the lives of several of those children. A second incubator will be necessary in the near future.

(Signed) :

J. HOLMES, M.B.

**Dr. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR**

**EXPENDITURE.**

	£	s	d	£	s	d
1953—Dec. 31						
To Provisions				1851	8	3
„ <b>Surgery and Dispensary:</b>						
Ordinary	291	13	10			
Reserve	91	0	0			
Special	119	0	0			
				501	13	10
„ <b>Linen</b>	181	0	9			
„ <b>Hardware and Delph</b>	6	11	0			
„ <b>Laundry</b>	155	0	4			...
„ <b>Cleaning and Chandlery</b>	47	11	8			
„ <b>Light and Heat</b>	363	3	9			
				753	7	6
„ <b>Salaries and Wages</b>				2625	7	8
„ <b>Printing and Stationery</b>	17	16	2			
„ <b>Telephone</b>	26	2	8			
„ <b>Postage</b>	3	0	0			
„ <b>Audit and Secretarial</b>	36	15	0			
				83	13	10
„ <b>Insurance on Buildings, etc.</b>				37	12	9
„ <b>Repairs to Premises,</b>						
<b>Furniture, etc.</b>				416	18	2
„ <b>Bank Interest and Charges</b>	6	9	8			
„ <b>Rent and Rates</b>	82	4	3			
				88	13	11
„ <b>Sundry Expenses</b>				7	8	4

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**THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1953.****Cr.****INCOME.**

	£	s	d	£	s	d
1953—Dec. 31						
By Voluntary Gifts				15	0	0
„ Revenue from Patients				1422	3	6
„ Corporation Grant				295	0	0
„ Interest and Dividends	1088	18	6			
„ Rents receivable	18	0	0			
				1106	18	6
„ Interest allowed on Credit at Bank				11	7	3
„ Restitution				3	0	0
„ Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income for year				3512	15	0

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

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>Sundry Creditors:</b> Sundry	46	5	6			
Provincial Bank						
of Ireland Ltd.	216	9	1			
				262	14	7
<b>Capital Account:</b>						
Balance at 1st January, 1953	33546	9	1			
<b>Add:</b> Deficit Grants from						
Hospital Trust	1903	0	0			
	35449	9	1			
<b>Deduct:</b> Excess of Expendi-						
ture over Income for						
year	3512	15	0			
				31936	14	1
<b>Premises Reserve Account</b>				2042	15	0

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31st DECEMBER, 1953.

## ASSETS.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
<b>Sundry Debtors</b>				150	15	1
<b>Stocks:</b> Ordinary	169	10	0			
Reserve	864	0	0			
				1033	10	0
<b>Investments</b> per last Balance Sheet				28794	7	4
<b>Furniture and Effects</b> per last Balance Sheet				125	11	8
<b>Hospital Premises</b> per last Balance Sheet				4137	19	7
<b>Other Assets:</b>						
Barbara Tuthill Bequest—Share of Rents and Dividend				Not Valued		
<b>Westropp Trust</b> —Proceeds of £900 invested on foot of Deed of Trust				Not Valued		
<b>Humphreys Trust</b> —Share of Income from Property				Not Valued		
<b>O'Brien Bequest</b> —Share from certain Properties and Securities				Not Valued		
				£34,242	3	8

## AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE:—

Certified prepared from the books of the hospital and correct and in accordance therewith.

PURTILL &amp; COMPANY,

Auditors.

33-34 Anglesea St.,

Dublin.

15-3-54.

**THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIPTIONS AND GIFTS  
AT CHRISTMAS, 1953, ARE GRATEFULLY  
ACKNOWLEDGED.**

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**SUBSCRIPTIONS, 1953.**

Lady Nash .....	1 0 0
Mrs. O'B. Kelly .....	1 0 0
Mrs. Treacy .....	1 0 0
Mrs. Holmes .....	1 0 0
Mrs. Sheehy .....	2 0 0
Mrs. Devane .....	1 0 0
Mrs. Dundon .....	1 0 0
Mrs. O'Malley .....	1 0 0

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**GIFTS, 1953.**

Lady Nash .....	Confectionery.
Mrs. Treacy .....	Ham.
Dr. Holmes .....	Wines.
Dr. Dundon .....	Turkey.
Dr. Corboy .....	Sweets.
Dr. Moloney .....	Sweets and Cigarettes.
Mr. Sheehan .....	Turkey.
Miss Daly .....	Cake.

