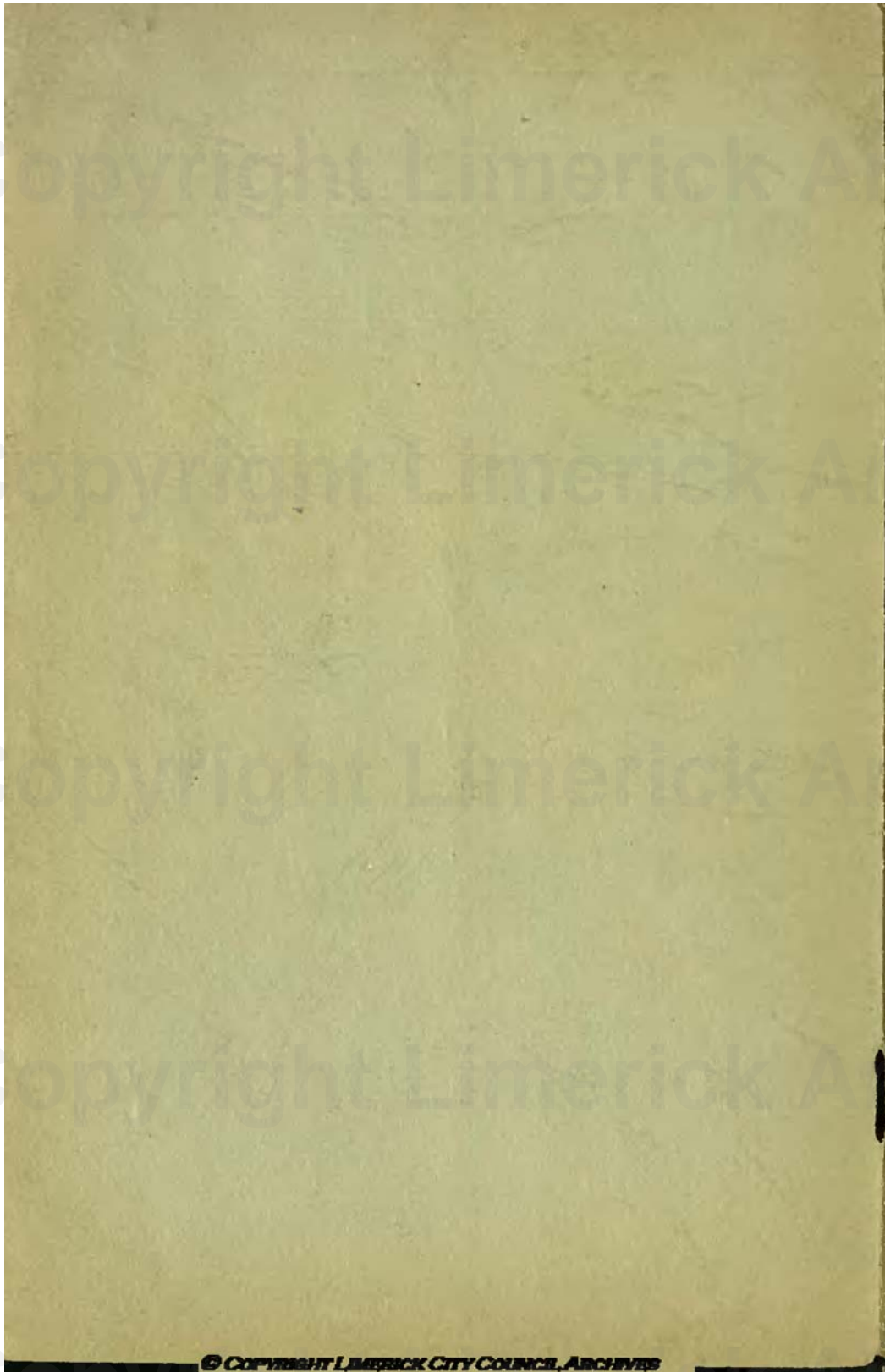


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FOR

Years Ending 31st December, 1955

AND

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OFFICERS 1955 and 1956.

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:

MRS. J. R. DUNDON.	MRS. J. G. HOLMES.	MRS. T. CORBOY.
MRS. O'MALLEY.	MRS. IRWIN.	MRS. DEVANE.
MRS. SPILLANE.	DR. J. G. HOLMES	MRS. CORBOY.

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.

THE MEDICAL STAFF, 1955 and 1956.

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. (died Sept., 1956).

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.

JOHN A. HOLMES, M.B., M.A.O.,
M.R.C.O.G. (appointed 1956).

Matron:

MISS K. WALSH.

Number of Patients for year ending 31st Dec., 1955—604.

Number of Extern Patients, 31st Dec., 1956—624.

Number of Extern Patients, 1955—72.

Number of Extern Visits—750 (1955).

Number of Extern Patients, 1956—103.

Visits, 1956—965.

Number of Deaths—2.

Bedford Row Hospital,

BEDFORD ROW, LIMERICK.

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.

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 COMMITTEE FOR 1955 AND 1956.

This Hospital has been in existence now since the year 1812.

For the past one hundred and twenty-five years it has provided maternity hospital accommodation for the poor of Limerick and for those who, although not destitute, were not in a financial position to pay for treatment either in their own homes or in a Nursing Home. It has every reason to be satisfied that, over such a long period of time, in good days and in bad, it has fulfilled its mission towards the people of Limerick.

A private hospital since its beginning, it has always been under the control and guidance of a Committee of Limerick Ladies ever conscious and appreciative of the needs of their fellow women of Limerick, who for generations have availed of the Hospital's services. But a new era of hospitalization has now begun with the introduction of large Regional Hospitals. Already on the site originally destined for a new Bedford Row hospital, the erection of a large new Maternity Regional Hospital—begun in 1956, is now almost complete.

Doubtless, this new Regional Hospital will have the advantage of the most up-to-date medical attendance and treatment for its patients, will be equipped with the most modern of hospital appliances, will have adequate accommodation for all its work and, generally, will provide under its public administration, for far more patients over a far wider area.

But even when the new Regional Maternity Hospital is in operation, Limerick will still remember "Bedford Row" with justifiable pride and will ever be grateful to all those who, on Medical Staffs, Nursing Staffs or Governing Committees of Bedford Row so faithfully and successfully catered for the women of Limerick for almost a century and a half.

The work of the Hospital was carried on in a satisfactory manner during the years 1955 and 1956. The Medical Report for those two years shows the extent and variety of the cases dealt with. It also indicates the success which attended the

efforts of the Medical and Nursing Staffs.

The Committee wish to record their keen appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the medical men attached to the Hospital.

Once again the Committee desire to stress the loyal and efficient work of the Matron, Miss Walsh, and the members of the Nursing Staff. Led by the Matron, the Nursing Staff has continued to prove itself a very cheerful, willing and successful team, and she and they are responsible for the successful results of both years.

Reference is made in the Medical Report to the death of Doctor W. P. Dundon, for many years a devoted member of the Medical Staff. Words are inadequate to express the appreciation of the Committee of his constant and efficient devotion to this Hospital and its patients. His name will ever be remembered in Limerick as one of the greatest medical men, and by none will it be more cherished than by all those who knew him in Bedford Row which he loved and served so well.

A. TREACY,

Hon. Secretary.

MEDICAL REPORT **FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1955**

The work of the Hospital was very satisfactory during the year 1955. There were 604 admissions.

We had one death during the year, as may be seen in the notes under Placenta Praevia. This is regarded as satisfactory in view of the number of admissions.

It is disquieting to report a large number of Stillbirths most of which were full term infants. Some of these were macerated, due to Rhesus trouble—Toxaemia—Renal Disease, Rhesus factor and Post maturity.

Caesarean Section	7
Forceps Deliveries	37
Adherent Placenta and Manual removal	6
Placenta Praevia	7
Twins	10 sets
Abortion and Haemorrhage	67
Breech Deliveries	15
Stillborn Births	31
Ruptured Uterus	2

There were several* abnormal cases during the year. Seven cases were removed to other Hospitals for Caesarean Section.

Three cases were for Contracted Pelvis. Three for Placenta Praevia and one patient was an elderly diabetic.

Thirty-seven cases of Forceps Delivery. The majority were Primiparae.

Six cases of Adherent Placenta, two patients had their babies born at home and were brought to Hospital for Manual removal of Placenta.

There were seven cases of Placenta Praevia. Three were operated on and their babies lived. Three delivered themselves. One patient died, her baby not being born.

There were ten sets of twins, all born alive.

During the year, sixty-seven cases were admitted to the Hospital suffering from Ante-partum Haemorrhage. Forty-

three required operative treatment. Ten were complete abortions and the remaining fourteen carried on to full term.

There were fifteen breech deliveries, two babies were stillborn.

There were thirty-one stillborn births, most of which were full term infants. Some of which were macerated, due to toxæmia and Post Maturity.

Two patients had Hysterectomy performed for ruptured Uterus. One patient was admitted in Labour, Head and Cord presentation. Version was performed and leg brought down; Breech delivery of stillborn male infant. Patient had Ruptured Uterus and was transferred to another Hospital for Hysterectomy.

Number two patient was a Breech Presentation — very difficult delivery—impacted shoulders—Hydrocephalic head on manual removal of Placenta. It was discovered that uterus had ruptured. Patient was transferred immediately to another Hospital for Hysterectomy.

One case of diabetic pregnancy. Patient had been treated with Insulin prior and during pregnancy. She was transferred to another Hospital for Caesarian. Baby was born alive and free from diabetes.

One death occurred during the year. Patient was admitted with the history that she had several haemorrhages at home. Twenty-two hours after being admitted she got another haemorrhage and was given a Blood Transfusion—Two pints of blood and one pint of Intradex. She did not respond to treatment and died, baby not being born.

**MEDICAL REPORT
FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1956.**

During the year 1956, 624 patients were admitted to Hospital, an increase since 1955. The number of deliveries was 499. The number of patients in the district was 101 and 1370 visits paid.

One death occurred during the year.

Caesarian Section	10
Forceps Delivery	29
Adherent Placenta	8
Placenta Praevia	5
Twins	12 sets
Abortion and Haemorrhage	82
Breech cases	22
Stillborn	24
Anencephalus	4
Face Presentation	2
Albuminuria and Blood Pressure	9

Ten cases of Caesarian Section.

Three were Placenta Praevia. Four were aged Primiparae. One was Contracted Pelvis. One prolapse of the Cord and one a Breech in an Elderly Primipara.

There were twenty-nine Forceps Deliveries. Some were due to prolonged Labour and disproportion.

Eight cases of Adherent Placenta. Two patients had their babies born at home and were brought to Hospital for Manual removal of Placenta.

Five cases of Placenta Praevia. Three patients were operated on for Caesarian Section. The two others had their babies normally, but one baby was stillborn.

Twelve sets of twins were born. One set was premature and did not survive.

Abortion and Haemorrhage: There were eighty-two cases admitted during the year suffering from Ante-partum Haemorrhage. Five were due to Placenta, thirty-two were operated on for Incomplete abortions, ten were Complete

abortions and the others carried on to full term.

Twenty-two Breech cases. One baby was stillborn, but the foetal heart was not here on admission.

There were twenty-four stillborn babies. Some were due to Post Maturity, foetal abnormality, toxæmias, Placenta prævia, Rhesus, and a few unknown cases.

Four Anencephalic babies were born. The babies died.

Two cases of Face Presentation. One occurred in a Multiparae. She delivered herself spontaneously. The other patient was treated by conversion to Vertex with satisfactory results to mother of baby.

Nine cases of Albuminuria and High Blood Pressure. All the patients responded to treatment and were discharged.

One death occurred during the year. Patient was transferred from another Hospital with a history of heart and chest trouble. Premature twins were born. One was stillborn; the other baby got on well. Patient did not respond to treatment and died on the ninth day. Death was due to Pulmonary embolism.

REPORT FOR 1955 AND 1956.

The years, 1955 and 1956, showed that the Hospital was carrying on its good work, as per the following:—

Admission in 1955 604.

Admission in 1956 624.

The advantages of Hospital care and treatment for Maternity patients cannot be overstressed.

Constant attention by the Nursing Staff. Medical staff on call and within easy reach. Anaesthesia, Blood, and other Transfusions when necessary.

Here we may mention that our best thanks are due to the Limerick Blood Transfusion Service under the supervision of Drs. Furnell and Kelleher. They have always been most prompt in answering our calls.

During the years, we had cases suffering from Albuminuria and accidental haemorrhages which gave rise to a lot of anxiety. A satisfactory outcome for these patients is a matter for congratulations for the Nursing and Medical Staff.

The fact that in the two years under review there were two deaths: one being due to Placenta Praevia and the other due to that most unexpected of all—a Pulmonary Embolus. Neither of these cases were booked as regards the Hospital and were admitted as emergencies, and in one case the death was unavoidable.

Admission of cases showing early signs of Toxaemia has lessened the incidence of Eclampsia, and it is in the management of these cases that Ante-natal care is so important.

There has been no case of any infection and although there was overcrowding in March, 1955, due to ninety-two admissions for the month.

The Matron and the Nursing Staff have given excellent

service, and the absence of infection is due to their foresight and care.

It was with the greatest regret we learned of the death of Dr. W. P. Dundon.

His uprightness, his humanity, and his ability were the admiration of all his colleagues.

Although he had been ailing for some time, his death was a great blow to his friends and to this Hospital which he had served so well.

His patients found him helpful, courteous, and most approachable.

Punctuality, and a determination to do everything possible for the welfare of his patients were his guiding principles, and he never spared himself.

His colleagues feel that they have lost a loyal and devoted friend, and the Hospital one of its outstanding members.

J. HOLMES, M.B.

Dr. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR
EXPENDITURE.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
1956—Dec. 31.						
To Provisions				1959	3	0
.. Surgery and Dispensary:						
Ordinary	350	5	6			
Reserve	10	0	0			
				360	5	6
.. Linen and Nurses Uniforms	153	13	3			
.. Hardware and Delph	2	3	7			
.. Laundry	148	2	7			
.. Cleaning and Chandlery	49	11	11			
.. Light and Heat	404	6	4			
				757	17	8
.. Salaries and Wages				3290	17	4
.. Printing and Stationery	25	1	6			
.. Telephone	18	1	5			
.. Postage	16	0	0			
.. Audit and Secretarial	36	15	0			
				95	17	11
.. Insurance on Buildings, etc.	41	3	9			
.. Repairs to Premises, Furniture, etc.	57	9	4			
				98	13	1
.. Bank Interest and Charges	257	13	11			
.. Rent and Rates	67	5	0			
				324	18	11
.. Sundry Expenses				42	18	10

£6,930 12 3

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1956.

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INCOME.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
1956—Dec. 31.						
By Voluntary Gifts				15	0	0
.. Revenue from Patients				2979	8	4
.. Corporation Grant				565	3	7
.. Interest and Dividends	1018	8	8			
.. Rent Receivable	18	0	0			
				1036	8	8
.. Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income. for year				2334	11	8

£6,930 12 3

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

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Creditors:						
Sundry	59	2	9			
Provincial Bank Ltd.	6790	2	11			
				6849	5	8
Capital Account:						
Balance at 1st Jan., 1956	26926	5	3			
Deduct: Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	2334	11	8			
				24591	13	7
Premises Reserve Account:						
Surplus on Sale of Belfield				2042	15	0

£33,483 14 3

31st DECEMBER, 1956.**ASSETS.**

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Sundry Debtors				530	5	0
Stocks: Ordinary				150	0	0
Investments per last Account				28070	16	9
Furniture and Effects						
per last Balance Sheet	496	19	5			
Add: Cost of Typewriter						
and Filing Cabinet	97	13	6			
				594	12	11
Hospital Premises						
per last Balance Sheet				4137	19	7
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	
				£33483	14	3

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE:—

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

84, Harcourt St.,
Dublin.
3rd July, 1957.

PURTILL & COMPANY,
Auditors.

Dr. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

EXPENDITURE				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1955—Dec. 31.									
To Provisions	...	...	...				1861	0	7
„ Surgery and Dispensary:									
Ordinary	...	...	...	386	16	0			
Reserve	...	...	...	368	0	6			
							754	16	6
„ Linen and Nurses' Uniforms	...	...	...	84	19	2			
„ Hardware and Delph	...	...	...	17	8	2			
„ Laundry	...	...	...	151	9	11			
„ Cleaning and Chandlery	...	...	...	42	10	0			
„ Light and Heat	...	...	...	287	1	2			
							583	8	5
„ Salaries and Wages	...	...	...				2971	6	6
„ Printing and Stationery	...	...	...	16	13	0			
„ Telephone	...	...	...	29	3	6			
„ Postage	...	...	...	6	0	0			
„ Audit and Secretarial	...	...	...	36	15	0			
							88	11	6
„ Insurance on Buildings, etc.	...	...	...				29	7	3
„ Repairs to Premises, Furniture, etc.	...	...	...				293	4	8
„ Bank Interest and Charges	...	...	...	104	14	8			
„ Rent and Rates	83	19	3			
							188	13	11
„ Sundry Expenses				2	9	4

£6,772 18 8

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.

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INCOME

1955—Dec. 31.

		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Voluntary Gift	...				7	0	0
„ Revenue from Patients	...				1030	6	0
„ Corporation Grant	...				630	0	0
„ Interest and Dividends	...	1142	9	4			
„ Rents Receivable	...	18	0	0			
					1160	9	4
„ Balance being Excess of Expenditure over Income for Year	...				3945	3	4

£6,772 18 8

BALANCE SHEET AS AT

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors :		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry	...	57	1	4			
Provincial Bank Ltd.	...	4004	16	8			
					4061	18	0
Capital Account :							
Balance at 1st January, 1955	...	29691	19	2			
Add: Deficit Grant from Hospital Trust	...	1897	0	0			
					31588	19	2
Less Architect's Fees	596	5	0				
Quantity Surveyor's Fees	47	15	0				
Loss on Sale of Shares	73	10	7				
					717	10	7
					30871	8	7
Excess of Expenditure over Income for year		3945	3	4			
					26926	5	3
Premises Reserve Account :							
Surplus on Sale of Belfield	...				2042	15	0

£33,030 18 3

31st DECEMBER, 1955.

ASSETS

ASSETS				£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sundry Debtors:				135	2	6
Stocks: Ordinary				100	0	0			

Stocks: Ordinary	...	...	100	0	0	
Reserve	...	...	90	0	0	
						190 0 0
Investments per last Account	...	...	28794	7	4	
Less Exchequer Bonds Sold	650	0	0			

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

Certified prepared from the books of the Hospital and correct and
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84, Harcourt St.,
Dublin.
15th March, 1956

PURTILL & COMPANY,
Auditors.

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	£	s	d
Lady Nash ...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'B. Kelly ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Treacy ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dwane ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dundon ...	1	0	0

1956.

	£	s	d
Lady Nash ...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'B. Kelly ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Treacy ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dwane ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dundon ...	1	0	0
Mrs. Corboy ...	1	0	0

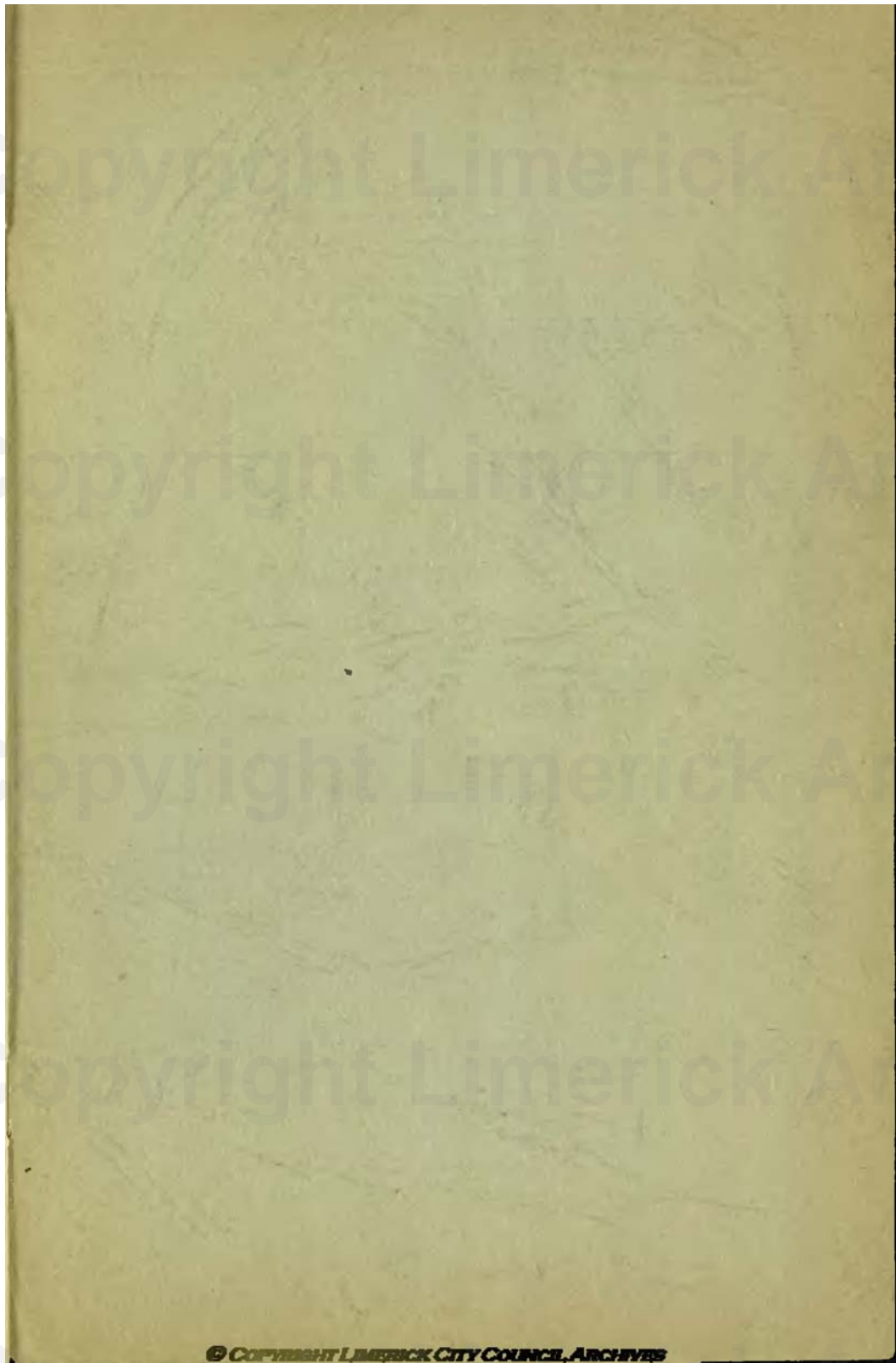
CHRISTMAS GIFTS, 1955.

Lady Nash	Confectionery and apples.
Mrs. Treacy	Ham.
Mrs. Devane	Sweets.
Dr. Holmes	Wines.
Dr. Corboy	Sweets.
Dr. McMahon	Sweets.
Dr. Moloney	Cake.
Mr. Carroll	Plum Pudding.
Mrs. Sheehan	Turkey.
Miss Maher	Turkey.

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