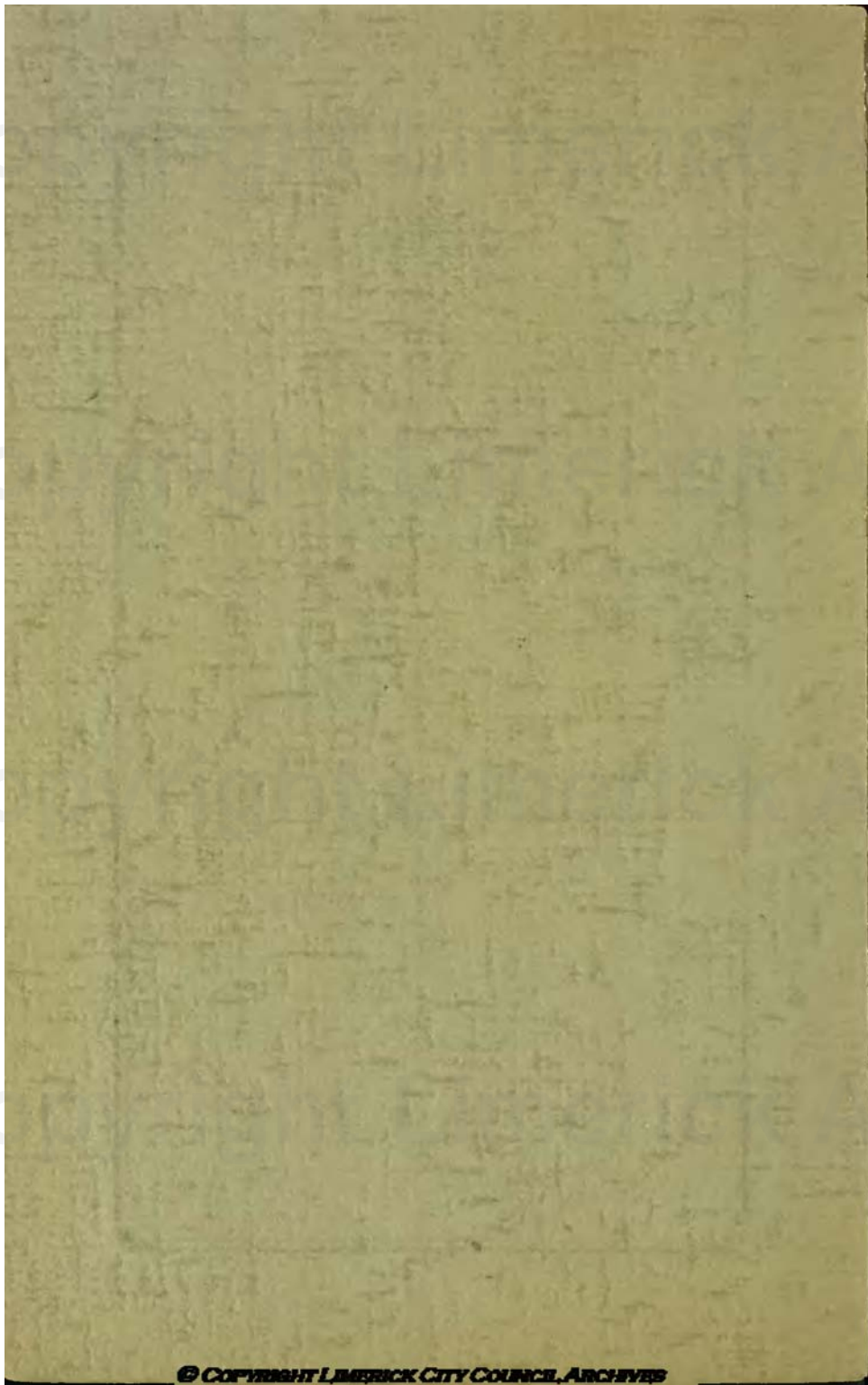


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LIMERICK.

(Established in the Year 1812).

One Hundredth and Twenty-Ninth

## ANNUAL REPORT

FOR

YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

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# **Bedford Row Hospital.**

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## **THE MEDICAL STAFF,**

1940.

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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., 1940, 562.

Number of Extern Patients ... 107.

Number of Deaths ... 2.



# **Bedford Row Hospital.**

(Established 1812).

## **OFFICERS 1941.**

### **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. SPILLANE.	MRS. WOODHOUSE.
MRS. O'DWYER.	MRS. ROBERTS.	MRS. T. CORBOY.
MRS. J. HARTIGAN.	MRS. J. G. HOLMES.	MRS. DEVANE.
MRS. O'MALLEY.	MRS. SHEEHY.	MRS. CORBOY.
MRS. McGRATH.	MRS. IRWIN.	DR. J. G. HOLMES.
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.

1940.

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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.

**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 1940.****THE SITE FOR THE NEW HOSPITAL.**

The continuance of the War during the year has meant that all plans in connection with the proposed new Hospital have been temporarily laid aside. The Hospital has continued to carry on in the premises at Bedford Row, and despite the fact that these premises are too small to cope with the work available, the year under review has been a very successful one. The War has naturally cast its shadow here as elsewhere, and the Committee has not merely had to consider and arrange for reserves of medical and other supplies but it has also had to discuss and provide for the safety of its care in the event of air raids. Whilst it is to be sincerely hoped that this country will be spared the horrors of modern warfare it is incumbent on an Institution such as this to make every provision to ensure safety should the worst happen.

**GENERAL.**

Several improvements have been carried out during the year. Some of the wards were re-painted and decorated. New ward furniture was obtained, and a Radiant Heat Bath installed. That portion of the premises in which the Child Welfare Department is carried on was further improved and is now in good class condition. In the vacant plot beside the Hospital a small morgue was erected. Fire-fighting appliances were purchased early in the year and are now distributed on the various floors.

**THE LATE DR. JAMES ROBERTS.**

In August the Hospital suffered a very great loss in the death of its Senior Medical Officer, the late Dr. James Roberts. He had been on the staff for many years and for the past few years had been a member of the Committee. His work for the Hospital both as a Doctor and as an administrator was of the highest possible order. He was responsible for most of the many practical improvements which have taken place in the Hospital in recent years. As a Doctor he will long be sadly missed by the poor of Limerick whose friend he always was and for whom he did so much. In the Hospital his vigorous, genial personality will be long remembered and the memory cherished.



## THE LATE MR. JAMES A. DOYLE, SOLR.

Another old friend of the Hospital, in the person of the late Mr. James A. Doyle, Solicitor, died during the year. In the days before the Sweepstakes, when the Hospital had to rely on charitable support, the late Mr. Doyle freely gave his professional services to the Committee for many years.

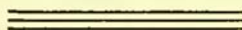
## CO-OPTION.

The vacancy in the Medical Staff occasioned by the regretted death of Dr. Roberts was filled by the election of Dr. Patrick J. McMahon. In order to continue the practice of having a member of the Medical Staff on the Governing Committee Dr. John Holmes was co-opted.

## URBAN DISTRICT NURSING SCHEME.

The Urban District Nursing Scheme in which the Hospital co-operates with the City Board of Health in the treatment of maternity cases in their own homes—was continued with success and is working with great satisfaction to all parties.

A. TREACY, Hon. Secretary.



**MEDICAL REPORT.**

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There were 562 admissions to the Maternity Department, and of these 418 were delivered in the Hospital.

In the Extern Department there were 107 patients delivered in their own homes and approximately 1,498 visits were paid. The Hospital was therefore responsible for 525 confinements. Number of Ante-Natal cases, 261 number of attendances, 1,325; Gynaecological cases, 32; attendances, 67. There were two deaths during the year, one due to Eclampsia and one due to Post Partum Haemorrhage and shock. Both cases were moribund on admission. The case of Post Partum Haemorrhage having been delivered outside the Hospital. There were 16 cases of Placenta Praevia. 14 of these were treated in the Hospital without maternal mortality. Two cases were removed to another hospital for Caesarean Section. There were 20 cases of Albumenuria, 17 Breech cases with 10 still-born babies, 4 sets of twins, all alive, 16 abortions and miscarriages, 29 cases of Curettage, 46 forceps deliveries

The increased demand on the services of the Hospital which was so marked in 1938 and 1939 was again evident last year and put a great strain on the resources of the Hospital and on the Medical and Nursing Staffs. During the year the question of suitable accommodation and proper isolation of cases of morbidity was very acute. Fortunately the cases that occurred yielded quickly to treatment, but even with this happy result these cases are a constant source of anxiety and strain on a hospital such as this where there is continual overcrowding.

Owing to this overcrowding and the want of accommodation and proper facilities for isolation some cases were refused admission. The proper working of the Hospital was seriously curtailed and cases requiring abdominal operations such as Caesarean Section had to be transferred to another hospital.

These instances must surely make us realise how urgent is the need of a fully equipped modern Maternity Hospital.

Notwithstanding its difficulties the Hospital has had a most satisfactory and successful year, and the greatest credit is due to the Matron and the Nursing Staff for their unremitting watchfulness and care and for the thorough and efficient manner in which they discharged their duties.

During the year the Hospital and the Medical Staff have suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. James Roberts. His colleagues will forever cherish the memory of a highly-skilled Surgeon and Obstetrician, whose services were given ungrudgingly, unsparingly and with the utmost alacrity day or night.

JOHN HOLMES, M.B.

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Mrs. Woodhouse	...	...	1	0	0
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Lady Nash—Flannelette and Magazines.  
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 Mrs. Treacy—Fruit, Sweets and Cigarettes.  
 Mrs. Devane—Turkey.  
 Dr. Holmes—Sweets.  
 Dr. Corboy—Sweets.  
 Dr. Dundon—Ham.  
 Dr. Mary R. Kelly—Fruit and Sweets.  
 Dr. Foley—Sweets.  
 Dr. McMahon—Sweets.  
 Miss Daly—Cake.  
 Mrs. O'Flanagan—Ham.  
 Mr. Sheehan—Turkey.  
 Mrs. J. Sexton—Magazines.  
 Mrs. Stokes—Magazines.  
 Mrs. Spillane—Turkey and Ham.



Dr. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

EXPENDITURE.	£	s	d	£	s	d
Provisions—						
Farm and Garden Produce Purchased	44	15	10			
Meat	107	9	3			
Milk	124	2	11			
Fish	9	19	4			
Butter	75	2	4			
Eggs	30	9	7			
Bacon and Ham	68	14	4			
Bread	80	8	9			
Groceries and Sundries	98	9	1			
				639	11	5
Surgery and Dispensary—						
Drugs and Chemicals	30	7	1			
Dressings and Bandages	28	9	0			
Instruments and Appliances	3	6	10			
				62	2	11
Domestic—						
Repairs and Renewals:—						
Bedding and Linen	10	3	3			
Hardware and Crockery	1	16	11			
				12	0	2
Laundry	29	8	8			
Cleaning and Chandlery	37	17	4			
Electricity	27	17	0			
Gas	6	10	0			
Coal and Turf	102	16	0			
				204	9	0
Salaries and Wages—						
Nursing	804	12	6			
Maids	76	14	6			
Charwoman	43	3	0			
				924	10	0
Administration—						
Printing and Stationery	6	8	8			
Telephone and Postage	19	17	8			
Auditor's Fees	15	15	0			
Sundries	8	19	11			
				51	1	3
Miscellaneous—						
Insurance of Buildings, Furniture, etc.	5	1	0			
Advertising	0	13	6			
				5	14	6
Establishment—						
Repairs and Renewals Buildings				195	5	6
Finance—						
Bank Interest	3	17	0			
Rent and Rates	69	10	10			
				73	7	10
Excess of Income over Expenditure for year				134	9	11
				£2,302	12	6

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1940. Cr.**

INCOME		£	s	d	£	s	d
Voluntary Gifts—							
Subscriptions and Donations					25	2	0
Receipts for Services							
In Patients					487	19	0
Grants—							
Public Bodies					150	0	0
Invested Property—							
Interest, Dividends, etc. (other than		274	2	2			
from Sweep Funds)							
Interest, Dividends etc. (from		874	9	4			
Sweep Funds)		58	0	0			
Rent							
					1,206	11	6
Extraordinary Income—							
Legacy		50	0	0			
Hospitals Trust to recoup loss							
for year to 31st December, 1939		383	0	0			
					433	0	0

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## BALANCE SHEET AS AT

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.	...	s	d	£	s	d
Sundry Creditors—						
Bank Current Account Overdraft	69	16	5			
Sundry Expenses Outstanding	28	16	0			
				98	12	5
*Capital Account—						
Balance at 31st December, 1939	36,955	1	2			
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for year	134	9	11			
				37,089	11	1

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AUDITORS'

Certified prepared from the Books of the Hospital

33/34 Angelsea Street,  
Dublin.

31st DECEMBER, 1940.

PROPERTY AND ASSETS.		£	s	d.	£	s	d.
Investments from own funds, including Market Value of Donations and Bequests as at 31st Dec., 1931		3,494	16	4			
Investments purchased on Hospitals' Trust allocation		15,789	18	0			
Cash at Bank and Interest accrued					19,284	14	4
Other Assets—					9,530	10	10
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		
Property—Hospital Premises—							
Freehold, subject to a ground rent of £18 9s. 2d. per annum					Not Valued		
Outlay on premises to 31st Dec., 1939		25	1	4			
Expenditure during year		39	17	0			
Plot of ground adjoining Hospital per last Balance Sheet		3,483	14	8			
Land and Buildings at Belfield per last Balance Sheet		4,647	9	0			
Furniture and Effects					8,196	2	0
Sundry Debtors					125	11	8
Stocks of Medical Supplies, etc.					20	4	8
					31	0	0

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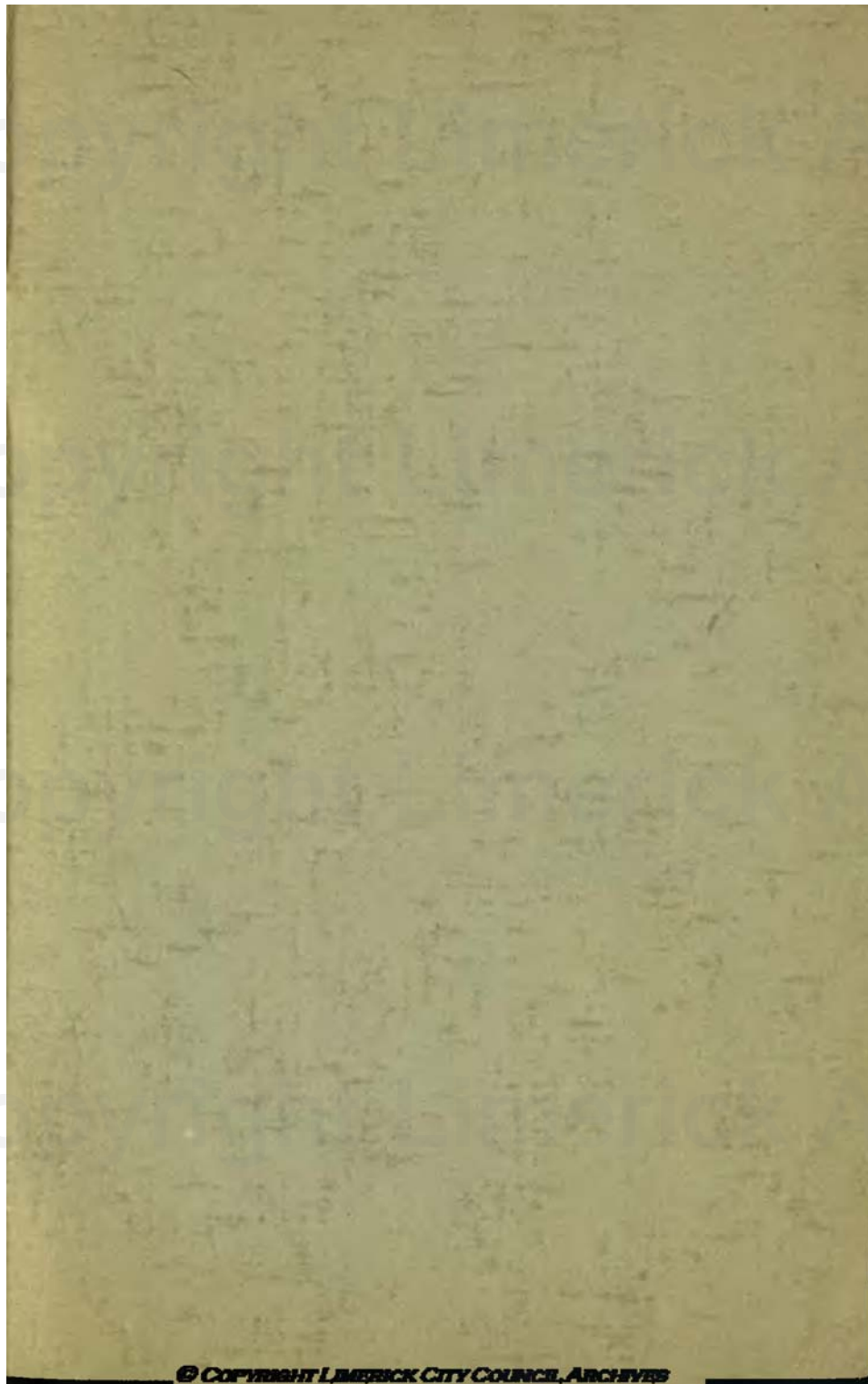
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