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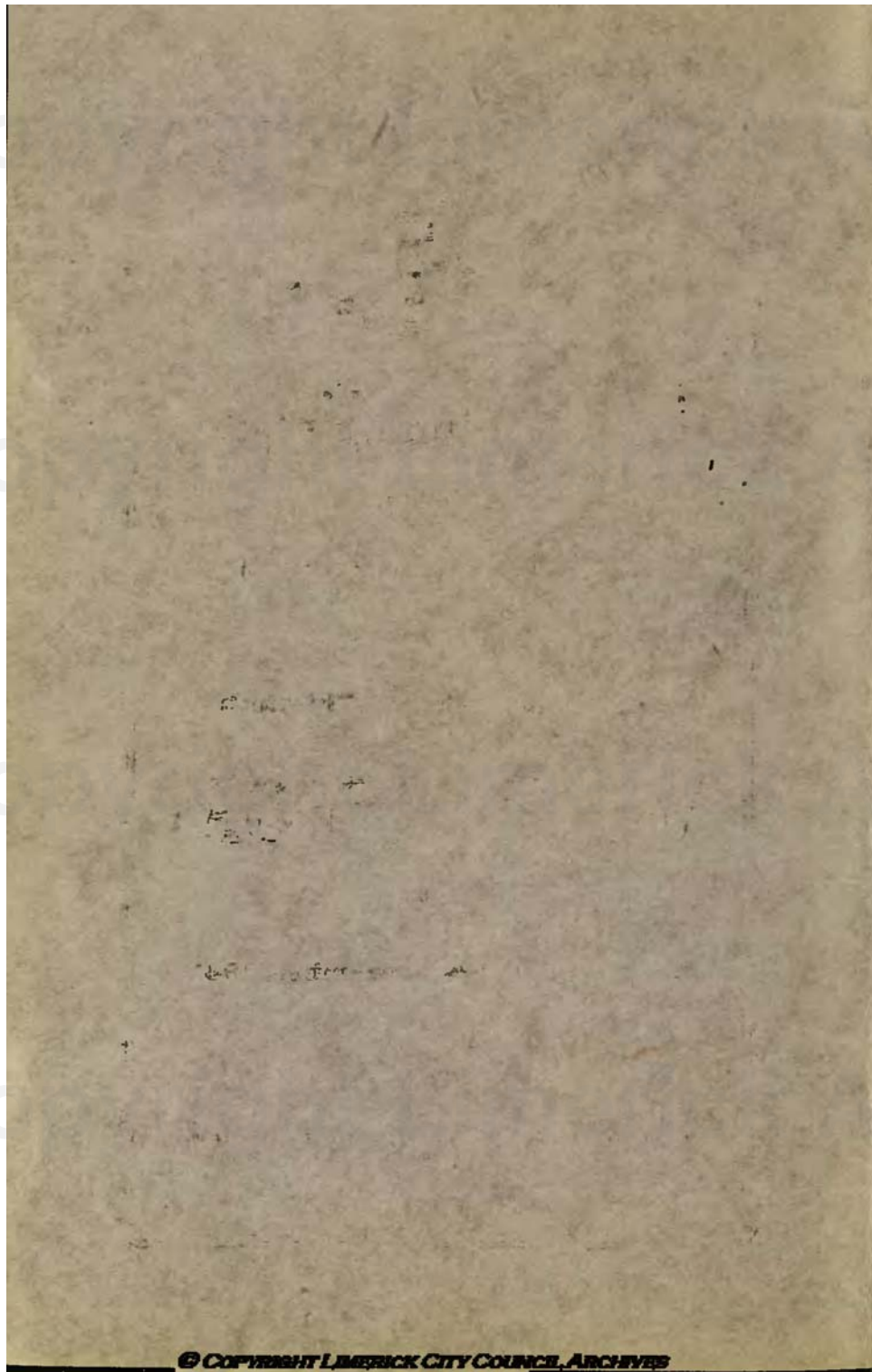
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THE MEDICAL STAFF,

1941.

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., 1941, 502.

Number of Extern Patients ... 107.

Number of Deaths ... 2.

Bedford Row Hospital.

(Established 1812).

OFFICERS 1942.

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.

1941.

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 1941.

THE WAR AND THE HOSPITAL.

With the War now in its third year and showing no signs of coming to an end, the prospect of having the new Hospital erected becomes more remote. During the year under review, the work of the Hospital has been continued in Bedford Row, and again it must be recorded that the space available there is insufficient for the present emergency. However, nothing can be done about it, and like many others in like case, the Committee and Staff must only do their best to carry on the work of the Hospital in as efficient a manner as possible.

As a tragically necessary part of the awesome times in which we are living the Hospital has had erected in the vacant space beside the building an air raid shelter on plans approved of by the Government. It is fervently to be hoped that this shelter will never have to be used for the purpose for which it was built, but it is incumbent on the executive of all hospitals to take this essential precaution. In addition, whenever possible during the year, supplies were obtained to tide against an enforced shortage.

Apart from these improvements and special measures, many minor improvements were carried out during the year. Necessary repairs were carried out to some of the rooms, and the stairway received some much needed attention.

At the request of the Medical Staff, and in order to facilitate the working of the out-patients department, a notice board was erected on the side of the Hospital giving particulars of the Doctors' hours of attendance.

THE WORK OF THE HOSPITAL.

On another page is given the Medical Report which sets out in detail the work of the Hospital for the year, and high tribute must be given to the Medical Staff for their efficient treatment of so many cases in a Hospital so restricted in space as this is. Under the able guidance of the Matron, Miss Walsh, the Nursing Staff has, during the year, lived up to the high standard which the Hospital has long maintained.

THE URBAN DISTRICT NURSING SCHEME.

The Urban District Nursing Scheme was continued with success and is now a well tried institution. The Committee of the Hospital is gratified to co-operate in a scheme which is of such practical importance in the city. It is to be noted that approximately 1,498 visits were paid under this scheme which is concerned with the treatment of Maternity cases in their own homes.

A. TREACY, Hon. Sec.



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MEDICAL REPORT FOR YEAR 1941.

There were 502 admissions to the Maternity Department and of these 372 were delivered in the Hospital.

In the Extern Department there were 107 patients delivered in their own homes, approximately 1,498 visits paid.

The Hospital was, therefore, responsible for 479 confinements. Ante-Natal Cases, 324. Attendances, 1,124. Post Natal Cases, 520. Attendances, 2,750. Gynaecological Cases, 86. Attendances, 394.

There were two deaths during the year. One of these patients was in a very poor state of health for a long period prior to her confinement. The other patient was suffering from chronic kidney disease and was pregnant 4½ months.

There were eleven cases of twins. All the babies were born alive, but in two cases, which were premature, the babies lived only a short time. One set of triplets (premature) lived three days. There were ten Breech deliveries resulting in two still births.

Three cases were removed to other hospitals for Caesarian Section. One for Placenta Praevia. Two for contracted Pelvis.

There were four cases for Placenta Praevia. Three were treated successfully in the hospital without maternal mortality. Ten cases of Albuminuria. Three of Eclampsia. Seven cases of Retained Placenta. Twenty-five cases of Curettage. Thirty-eight forceps deliveries.

The Hospital has had a most successful year, and the unremitting care and watchfulness with which the Matron and the Nursing Staff have discharged their duties has been mainly responsible.

Most of the difficult cases of the city and the surrounding areas are referred to the Hospital and very often in a most critical condition. Many cases of contracted pelvis are treated by Induction (either medical or rupture of mem-

branes) but two cases of gross contraction and one of Placenta Praevia (Central) had to be treated by Caesarian Section in other hospitals.

Want of space and the proper accommodation and facilities for major surgical operations and for the proper isolation of cases of morbidity make us again realise the urgent need of a fully equipped modern Maternity Hospital.

JOHN HOLMES, M.B.



THE FOLLOWING SUBSCRIPTIONS AND GIFTS
ARE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED:—

Messrs. Guinness & Son	...	...	5	0	0
Clyde Shipping Co.	...	...	1	0	0
Lady Nash	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Brien-Kelly	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Treacy	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. McGrath	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Devane	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Holmes	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dowling	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Sheehy	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Woodhouse	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Corboy	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Dundon	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Dwyer	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. O'Malley	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Gavin	...	...	3	0	0
Mrs. Spillane	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Irwin	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. T. Corboy	...	...	1	0	0
Mrs. Roberts	...	...	1	0	0

Mrs. O'Malley—Baby Clothes.
Mrs. O'Brien-Kelly—Plum Pudding.
Lady Nash—Prun Covers.
Mrs. Devane—Turkey.
Mrs. Holmes—Perfume.
Dr. McMahon—Sweets.
Dr. Corboy—Sweets.
Dr. Mary Roche-Kelly—Fruit and Sweets.
Dr. Foley—Sweets.
Miss Daly—Cake.
Mrs. O'Flanagan—Turkey.
Mr. Sheehan—Turkey.
Mrs. Treacy—Fruit and Sweets.

Dr. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE.	£	s	d	£	s	d
Provisions				622	6	4
Surgery and Dispensary				91	5	2
Repairs and Renewals	115	9	3			
Laundry	49	0	5			
Cleaning and Chandlery	41	0	4			
Light and Heat	201	18	2			
Sundries	12	4	0	419	12	2
				879	10	3
Salaries and Wages						
Printing and Stationery	13	9	9			
Telephone	17	8	6			
Postage	3	0	0			
Auditor's Fees	26	5	0	60	3	3
				4	17	6
Insurances						
Bank Interest and Charges	5	11	3			
Rent, Rates, etc.	57	6	6	62	17	9
Cost of Construction of Air Raid Shelter				111	6	0

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1941. Cr.

INCOME.	£	s	d	£	s	d
Voluntary Gifts				26	0	0
Receipts for Services Rendered				516	3	9
Grants from Public Bodies				150	6	6
Interest and Dividends, etc. (other than from Sweep Funds)	305	11	1			
Interest and Dividends (from Sweep Funds)	848	4	1	1,153	15	2
Rents				58	0	0
Hospitals Trust to recoup Deficit for year to 31st December, 1940				298	0	0
Balance being excess of Expenditure over Income for year	49	19	6			

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES.		£	s	d	£	s	d
Sundry Creditors—							
Provincial Bank of Ireland, Ltd.—Overdraft	126	13	5				
Sundries Outstanding	84	5	6				
					210	18	11
Capital Account—							
Balance as at 31st December, 1940	37,089	11	1				
Deduct Excess of Expenditure over Income for year	49	19	6		37,039	11	7

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AUDITORS'

Certified prepared from the Books of the Hospital

33/34 Anglesea Street,
Dublin.

31st DECEMBER, 1941.

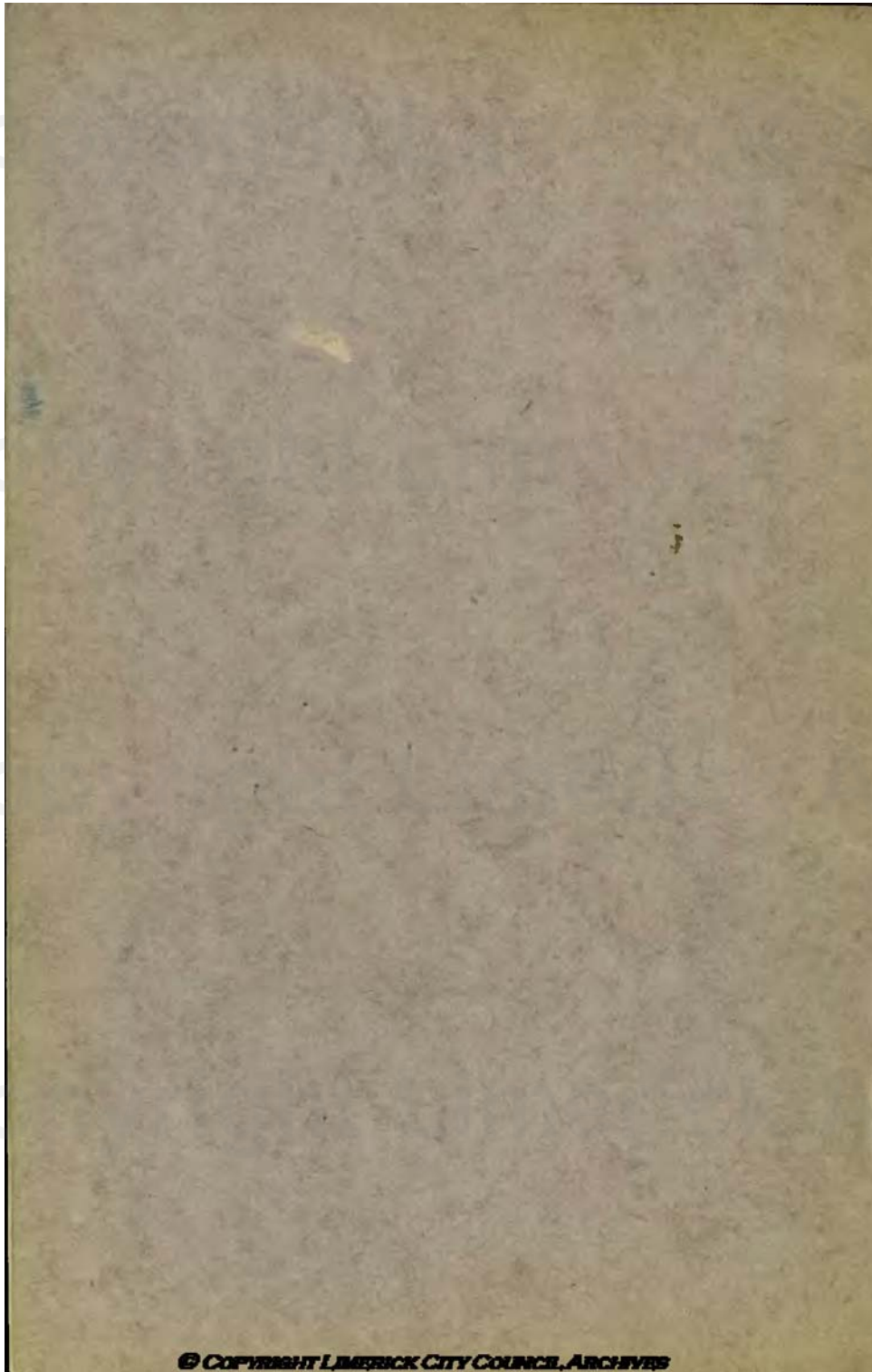
PROPERTY AND ASSETS.		£	s	d	£	s	d
Investments from own funds, including Market Value of Donations and Bequests as at 31st Dec., 1931		3,494	16	4			
Investments purchased on Hospitals' Trust allocation		15,789	18	0			
					19,284	14	4
Cash at Bank and Interest accrued					9,519	19	10
Cash on Hands					2	15	0
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		
Property—Hospital Premises—							
Freehold subject to a ground rent of £18 9s. 0d. per annum							
Outlay on Premises to date		64	18	4			
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			
					8,196	2	0
Furniture and Effects per last Balance Sheet					125	11	8
Sundry Debtors					15	11	5
Sundry Stocks					105	16	3
					£37,250	10	6

CERTIFICATE.

and correct and in accordance therewith.

PURTILL & COMPANY,
Auditors.

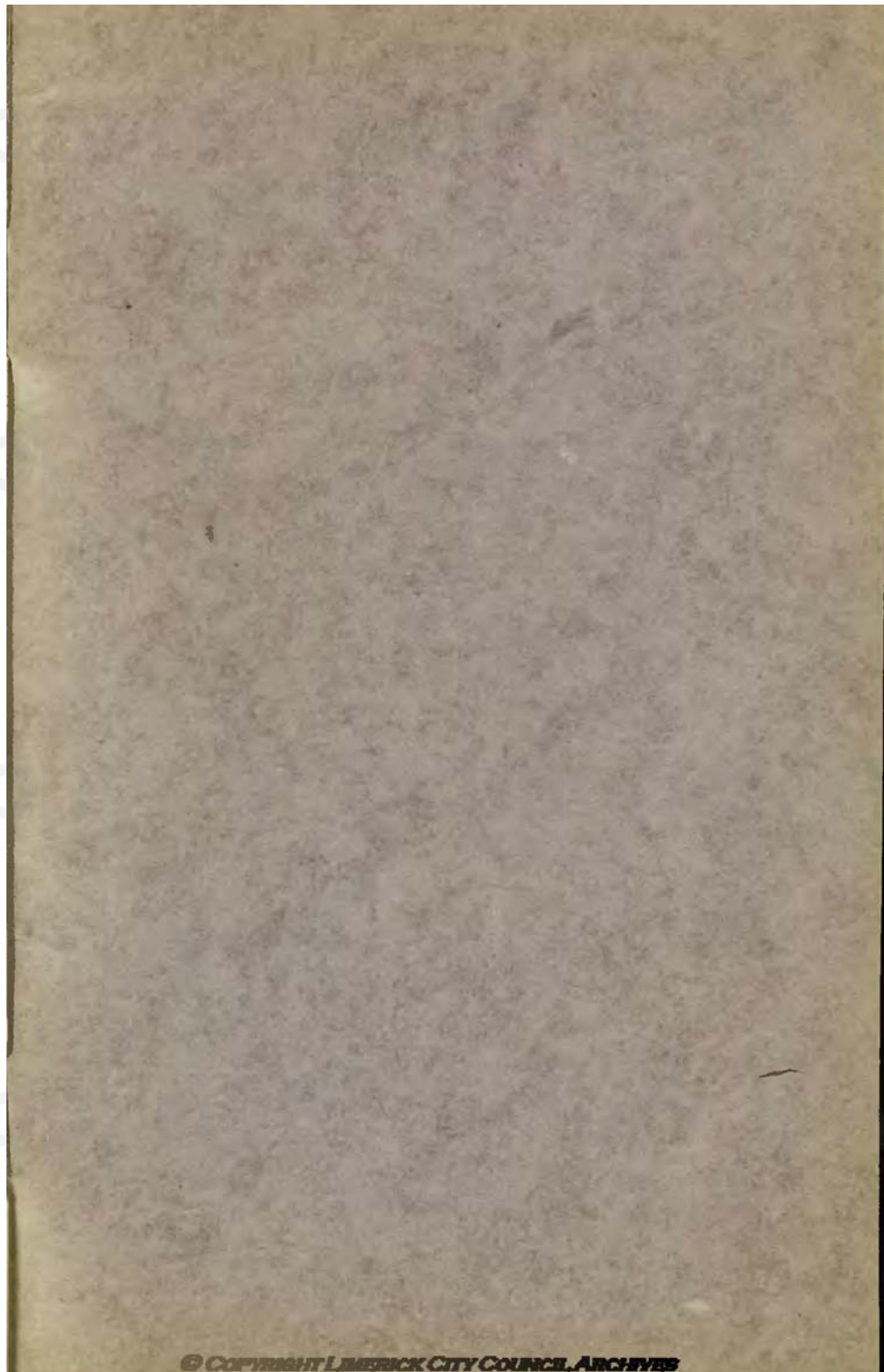
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