

Horsham Base Hospital
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Officers and Members of the Committee for 1937-1938

President :

R. G. W. Brett (~~1931~~)

Vice-Presidents :

R. J. Wilmoth (~~1934~~).

H. Smith (~~1935~~)

Hon. Treasurer :

W. C. Bolton (~~1934~~)

Town Members of Committee :

	Elected.		Elected
R. G. Brett	1934	J. V. S. Ward	1935
A. Langlands	1934	T. E. Conroy	1935
J. R. Baillie	1934	T. M. Sharry	1936
W. C. Bolton	1934	L. Hutchesson	1936
D. Anderson	1935	R. J. Wilmoth	1936
C. W. Macdonald	1935	J. C. Gross	1936
H. Smith	1935	C. H. Hoskin	1936
R. E. Charles	1935	W. J. Thornley	1936

Messrs. R. G. Brett, A. Langlands, J. R. Baillie, W. C. Bolton have been elected as members of Committee of Management for the next three years (1937-1940) as no other nominations were received.

One representative of the Hon. Medical Staff.

The Inspector of Schools, Horsham Inspectorate.

Country Members of Committee :

The Presidents for the time being of the Wimmera, Kowree, Dumbuck, Arapiles, and Dimboola Shire Councils.

Mr. A. H. Millar, Laharum; Cr. W. E. Dahlenburg, Pimpino; Mr. J. E. Smith, Vectis; Mr. A. A. Lutze, Cornaby; Mr. J. C. Tepper, Coomby; Mr. H. H. Evans, Murtoa.

Hon. Solicitor: R. J. Wilmoth.

Hon. Architect: C. W. Macdonald.

Hon. Dispensers :

Messrs. D. Grey, N. C. McMullin, R. A. Ludbrook and C. W. McCoy.

Hon. Dentists: R. S. Grant, C. W. Dougall, W. Lawrence.

Building Sub-Committee:

Messrs. D. Anderson, W. C. Bolton, J. R. Baillie, C. W. Macdonald.

Tenders Sub-Committee :

Messrs. W. C. Bolton, H. Smith, W. J. Thornley.

Hon. Medical Officers :

Dr. G. R. Felstead.

Dr. R. J. A. Henderson.

Dr. G. Forsyth.

Dr. C. E. Willing.

Auditors :

D. S. Wallis.

N. R. Whitelock.

Matron :

Miss G. M. Arthur.

Secretary :

W. H. Shoebridge.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

PAST PRESIDENTS.

Year of Office.		Year of Office.	
Temporary - Chairman	.. 1873-74	H. Balfour Cathcart	.. 1906-07
Rev. G. W. Adams	.. 1874-75	H. Balfour Cathcart	.. 1907-08
Robert Clark	.. 1876	H. Balfour Cathcart	.. 1908-09
J. Langlands	.. 1877	H. Balfour Cathcart	.. 1909-10
Angus Cameron	.. 1878	F. J. Sanders	.. 1910-11
Joseph Fechler	.. 1879	F. J. Sanders	.. 1911-12
George Young	.. 1880	P. Learmonth	.. 1912-13
William Robinson	.. 1881	P. Learmonth	.. 1913-14
William Drummond	.. 1882	C. Rennison	.. 1914-15
S. S. Bowden	.. 1883	C. Rennison	.. 1915-16
C. G. Rasmussen	.. 1884	John McCann	.. 1916-17
R. H. Andrews	.. 1885-86	F. J. Millar	.. 1917-18
J. H. Brake	.. 1886-87	F. J. Millar	.. 1918-19
W. C. Wright	.. 1887-88	G. S. Symonds	.. 1919-20
Fred. Martin	.. 1888-89	G. S. Symonds	.. 1920-21
R. Garland	.. 1889-90	G. S. Symonds	.. 1921-22
J. Kenny	.. 1890-91	G. S. Symonds	} 1922-23
F. Williams	.. 1891-92	F. J. Millar	
R. J. Moon	.. 1892-93	F. J. Millar	.. 1923-24
H. F. W. Kruger	.. 1893-94	David Anderson	.. 1924-25
W. Bolton	.. 1894-95	David Anderson	.. 1925-26
R. G. Finchan	.. 1895-96	David Anderson	.. 1926-27
T. DeB. Twycross	.. 1896-97	David Anderson	.. 1927-28
G. Bodey	.. 1897-98	David Anderson	.. 1928-29
James Carroll	.. 1898-99	David Anderson	.. 1929-30
George Ryan	} 1899-00	David Anderson	} 1930-31
W. F. Osborn			
George Ryan	.. 1900-01	A. Langlands	.. 1931-32
Wm. Sinclair	.. 1901-02	A. Langlands	.. 1932-33
Wm. Sinclair	.. 1902-03	J. R. Baillie	.. 1933-34
G. Rutherford	.. 1903-04	J. R. Baillie	.. 1934-35
R. L. Kirk	.. 1904-05	R. G. W. Brett	.. 1935-36
R. L. Kirk	.. 1905-06	R. G. W. Brett	.. 1936-37

LIFE MEMBERS :

J. H. Young, Blackheath.
 Hon. Walter Maddern.
 Carl Schurmann.
 G. E. Peart.
 Mrs. J. T. Weight.
 D. Grant.
 L. A. Rosel.
 Wm. Butler.
 B. T. Pearse.
 Albert Scholes.
 Mrs. George Ryan.
 D. Lewis.
 William Sinclair.
 John Schmidt.
 P. W. Jones.
 T. E. Harper.
 Mrs. H. W. Aumann, sen., Murtoa.
 Mrs. Ida V. Pietsch, Kornheim.
 T. J. Noske, Melbourne.
 Thomas Mills, Longerenong.
 J. H. Currie, Dimboola.
 G. Antony, Natimuk.
 Mrs. James Anderson.
 W. McClintock, Murtoa.
 William Gill, Dimboola.

A. A. Lutze, Murtoa.
 F. P. Schulze, Murtoa.
 C. G. Davies, Horsham.
 A. J. Coad, Horsham
 George Tydeman, Horsham.
 A. E. Watts, Horsham.
 G. W. Cochrane, Horsham.
 A. Young, Blackheath.
 E. Hutchesson, Horsham.
 J. E. Smith, Vectis.
 R. E. Charles, Horsham.
 Harold Smith, Horsham.
 George Kent, Horsham.
 Alf. Massey, Horsham.
 W. Dougherty, Horsham.
 T. C. Riley.
 E. B. Pederick.
 Miss A. Bradshaw.
 Miss D. Cathcart.
 Miss M. Cullen.
 Mrs. V. E. Tydeman.
 Mrs. M. Hutchinson.
 Mrs. David Anderson.
 A. Dawson.
 E. Omant.
 R. C. S. Freeman.

Harold Smith

A. T. Bannister

Wm. Sinclair

W. Sinclair

FOREWORD

The Horsham Base Hospital was founded in the year 1874, the founders of the Hospital commencing a magnificent work, which has been carried on by those who have followed after. From a modest beginning, the Hospital has grown, until to-day the buildings are of a most extensive nature, and the probable cost of erection to-day would exceed £40,000. Added to this amount is the value of the equipment approximately £10,000, so that we have assets to-day aggregating £50,000. Whilst some assistance has been received from the Government to erect the buildings, it is to the credit of the people of the district that most of the cost has been found by them.

The area from which patients are drawn is a particularly large one, extending from the South Australian border in the west to Glenorchy, and from Rainbow and Hopetoun in the north to Balinoral in the south. Towns included in this area are Nhill, Dimboola, Jeparit, Rainbow, Hopetoun, Beulah, Warracknabeal, Minyip, Rupanyup, Murlon, Natimuk, Goroke and Edenhope.

The main Municipalities served by the Hospital are: Town of Horsham, Shires of Wimmera, Dimboola, Dummunkle, Arapiles and Kowree.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

(Incorporated)

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE, 1937

TO GOVERNORS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

Ladies and Gentlemen.

I have pleasure, on behalf of your Committee, of presenting to you the 63rd Annual Report and Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1936-1937.

This report will show you the increasing need of our Hospital to the community and to the residents of the surrounding districts.

FINANCE.—Our Maintenance Account has this year reached its highest point, eclipsing both as regards receipts and expenditure that of our record last year.

Our total receipts total £9749/14/9, which includes £140 as an extraordinary receipt for Establishment charges—the installation of the Frigidaire and the Gas Anaesthetic Machine.

Principal items of receipts are Patients' Fees, reaching this year a total of £3623/13/5, Government Grant £2861, Municipal Grants £987.

Other items exemplifying the gratuitous labours of many people are dealt with in greater detail later in the report.

The payments side of our Statement likewise shows a large increase on previous years' workings.

£920/11/ is our total year's liability.

In all sections of payments an increase is shown this year. This factor is not only due to the greater number of patients treated, as marked in the provisions Section, which shows an increase of £385. The Domestic Section shows an increase of £500, due to replenishing the necessary requirements of Bedding and Furniture, which even now is bare in relation to both the domestic and patients side of essential equipment.

The Salaries of the Staff are higher by nearly £300. The number of Nurses is now 31 and the Domestic Staff 12.

Miscellaneous Section shows an increase of £235 on last year's figures, but in this amount are included Sewerage payments for £140 and proportional rises in other sections.

Administration is proportional in increase to the general rise in payments made.

ESTABLISHMENT.—This Section shows expenditure as £587, as against £185 last year. This greater spending on the part of the Committee is due to the installation of three essential necessities:—

1. Frigidaire	£200
2. Operating Table	£158
3. Gas Anaesthesia Machine	£65

Our year started with a credit balance of £391/4/2 and closed with a credit balance of £853/7/11, or our receipts show an increase over our payments for the year of £459/3/9.

We here express our sincere thanks to all our well-wishers in thus enabling us to emerge on the right side of the ledger after the heaviest year's working on record.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS.—It is with pleasure that we again record the splendid support given by the municipalities in our Hospital District. The amounts received this year total £387 or an increase of £15, which was made by the Shire of Dimboola. Details of the amounts received are :—

Shire of Wimmera	£400
Town of Horsham	300
Shire of Dimboola	110
Shire of Dimmukle	60
Shire of Arapiles	60
Shire of Kowree	27
	£957

PATIENTS.—The total number of patients treated for the year was 1697, as against 1465 the previous year.

The daily average is ladder-like in its gradual rise, the last three years being : 63.34, 70.246, and this year 80.93.

As in the previous years, patient accommodation has again been taxed and your Committee has seen fit to purchase six bed out-fits complete as a start against increased purchases in the future.

Patients' payments have increased this year and despite some outstanding accounts—which we hope to collect in the near future—payments amount to for General Patients £2147/19/2, Out-patient £27/11/3, Intermediate Patients £542/5/, and X-Ray Payments £107/7/6, making a total of £3623/13/5.

The average cost per occupied bed per annum for the last three years read £102/5/, £103 and £114/15/9.

MATERNITY WARD.—In this section of our work, increased numbers of patients were accommodated, 83 being our quota last year, but 154 patients were admitted for this period.

During July and August, 1936, Sister Davis was in charge, but since the 1st September, 1936, the Maternity Ward has been most efficiently and happily managed by Sister G. W. Jenkin, late of Warrnambool Base Hospital.

NURSING STAFF.—We would like once again to express our appreciation and place on record our thanks for the fine work done during the year by our Matron, Miss G. M. Arthur, Sisters and Nursing Trainees. Increased patients make increased demands on the staff and increased staff has been necessary. At present we have five Sisters and twenty-six Trainees.

Complete harmony and co-operation in this phase of our work has been not only to your Committee, but also to patients treated and friends outside, a source of inspiration, help and goodwill.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES.—One of the most important functions of Public Hospitals is the training of Nurses. This aspect of Hospital Service is sometimes forgotten in a community, and yet is of vital importance to all, because it provides a most essential form of social service. Public Hospitals are deserving of support because they provide, from year to year, the trained nurses who leave the Hospitals to serve all sections of the community.

This Hospital can claim a fine record, for, during the past 18 years, there has been an unbroken succession of candidates who have been successful in the State Final Examination. On an average five nurses complete their courses of training each year at this Hospital, and this year we record with pleasure the success of the following nurses, who completed their term, and have taken their place in the community as fully trained nurses :—Misses Clarice Kemp and Ann Sutholz.

LADIES' COMMITTEE.—The members of our Hospital Ladies' Auxiliary have, as of yore, nobly carried on their fine work in the interests of the Hospital. The members of the Auxiliary have their own means of raising money, but in addition their help is always offered and accepted

*Great work
w/ full*

with thanks by the members of the Hospital Carnival Committee, whose funds are always augmented by the Sister Committee's help.

Our receipts this year have benefited by the Auxiliary efforts to the extent of £400.

To the Mayoress (Mrs. Hutchesson) as President, Miss G. Richards, as Honorary Secretary and Miss A. Bradshaw, as Ball Secretary, and to all the members and helpers we extend our sincere thanks.

HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.—Our grateful thanks are again extended to the members of the Honorary Medical Staff, Dr. G. R. Felstead, Dr. R. J. A. Henderson, Dr. G. Forsyth and Dr. C. E. Willing for their untiring and unremitting attention to all cases which come under their control in Hospital.

HONORARY DENTISTS.—Our Honorary Dentists, Messrs. R. S. Grant, W. Lawrence and C. W. Dougall, have again given splendid service during the year, and we thank them for their co-operation.

HONORARY DISPENSERS.—To the Honorary Dispensers—Messrs. D. Grey, N. C. McMullin, R. Lutbrook and C. McCoy—we express our thanks for the manner in which the Dispensary at the Hospital has been carried out, and also for suggestions and advice which have been freely given for the better working of this department of the Hospital.

INFECTIOUS BLOCK.—Our thanks are due to the various Shire Councils concerned for the splendid equipment supplied to the above Block. It now worthily serves its purpose and during the present year 58 patients were treated under conditions which were not possible prior to the establishment of the present quarters.

BUILDING ACCOUNT.—This account stands in credit £604/15/9, and this amount is held pending the building of a much needed Pathological Laboratory and Mortuary Block, which scheme at present has not quite reached fruition.

Essential repairs to the Domestic Quarters and Nurses' Dinning Room have already received the consideration of your Committee and will be put into effect immediately.

HOSPITAL CARNIVAL COMMITTEE.—Provision of meeting liability by all Hospital Committees is a source always of concern.

This concern is always lightened when any Committee has the help of a strong Hospital Carnival Committee, which every year holds its annual effort, and thus raises an annual amount, which is a distinct help to our Treasurer. Candidly, we would find it exceedingly hard to do our work if it were not for the proceeds received from this annual Carnival effort.

This year, under the Presidency of Mr. Tom Conroy, another fine result was achieved, and £900 was the net financial return.

To the members of this Committee, and all the folk who help in this feature of our activities, we extend our hearty thanks.

WOOD DAY.—Our Wood Day, organised by Mr. G. W. Cochrane, was not quite as successful as in other years, but even so a total of 25 cords, equalling 62½ tons of wood, was received by the Hospital Committee.

Fuel is a big item. We have the steam boiler and 22 fires to cope with. This year our light and fuel account amounted to £710/6/3, and of this amount wood cost us £292/10/.

To the organiser, Mr. Cochrane, and all who help us in this field of Hospital activity, we extend our thanks.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.—This service was called on by many people during the past year. The need for such a service as the Ambulance gives is perhaps appreciated to a greater extent when it does not exist.

Expenditure for period from the 1st July, 1936, to 30th June, 1937

EXPENDITURE.

By PROVISIONS—

Meat	£434	5	0	
Fish, Poultry, etc. .. .	83	19	4	
Butter, Cheese, etc. .. .	242	13	5	
Eggs	123	10	7	
Milk	149	2	0	
Bread, Flour, etc. .. .	173	16	6	
Groceries	430	7	10	
Vegetables and Fruit .. .	161	0	10	
				<u>1798 15 6</u>

SURGERY and DISPENSARY—

X-Ray	199	11	0	
Drugs, Disinfectants, etc. .. .	646	3	1	
Dressings, Bandages, etc. .. .	169	11	0	
Instruments and Appliances .. .	200	8	10	
Ice and Aerated Waters .. .	11	10	3	
Wines, Spirits and Malt Liquors .. .	6	7	6	
Sundries	26	10	3	
				<u>1260 1 11</u>

DOMESTIC—

Renewal of Furniture	165	2	3	
Bedding, Drapery, etc. .. .	405	13	5	
Hardware, Brushware, etc. .. .	213	3	10	
Materials for Washing and Cleaning and Washing let out	76	3	5	
Fuel, Electric Power and Lighting .. .	710	6	3	
Sundries	26	19	8	
				<u>1597 8 10</u>

SALARIES and WAGES—

Infectious	100	0	0	
Nursing	1507	11	11	
Other	1360	12	5	
				<u>2968 4 4</u>

MISCELLANEOUS—

Printing, Stationery, Postage, Telephone, etc. .. .	39	0	6	
Cartage and Freight	79	6	7	
Insurance	39	4	9	
Sanitary Charges—Sewerage	140	5	7	
Sundries	82	8	7	
				<u>380 6 0</u>

ADMINISTRATION—

Official Salaries	308	1	8	
Clerical Assistance	55	15	0	
Official Printing, Stationery, Postage and Telephones	156	8	1	
Official Advertisements	3	10	6	
Fidelity Guarantee	1	7	0	
Auditors' Fees	4	4	0	
Travelling Expenses	35	6	3	
Other Expenses	19	2	0	
				<u>583 14 6</u>

ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES—

Repairs and Renovation of Buildings	91	17	2	
Renewal and Repair of Plant and Equipment .. .	495	13	9	
				<u>587 10 11</u>

FINANCE—

Bank Interest	9	9	6	
Other Bank Charges	4	19	6	
				<u>14 9 0</u>

EXTRAORDINARY PAYMENTS—

Medical Honorarium	100	0	0	
Total Payments	9290	11	0	
Cash in Hand or at Bank at 30th June, 1937 .. .	853	7	11	

Grand Total £10143 18 11

W. H. SHOEBRIDGE, Secretary.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

Receipts

RECEIPTS.

To GOVERNMENT GRANT—			
Hospitals and Charities Fund		£281	0 0
Municipal Grants		987	0 0
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS			
Annual Subscriptions	£36	11	6
Proceeds of Entertainments	963	9	0
Hospital Sunday and Lord Mayor's Fund .. .	83	19	11
Other Collections and Donations	1002	15	7
		<u>2086</u>	<u>16 0</u>
Interest upon Investments		4	2 6
PATIENTS' PAYMENTS—			
In-patients	2947	19	2
Out-patients	25	11	9
X-Ray	107	17	6
		<u>3081</u>	<u>8 5</u>
Profit from Pay Beds		542	5 0
Sale of Refuse and Stores	1	10	6
Miscellaneous	45	12	4
		<u>47</u>	<u>2 10</u>
			<u>£9609 14 9</u>
EXTRAORDINARY RECEIPTS—			
Proceeds of Public Appeals		140	0 0
			<u>£9749 14 9</u>
Cash in Hand or at Bank on 30th June, 1936		394	4 2

447
 150
 500
 36
 3
 300
 245
 545
 957
 500
 457

AUDITORS' REPORT

We hereby certify that we have compared the Statement of Accounts submitted with the Books of the Institution, and find that the postings are accurately made under the proper headings, and that the Statements of Accounts are correct.

3/8/37.

DAVID S. WALLIS,
 N. R. WHITELOCK,
 Auditors.

Grand Total £10143 18 11

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

(Incorporated).

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for period from
1st July, 1936, to 30th June, 1937

ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS.		
To Balance 30th June, 1936		£200 0 0
Interest 30/6/37		4 2 6
		£204 2 6
PAYMENTS.		
By Interest Transferred to Maintenance Account		£4 2 6
1937—30/6/37.		
Amounts on F.D.R. at Commercial Banking Co. of Sydney Ltd. Horsham		200 0 0
		£204 2 6

BUILDING ACCOUNT

To Balance 30th June, 1936—		
Executors Dahlenburg Estate		£50 0 0
Theatre Collections		5 3 3
310.B. Cheque		50 0 0
Thomas		50 0 0
Lord Mayor's Fund (Lord Nuffield)		350 5 0
F. H. Sartorius, deceased		100 0 0
		£605 8 3
By Exchange		£0 0 6
Armored Car Cheque Returned		0 12 0
Bank Balance 30/6/37		604 15 9
		£605 8 3

AMBULANCE ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS.		
To Town Council		£25 0 0
General Receipts		22 12 6
Debit Balance		33 19 9
		£81 12 3
EXPENDITURE.		
By Civil Ambulance Service		£59 7 11
Expenses		4 10 0
Telephone		5 12 4
Thomas Young & Co. Ltd.		11 12 0
Bank Charges		0 10 0
		£81 12 3

BANK RECONCILIATION STATEMENT

To Bank Balance 30/6/37		£13 10 5
Receipts		47 12 6
Outstanding Cheque	£21 17 5	
Less Bank Balance 30/6/37	1 8 1	
		20 9 4
		£81 12 3
By Payments		£81 12 3
		£81 12 3

D. S. WALLIS,
N. R. WHITELOCK,
Auditors.

3/8/37.

In many cases recovery of costs for use is impossible, and as a counter to this fact we appreciate the Horsham Town Council's allocation of £25, and the practical gesture of the Horsham branch R.S.S.I.L.A. that this service will be maintained at no cost to the Hospital Committee of Management.

The success of this service is due solely to our Honorary Driver, Mr. J. Balderston. We are grateful to him for his keen appreciation of this field of service.

To Messrs. Thomas Young & Company Pty. Ltd. we express our thanks for the free garage of the Car.

SCHOOLS' APPEAL.—We are indeed grateful to all the schools in the various District Groups which generously arrange to forward supplies of goods, groceries, etc., to the Hospital throughout the year. These gifts are very frequently augmented by a cash donation.

We commend this work and trust that the inculcation of ideas of charity instilled so practically into the children's minds by the teachers and parents will fructify in the future and thus later on lessen the financial burdens of Hospital finance, through the growth of the spirit of charity and goodwill.

Mr. R. C. S. Freeman, late of Jung, but now stationed at the State School, Horsham, is again the Honorary Secretary of the State School Hospital Appeal.

The result of the children's efforts during the last year reached a total of £275, a fact that materially decreases our provisions account.

We wish to most heartily thank Mr. Freeman, School Teachers, Parents and Children for this very fine contribution.

As an outcome of this work the two nominations of the School Committee, Messrs. R. C. S. Freeman and E. B. Pederick, were unanimously elected Life Governors of the Horsham Base Hospital.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.—The needs of the Hospital are appreciated by many in many districts, and to those District Committees which have helped us during the past year we extend our thanks for welcome co-operation and financial assistance.

We are greatly favored by being served with Committees which have worked for us during the past year at Murlon, Rujanyup, Dimboola, Rainbow and the Rainbow Girls' Club, Wonwondah East, Natimuk, Polkemmet East, McKenzie Creek, Jung, Clear Lake, Goroke, Laharum, Tooan and Toolondo.

We would appreciate it if any district which has not fallen into line in this direction would let us know, and we will gladly visit such centres and give any advice and assistance to help form new Hospital Committees.

We thank all members of Committees who have so graciously assisted us during the past year.

3 H.S. SIMILERS' CLUB.—The members of this Club, under the active guidance of Miss Hilda Cox, are still actively engaged in Hospital work, and to them and the members of the 3 H.A. Ladies' Committee our thanks is given.

ACCOMMODATION.—The matter of accommodation is a more urgent need now than previously.

Your Committee has gone, with the co-operation and advice of its Honorary Medical Officers, and also in collaboration with the Inspector of the Charities Board (Mr. C. L. McVilly) more than tentatively into this matter.

The need definitely is here for Intermediate and Private Wards Hospital accommodation.

At present, apart from prospective planning, the subject is held in abeyance pending the amount of the Government Grant available and subject to the Committee's wisdom in progressing with such a Building Scheme until it feels justified financially so to act.

NEW PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY AND MORTUARY BLOCK.—Plans for the above block are almost ready for the builders' hands. Subject to one or two adjustments—one being the amount of the grant from the Government to the Committee—the matter is temporarily held up. We trust that these matters can be finalised and satisfactory arrangements made for building progress.

DOMESTIC STAFF.—Along with the Nursing Staff, another essential is a satisfactory Domestic Staff. We are fortunate in being happily placed in this regard, and to all the members of the Domestic Staff we extend our thanks for the year's work just passed.

GENERAL.—In every Hospital gifts are continuously being given. To all who have helped us in this way we thank you.

The Horsham Town Band members are remembered for their Hospital recitals during the year. These are always appreciated by the patients. The close and intimate relationship of the Clergy with the Hospital has again been one of comfort and pleasure.

The regular visits paid to patients by the Ladies' Auxiliary R.S.L.I.A. Horsham Branch, Methodist Girls' Club, Women's Christian Temperance Union and 3 I.L.A. Ladies' Committee, have been appreciated, along with the "good things" given to the patients.

We would like to thank the Proprietor of "The Horsham Times" for publicity to Hospital matters and free copies of the "Horsham Times" delivered at the Hospital.

A word for the quiet effectiveness of the work of Mr. W. Sheehy and Mr. L. Hole, who weekly conduct a series of Eucharist Tournaments for the Hospital.

To date £88 has been raised and the money so raised will be used as desired for specific needs at the Hospital.

THE CHARITIES BOARD.—During the year we have received visits from the Inspector of the Charities Board (Mr. C. L. McILLY) and information received concerning Hospital matters generally was discussed. We appreciate such visits, which not only help Country Hospitals' Committees with their work but also promote a feeling of harmony between the respective bodies.

RESIGNATION OF MR. FRENCHAM.—Our Secretary, Mr. C. R. Frencham, resigned in May last to accept the position of Manager for the "Kitchener Memorial" Hospital.

His resignation was accepted with regret and a letter of appreciation under the seal of the Hospital was handed to him, as a token of goodwill for his services of 14 years as Secretary of the Hospital.

Mr. W. H. Shoelbridge, of Elsternwick, who was appointed to succeed Mr. Frencham as Secretary, took up his duties on the 25th May last.

FINALLY.—We would like to thank all people for help given, and in so doing we feel that our work for the year justifies the opinion that your help, sympathy and financial support will be accorded the Committee of Management in 1937-1938 in carrying on the work of an Institution which is a credit and an asset to the Wimmera district, and also a definite requirement in fulfilling the Hospital needs of this ever-growing community.

On behalf of the Committee of Management.

R. G. W. BRETTE, President.

MAINTENANCE COSTING STATEMENT

1st July, 1936, to 30th June, 1937

Out-Patient Attendances, including Casualties 780
 Daily Average Occupied Beds for the Year (Patients) 80.93

	Cost			Proportion of Cost allocated to—			Average Cost per Bed for Daily Av. In-patients.	Average Cost per Out-patient Atten.	
				In-patients.	Out-patients				
Provisions	£1798	15	6	£1798	15	6	£22.22		
Surgery and Dispensary	1260	1	11	1242	10	11	15.35	5.3d	
Domestic	1597	8	10	1595	0	1	2 8 9	19.70	
Salaries and Wages	2968	4	4	2943	6	10	24 17 6	36.37	
Miscellaneous	380	6	0	377	17	3	2 8 9	4.66	
Administration	583	14	6	582	5	3	1 9 3	7.19	
SERVICE COST.									
Establishment	£587	10	11	587	1	2	0 9 9	7.25	
Finance	14	9	0	14	9	0		.17	
Total Cost	9190	11	0	£9141	6	0	£49 5 0	£112.91	15.02d

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STATISTICAL RETURN AS AT 30th JUNE, 1937

RECEIPTS.

	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937
Government Grant	£1976	£1938	£2125	£2462	£2861
Municipal Grant	972	932	947	972	987
Patients' Contributions	1739	2288	1982	2652	3623
Ordinary Revenue	6367	6718	6723	8185	9749

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EXPENDITURE.

Provisions	900	1098	1162	1418	1798
Surgery	1058	1082	1051	1219	1260
Domestic	733	1007	897	1080	1597
Establishment Charges	214	351	132	185	587
Miscellaneous	249	217	188	175	380
Administration	357	406	435	457	583
Salaries and Wages	281	2678	2676	2674	2968
Total Ordinary Expenditure	5835	6936	6594	7252	9290
Cost per occupied bed	101	106	103	102	114

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STATISTICAL.

Daily Average	57.63	65.47	63.34	70.246	80.93
In-patients	1196	1317	1324	1465	1697
Paid Staff	31	31	31	40	45
Accommodation	70	70	70	70	70
Accommodation (Infectious)	8	8	8	10	12
Out-patients Treated	102	98	97	133	209
Operations for Year	Major 244	Minor 588	Total 832		

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Honorary Medical Officer's Report for the Year Ended 30th June, 1937

	M.	F.	Ttl.
In-patients remaining at 30th June, 1936	30	40	70
Admitted during the Year	893	804	1697
Discharged during Year	826	754	1580
Deaths	29	20	49
Remaining at 30th June, 1937	38	30	68
Daily Average	39.24	41.68	80.93

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OUT-PATIENTS' DEPARTMENT—

Cases Treated	209
Attendances	780
Cost per annum per occupied bed (in-patient)	£114 15 9
Average Cost per Patient	5 9 5

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