

Horsham Base Hospital



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REPORT**

—AND—

Balance Sheet

OF THE

Committee of Management



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Officers and Members of the Committee for 1931-32.

President :

A. Langlands, Esq. (1931).

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Thos. Young, Esq. (1929). J. R. Baillie, Esq. (1931).

Hon. Treasurer :

W. C. Bolton, Esq. J.P. (1931).

Town Members of Committee :

Elected.		Elected.	
F. J. Millar, Esq.	1929	G. L. Ray, Esq., J.P.	1930
Thos. Young, Esq.	1929	R. J. Wilmoth, Esq.	1930
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J. J. Hennesy, Esq.	1929	J. R. Baillie, Esq.	1931
P. Learmonth, Esq.	1930	W. C. Bolton, Esq.	1931
C. Remison, Esq.	1930	J. Bennett, Esq.	1931
		R. G. Brett, Esq.	1931

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.

Councillors A. H. Millar, Laharun, and E. A. Daltenburg Timpano; J. E. Smith, Esq., Veetis; A. A. Lutze, Esq., Coromby; J. C. Tepper, Esq., Coromby; J. McEae, Esq., Jung.

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Hon. Veterinary Surgeon : James Barnes, Esq.

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Tenders Sub-Committee :

Messrs. W. C. Bolton, P. Learmonth, F. J. Millar.

Hon. Medical Officers :

Dr. G. R. Felstead.

Dr. H. W. Charlton.

Dr. G. Forsyth.

Dr. R. J. A. Henderson.

Auditors :

T. Houston, Esq.

D. S. Wallis, Esq.

Matron :

Miss G. M. Arthur.

Secretary and X-Ray Technician :

C. R. Frencham.

Horsham Base Hospital

PAST PRESIDENTS.

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

LIFE MEMBERS :

J. H. Young, Blackheath.
 Hon. Walter Maddern.
 Carl Schurmann.
 G. E. Peart.
 Mrs. J. T. Weight.
 D. Grant.
 L. A. Rosel.
 W. J. Sudholz.
 Wm. Butler.
 H. B. Catheart.
 B. T. Pearse.
 Albert Scholes.
 John W. Davis.
 G. H. Hill.
 Mrs. George Ryan.
 D. Lewis.
 William Sinclair.
 John Schmidt.
 P. W. Jones.
 J. 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. McClutock, Murtoa.
 William Gill, Dimboola.
 A. A. Latze, 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. Yan, Blackheath.
 L. Hutchesson, Horsham.
 J. E. Smith, Vectis.

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

Statement of Receipts and Expenditure for Year Ended June 30, 1931

Building Account.

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURE.
To Refund Interest £1 0 0	By Bank Bal. 30/6/30 £2058 10 2
.. Bank Balance 30/6/31 2161 19 8	.. Bank Charges 0 10 0
	.. Interest to 30/6/31 103 19 6
£2162 19 8	£2162 19 8

X-Ray Account.

To Balance June 30 1930 £62 9 6	By Equipment £36 15 0
	.. Bank Charges 0 10 0
	.. Balance 25 4 6
£62 9 6	£62 9 6

Nurses' Home Account.

To Balance June 30, 1931 £2000 0 0	By Contractors £2754 5 3
.. Government Grant .. 1000 0 0	.. Supervision 138 0 0
.. Nurses' Effort 85 17 10	.. Expenses, plans 12 0 0
	.. Furnishing 181 2 7
	.. Bank Charge 0 5 0
	.. Bank Balance 0 5 0
£3085 17 10	£3085 17 10

Ambulance Account.

To Ambulance Fees £82 3 6	By Bank Balance 30/6/30 £1 12 11
.. Borough Grant 25 0 0	.. Replacement 37 10 0
.. Sale Old Ambulance 10 0 0	.. Insurance 9 12 0
.. Bank Balance June 30 5 18 7	.. Repairs and Running 19 0 3
	.. Telephone 4 16 11
	.. Bank Charges 0 10 0
£73 2 1	£73 2 1

Examined and Found Correct.

(Signed)

T. HOUSTON, { Auditors,
D. WALLIS, { 13/7/31

Statistical Return as at June 30.

RECEIPTS.

	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931
Government Grant	£780	£800	£1350	£1350	£1527
Municipal Grant	485	525	820	1035	975
All Other Contributions	827	1077	2009	1961	1521
Patients' Contributions	476	1068	1621	1921	1661
Ordinary Revenue	3335	4167	6671	6701	5684

EXPENDITURE.

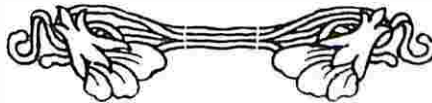
Provisions	736	1065	1284	1419	1207
Surgery	194	517	600	751	832
Domestic	552	706	988	876	756
Establishment Charges	86	111	209	188	255
Miscellaneous	90	145	131	136	142
Administration	255	255	329	416	408
Salaries and Wages	1678	2181	2618	2590	2620
Total Ordinary Expenditure .. .	3595	4841	6159	6379	6221
Cost per occupied bed	147	120	130	119	115

STATISTICAL.

Daily Average	22.43	40.34	47.11	52.41	53.91
In-patients	448	746	995	1056	1041
Paid Staff	20	28	30	30	30
Accommodation	40	70	70	70	70
Accommodation (Infectious) .. .	8	8	8	8	8
Out-patients Treated	98	75	43	52	69

Religion of Inmates.

Church of England	335	Other Protestant	50
Presbyterians	224	Salvation Army	20
Methodists	188	Baptist	4
Roman Catholics	156		
Church of Christ	64		1041



13
50
52
65
402

RECEIPTS.

To Bank Balance at 30/6/30		£44	16	11
" Government Grant		1527	0	0
" Municipal Grants		975	0	0
" Private Contributions		274	8	6
" PROCEEDS ENTERTAINMENTS—				
1931 Carnival	550	0	0	
Revue Company	80	0	0	
Progress Association Community Singing ..	41	11	2	
Dancing Class	29	0	0	
Sundry under £20	66	17	8	
			767	8 10
.. District Committees			139	0 0
" PATIENTS' FEES—				
Intermediate	£75	4	0	
In-patients	1583	2	8	
Out-patients	3	7	6	
			1661	14 2
.. X-Ray Fees			108	14 0
.. Sale of Refuse			0	4 9
.. Bequests			150	0 0
.. Shire of Arapiles for Memorial Beds ..			6	13 3
.. Mortuary Fees			1	0 0
.. Sundries			7	12 9
.. Telephone Box			2	15 3
			£5729	8 5
.. Bank Balance June 30, 1931	524	11	8	
.. Unpresented Cheques	37	12	1	
			562	3 9

Examined and Found Correct.
(Signed)

T. HOUSTON, } Auditors.
D. WALLIS, } 13/7/31.

£6291 12 2

EXPENDITURE FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 1931

EXPENDITURE.

By PROVISIONS—			
Meat	£304	6	1
Fish, Poultry, etc. .. .	67	1	1
Butter, Cheese etc. .. .	218	3	8
Eggs .. .	1	15	4
Milk .. .	88	5	8
Bread, Flour, etc. .. .	158	15	11
Groceries .. .	312	5	3
Potatoes, Vegetables, Fruit .. .	56	12	2
.. SURGERY AND DISPENSARY—		1207	5
X-Ray Supplies, etc. .. .	113	12	11
Drugs, Disinfectants, etc. .. .	420	16	8
Dressings, Bandages, etc. .. .	49	9	0
Instruments and Appliances .. .	197	0	10
Ice and Aerated Waters .. .	21	9	0
Wines and Spirits .. .	4	17	6
Sundries .. .	24	19	6
.. DOMESTIC—		832	5
Renewal Furniture .. .	21	17	6
Bedding, Drapery, etc. .. .	66	1	4
Hardware, Crockery, etc. .. .	91	1	1
Laundry Materials .. .	44	4	2
Fuel and Light .. .	526	5	9
Sundries .. .	6	9	5
.. ESTABLISHMENT—		755	19
Insurance .. .	47	1	11
Sanitary Charges .. .	48	0	0
Repairs .. .	115	18	8
Telephones .. .	44	8	8
.. SALARIES AND WAGES—		255	9
Uniform Allowances .. .	10	10	0
Nursing .. .	1293	5	11
General .. .	1316	8	6
.. MISCELLANEOUS—		2620	4
Printing, Stationery, Postage .. .	40	19	0
Funerals .. .	16	17	0
Cartage and Freight .. .	40	12	3
Purchase of Cow .. .	15	4	0
Travelling Expenses .. .	6	17	0
Sundries .. .	21	18	8
.. ADMINISTRATION—		142	7
Official Salaries .. .	300	0	0
Official Printing, Postage and Stationery .. .	52	14	9
Bank Charges and Exchange .. .	1	16	3
Interest .. .	49	12	6
Auditors' Fees .. .	4	4	0
Total Cost of Maintenance			
		408	7
		6221	18
.. EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE—			
Purchase of Beds (Shire of Arapiles) .. .		60	13
		£6291	12
		2	

HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL

(INCORPORATED).

Fifty-Seventh Annual Report for the Year Ended 30th June, 1931

TO GOVERNORS AND CONTRIBUTORS.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN :

In presenting the 57th Annual Report and Balance Sheet, the Board of Management notes with pleasure the splendid support which has been given by all sections of the community, and desires to express thanks to all those who assisted during the year under review.

FINANCE.—We commenced the year with a credit balance of £44 16/11 in the Maintenance Account. In-patients' fees amounted to £1661 14/2, and were again the largest item on the receipts side (but a decrease of £259 5/4 from the previous year). We are pleased to report an increase in the Government Grant from £350 to £1527. This recognition of the Hospital work is very pleasing. Municipal Grants dropped from £1035 to £975. The 1931 Hospital Carnival Committee handed over the sum of £550, this amount being £595 less than in 1930. These were the main items on the receipts side, the total receipts amounting to £5729 8/5 for ordinary maintenance.

The total expenditure on ordinary maintenance was £6221 18/11, this amount being £157 14/8 less than for the previous 12 months, although the daily average of patients was slightly higher. These figures show an actual loss on the year's work of £607 0/8. Lessened receipts are mainly responsible for this position, and we view with some concern the commencing of a new year's activities with a debit balance at the Bank amounting to £362 3/9. Foregoing figures show that costs of running were reduced, and your Board of Management is now closely scrutinising the lists of expenditure and endeavoring to lessen the cost of running the Hospital. It should be pointed out, however, that even in more prosperous times a careful scrutiny was made of all expenditure and no money has ever been wasted. Figures issued yearly by the Charities Board disclose the fact that the average cost per occupied bed in all charitable institutions is over £130. In 1929 our cost was £130; in 1930 it was reduced to £119; and this year it is down to £115.

BUILDING ACCOUNT.—The position of this account also causes great concern. With accrued interest, the debit balance now shows at £2161 19/8. It was anticipated that a further amount would have been received from the Treasury, making the Government's contribution up to the promised one-third of the total expenditure, but this has not been forthcoming.

NURSES' HOME.—It gives us great pleasure to report that, during the year, we were able to proceed with the building of the Nurses' Home. With £2000 in hand from the Edward Wilson Trust and a promise of £1000 from Unemployment Relief Funds, plans were drawn for a wooden building to accommodate the full staff. The ten-

der of Messrs. Fischer, Sharry, Brown & Gerlach, of Horsham, was accepted. Later it was decided to instal an up-to-date hot water system. The Nurses, by various efforts, were successful in raising the sum of £86, and are to be commended for their keen interest. With the sum of £3086 in hand, we were able to complete the work of building, furnishing and supervising, and the home was opened free of debt. We now have a home that is a credit to the Hospital and a great boon to the Nurses, who previously had to live under appalling conditions. With the permission of the Trustees of the Edward Wilson ("The Argus") Trust and the Charities Board the new home was called the Edward Wilson Nurses' Home, and a suitable sign was erected on the front of the building.

1931 HOSPITAL CARNIVAL.—Once more an enthusiastic body of workers set out to make the Annual Hospital Carnival a success. Headed by Mr. R. E. Charles, who proved to be a capable President, the Committee spared no effort in carrying their plans to a successful conclusion, and the fact that the financial result was lower than previously was in no way due to the workers. No canvass was made in country districts, so that really the actual Carnival was more successful than in other years. This in itself is a tribute to the carnival workers. The amount handed over was £550, which, in view of the prevailing conditions, is an excellent result. The best thanks are conveyed to all who assisted to make the effort such a success.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS.—Municipalities in our area have again given great assistance in helping to finance the Hospital, the sum of £975 being received from this source. It is gratifying to know that in the matter of Municipal Grants the amount received ranks as one of the highest in the State.

The amounts received are as follow :—

Wimmera Shire	£100
Borough of Horsham	300
Dimboola Shire	100
Dunmickle Shire	75
Arapiles Shire	60
Kowree Shire	40
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	£975

ENTERTAINMENTS.—Apart from Carnival receipts, the amount received from this source was very welcome. The largest return came from the "Revue" produced by Mrs. H. Carruthers. With the assistance of our Ladies' Committee, this was made a great success and £80 was the net return. Mrs. Carruthers has recently commenced a children's dancing class and already has handed in the sum of £20. This amount will be added to later on. It is also proposed to produce another "Revue" this year. We have extended our hearty thanks to this lady for the excellent work she is doing on behalf of the Hospital. The Horsham Progress Association again conducted Community Singing during the year and has handed to us the sum of £41 11/1. This was a welcome contribution, and our thanks are due to the promoters and all who have assisted. Community Singing has been reorganised for this year, and greater results are hoped for. Another commendable effort was the Juvenile Entertainment organised by Mrs. V. C. Gillick. This Concert was the means of raising the sum of £20 for the Hospital, and our thanks have been conveyed to Mrs. Gillick and her helpers.

Several other smaller efforts were held in other centres, and we thank all who have assisted in this way.

PATIENTS.—The number of Patients treated remained at about the same figure as last year, 1041 in-patients were treated as compared with 1056 for the previous 12 months. The daily average was 53.91 as compared with 53.41 last year. There seems no doubt that the figures will remain somewhere about this mark. Out-patients numbered 69 compared with 52 for the previous year, so that we treated, in all, 1110 patients as compared with 1108 last year.

For obvious reasons the fees from patients showed a decrease. Many patients have been unable, through force of circumstances, to pay usual fees for treatment.

MATERNITY WARD.—This portion of the Hospital has again been kept very busy, and 116 babies were born during the 12 months.

X-RAY DEPARTMENT.—The X-Ray plant has again been fully availed of and has been of great assistance to the Honorary Medical Officers. Fees received from Private Patients amounted to £108 14/—slightly less than last year's returns.

INTERMEDIATE PATIENTS.—Some three months ago the Charities Board gave approval for the admission of Intermediate Patients to the Hospital. This action was welcomed by your Board of Management and it is felt that the facilities of the Hospital are now within the reach of more people than they previously were. In the three months that this privilege was in operation, 15 patients were admitted, but we feel that more people should avail themselves of the Hospital benefits. If we were assured of a regular flow of intermediate patients the financing of the Hospital would be made much easier.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.—This service has again been of great assistance to the town and district, but, unfortunately, the fees received have not been sufficient to meet replacement fees and expenses. If it was not for the grant of £25, received from the Borough of Horsham, the service could not function satisfactorily from a financial viewpoint. Our best thanks are due to the Council for this continued assistance. The honorary driver, Mr. J. Calderstone, has again given valuable assistance and no praise is too high for what this gentleman has done. At any hour and in any weather, he has been ready to answer calls, and often he has been out on a call in the early hours of the morning. To Messrs. Young Bros., who garage the car and allow the driver to attend calls, we express our thanks.

HONORARY MEDICAL STAFF.—We again express our appreciation of the valuable services rendered by the members of the Honorary Medical Staff—Drs. H. W. Charlton, G. R. Felstead, R. J. A. Henderson and G. Forsyth. They have, at all times, and often at great inconvenience, attended to the welfare of the patients, and we thank them for their splendid services. We regret having to report the departure of Dr. J. P. Black, who, for many years, was one of the Honorary Medical Officers. At all times this worthy gentleman was of great assistance to the Hospital. His successor, Dr. G. Forsyth, readily consented to act as one of the Honoraries, which fact we appreciate very much.

HONORARY DENTISTS.—The Honorary Dentists—Messrs. C. W. Dougall, R. S. Grant and W. Lawrence—have again given great service to Patients, and to them we convey our thanks.

HONORARY OFFICERS.—To Messrs. J. Barnes, Hon. Veterinary Officer; P. Learmonth, Hon. Architect; and J. Bennett, Hon. Solicitor, we express our thanks for valuable services rendered.

NURSING STAFF.—We are indeed fortunate in having such a capable Nursing Staff. The busy nature of the wards from time to time calls for hard and consistent work, and the results achieved, coupled with the gratitude of the patients, shows how well this has been carried out. The Matron, Miss G. M. Arthur, has at all times been keenly alert in the interests of the Hospital and Patients, and has earned the highest praise for her excellent management. A loyal staff of Sisters and Trainees have co-operated with her in this work.

DISTRICT COMMITTEES.—The District Committees at Murtoa, Dimboola and Natimuk have again given valuable monetary assistance and we express our sincere thanks for what they have done and are doing for the Hospital.

GIFT OF BEDS.—During the year the Shire of Arapiles placed three fully equipped beds in the Male Ward as a soldiers' memorial. This is a valuable gift, and is highly appreciated. The beds were handed over at a formal function held at the Hospital. This is another instance of generosity of Municipal Councils.

WOOD DAY.—We are again indebted to Mr. G. W. Cochrane for his successful organisation of the annual Wood Day. Although not quite as successful as the previous year, a splendid stack of wood was received. To Mr. Cochrane, donors and stackers we extend our thanks.

SCHOOLS' APPEAL.—The annual appeals for Eggs and Jam were responded to by the Schools of the district in a splendid way. In order to place the School Appeals on a more organised basis, a meeting of district teachers was held in Horsham at the instance of Mr. E. B. Pederick, Inspector of Schools for the Horsham Inspectorate. As a result, an organised system of appeal has been put into force. The Honorary Secretary of the appeal (Mr Geo. Kent, of Haven) prepared a scheme and divided the district into groups, each group being asked to have an appeal for two periods of a fortnight each throughout the year. The aim of the schools is to provide sufficient in goods or cash to maintain two occupied beds for each year. The various groups have entered into the scheme with enthusiasm and the results up to the present have been very gratifying. To the District Inspector, Mr. E. B. Pederick, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Kent, and all who are co-operating in this scheme we express our sincere appreciation.

THANKS.—Throughout the year Gifts of all kinds have been numerous, and we express our thanks to all donors. To the local, district and metropolitan paper officers we express thanks for copies of papers regularly received. The Horsham Borough Brass Band has again been of great help during the year, and their efforts are highly appreciated. We desire to convey to the proprietors of the "Horsham Times" our gratitude for the assistance given through the columns of their valued paper. To the Clergy of all denominations we express thanks for a kindly co-operation at the Hospital. Lastly, but by no means least, we desire to thank the Methodist Girls' Confrade Club and the W.C.T.U. for the gifts of fruit and good cheer to the patients each Sunday. This kindly action is greatly appreciated by the inmates.

On behalf of the Board of Management.

C. R. FRENCHAM, Secretary.
A. LANGLANDS, President.

It is desired to place on record the very able and efficient manner in which the Secretary, Mr. C. R. Frencham, has at all times carried out his official duties, particularly as X-Ray Technician, which duties frequently require Mr. Frencham's attention at all hours of the day and night.

This officer undoubtedly has the work of the Hospital at heart. Outside his ordinary official duties, Mr. Frencham gives a very great deal of his own time to matters concerning the Hospital—we refer to Community Singing, Concert Parties, Special Appeals throughout the district, etc.—efforts which have brought a good deal of money and goods to the Hospital which would otherwise not be received. For these and other valuable services always freely given, we express our appreciation.

A. LANGLANDS.

Medical Officer's Report for the Year Ending June 30, 1931.

	M.	F.	Ttl.
Number of In-patients remaining on June 30, 1930 ..	31	26	57
Number of Patients admitted during the year	384	600	984
	M.	F.	Ttl.
Number of Patients discharged, cured or relieved ..	370	589	959
Number of Deaths	22	12	34
Number remaining on June 30, 1931	23	25	48
Outdoor Relief—			
Distinct cases treated			0
Number of attendances			486
	M.	F.	Ttl.
Daily average of indoor relief	27.45	26.46	53.91
Average cost per head per annum of maintenance (indoor)			£5 19 6
Average cost per bed for daily average			£115 4 1

Auditors' Report.

Horsham,
July 14, 1931.

TO THE PRESIDENT, COMMITTEE AND SUBSCRIBERS,
HORSHAM BASE HOSPITAL.

Sirs :

We beg to report having examined the Books, Accounts, Vouchers, etc., of the Institution for the year ending June 30, 1931, and found same correct ; receipts from all sources and expenditure on all accounts being duly recorded and set forth.

The Balance Sheet, to which we have appended our signatures, is correctly drawn up from the Books of the Institution, and truly represents the financial position thereof.

We have much pleasure in recording that the books and papers have been effectively kept.

We have the honor to be,

Sirs,

Yours faithfully,

T. HOUSTON, }
D. S. WALLIS, } Auditors.