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INCORPORATED HOSTELS.

AIMS.

The Incorporated Hostels are for the care of girls and women suffering from venereal diseases in an infective stage.

The patients are drawn chiefly from the Royal Free Hospital V.D. Clinic, and are selected by the Medical Officer to the Clinic; but cases from any part of London or the country may be received. (*See conditions for admission.*)

Most of the patients admitted to the Hostels are treated as out-patients at the Royal Free Hospital.

The aims of the Committee are :

1. Care and medical treatment of women suffering from venereal disease.
 - (a) Non-pregnant cases. Admitted to Regent's Park Hostel.
 - (b) Pregnant cases. Admitted to Highbury Quadrant Hostel.
 - (c) Mothers and babies. Admitted to Highbury Quadrant Hostel.
2. After-care of these patients when discharged from the Hostels, and medical supervision of the children.

The work is supplementary to that of the Hospital out-patients' clinic. The special daily treatment given at the Hostels, together with rest and good food, help to make hospital treatment more effective, and to shorten the course of the disease.

The greater number of those admitted are wage-earners, such as waitresses, domestic servants, factory workers, or clerks. They are, for the time being, unfit to earn their living, though not ill enough to require a bed in Hospital. Their infectious condition is a danger to others whether at home or in lodgings, and the Hostels provide the special accommodation needed. Whatever the circumstances, these girls all need help to start them on the road to recovery.

The Hostels are conducted on undenominational lines, but during their stay every effort is made to help patients to moral as well as to physical recovery, and to train them in the care of their children.

After-care is an integral part of the scheme, and great importance is attached to keeping in touch with patients over a considerable period of time. The keeping of records of the health and physical development of the children for some years forms an addition to the medical work carried on whilst they are inmates of the Hostel.

ACCOMMODATION.

REGENT'S PARK HOSTEL	15 Beds.
62, Regent's Park Road, N.W.1.	
HIGHBURY QUADRANT HOSTEL	19 Beds.
22, Highbury Quadrant, N.5.	12 Cots.
BARLOW WING	14 Beds.
20, Highbury Quadrant, N.5.	14 Cots.

CONDITIONS FOR ADMISSION.

Cases are admitted by the Medical Officer of the Royal Free Hospital (Venereal Diseases) Marlborough Clinic, who attends at the Hospital (Out-patients) daily from 10 a.m. to 7.30 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Only young women suffering from venereal disease in an infectious stage are eligible for admission.

Applications for the admission of suitable cases are cordially invited from doctors and social workers.

All requests should be made to the Medical Officer of the Marlborough Clinic, or to the Almoner, Royal Free Hospital. A medical certificate and full social history should be forwarded in the first instance, if the patient cannot attend the Clinic.

The object of the Hostels is to provide treatment and after-care for girls who really desire a fresh start.

No patient is refused for lack of means, but patients are asked to contribute towards their maintenance, if able to do so.

Further information regarding the hostels may be obtained from the Almoner, Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1, or from the Hon. Secretary. 4, Pelham Crescent, S.W.7.

Annual Return for the year 1936.

Number of Patients.	Highbury Hostel,		Regent Pk.
	Adults	Babies	Adults
In residence January 1st, 1936	31	19	8
Admitted during 1936	37	29	42
Discharged During 1936	49	34	40
In residence December 31st, 1936	19	13	11
Number of "Patient Days"	8219	6405	3347
(The number of "Patient Days" for 1935 were as follows):	9533	6741	4560

GENERAL REPORT.

The Committee in reporting on the year 1936 desire to draw especial attention to the dual nature of their aims, namely: care and treatment within the Hostels, and care of patients after they have left. This report, therefore, though it concerns only one year's indoor work, gives an account of the outdoor work dealing with past patients and their children who may have left the Hostels any time in the last 8 or 9 years.

It is a matter of general agreement that there is a marked change in modern social conditions. This change does not affect quite so much girls of twenty to thirty years of age, whose characters may have become somewhat stabilised. The After-care Report for this year is therefore more encouraging than the records of indoor work, which concern a new generation of very young women, who present a new set of problems.

First there has been a distinct falling-off in the number of patients who will accept hostel treatment and benefit by it. (At Highbury the average of occupied beds has been just over 23 out of 33 available, and at Regents Park just over 9 out of 15). Secondly, a larger number than ever before have discharged themselves or left with their treatment incompleting. Thirdly, the age of girls admitted has been markedly younger than in the past.

There is no evidence of any real decrease in venereal infections, and so the reason for these empty beds must be sought elsewhere.

The Committee have given very careful consideration to this state of affairs, have examined the hostel records and have discussed the matter with the Public Health Department of the London County Council.

The three chief causes of the problem seem to be:—

1. Treatment centres are now open every day, and until late at night, so that, provided a girl is not too ill, she can continue to earn her living, even though infected.

2. There is an increasing dislike of any restraint, routine or discipline at the present time. Young women often will not willingly give up their freedom to enter a hostel, but if they do, as soon as the acute symptoms have subsided, they think they can do as they please as to their further treatment.

3. Girls of 15 and even younger are reported by their own parents to be out of control; they run wild, and are determined to have a "good time," and, even if they agree to enter a hostel, have little desire to alter their mode of living, after discharge.

Such conditions naturally affect Regents Park Hostel more than Highbury, for when a girl is pregnant she is usually grateful for the offer of a hostel vacancy. At Regents Park there is not the incentive of the coming child to induce her to place herself voluntarily under a routine she finds irksome.

The Committee have felt obliged to give a prominent place to the doubts and anxieties which have beset them this year. Their hope is, that the situation described is only a passing phase, and that the facilities offered at the hostels for reconstructing their lives may prove acceptable next year to a larger number of patients.

The report which follows, from Miss Cashmore, After-care worker to both hostels, gives a remarkable picture of her experiences with "Old Girls" and their babies, and tells its own tale of her persistent efforts to befriend them.

The Committee are satisfied and encouraged by the records given of past patients and by the efficient and tactful manner in which the outdoor work is being carried on.

**After-care
Worker's Report,
1936.**

"Our family is growing apace. There were 68 girls in my care at the beginning of 1936 to which were added 44 during the year. My chief impression of this period is that it has been very largely a trial time, while the old girls in particular have adjusted themselves to their new Worker. One has been very conscious of being weighed up, and gradually accepted. It has been a help even to have a name something similar to Miss Cadmore's! That softened the feeling of change, as it affected our rather delicate relationships.

I think there is ground for hoping that some of the girls are beginning to realise more fully that we can only help them effectively as far as they are willing to go on helping themselves in the best possible way. One has worked to establish the spirit of self-reliance and independence as the most permanent line of help. With the new girls our friendship begins at the Hostels, where I spend two half days each week. From such small beginnings as walks

in the Parks, musical and other interludes in the Recreation rooms, little shopping jaunts, etc., we build up a feeling of confidence which is carried through into post-hostel days.

In the general work we have had our ups-and-downs, and I am sorry to have to report some very disappointing cases. Four of our old girls have had second babies, and there have been quite a number of girls who have been too restless to remain in Hostel to complete their treatment. A few of these refused to make any further attendance at Hospital, and have slipped out of our care altogether for the time-being. Occasionally these cases come back to us later, and this year I was able to rediscover two of the younger ones, and restore them to their homes in a satisfactory condition eventually.

After facing these disappointments it is reassuring to see that about 75 per cent. of the girls are doing well at present (see final tables). There are numbers of old girls, with children whose ages range from one to seven years, working well and happily to maintain them. They are apparently living quite stable lives, and accepting their full responsibility. We have had five particularly heartening results. One girl, who was most difficult to handle at first, has kept her post in dressmaking for four years, has proved most reliable, and is now fully trusted with such work as the payments of accounts, etc. Another has done so well in the Home where she has completed two years training that she has been asked to stay on as an assistant. A third has earned such a satisfactory record that she has been given an appointment on the laundry staff of her Home, while two other girls have really good reports in posts held steadily for one and two years.

I now have many regular visitors to my Sunday tea-parties which the girls regard as a permanent Club of their own. While they are enjoying their cup of tea and a cigarette a great deal of serious contact work is possible. I find myself fully occupied, on these occasions, keeping the general conversation and atmosphere under wholesome control whilst bearing in mind the individual needs of each girl. During 1936 I had 281 such visits from the girls, and much experience in adjusting grievances, which so often disappeared with a little common-sense handling. Occasionally, of course, it is advisable to help a girl to change her post when circumstances warrant such a course, and then, as with those leaving the Hostel, I function as an Employment bureau. I have, in all, found 30 new posts this year, and this has entailed much work and many interviews. It is, of course, a comparatively straightforward business to place girls just leaving the Hostels, but I have had to face other emergencies over posts which bristled with difficulties. So often the girls throw themselves out of work for trivial reasons and then come for help in getting another post immediately, as

they are without resources, and with the added difficulty that they have lost their reference, It happens frequently that the girls rush into a crisis without any consideration of the consequences to themselves or anyone else, and eventually I have to deal with irate mistresses, who have real grounds for their grievances. In spite of these set-backs I am beginning to deal with an increasing number of employers who are anxious and willing to work in co-operation with me, and discuss difficulties at an early stage. As a rule they have been most generous in their dealings with the girls, and one feels grateful for their consideration.

We have helped four girls to obtain Affiliation Orders during the year, whilst another important and exacting side of the work has been the placing of 28 babies in new foster homes. The ideal foster homes and parents are always difficult to find, and there are so many points to be considered—temperamental suitability for the care of children, religious denomination, economic circumstances, etc. There seem, at present, to be rather fewer people willing to take the babies, but we have reason to be grateful to many of our present foster-mothers for their good work and sympathetic co-operation. One cannot avoid emergencies altogether, but my heart sinks when the girls want to move their babies for some insufficient or stupid reason, as they frequently do, completely over-looking the result of their selfishness on the children. At times circumstances within the foster home, or the mother's removal to service in another district, necessitate a change for the children, but that is always to be deplored, as the effect is disastrous for the little ones. It is such a serious break in their feeling of security, and the different handling affects them badly. I have had tiny babies who fretted so much, after a change of home, that it has been weeks before they were properly established again. The care of the babies, in these circumstances, is always a serious anxiety.

Some of the older children this year have needed much of my time and care in connection with their attendances at hospitals and clinics, and arrangements for convalescence, etc., as their own mothers could rarely be free for this purpose, and the foster-mothers were not able to leave their own families, but I am glad to say that the treatment was satisfactory in all the cases, so the trouble was well worth while.

The general welfare work has included many varied activities. The girls have needed me as an employment agent, a provider of clothing, a witness for weddings, a sponsor for christenings, an attendant at Police Court cases, and in other similar capacities. In all the various connections I find I have written 615 letters during the year and received 450, also innumerable telephone calls during the day and night. I like the girls to know that I am always reason-

ably within call, and many of them have told me that this has given them a real feeling of "having someone behind them."

Our sincere thanks are due to the following friends who have so kindly helped with gifts of clothing for the girls and children :—
The Honble. Mrs. Barlow, Mrs. Hassall, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. White, Miss Dodd, Miss Butler, Miss Harris, Miss Higley, Miss Moss, Miss Sykes, Miss Munro.

The results of the 112 cases (girls) dealt with during 1936 may be tabulated as follows :—

Doing well	60
Married	10
Returned home or removed to country	13
Transferred to another Worker	3
Unsatisfactory	17
Out of touch	9
Total	112

There were 34 babies in foster homes, under our care at the beginning of the year, and 14 more were placed during 1936. Of these 5 have been restored to parental homes with their mothers, and 6 have gone to live with their mothers who have married, so there are still 37 left in my charge."

Signed. N. CASHMORE.

Staff and Finance. In previous years it has frequently been mentioned that two outstanding difficulties were Staff and Finance.

Happily in 1936 neither of these two problems has proved acute.

At Regents Park, Sister Kempsey who had been for 5½ years Staff Nurse, was appointed Sister-in-Charge in February, in place of Miss Mitchell who had resigned. She and her assistants have carried out their duties with zeal and devotion.

At Highbury there have been no changes in staff, a fact which in itself testifies to the happy atmosphere prevailing there, under Sister Noakes' experienced guidance.

Finances, more especially at Highbury, have not caused as much anxiety as usual.

Education. London County Council Educational classes have been held at both Hostels throughout the year. At Regents Park toy-making and "current events" have been given by exceptionally gifted teachers and some fascinating toys have been

produced. Mrs. Marsh has given weekly lessons in choral singing and sewing. The Committee are very grateful to these instructors and to Miss Crockett who has paid regular weekly visits to the hostel for the ninth year in succession.

The Barlow Hostel again provided an excellent entertainment at Christmas time this year, and earned enough money to buy themselves a wireless set. Such a co-operative effort though not obviously falling under the heading of "Classes" is, of course, in the highest degree educational for patients who have perhaps never before understood the need for give and take in the production of an entertainment.

REGENTS PARK HOSTEL.

Notes and Records for 1936.

There is no doubt that this year has been a difficult one for those most closely concerned with the internal administration of the Hostel.

It will be noticed from the records of three years, which follow, that 11 patients under 16 years of age were admitted, (though by rights the Committee do not accept such young cases). These girls were too old and sophisticated for a children's home, and yet needed the discipline of a Training School. One had run away from home at the age of 13, another had been in and out of numberless homes and hospitals, another came from a notoriously bad home. Hardly one of them had any desire to "make good." Not only are such girls extremely awkward to handle in a small home, where it is not possible to separate age-groups, but the effect of their outlook on older girls of rather weak moral character is far from beneficial.

The Committee wish to place on record their appreciation of the patience and perseverance shown by the Staff, and of their valiant

efforts to deal with these young "toughs". They also desire to state categorically that the epidemic of run-aways which occurred in August and early September can in no way be attributed to any errors or omissions on the part of the Staff.

Ten flittings took place within a month, and the matter could therefore only be regarded as an infectious epidemic, and treated as such. Three of the remaining girls whose treatment was practically complete were therefore discharged, and two others were sent to another Home, and the Hostel was closed for a few days.

On re-opening there was some tightening up of the discipline in minor ways and the house has gradually filled with new patients. The escapades of their predecessors were naturally not known to them, and there has been no re-appearance of the epidemic. A marked improvement in conduct and demeanour has been noticed, and by Christmas time the Staff were able to feel that their efforts were bearing fruit.

Report from the Director, Marlborough Department, Royal Free Hospital.

Medical Report. During the past 12 months the Hostel has not been continuously full, for reasons embodied in the General Report.

Medical treatment at this time has not always been easy, in part because of the type of girl, in part also because some tedious cases have been admitted after operation, etc., from the Ward of some other Hospital: and the patients have thought that the operation was all that had been necessary, instead of which considerable detailed (and to the patient tiresome) treatment had to be continued for some time. This with the inevitable restrictions as to exercise and freedom, made treatment of the undisciplined and irresponsible girl no light task.

Our most sad case, perhaps, was that of a girl of 13 years admitted with acquired Syphilis from a very poor home with a hopelessly incompetent mother of low-grade mentality, who is herself neglecting to attend Hospital regularly for treatment.

Mary is now in blooming health and has had two thirds of the long treatment necessary for complete cure of Syphilis. But if she returns to that dreadful home, what of the future?

Our best thanks are again due to the Sister-in-Charge for her faithful co-operation and admirable following out of prescribed treatment.

Signed. MARGARET RORKE.

Three Years Records. To substantiate the statements made earlier in this report, some records of the past three years are given below.

Records of cases discharged during 1934, 1935 and 1936 compared and classified.

Number of cases : 1934 : 48. 1935 : 54. 1936 : 40.

	1934	1935	1936
<i>Satisfactory.</i>			
(a) Completed treatment and satisfactory in conduct	30	35	18
(b) Transferred for treatment	4	2	4
(c) Removed by parents, circumstances satisfactory	—	2	—
	34	39	22
Percentage of total numbers	70	72	55
<i>Doubtful Classification</i>	2	2	1
Percentage of total numbers	5	4	3

<i>Unsatisfactory.</i>			
(a) Took own discharge, treatment uncompleted	6	5	5
(b) Ran away	4	1	9
(c) Removed by parents, circumstances unsatisfactory	2	3	—
(d) Transferred for treatment on account of bad behaviour or bad influence	—	4	2
(e) Awaiting bed in ward	—	—	1
	12	13	17
Percentage of total numbers	25	24	42

Age Groups.	1934	1935	1936	Still in residence
16 years and under	0	0	8	3
17 and 18	15	10	10	2
19 and 20	11	16	7	4
21 and 22	7	8	8	1
23 and 24	5	11	2	0
25 and over	10	9	5	3
	48	54	40	13

After-care. Comparative figures for three years' visits and letters from past patients are given below. The decrease under the two headings "visits from old girls" and "letters from employers" can be accounted for in part, by the smaller number of patients admitted, and in part by the epidemic of runaways last summer. These girls have naturally not visited the hostel as Past Patients (though Miss Cashmore is in touch with one of them), nor have they needed any arrangements for their future employment to be made, through Sister Kempley.

	1934	1935	1936
Letters received from Old Girls	124	130	119
Letters to Old Girls	139	135	110
Visits from Old Girls	173	286	147
Letters to employers, friends, etc.	391	282	176
Visitors to Hostel	218	247	229

Treasurer's Report. The Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1936 show an excess of Expenditure over Income amounting to £30. 12s. 8d. as compared with £171. 3s. 8d. for 1935. This gratifying improvement has been effected by considerable economies in expenditure, despite a decrease in Income of over £200. The Debit balance on Income and Expenditure Account to carry forward to 1937 is £149. 14s. 10d.

During the year the favourable state of the stock markets has been taken advantage of to dispose of a considerable portion of the Rembau Jelei Rubber shares given to the Hostel by the late Lord Rowallan, and to re-invest the proceeds in a more stable security. The Rubber share market is peculiarly liable to violent fluctuations, and the Committee decided that an even rate of dividend from year to year, and particularly, greater security of capital would be in the best interests of the Hostel. The proceeds of sale were invested in the 4 per cent. Guaranteed Debenture Stock of the London Midland and Scottish Railway.

Thanks. The Committee wish to express their warm thanks to all who have helped with donations and subscriptions and to the following for their gifts in kind.

Miss H. M. Beale, Miss Cashmore, Miss d'Avigdor, Miss Elliot, Dr. Hare, Miss Royden, the Staff, and the Old Girls.

Christmas Gifts were received from Miss H. M. Beale, Dr. Broman, Miss Cashmore, Dr. Martin, Dr. Rorke.

Occupations of Patients Admitted, 1936.

Domestic Service	22
Shop Assistants	3
Factory Workers	2
Waitresses	2
Barmaid	1
Librarian	1
Clerk	1
Laundress	1
French Polisher	1
Machinist	1
Counter hand	1
Lift Attendant	1
Telephonist	1
No Occupation	1
Still attending school	1
Prostitute	1
Married (awaiting bed in Hospital)	1
	—
	42
	—

Disposal of Patients on Discharge.

Returned to domestic service	7
Returned to their homes	7
Transferred to other hospitals or hostels	7
Handed over to other workers	4
Refused to stay and complete treatment	5
Ran away	9
Married woman (went into Hospital)	1
	—
	40
	—

HIGHBURY HOSTEL.

Notes and Records for 1936.

The routine of a Home which includes babies must be conducted in much the same way year by year, and there are no startling changes to report. Under the supervision of Dr. Campbell, who pays a weekly visit, the necessary variations in diet and treatment for the infants are made to suit each child, and the baby's welfare is made the most important part of the mother's life at the Hostel.

But even at Highbury a wave of restlessness has prevailed, and a greater number of patients than ever before (namely ten) have discharged themselves. The previous histories of the girls have also been more complicated, and in some cases, highly unsavoury, and the Staff have, as at Regents Park, felt most disheartened that their ready help has fallen on such apparently barren ground.

At Highbury, however, there is always compensation in the babies who make such quick and visible response to care. It is satisfactory to note that this year seven girls have been able to return to their own homes with their babies and that three have found situations *with* their babies. The responsibilities of motherhood have so steadying an influence that reports of desertion or adoption of a child are of rare occurrence.

Further the annual "Old Babies" party provides an opportunity of seeing children at all ages and stages, well-turned out and cared for by their parents, or brought by their foster-mothers who take an equal pride in them, and this should be an encouragement to those now undergoing treatment. The party this year was a record in size, the guests numbering 102. Luckily the day was fine and the amateur photographers were busy. Their groups included infants, babies under two, between two and four, five years to seven and big boys and girls up to ten. Each child, as usual, was examined by Dr. Campbell, and some histories now go back over 11 years. In this connection it should be mentioned that case records of the children of syphilitic mothers are being traced, and the results classified by Dr. Hare and Dr. Albertine Winner. The latter has this year joined the Committee, and is giving valuable help as Assistant Hon. Secretary.

Medical Report from Dr. Anne Campbell, Medical Officer, Highbury Hostel.

Medical Report. This has been a satisfactory year from the point of view of the Medical Officer. There were 29 babies admitted and their health record has been good.

Nine of the mothers admitted had syphilis or were suffering from a double infection, but no baby produced a positive blood test after birth, or any infection of the eyes.

One mother had a premature labour resulting in a still-born child. In this instance the mother had had to stop intensive treatment for syphilis because she developed very bad jaundice.

The nursery in No. 22 has not been quite so full this year. The babies have all been well except one who developed pneumonia and convulsions and died within a few days of the onset of pneumonia.

In No. 20 the nursery has had various mild epidemics of colds and coughs with only one serious case—a little girl who had broncho-pneumonia, but who recovered fully.

The Staff continue to work devotedly for the girls and babies.

Signed. A. R. CAMPBELL.

Barlow Wing. It is always open to any patient to transfer to the Barlow Wing, when she is free from infection, and when her child is past the earliest stage of infancy. A certain number of mothers accept this opportunity of a time of reconstruction for themselves, and of skilled care for their children.

In opening this house in 1929 the Committee had hoped that it would be continuously full, and that it would be possible for about half of the inmates to go out to daily work. Time has proved that this scheme is not altogether practicable.

Only a proportion of the mothers have a full appreciation of what a year in the Barlow will do for them and their children. Others are eager to get out into the world again, and be independent of supervision. Then, too, in the last few years, parents have been perhaps, more ready to condone the arrival of the infant, and to have their daughters back in their own homes. Finally, the demand, locally, for daily labour is very small, and posts further afield entail a heavy outlay in fares, and high wages have to be earned to make them worth while.

In spite of this, the Barlow Wing does fulfil a need, and the Committee feel that to do without it now would be unthinkable.

After-care from the Hostel. The list of letters to and from Old Girls and workers, and the number of visits paid to the Hostel has this year reached a remarkable total. The major part of the correspondence is undertaken by Sister Noakes, but a certain number of letters come to Miss Hodkin, Warden of the Barlow Wing, as many of the girls come under her direct care for some months in No. 20.

	1934	1935	1936
Visits from Old Girls	510	395	403
Letters from Old Girls	236	184	353
Letters to Old Girls	157	171	309
Letters from employers, friends, etc.	327	339	335
Letters to employers, friends, etc.	396	376	385

More than one visit a day and one letter every day of the year from past patients is strong proof of the affectionate regard in which the hostel is held, by girls to whom letter-writing is not too easy, and for whom a visit entails the expenditure of money on fares.

Treasurer's Report. The year 1935 ended with a debit balance of £395 and we feared we should have to sell a large proportion of Funding Stock to meet this Deficit, but a magnificent donation of £100 from the Hector Sassoon Bequest helped us over our difficulties. We are most grateful to the Trustees of the Bequest for this gift.

We have also received considerably more than last year from payments on behalf of patients, so it was only necessary to sell £215 when the Stock was standing at a high figure, and the year has finished with nearly £140 to our credit.

It will be noted that subscriptions are given as £59. 4s. 0d., though the list for the year, together with reclaimed income tax, amounts to £60. 9s. 6d. The difference of £1. 5s. 6d. is the amount of tax over-estimated in 1935 and not reclaimable: it has therefore been deducted in this year's accounts.

The total cost of each patient and her baby per week, including Extraordinary Expenditure was £2. 15s. 0d. and the average cost of food for each adult was 8s. 10d.

Thanks. The Committee wish to thank subscribers and donors for their generous support and the following for useful gifts.

Clothing and Babies Garments. Miss H. M. Beale, the Hon. Mrs. Barlow, Miss Cashmore, Miss Elliot, Mrs. Noakes, Miss Pook, Miss L. Pook, National Society of Day Nurseries, Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

Books, Bulbs, Fruit, etc. British Red Cross Society, Dr. Campbell, Miss Barlow, Sir Thomas Barlow, Highbury Congregational Church, Messrs. Kearley and Tonge.

Christmas Gifts. The Hon. Mrs. Barlow, Miss Cashmore, Dr. Campbell, Miss d'Avigdor, The Lady Emmott, Dr. Hare, Great Missenden Girl Guides, Dr. Phillips, Miss Pook, Dr. Rorke, Dr. Shaw, Miss White, Toop & Co., United Dairies.

Occupations of Patients Admitted, 1936.

Domestic Service	26
Factory work	4
Waitresses	2
Lift Attendant	1
Shop Assistant	1
French Polisher	1
Married women	2
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	37
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Disposal on Discharge.

Domestic service without baby	14
Domestic service with baby	3
Returned home without baby	8
Returned home with baby	7
Married	1
Handed over to other workers	5
Transferred to Harrow Road	1
Discharged themselves	10
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	49
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Disposal of Babies.

Placed with Foster-mothers	18
Returned home with mothers	13
(This includes 4 taken by mothers who discharged themselves, and 2 who had been handed over to other Workers).	
1 Died in Hostel	1
Situations with mothers	<hr/>
	35
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2 infants died at birth.	

REGENT'S PARK HOSTEL.

Subscriptions and Donations, 1936.

	Subscriptions.	Income-Tax Rebate.	Donations.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Abbott, Miss F. E.	5 5 0		
Ancaster, The Rt. Hon. Earl of	10 0 0	3 2 3	
Anonymous			10 0
Anonymous			5 5 0
Balfour, F. R. S., Esq.	5 0 0		
Barnett, G. A., Esq.	1 0 0		
Beale, Miss H. M.	3 3 0	18 3	
Beale, Miss M. S.	3 3 0		
Bearsted, Viscountess	5 0 0		
Beddington, G. E., Esq.	10 0 0		
Beddington, Miss W.	4 4 0		
Bevan, Miss H. V.	1 1 0		
Broman, Dr. Anna			5 0 0
Bulman, Miss G.	10 0		
Butcher, The Misses	2 0 0		
Chick, Dr. H.	2 0 0		
Clapcott, Mrs. C. B.	1 0 0	5 9	
Clow, Mrs. Sanderson	2 2 0		
Cohen, Sir Robert Waley			2 2 0
Courtauld, Miss M. R.	2 2 0		
Crowdy, Miss E.	2 2 0		
Darwin, The Hon. Lady	2 0 0	11 7	
Darwin, Major Leonard	3 3 0		
Darwin, Miss Ruth	2 0 0	11 7	
d'Avigdor-Goldsmid, Sir Osmond	3 3 0	19 7	
Deacon, J. F. W., Esq.	5 0 0		
Emmott, The Lady	1 1 0	6 7	
Forbes Robertson, Mrs.	1 1 0		
Gamlen, A. G. L., Esq.	2 2 0		
Gaskell, Miss E. N.	1 1 0		
Gaskell, Miss W.	2 0 0		
Goldschmidt, Mrs. H. F.	2 2 0	13 1	
Grand Central Cinema			9 7 10
Greene, Dr. Helen	1 0 0	6 1	

	Subscriptions.			Income-Tax Rebate.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Hare, Dr. D. C., C.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P.	2	0	0						
Hare, Miss K. C.	10	0	0	2	18	0			
Ionides, The Hon. Mrs.	2	2	0						
Johnson, W. C., Esq.	1	1	0						
Kekewich, Miss H.	10	6							
King, Dr. C. A.	1	1	0						
Leach, Lady	2	2	0						
Lepper, Dr. E. H.							5	0	0
Luxor Cinema							157	12	4
Majestic Cinema							30	9	4
Marker, Miss M.	2	2	0						
Moro, A. R., Esq.	1	1	0						
Oxford, City of	5	0	0						
Page, Miss P. M.	5	0							
Paramount Theatres							28	19	10
Pemberton, Miss E. B.	1	0	0						
Pulteney, Dr. Isabel	2	2	0						
Richardson, Mrs. S. M. V.	2	2	0						
Royden, Miss E. M.	3	3	0						
Sebag-Montefiore, The Hon. Mrs.	2	2	0						
Shaw, R. N., Esq.	8	0	0	2	9	10			
Spielman, Lady	1	1	0						
Thorne, Dr. May	3	0	0	18	9				
Tolmer Cinema							1	10	4
Tritton, Mrs. G.	1	10	0	8	9				
Valpy, Mrs.	2	2	0						
Vickers, Cecil, Esq.	4	4	0						
Waldy, Miss V. M.	1	0	0						
Welsh, Miss S. J. O'D.	2	2	0						
Wilson, Dr. H.	10	0							
Winner, Dr. A. L.	2	12	6	16	4				
Winner, Mrs.									2 10 0
	£152	3	0	£15	13	5	£248	6	8
Less Tax not recoverable, 1935				2	0				
	£152	3	0	£15	16	8	£248	6	8

HIGHBURY QUADRANT HOSTEL.

Subscriptions and Donations.

	Subscriptions.			Income-Tax Rebate.			Donations.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Barlow Miss H. A. D.	2	2	0			13	1		
Beevor, Mrs. J. H.	2	2	0						
Browne, Miss A. B.	1	1	0						
Brunner, Lucy, Lady	2	2	0			12	2		
Campbell, Dr. A. R.	1	1	0			6	1		
Chafy, Miss Ursula	1	0	0			6	3		
Chick, Miss M.	2	0	0						
Darwin, The Hon. Lady	1	0	0			5	9		
Emmott, The Lady	1	1	0			6	7		
Emmott, Mrs. W. R.	10	0							
Forteviot, The Lord								10	0 0
Garratt, R. R., Esq.	1	1	0			6	1		
Goldsmid, Lady d'Avigdor	10	0	0						
Hare, Dr. D. C., C.B.E., F.R.C.P.	2	0	0						
Hare, Miss K. C.	10	0	0			2	18	0	
Hector Sassoon Bequest, Trustees of the									100 0 0
Henriques, Mrs. J. Q.	1	1	0						
Jewell-Thomas, Mrs.	1	1	0						
McEwan, Miss M.	10	6							
Orred, Miss A. K.	1	1	0			6	1		
Rogers, The Rev. C. F.	1	1	0					1	1 0
Rorke, Dr. M.	1	1	0						
Salmon, Mrs. H.	1	1	0						
Smith, Miss A. M.	1	0	0						
Sydenham, The Lady	2	0	0			12	6		
Tritton, Mrs. Geoffrey	1	10	0			8	9		
Wilson, Dr. Helen	10	0				2	10		
Wilson, Mrs.	1	1	0						
Winner, Dr. A. L.	2	12	6			16	4		
Winner, Mrs.									2 10 0
	£52	9	0	£8	0	6	£113	11	0

THE INCORPORATED HOSTELS associated

Dr.	BALANCE SHEET,					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To SUNDRY CREDITORS—						
Regent's Park	45	5	1			
Highbury Quadrant	152	13	4			
				197	18	5
„ BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT FUNDS—						
Regent's Park—						
As at 1st January, 1936	1,834	0	6			
Highbury Quadrant—						
As at 1st January, 1936	4,098	3	3			
				5,932	3	9
„ RESERVE FUND. Held on Joint Account,						
Regent's Park and Highbury Quadrant—						
Gift of the late Lord Rowallan, per Sir						
Thomas Barlow	2,260	16	0			
Gift of Sir Thomas Barlow, Bart... .. .	900	0	0			
Profit on Sale of Stocks, 1936	124	6	6			
				3,453	9	3
„ RESERVE FUND. Highbury Quadrant at						
1st January, 1936	500	0	0			
Profit on Sale of Stocks, 1936	124	6	6			
				624	6	6
„ SINKING FUND for Amortisation of Lease,						
Regent's Park				651	7	4

Richard T. Bartley } Members of the Committee.
B. d'Avigdor }

£10,859 5 3

To the Members of the Incorporated Hostels associated with The Royal Free Hospital. have audited the above Balance Sheet and have obtained all the information and explanations view of the state of affairs of the Company, according to the best of my information and the explanations

with THE ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL

31st DECEMBER, 1936

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
BY CASH AT BANK :—									
Regent's Park							197	17	3
Highbury Quadrant General A/c.	460	3	8						
Building Account	23	5	2						
							483	8	10
„ CASH IN HAND :—									
Regent's Park							35	1	3
Highbury Quadrant							48	14	7
									83 15 10
„ INVESTMENTS AT COST :—									
350 National Savings Certificates									
(Leasehold Sinking Fund, Regent's									
Park)	280	0	0						
£350 Funding Stock 4%, 1960/90									
(on Reserve Fund Account, High-									
bury Quadrant)	372	10	3						
							652	10	3
„ RESERVE FUND :—									
£624 18s. 0d. New Zealand 4% Loan,									
at Cost	650	0	0						
£963 1s. 11d. India 3% Stock	777	16	0						
200 Fully Paid Shares of £1 each									
Rembau Jelei Rubber Ltd, at par	200	0	0						
£1,000 Canadian Pacific Railway 4%									
Consolidated Deb. Stock	900	0	0						
£860 L.M.S. Rly. 4% Gtd. Stock	923	14	3						
							3,451	10	3
„ LEASEHOLD PROPERTY :—									
62, Regent's Park Road, N.W., as at									
1st January, 1936							4,104	0	6
„ FREEHOLD PROPERTIES :—									
20 and 22, Highbury Quadrant, as at									
1st January, 1936							3,273	1	1
„ FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT AT COST :—									
Highbury Quadrant							588	7	2
„ SUNDRY DEBTORS AND PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE :—									
Regent's Park							86	6	4
Highbury Quadrant							16	12	4
									102 18 8
„ INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT :—									
Regent's Park—									
As at 1st January, 1936	119	2	2						
Add Excess of Expenditure, 1936	30	12	8						
							149	14	10
Highbury Quadrant—									
As at 1st January, 1936	181	19	0						
Less Excess of Income, 1936	139	18	5						
							42	0	7
									191 15 5
									£10,859 5 3

I have required. The said Balance Sheet is, in my opinion, properly drawn up so as to show a correct given me and as shown by the books of the Company.

22nd, March, 1937.

SIDNEY H. CLINCH, Chartered Accountant.
52, BEDFORD ROW, W.C.1.

REGENT'S PARK

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1935	INCOME.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
160	To ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS	167 14 5	
17	„ DONATIONS	20 7 0	
289	„ „ FROM SUNDAY CINEMAS	227 19 8	
204	„ PAYMENTS BY AND ON BEHALF OF PATIENTS ..	91 12 7	
800	„ GRANT, LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL	800 0 0	
72	„ DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST	62 11 7	
33	Special Appeal		1,370 5 3
171	„ EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR YEAR		30 12 8

£1,746

£1,400 17 11

HOSTEL.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936.

		EXPENDITURE.		1935.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£
By PROVISIONS :—				
	Meat	58 2 6		80
	Fish, Poultry, etc.	11 17 2		15
	Butter, Bacon, etc.	36 5 0		44
	Eggs	9 6 7		10
	Milk	51 10 1		60
	Bread, Flour, etc.	19 2 2		23
	Grocery	49 17 5		91
	Vegetables and Fruit	65 19 0		69
	„ SURGERY AND DISPENSARY :—		301 19 11	392
	Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, Dressings, etc. ..	7 18 7		7
	Instruments and Appliances	1 2 6		3
	„ RENEWALS AND REPAIRS :—		9 1 1	10
	Furniture	41 19 1		16
	Bedding and Linen	6 8 11		17
	Hardware, Crockery, Brushes, etc.	3 3 5		4
	„ FUEL AND LIGHTING :—		51 11 5	37
	Coal	37 5 3		48
	Gas	38 4 5		41
	Electric Current	17 5 0		17
	„ DOMESTIC :—		92 14 8	106
	Washing	73 3 11		73
	Cleaning and Chandlery	25 0 9		27
	Water	4 9 9		4
	Sundries	—		2
	„ ESTABLISHMENT :—		102 14 5	106
	Renewals and Repairs	85 10 8		207
	Garden	0 10 0		1
	„ SALARIES AND WAGES		86 0 8	208
	„ MISCELLANEOUS :—		370 7 0	446
	Printing and Stationery	19 9 1		16
	Postage, Telephone, etc.	20 15 5		25
	Advertisements	0 19 9		4
	Fares	23 6 7		41
	Education	41 13 1		35
	Entertainments	2 14 0		3
	After-Care, Salary and Expenses	97 11 6		129
	Clothing	8 17 5		15
	Insurance	8 4 1		7
	Sundries	4 6 0		7
			227 16 11	282
	„ TOTAL COST OF MAINTENANCE		1,242 6 1	1,587
	„ AUDITORS' FEE		3 3 0	5
	„ GROUND RENT		17 10 0	18
	„ RATES AND TAXES		35 2 0	33
	„ PROVISION FOR AMORTISATION OF LEASE		102 16 10	103

£1,400 17 11

£1,746

HIGHBURY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

1935	INCOME.					
£	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
63	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS			59	4	0
18	DONATIONS:—					
	General	13	11	0		
	Hector Sassoon Bequest	100	0	0		
				113	11	0
101	DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST			69	15	5
339	No. 22, HIGHBURY QUADRANT:—					
	Payments by and on behalf of Patients	419	0	7		
53	No. 20, HIGHBURY QUADRANT:—					
	Payments by Patients: Outworkers	16	2	1		
243	" " Inworkers	227	6	7		
				734	9	3
2,400	GRANT—LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL	2,400	0	0		
7	Approved Societies					
395	Excess of Expenditure, 1935.					

£3,619

£3,376 19 8

QUADRANT HOSTEL.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1936.

MAINTENANCE:—			EXPENDITURE.			1935
PROVISIONS:—			£	s.	d.	£
	Meat		128	3	2	127
	Fish, Poultry, etc.		42	17	4	48
	Butter, Bacon, etc.		108	17	4	112
	Eggs		27	13	11	29
	Milk		215	13	7	232
	Bread, Flour, etc.		65	0	3	66
	Grocery		100	5	8	116
	Vegetables and Fruit		132	7	5	134
	SURGERY AND DISPENSARY:—					820 18 8
	Drugs, Chemicals, Disinfectants, etc.		8	12	7	8
	Dressings, Bandages, etc.		6	9	7	7
	Instruments and Appliances		3	9	5	2
	RENEWALS AND REPAIRS:—					18 11 7
	Furniture		43	1	4	18
	Bedding and Linen		25	6	9	50
	Hardware, Brushes, etc.		24	9	7	30
	FUEL AND LIGHTING:—					92 17 8
	Coal		108	4	7	113
	Gas		63	7	3	60
	Electric Current		34	19	1	44
	Oil, Wood, etc.		14	0		1
	DOMESTIC:—					207 4 11
	Washing		21	12	3	21
	Cleaning and Chandlery		78	7	10	72
	Water		10	3	11	10
	Uniforms		9	6	6	14
	Sundries		1	12	3	3
	ESTABLISHMENT:—					121 2 9
	Renewals and Repairs		293	9	4	553
	Garden		11	8	4	13
	Insurance		13	16	4	10
	SALARIES AND WAGES:—					318 14 0
	General		941	14	3	957
	Payments to Patients for Domestic Work		347	10	3	366
	MISCELLANEOUS:—					1,288 14 6
	Printing and Stationery		21	12	0	12
	Postage and Telephone		31	11	8	34
	Fares		25	13	1	34
	Education		14	11	3	10
	After-Care		184	9	11	214
	Entertainments		7	0	0	10
	Sundries		2	0	0	—
						286 17 11
	TOTAL COST OF MAINTENANCE					3,155 2 0
	AUDITORS' FEES					5
	RATES AND TAXES					72
	INTEREST					7
	Sundries					—
						3,237 1 3
	BALANCE, BEING EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE					139 19 5
						£3,376 19 8
						£3,619

