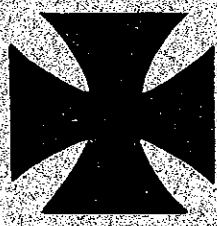


MELBOURNE DISTRICT
NURSING SOCIETY
FOR NURSING THE SICK POOR IN THEIR OWN HOMES
AND IN
AFTER-CARE HOSPITAL



"BY LOVE, SERVE ONE ANOTHER"

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45 VICTORIA PARADE, COLLINGWOOD.
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MELBOURNE DISTRICT NURSING SOCIETY AND AFTER CARE HOSPITAL SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

1949-50

31st MARCH, 1950

The President and Committee of the Melbourne District Nursing Society and After-Care Hospital have the honour to present the sixty-fifth Annual Report and Balance Sheet for the twelve months ended

During Mrs. Shillabeer's term as President, many improvements in the Hospital were effected, and it was with much regret the Committee accepted her resignation at the beginning of the year. However, the Board of Management considers itself fortunate that Lady Lowe has consented to fill this important office.

Mrs. G. G. Henderson continues to maintain her interest in the Society she did so much to build up, in spite of the fact that she is still confined to her bed.

During the year Her Excellency, Lady Brooks, graciously accorded the Society her patronage, and the Committee feels honoured that she has done so.

Two new members joined the Committee, who were pleased to welcome Mrs. D. Hallenstein and Mrs. A. Marchant Penfold.

Mrs. E. G. Wilson's improved health permitted her return to meetings, prior to her departure for England, and the Committee looks forward to her regular attendances on her return.

Mrs. J. P. Major's illness has deprived the Committee of her presence and advice, but they are happy to say she is now completely recovered.

Although the Hospital has had one of its wards closed for some weeks, because of shortage of trained staff, the work continues to increase, and, during the December/January heavy booking period for confinements, was able to help the Women's Hospital by accepting early transfer of mothers and babes still in need of nursing care and attention.

Although the number of patients treated on District was slightly less than the previous year—because of fewer domiciliary confinements—the Sisters paid more visits to the patients' homes.

Here, too, help was afforded the Women's Hospital during its busy period, and many mothers and babes were attended in their own homes after early discharge.

Unremitting care is rendered to the aged and infirm, some of whom have been on the Society's books for long periods, and these cases are particularly heavy on the District nurse.

EXTENSION: Unfortunately, the Committee has not yet been successful in acquiring land to extend the Hospital premises, but the acute problem of staffing the present wards, and the shortage of building materials have to be overcome before this expansion can be undertaken.

Early in the year a conference was held with members of the Hospitals and Charities Commission, and this Committee submitted a proposal to help with the acute bed shortage in all the Hospitals; the suggestion was that more cases could be handled in patients' own homes if the District Sisters could be provided with cars. Favourable consideration was given to this plan, and the Government is to provide an additional seven cars for the Sisters' use.

This should be a great help as, although it has done sterling work, the Motor Auxiliary is becoming sadly depleted, and new volunteers are not forthcoming to replace those who have given so fully of their services and their cars over a number of years.

In line with the expansion of the District Service, the Committee has already been approached by a delegate from Chelsea District, and its possibilities are being thoroughly explored.

MOTOR AUXILIARY: To the members of the Motor Auxiliary the Committee extends its grateful thanks—especially during the transport strike, when their cars had to be relied upon daily.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE for twelve months was granted to Miss Dorothy Tupper, Matron of the Melbourne District Nursing Society, to enable her to visit England and the Continent. In her absence Miss E. Y. Stewart was appointed Acting Matron.

DONATIONS: Of the donations received during the year, the Committee would like to make the following special mention:—

Mr. Ernest Cornbere, gift of £500.

Hospital Benefit Association, £128/12/- for equipment. Trooping Control Board, magnificent contribution of £1,129/19/3, a quarter of the proceeds of one of its night trooping meetings.

Mrs. Reginald Power, who, in thoughtful consideration for the District Nurses during the transport strike, provided £20 to defray the costs of taxis.

Mrs. Roy McLellan, who donated the proceeds she received from her Vertu Galleries.

"Deeds," of Windsor, an anonymous donor who has provided contributions for the purchase of fruit for the nursing staff.

Mrs. A. R. Stewart for again providing the Christmas dinner for the District Nurses.

Pupils of Mr. Alison's Ascot Vale State School for their contribution of £10 from their Social Club.

The "Sun" Toy Fund, "Uncle George" and the Apex Club, who have supplied toys, books and entertainment for the children in the boys' and girls' wards.

The Mayoress of Preston's Guild.
The Mayoress of Northcote for the valuable contribution of eggs.

The Wesley College boys and members of the Christian Youth Movement, who gave their services voluntarily and did much good work during their school and University vacations.

The Apex Club, which again distributed hampers to needy families at Christmas time.

MISS AUSTRALIA QUEST: Mrs. Marchant Fenfold's unemitting work, together with the efforts of our various Auxiliaries, succeeded in raising the sum of £1,247/4/1 for "Miss After-Care Hospital" (Sister Margaret Gullick).

STAFF: The Committee offers its appreciation to all members of both trained and lay staff, whose unflinching devotion to duty has helped the Society over a difficult year. Special mention must here be made of the two school teachers—Miss Brinacombe and Miss F. T. Sagar—for their kindness and assistance to the children.

In conclusion, the Committee would like to thank:

The Auxiliaries.

The Hospitals and Charities Commission.

The Honorary Medical Officers.

The Victorian Civil Ambulance.

The Lord Mayor's Fund.

The Victorian Hospitals' Association.

The Red Cross.

Municipal Councils.

Country Women's Association.

State Relief Committee.

Hon. Solicitor, Hon. Architect, the Press, and numerous others who have given every assistance during the year, and whose help is of inestimable value.

On behalf of the Committee of Management.

M. D. F. GREIG, Secretary.

ADDENDUM

The Past President and I wish to thank the Committee, the Matrons and the Staff of the M.D.N.S. and A.C.H. for their co-operation and help during the year ended 31st March, 1950.

We also wish to convey our thanks to members of the Administrative Staff who, under the direction of our Secretary, Miss Greig, have given loyal support throughout the year.

CLARA R. LOWE, President.

BERTHA K. SHILLABEER, Past President.



AFTER-CARE HOSPITAL REPORT

I have the honour to present the Report of the After-Care Hospital for the year ended 31st March, 1950.

STATISTICS:

Remaining in Hospital, 1st April, 1949	129
Admissions—	
Male, including 40 re-admissions	1,432
Female, including 36 re-admissions	3,460
	4,892

From—

Royal Melbourne Hospital	762
Alfred Hospital	439
Prince Henry's Hospital	462
St. Vincent's Hospital	617
Women's Hospital	1,269
Queen Victoria Hospital	311
Children's Hospital	996
Other Sources	36
	4,892

Total Number of Patients Treated, including 76 Re-admissions

5,021

Deaths

2

Largest Number Admitted in One Week

111

Largest Number Admitted in One Day

32

Largest Number of Beds Occupied Daily

130

Average Duration of Stay in Hospital, in days

8.8

Remaining in Hospital, 31st March, 1950

115

GENERAL: Our work has linked us with all the major public hospitals in the metropolitan area, to whom relief on a wide scale has been given.

Midwifery patients have been transferred twenty-four hours after confinement. It is to be regretted that, because of the acute shortage of beds, many post-natal patients are discharged from hospital on the sixth or seventh day. The mothers would benefit from the rest if a longer period were possible.

Every available help is still given to the Women's Hospital—

maternity cases in particular. Great difficulty is being experienced

in placing elderly patients, who live quietly at home until overcome

by sickness which makes them very dependent upon charitable

assistance. It is a constant source of anxiety to our Social Service

Officer to know where to place these people so that they can be

cared for.

The past year has been an arduous one, mainly because of

persistent staff shortage and the results of the forty-hour working

week.

MEDICAL OFFICERS: I wish to offer my grateful thanks to

the Honorary Medical Officers for devoting so much of their time

and skill to the patients. The resident medical staffs of all public

hospitals have given ready co-operation, which has been greatly

appreciated.

THANKS: During the year Mr. F. Raven, Superintendent of the

Victorian Civil Ambulance Service, inaugurated a special service for

the transfer of patients to the After-Care Hospital. This has made

a tremendous difference to their comfort and has greatly facilitated

the smooth working of the Hospital.

The following Doctors have acted in an honorary capacity during the past year:—

- Dr. Cahill.
- Dr. John Cahill.
- Dr. Charlton.
- Dr. N. Dodd.
- Dr. Drew.
- Dr. Grogan.
- Dr. Hart.
- Dr. J. W. Johnstone.
- Dr. D. Lawson.
- Dr. Ian MacDonald.
- Dr. G. A. D. McArthur.
- Dr. A. McCutcheon.
- Dr. Brendan O'Sullivan.
- Dr. Richards.
- Dr. Rutherford.
- Dr. G. Simpson.

Magnificent support has been accorded by the Auxiliaries, without whose help the Hospital would be greatly handicapped.

Special thanks are due to our Librarian, Mrs. F. Paton, for her regular visits and happy association with the patients, and to Mrs. E. M. Skinner, Social Service Officer, for managing her section of the Hospital work so ably.

The Hospital is exceedingly fortunate in having Miss D. E. Brimacombe and Miss F. T. Sagar, the two enthusiastic school teachers, who do so much for our little patients.

The nursing staff has maintained a high standard of efficiency, and it is due to their wholehearted co-operation that the best possible service has been rendered to the patients. The lay staff has done good work, senior members having given many years of service to the Hospital.

There are, associated with our organisation, many people to whom I am grateful for voluntary service they have given in innumerable ways.

My Deputy Matron, Miss L. M. Hansen, has co-operated most loyally. I am deeply appreciative of the valuable assistance given me at all times by the President and Committee of Management, Secretary and Office Staff.

C. I. WISHART, Matron.

DISTRICT REPORT

I have the honour to present the report of the Melbourne District Nursing Society for the twelve months ended 31st March, 1950.

General Patients	3,934	
Midwifery Patients	111	4,045
General Visits	63,989	
Midwifery Visits	6,752	70,741

GENERAL: The serious lack of beds in Hospitals, Benevolent Homes and Sanatoria has made general nursing extremely heavy. Many patients, aged and infirm, have no one to care for them.

The treatment given to the out-patients of public hospitals, while saving them the effort and inconvenience of travelling, also saves the overcrowding of their hospital clinics.

ALMONERS: The co-operation of the Almoners in arranging treatments and, when necessary, transport for these patients is greatly appreciated.

Throughout the year a Sister has been on daily duty at the Singleton Dispensary.

The following is the number of general visits paid in each District:

Footscray, Essendon, Coburg and Williamstown	6,644
Richmond	4,849
South Melbourne	4,034
Carlton	4,250
Brighton	4,299
Collingwood	3,520
Fitzroy	3,956
South Yarra, Prahran	4,347
Eastern Suburbs (Hawthorn, Kew, Camberwell and Box Hill)	3,824
Murrumbeena	3,826
North Melbourne	3,761
Preston, Reservoir and Heidelberg	2,639
Collingwood Dispensary	13,078
Kindergartens and Casual Visits	1,462
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	63,989

Kindergartens have been visited as usual.

MEDICAL STUDENTS: Arrangements were made this year for fifth as well as sixth year students to attend District. Each spends two days on District, and all appreciate the experience it affords them.

ALFRED HOSPITAL NURSES: As part of their course at the Alfred Hospital, nurse trainees are required to spend one day on District, and two girls attend each week for this purpose.

OBSTETRICS: One hundred and eleven mothers were delivered in their own homes. Sixty-two of these patients were attended by their own doctors, and four patients were transferred to the Women's Hospital. Four obstetrical emergencies were attended.

We nursed two hundred and eighty-eight mothers and babies transferred from the Women's Hospital on their fourth day.

ANTE NATAL CLINICS: 2,605 visits were paid to the Ante Natal Clinics. These cases are transferred mostly from the Women's Hospital, and a smaller number from the Queen Victoria Hospital.

Dr. George Simpson and Dr. Norman Dodd continue to give their valuable time conducting the clinics.

THE MOTOR AUXILIARY is a valuable asset to the Society, as the work could not be carried on to such an extent without its help. Special thanks are offered to the members by the nursing staff—especially to those who drove so frequently during the extended tram strike—and also to the Red Cross, who have supplied cars and drivers for this service.

NURSING STAFF: It is my privilege to extend my thanks to the nursing staff for their efficiency and co-operation throughout a strenuous year.

I should like to thank the President and Committee of Management for their help at all times; also the Secretary, the Office Staff, and the Matron of the After-Care Hospital for their co-operation during the year.

E. Y. STEWART, Acting Matron.

REPORT OF SOCIAL SERVICE OFFICER

As Social Service Officer, I have pleasure in presenting my report for the past year.

So many of the patients passing through this Hospital need assistance and advice with their problems and cares, and it has been my duty to assist them in every way possible.

Transport to their own homes and to the various Benevolent Institutions has been arranged for patients on their discharge from hospital, and our thanks and appreciation are extended to the Red Cross Society for the wonderful response given to our requests to supply transport for the aged and needy.

An important part of my work is arranging further convalescence for patients living alone and unable to fend for themselves. Admission to the various Convalescent Homes, where they can remain until they regain their normal health, is much appreciated. Furthermore, convalescence has been arranged for child inmates, essential in cases where home conditions are deplorable. A holiday means much to these children, and the necessary arrangements for clothing, etc., were made.

Several successful applications have been made to the Housing Commission for better homes for families living under unsuitable conditions. Arrangements were completed for many of our post-natal patients to have further rest at the Lady Dugan Red Cross Maternity Home, and, in some instances, the children of these patients have been accommodated at a Home provided for this purpose during the temporary absence of the mother.

Patients applying for the Social Service Sickness Benefit, Old Age and Invalid Pensions have been attended to and given every assistance. Several patients have been admitted to Benevolent Institutions, and it would appear, from observation and investigation, that the need for further accommodation for the aged and infirm is very necessary, and the position is becoming more acute.

It is gratifying to report that accommodation has been secured, at the various Hostels, for patients temporarily without homes, and, in some cases, financial aid has been granted.

Blankets, clothing and many parcels of baby clothing have been given to patients in indigent circumstances.

In conclusion, I desire to take this opportunity of extending my appreciation to the Almoners of all hospitals whose co-operation has been invaluable.

E. M. SKINNER, Social Service Officer.

MIDWIFERY SERVICE REPORT OF HONORARY OBSTETRICIANS

STATISTICS:

Deliveries	111
Including Doctors' Cases	62
Transfers to Women's Hospital during and after labour	3
From Ante Natal Clinics	2
Visits to Ante Natal Clinics—	
Collingwood	282
Collingwood Council Clinic	982
Footscray	1,341
Prahran Health Centre	—
Total	2,605

Work in domiciliary midwifery service has continued steadily during the year without any special worry. The number of cases remains fairly constant.

Expectant mothers have regularly attended ante natal clinics, confinements have been without any unexpected complications, and all cases attended have done very well.

For complications detected during ante natal period, two mothers were transferred for confinement to the Women's Hospital, and three others were transferred during labour. In all, 111 mothers were confined in their own homes, and of these 62 were private doctors' cases.

In recent years an increasing feature of our work has been the domiciliary nursing of mothers who have been discharged, on account of bed shortage from the Women's Hospital a few days after confinement. During the past year 288 mothers were referred to our service after confinement at the Women's Hospital, and we were very pleased to have been able to co-operate with the Women's Hospital in this way, though we would prefer to confine the patients in their own home also.

This system does seem to offer a solution to the problem of providing sufficient hospital beds for midwifery patients; it is being tried in other cities, and has been given much publicity.

NORMAN DODD, M.D., M.R.A.C.P., D.R.C.O.G.

GEORGE SIMPSON, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G.



MELBOURNE DISTRICT NURSING SOCIETY AND AFTER-CARE HOSPITAL.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FROM 1st APRIL, 1949, to 31st MARCH, 1950

Maintenance Account

EXPENDITURE		INCOME	
Ordinary Expenditure—		Ordinary Income—	
Provisions:		Government Grant:	
Meat	£1,748 2 6	Hospitals and Charities Fund	£24,640 0 0
Fish, Poultry, Eggs	675 6 7	Hospital Benefits Fund	5,907 0 0
Butter, Cheese	468 15 0	Motor Car Accident Claims	145 5 7
Fresh Milk, Cream	1,329 6 6	Special—Part Cost Electric Range	150 0 0
Bread	368 12 10		
Groceries	1,156 14 8		
Vegetables, Fruit	933 9 4		
	£6,680 7 5		£30,842 5 7
Surgery and Dispensary:		Municipal Grants	
Drugs, Disinfectants	£43 11 1		144 15 0
Dressings, Bandages	259 15 10	Charitable Contributions:	
Instruments, Appliances	129 0 6	Annual Subscriptions	£321 6 6
	432 7 5	Hospital Sunday and Lord Mayor's Fund	1,539 11 6
Domestic:		Other Collections and Donations	2,515 14 8
Bedding, Clothing	£1,181 7 3	Legacies and Trust Estates	3,300 3 5
Hardware, China	153 6 6	Entertainment	2,800 16 0
Laundry	2,567 14 8		10,477 12 1
Fuel, Gas, Electricity	1,567 13 8	Auxiliary Work	
Rates, Sundries	532 12 5		636 13 1
Reserve for Repairs and Replacements	444 0 0	Patients' Payments:	
	6,446 14 6	In-Patients	£1,277 9 5
		Out-Patients	2,769 12 5
			4,047 1 10
Salaries and Wages		Interest upon Investments	
	34,161 1 4		708 9 10
Miscellaneous and Administration:		Miscellaneous:	
Printing, Stationery	£215 0 11	Visitors' Fees	1,607 5 4
Postages, Telephone	178 4 9		
Travelling Expenses	912 18 7	Total Ordinary Income	
Legal and Audit Fees	40 15 6		£48,464 2 9
Registrations, Insurance	493 4 2	Extraordinary Income	
Other Expenses	283 17 5		0 0 0
Reserve for Repairs and Replacements	222 0 0		
	2,346 1 4	Total Income	
Establishment Charges:			£48,464 2 9
Reserve for Repairs and Replacements	1,554 0 0	Deficiency for year transferred to Maintenance Fund Account	
Finance	312 12 0		3,619 1 3
Total Ordinary Expenditure	£51,933 4 0		
Extraordinary Expenditure—			
Transfer to Property Capital Bank Account, Part Cost of Electric Range	150 0 0		
Total Expenditure	£52,083 4 0		£52,083 4 0

Maintenance Fund Account

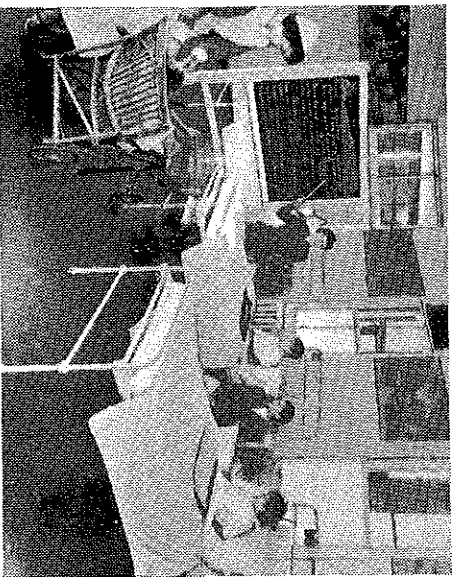
Deficiency for year from Maintenance Account	£3,619 1 3	Balance at 1st April, 1949	£14,976 4 6
Balance at 31st March, 1950	11,357 3 8		
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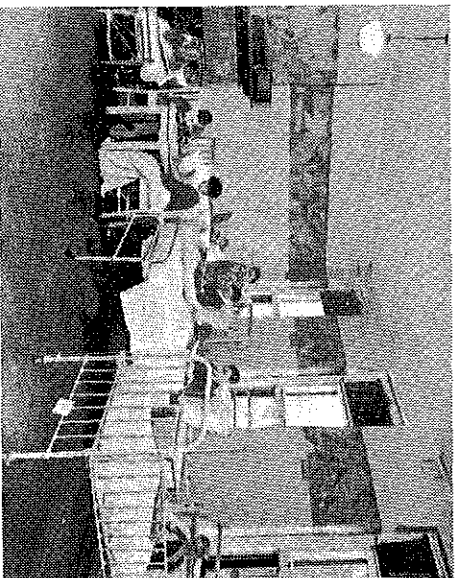
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Apex Club	0	3	0	Dennis, Mrs. V.	1	0	0
Armstrong, Miss L.	8	0	0	Diakenson, Mrs. V.	1	0	0
Armstrong, Miss F. A. M.	3	0	0	Dunlop Rubber (Aust.) Ltd.	1	0	0
Allen, Miss M.	0	10	0	Delaney, Mrs.	0	5	0
Armstrong, Miss C.	3	0	0	E. S. & A. Bank	25	0	0
Australian Mercantile Land & Finance Co. Ltd.	2	2	0	E.H.S. Sister M.	0	2	0
Australian Paper Manufacturers Ltd. (Staff)	5	5	0	E.M.F. Electric Co. Ltd.	5	0	0
Arnold, Sydney, & Co.	10	0	0	Fuller, King, & Co.	1	1	0
Anderson's Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0	Forge, Mrs. H. C.	1	1	0
Anonymous	0	10	0	Fairweather, Mrs. A. M.	1	0	0
"Argus" Charitable Fund	1	0	0	Footsray District and Welfare Clinic	1	1	0
Barrett, Mrs. M.	0	5	0	Francis, Henry, & Co.	1	1	0
Boyle, Mrs. H.	1	1	0	Fitzroy Ladies' Work Assoc.	20	0	0
Burnaby Lodge, No. 106	0	10	6	Government Printing Office	5	0	0
British United Shoe Machinery Co. of Aust.	2	2	0	Grey-Smith, Misses	1	1	0
Berry, Henry, & Co. Ltd.	2	2	0	Gippsland & Northern Co-Operative Co. Ltd.	1	1	0
"Bing" Boys	10	0	0	Gadsden, Dr. H.	5	2	0
Burnaby, Mr. A. J.	1	0	0	Grover, Dr. H.	2	2	0
Bank of New South Wales	2	2	0	Goldring, Mrs.	1	1	0
Bank of New Zealand	1	1	0	Good, Mr. C. H. S.	2	2	0
Bell, Mrs. M.	1	1	0	Govt. Aircraft Factory	16	18	3
Crosby, Wm., & Co. Pty. Ltd.	51	0	0	Hadley, Mrs. M.	0	10	0
Catnull, E. S.	1	1	0	Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society	5	5	0
Cyclone Co. of Aust.	10	10	0	Hunt, Miss M.	10	0	0
Cochrane, Miss E.	1	0	0	Hemingway Robertson Institute	1	1	0
Combere Bros.	5	5	0	Hall, Miss I.	0	10	0
Crossle, W. G., & Co.	5	0	0	Hornbrook, Mrs. E. E.	1	1	0
Cameron, Miss G. B.	0	10	0	Hallenstein, Mrs.	1	1	0
Clarke, Mr. D. R.	0	10	0	Ham, Miss H. Juliet	2	3	0
Cottrell, F. & Co.	1	1	0	Hunter, Mrs. D.	3	3	0
Currie, Richards, Pty. Ltd.	0	10	6	Holdenson & Neilson Fresh Food Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
Coles, G. J., & Co. Ltd.	5	0	0	"Herald"	5	5	0
Carey Baptist Grammar Commercial Bank Staff	1	1	0	Harrison, Miss I. P.	0	10	0
Charitable Fund	1	1	0	Henderson, Mrs. J.	15	15	0
Cresswell, Mrs. P.	2	2	0	I.W.A.	5	0	0
Commonwealth Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd.	2	2	0	Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. R. F.	4	4	0
Crooks' National Stores	2	2	0	Jack, Mrs. A. F.	2	2	0
Chapman, Rowe, & Co. Commercial Travellers' Assoc. of Vic.	3	3	0	Kennon, J., & Sons	1	1	0
Commercial Bank of Aust.	2	2	0	King, Miss May	1	0	0
Craig, Mrs.	1	1	0	Kraft, Walker Cheese Co.	3	3	0
				Kooroora Club	1	1	0
				Kirk, Miss, and Girls of Workroom	5	5	0



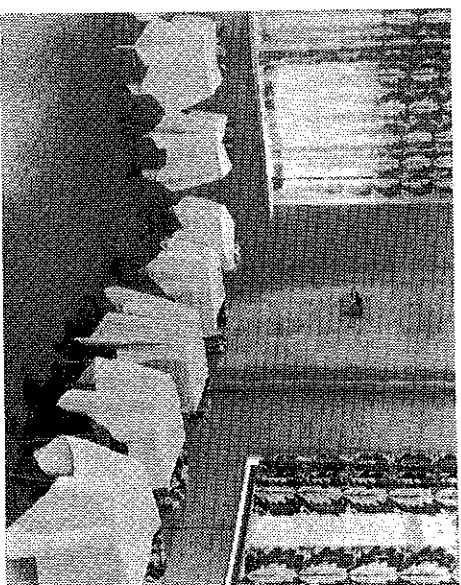
ESTER H. NICHOLS



Convalescent children in the girls' ward receiving school instruction



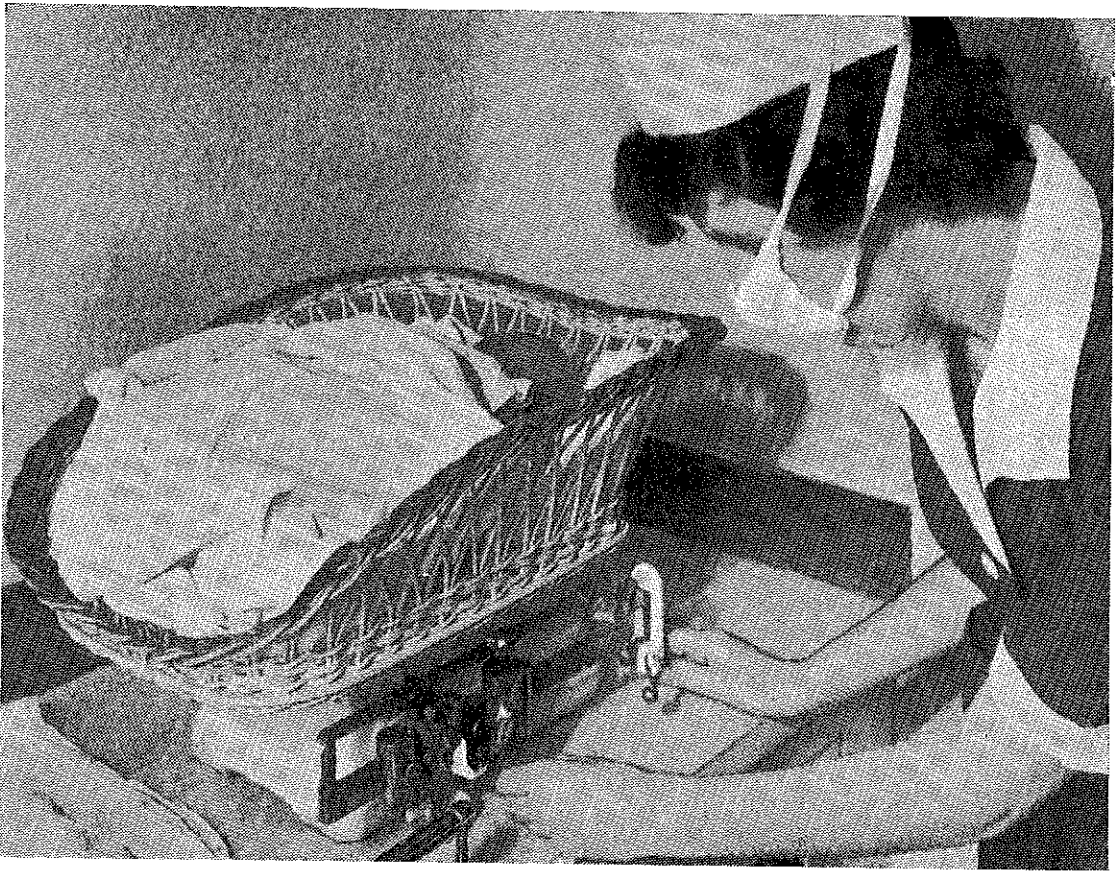
School time in the boys' ward



A corner of the Nursery



In the solarium of one of the women's wards



Keep Bros. & Wood Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0	Rooke, Mrs. R.	1	0	0
Leviston, Phyllis	1	0	0	R.S.A.I.L.A. — Victorian Branch	10	0	0
Lanes Motors Pty. Ltd.	25	1	0	Rowell, Mrs.	1	1	0
Lady Lowe	5	1	0	Shell Co. of Aust.	4	4	0
Welbourne Steamship Co.	4	4	0	Scott, Mrs. W. M.	10	0	0
Marks, Mrs. Z.	2	2	0	Stewart, Mrs. A. R.	4	4	0
Moran & Cato Pty. Ltd.	2	2	0	Standford, Miss O.	1	1	0
Mayne Nickless Ltd.	8	10	6	Stevenson, Miss J.	1	1	0
Mannin, Mr. E. J.	1	2	0	Snows Mens Wear Ltd.	3	3	0
Moore, Miss D.	1	2	0	State Savings Bank, Officers' Assoc.	7	0	0
Moore, Mrs. E.	10	0	0	State Treasury	564	0	0
Mitchell, Miss J.	1	1	0	Stewart, Mr. Hal	1	0	0
Welbourne Jewish Sick Visiting Society	1	1	0	State School — Ascot Vale, Social Service League	10	0	0
Metro. Gas Co.	15	0	0	Smith, Mr. A.	50	0	0
Manning, Mr.	2	10	0	Seymour, Mrs. G.	5	0	0
Moylan, Miss D.	0	5	0	"Sun News-Pictorial"	5	5	0
Morris, Mrs.	5	5	0	Sanderson, John, & Co.	4	4	0
Moss, M. M.	2	2	0	Swallows & Artell Ltd.	1	1	0
Mott, Mrs.	4	4	0	Spry, Clark & Toothell & Co.	1	1	0
Moore, Mrs. E.	1	1	0	Simpson, Mrs.	2	2	0
Moore, Miss E. A.	1	1	0	Southland Press	3	3	0
Major, Mrs. J. P.	2	2	0	Shillabeer, Mrs.	5	0	0
McLellan, Mrs. Roy	66	0	0	Standard Cars	11	0	0
McKay, Massey Harris Ltd.	1	1	0	Theatre Lovers' Club	20	0	0
McKay, Mr. C. N.	1	5	0	Telford, H. J. B.	1	0	0
McWhinnie, Mrs. G.	2	0	0	Talbot, Mrs. N.	0	10	0
McCrea, Miss J.	1	10	0	Thatcher, Miss M.	2	2	0
McPherson's Ltd.	2	2	0	Tindale, Mrs. E. M.	2	2	0
McFarlane & Burns Ltd.	2	2	0	Turner, Miss	1	1	0
McMeekin, Miss M.	1	0	0	Union Bank of Aust. Ltd.	1	1	0
Norman, Mrs. Isobel	3	3	0	Vickery, Mrs.	5	5	0
Naylor, Mrs. E. M.	1	0	0	Willis, Mrs. J.	2	0	0
National Bank of Aust. Ltd.	4	4	0	Weir, Miss E. R.	2	2	0
Nylander & Co.	1	1	0	Watkins, F., Pty. Ltd.	25	0	0
Osborne, Miss B.	2	0	0	Williams, Mrs.	5	0	0
Osborne, Miss E.	1	1	0	Willis, W. D. & H. O. (Aust.), Ltd.	4	4	0
Oldham, Mrs. A.	1	1	0	Whitelaw, Mrs. J. S.	2	0	0
Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. L., and Brian	5	5	0	Wilson, Mrs.	1	1	0
Preston Mayress Guild	10	0	0	Yarrowonga — Country Women's Assoc.	0	10	6
Porcell, Mrs. M.	0	10	0				
Pelaco Charities Fund	3	0	0				
Patterson, Mrs. E.	2	0	0				
Pullar, Mrs. R. N.	3	3	0				
Patons & Baldwin's Ltd.	2	2	0				
Panfold, Mrs. M.	1	1	0				
Power, Mrs. R.	1	1	0				
Pears, Mr. H. G.	1	0	0				
Robinson, Mrs. G.	1	1	0				
Russell, Mr. A. H.	50	1	0				

REQUESTS AND ESTATES

Alcock, R. J.	295	0	0
Barnes, B.	78	15	5
Berry, H. and G.	50	0	0
Boothby, Mrs. Marion	428	0	0
Brennan, Patrick	35	0	0
Brooke, Mrs. W. A.	10	0	0

"MISS AUSTRALIA" QUEST, 1949

Coghill, G. W.	929	5	1	Wilson, Mrs. J. (Snr)	5	0	0
Cook, John and Ada	25	0	0	Whitelaw, Mrs. J. S. . . .	0	10	0
Edments, Alfred	100	0	0	Welchman, Mrs. J.	3	0	0
Felton, Alfred	400	0	0	Auxiliaries (included in			
Hall, Walter and Eliza	177	0	0	Auxiliary contribu-			
Henry, Miss Louisa	40	0	0	tions as listed):—			
Herman Trust, Marks	10	0	0	Jessie Henderson	10	10	0
Jones, S. W.	100	7	4	Air Force Women's	2	0	0
Jones, H. A.	0	6	0	Staff Corps	2	12	0
Stone, A. M.	18	10	0	Cauffield	0	10	0
Sherrard, W. H.	20	0	0	Mercer	0	10	0
Sweet, Dr. G.	375	0	0	White Ensign	2	0	0
Syme Charitable Fund,				Marion Boothby	2	10	0
David	25	0	0	Eastern Suburbs	3	0	0
Sumner, T. J.	60	0	0	Riverside	1	11	6
Salmon, Theresa	81	0	11				
Studd, Samuel	21	18	8	MUNICIPAL GRANTS			
Turner, H. G.	20	0	0	Brunswick	\$5	0	0
Thomas, W. C. F.	65	0	0	Camberwell	8	0	0
Thomas, Arthur A.	350	0	0	Collingwood	20	0	0
Williams, Tryby and				Coburg	4	4	0
Florence	100	0	0	Footscray	2	2	0
Wilson, Edward	55	0	0	Hawthorn	25	0	0
				Kew	5	0	0
				Malvern	15	0	0
				Northcote	10	0	0
				Prahran	5	0	0
				Port Melbourne	2	2	0
				Richmond	20	0	0
				St. Kilda	5	5	0
				South Melbourne	25	0	0
				Sandringham	2	2	0
				Williamstown	1	0	0

CHRISTMAS CHEER

Anderson, Miss J.	\$2	2	0
Brown, Mr. R.	2	0	0
Bank of A/asia	5	0	0
Brotherton, J.	1	0	0
Cochrane, Misses	1	0	0
Country Women's	1	0	0
Assoc., Myrtleford	1	0	0
"Deeds" Windsor	1	0	0
Danks, Miss A.	1	0	0
Farguhar, Mrs. R.	0	10	0
Matthew, Mrs. H. A.	0	10	0
Morris, Mrs. L.	1	1	0
McWhinnie, Mrs. G.	0	10	0
McCarron, Brd., Girls of	2	2	0
O'Doherty, Mr. C.	0	10	0
Preston Mayoreess' Guild	1	1	0
Read, Mrs. F.	0	5	0
Renton, Mr. K.	0	5	0
Stewart, Mrs. A. R.	6	16	0
Seymour, Mrs. G.	2	0	0
Shillabeer, Mrs.	4	10	0
Simpson, Dr. G.	1	0	0
Turner, Miss	1	0	0

LORD MAYOR'S FUND

Sale of Badges	\$24	2	5
Hospital Sunday—			
M.D.N.S.	2	1	
A.C.H.	396	17	4
General Allocation—			
M.D.N.S.	\$199	2	3
A.C.H.	754	8	5
	\$953	10	8

AUXILIARIES

(including Christmas Cheer)			
Air Force Women's	\$242	0	0
Cauffield	100	10	0
Eastern Suburbs	68	0	0
Jessie Henderson	120	10	0
Maudie Tatham	50	0	0
Marion Boothby	32	10	0
Mercer	80	10	0
Riverside	101	11	6
Staff Corps	2	12	0
Sunnyside	12	0	0
Thornbury	165	0	0
White Ensign	85	0	0

Auxiliaries:—

Eastern Suburbs	\$65	0	0
Jessie Henderson	25	0	0
Marion Boothby	57	10	0
Maudie Tatham	298	5	0
Motor (per Mrs. Platt)	20	0	0
Riverside	15	0	0
Staff Corps	110	18	0
Sunnyside	10	0	0
Thornbury	30	0	0
White Ensign	30	0	0

Sundry Donors, Raffles, etc., less total expenses	\$661	13	0
	\$1,247	4	1

SPECIAL DONATIONS

Mr. E. Conibere	\$500	0	0
Hospital Benefits Association of Victoria	128	12	0
Trotting Control Board	1,129	19	8

DONATIONS IN KIND

Collingwood Methodist Mission			
Carlton Methodist Mission.			
Delaney, Mrs. (Snr).			
Davidson, Mrs.			
Donald, Mrs. M.			
De Beere, Miss.			
Eastern Suburbs Auxiliary.			
Eilenberg, Mrs.			
Ebbs, Master Michael.			
Epstein, Mr. C. J.			
Friendly Union Auxiliary.			
Francis, Mr. M.			
Fraser, Mr. H. C.			
Flavell, Mr.			
Forde, Mr.			
Farnilo, Mr.			
Grey Smith, Miss			
Golding, Mrs.			
Hawkey, Miss.			
Higgins, Mrs. G.			
Hall, Miss Mabel.			
Hyde, Miss.			
Ing, Mr. David.			
Joseph, Mrs. P.			
Jones, Mrs. E. Park			
Keele Street Free Kindergarten.			
Keeper, Mrs.			

Lauriston Girls' School.
 Leahy, Mr. Bruce.
 Lewis, Mrs. C.
 Levens, Mrs. M.
 Lyell, Miss J.
 Lennon, Mr. John.
 Lempiere, Mrs. C. A.
 Lovell, Mrs. R.
 Lie, Mrs.

Marion Boothby Auxiliary.
 Mercer Auxiliary.
 Mills, Mrs. George.
 Marsh, Robbie.
 Morris, Mrs. L.
 Malvern Presbyterian Dorcas Society.
 Maude Tatham Auxiliary.
 Moore, Mrs.
 Moss, Mrs. H. J.
 Mitchell, Mrs.
 Martin, Mrs.
 Marie, Miss T.
 Mitchell, Mrs. and Miss.
 Matters, Mr.
 McLaren, Mr. J.
 McGregor, Mrs.
 McCarron, Bird & Co.

Nangle, Mrs.
 Neylon, Mrs. M. M.
 Northcote, City of.
 Paton, Mrs.
 Parkinson, Mr.
 Pittaway, Mr.
 Prices Commission.
 Penfold, Mrs. A. Marchant.
 Payne, Mrs. G.
 Payne, Mrs. G.
 Palk, Mrs.
 Poolman, Mrs. E.

Quinn, Mr.
 Riverside Auxiliary.
 Ross, Mr.
 Rowell, Mrs. S. F.
 State Relief Committee.
 Stickland, Mr. A.
 Stewart, Mrs.
 Simpson, Ann and Sara.
 Sedgfield, Mrs.
 Staff Corps Auxiliary.
 Sherwood Convalescent Home.
 Stawell, Mrs.
 Stephen, Mrs.
 Schultz, Mrs.
 Smith, Mrs.
 Stewart, Mr. H. D.
 Sheldon, Mrs. W.

Thornbury West Presbyterian Church—Mothers' Club.
 Tapp, Mrs. M.
 Tindale, Miss.
 Thornbury Auxiliary.
 Telford, Miss H. J. B.
 Tawnt, Mrs.
 8DB Radio Station.
 Thiele, Mrs. Alfred.
 Toe H (Balmyn Branch).
 Taylor, Harold and Lorna.
 Taylor, Mrs.
 Uncle George.

White Ensign Auxiliary.
 Wright, Mrs.
 Wright, Mrs. F. N.
 Winged Dragon Publishing Co.
 Wilson, Mrs. E. G.
 Wilson, Mrs. James (Snr).
 Wishart, Mr. J. P.
 Woodhouse, Mr.
 Watt, Mrs. H. E.

CONTRIBUTIONS FROM FORMER PATIENTS

Andrews, Mr. £3 0 0
 Austin, Mr. 0 10 0
 Atkins, Mrs. Milly 1 0 0
 Arnold, Mrs. F. 1 0 0
 Banks, Mrs. C. 1 0 0
 Brown, Miss M. A. 5 0 0
 Birks, Mrs. E. 2 0 0
 Brothwell, Mrs. D. 0 17 6
 Bryan, Mrs. H. 2 0 0
 Blackwood, Mrs. S. 3 10 0
 Bush, Mrs. M. 1 0 0
 Briggs, Mrs. Harry 4 4 0
 Battersby, Mrs. (for Mrs. Tomes, dcd.) 1 0 0
 Bresnan, Mr. A. 3 3 0

Bevan, Mrs. Evelyn 3 0 0
 Bunnett, Mrs. T. 2 0 0
 Baxter, Mr. E. H. 5 0 0
 Costigan, Miss E. 1 0 0
 Chinnery, N. 1 5 0
 Croft, Mrs. 2 0 0
 Corkhill, Mr. Brian 2 2 0
 Costelloe, Mr. W. 2 2 0
 Connor, Mrs. R. 3 0 0
 Cusack, Mr. M. 2 0 0
 Cooper, Mrs. M. 1 0 0
 Cahill, Mr. J. 2 0 0
 Crawshaw, Mrs. H. 10 0 0
 Cooper, Mrs. E. 2 0 0
 Carroll, Mrs. D. 1 0 0
 Craig, Mrs. D. 1 0 0
 Carroll, Mr. A. F. 1 0 0
 Cevell, Mrs. J. 1 0 0
 Clive, Mrs. Alma 1 10 0
 Cameron, Mrs. A. 5 0 0
 Cayne, Mrs. E. 1 0 0
 Cochran, Miss Linda 1 2 0
 Cox, Mrs. E. 5 0 0
 Charlton, Mr. 2 0 0
 Clark, Mrs. L. 2 0 0
 Connor, Mrs. J. 1 0 0
 Coffield, Mrs. G. 1 0 0
 Clarke, A. 2 0 0
 Cooke, Miss E. 1 0 0
 Carroll, Mrs. A. 1 0 0
 Carr, Mrs. E. 1 0 0
 Collins, Mrs. E. M. 0 15 6
 Cox, Mr. P. J. 1 10 0
 Chard, Mrs. E. 1 0 0
 Conder, Mrs. L. 1 10 0
 Cowley, Mr. A. 3 0 0
 Cuttriss, Mrs. 1 3 0
 Caddaye, Mr. 1 3 0
 Church, Miss L. 1 0 0

Dowling, Miss K. 5 0 0
 Dwyer, M. 1 0 0
 Dunne, Mrs. W. 1 10 0
 Daver, A. T. 1 1 0
 Davis, Charles 2 0 0
 Downing, Miss 2 0 0
 Dixon, Mrs. R. J. 2 0 0
 Dunstan, Mr. J. 1 0 0
 Davidson, Mrs. C. 1 0 0
 Donaldson, Mr. E. A. 2 0 0
 Davis, Mr. 3 0 0
 Davis, Mr. E. 2 0 0
 Dodderico, Mr. L. 2 10 0
 Denyer, Mr. T. 2 0 0
 Daws, Mrs. E. 1 0 0
 Daws, Mrs. J. 2 0 0
 De Forrest, Mrs. M. 3 12 0

Edwards, Mrs. A. 5 0 0
 Edwards, Mrs. S. 1 1 0
 Easdown, Mrs. R. 1 1 0
 Edwards, Mrs. H. 2 10 0
 Eaton, Mrs. P. 1 0 0
 Edwards, Mrs. M. 2 0 0
 Fraser, Mrs. M. 1 0 0
 Ferrari, T. 1 0 0
 Fountain, Miss Norma 1 1 0
 Fehnel, Mrs. M. 1 10 0
 Foster, Mrs. V. 5 0 0
 Farmer, Miss F. 1 0 0
 Fishwick, Mrs. P. 10 10 0
 Flood, Mrs. M. L. 1 0 0
 Ferguson, Mrs. L. 1 0 0
 Farmer, Mrs. P. 2 0 0
 Feyer, Mrs. H. 0 10 0
 Fraser, Mrs. R. 1 0 0
 Found, Mrs. J. 2 0 0

Gould, Mrs. I. 1 0 0
 Goodren, Mrs. L. 1 0 0
 Gerloff, Mrs. H. 2 0 0
 Goldsworthy, T., and Mrs. Miller 0 11 6
 Geary, Miss Anne 1 0 0
 Gray, Miss Mary 1 0 0
 Govan, Miss J. 2 2 0
 Grundy, Mrs. 2 0 0
 Gilmore, Mrs. E. 1 2 0
 Guy, Mrs. I. 1 1 0
 Graham, Mr. T. 1 0 0
 Gowdie, Mrs. P. 1 0 0
 Grutar, Mrs. M. 0 10 0
 Giland, Mrs. A. 1 0 0

Haken, Mrs. M. 1 0 0
 Harman, Miss G. 2 2 0
 Hauser, Mrs. M. 2 0 0
 Hogan, Miss E. 1 1 4
 Hurst, Mrs. F. 5 5 0
 Hammer, Mrs. F. 0 10 0
 Hector, Mrs. 0 10 0
 Hurze, Mr. 1 0 0
 Hood, Mrs. 1 0 0
 Hawkins, Mrs. B. 1 0 0
 Hosking, Mr. 10 0 0
 Hall, Mrs. Annie 0 12 6
 Hansford, Mrs. 1 0 0
 Hadler, Mrs. M. 2 0 0
 Hedren, Mrs. P. H. 1 10 0
 Harbridge, Mrs. J. K. 1 0 0
 Hennessey, Mrs. 1 0 0
 Hogan, Mrs. T. 2 0 0
 Hope, Mrs. M. 2 0 0
 Hartley, Mrs. S. 1 0 0
 Hilton, Mrs. M. 2 2 0
 Hunter, Mrs. M. 1 0 0
 Holden, Mrs. C. 1 1 0
 Howard, Mrs. 1 1 0

Imrie, Mr. D. 2 0 0
 Isaac, Mrs. Betty 3 0 0

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NINTH
ANNUAL REPORT

Patronesses:
Lady HERRING.
Mrs. G. G. HENDERSON, C.B.E.

OFFICE-BEARERS
1949-50.

President:
Mrs. J. P. MAJOR.

Vice-Presidents:
Mrs. S. F. ROWELL, Mrs. D. HALLENSTEIN.

Hon. Treasurer:
Mrs. E. G. WILSON.

Hon. Secretary:
Miss M. L. CHRISTIAN.

Hon. Advisor:
Miss M. D. F. GREIG.

For year ending 31st March,
1950.

COUNCIL OF AUXILIARIES ANNUAL REPORT

The President and Members of the Council of Auxiliaries have pleasure in presenting the 9th Annual Report.

RESIGNATION OF MRS. J. P. MAJOR: Mrs. J. P. Major signified her intention of resigning her position as President of the Council of Auxiliaries as from the 31st March, 1950. This was reluctantly received.

MEETINGS: The Eighth Annual Meeting was held in the Board Room on 9th May, 1949, at 2.30 p.m. Mrs. J. P. Major presided, and Dr. H. C. Colville, Chairman of Council of the British Medical Association, was guest speaker. He gave a most informative address on Nationalisation of Medicine, stating the British Medical Association's attitude and the ideals such a scheme should attain, stressing the importance of the confidential approach to all patients.

The sum of £1,709/16/6 has been raised during the year, and of this sum £654/13/- was forwarded to the "Miss Australia" quest. Numerous gifts in kind have been received.

MOTOR AUXILIARY: We offer our thanks to the members of this Auxiliary, regrettably decreased to 43, and appreciate the great help given, particularly during the tram strike. Many district patients were visited by the help of these drivers, who have given wonderful service.

LIBRARY AND KIOSK: The Jessie Henderson Auxiliary has been responsible for the Kiosk for 20 years. This activity has now been handed over to the Committee of Management. Again we express our gratitude to Mrs. E. Paton, who has been Hon. Librarian for 12 years.

MISS D. TUPPER: At the December Council Meeting, Miss Tupper was presented with a gift and flowers prior to her departure for England. Our best wishes were extended to her for a delightful holiday.

RESIGNATIONS: In accordance with the Constitution, Mrs. S. F. Rowell retires from the office as Vice-President. The Council wishes to thank her for the outstanding help she has given, and especially thanks her for her great help during Mrs. Major's absence through illness.

MRS. E. G. WILSON: Before her departure for England, Mrs. Wilson resigned as Hon. Treasurer. We wish to express our appreciation for her advice and help so readily given. Miss J. Strettle, who has been acting Hon. Treasurer, was appointed Hon. Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: This Committee meets on alternate months to receive any matter of policy connected with the Auxiliary, which may arise between Council Meetings. Mesdames Findlay and Treise were elected to this Committee during the year.

FOOD FOR BRITAIN: Miss Tupper called on Miss Hill, Superintendent of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, London, and obtained a list of District Nurses, to whom we will be forwarding 28 parcels.

The President and Council wish to specially thank the Presidents, Office-bearers and members of all Auxiliaries for their excellent work throughout the year, and all who made the year's work so pleasant and successful.

BEATRICE MAJOR, President.

M. L. CHRISTIAN, Hon. Secretary.

ADDENDUM

THE PRESIDENT—MRS. J. P. MAJOR: It was with deep concern we heard of Mrs. Major's serious illness in August. Her influence and enthusiastic leadership were greatly missed. Her recovery and re-appearance at the December meeting were a great joy. We wish her continued good health.

It was with still deeper concern that Mrs. Major's resignation as President was received.

In the five years during which she held office the Council has made wonderful progress, due to the unflinching skill with which she has conducted it. Her untiring energy, and the enjoyment with which she entered into all Auxiliary activities, have endeared her to all members. We wish her good health and a well-earned holiday, and thank her very much for all her help, so willingly given.

(Sgd.) M. L. CHRISTIAN, Hon. Secretary.

AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

President: Mrs. E. C. Wackett.

Vice-Presidents: Mesdames F. M. Bladin, F. R. Scherger, V. Hancock and C. Probert.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. G. P. R. Mulligan.

Asst. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. J. W. Reddrop.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. W. J. Cameron.

The Melbourne District Nursing Society and After-Care Hospital is one of several objectives for which the Australian Women's Air Force Association works. At our Fourth Annual Meeting, two cheques were donated—one for £200, to endow a cot in memory of Constance Ethie Williams, Founder and President of the earlier Association, known as The Air Force Officers' Wives' and Mothers' Association. The second cheque was for £12, £10 being for the use of Matron Tupper and £2 for Christmas Cheer.

In addition, 127 garments and many parcels of used clothing and books have been sent in during the year. Three of our branches have also made contributions—Wagga Wagga, N.S.W., and East Sale, Victoria, have sent in new garments and used clothing, and Laverton, Victoria, a cheque for £30.

We wish to thank our Work Convener, Mrs. J. Davidson, for her valuable help during the past year.

CAULFIELD AUXILIARY.

President: Mrs. K. Keighley.
Vice-President: Mrs. C. Williams.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. K. M. Martin.
Asst. Hon. Secretary: Mrs. H. Weber.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. J. Mann.
Hon. Work Secretary: Mrs. R. Dawson.

The following contributions were made during the year: £100 for endowment of a bassinette in memory of our late Social Hostess, Mrs. A. Hough; 10/- for the Nurses' Christmas Cheer; garments to the value of £27/9/6 and gifts in kind, including a large parcel of groceries. The Municipal grant was £10.

EASTERN SUBURBS' AUXILIARY.

President: Mrs. W. H. Craige.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames E. L. Plesse, F. N. Spry and F. Levey.
Joint Hon. Secretaries: Mrs. N. K. Fullagar and Miss C. Stewart.
Hon. Treasurer: Miss Reid.

£70 has been paid towards maintenance of a bed and cot at the Hospital, and our usual Christmas donation of hams, etc., was again provided for the nurses.

This year we worked for the M.D.N.S. and After-Care Hospital nurse who entered the "Miss Australia" Quest, and raised, from a musical afternoon held in the Board Room, £39, and from a bridge party given by Mrs. Spry at her home, £21. Our members also sold raffie tickets amounting to £10/1/-.

Throughout the year members have left medicine bottles for the dispensary, magazines for the wards and a collection of vases for use in the hospital. We also supplied cot blankets costing £16/17/6.

This year Miss Reid collected small donations from members, enabling 26 parcels to be sent to the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, London.

Again this year working members have been few, as many have had leave for sickness and holidays abroad, but in December we were able to welcome six of our old members and enrol several new ones.

We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Matrons Wishart and Tupper, Miss Greig and her staff, for their help during the year.

FRIENDLY UNION OF SOLDIERS' WIVES' AND MOTHERS' AUXILIARY.

President: Mrs. W. A. Coxen.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mrs. C. Wroughon.

Our Auxiliary wishes to thank the Committee of Management for use of the Board Room for meetings.

We have sent in 272 singlets, 5 prs. bed socks, books and bottles during the year.
Mrs. E. C. Campbell's name was submitted for Life Governorship.

JESSIE HENDERSON AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. D. Hallenstein.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames A. Richardson, F. N. Lonie and Farrell.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. R. Challengsworth.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. O. Michaeils.

During the past year the Jessie Henderson Auxiliary has continued to run the kiosk and library. Recently, the Board of Management has been given control of the kiosk, as most of this work was already being done by the office staff.

The library, as usual, has been most successfully run by Mrs. Paton, who—as from last March—generously offered to finance and be responsible for this branch, as a donation to the Auxiliary.

The Treasurer reports that £253/17/8 was given during the year; £120/10/- for maintenance, £25 to "Miss Australia" Quest, donation of carpet to value of £85, and goods in kiosk £23/7/8.

JESSIE HENDERSON JUNIOR AUXILIARY

President: Miss B. Parsons.
Hon. Secretary: Miss N. Bull.
Hon. Treasurer: Mr. D. Tattall.

The Jessie Henderson Junior Auxiliary held its annual Debutante Ball in the Hawthorn Town Hall in June last, the debutantes being presented to Lady Dixon. The ball was very enjoyable, although it was not the financial success it had been the previous year. However, we will be able to give the hospital a cheque for £30.

We have held several theatre nights during the year, including some to Gilbert and Sullivan operas, which have proved very popular.

The children at the hospital were given a party again last Christmas, which was most enjoyable.

MARION BOOTHBY AUXILIARY.

President: Miss E. Borrowman.
Vice-Presidents: Mrs. Brook Hutchings and Miss M. Woodward.
Hon. Secretary: Miss O. Bagot. Asst. Hon. Sec.: Miss M. L. Christian.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. J. Cleveland Pratt.

The yearly appeal for funds resulted in £130/3/9 by direct giving. £50 was sent to the "Miss Australia" Quest, 19/4/9, and £50 for Food for Britain.

The following were handed in during the year: £30 Maintenance of Bed, £2 Christmas Cheer for little patients in Marion Boothby Ward, 10/- Christmas Party, £5 to Jessie Henderson Auxiliary for library books, Floor Rug for Sister's room, 33 nightgowns, feeders, washers, hair ribbon, 11 flannel bed jackets, vases, used linen, prunes, dates, ginger nuts, etc. Goods to value of £1/10/- were also provided for the Nurses' Christmas dinner.

MAUDE TATHAM AUXILIARY.

President: Mrs. W. P. Treise.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames H. D. Stewart and W. Wark.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. S. C. Edwards.
Asst. Secretary: Mrs. J. K. Hyslop.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. K. H. Vial.
Asst. Treasurer: Mrs. R. Watkin.

This year has been a very strenuous one for us, but resulted in the satisfactory sum of £340 being raised. Our efforts consisted of a jumble sale and two dances, one of these being to assist the candidature of Sister Gullick in the "Miss Australia" Quest. Our first contribution to this fund was £150, so that, with the profit of £140 from the dance, the total amounted to £290. The remaining £50 was handed to the Treasurer of the Hospital at our Annual Meeting in December.

At frequent intervals throughout the year, individual members of our Auxiliary have left parcels of used clothing, bottles and magazines at the Hospital.

MERCER AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. Hayworth Watson.
Vice-President: Mrs. E. Fader.
Hon. Secretary: Miss J. Strettle.

Monthly meetings have been held during the year. An American Tea was held in October at the home of Mrs. Heyworth Watson, and the sum of £70 was raised.

The Auxiliary has donated £60 towards the endowment of a cot and £20 for maintenance of a cot; also 10/- for Christmas Cheer. Parcels of used clothing, magazines and medicine bottles, toys, two children's pullovers and two cot rugs were also handed to the Hospital during the year.

MOTOR AUXILIARY

Convenor: Miss Dorothy Tupper.

Our thanks are due again to the members of this Auxiliary—regrettably reduced to 48 in number. These people have been more than usually good with their cars during the tram strike.

Some response was made to the radio and press appeals by casual drivers, and their help is also gratefully acknowledged.

How dependent we are on the Motor Auxiliary it is difficult to sufficiently emphasise, for without them our Sisters could attend fewer cases.

Worthy of special mention are Mrs. Blair, who has driven for a period of almost 20 years, and Miss Hawkey, who has 14 years' service to her credit.

RIVERSIDE AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. W. J. Brockwell.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames J. W. Porta and P. McCumisky.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. F. Butler.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. A. K. Johnson.

Our President is away in England, and sends us most interesting letters. We had a very happy Annual Meeting at the home of Mrs. Hindson. Mrs. J. P. Major presided—her last official visit, unfortunately. We were happy to have with us Matrons Wishart and Stewart, and Miss Christian.

For several years we have found it difficult to interest the general public in our various functions, so last year decided to try personal giving, and were very pleased with the result. £100 was handed to the Council, to be used for renovating Matron Wishart's quarters, and providing silver for the Nurses' dining-room. Also donated were £3/10/- to the "Miss Australia" fund, £1/1/- for the Nurses' Christmas Party, and 10/6 for the Children's Christmas Party.

STAFF CORPS' AUXILIARY.

President: Mrs. A. J. Boase.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames S. F. Rowell, I. J. Beavis and C. A. Clowes.
Hon. Secretary: Mrs. G. Cairns.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. D. Hall.

During the year this Auxiliary has made cash donations amounting to £102/12/-. The sewing circle, convened by Mrs. R. C. G. Prisk, has made many garments for the children's ward and babies' gowns for the district. Parcels of clothing, papers, magazines and bottles have also been donated.

Members of the Auxiliary provided toys for the children's Christmas tree.

Raffle tickets and buttons were sold by the members in support of the "Miss Australia" Quest.

SUNNYSIDE AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. A. J. Mathew.

Our Auxiliary donated £10 to the "Miss Australia" Quest and 10/- for Christmas Cheer. Mrs. Ratcliffe made a donation of £5 and Miss Ball £1.

We are very sorry to report the death of our past Secretary, Miss McAlister.

THORNBURY AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. N. Stick.
Vice-Presidents: Mesdames Hales and Scott.
Hon. Secretaries: Mesdames A. Jones and C. Stick.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. H. C. Inst.

The following articles have been sent to the Hospital during the year—24 prs. slippers, 4 doz. prs. pyjama suits and pants, grey flannel jackets, red flannel jackets, dressing gowns and long flannel pants—a total valuation of £124/11/-.

Our donation to the "Miss Australia" Quest was £30, and to the Hospital for maintenance of a bed, £165.

WHITE ENSIGN AUXILIARY

President: Mrs. J. H. Warrenner. Vice-President: Miss B. Campbell.
Hon. Secretary: Miss M. Greig.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. C. Findlay.

The Auxiliary is pleased to report a very successful year, and, as a result, we have made donations to the Hospital amounting to £115.

Theatre nights and a card party held during the year raised £30, which was donated to the "Miss Australia" Quest; £2 was given towards Christmas Cheer. At a social evening held in the Board Room on 22nd March last, a cheque for £83 was handed to Mrs. J. P. Major; £33 of this sum was the result of a Navy House Reception, which took the form of a Late Afternoon Party, and £50 was the result of a raffle of a gold watch, kindly donated to us by Mr. J. H. Warrenner.

Gifts in kind: Several bundles of magazines and seven knitted baby jackets were handed in.

Our thanks are extended to the Committee for making the Board Room available for our monthly meetings, which have been very enjoyable and well attended.