

AIMS AND OBJECTS.

- 1. To uphold the Sacredness of the Body and the Duty of Health; to inculcate a lofty view of the responsibilities of maternity and the duty of every mother to fit herself for the perfect fulfilment of the natural calls of motherhood, both before and after child-birth, and especially to advocate and promote the Breast-feeding of infants.
- 2. To acquire accurate information and knowledge on matters affecting the Health of Women and Children, and to disseminate such knowledge through the agency of its members, nurses, and others, by means of the natural handing-on from one recipient or beneficiary to another, and the use of such agencies as periodical meetings at members' houses or elsewhere, demonstrations, lectures, correspondence, newspaper articles, pamphlets, books, etc.
- 3. To train specially and to employ qualified Nurses, to be called Plunket Nurses, whose duty it will be to give sound, reliable instruction, advice, and assistance, gratis, to any member of the community desiring such services, on matters affecting the health and well-being of women, especially during pregnancy and while nursing infants, and on matters affecting the health and well-being of their children; and also to endeavour to educate and help parents and others in a practical way in domestic hygiene in general—all these things being done with a view to conserving the health and strength of the rising generation, and rendering both mother and offspring hardy, healthy, and resistive to disease.
- 4. To co-operate with any present or future organisations which are working for any of the foregoing or cognate objects.
- N.B.—The Society was started as a League for mutual helpfulness and mutual education, with a full recognition of the fact that, so far as motherhood and babyhood were concerned, there was as much need for practical reform and "going to school" on the part of the cultured and well-to-do as there was on the part of the so-called "poor and ignorant."

The Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria

and

The Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft
(Plunket System)

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The Society for the Health of Women and Children of Victoria and

The Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft (Plunket System).

Eleventh Annual Report, 1930-31.

TO THE MEMBERS:

Ladies and Gentlemen,-

It is with pleasure we submit the Eleventh Annual Report of the Society.

In reviewing the work of the past year and noting the progress made, which is marked, we feel that, although much has been done, there still remains much more to be done.

The work, being mainly of an educative character, is not spectacular, but it is quietly and surely making itself felt, as evidenced in the increased interest of all concerned in the problems which face the mother and child, whether babe, pre-school child or school child.

SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

The Tenth Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Windsor Hotel on September 9th, 1930, Her Excellency Lady Somers presiding.

Amongst those present who took an active part in the proceedings were The Hon. W. T. Beckett, Minister for Health; The Director of Infant Welfare, Dr. Vera Scantlebury; Dr. Dale, Medical Officer of Health to the City of Melbourne, and Professor Marshall Allan.

Our President, Dr. J. W. Springthorpe, in his able address, pointed out that naturally our Society is not satisfied with its own or any other local efforts. More lives would be saved and more children grow up healthier if ante and post-natal work were extended, if more mothers were advised and visited, and if there were greater all round co-operation.

He drew attention to the outstanding fact that "Disease is not a necessity of life. It comes from ignorance, disobedience or faulty inheritance. Health is more natural than disease. There is no royal road to it. The price is personal knowledge, personal obedience and proper breeding. Prevention—not cure—should be our aim."

The Hon. The Minister of Health in the course of his address said, "Maternal and Infant Welfare work is, in my opinion, one of the most important aspects of preventive medicine. . . The earlier that special attention is given to the preservation of health, the greater will be the results in saving life and preventing illness and unnecessary suffering, as well as in saving expense to the community. . . To ensure that every mother should know as early as possible of the availability of the services of the Infant Welfare Nurse, I consider that the earlier notification of births must be compulsory, and I have introduced a measure into the Legislative Council to provide for the compulsory notification of births within 24 hours, and for registration of still births." (This Bill has since been passed.) . . "I congratulate your Society on the work it is doing."

Dr. Vera Scantlebury, in speaking of the Child of the Future, said: "The problem is primarily and finally an educative one. Correct education in physical and mental hygiene is an economic measure, and no expense should be saved to ensure the adequate education in these matters of the medical student, the nurse, the teacher, the parents, and finally of the child itself, the future parent. . . . In the ideal state every child should be given the opportunity of obtaining the essentials of health—fresh air, sunlight, rest and relaxation, and opportunity and encouragement for the development of the creative faculties, and of companionship."

Dr. Dale, in a short discourse on a big subject, i.e., "The Future of Health," said: "Knowledge is largely increasing both in amount and in diffusion. Disease is no longer so generally regarded as a thing supernatural, incomprehensible and inevitable. More and more it is seen to be an accidental state which is the natural consequence of recognisable and avoidable circumstances. . . . The art of healthy living cannot be enforced. Health is a matter of personal behaviour and is dependent on both knowledge and incentive. . . .

"Health workers must combine to further enlist the help of educational authorities and agencies, and exert themselves to ensure the soundness of common knowledge of the subject. In these efforts the assistance of Societies such as this are very much appreciated."

Profesor Marshall Allan in a short address on "The Future of the Mother" said: "It has been well stated that the position of woman in any civilisation is an index of its relative advancement, and can be gauged best by the care given to her at the birth of her child. . . . Within recent years the public conscience has been aroused, and there is a conviction that much of the present wastage in lives and health of mothers and babies is preventable. . . . While the value of antenatal care is recognised, there is still a large section of the public oblivious to its importance, and in this respect much help can be expected from the Infant Welfare Centres. The future of the infant is intimately associated with that of the mother. Maternal ill-health prior to delivery is responsible for much of the present infantile wastage. The importance of this is now recognised, and a prominent place in the obstetric instruction of students is given to the care and management of the infant in the first weeks of life.

"Advance may seem to be slow, but the effect of this improved instruction in Victoria should soon become evident."

At this meeting the retiring members of the Executive being unopposed were re-elected.

PROPAGANDA.

This branch of the Society's work, as in previous years, has received full attention, thus making the doings of the Society more widely known and acknowledged. This has been accomplished by the medium of pamphlets dealing with the care of mother and baby, talks to Girl Guides, lectures to Church Guilds, Mothers' and Girls' Clubs.

The Royal Show was again used as a means for getting in touch with numerous country mothers and others. Those in charge look on this event as a golden opportunity to extend a knowledge of the Society's health principles by giving simple talks and demonstrations to those seeking advice on these matters. Public demonstrations were also given on Mothercraft details, such as the correct way to make up a baby's cot and place the baby so as to ensure good sound sleep, how to care for a premature baby, and how milk should be cared for in the home.

Mothercraft and Baby Welfare Nurses who were trained at the Tweddle Baby Hospital under the Bush Nursing scheme are also carrying the Plunket methods into little heard of country districts, where, through teaching and general education in mothercraft on right lines, the mothers are enabled to fulfil their responsibilities to their children by caring for them in the way nature intended.

Individual mothers have been instructed at the Hospital on the general care of their babies, parties of visitors, Girl Guides and school girls have also had matters of interest demonstrated to them.

Simple talks have, throughout the year, been broadcasted by the Society's Matron (Miss L. C. Moreland) and Sister F. Macdonald from the stations of 3AR and 3DB. This work is far-reaching in effect, as is evidenced by correspondence.

TRAINING OF MEDICAL STUDENTS.

Owing to the unsatisfactory nature of the requirements allotted by the Faculty of Medicine, our Training School declined acceptance under any conditions less than those adopted in New Zealand.

SCHOOL WORK.

To those interested, it is strange that even in these days, when so much attention is being given to the problems of Maternal and Child Welfare; we still have many in our midst who consider the "maternal instinct," so called, is all that is required in a woman to make her proficient for the highest position she can be called upon to fill, that of Complete Motherhood.

Individually, and as a Society, we know this to be a fallacy. Mothercraft is a subject which must be studied and applied. Mothercraft is not instinctive. This being so, we turn our attention to the potential, the future mother, the present-day school girl.

We, through our thoroughly trained and competent School Sister, are endeavouring to assure adequate education in all matters pertaining to Mothercraft, but are, alas, sadly handicapped by the "powers that be," inasmuch as we are now allotted such a short space of time in which to teach this essential and vital subject. Other subjects of far less value are given first place, and these must, of necessity, crowd out the more important. This is deplorable in view of the fact that the future of the race, its fitness or otherwise, lies largely in the hands of the school girl of to-day, who is still too often inefficiently, insufficiently and undemocratically trained.

School girls to the number of 172 presented themselves at the Hospital for practical examination in bed making, the bathing of a baby, and demonstrating the care of milk and feeding utensils in the home.

The name of school and the number of candidates from each school were as follows:—

School.	Candidates.	Certificates.
St. Catherine's (Mrs. Cox)	5	5
Mothercraft Hostel, Toorak	11	11
Brunswick Domestic Arts	18	16
Fitzroy Domestic Arts	14	12
Flemington Domestic Arts	26	24
Williamstown Domestic Arts	23	19
Footscray Domestic Arts	35	33
Brighton Technical School	19	18
Sunshine Technical School	18	18
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Total	169	156

The standard throughout was good, in some schools excellent.

The Sister in Charge of School Work (Sister Wilson) reports the cutting down by the Education Department of the number of hours formerly allotted to the subject of Mothercraft, the curtailing of lectures and elimination of practical work to a large extent. The number of schools where instruction is given has been increased by one, St. Catherine's College being added to the list.

At Fitzroy regular lectures on Hygiene and Infant Welfare work have been given to a large class of unemployed girls. These are not required to sit for examination.

Up to date no Secondary Girls' Schools have contributed towards tuition. We are also seeking a conference with the Girl Guide Association re uniform and improved mothercraft training.

Wednesday afternoon in each week is kept free for special work, such as addresses to Mothers' Clubs, Friendly Society and Women's Temperance Union Meetings.

PLUNKET INFANT WELFARE CENTRES.

The Plunket Nurses in charge of the various Centres have carried out their duties in an able and conscientious manner. A striking feature in the Plunket Centres is the number of mothers from other, and in most instances distant, suburbs who attend regularly with their infants for advice on the lines laid down by Sir Truby King. The results achieved by these methods speak for themselves, and the Sisters in charge of the Centres are only too pleased to show those interested the records of their work. For full details, vide the Government Statist.

The Centre at Kyneton, which was opened as an Independent Centre, is now, we are pleased to say, registered as a Plunket Centre. Sister Primrose, who was in charge, resigned in order to take up special work for Sir Truby King.

CENTRES

Centres.	Sisters in Charge.
Coburg	Sisters L. Duff and K. Hughes
Footscray	
Williamstown	Sister M. Farrer
Yarraville	Sister I. Macpherson
Newport	Sister C. Moroney
Braybrook	Sister L. Hancock
Swan Hill	Sister E. Bergin
Kyneton	

Sister Williams (Plunket) is in charge of the Independent Centres of Donald and Birchip, whilst Sister Stewart is in charge of Redcliff and Merbein. Plunket Nurses are also being gradually introduced into an increasing number of Hospitals.

Summary of Work done by Plunket Nurses in their several Centres from 30th June, 1930, to 1st July, 1931

Name	Number of Invitations issued to	Total of New		Over	Number Individu'l Babies	s Attend-		-Natal Number of Con-	Visits		red to ctor	Refer Hos	red to pital
Centre	Mothers	Cases Babies	12 months	12 months	attending Centre	ance Babies only	New Cases	sulta- tions	to Homes	Mothers	Babies	Mothers	Babies
Braybrook	77	136	187	100	287	2846	58	243	1434	6	28	9	8
Coburg	795	573	719	432	1151	9828	65	171	1060	26	51	11	30
Footscray	404	453	526	367	893	10787	56	208	2165	49	145	18	53
Kyneton		239	126	119	245	2200		_	735	14	47	20.00	News 1
Newport	135	256	184	101	285	3919	33	86	1397	6	32	_	2
Swan Hill	221	162	151	89	240	1345	22	39	925	3	16	-	-
Williamstown	106	77	83	56	139	2640	9	25	1030	-	26	_	2
Yarraville	266	266	183	48	231	3781	16	59	959	18	38	3	14
TOTALS	2000	2162	2159	1312	3471	37346	259	831	9705	122	383	41	109

Cases of Diarrhoea amongst Babies attending Centres,

Simple, responding to Dietetic Treatment				Severe, needing continued Medical Attention			
Centre	Und	er 1 year	Over 1 year	Under 1 year	Over I year		
Braybrook	***	16	1	1	1		
Coburg		6	146	2	1		
Footscray	ox	24	1	1	-		
Kyneton	2015	_	144	1	-		
Newport			1	77	2		
Swan Hill	2.2.2	6	-	1	-		
Williamstown	121	1	100	75.3			
Yarraville	***	12	1	4			
TOTA	LS	65	4	10	4 = Total 83		

Mortality Amongst Infants Attending Centres.

Centre	Number of Deaths	Deaths under one month	Deaths from 1 to 12 months	Deaths over 12 months	Number of attendances at Centre	Cause of Death
Coburg	11		-		1.0	TT 1 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
75. D. S.			I T		10	Head condition plus Pneumonia
5896 25 88			1		30	Pneumonia.
009 95 27			1	-1	16	Pneumonia.
1996 81 19		7	_	1	49	Meningitis.
1996 - 97 14			1	Are to	2	Pneumonia.
76 V		7	1	-	8	Bronchial Pneumonia.
**			-	1	39	Scarlet Fever.
196 51 15		-	1		2	Heart.
(98) 10 (9		-	1	-	2	Pneumonia.
(00) E G		77.75		1	25	Pneumonia & Whoop. Cough
Footscray	3					
**			1	-	6	Not known.
		-	1	-	1	Not known.
10.00		-	1	-	10	Diphtheria.
Kyneton	1					
100 5		T	1	77-7	7	Congenital Liver.
Newport :	2					
19		-	1	-	9	Intestinal Hæmorrhage.
11		-	1	-	3	Convulsions.
Williamstow	n 3					
188		5	1	-	2	Pyelonephritis.
79.7		77-12	-	1	7	Not known.
4.0		-	1	-	7	Prematurity and Inanition.
Swan Hill.	0					
Yarraville :	0					
Braybrook ,	1					
186		2	1		4	Anæmia.

From the foregoing tables it will be seen that from July 1st, 1930, to June 30th, 1931, the total number of deaths among babies attending the various Centres numbered 21, and that out of 83 cases of diarrhœa reported not one death occurred from this cause amongst the babies attending the Centres.

SOCIETY'S HOSPITAL AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

For the benefit of those who do not understand, we would again take this opportunity of bringing under notice the aims and objects of the Sociey's Hospital, known as the Tweddle Hospital for Babies and School of Mothercraft. This institution is primarily a training school for Baby Welfare Nurses, Plunket System and Primrose Mothercraft Nurses, and, secondly, a Hospital for Babies and Mothers. The type of baby for whom the institution is intended is the one in its first year of life who, for the time being, is failing to thrive satisfactorily, and may be suffering from some form of malnutrition or indigestion. The Hospital is also for those requiring special care and attention, such as a weakling or premature baby.

Mothers with an inadequate supply of breast milk are admitted, for restoration, and those with an overabundance, for regulation purposes.

More particularly are we concerned with the young mothers, whose inexperence is liable to lead her into many pitfalls. By instructing her in mothercraft and right methods generally she gains confidence and is able to nourish her baby as nature intended, when otherwise the probabilities are that baby would be deprived of its natural food and suffer from some disorder due to faulty handling and wrong methods of feeding.

Then there is the general educational work of the Hospital, full information being given to all visitors on the aims of the institution and the methods of Sir Truby King, which are carried out in detail, the success of the same being demonstrated by records and charts.

It is now being proposed to institute a Visiting Infant Welfare System, under the direction of Sister Primrose (late of Kyneton), founder of the Victorian Visiting Trained Nurses System, along the lines unsuccessfully attempted some years ago.

The Hospital also trains the Mothercraft and Baby Nurse, now widely known and recognised as "Primrose Baby Nurses." These Nurses undergo a practical and theoretical course, extending over a period of twelve months. When finished they are competent to take charge of babies such as are admitted to the Hospital for dietetic treatment, as well as the normal baby. The Primrose Baby Nurse is a boon to young mothers, a large number being engaged to accompany such from the Nursing Home when the mother returns to resume her ordinary life. In this way they are able to instruct the young mother in mothercraft details and right methods, and by so doing give her that confidence which is so essential to the well being of her baby.

During the year we are pleased to report that the Director of Infant Welfare in Victoria was amongst those who availed themselves of the services of a Primrose Nurse.

For the guidance of the Nurses and the mother engaging her services, the Rules relating to the duties of a Primrose Nurse when in charge of a baby have been revised, and now read as follows:—

Rules Relating to Primrose Nurses.

- 1. The Primrose Baby Nurse is qualified to undertake the care of normal babies and young children or premature babies, but not the nursing of cases of definite illness other than digestive disturbances.
- 2. If she should be in charge of an ill baby under medical care, the Primrose Baby Nurse must carry out the Doctor's instructions to the best of her ability, at the same time making it known that she is not a general trained Nurse.
- 3. The Primrose Baby Nurse is to do everything possible, on the lines indicated during her training, to ensure the highest possible standard of health for the baby.

- 4. It is requested that the Primrose Baby Nurse be not asked to violate the direct principles of the Society regarding the care of babies—as, for example, the constant injudicious handling of a nervous baby, the use of the dummy, the use of patent foods when fresh milk is obtainable, etc.
- 5. In the management of a young infant it shall be the first duty of the Primrose Baby Nurse to do all in her power to promote and maintain natural feeding.
- 6. Once a fortnight, whenever practicable, and at the expiration of each case, she shall furnish a report to the Matron, stating the weight of baby, the amount and kind of food given it, the calorific value of the food supplied, and the general condition of the infant. A daily chart shall also be kept.
- 7. The Primrose Baby Nurse is responsible for the care, cleanliness and neatness of the baby's room or nursery, also of her own room; for the washing, ironing and mending of the baby's clothes, also for assisting with the making of simple clothes for the baby; for the care of everything in connection with the baby's food, and for all duties directly pertaining to her charge, including the baby's daily outing in the pram, if required.
- 8. By mutual arrangement between Mother and Nurse, in cases where the baby is normal and well trained, the Primrose Baby Nurse is to assist in the general routine of the home, especially in regard to the care of other children, provided such duties do not interfere with the requisite care of the baby.
- 9. A Primrose Baby Nurse shall be entitled to two hours off duty every day, or, if satisfied to make the arrangement, to a longer period off duty every second day, and to a full day off duty every second week.
- 10. The minimum fee for a Primrose Baby Nurse shall be two guineas (£2/2/-) per week, plus travelling expenses.
- 11. The Society would like Mothers to understand that the Primrose Baby Nurse holds a responsible position, and that her status in the household should be that of a trained baby nurse.
- 12. If either Mother or Nurse is in doubt or difficulty regarding the interpretation of these guiding lines or any other matter, she is earnestly requested to consult the Matron of the Tweddle Baby Hospital. All complaints from either side must be sent in writing to the Matron.

TWEDDLE HOSPITAL FOR BABIES.

During the year work has gone steadily ahead, and more babies and mothers have passed through our hands than in previous years.

From July 1st, 1930, to June 30th, 1931, 100 babies and 46 mothers, making a total of 146, have been resident in the Hospital and under treatment for varying periods. The average length of stay was 22.3 days for babies and 13.6 days for mothers.

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Nine babies, whose ages ranged from 2 to 4 months, were under 6 lbs. in weight when admitted; these, with one exception, made excellent progress. Nine others were in various stages of prematurity, the majority being two months premature. The average weight of these babies when admitted was 3 lbs. 3 ozs.; their ages ranged from 8 hours to 2 weeks.

Hospital Statistics.

Ad	mitted	Discl	harged	Deaths	In Re	sidence
Babies	Mothers	Babies	Mothers	Babies	Babies	Mothers
99	46	95	46	4	5	0

Of the 100 babies under treatment, four died, so giving an infant mortality rate of 4 per cent.

The cases admitted were drawn from the following country districts and suburbs of Melbourne:—

Country.

Birchip Cowley's Creek	Mirboo North Macedon Rubison	Diamond Creek Trentham
Coleraine	Rubicon	Sunbury

Suburbs

	Suburbs.	
Beaumaris	Hawthorn	South Yarra
Brighton Beach	Hampton	St. Kilda
Canterbury	K.ew	Surrey Hills
Carnegie	Mentone	Seddon
Camberwell	McKinnon	Sunshine
Caulfield	Murrumbeena	Toorak
Dennis	Newport	Williamstown
East Malvern	Prahran	Y arraville
Elwood	Richmond	
Footscray	Sandringham	

STUDENTS

During the year 16 Nurses have taken the course of training in Infant Welfare (Plunket System). They all presented themselves for and passed the prescribed examinations, so gaining the Society's Certificate of Efficiency in Mothercraft and Baby Welfare. Their names are as follows:—Emily C. Bingham, Doris Huffer, Dorothy J. Robertson, Mary E. Sinclair, Mary P. Boyd, Jessie Scott, Emmi Schnied, Lilian Stevenson, Myrtle Rawolle, Margaret A. Pye, Ann M. Litherland, Catherine C. Connellan, Rose H. Lade, Eva V. Armstrong, and Winifred Townsend. Some difficulties have arisen regarding the State Examination, and the present system has been referred to the Nurses' Registration Board for reconsideration.

The following have completed a twelve months' course of training and passed the prescribed examinations, entitling them to the Primrose Mothercraft and Baby Nurse Certificate:—Mary Higgins,

Brenda Hardy, Phillis Erskine, Winnie Wilson, Edith Elms, Nancy Holt, and Eila McEachern.

In addition to these students, during the months of October and November, 172 school girls attended the Hospital for practical examination in Mothercraft details. Their work was good, demonstrating their keen interest in the subject.

Although entailing an additional amount of work, the necessity for the knowledge which these girls acquire is so urgent that we consider the time devoted to this special branch of work, with its farreaching effects, is more than well spent.

Companies of Girl Guides have also been examined.

CORRESPONDENCE.

This important feature of the Hospital work continues to hold its own, numerous letters being received from town and country, other States and overseas all asking advice on Mothercraft matters.

Owing to the Karitane Food Products Society now having distributing agents throughout Victoria, letters in reference to these commodities have considerably fallen off, although we continue to have many requests for Kariol from the various States, in response to which it has to be packed and posted, also a covering letter written.

VISITORS.

As in previous years, the record of interested visitors to the Hospital and Training School is a large one Amongst these were visitors from New Zealand, which included Miss Patrick, Director of Plunket work for the Dominion. Special interest was shown by those engaged in Infant Welfare work in other States and overseas.

Parties of Girl Guides and Domestic Art Students have also visited the Hospital. To these demonstrations have been given.

Our founder, Sir Truby King, has again expressed his unbounded admiration of our work.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

The Hospital is greatly indebted to the Footscray Tweddle Baby Hospital Auxiliary for the generous donations of material forwarded from time to time, for the making of baby garments which are used for the babies when in residence. These being made on hygienic principles, having neither tapes nor constricting bands to hamper freedom of movement, are also used for educational purposes, the advantages of such being pointed out to mothers.

The amount of material supplied was as follows:—Flannel, 171 yards; calico, 43 yards; cotton crepe, 40 yards; towelling, 227 yards; brilliant cotton, 24 doz.; cotton, 24 doz.; tape, 24 doz. Added to these, fruit and groceries to the value of £10 were received as a Xmas

Gift, two verandah blinds were replaced at a cost of £5/7/6, and a wire door renewed.

Generous help was also given in connection with the Fete held at the Hospital. Afternoon teas and service have been given at various functions held at the Hospital.

We ask the Footscray Auxiliary to accept our heartiest thanks for their valued help and co-operation in all movements which have been held to further the interests of the Hospital.

To Sister McDonald, Nurse Gallaugher and the Nurses our thanks are due for the Fete organised by them and held in the Hospital Grounds, which resulted in the sum of £66/10/- being handed to the Treasurer.

We are more than pleased to report that our splendid Matron has, after 3 months' leave of absence, been able to resume her invaluable supervision.

We also thank the following for gifts in kind:—Mesdames Parkhouse, Coxen, Apperly, Plowman, Springthorpe, Farnsworth, McCarthy and Thomas; Misses Ryan, Wilson, Johnson, Nelson, Moreland, Douglas and Geisow; Members of the Central Auxiliary individually and collectively; The Oakleigh Girl Guides, and the Sanatarium Food Products Co.

To the Hon. Medical Staff our thanks and appreciation are due for services rendered, by the examination of students, the giving of lectures, and the prompt response to all calls for medical advice.

The wonderful financial help given the Society by the Central Auxiliary is evidenced by the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements included in this Report, and great praise is due to the members thereof on their year's work.

We regret to record the death of Councillor E. J. Turner, of Footscray, who very ably represented the Council on the Executive for a number of years.

We are privileged this year to be favoured with an address by Sir Truby King himself, who is proposing to enter upon a crusade to bring the Commonwealth on a level with the Dominion of New Zealand as regards Infant Welfare matters generally—i.e., second to none in the rest of the world.

For and on behalf of he Society,

J. W. SPRINGTHORPE, President.STUART A. DAVIS, Hon. Secretary.

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Mrs. Larcher 2	5	0	0	Henry Berry Fund	50	0	0
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Aust. General Electric		_	0	Holdenson & Nielson		4	0
		0	0	Fresh Food Pty. Ltd.	1	1	0
	() (0	()	Hill, Mrs	1	()	0
Richard Allen & Sons		_		Haughton, Wm., & Co.	1	1	()
		2	0	Herald & Weekly Times		_	
0,		3	0	Ltd	2	2	O.
	1	1	0	Hardy, Mr. A. D	2	2	0
Barnet Glass Rubber Co.				Junior Red Cross, Hydge			
Ltd		1	0	St. State School	2	0	0.
Ltd Blackham, Mrs. W		1	0	Lang, Miss V	()	5	().
"B.M.M.")	0	Old Lauristonians Dra-			
Booth, Mrs. John)	0	matic Society	10		0
,	2 2	2	0	Meager, Miss	0	5	0
Carlton & United				Metropolitan Gas Co.	5	5	0.
	1	1	0	MacRobertson's	1	1	0.
	1	1	0	Myer Emporium Ltd	3	3	0
	5 5	5	0	Melbourne Co-operative			
	5 ()	0	Brewery Co. Ltd	1	1	()
Commonwealth Fertilizer				Myer, Mr. Sidney	1	1	(),
& Chemicals Ltd	2 2	2	()	National Bank of Aust.			
Commercial Bank of				Ltd	3	3	C
Aust. Ltd	3 3	3	0	Nycander & Co	0	10	6
Central Auxiliary 4	0 7	7	0	Paton, Miss	1	0	0
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	1 1	l	0	Sargood, Mrs. C. E.	1	1	0
Dudley, Miss	1 1	l	0	Stacy, Mrs	0	10	0.
Davies, Doery Pty. Ltd.	0 10)	6	Stooke, Mr. V	1	1	0
Dunlop Perdriau Rubber				Saunders, Mrs. W	1	1	0
	2 ()	0	Smith, Mr. T. F. M	2	2	0
	1 1		0	Sweet, Dr. Georgina	1	0	0
) 10		0	"Sun," The News-Pic-			
Footscray St. John's				torial	2	2	0.
	1 1		0	Sharp, Mrs. W. G.	3	3	0
	1 (0	Traill, Mrs. E. C.	1	1	0
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Statement of Receipts and Payments for Year ended 30th June, 1931.

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RECEIPTS.	PAYMENTS.
RECEIPTS. To Cash in Hand, 1/7/30 . £4 7 10 Lord Mayor's Fund . 131 8 2 Donations— General	PAYMENTS By Overdraft, 1/7/30
£4840 10 9	£4840 10 9
Audited and found correct, ERIC A. KELLAM, A.F.I.A. Hon. Auditor. Melbourne, 17th July, 1931. Rec.	J. HUME-COOK, F.A.I.S., Hon. Treasurer. STUART A. DAVIS, Chartered Accountant, (Aust.), Hon. Secretary.
APPEALS AND EN	
Lord Mayor's Fund— Various Receipts 131 8 2	£ s. d. Central Auxiliary, Proceeds "Rex" Dinner
Bridge Party, Sunshine, per Miss Hancock 5 5 0	Dance
Proceeds of "Love Step" at Comedy Theatre 356 3 7	Grounds 66 10 3 Central Auxiliary, Pro-
Proceeds of Evening, Mr. J. T. Tweddle 31 12 0 Miss Shirley Robertson, Murrumbeena Fete 13 13 0	ceeds Dance at "Rex" 59 13 0
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Revenue Account for the 30th June, 1931

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To Hospital Expenses-	_	By—	
Provisions£478 5	0	Lord Mayor's	
Fuel & Lighting 309 16		Fund£131 8	
Medical Supplies 18 14		Donations 675 11	
Wages & Salaries 1072 11		Bequest 17 11	6
Renewals of Fur-		Nurses' Training	
nishings and		Fees 353 4	0
Equipment 25 11	10	Entertainments	
Repairs		in Aid 634 10	4
Insurances 13 17		Hospital Takings 272 15	9
Telephone 8 14		Government	
Postages, Fares		Grant	0
and Stationery,		Interest, Fixed	
etc 20 8	5	Deposit 56 7	8
Stores 40 18	7	Private Sub-	
Deptn. Furniture		scriptions 13 13	
& Equipment 120 9	6	N . I	—£2655 1 11
Deptn. on Build-		Net Loss for Year	164 19 8
ings & Kiosk 172 19	6		
Deptn. Improve-			
ments 3 1	6		
	£2319 8	9	
To Society Expenses—			
Salary £208 0	0		
Printing, Station-			
ery, Postages			
& Advertising 73 6	7		
Travelling Ex-			
penses, 21 1	0		
Bank Interest 140 5			
General Expenses 20 9	9		
Assistance to			
Swan Hill			
Centre 37 10	0		
	500 12 1		
	£2820 1	7	£2820 1 7
	22020 1		12020 1 /

Statement of Affairs at June, 1931

LIABILITIES.	ASSETS.
The Commercial Bank of Aust. Ltd., Overdraft, plus unpresented cheques £2106 1 0 Sundry Creditors 196 11 5 Bills Payable (Show Ground Kiosk) 60 0 0 Reserve Account — Bequest 1074 0 3 Surplus at 1/7/30 £6009 4 6 Less Loss for Year 164 19 8	Buildings £6824 2 1 Less Deptn 170 12 0 ————————————————————————————————————
£5844 4 10 Plus Donations for New Buildings &	Kiosk £115 0 0 Less Deptn 2 7 6 ———————————————————————————————————
Furnishings . 75 0 0 = 5919 4 10	Ltd., Fixed Deposit 1074 0 3 Cash in Hand 8 7 1
£9355 17 6	£9355 17 6

Audited and found correct,

ERIC A. KELLAM, A.F.I.A.

Hon. Auditor.

Melbourne, 17th July, 1931,

J. HUME-COOK, F.A.I.S.,

Hon. Treasurer.

STUART A. DAVIS,

Chartered Accountant (Aust.),

Hon. Secretary.



Central Auxiliary Report.

To Our Members.-

In presenting its Second Annual Report, the members have great reason to be proud of another successful year, brought about by the intense interest taken in the work. This fact is evidenced by the Statement of Receipts and Disbursements, which follows this Report, and also by the average attendance of members at meetings, which was 35 at each of the ten meetings held. Nine of these meetings were held at the Town Hall, Melbourne, and one at "Georges," where Mrs. Wm. Angliss entertained the members at afternoon tea.

The Hospital has benefited during the year to the extent of £230 in cash and £100 representing linen and other goods. All members have participated wholeheartedly in the entertainments arranged by the following members:—Mesdames E. J. Freame, Wm. Angliss, R. Walker, G. Wellman, and the Misses F. and M. Inglis, F. Anderson, A. Hutchings and L. Young, and also in the special efforts by Mrs. J. T. Tweddle (Linen Tea) and Mrs. Harold Clapp ("The Love Step").

Sister Primrose attended at one of our meetings and explained a scheme of Visiting Plunkett Nurses and a Primrose Mothercraft Auxiliary, and the latter body (comprised of some 35 members) is holding its first Bridge Afternoon at an early date.

Miss Nona Riley has taken in hand the collection of stamps from members and others, to be disposed of from time to time for the benefit of the Auxiliary's funds.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mrs. C. B. Moore, one of the Auxiliary's most ardent and valued workers.

Our First Annual Meeting was held on the 24th June, 1930, on the occasion of the opening by Lady Irvine of the new Hospital additions, when the Report and Accounts were adopted and the retiring office-bearers re-elected.

Our Second Annual Meeting will be held at The Windsor Hotel on Thursday, the 5th August, at 2.15 p.m., and will be merged with the Society's Annual Meeting, which will be addressed by Sir Truby King and Dr. J. W. Springthorpe.

The Executive of the Society has authorised me to convey to members its profound appreciation of the spirit and enterprise shown and the support so freely and lavishly given by members of the Central Auxiliary, and to wish them every success in the immediate future, for, like other good work in these hard times, it needs all the assistance it can get. Last, but not least, it thanks you for its Xmas. gifts to the Staff, and its kindness and sympathy towards Matron Moreland during her recent illness.

After the reception and consideration of the Annual Report, the matters before the meeting will be Votes of Thanks, Adoption of Balance Sheet, and Election of Office-Bearers for the coming year.

MAY RIMMINGTON, Hon. Sec. I. ANGLISS, Hon. Treasurer.

RECEIPTS.	DISBURSEMENTS.
Balance in Commercial Bank	Goods Supplied to Hospital—
of Australasia, 1/7/30£18 1 1	4.1 -
Members' Subscriptions 38 11 (
Donations—	Clothes Baskets . 1 1 0
Lady Cussen £1 1 0	Towels, Sheets &
Mrs. Pewtress . 1 0 0	Bath Mats 22 7 10
Mrs. E. J. Freame 0 12 9	Carpet Sweeper . 1 12 6
Mrs. Taylor 0 12 6	Hot Water Bags 3 0 9
Mrs. S. C. Connde 1 1 0	Crockery 2 18 6
4 7 3	
Efforts—	
Mrs. W. Angliss .£12 2 6	Secretary's Expenses 6 7 1
Mrs. E. J. Freame 12 0 0	Florist 0 17
Mrs. Walker 5 0 6	Christmas Cheer 5 0
Miss F. Inglis 2 0 0	Bridge Catering 11 10
Mrs. Wellman 1 14 0	Linen Tea Expenses 2 19
Younger Set 146 13 0	Stationery 0 15 1
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Proceeds of Bridge Party,	Paid into Hospital A/c 233 15
Ormond Hall 66 16 11	Cash in Hand 1 0
Proceeds of Play, Mr. J. T.	Balance in Commercial Bank
Tweddle 31 12 0	of Australasia Ltd 48 8
Linen Tea, Donations and	
Competition 3 10 0	
Sale of Sweets and Goods 2 19 6	
£345 7 9	£345 7 9

Audited and found correct,

ERIC A. KELLAM, A.F.I.A.,

Hon. Auditor.
14th July, 1931.

M. RIMMINGTON, Secretary.
J. ANGLISS, Treasurer.



