

THE DONALD FRASER
HOSPITAL

(CHURCH OF SCOTLAND)

Report
and
Balance Sheet

for year ended

31st DECEMBER, 1948

SIBASA
NORTHERN TRANSVAAL

Medical Superintendent's Report 1948

HOSPITAL BUILDINGS :

On the 28th of April, 1948, two new blocks of the Hospital buildings were opened by Mr. H. F. Pentz, Chairman of the Transvaal Hospitals Advisory Committee.

The front block contains two operating theatres—one for clean, and one for infected cases—an X-ray room, a plaster room, a dispensary and drug-store, a consulting-room with a laboratory and an eye-examination room attached, a room for out-patients' dressing, a nurses' lecture room, a secretary's office and a doctors' office. The new spaciousness has increased the pleasure in our work, and has made it more effective.

The second block consists of two large wards with stoeps, two small two-bedded wards for dangerously ill patients, duty rooms for the nurses and a matron's office.

Even on the hottest days the wards are comfortable and there is no overcrowding, although both wards are well filled most of the time.

At present, one stoep in each ward is reserved for infectious cases, pending the completion of the infectious cases block. Work is still proceeding on this block, and also on the building of the large new kitchen, laundry and nurses' dining room.

The old wards are being re-built to form a maternity block.

A powerful electric light generator has been installed, capable of supplying light to the present hospital and to any future buildings, and capable also of supplying power for the new X-ray plant.

Plans have been made, and materials are being collected for the establishing of an adequate water supply for the Hospital. The ram which provided a good supply of water for the old Hospital is unable to provide a sufficient head of pressure to reach all parts of the new building.

PATIENTS :

In the early months of the year, we continued to get cases of scurvy and allied conditions due to lack of vitamins, but rains came, the drought ended, and the diet of the people improved. During the latter part of the year, before the summer rains started and when the rivers were low, we had a succession of cases of crocodile bite. These bites are very deep (in one case the chest-wall was penetrated in two places) and they are very dirty, but thanks to the new drugs and the stamina of the patients, we had no deaths.

This year assault cases have markedly increased in number; the wounds, which are usually head injuries, having been received at beer-parties. As the harvest was good and therefore more beer made in the villages, beer-parties became more frequent.

STAFF :

In April, Dr. J. A. Pool arrived from Scotland. His experience as a civil engineer makes him doubly useful.

In June, Dr. Aitken went on furlough, after nine years on the field, and after a year of disappointments, during which, time and time again, he had to postpone his date of departure. However, he saw completed the first two blocks of the new Hospital which he had been planning for many years.

We are still urgently in need of trained nursing-staff. Miss Violet Bell is working alone, as Matron, and as head of the Nurses' Training School. With the opening of the new blocks, her work has increased in amount, and also there have been many new problems to face and to surmount.

We have altered the syllabus of our Nurses' Training School to conform to the suggested syllabus for the projected Transvaal Provincial Certificate for native nurses, and we hope to be able to register our Hospital for this training scheme.

This is an additional reason for our anxiety about the scarcity of European-trained nurses willing to give their services to the healing of African patients and the training of African nurses.

Once again we have been indebted to Miss Wookey for generous help given during Miss Bell's holiday.

In November, we welcomed to our Staff, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lennox who are retired missionaries of the South Moroccan Mission. Mrs. Lennox has taken charge of the Hospital stores, and of the renewal and repairing of nurses' uniforms. She is also in charge of the Cottage where part of the European staff lives.

Mr. Lennox acts as Master of Works, caring for the upkeep of the plant and supervising the workmen.

We are grateful to them for taking these necessary, but time-consuming duties into their hands.

Miss Heidenreich joined the Staff at the end of 1947 as secretary and book-keeper. There is a large amount of office work in connection with the building, with District Surgeon work and with the various grants received from Government sources, as well as the book-keeping involved in the day to day running of the Hospital. We greatly appreciate the competent way in which Miss Heidenreich has dealt with these various matters.

HOSPITAL BOARD :

During 1948, the Rev. R. H. R. Liddell was appointed a member of the Board, representing the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

The Matron, (Miss V. Bell) and Dr. Pool were added to the Board in order that the number of members appointed by the South African Mission Council of the Church of Scotland should form two-thirds of the total number of members of the Board, in accordance with the finally approved Constitution of the Church of Scotland Medical Mission Hospitals.

At our last Board meeting, the following minute of appreciation of the help given by the Berlin missionaries to several of our Clinics was recorded:—"At Tshakhuma, Georgenholtz and Beuster, the Berlin Mission have built and equipped the dispensaries visited by our doctors. The Berlin Mission also pay a part of the District Nurses' Salary at these three stations. In other less tangible ways—by their hospitality, goodwill and co-operation—the missionaries of the Berlin Mission have made work at the Clinics pleasant and progressive."

SPECIAL APPEAL FUND :

At the opening of the new blocks on the 28th April, Mr. Pentz announced that the Transvaal Provincial Council would grant another £10,000 for the completion of the Hospital buildings and for the new water supply scheme. This sum was the amount which Dr. Aitken estimated would be required for these purposes, and Dr. Pentz's announcement was received with great satisfaction.

During 1948, Government and Provincial Grants amounted to the sum of £3,855 14s. 0d. Without these grants, the efficiency of the Hospital would have been greatly impaired, and the extension of our work have been impossible. We are grateful for the Grants received in 1948, and trust that as our work expands the Grants will also increase.

The Donations from well-wishing Firms and private individuals are acknowledged in the list at the end of this report.

In July, 1948, a much appreciated gift of woollen garments, flannelette cot-sheets, etc., was received from St. Mark's Presbyterian Church. These gifts arrived during a spell of cold weather and were at once put into use.

DONATIONS TO SPECIAL APPEAL FUND

The Hospital Board gratefully acknowledges the following donations received during 1948:—

Mrs. G. McGillivray	£2 10 0
Anonymous	1 0 0
Robert Niven Trust	100 0 0
Church of Scotland	5 0 0
I. D. R. Jones, for Building Account	2 2 0
Presbyterian Church, Pietermaritzburg	2 2 3
Church of Scotland, per Dr. Aitken	12 0 0
W. J. Dunblane, Church of Scotland, per Dr. Stewart	1 0 0
Mrs. F. M. Noble	1 1 0
C. Munzhedzi	1 0 0
Georgenholtz Mission, per Mr. Johannsmeier	4 0 0
Tshakhuma Mission, per Mr. Johannsmeier	6 0 0
Miss H. Slater	5 0 0
Mr. W. Wolff	1 1 0
Rev. P. G. Gordon	1 1 0
Messrs. Dinwoodies	5 5 0
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Women's Association	3 3 0
Anonymous	1 0 0
	£154 5 3

Previously acknowledged:

1943	£250 12 6
1944	1,832 6 1
1945	3,533 19 11
1946	2,395 16 8
1947	2,936 12 10
	10,949 8 0

TOTAL	£11,103 13 3
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STATISTICS—1948

IN-PATIENTS :	Surgical :
In Hospital on 1st January, 1948 ... 49	Major operations ... 33
Admitted during 1948 1,173	Minor operations ... 284
Total treated in 1948 1,222	317
Discharged :	Obstetrical :
Cured 815	Confinements in hospital 188
Improved 226	Normal 173
No change 47	Instrumental ... 11
Died 62	Caesarean Section 4
In hospital on 31st December, 1948 72	
1,222	

OUT-PATIENTS :

	Individuals	Attendances
At the Hospital	2,068	5,144
At detached Clinics and on tour ...	4,074	6,931
	6,142	12,075

PATIENTS TREATED BY DISTRICT NURSES :

	Individuals	Attendances	Confinements
Beuster	439	1,520	9
Georgenholtz	280	1,182	—
Graham Dispensary, Sibasa ...	778	2,119	7
Rembander	588	1,725	—
Thengwe	671	2,453	7
Tshakhuma	1,283	5,717	16
TOTAL	4,039	14,716	39

The Donald Fraser Hospital, SIBASA,

BALANCE SHEET AT

LIABILITIES		
Church of Scotland	...	£1,263 10 0
Native Affairs Department :		
At Credit 1st January, 1948	...	£13,647 4 1
Add: Building and Equipment Grant	...	386 15 11
		14,034 0 0
Transvaal Provincial Administration :		
At Credit 1st January, 1948	...	11,684 0 0
Add: Building Grant	...	5,000 0 0
		16,684 0 0
Native Recruiting Corporation Ltd. Deferred Pay Board	...	400 0 0
Sundry Donations :		
At Credit 1st January, 1948	...	13,259 0 4
Add: Received during year	...	154 5 3
		13,413 5 7
Sundry Creditors for Capital Expenditure	...	212 7 6
		£46,007 3 1
Sundry Creditors :		
Open Accounts	...	335 13 9
District Surgeon's Account—Loan	...	450 0 0
		785 13 9
Revenue and Expenditure Account	...	438 3 10
		£47,231 0 8

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Donald Fraser Hospital and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Hospital according to the best of our knowledge and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Hospital at 31st December, 1948.

Pietersburg,
25th March, 1949.

APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT FOR

To Excess Expenditure over Revenue b/d	...	£261 19 1
„ Balance Carried to Balance Sheet	...	438 3 10
		£700 2 11

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ASSETS		
Buildings at Cost :		
At Debit 1st January, 1948	...	£29,234 10 7
Add: Additions during year	...	5,596 1 9
		£34,830 12 4
Furniture and Equipment at Cost :		
At Debit 1st January, 1948	...	5,875 2 9
Add: Additions during year	...	643 12 0
		6,518 14 9
Lighting Plant at Cost	...	1,405 19 10
Motor Lorry at Cost Less Depreciation	...	605 0 0
Cash—Capital Account :		
At Barclays Bank (D. C. & O.)	...	2,255 16 11
On Hand and Deposit	...	83 13 0
		2,339 9 11
Revenue and Expenditure Appropriation Account :		
At Debit 1st January, 1948	...	31 17 10
Add: Loan to Revenue Account Funds	...	250 0 0
Appropriated from Capital for Revenue Expenditure	...	25 8 5
		307 6 3
		£46,007 3 1
Motor Vehicles, Live and Rolling Stock	...	336 0 0
Depreciated Value	...	100 0 0
Stores and Stocks on Hand—Estimated	...	199 2 2
Sundry Debtors	...	199 2 2
Cash :		
Barclays Bank (D. C. & O.)	...	528 7 0
On Hand and Deposit	...	60 8 5
		588 15 5
		£47,231 0 8

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NEST, MENTZEL & CO.,
Chartered Accountants (S.A.).

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948

By Balance at 1st January, 1948	...	£424 14 6
„ Loan from Capital Account	...	250 0 0
„ Funds Appropriated from Capital Account	...	25 8 5
		£700 2 11

The Donald Fraser Hospital,

SIBASA,

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE		
To Provisions	...	£766 10 0
Groceries, Butter, Eggs, Milk, Meat, Fruit and Vegetables.		
„ Surgery and Dispensary :		
Drugs and Dressings	£811 4 9	
Instruments and Appliances	131 18 5	
	943 3 2	
„ Domestic :		
Bedding and Linen	272 11 9	
Hardware and Crockery	63 6 11	
Cleaning	78 18 5	
Fuel and Lighting	126 17 2	
	541 14 3	
„ Establishment :		
Repairs to Plant and Buildings	81 19 9	
Insurance	45 3 2	
	127 2 11	
„ Administrative :		
Salaries	137 16 8	
Printing and Stationery	121 6 0	
Posts, Telegrams and Telephone	21 13 5	
Travelling and Transport	348 10 1	
Audit Fee, 1948	31 10 0	
Railages	33 17 2	
Bank Charges	5 7	
Donation—Christian Council of S.A.	6 13 4	
Depreciation : Motor Vehicle 20%	51 0 0	
	752 12 3	
„ Salaries and Wages :		
Medical and Nursing	961 6 3	
Native Wages	336 17 0	
Cost of Living Allowance	598 16 2	
	1,896 17 5	
	£5,028 0 0	

Pietersburg,
25th March, 1949.

Church of Scotland Trust

NORTHERN TRANSVAAL

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948

REVENUE		
By Patients' Fees	...	£838 6 11
„ Grants and Donations :		
Public Health Department For Infectious Diseases	£403 4 0	
„ Transvaal Provincial Administration :		
General Revenue Grant	2,500 0 0	
Native Nurses	385 0 0	
„ Native Recruiting Corporation Ltd.—Deferred Pay Interest Fund	250 0 0	
„ Church of Scotland	317 10 0	
	3,855 14 0	
„ Profit on Sale of Ambulance		72 0 0
„ Excess of Expenditure over Revenue—Carried down		261 19 1
		£5,028 0 0

NEST, MENTZEL & CO.,
Chartered Accountants (S.A.).

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SIBASA, NORTHERN TRANSVAAL

PATIENTS' DAY STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED
31st DECEMBER, 1948

TOTAL PATIENT DAYS	21,775
NUMBER OF PATIENTS	1,222
AVERAGE DAYS STAY PER PATIENT	17.8
DAILY AVERAGE IN HOSPITAL	59
INCLUSIVE COST PER PATIENT PER DAY	...	4/7.418d.

Pietersburg,
25th March, 1949.

NEST, MENTZEL & CO.,
Chartered Accountants (S.A.).

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