

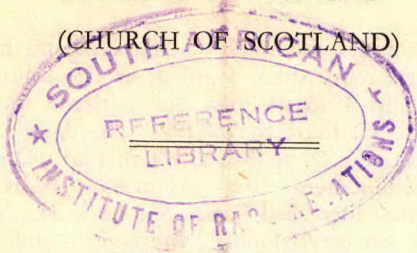
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# THE DONALD FRASER HOSPITAL

(CHURCH OF SCOTLAND)



## Report

and

## Balance Sheet

for years ended

31st DECEMBER, 1950 and 1951

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SIBASA

NORTHERN TRANSVAAL

# Medical Superintendent's Report

1950 and 1951

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## GENERAL :

In the last five years the work of this Hospital has been doubled, and in some respects more than doubled, as the following comparative figures will show. In 1946 we had 960 patients under treatment in hospital, whereas in 1951 there were 2,199. The daily average of patients in hospital increased from 56 in 1946 to 100 in 1951. Operations increased from 250 to 558, confinements from 138 to 432. Individual out-patients treated at the Hospital increased from 1,968 to 5,125. Yet I regret to say that there has been no corresponding increase in staff to cope with this extraordinary growth in the volume of our work. Indeed for nearly five months at the beginning of 1951 our staff was actually considerably less than it was in 1946, and it was only with the utmost difficulty that we were able to keep the Hospital open during those months. I was the only doctor at the Hospital during that time, and in addition to the work in the Hospital I had as District Surgeon to cope with a widespread and very virulent epidemic of smallpox throughout the district. We had one trained nurse on the staff and no secretary. However, we struggled through these difficult months and gradually help came, though even yet we are still seriously understaffed, by whatever standard is applied. One result of our difficulties during 1951 was that I was unable to produce a report for 1950 until so late in the year, that it seemed better to wait and combine this report with that for 1951.

Before leaving the matter of comparisons, it is worth noting that the average days' stay per patient has been reduced from 21.5 days in 1946 to 16.6 days in 1951, and that in spite of rising costs of food, drugs, and almost everything required for hospital maintenance, the inclusive cost per patient day has risen by only 1/- per day—from 5/1½ in 1946 to 6/1 in 1951.

As I have already mentioned, there was a serious outbreak of smallpox during 1950, which developed to epidemic proportions by the end of the year. The disease was of a virulent type and was the cause of many deaths. The epidemic finally died out early in 1951, after an extensive campaign of vaccination first by myself as District Surgeon and later by public vaccinators under the Health Department.

A very striking feature of these two years has been the almost complete disappearance of malaria, which was formerly endemic in this area, and usually became epidemic during the rainy season. This has

undoubtedly been due to the efforts of the Health Department. In the first four months of 1950 we had 31 patients suffering from malaria in hospital; in the same period in 1951 there were none at all.

On the other hand there was a small outbreak of typhoid fever towards the end of 1951, and several cases of this disease were treated in hospital. There was also an epidemic of rabies amongst dogs, and a number of patients suffering from dog-bites had to be admitted to hospital to receive preventive treatment against the development of this disease.

A disturbing feature in the last two years has been the increase in the number of cases of tuberculosis which we have been seeing. Up to the present, we have not had to deal with this on any large scale, but the indications are that we shall very soon have a serious problem on our hands, and that we should be planning now to provide suitable isolation wards to deal with it and with other infectious diseases.

### **WATER SUPPLY :**

The biggest single advance during these two years was the completion of the new water scheme for which we had waited so long. The provision of clear, clean water in abundance and under suitable pressure has been very welcome. We are deeply indebted to the staff of the Native Affairs Department for the assistance they so willingly and ably gave towards the erection of the necessary plant and reservoirs.

### **NURSING TRAINING :**

In February, 1950, we entered our first candidate for Part II of the Transvaal Provincial Certificate for Non-European Nursing Assistants and Midwives and she was successful in passing the examination. Three of our former nurses, who had already obtained their Hospital Certificate, returned for a further eighteen months' training in order to obtain the Provincial Certificate. In all, six of our nurses have now completed the course and passed the necessary examinations to qualify for this certificate. Of these, three are working in the Hospital as staff nurses and one at a district clinic attached to the Hospital. In the same period seven of our probationers have passed Part I of this course and are now working for Part II. At the end of 1951 we had thirty nurses in training.

### **GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S NATIONAL WAR FUND :**

Early in 1951 we were informed that the Committee of the above Fund was prepared to make a grant of £20,000 to the Hospital for capital expenditure, on certain conditions. The conditions were satisfied and in June we learnt that the award might be brought into effect. Plans have been prepared for the erection of new nurses' quarters, two staff houses and a much needed workshop and storerooms. Tenders were called for and by the end of 1951 we were able to sign a contract for the execution of the work. Meantime brickmaking was begun and many thousands of bricks were formed and burnt in preparation for the new buildings.

## **HOSPITAL BOARD :**

In 1950 Mr. J. Graham resigned from the Board, owing to his removal to Cape Town, and his place as the representative of the Transvaal Administration was taken by his brother, Mr. C. J. Graham. Certain amendments to the Constitution were finally approved, and this allowed for the enlargement of the Board by giving representation to the Sibasa Local Council, which appointed Councillor H. Makaukau, and by providing for the co-option of additional members. Mr. L. M. Durston accepted the Board's invitation to become a member at the beginning of 1951. It was with much regret that the Board received the resignation of the Chairman, Mr. P. Liefeldt, owing to his transfer to Johannesburg in August, 1951. During his period of office as Native Commissioner at Sibasa he had taken a deep interest in the work of the Hospital, and had always been ready to give any help he could.

In view of the developing work of the Hospital and particularly of the business connected with the new buildings it was felt that more frequent meetings of the Board were necessary, and throughout 1951 the Board met once a quarter. This helped to keep members in closer touch with the affairs of the Hospital, and it is recognised as desirable that these quarterly meetings should be continued.

## **DISTRICT CLINICS :**

During 1950 the Sibasa Local Council assumed responsibility for the maintenance of these clinics including the salaries of the nurses. This has proved a very satisfactory arrangement and had the immediate effect of providing a long overdue increase in the salaries of the nurses concerned. Arrangements have now been completed for the Local Council to take over the clinic buildings at Rembander, Sibasa and Thengwe, and to undertake full responsibility for the upkeep and furnishing. The clinics will continue to be visited regularly by the doctors from the Hospital.

## **STAFF :**

In the first half of 1950 we were in the fortunate position of having four doctors on the staff, including two interns. In 1951, as I have already mentioned, there was for a time only one doctor. Miss I. Thorstensen joined the staff on the 1st October, 1950, as a nursing sister, and was appointed Matron as from 1st May, 1951. During most of the time she has had to carry on her work without the assistance of any other sister. Miss E. Gordon was appointed Sister in charge of the Maternity Ward in November, 1951. The domestic work of the Hospital and the care of the nurses in their home has been the special concern of my wife and Miss I. McMahon.

In view of the work involved in supervising the new buildings, it was decided to appoint a clerk of works, and we were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. C. L. Tout as from 1st May, 1951.

Another new appointment was that of Mr. A. D. Mahatlane as office clerk as from 1st August, 1951.

In December, 1951, we were very happy to welcome back Dr. and Mrs. Pool after an absence of just over a year, during which they were relieving at Sulenkama. With their return we feel that the prospects for our work in 1952 have brightened very considerably.

Although they are not actually members of the Hospital Staff we have, nevertheless, greatly missed Rev. R. M. and Mrs. Fraser who left for their furlough in Scotland in July, 1951. They had both helped in various ways and we all share in the benefit of Mr. Fraser's ministry here. We look forward to their return during 1952.

I should like to take this opportunity to record my deep appreciation of the work accomplished by, and the help and loyalty of, every member of the staff, European and African, during a very difficult period in the life of the Hospital.

### **CONCLUSION :**

The above is a brief survey of the work of the Hospital during the last two years. We believe that it has been through the help and blessing of God that this ministry of healing and teaching has been maintained, and we go forward trusting in Him to make provision for its continuance in spite of all the difficulties and discouragements.

R. D. AITKEN, M.D.

## STATISTICS — 1950

IN-PATIENTS :			
In Hospital on 1st January, 1950 .. .. .	59	<b>Surgical :</b>	
Admitted during 1950	1,651	Major operations .. .. .	85
	<u>1,710</u>	Minor operations .. .. .	349
TOTAL TREATED .. .. .	<u>1,710</u>		<u>434</u>
<b>Discharged :</b>		<b>Obstetrical :</b>	
Cured .. .. .	1,320	Confinements in Hos-	
Improved .. .. .	151	pital .. .. .	359
Not Improved .. .. .	85	Normal .. .. .	333
Died .. .. .	70	Caesarean .. .. .	16
In Hospital at 31st Decem-		Instrumental .. .. .	10
ber, 1950 .. .. .	84		
	<u>1,710</u>		<u>359</u>
	<u>1,710</u>		<u>359</u>

### OUT-PATIENTS :

	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>Attendances</i>
At the Hospital .. .. .	5,010	11,098
On tour .. .. .	4,436	7,089
	<u>9,446</u>	<u>18,187</u>
	<u>9,446</u>	<u>18,187</u>

## STATISTICS — 1951

IN-PATIENTS :			
In Hospital on 1st January, 1951 .. .. .	84	<b>Surgical :</b>	
Admitted during 1951	2,115	Major operations .. .. .	114
	<u>2,199</u>	Minor operations .. .. .	444
TOTAL TREATED .. .. .	<u>2,199</u>		<u>558</u>
<b>Discharged :</b>		<b>Obstetrical :</b>	
Cured .. .. .	1,372	Confinements in Hos-	
Improved .. .. .	176	pital .. .. .	432
Not Improved .. .. .	69	Normal .. .. .	383
New-born Infants .. .. .	424	Caesarean .. .. .	17
Died .. .. .	60	Instrumental .. .. .	32
In Hospital at 31st Decem-			
ber, 1951 .. .. .	98		
	<u>2,199</u>		<u>432</u>
	<u>2,199</u>		<u>432</u>

### OUT-PATIENTS :

	<i>Individuals</i>	<i>Attendances</i>
At the Hospital .. .. .	5,125	10,113
On tour .. .. .	3,671	5,953
	<u>8,796</u>	<u>16,066</u>
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# The Donald Fraser Hospital,

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SIBASA, NORTHERN TRANSVAAL

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PATIENTS' DAY STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1950

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TOTAL PATIENT DAYS	29,574
NUMBER OF PATIENTS	1,710
AVERAGE DAYS STAY PER PATIENT	17·3
DAILY AVERAGE IN HOSPITAL	81
INCLUSIVE COST PER PATIENT DAY	6/5·6

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

Pietersburg,  
23rd February, 1951.

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PATIENTS' DAY STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED  
31st DECEMBER, 1951

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TOTAL PATIENT DAYS	36,532
NUMBER OF PATIENTS DURING YEAR	2,199
AVERAGE DAYS STAY PER PATIENT	16·6
DAILY AVERAGE IN HOSPITAL	100
INCLUSIVE COST PER PATIENT DAY	6/0·81

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

Pietersburg,  
28th February, 1952.

# The Donald Fraser Hospital,

SIBASA,

## BALANCE SHEET AT

LIABILITIES		
CHURCH OF SCOTLAND .. .. .		£1,263 10 0
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS .. .. .		14,034 0 0
TRANSSVAAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION .. .. .		21,684 0 0
DEFERRED PAY BOARD .. .. .		400 0 0
SUNDRY DONATIONS .. .. .		14,172 15 1
Balance, 1st January, 1950 .. .. .	£13,846 14 1	
Received during year .. .. .	326 1 0	
		£51,554 5 1
SUNDRY CREDITORS FOR REVENUE EXPENDITURE ..		469 7 1
BARCLAYS BANK (D. C. & O.) .. .. .		705 8 1
RESERVE FOR REPLACEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ..		600 0 0
		£53,329 0 3

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Donald Fraser Hospital the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state given to us and as shown by the books of the Hospital at 31st December, 1950.

Pietersburg,

23rd February, 1951.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION

To REPAYMENT OF LOAN FROM CAPITAL .. .. .	£20 12 0
„ RESERVE FOR REPLACEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ..	600 0 0
„ EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR .. .. .	443 1 8
	£1,063 13 8

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## 31st DECEMBER, 1950

ASSETS		
BUILDINGS AT COST .. .. .		£42,699 2 7
Balance, 1st January, 1950 .. .. .	£42,330 5 8	
Additions during year .. .. .	368 16 11	
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT AT COST .. .. .		6,599 1 2
PLANT AND MACHINERY AT COST .. .. .		1,759 14 1
Balance, 1st January, 1950 .. .. .	1,600 19 10	
Additions during year .. .. .	158 14 3	
MOTOR LORRY AT COST LESS DEPRECIATION .. .. .		
Balance, 1st January, 1950 .. .. .	484 0 0	
Less: Transferred to Revenue Account .. .. .	484 0 0	
CASH HELD ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT .. .. .		12 7 3
At Barclays Bank (D. C. & O.) .. .. .	7 17 3	
On Hand .. .. .	4 10 0	
REVENUE ACCOUNT .. .. .		484 0 0
At Debit, 1st January, 1950 .. .. .	20 12 0	
Less: Repaid by Revenue Account .. .. .	20 12 0	
Due to Capital Account for Lorry .. .. .	484 0 0	
		£51,554 5 1
MOTOR VEHICLES AT COST LESS DEPRECIATION ..		1,115 0 0
Ambulance .. .. .	728 0 0	
Motor Lorry .. .. .	387 0 0	
LIVESTOCK AT ESTIMATED VALUE .. .. .		75 0 0
STORES AND STOCKS ON HAND AT ESTIMATED VALUE		100 0 0
SUNDRY DEBTOR—DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH .. .. .		220 16 0
CASH ON HAND AND DEPOSIT .. .. .		51 4 6
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION		212 14 8
ACCOUNT AT DEBIT .. .. .		£53,329 0 3

and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion of the affairs of the Hospital, according to the best of our knowledge and the explanations

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

## ACCOUNT — 31st DECEMBER, 1950

By BALANCE, 1st JANUARY, 1950 .. .. .	£366 19 0
„ DUE TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT FOR LORRY .. .. .	484 0 0
„ BALANCE AT DEBIT, 31st DECEMBER, 1950 .. .. .	212 14 8
	£1,063 13 8



# The Donald Fraser Hospital,

SIBASA,

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE		
To DOMESTIC EXPENSES		£2,609 4 11
Catering and Provisions	£982 5 0	
Bedding and Linen	711 14 0	
Hardware and Crockery	148 8 0	
Laundry and Cleaning	89 9 6	
Fuel and Lighting	301 17 4	
Salaries	375 11 1	
„ SURGERY AND DISPENSARY EXPENSES		1,756 18 10
Drugs and Dressings	1,363 4 8	
Instruments and Appliances	337 12 9	
X-Ray Materials	56 1 5	
„ ESTABLISHMENT EXPENSES		360 6 8
Repairs to Plant and Buildings	205 13 8	
Replacements of Furniture and Equipment	72 2 1	
Grounds and Roads	42 3 8	
Insurance	40 7 3	
„ ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES		1,134 16 10
Audit Fee, 1950	31 10 0	
Bank Charges	23 3 3	
Depreciation—Motor Vehicles	279 0 0	
Postages, Telegrams and Telephone	32 9 11	
Printing and Stationery	127 16 0	
Railages	14 9 11	
Subscription—Christian Council	6 13 4	
Salaries	90 3 9	
Travelling and Transport	516 8 6	
Film Hire	13 2 2	
„ SALARIES AND WAGES		3,697 14 4
Medical and Nursing	2,688 4 11	
Native Wages	1,009 9 5	
		£9,559 1 7

Pietersburg,  
23rd February, 1951.

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## FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1950

REVENUE		
By PATIENTS' FEES		£274 12 6
„ GRANTS AND DONATIONS		8,791 7 5
Department of Health For Infectious Diseases.	£699 14 0	
Transvaal Provincial Administration:		
General Revenue Grant	6,000 0 0	
Adjustment in respect of Fiscal Year ended 31st March, 1950	750 0 0	
Training of Native Nurses	575 0 0	
Deferred Pay Board	250 0 0	
Church of Scotland	516 13 5	
„ ADDITIONAL TRADE-IN ALLOWANCE ON OLD AMBULANCE		50 0 0
„ EXCESS EXPENDITURE OVER REVENUE FOR YEAR		443 1 8
		£9,559 1 7

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

# The Donald Fraser Hospital,

SIBASA,

## BALANCE SHEET AT

LIABILITIES		
THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND .. . . .		£1,263 10 0
DEPARTMENT OF NATIVE AFFAIRS .. . . .		14,034 0 0
TRANSVAAL PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATION .. . . .		21,684 0 0
DEFERRED PAY BOARD .. . . .		400 0 0
SUNDRY DONATIONS .. . . .		15,297 0 1
Balance, 1st January, 1951 .. . . .	£14,172 15 1	
Received during year .. . . .	1,124 5 0	
REVENUE ACCOUNT .. . . .		241 0 0
Transfer from Revenue Account .. . . .	725 0 0	
Balance at Debit, 1st January, 1951 .. . . .	484 0 0	
		£52,919 10 1
SUNDRY CREDITORS FOR REVENUE EXPENDITURE ..		888 18 4
BARCLAYS BANK (D. C. & O.) .. . . .		1,428 6 7
RESERVE FOR REPLACEMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ..		600 0 0
		£55,836 15 0

We have examined the books, accounts and vouchers of the Donald Fraser Hospital the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to show a true and correct view of the state given to us and as shown by the books of the Hospital at 31st December, 1951.  
Pietersburg,  
28th February, 1952.

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION

To BALANCE, 1st JANUARY, 1951 .. . . .	£212 14 8
„ TRANSFER TO CAPITAL ACCOUNT .. . . . For Purchase of New Lorry.	725 0 0
„ EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR .. . . .	704 7 3
	£1,642 1 11

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## 31st DECEMBER, 1951

ASSETS		
BUILDINGS AT COST .. . . .		£43,238 10 11
Balance, 1st January, 1951 .. . . .	£42,699 2 7	
Additions during year .. . . .	539 8 4	
FURNITURE AND EQUIPMENT AT COST .. . . .		6,599 1 2
PLANT AND MACHINERY AT COST .. . . .		1,759 14 1
CASH HELD ON CAPITAL ACCOUNT .. . . . At Barclays Bank (D. C. & O.)		1,322 3 11
		£52,919 10 1
MOTOR VEHICLES AT COST LESS DEPRECIATION ..		892 0 0
Ambulance .. . . .	582 0 0	
Lorry .. . . .	310 0 0	
LIVESTOCK AT ESTIMATED VALUE .. . . .		61 0 0
STORES AND STOCKS ON HAND AT ESTIMATED VALUE		100 0 0
SUNDRY DEBTORS .. . . . Department of Health.		204 0 0
CASH ON HAND AND DEPOSIT .. . . .		18 3 0
REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT AT DEBIT .. . . .		1,642 1 11
		£55,836 15 0

and have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion of the affairs of the Hospital, according to the best of our knowledge and the explanations

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

## ACCOUNT — 31st DECEMBER, 1951

By BALANCE AT DEBIT, 31st DECEMBER, 1951 .. . . .	£1,642 1 11
	£1,642 1 11

# The Donald Fraser Hospital, SIBASA,

## REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE		
To PROVISIONS .....		£1,298 0 10
Meat .....	£336 11 5	
Butter .....	56 14 10	
Milk .....	200 4 11	
Groceries .....	647 12 1	
Fruit and Vegetables .....	162 10 1	
	<u>1,403 13 4</u>	
Less: Recovered from Staff for Board .....	105 12 6	
„ SURGERY AND DISPENSARY .....		1,921 7 9
Medicines and Disinfectants .....	1,108 5 8	
Bandages and Dressings .....	393 15 11	
Gloves and Rubber Goods .....	16 12 4	
Instruments and Appliances .....	247 7 1	
Analysis and Bacteriology .....	37 13 0	
Sundries .....	88 12 7	
X-Ray Materials .....	29 1 2	
„ DOMESTIC .....		1,437 1 1
Replacement of Furniture .....	12 1 6	
Bedding and Linen .....	535 16 6	
Hardware and Crockery .....	169 1 3	
Fuel and Lighting .....	397 5 5	
Uniforms .....	194 5 4	
Laundry and Cleaning .....	128 11 1	
„ ESTABLISHMENT .....		321 8 11
Repairs to Plant and Buildings .....	241 0 1	
Rent .....	32 0 0	
Grounds and Gardens .....	48 8 10	
„ SALARIES AND WAGES .....		4,647 17 3
Medical .....	1,419 2 2	
Nursing—European .....	434 15 5	
Non-European .....	1,051 8 1	
Domestic .....	372 11 5	
Administrative .....	375 2 4	
Non-European .....	994 17 10	
„ MISCELLANEOUS .....		982 19 2
Transport and Travelling .....	750 11 11	
Postages, Telegrams and Telephones .....	34 7 8	
Insurance .....	147 5 10	
Railages .....	44 11 5	
Film Hire .....	6 2 4	
„ ADMINISTRATION .....		383 11 4
Audit Fee and Expenses .....	43 17 6	
Bank Charges .....	33 15 0	
Depreciation—Motor Vehicles .....	223 0 0	
Printing and Stationery .....	82 18 10	
„ EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE — NON-RECURRENT		90 0 0
New Refrigerator purchased.		
		<u>£11,082 6 4</u>

Pietersburg,  
28th February, 1952.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1951

REVENUE		
By PATIENTS' FEES .....		£255 1 7
„ GRANTS AND DONATIONS .....		10,122 17 6
Department of Health .....	£675 18 0	
For Infectious Diseases.		
Transvaal Provincial Administration:		
General Revenue Grant .....	8,077 10 0	
Training of Native Nurses .....	575 0 0	
Deferred Pay Board .....	250 0 0	
Church of Scotland .....	544 9 6	
„ EXCESS EXPENDITURE FOR YEAR .....		704 7 3

£11,082 6 4

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