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THE  
FORTY-FOURTH  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
GENERAL INFIRMARY,  
BEDFORD,

*From the 24th of June, 1846, to the 24th of June, 1847.*

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ALSO AN  
ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS  
IN REFERENCE TO THE  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A FEVER HOSPITAL,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE INFIRMARY.

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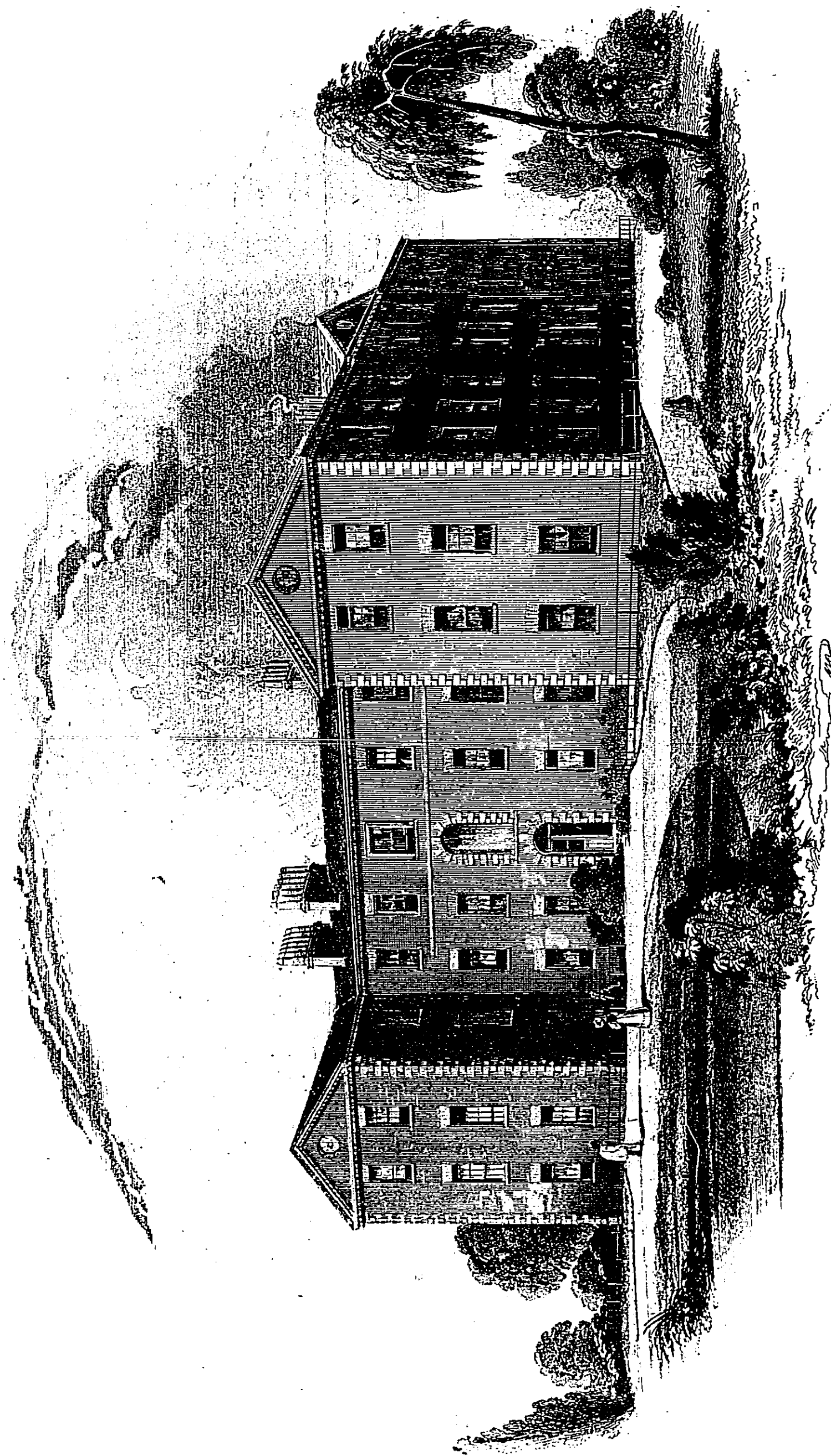
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FORMAN AND LAURENCE,  
1847.

*The recommendatory Letters for Patients will be found in the pocket in the cover of the Report.*

*If required, more recommendatory Letters will be furnished by the Secretary at the Infirmary, to those Governors whose amount of Donations or Subscriptions entitle them to the same.*

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Officers of the Institution.

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Grand-Visitor:

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF BEDFORD, K.G.

Perpetual-President:

WILLIAM HENRY WHITBREAD, Esq.

Trustees:

HIS GRACE THE DUKE OF BEDFORD.  
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL DE GREY.  
WILLIAM HENRY WHITBREAD, Esq.  
FRANCIS PYM, Esq.

Treasurer:

1825.—THOMAS BARNARD, Esq.

Chaplain:

1841.—THE REV. EDWARD SWANN, M.A.

Physicians:

1832.—GEORGE WITT, Esq., M.D., F.R.S.  
1847.—GEORGE DIXON HEDLEY, Esq., M.D.

Surgeons:

1832.—JOHN HARRIS, Esq.; ISAAC HURST, Esq.

House-Surgeon & Secretary:

1846.—MR. GEORGE YATES.

Matron:

1821.—MRS. LLEWELYN.

Clerk:

1843.—MR. SAMUEL WING.

Dispenser:

1846.—MR. JOHN COX.

## GENERAL NOTICES.

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### *Government of the Infirmary.*

This is vested in the Grand-Visitor, the Perpetual-President, and the body of Governors.

### *Qualification of Governors.*

Every Benefactor of Twenty Guineas or upwards at one payment, is a Governor for life.

Every Subscriber of Two Guineas or upwards, annually, is a Governor during payment.

### *Meetings.*

A General Court of Governors is held on the first Monday in August every year, when a Report of the state of the Infirmary, with an Abstract of the Accounts for the past year is laid before them; which Report is afterwards printed and published for the satisfaction of the Subscribers.

A Monthly Board of Governors is held at the Infirmary on the first Monday in every month, at twelve o'clock, to examine and pass the accounts of the preceding month, and to transact such other business as may be laid before them.

### *Election of Officers, &c.*

All Elections are made by ballot, fifteen Governors at least being present; and are decided by the majority.

No new Governor is allowed to vote in any business respecting the Infirmary, until six months after the payment of his or her first Subscription or Benefaction. Nor is any Governor (by annual Subscription) allowed to vote, whose Subscription shall be in arrear.

Ladies only are entitled to vote by proxy, and the signature of the proxy must be in the Lady's own hand-writing.

#### *Subscriptions.*

The Annual Subscriptions are paid in advance on or before the 24th of June, which day is considered as the commencement of each year's receipt and expenditure; after which every Subscription remaining unpaid is entered as an arrear, and if left unpaid at the following Audit, is published in the Annual Report, for the information of those Subscribers, who through inadvertency may have omitted to pay their Subscriptions.

#### *Privileges of Subscribers to recommend Patients.*

No Subscriber of less than Two Guineas annually can recommend an In-patient.

Every Subscriber of one Guinea annually, or Benefactor of Ten Guineas at one payment, is entitled to recommend three Out-patients within the year.

Every Subscriber of Two Guineas annually, or Benefactor of Twenty Guineas at one payment, is entitled to recommend one In-patient and four Out-patients; or two In-patients; or eight Out-patients.

Annual Subscribers of more than Two Guineas, and Benefactors of more than Twenty Guineas, are respectively entitled to recommend Patients in proportion to the amount of their Subscriptions or Benefactions, according to the scale adopted above.

The chief of any Body Corporate, the Overseers or Guardians of any Parish, or the person presiding in any Society subscribing an annual sum, are entitled to the same right of recommending Patients as other Annual Subscribers of the same sum.

Every Subscriber or Benefactor has the power of deputing any other Governor to recommend Patients, according to the form in the Appendix to the Rules.

#### *Form of the Letter of Recommendation.*

*Governors are earnestly requested to enquire into the circumstances of the Patients whom they may desire to recommend, and to insert their occupation or station in life, in order to prevent the admission of those whose circumstances do not entitle them to the benefit of this Charity.*

*To the Governors of the General Infirmary, Bedford.*

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Gentlemen,

I desire that you will admit to the benefit of the Infirmary, if a proper object of the Charity, as regards the disease, being convinced is so as to circumstances, the bearer of the parish of and you will oblige, in the county of to be an Patient,

Age,.....

Occupation.....

How long ill, ..

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

The Patient must attend with this letter on a Saturday or Wednesday, at the hour of eleven precisely.

In-patients must be provided with a proper change of linen; and one guinea must be deposited with the Secretary to defray the expense of washing, &c., the balance to be returned on the discharge of such patient.

Out-patients must be provided with a quart bottle on application to the Infirmary for medicines.

N.B. Printed forms of the above letters of recommendation may be had by application to the Secretary.

#### *Attendance of the Medical-Officers.*

The Physicians and Surgeons attend at the Infirmary on every Wednesday and Saturday mornings at eleven o'clock, to receive Patients.

No Patients are admitted at any other time, except in cases of accident or emergency, who are admitted at any hour of the day or night, without a letter of recommendation.

#### *Attendance of the Chaplain.*

The Chaplain attends and performs divine service on every Sunday and Thursday, and on such other occasions as the Patients may require his attention.



*Form of leaving a Legacy to the Infirmary.*

I give and bequeath unto the Treasurer, for the use of the Bedford General Infirmary, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ lawful money of Great Britain, to be paid exclusively out of my personal estate. And I desire that the same be paid within \_\_\_\_\_ calendar months next after my disease, to the Treasurer for the time being of the said Infirmary, whose receipt shall be a good discharge for the same.

N.B. Vaccination is performed *gratis* at the Infirmary on the first Wednesday in every month throughout the year, on all persons considered objects of the Institution who may apply; each applicant being furnished with a letter from the Minister, Churchwarden, or Overseer of the Parish in which he or she resides, or from a Governor, specifying that he or she will return to the Infirmary at such time as the Vaccinator shall direct; and it is requested that the Minister, Churchwarden, Overseer, or Governor, giving such letter, will facilitate such attendance, in order that it may be ascertained that the Vaccination has taken proper effect.

*Baths and Electrical Machine.*

Persons, not Patients of the Infirmary, are allowed the use of the Electrical Machine and Baths, distinct from those in general use, on the following terms:—

Hot-water bath . . . 3s. 6d.	Steam bath . . . 2s. 6d.
Vapour ditto . . . 3s. 6d.	Shower ditto . . . 1s. 6d.

For the use of the Electrical Machine, 1s.

An Apparatus for the recovery of Persons apparently drowned or suffocated, &c., may be had by application at the Infirmary, and at the Post Office at the foot of the Bridge.

Alms Boxes are placed in convenient places in the Infirmary, and at the Swan Inn, Bedford, for the purpose of receiving the contributions of the benevolent in aid of the Institution.

Copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Infirmary, as lately revised, may be had on application to the Secretary at the Infirmary, on payment of 1s. each.

*The Governors earnestly request such Gentlemen and Clergymen as approve of this Institution, to explain the nature and utility of it to their neighbours, and to promote Subscriptions to the annual support of the Charity.*

LIST OF THE GOVERNORS FOR LIFE.

*Every donor of twenty guineas and upwards at one payment is a Governor for life. Those marked thus \* are new Benefactors; those marked B are Subscribers and Benefactors; those marked † have increased their Benefactions.*

	£	s.
Addington, Miss, <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0
B†Alford, Right Hon. Viscount, M.P., <i>Belgrave Sq., London</i> ...	110	0
B Alington, the Rev. John, M.A., <i>Little-Barford, St. Neots</i> ...	105	5
B†Barnard, Thomas, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....	81	0
B Barnett, Charles James, Esq., <i>Tetworth-Hall, Biggleswade</i> ...	22	0
Barnett, George Henry, Esq., <i>62, Lombard Street, London</i> ...	22	0
B*Bassett, John Dollin, Esq., <i>Leighton-Buzzard</i> .....	25	0
B†Bedford, His Grace Francis, Duke of, K.G. <i>Woburn-Abbey</i> ...	2330	0
* Bedford, Her Grace the Duchess of ..... <i>Ditto</i> .....	100	0
Bedford, Her Grace the Dowager Duchess of, <i>Camden-Hill</i> .	52	10
*Blower, William, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0
Booth, Philip, Esq., <i>Milton-Hall</i> .....	31	0
B*Bolding, John, Esq., <i>Scots-Yard, London</i> .....	21	0
B Brightman, Miss Sophia, <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0
Brooks, John Thomas, Esq., <i>Flitwick-House, Ampthill</i> .....	21	0
Browne, Joseph, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0
Browne, William Kenworthy, Esq., <i>Goldington-Hall</i> .....	31	10
*Browne, Mrs. W. K. .... <i>Ditto</i> .....	25	0
*Brandreth, Humphrey, Esq., <i>Houghton-House, Dunstable</i> ...	50	0
B Burgoyne, Sir John Montagu, Bart., <i>Sutton-Park, Biggleswade</i>	21	0
Burr, Mr. James, <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0
B*Buckworth, Lady Payne, <i>Sandy-Place, Biggleswade</i> .....	25	0
B†Bute, Most Noble the Marquess of, <i>Mount-Stuart, Rothsay, N.B.</i>	155	0
B*Byng, the Right Hon. George Stevens, M.P., <i>Cople-House</i> ...	25	0
*Campion, the Rev. John William Coventry, M.A., <i>Westoning-Manor, Ampthill</i> .....	21	0
*Chapman, Mrs., <i>Potter-Street, Bedford</i> .....	21	0
Cooper, William Dodge Cooper, Esq., <i>Manor-House, Toddington, Dunstable</i> .....	50	0
Cooper, George Henry, Esq., <i>Clifton, Shefford</i> .....	21	0
Craven, Miss Caroline, <i>Stamford-Hill, London</i> .....	21	0
B Crawley, Samuel, Esq., <i>Stockwood-Park, Luton</i> .....	50	0
Cripps, William, Esq., <i>Newport-Pagnel</i> .....	21	0
†Cullum, the Rev. Sir Thomas Gery, Bart., M.A., <i>Hardwicke-House, Bury St. Edmunds</i> .....	46	0
B†Cust, the Hon. and Rev. Henry Cockayne, M.A., <i>Cockayne-Hutley, Biggleswade</i> .....	77	0

GOVERNORS FOR LIFE (continued.)		£	s.
	Dartmouth, the Right Hon. William, Earl of, <i>Olney</i> .....	21	0
	Davies, Captain Thomas, B.A., <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0
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B†	Dawson, John Thomas, Esq., <i>The Woodlands, Clapham</i> .....	21	0
*	Dawson, Mrs. W. M., <i>Bedford</i> .....	25	0
*	Day, Francis, Esq., <i>The Priory, St. Neots</i> .....	21	0
*	Day, Thomas, Esq., <i>Wornditch-House, Kimbolton</i> .....	21	0
B†	De Grey, Right Hon. Thomas Philip, Earl, K.G., <i>Wrest-Park</i> .....	300	0
B*	Dixon, Lieut.-Col. John, Grenadier-Guards, <i>Kempston-Grange</i> .....	25	0
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	Elger, John, Esq., <i>Putney-Heath, Surrey</i> .....	25	0
*	Elger, Isaac, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....		
B*	Ely, the Right Rev. Thomas Turton, D.D., Lord Bishop of, <i>The Palace, Ely</i> .....	21	0
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†	Forbes, Lannöy Henry, Esq., <i>Hardingstone, Northampton</i> ..	30	5
B*	Foster, Blyth, Esq., <i>Biggleswade</i> .....	26	5
	Foster, John Nathaniel, Esq., <i>St. Andrews, Biggleswade</i> .....	21	0
*	Foster, Mrs. J. N. .... Ditto .....	25	0
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	31 10		
†	Gardner, William Wells, Esq., <i>Shortmead, Biggleswade</i> .....	26	5
	Gery, Rev. Robert Wade, M.A., <i>Colmworth-Rectory, St. Neots</i> .....	31	10
†	Gery, Miss Wade, <i>Bushmead-Priory, St. Neots</i> .....	21	0
B	Gibbard, John, Esq., <i>Sharnbrook</i> .....	21	0
	Goodhall, Henry Edmund, Esq., <i>Biggin-Hill, Norwood, Surrey</i> .....	25	0
*	Grant, Mrs., <i>Leighton-Buzzard</i> .....	21	0
	Green, John, Esq., <i>Woburn</i> .....	21	0
*	Green, Mrs. Thomas Abbott, <i>Pavenham-Bury</i> .....	21	0
	Gregory, Abram Edward, Esq., <i>Château-Moulineaux, près Boulogne-sur-Mer</i> .....	46	0
†	Grimshawe, the Rev. Thomas Shuttleworth, M.A., <i>Biddenham</i> .....	100	10
*	Grimshawe, Charles Livius, Esq. .... Ditto .....	25	0
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†	Harris, John, Esq., <i>Springfield, Bedford</i> .....	21	0
B*	Harter, the Rev. George Gardner, M.A., <i>Cranfield, Woburn</i> .....	25	0
B*	Harvey, John, Esq., <i>Ickwell-Bury, Biggleswade</i> .....	21	0
*	Hedley, George Dixon, Esq., M.D., <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0
*	Hedley, the Rev. William, M.A., <i>University-College, Oxford</i> ..	21	0
*	Hedley, Thomas, Esq., M.A., <i>Trinity-College, Cambridge</i> .....	100	0
	Hibbert, Robert, Esq., 13, <i>Welbeck-Street, London</i> .....	110	0
B†	Higgins, Thomas Charles, Esq., <i>Turvey-House, Newport-Pag.</i> ..	77	10
B†	Higgins, William Bartholomew, Esq., <i>Picts-Hill, Turvey</i> ..	26	5
B*	Higgins, Charles Longuet, Esq., <i>Turvey-Abbey</i> .....	21	0
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	Jackson, Thomas, Esq., <i>Commercial-Road, Pimlico</i> .....	30	0
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	Lincoln, the Right Rev. John Kaye, D.D., Lord Bishop of, <i>Willingham-House, Market-Rasen</i> .....	41	0
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*	Pearse, Miss Lucy .... Ditto .....	21	0
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B*Sharman, Alexander, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0	
*Sharman, Mrs. .... <i>Ditto</i> .....	21	0	
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B†Smith, Miss Ann Hopkins, <i>Olney</i> .....	75	0	
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B†Stuart, William, Esq., <i>Aldenham-Abbey, Watford</i> .....	102	10	
B*Stuart, Henry, Esq., M.P., <i>Kempston</i> .....	50	0	
Suteliffe, William, Esq., <i>Great-Bramingham, and Bath</i> .....	21	0	
Swabey, William, Esq., <i>Prince-Edward's Island</i> .....	21	0	
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Thackeray, Martin, Esq., 88, <i>Gloucester-Place, London</i> .....	21	0	
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†Thornton, Stephen, Esq., <i>Moggerhanger-House</i> .....	107	0	
B*Thornton, Colonel Godfrey, Grenadier-Guards, <i>Ditto</i> .....	25	0	
B*Thornton, Harry, Esq., <i>Turvey-Cottage, Newport-Pagnel</i> .....	30	0	
*Thurnall, William, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....	30	0	
B†Trevor, the Misses, <i>Tingrith-House, Woburn</i> .....	30	0	
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B†Whitbread, William Henry, Esq., <i>Southill, Biggleswade</i> .....	345	0	
B*Whitbread, Mrs. .... <i>Ditto</i> .....	50	0	
B Whitbread, Samuel Charles, Esq., <i>Cardington-House</i> .....	22	2	
*Whitbread, Miss Gertrude .... <i>Ditto</i> .....	21	0	
Williamson, Miss, <i>Kempston-Manor-House</i> .....	21	0	
*Witt, George, Esq., M.D., F.R.S., <i>Bedford</i> .....	25	0	
B Wooldridge, Thomas, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....	21	0	



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B Alford, Right Hon. Viscount, M.P., <i>Belgrave-Sq., London</i> ..	6	6	
*Ames, Lionel, Esq., <i>East-Hyde, St. Albans</i> .....	4	4	
B Alington, the Rev. John, M.A., <i>Little-Barford, St. Neots</i> ...	2	2	
†Allen, Messrs. George and Co., <i>Ampthill</i> ...from £1 1s. to	2	2	
Alliott, the Rev. William, <i>Bedford</i> .....	2	2	
Argles, Edward, Esq., <i>Biggleswade</i> .....	2	2	
Ashfield, Arthur, Esq., <i>Leighton-Buzzard</i> .....	2	2	
Ashwell, Mr. Edward, <i>Eversholt, Woburn</i> .....	2	2	
Astell, Lieut.-Colonel Richard William, Grenadier-Guards, <i>Everton-House, Biggleswade</i> .....	2	2	
Astell, John Harvey, Esq., <i>Ditto</i> .....	2	2	
Anthony, Mr. Jacob, <i>Bedford</i> .....	1	1	
B Bedford, His Grace, Francis, Duke of, K.G., <i>Woburn-Abbey</i>	50	0	
B Bedford, Her Grace, the Duchess of ..... <i>Ditto</i> .....	10	0	
B Bute, Most Noble the Marquess of, <i>Mount-Stuart, Rothsay</i>	10	10	
Brereton, the Rev. John, D.C.L., F.S.A., <i>Bedford</i> .....	5	5	
Boswell, Thos. Alex., Esq., <i>Crawley-Grange, Newport-Pagnel</i>	5	0	
†Bridges, the Rev. Brook Edward, M.A., <i>Hawnes-Vicarage,</i> <i>Ampthill</i> .....	4	4	
B Barnard, Thomas, Esq., <i>Bedford</i> .....	3	3	
Barnard, Mrs. .... <i>Ditto</i> .....	2	2	
B Bassett, John Dollin, Esq., <i>Leighton-Buzzard</i> .....	3	3	
Beard, the Rev. James, M.A., <i>Goldington</i> .....	3	3	
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1809 By the Rev. Richard Whittingham, Vicar of Potton .....	137	4	1

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1810	By the Rev. Abr. John Crespin, M.A., Vicar of Renhold	77	16	10
1811	By the Rev. R. P. Beachcroft, M.A., Rector of Blonham	130	2	3
1812	By the Rev. Edw. Maltby, D.D., Prebend of Lincoln	144	6	6
1813	By the Venerable Samuel Vince, A.M., F.R.S., Archdeacon of Bedford	55	8	6
1814	By the Rev. Tho. Bedford, A.M., Vicar of Wilshamstead	102	14	6
1815	By the Rev. Leigh Richmond, A.M., Rector of Turvey	81	4	0
1816	By the Rev. F. Randolph, D.D.	133	4	3
1817	By the Rev. James Reid, B.D., Rector of Eversholt	126	1	3
1818	By the Rev. Fred. Hervey Neve, M.A., Vicar of Warden	123	10	8
1819	By the Rev. W. Wollaston Pym, M.A., Vicar of Willian	121	17	10
1820	By the Rev. T. S. Grimshawe, M.A., Vicar of Biddenham	146	7	4
1821	By the Rev. J. T. James, M.A., Vicar of Flitton	129	12	10
1822	By the Rev. Edward Maltby, D.D., Vicar of Buckden	145	9	8
1823	By the Venerable Henry Kaye Bonney, D.D., Archdeacon of Bedford	110	17	1
1824	By the Rev. Edmund Burke Lewis, M.A., Rector of Toddington	125	16	1
1825	By the Rev. James Donne, B.D., Vicar of St. Paul's, Bedford	126	17	6
1826	By the Rev. Robert Moore, D.D., Vicar of Thurleigh	84	0	0
1827	By the Rev. John Vaux Moore, M.A., Vicar of Wilden	105	19	0
1828	By the Right Rev. John Kaye, D.D., Lord Bishop of Lincoln	148	17	11
1829	By the Rev. Thomas Barber, B.D., Rector of Houghton-Conquest	105	15	2
1830	By the Rev. John Brereton, D.C.L., Head Master of the Bedford School	116	11	6
1831	By the Rev. George Hull Bowers, B.D., Incumbent of Elstowe	114	15	0
1832	By the Rev. Henry Wellesley, M.A., Vicar of Flitton	115	5	2
1833	By the Rev. the Lord Wriothlesley Russell, M.A., Rector of Chenies	125	1	0
1834	By the Rev. Jacob Henry Brooke Mountain, M.A., Rector of Blonham	114	3	0
1835	By the Rev. James Beard, M.A., Rector of Cranfield	114	10	0
1836	By the Rev. Henry Hutton, M.A., Vicar of Woburn	125	3	8
1837	By the Rev. Hy. Howarth, B.D., Rector of Meppershall	120	19	0
1838	By the Rev. John Taddy, M.A., Incumbent of Northill	108	3	1
1839	By the Right Rev. Jos. Allen, D.D., Lord Bishop of Ely	131	4	11
1840	By the Rev. Jas. Jos. Goodall, M.A., Vicar of Bromham	88	9	1
1841	By the Rev. Wm. Shove Chalk, M.A., Vicar of Wilden	128	6	10
1842	By the Rev. Charles Ward, M.A., Rector of Maulden	166	7	8
1843	By the Rev. Wm. Woll. Pym, M.A., Vicar of Willian	125	4	5
1844	By the Rev. Thos. Tylecote, B.D., Rector of Marston	112	8	9
1845	By the Rev. Henry John Rose, B.D., Rector of Houghton-Conquest	110	14	6
1846	By the Rev. Jos. Douton, M.A., Vicar of Biggleswade	125	13	7
1847	By the Rev. Chas. Colyear Beaty-Pownall, M.A., Vicar of Milton-Ernest	90	17	6

## ACCOUNT OF THE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

FROM THE OPENING OF THE INSTITUTION.

£		s.	
1803	56	14	
1804	497	14	
1805	402	19	
1806	508	4	
1807	557	11	
1808	759	1	
1809	819	4	
1810	836	18	
1811	857	18	
1812	864	4	
1813	920	8	
1814	928	5	
1815	884	3	
1816	854	15	
1817	866	6	
1818	894	3	
1819	905	14	
1820	903	12	
1821	905	14	
1822	909	18	
1823	918	6	
1824	921	4	
1825	955	0	
1826	1296	1	
1827	1294	4	
1828	1302	12	
1829	1404	15	
1830	1488	9	
1831	1517	14	
1832	1484	10	
1833	1462	3	
1834	1433	19	
1835	1396	2	
1836	1326	10	
1837	1330	3	
1838	1302	18	
1839	1301	0	
1840	1280	17	
1841	1269	6	
1842	1353	2	
1843	1139	12	
1844	1296	6	
1845	1290	10	
1846	1214	4	
1847	1324	2	

Amount of subscriptions for the year 1846 ..... £1214 4  
 Deduct loss by deaths, removals, &c., during the year 98 19

1115 5  
 Add by new subscriptions for 1847 ..... 153 12  
 „ increased subscriptions, ditto ..... 55 5  
 208 17  
 £1324 2



### A GENERAL STATEMENT OF PATIENTS,

FROM THE OPENING OF THE INFIRMARY, AUGUST 13, 1803.

Year	In Patients	Out Patients	Total	Year	In Patients	Out Patients	Total
1804	31	59	90	1826	208	629	837
1805	94	34	128	1827	251	1187	1438
1806	143	49	192	1828	245	1199	1444
1807	148	47	195	1829	300	1021	1321
1808	178	127	305	1830	438	841	1279
1809	162	111	273	1831	501	832	1333
1810	178	103	281	1832	624	1002	1626
1811	177	90	267	1833	600	810	1410
1812	169	134	303	1834	609	979	1588
1813	172	177	349	1835	588	940	1528
1814	131	109	240	1836	605	1107	1712
1815	119	171	290	1837	630	974	1605
1816	140	216	356	1838	687	1085	1772
1817	175	173	348	1839	719	1214	1933
1818	156	179	335	1840	681	1226	1907
1819	172	260	432	1841	714	1195	1909
1820	167	296	463	1842	768	1096	1864
1821	169	344	513	1843	747	1063	1810
1822	196	444	640	1844	822	1190	2012
1823	205	571	776	1845	827	1195	2022
1824	217	529	746	1846	806	1275	2081
1825	218	552	770	1847	865	1398	2263

A STATEMENT OF PATIENTS FOR THE LAST YEAR, COMMENCING JUNE 24, 1846, AND ENDING JUNE 24, 1847.

IN-PATIENTS.

In the house, June 24th, 1846	81
Admitted since	784
	<hr/> 865
Discharged cured	451
" relieved	273
" not relieved	14
" irregular	7
" dead	36
In the house	84
	<hr/> 865

Daily average of In-patients ...90

OUT-PATIENTS.

On the books June 24th, 1846	312
Admitted since	1086
	<hr/> 1398
Discharged	1025
On the books	373
	<hr/> 1398

### COLLECTIONS, DONATIONS, LEGACIES &c.,

RECEIVED DURING THE LAST YEAR.

COLLECTIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Anniversary Sermon at St. Paul's Church, Bedford, by the Rev. Chas. C. Beaty-Pownall, M.A.	91	3	9			
Church collection at Carlton, by the Rev. Benjamin Maturin, M.A.	5	0	0			
				<hr/>	96	3 9

DONATIONS.

A Friend	5	0	0			
John Palmer, Esq., Goldington	21	0	0			
George Higgins, Esq., Bedford	21	0	0			
Mr. Charles Higgins, jun., Bedford	21	0	0			
A Friend, per Mrs. Llewelyn	1	0	0			
Miss Dorset	1	0	0			
John Bolding, Esq., London	21	0	0			
Mrs. Ann Sandys, London	21	0	0			
Rev. J. W. C. Champion, Westoning	1	1	0			
A Friend, per Mr. W. Warr	1	1	0			
A Friend, Bedford	21	0	0			
				<hr/>	135	2 0
A Fine by S. C. Whitbread, Esq.					0	5 0
Found in the alms-boxes					1	10 5

LEGACIES.

Miss Goleborn, Bedford	19	11	11			
Clement Dumelow, Esq., Bedford..(free of duty)	100	0	0			
G. N. Edwards, Esq., Henlow-Grange ... (ditto)	100	0	0			
				<hr/>	219	11 11
					<hr/>	452 13 1



## AN ABSTRACT OF THE ACCOUNTS,

FROM JUNE 24, 1846, TO JUNE 24, 1847.

## Receipts.

	£.	s.	d.
To balance from Treasurer last year .....	502	6	8
„ balance from Secretary .....	2	19	11
„ balance from Matron .....	20	0	0
„ Treasurer, subscriptions (arrears) .....	38	17	0
„ „ subscriptions for the year 1846 .....	1128	11	0
„ „ dividends .....	923	5	0
„ „ collections .....	96	3	9
„ „ *donations .....	135	2	0
„ „ legacies .....	219	11	11
„ „ fine .....	0	5	0
„ „ pupils .....	2	1	8
„ „ found in the alms-boxes .....	1	10	5
„ Secretary for the following incidental Receipts, viz:—			
Baths, use of .....	0	5	0
Cinder dust, sale of .....	3	4	1½
Grains, ... ditto .....	5	10	0
Rules, ... ditto .....	0	2	0
Trusses, ... ditto .....	8	12	6
Repayment of an overcharge on a bill .....	0	9	0
Juror's fees on a Coroner's Inquest .....	0	12	0
	18	14	7½
	3089	8	11½
† Balance due to Treasurer	100	5	5
Balance due to Secretary	9	5	6½
	£3198	19	11

\* All Donations and Legacies (being regarded in the light of compositions for annual subscriptions), are regularly funded.

† In anticipation of a legacy of £200 which was reported a short time since and which has not yet been paid, the Treasurer kindly purchased £200 stock, which makes the balance to appear against the Institution, whereas the reverse is the fact.

## ABSTRACT OF ACCOUNTS, (continued.)

## Expenditure.

	PROVISIONS.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Arrowroot...	56 lbs. at 1s. 6d. and 2s. 3d. ....	4	5	6			
Bacon .....	727½ lbs. at 5¼d. to 8½d. per lb. ....	21	8	2			
Beer .....	2442 galls, viz:—	£.	s.	d.			
Malt, ...	244 bus. at 7s. 11¼d. to 9s. 6d. ....	113	12	6			
Hops ...	299 lbs. at 1s. to 1s. 6d. ....	16	5	6			
Brewer. 18 days, at 3s. ....		2	14	0			
		132	12	0			
Bread .....	8392 quartern loaves at 6½d. to 7½d. ....	244	13	1			
Butter .....	861½ lbs. at 12d. to 15d. ....	49	7	9			
	(256¼ lbs. made in the house.)						
Cheese .....	917 lbs. at 6¼d. to 7¼d. ....	26	4	4			
Coffee .....	4 lbs. at 2s. ....	0	8	0			
Currants ...	47 lbs. at 8s. ....	1	8	5			
Eggs .....	136 scores at 14d. to 2s. 2d. ....	8	14	4½			
Fish .....		1	8	3			
Flour .....	1400 lbs—100 pecks at 43s. 4d. to 63s. 4d. per sack .....	14	19	8			
Meat .....	16208 lbs. at 6½d. and 7d. ....	444	19	6½			
Milk .....	14740 pts. at 1d. ....	61	8	4			
Mustard ...	Pepper, Salt, &c. ....	3	17	2			
Potatoes ...	210 bus. at 2s. to 6s. ....	38	16	6			
Porter .....	1008 pts. at 1s. 7d. per gal. ....	10	2	0			
Raisins .....	20 lbs. at 6d. ....	0	10	0			
Rice .....	188 lbs. at 3d. to 6d. ....	3	3	3			
Sausages ...		0	2	8			
Sugar .....	89 lbs. loaf at 7½d. and 8d. ....	2	16	10			
	155 lbs. moist at 6d. and 6½d. ....	3	18	7			
Tea .....	24 lbs. at 3s. 10d.—carriage 1s. ...	4	13	0			
Vinegar .....	9 gals. at 2s. to 2s. 8d. ....	1	1	8			
		1080	19	1			

## NECESSARIES.

Candles .....	Moulds, 3 doz. lbs. at 6s. 6d. to 7s. 3d. ....						
	Dips & Rushlights, 29 doz. at 5s. 9d. to 6s. 3d. ....	10	11	0			
Coals .....	141 tons at 23s. 10d. and 25s. 6d. ....	170	8	6			
Faggots .....		3	5	0			
Gas .....	Half-year .....	15	0	0			
Sand .....	45 bus. at 4d. ....	0	15	0			
Soap .....	Yellow, 6 cwt. 1 qr. at 43s. to 54s. ....	15	17	0			
	Mottled, 1 cwt. at 50s. and 56s. ....	2	13	0			
Starch, .....	20¼ lbs. at 6d.—Soda, 21 lbs. at 1½d. ....	0	17	8			
	Blue, 3lbs. at 20d. ....	41	1	9			
Washerwomen, .....		260	8	11			

Carried forward.....£1341 8 0

EXPENDITURE (continued.)  
Brought forward..... £. s. d. £. s. d.  
1341 8 0

## BUILDING ACCOUNT.

Bricklayer .....	20	18	8			
Carpenter .....	10	3	2			
Gasfittings .....	3	3	0			
Insurance for £6500.....	6	7	6			
Ironmonger .....	34	1	1			
Plumber .....	14	1	9	}	68	2 3
Glazier .....	3	8	11			
Painter .....	50	11	7			
Stone mason .....	3	2	6			
Whitewashing .....	11	11	11			
					157	10 1

## DISPENSARY.

Bottles .....	4	13	2			
Draper, Calico, &c.....	0	15	8			
Drugs .....	187	6	1	}	274	7 11
Quinine .....	87	1	10			
Carriage of drugs .....	1	13	0			
Electro-Galvanic Machine .....	3	7	6			
Ethereal Inhaler .....	4	14	0			
Fur skins .....	0	14	0			
Leeches, (3624).....	31	4	0			
Spirits of Wine .....	12	12	0			
Surgical Instruments and repairing ditto .....	20	14	0			
Sundries, lard, sugar, &c. ....	4	6	6			
Trusses .....	14	2	0			
Water bed .....	10	7	0			
Wines and spirits .....	57	16	6			
					441	7 3

## SALARIES AND WAGES.

Chaplain.....	50	0	0			
House-Surgeon .....	63	0	0			
Matron .....	60	0	0			
Clerk .....	12	12	0			
Dispenser .....	50	0	0			
One day Nurse .....	16	16	0			
Three ditto, at £15 each .....	45	0	0			
Two night Nurses, at £12 12s. each .....	25	4	0			
Assistant Nurses .....	8	0	0			
Extra Nurses .....	13	4	10			
Porter.....	12	12	0			
Cook .....	15	0	0			
Housemaid.....	9	0	0			
Kitchenmaid .....	7	0	0			
Laundrymaid .....	10	0	0			
Gardener, in weekly wages .....	31	4	0			
					428	12 10

Carried forward.....£2368 18 2

EXPENDITURE (continued.)  
Brought forward..... £. s. d. £. s. d.  
2368 18 2

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Baskets, and mending same .....	2	1	7			
Brushes, mops, &c.....	1	6	9			
Carriage .....	4	18	6	}	12	19 8
Postage.....	8	1	2			
Caution money returned .....	1	0	0			
Chimney-sweepers.....	3	11	6			
Clock, cleaning .....	0	3	6			
Communion Plate .....	5	17	0			
Corks .....	0	4	7			
Cooper .....	3	13	9			
Chaplain's Licence .....	0	13	6			
Draper .....	24	14	11			
Drying machine.....	26	0	0			
Earthenware .....	4	0	6			
Expenses attending anniversary sermon.....	0	14	6			
Garden seeds .....	0	6	2			
Gravestone.....	4	11	0			
Hearthstones.....	1	9	0			
Horse hire .....	0	6	6			
Ironmonger .....	14	13	8			
Linen press .....	1	2	0			
Porter's livery .....	4	18	0			
Printing, Stationery and Advertisements .....	69	0	1			
Rates .....	3	18	0	}	6	9 6
Taxes .....	2	11	6			
Repairing furniture .....	0	8	2			
Straw for beds .....	3	0	6			
Sundries .....	1	0	0			
Upholsterer .....	2	8	5			
					196	14 9
Annual grant to the medical library .....					10	0 0
Nurse Hipwell's pension .....					15	12 0

Total expenditure for the year..... 2591 4 11  
Purchase of £650 Stock 3 per cent consols... 587 15 0  
Balance in the Matron's hands .....

£3198 19 11

(Signed.) CHARLES LONGUET HIGGINS, }  
EDWARD WILLIAM SMITH. } Auditors.

AVERAGE COST OF MAINTENANCE PER HEAD PER WEEK. s. d.

Patients .....	3	2
Household .....	7	4½
Daily average of In-patients.....		90
Daily average of household .....		17½

At the Annual Meeting of the Governors, held on Monday the 2nd day of August, 1847, the Annual Report of the Institution having been read and approved of by the Governors present—

*It was resolved,*

That the same be printed, and a copy thereof transmitted to each subscriber.

That the thanks of this meeting be presented to THOMAS BARNARD, Esq., the Treasurer.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the REV. EDWARD SWANN, the Chaplain, for the exemplary manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

That the thanks of this meeting be presented to DR. WITT and DR. HEDLEY, Physicians, and to MR. HARRIS and MR. HURST, Surgeons, for their skilful and gratuitous services to this Institution.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to MR. YATES, for the zealous and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of House-Surgeon and Secretary to the Institution.

That the Governors acknowledge with thanks the care and regard shewn by MRS. LLEWELYN to the interests of the Institution, and to the comfort of the patients.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to MR. WING, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duty of Clerk to the Institution.

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Auditors, CHARLES LONGUET HIGGINS, Esq., and EDWARD WILLIAM SMITH, Esq., for their able services in examining the accounts of the Infirmary.

That the above resolutions be printed, and transmitted with a copy of the Report to each subscriber.

(Signed)

THOS. CHAS. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

That the thanks of this meeting be given to the Chairman.

Donations and Subscriptions are received by THOMAS BARNARD, Esq., the Treasurer, *Bedford*, and at the banking houses of SIR CHARLES PRICE and Co., *King William-Street, London*; of MESSRS. HOGG and LINDSELL, *Biggleswade*; and of MESSRS. BASSETT and GRANT, *Leighton-Buzzard*.

*N.B.—Should there be any omissions or errors in the List of Subscribers, it is requested that they may be notified to the Secretary.*

\* \* \* Printed forms of letters of recommendation may be had on application to the Secretary at the Infirmary.

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## ACCOUNT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

IN REFERENCE TO THE

## ESTABLISHMENT

OF A

## FEVER HOSPITAL,

IN CONNECTION WITH

*The General Infirmary,*

BEDFORD,

NOVEMBER 2nd, 1846.

AT A MEETING OF THE GOVERNORS

OF THE

BEDFORD INFIRMARY,

HELD ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 2ND, 1846,

DR. WITT, on behalf of the Medical Staff of the Infirmary, stated to the board, that Fever had for some time existed in the town and neighbourhood of Bedford, and that frequent meetings had lately been held by them in conjunction with the other medical men of the town, to investigate the subject: that he was desired to express their conviction that much might be done by the Governors of the Infirmary, by the different Boards of Guardians, and by the local Authorities of the Town, to remove the causes and to prevent the extension of the disease.

Having presented this statement, the medical men begged that a committee of governors of this institution might be granted, before which they were prepared to submit in detail the facts collected by them, and to offer such suggestions as to them seemed best calculated for the circumstances of the case.

RESOLVED—That such committee be granted, with power to add to their number, and that they be requested to report in writing to the next monthly board the result of their labours.

RESOLVED—That the committee do consist of—

THE GRAND VISITOR  
THE PERPETUAL PRESIDENT  
THE TREASURER  
THE CHAPLAIN  
THE PHYSICIANS  
THE SURGEONS

And the following other governors,

viz. :—

Rev. W. S. CHALK, M.A.  
T. A. GREEN, Esq.  
Rev. T. S. GRIMSHAW, M.A.

T. C. HIGGINS, Esq.  
H. LITLEDALE, Esq.  
Rev. E. I. LOCKWOOD, M.A.  
THE MAYOR OF BEDFORD  
G. P. NASH, Esq.  
F. PYM, Esq.  
Rev. C. C. BEATY-POWNALL, M.A.  
MR. PALGRAVE  
LORD CHARLES J. F. RUSSELL  
E. W. SMITH, Esq.  
SAML. CHAS. WHITBREAD, Esq.



The first meeting of the committee was held on Wednesday November the 11th, when a variety of facts was submitted to the meeting, in illustration of the nature and progress of the disease so long prevalent in Bedford and its neighbourhood: the extent to which it might be attributed to local and other causes was explained by the medical men, and suggestions offered by them as to the best means of arresting the disease, and checking its propagation into distant parts of the county.

The committee were unanimously of opinion that the fittest recommendation they could offer to the general body of governors of this institution, was the establishment of a Fever Hospital, where well ventilated and airy apartments would be prepared for the reception of infected persons, and where fever would be in a great measure disarmed of its infectious powers. The greatest benefit would thus be conferred upon all classes of the community, by securing the most effectual means to prevent the spreading of fever, which has of late committed such fearful ravages not only in this town, but in numerous villages in the county.\*

RESOLVED—That after having heard the report of the medical officers, it is the opinion of this committee that it is essential that a FEVER HOSPITAL be forthwith erected, and established in connection with the Bedford General Infirmary.

RESOLVED—That the committee recommend the erection of a distinct building, the cost of which has been roughly estimated at £2000.

RESOLVED—That such sum be raised by voluntary contributions.

RESOLVED—That the present committee be constituted a building committee to prepare plans and estimates, but that they shall not be empowered to enter into any contracts until the whole sum of £2000 shall have been subscribed.

(Signed on behalf of the committee,)

ALEXANDER SHARMAN, MAYOR,

*Chairman.*

\* The committee have been informed that an idea has been entertained in the county that the proposed Fever Hospital can only be available for the town of Bedford and the villages immediately contiguous. Since the subject has been under consideration, two members of the committee have visited the Fever Hospital at Leicester, which has now been in successful operation twenty-one years, and they were assured by the medical men connected with that establishment that its benefits extended to a circuit of upwards of twenty miles round Leicester—that the hospital provided proper fever carriages by which the patients were removed in a recumbent position, and that at almost any stage of the disease patients were with safety moved by means of these comfortable and suitable conveyances.

At the next meeting of the Board of Governors, held on Monday, December the 7th, 1846, the chairman presented the foregoing Report, and the following Resolution was passed thereon:—

RESOLVED—That the Report now presented by the Committee in reference to the Fever Hospital be adopted by this Meeting; and that the committee be requested to take such measures as they deem best to carry the object into effect.

(Signed,) FRANCIS PYM, *Chairman.*

*Monday, December 7th, 1846.*

Several Subscribers having kindly and promptly entered their names, the same were printed with the foregoing statement and circulated with the subjoined letter throughout the county and neighbourhood.

*General Infirmary, Bedford,*

Dec. 23, 1846.

We have been deputed by the Committee to forward to you the enclosed statement, respecting the establishment of a Fever Hospital in connexion with the Bedford General Infirmary, and we venture to hope that you will be kind enough to lend us your aid in forwarding so desirable an object. It is to us a source of much satisfaction to witness the zeal and interest so generally felt upon the subject, and the great success that has already attended the efforts of the committee.

As the trustees of the Infirmary, we participate in the anxiety expressed by the general body of governors, not to touch the funded property of the charity, and we confidently rely on the good feeling and generosity of the public on this pressing occasion, to save the institution from trenching on a fund which has hitherto been held inviolate.

The cost of the proposed building has been roughly estimated at £2000, to which must be added a provision for fittings, furniture, beds, baths, fever carriages, and the other appliances required for working such an establishment, as well as for the increased annual expenditure necessary for its maintenance.

We have the honour to be,

Your obedient servants,

(Signed,) BEDFORD  
DE GREY,  
W. H. WHITBREAD, } Trustees  
FRANCIS PYM, } of  
the  
Infirmary.

To

The intimation of your kind intentions will be thankfully received by THOMAS BARNARD, Esq., Banker, *Bedford*, the Treasurer, or by MR. YATES the Secretary, at the Infirmary.

LIST OF DONATIONS  
TO THE  
FEVER HOSPITAL FUND  
OF THE  
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At a SPECIAL MEETING of the Governors of the Bedford Infirmary, duly convened by advertisement, to take into consideration the propriety of establishing a Fever Hospital in connection with this Institution, held on *Monday* the 1st of *February*, 1847, the PERPETUAL-PRESIDENT in the Chair, the Committee presented a list of Donations towards that object, amounting to £3318 10s., of new Annual Subscriptions amounting to £104 15s., and of increased Annual Subscriptions amounting to £43 3s.,\* payable on the 24th of June next ensuing.

The following RESOLUTIONS were passed, viz. :—

1. That a Fever Hospital be forthwith erected adjacent to and on the property belonging to this Charity, and that its management be subject to the same general rules (so far as they are applicable), which regulate the parent institution.
2. That the subscribers and benefactors to the Infirmary shall have the additional privilege of recommending patients to the Fever Hospital, and that the contributors to the Fever-Hospital Fund shall, in like manner, have all the rights and privileges which contributions of the same amount to the general hospital confer.†
3. That this special meeting doth adopt and confirm the resolutions approved by the monthly meeting of December last, in reference to the Fever Hospital.

\* The names of the new annual subscribers, and of those who have increased their subscriptions, are embodied in the foregoing Annual Report of the Infirmary.

† Every benefactor of twenty guineas or upwards at one time is a governor for life. Every subscriber of two guineas or upwards annually is a governor during payment.



4. That in Rule VI., page 35, in the general Statutes, (which prohibits the admission of all persons labouring under infectious diseases,) the following words be added to succeed to the words "infectious disorders," viz. :—" *except in a separate building provided for that purpose.*"
5. That the Committee be requested to prepare such special Rules as may be required for the management of the Fever Hospital, and present the same at the general annual meeting of the Governors of this Institution, to be held on Monday the 2nd day of August next ensuing.
6. That the cordial thanks of this meeting be presented to every contributor to the Fever-Hospital Fund, and that the Chairman be deputed to communicate to them the same.
7. That the thanks of this meeting be presented to his Grace the DUKE OF BEDFORD, to the EARL DE GREY, to WILLIAM HENRY WHITBREAD, ESQ., and FRANCIS PYM, ESQ., the Trustees, for their important aid and co-operation in the promotion of this desirable object.
8. That the thanks of this meeting be also given to the Committee for their highly successful efforts in procuring donations and subscriptions.
9. That the Committee be requested to use all diligence in procuring plans, &c., in order that the Building may be commenced as soon as the season permits, and they are hereby authorized to enter into the necessary contracts for the execution of the same, when the plans shall have been approved by a monthly Board.
10. That the attention of the Committee be directed to the importance of obtaining a further increase of Donations and Annual Subscriptions, to meet the additional annual expenditure which will be required for the maintenance of the patients in the Fever-Hospital department of the charity.

(Signed) W. H. WHITBREAD, *President.*



At the Monthly Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Infirmary, held on Monday, March 1st, 1847, SAMUEL CHARLES WHITBREAD, ESQ., in the Chair,

The Chairman of the Fever-Hospital Committee reported that ten plans had been delivered in to the Committee; from these three had been selected, and referred back for revision to the respective architects who had sent them, as none were considered altogether suitable. The Committee therefore had not the opportunity of submitting any plan for the approval of the monthly Board on that occasion, but it was their intention to proceed with as much expedition as they prudently could to obtain one.

At the next Monthly Meeting held on Monday April 5th, 1847, FRANCIS PYM, ESQ., in the Chair,

The plans for the Fever Hospital, as recommended by the Committee, were presented by MR. HORSFORD the Architect, in conformity with the 9th Resolution passed at the Special Meeting in February last, and the same were unanimously approved, and signed by the Chairman accordingly.

On Wednesday, May the 5th, 1847, the tenders for the execution of the works were opened by the Committee and decided upon, and the erection of the Building was forthwith commenced. It was stipulated that the building should be covered in by the 29th of September next, and it is hoped that it will be ready for the reception of patients early next year. Accommodation is provided for fifty beds.

At the GENERAL ANNUAL MEETING of the Board of Governors, held on Monday, August 2nd, 1847, THOMAS CHARLES HIGGINS, ESQ., in the Chair, the following Preliminary Rules for the management of the Fever Hospital were presented by the Committee, (in accordance with the 5th Resolution passed at the Special Meeting in February last), and the same were approved and adopted, viz. :—

I.—Every Governor of the Infirmary, in addition to his or her existing privileges, shall have the power of recommending patients to the Fever Hospital, the number of which shall be limited only by the extent of accommodation.

II.—The following shall be the form of the Letter of Recommendation, viz. :—

BEDFORD FEVER HOSPITAL.

Patients will be admitted at any hour of the day, and on any day of the week, and it is especially desirable that they be sent to the house in as EARLY a stage of the disease as possible.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY A MEDICAL MAN.

*I hereby certify that* *herein described,*  
*is as I believe afflicted with* *that the Family in*  
*which he resides consists of the number, and is in the state hereunder mentioned,*  
*and that there exist in the neighbourhood of his residence the following removable*  
*causes of fever, as witness my hand, this* *day of* 18 .  
*(Signature)* *(Professional Title)*

Residence—Street or Place.	No. of Sleeping Rooms in the House.	No. of persons residing in the house.	No. at present or lately infected.	Removable Causes of Fever in the Vicinity of the House.
				REMARKS.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SIGNED BY THE GUARDIAN, THE RELIEVING OFFICER, OR BY SOME SUBSTANTIAL HOUSEHOLDER.

*I hereby engage that the House from whence this Patient is removed shall be lime-washed\* immediately and thoroughly, and that the above-enumerated causes of fever shall be removed.*  
*(Signature)* *(Description)*

\* The most effectual mixture is made from fresh burnt lime, slaked with hot water, used in a hot state.

☞ Notice will be given when the Building, now in the course of erection, shall be ready for the reception of Patients.

III.—There shall be kept at the Fever Hospital proper carriages for the removal of patients labouring under Fever, the use of which may be obtained on lodging with the House-Surgeon the Recommendatory Letter from a Governor properly filled up and signed.

Where the patient resides at such a distance as to render the employment of a horse necessary to draw the carriage, such horse shall be provided by the applicant. No patient shall be admitted into the house who is brought in a hired carriage.

IV.—Whenever the number of applicants for admission exceeds the number of vacant beds, preference shall be given to the patient who is the only infected person of a family.

V.—In cases where more than one person in a family is labouring under the disease, all those infected shall be brought to the Fever Hospital, or none of them shall be received; but the Physicians (or in their absence), the House-Surgeon shall have a discretionary power to dispense with this rule, under special circumstances, in cases where a me-

dical man shall certify that there exist the means of complete separation and ventilation for those patients who remain.

VI.—There shall be no communication whatever between the servants and patients of the Infirmary and those of the Fever Hospital, except by means of the Porter, (or by some other person specially appointed), for the purpose of conveying medicine, provisions, and other necessaries.

VII.—No relatives nor acquaintances shall be permitted to visit any of the patients in the Fever Hospital without an express order from one of the Physicians, or from the House-Surgeon; nor shall the Nurses receive visits on any pretence whatever.

VIII.—Every person on admission shall change the infectious for clean linen. All apparel and bed clothes, immediately on being taken from the body of the patient, shall be immersed in cold water, and the same shall be purified in the most effectual manner before they are restored to their owners.

IX.—The appointment of the particular diet of the patients shall be under the regulation of their respective Physicians, and no other provisions nor liquors shall be brought into the House on any pretence whatever, (tea and sugar excepted).

(Signed)

THOS. CHAS. HIGGINS, *Chairman.*

N.B.—The attention of Governors and Parish Officers is directed to a point of the utmost importance, viz. :—to the EARLY removal of Fever Patients to the Hospital. At the commencement of fever the employment of proper remedies will sometimes interrupt its course, or entirely subdue it, and will frequently render it a mild and safe disease, whereas if it be neglected at the beginning, and allowed to acquire a firm hold of the constitution, it will generally run its course, be more severe and of longer duration, and not unfrequently either prove fatal, or leave a disposition to some dangerous disease.

Contagion will also thus be prevented from spreading in the family and neighbourhood from which the patient has been removed, and greater safety and security afforded to the public. In no other way can the aim and end of this Institution, viz. :—*the cure and prevention of contagious diseases*, be accomplished. By the speedy removal of patients to the Fever Hospital, and purifying their habitations, much fever may be prevented, and much misery and expense saved to individuals and parishes. One patient remaining in a filthy dwelling, in a crowded district, may infect a whole neighbourhood, and thus all classes of the community are deeply interested.



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