

THE
ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
Blue Coat Hospital
IN LIVERPOOL,
FOR
1926.

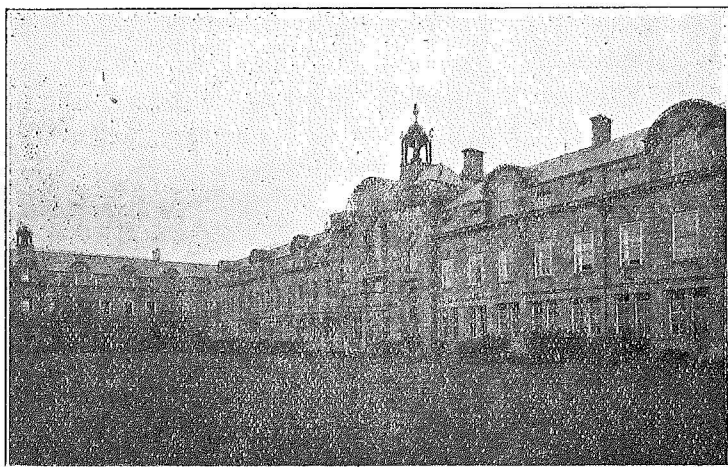
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REPORT
OF THE
BLUE COAT HOSPITAL,
IN LIVERPOOL,

From the 1st January to 31st December, 1926.



FOUNDED IN 1708.

Christianæ Charitati promobendæ inopique pueritiæ Ecclesiæ
Anglicanæ principiis imbuendæ sacrum, anno salutis 1717.

Conditum, ex urbe amotum et restauratum 1905.

LIVERPOOL:

THOMAS BRAKELL LIMITED, 56 STANLEY STREET.

1927.

Report for 1926.

THE work of the Blue Coat Hospital has been carried on in a satisfactory manner, and the examinations in religion and general knowledge once more reflect the highest credit on our teachers and children.

During the year 52 children—34 boys and 18 girls—were admitted to the school, whilst 42—31 boys and 11 girls—left on completion of their education. At the end of the year there were 280 children in the School—184 boys and 96 girls.

We have to record with deep regret the death, on the 1st December, after a few days' illness, of the Head Master, Mr. Harry C. Hughes. He was appointed to the position in 1920, and devoted himself whole-heartedly to the interests and welfare of the School, gaining the esteem of all who were brought into contact with him.

We regret to have to record the deaths of the following Governors and Trustees :—Colonel W. M. Belcher, V.D., Mr. Sidney S. Dawson, and Colonel H. Concanon; and the loss by resignation, owing to their having left the district, of Mr. Cedric R. Boulton and Mr. James R. Heap.

Mr. Sidney S. Dawson, himself an "Old Blue," was a valued member of the Board of Economy. He took a lively interest in the affairs of the School, and rendered it conspicuous service.

During the year the following gentlemen were elected Governors and Trustees :—John A. Tinne, Esq., M.P., Walter Harding, Esq., Lt.-Colonel H. L. Beckwith, Charles L. Warren, Esq., Lionel A. P. Warner, Esq., C.B.E., Arthur B. Cauty, Esq., Lt.-Colonel Albert Buckley, D.S.O.

The ordinary income amounted to £13,022 14s. 2d., against an expenditure of £14,303 14s., showing a deficit of

£1,280 19s. 10d. Legacies were received amounting to £2,973 8s. 9d., and the balance due to our Bankers on the 31st December, 1926, was £4,529 8s. 3d.

It will be seen that expenditure has exceeded income by £1,280, even taking into account the legacies, which it was hoped might have been invested as capital.

We earnestly trust that further support, in the form both of donations and bequests, will be forthcoming, in order not to restrict the work for which the Hospital was designed.

The following legacies have been acknowledged during the year :—

T. F. Ashe, Esq.	£415	5	6
John Benson, Esq.	100	0	0
Miss Mary Mullen	250	0	0
Miss A. F. Anderson	168	16	10
William Lewis, Esq.	280	0	0
T. P. Whitley, Esq.	500	0	0
Mrs. E. Lloyd Jones (part of legacy) ...	500	0	0
Mrs. Bennion	100	0	0
Mrs. Evans	50	0	0
Interest on Twyford Legacy	16	1	1
Mrs. Sarah Burgess (Estate)	563	15	4
William King, Esq. (part of Legacy) ...	29	10	0

The following donations of £20 and upwards are gratefully acknowledged :—

Liverpool Council of Voluntary Aid (allocated from Charities Fund)	£44	0	0
White Star Line (Charity Account)	150	0	0
A. D. Holland, Esq.	20	0	0
W. S. Crichton, Esq.	50	0	0
Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Hippodrome Lodge	22	16	6
Cotton Exchange Grand National Sweepstake	23	6	6
West Derby Union	350	0	0

Also (received in 1927) £500 from Mrs. Arthur Crosthwaite in memory of her husband.

The Board of Economy expresses its thanks to Sir Charles Nall Cain, for his generous offer to defray the cost of re-decorating the Board Room, which is badly needed.

There are other items of expenditure which would be undertaken if the revenues permitted, but in the meantime it depends upon the generosity of donors whether all or any of them can be carried out. They include :—

1. Extension of the "Nursery" (Sanatorium), at an estimated cost of £700. At present there is only one "Nursery" for the boys and girls.
2. The Band instruments are in a very poor condition, and a new set would be much appreciated by the Bandmaster and the boys. Estimated cost £150.

Donations, specially earmarked towards either of the above, will be thankfully received by the Treasurer.

The Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, F. C. Bowring, Esq., and members of the City Council attended the Annual Church Service at the Cathedral on the 14th November, when a sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Dwelly, and a collection made in aid of the funds of the Hospital, which realized £159 15s. 7d. Grateful thanks are hereby rendered to the Lord Mayor, the City Councillors, the Rev. Canon Dwelly, and the Cathedral authorities for their presence and support.

On the 16th October the children took part in one of the episodes in Civic Week, featuring the Foundation of the Blue Coat Hospital in School Lane in 1709, this being the first and oldest Charity of the City.

We again have pleasure in placing on record the valuable services rendered by the Ladies' Committee, and our thanks are due to them, not only for superintending the welfare of the children, but for their many acts of kindness and generosity.

Our grateful thanks are also due to the Blue Coat Brotherly Society for its invaluable work in giving a helping hand to boys who have left the School, encouraging them in their careers and maintaining the *esprit de corps*. The Society, besides contributing generously to the funds of the Hospital, gave the children a splendid day's holiday at Southport on July 22nd, which they much enjoyed.

The Blue Coat Junior Old Boys' Club, which is a link between the School and the Brotherly Society, provides the boys, when they leave the Hospital, with opportunities for educational, social and recreative development, and continues to justify its existence by the moral and physical benefits the boys derive from it.

The Blue Coat Girls' Society, which was formed last year, is showing a gratifying increase in membership, and promises to be to the girls what the Brotherly Society is to the boys.

In conclusion, we render our cordial thanks to our subscribers and donors and the many friends who have sent gifts in kind and provided treats and entertainments.

If the financial position permitted, more children could be admitted, as the accommodation is for 400, but under present conditions the Governors are compelled to limit the numbers. We therefore urgently appeal for further support in the form of both subscriptions, donations and legacies.

The Trustees are greatly indebted to Messrs. Chalmers, Wade & Co., for their generosity in auditing the accounts and for other services at a nominal fee.

Subscriptions and donations will be thankfully received by the Treasurer at the Hospital, Wavertree, Liverpool, or may be paid to the Bank of Liverpool and Martins Ltd., Heywood's Branch, Brunswick Street, Liverpool.

LOUIS CAPPEL,

HON. TREASURER.

THE GOVERNORS AND TRUSTEES

OF THIS CHARITY ARE

ONE HUNDRED IN NUMBER,

The Lord Mayor and the Reverend the Rector for the time being, by virtue of their Offices, and the remainder by Election.

Twelve make a Board ; and they meet for the Election of Trustees, the admission of Children, and for the despatch of business, on the first TUESDAY after LADY DAY, MIDSUMMER DAY, MICHAELMAS DAY and CHRISTMAS DAY respectively.

- 1926-27. The Rt. Hon. FREDERICK C. BOWRING, *Lord Mayor.*
- 1926. Rev. JOHN CHARNES H. HOW, M.A., *Rector.*
- 1924. The Right Rev. THE LORD BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL.
- 1900. The Right Rev. Bishop CHAVASSE.
- 1907. Rev. Canon J. T. MITCHELL, M.A.
- 1908. The Right Honourable The EARL OF DERBY, K.G.
- 1906. The Right Honourable The EARL OF SEFTON.
- 1918. The Right Honourable Viscount LEVERHULME.
- 1912. The Right Honourable Lord GISBOROUGH.
- 1893. The Right Honourable Lord WAVERTREE.
- 1895. WILLIAM F. MOORE, Esq.
- 1896. WILLIAM S. PATTERSON, Esq.
- 1896. HECTOR C. PILKINGTON, Esq.
- 1897. PHILIP HENRY HOLT, Esq.
- 1897. J. HARTLEY BIBBY, Esq.
- 1898. JOHN RANKIN, Esq.
- 1899. THOMAS CASE MORRIS, Esq.
- 1899. ARCHIBALD J. TOD, Esq.
- 1900. JOHN GREVILLE EARLE, Esq.
- 1901. EVELYN S. PARKER, Esq.
- 1901. R. C. CHAPPLE GILL, Esq.
- 1901. HAROLD D. BATESON, Esq.
- 1901. HENRY WADE DEACON, Esq.
- 1901. GEORGE H. MELLY, Esq.
- 1902. JAMES N. HARDY, Esq.
- 1903. CHARLES H. BRANCKER, Esq.
- 1905. MAXWELL HYSLOP MAXWELL, Esq., C.B.E.
- 1906. Col. ROBERT MONTGOMERY, V.D., T.D.
- 1906. E. STEWART-BROWN, Esq.
- 1906. CUTHBERT L. BLUNDELL-HOLLINSHEAD-BLUNDELL, Esq.
- 1907. DAVID G. IRVINE, Esq.
- 1908. J. HERON ECCLES, Esq.
- 1908. R. CYRIL LOCKETT, Esq.
- 1908. PETER DAVIDSON, Esq., M.B.
- 1909. ARTHUR E. PATTINSON, Esq.
- 1910. H. HEYWOOD NOBLE, Esq.
- 1910. FRANCIS W. RATHBONE, Esq.
- 1910. THOMAS STONE, Esq.
- 1910. Col. W. WINWOOD GOSSAGE.
- 1911. HENRY SUTTON TIMMIS, Esq.
- 1912. Sir CHARLES NALL CAIN, Bart.
- 1913. JAMES E. HARVEY, Esq.
- 1913. ALEXANDER WILSON, Esq.

1914. WM. MACFIE CAMPBELL, Esq., M.D.
 1915. J. CARLTON STITT, Esq.
 1916. ANTHONY R. MARSHALL, Esq.
 1916. FRANK BROCKLEHURST, Esq.
 1916. GEORGE CHAPPELL, Esq.
 1916. THEODORE GARNETT, Esq.
 1917. ALLAN H. BRIGHT, Esq.
 1917. JOHN BINGHAM, Esq.
 1917. CHARLES BOOTH, Esq.
 1917. JOHN R. COLLIE, Esq.
 1917. LAURENCE MACLAREN, Esq.
 1917. RICHARD CAPSTICK, Esq.
 1918. Sir THOMAS ROYDEN, Bart., C.H.
 1918. Sir MAX MUSPRATT, Bart.
 1918. WILLIAM B. LEITCH, Esq.
 1918. Major F. HARRISON.
 1919. RICHARD G. HOUGH, Esq.
 1919. T. HARRISON HUGHES, Esq.
 1919. J. SANDEMAN ALLEN, Esq., M.P.
 1920. FREDERICK C. BOWRING, Esq.
 1920. Sir FREDERICK M. RADCLIFFE, K.C.V.O.
 1920. HAROLD D. DARBISHIRE, Esq.
 1920. BURTON W. EILLS, Esq.
 1921. THOMAS H. NAYLOR, Esq.
 1921. HARRY P. BAILEY, Esq.
 1921. JOHN HILL ABRAM, Esq.
 1921. J. CYRIL CUNNINGHAM, Esq.
 1921. HAROLD M. FLETCHER, Esq.
 1921. GODFREY E. CASTLE, Esq.
 1921. THOMAS D. OAKSHOTT, Esq.
 1922. LOUIS CAPPEL, Esq.
 1922. DAVID JONES, Esq.
 1923. THOMAS J. WHITSON, Esq.
 1923. JOHN J. VERDIN-COOKE, Esq.
 1924. ARTHUR D. HOLLAND, Esq.
 1924. JAMES HINSHAW-WILKIE, Esq.
 1924. FRANCIS CALDWELL, Esq., C.B.E., M.V.O.
 1924. WILLIAM R. GLAZEBROOK, Esq.
 1924. H. CARLETON WALKER, Esq.
 1924. Sir ARNOLD RUSHTON.
 1925. EDWARD J. DEANE, Esq.
 1925. J. SOUTTER CLAYTON, Esq.
 1925. GEOFFREY L. PILKINGTON, Esq.
 1925. DAVID M. RITCHIE, Esq.
 1925. FRANK EDMONDSON, Esq.
 1925. W. S. CRICHTON, Esq.
 1926. JOHN A. TINNE, Esq., M.P.
 1926. WALTER HARDING, Esq.
 1926. Lt.-Col. H. L. BECKWITH.
 1926. CHARLES L. WARREN, Esq.
 1926. LIONEL A. P. WARNER, Esq., C.B.E.
 1926. ARTHUR B. CAUTY, Esq.
 1926. Lt.-Col. ALBERT BUCKLEY, D.S.O.

The number of Children at present in the Institution is 280, viz. : 184 Boys
 and 96 Girls : of which number 21 are Orphans, and 259 Fatherless.

OFFICERS FOR 1927.

LOUIS CAPPEL, Esq., Honorary Treasurer.

J. J. VERDIN COOKE, Esq., Deputy Honorary Treasurer.

Rev. Canon J. T. MITCHELL, M.A., Honorary Chaplain.

Rev. R. BRUCE WILSON, B.A., Chaplain.

HUBERT ARMSTRONG, Esq., M.D., Ch.B. Vict., M.D. L'pool, Physician

GEORGE F. R. SMITH, Esq., M.D. L'pool, M.B., B.S. London, Physician.

W. BOWLER, Esq., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. Lond., L.D.S. Eng., Dentist.

Rev. R. BRUCE-WILSON, B.A., Head-Master.

Miss R. H. PHILLIPS, Matron.

Mr. EDWY HARLING, F.R.C.O., Organist.

Messrs. CHALMERS, WADE & CO., Auditors.

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BOARD OF ECONOMY, 1927.

Mr. LOUIS CAPPEL, CHAIRMAN.

Mr. HARRY P. BAILEY	Mr. EDWARD J. DEANE
Mr. JOHN BINGHAM	Mr. HAROLD M. FLETCHER
Mr. FRANK BROCKLEHURST	Mr. ANTHONY R. MARSHALL
Mr. FRANCIS CALDWELL	Rev. Canon MITCHELL, M.A.
Mr. J. J. VERDIN COOKE	Mr. DAVID M. RITCHIE
Mr. HAROLD D. DARBISHIRE	

LADIES' COMMITTEE, 1927.

Mrs. BERNARD CHAVASSE, LADY PRESIDENT.

Mrs. J. SANDEMAN ALLEN	Mrs. MITCHELL
Mrs. PERCY BATESON	Miss MOORE
Mrs. JOHN BINGHAM	Miss NEILSON
Miss EARLE	Mrs. RICH
Miss SYBIL EILLS	Mrs. SPRINGMAN
Miss GARDINER	Mrs. HY. STEWART-BROWN
Miss ALICE HARRISON	Mrs. TOM STONE
Mrs. HERBERT HARRISON	Mrs. J. A. TINNE
Mrs. HUNTER	Mrs. ALAN TOD
Mrs. J. R. LLOYD-WILLIAMS	Mrs. WILLINK

A LIST OF TRUSTEES

WHO HAVE FILLED THE OFFICE OF TREASURER, WITH
THE DATE OF THEIR APPOINTMENT.

1709	Rev. R. STYTH, M.A., Rector of Liverpool.	1813	MATTHEW GREGSON, Esq.
1713	BRYAN BLUNDELL, Esq.	1814	BRYAN BLUNDELL, Esq.
1756	RICHARD BLUNDELL, Esq.	1815	HENRY B. HOLLINSHEAD, Esq.
1760	JONATHAN BLUNDELL, Esq.	1817	JAMES BOURNE, Esq.
1796	NICHOLAS ASHTON, Esq.	1818	Rev. WILLIAM BLUNDELL, B.A.
1797	CLAYTON TARLETON, Esq.	1819	RICHARD DOBSON, Esq.
1798	JOHN BOLTON, Esq.	1835	JAMES ASPINALL, Esq.
1799	EDWARD HOUGHTON, Esq.	1838	ANTHONY SWAINSON, Esq.
1800	JAMES GERARD, Esq., M.D.	1848	JOSEPH LANGTON, Esq.
1802	WILLIAM CUBBIN, Esq.	1849	RICHARD GIBSON, Esq.
1805	JOHN KEAY, Esq.	1854	EDWARD GUY DEANE, Esq.
1808	WILLIAM LEIGH, Esq.	1857	WILLIAM LANGTON, Esq.
1809	GEORGE BROWN, Esq.	1870	HUGH PERKINS, Esq.
1811	EDWARD SEPHTON, Esq.	1885	JOHN ERNEST TINNE, Esq.
1812	WILLIAM BECKWITH, Esq.	1926	LOUIS CAPPEL, Esq.

TRUSTEES APPOINTED to ATTEND SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICES, 1927.

The Service begins at 3-30 p.m., and the doors are opened to the public at 3-0

Jan. 2	Mr. H. Wade Deacon Mr. John A. Tinne, M.P.	July 3	Mr. David Jones Mr. Geoffrey L. Pilkington
Jan. 9	Mr. H. Wade Deacon Mr. J. Hinshaw-Wilkie	July 10	Mr. John J. Verdin-Cooke Mr. L. A. P. Warner
Jan. 16	Dr. Peter Davidson Mr. Walter Harding	July 17	Mr. William F. Moore Mr. Arthur B. Cauty
Jan. 23	Mr. R. C. Chapple-Gill Lt.-Col. H. L. Beckwith	July 24	Mr. Anthony R. Marshall Mr. Frank Edmondson
Jan. 30	Mr. Richard Capstick Mr. Charles L. Warren	July 31	Mr. H. Carleton Walker Mr. Walter Harding
Feb. 6	Mr. Frederick Harrison Mr. William S. Crichton	Aug. 7	Mr. Arthur E. Pattinson Sir Max Muspratt
Feb. 13	Lord Leverhulme Mr. Louis Cappel	Aug. 14	Mr. Lawrence MacLaren Mr. Godfrey E. Castle
Feb. 20	Mr. David G. Irvine Mr. Geoffrey L. Pilkington	Aug. 21	Mr. Frank Tobin Sir Thomas Royden
Feb. 27	Mr. John J. Verdin-Cooke Mr. Francis Caldwell	Aug. 28	Mr. Lawrence MacLaren Mr. L. A. P. Warner
Mar. 6	Mr. John Bingham Mr. Frank Brocklehurst	Sept. 4-18	<i>School Closed—Holidays</i>
Mar. 13	Mr. Theodore Garnett Mr. Harry P. Bailey	Sept. 25	Mr. R. C. Chapple-Gill Mr. Francis Caldwell
Mar. 20	Dr. J. Hill Abram Mr. David M. Ritchie	Oct. 2	Mr. Francis W. Rathbone Mr. William B. Leitch
Mar. 27	Sir Charles Nall-Cain Mr. James E. Harvey	Oct. 9	Mr. William B. Leitch Mr. Harold D. Darbshire
Apr. 3	Col. R. Montgomery Mr. J. Hinshaw-Wilkie	Oct. 16	Mr. Tom Stone Mr. Thomas H. Naylor
Apr. 10	Mr. Thomas J. Whitson Mr. J. Soutter Clayton	Oct. 23	Alderman M. H. Maxwell Mr. Tom Stone
Apr. 17	Mr. H. Sutton Timmis Mr. John Bingham	Oct. 30	Mr. J. Sandeman Allen, M.P. Mr. Godfrey E. Castle
Apr. 24	Mr. J. Carlton Stitt Mr. Arthur B. Cauty	Nov. 6	Mr. H. Heywood Noble Sir Arnold Rushton
May 1	Mr. Harold M. Fletcher Mr. David M. Ritchie	Nov. 13	Mr. Frank Brocklehurst Mr. Arthur D. Holland
May 8-22	<i>School Closed—Holidays</i>	Nov. 20	Mr. Edward J. Deane Mr. Charles L. Warren
May 29	Mr. Frederick C. Bowring Mr. Burton W. Eills	Nov. 27	Mr. George H. Melly Mr. William S. Crichton
June 5	Mr. David Jones Mr. Edward J. Deane	Dec. 4	Mr. James E. Harvey Mr. Thomas J. Whitson
June 12	Mr. J. Heron Eccles Mr. Frank Edmondson	Dec. 11	Mr. J. Carlton Stitt Lt.-Col. H. L. Beckwith
June 19	Mr. Theodore Garnett Mr. Harry P. Bailey	Dec. 18	Mr. Harold D. Bateson Mr. Charles Booth
June 26	Mr. Louis Cappel Lt.-Col. A. Buckley	Dec. 25	Mr. Arthur E. Pattinson Mr. Burton W. Eills

Presents, etc., received during the year.

Fruit (Apples, Oranges, etc.)—The Blue Coat Brotherly Society, Mr. G. W. Anakin, Mr. T. D. Oakshott, Mr. Burton W. Eills, Messrs. W. Brooks & Co., Messrs. R. Banks & Son, Mr. Harold D. Darbishire.

Cake, Jam, Buns, etc.—Mr. Louis Cappel, Mr. John R. Collie, Mr. H. Wade Deacon, Mr. J. Hinshaw-Wilkie, Mr. R. C. Chapple-Gill, Mr. Harold D. Darbishire, Viscount Leverhulme, Mr. J. Sandeman Allen, M.P., The Blue Coat Brotherly Society, Mr. James R. Heap, Mr. David Jones, Mr. Lawrence MacLaren, Mr. J. J. Verdin-Cooke, Mr. H. Carleton Walker, Mr. Theodore Garnett, Mr. Harry P. Bailey, Dr. J. Hill Abram, Sir Charles A. Nall-Cain, Mr. James E. Harvey, Colonel R. Montgomery, Mr. H. Sutton Timmis, Colonel H. Concanon, Miss Earle, Mr. Godfrey Castle, Mr. Frederick C. Bowring, Mr. Burton W. Eills, Mr. William B. Leitch, Mr. Tom Stone, Mr. George H. Melly, Mrs. Fairrie, Mr. Harold D. Bateson, Mr. Charles Booth, Mr. M. H. Maxwell, Mr. Arthur Crosthwaite (late), Mr. Thomas J. Whitson, Mr. Geoffrey L. Pilkington, Mr. J. Carlton Stitt, Mr. Arthur E. Pattinson, Mr. D. M. Ritchie, Mr. F. Caldwell, Mr. D. G. Irvine.

Sundry Gifts.—Tennis Balls, Mr. W. Riley, Messrs. Whitty & Sons, Norwood Lawn Tennis Club; Vegetables and Strawberries, Mr. G. W. Anakin; Dripping, Miss McDiarmid; Easter Eggs, Miss S. Eills; Case of Onions, Mrs. Naylor; Vegetables, Miss S. Eills.

Christmas Presents (in addition to Fruit above).—Mr. Maurice Tinne, Mistletoe; Mrs. J. Sandeman Allen, Threepenny-bits for Christmas Puddings; Miss S. Eills, Entertainment and Mince Pies to Children, Christmas Cakes for Staff; Mrs. E. Hughes, Miss McKean, Mrs. T. Woodsend, Mistletoe; Miss Hobday, Christmas Cards; Sweets, Messrs. Williams's Ltd.; Mr. J. J. Verdin-Cooke, 1/- each Child; Mr. Louis Cappel, £5; Mr. J. Hinshaw-Wilkie, £5; The Misses Naylor, £1; Mr. Leitch, £1; Mr. C. Owens, £1 1/-; Mr. H. Carleton Walker, Sixpences for Xmas Puddings.

Treats.—Girls entertained at "Dowsefield," Miss Earle; Visit of Children to Pantomime, "Queen of Hearts," Sir Charles A. Nall-Cain; To Pantomime, "Aladdin," Mrs. Nance; 12 Boys and Girls, Visit to Circus, Mrs. Nance.

Flowers, Fruit, etc. (for Harvest Festival and other occasions).—Mr. H. Carleton Walker, Mrs. Tunnington, Mr. G. W. Anakin, Mrs. H. Stewart Brown; Chapel Flowers (Easter), Miss Sybil Eills.

Loan of Plants.—Mrs. Tunnington.

Books for School Libraries, Magazines, etc.—Mrs. Pape, Mrs. Tom Stone, Liverpool Bowling Club, Mrs. J. Stabback, Mrs. Naylor, Mrs. Arnold, "Illustrated News," (bound), Mr. Sandeman Allen, M.P.

Prizes.—Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Whitson, Miss Earle, Mrs. Henry Stewart-Brown, Mr. J. J. Verdin Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wareing, Mr. J. Edwards, The Don Association, Blue Coat Brotherly Society (Thomas Fletcher Memorial Prizes), Mr. John R. Collie, Mr. Luke Hoyle, Miss Ferguson, Mrs. D. M. Ritchie, Mr. J. Moore, Messrs. Crowther & Bailey, Mr. C. Owens, Mr. Frank Brocklehurst, Mr. and Mrs. T. Woodsend, Mrs. Preston, Mr. L. MacLaren, Medal (Boys' Sports), Mrs. Dawson, Medal (Girls' Sports), Miss Earle, Mrs. Lloyd Williams, Messrs. Chalmers Wade, Mr. L. Cappel, Mr. T. J. Whitson, Mr. H. D. Darbshire.

Entertainments, Lectures, etc.—Mr. J. A. Tinne, M.P., Empire Tea, and Lantern Lecture; "The Duds" Concert Party.

Quantity of Firewood.—Mersey Docks & Harbour Board.

Pianoforte.—Miss Earle.

Engraving.—Alderman Paris.

LEGACIES, 1926.

		£	s.	d.
Executors of late	T. F. Ashe, Esq.	415	5	6
"	" John Benson, Esq.	100	0	0
"	" Miss Mary Mullen.....	250	0	0
"	" Miss Mary A. F. Anderson.....	168	16	10
"	" William Lewis, Esq.	280	0	0
"	" T. P. Whitley, Esq.	500	0	0
"	" Mrs. E. Lloyd Jones.....	500	0	0
"	" Mrs. Bennion.....	100	0	0
"	" Mrs. Evans.....	50	0	0
"	" Mrs. Twyford (Instalment).....	16	1	1
"	" Mrs. Sarah Burgess.....	563	15	4
"	" William King, Esq.	29	10	0
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		£2,973	8	9
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LOUIS CAPPEL, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE

From the 1st January

Dr.

		£	s.	d.
To Amount of Annual Subscriptions.....	£1,084	3	7	
" " Donations.....	825	7	1	
" " Church Collections	£207	5	7	
" " Collections at Services in the Chapel of the Institution	£71	0	4	
Less Collection Local Charities £5 0 0				
Less Collection Hospital Sun. 5 17 7				
	10 17 7			
		60	2	9
" " Received from Visitors attending the Children's Service on Sunday afternoons	279	6	2	
		546	14	6
" " Income Account— From Investments	£3,922	14	6	
Income Tax Returned and Sundry Receipts.....	838	3	10	
Grants from Board of Education..	427	13	0	
Interest on "Roger Lyon Jones Fund ".....	336	0	0	
Government Pensions.....	1970	8	3	
		7,494	19	7
" " Interest on "Graham Annuitants' Fund ".....	£80	0	0	
" " Interest on "Shirley Annuitants' Fund ".....	94	18	6	
" " "Prize Fund" Account.....	37	7	8	
	£212	6	2	
	114	5	6	
Less deducted as per Contra.....				
		98	0	8
		10,049	5	5
" " Legacies		2,973	8	9
" " Balance dus to Treasurer		4,529	8	3

£17,552 2 5

LIVERPOOL, 14th June, 1927.

LOUIS CAPPEL, TREASURER.

to the 31st December, 1926.

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		£	s.	d.
By Balance due to the Treasurer, 1st January, 1926.....		3,248	8	5
" Amount paid for Bread, Flour, Oatmeal and Rice.....	£846 17 11			
" " Butcher's Meat.....	579 19 6			
" " Milk	756 18 4			
" " Potatoes and Vegetables.....	178 13 1			
" " Groceries, Provisions, Salt.....	553 12 1			
" " Fish.....	116 5 3			
		£3,032	6	2
" " Linen, Woollen Cloth, Boys' Suits, etc.	£1,515 11 4			
" " Boots and Shoes.....	532 1 6			
		2,047	12	10
" " Coal.....	£1,155 10 10			
" " Electricity.....	107 7 4			
" " Gas and Water.....	61 12 11			
" " Soap, Soda, etc.	109 12 4			
		1,434	3	5
" " Repairs, Painting, etc., including Special Contracts.....	£820 3 4			
" " Engineers' Works and Stores...	64 14 1			
" " Joiners' Work.....	38 13 4			
		923	10	9
" " Salaries and Wages.....		4,702	5	9
" " School Materials, Books, Printing, Stationery and Advertising	£457 14 3			
" " Sundry Expenses.....	349 7 6			
" " Furniture, Brushes, Carpets, Earthenware and Ironmongery	196 6 2			
" " Household Stores and Medicine	143 12 1			
" " Tuning Organs, Pianos and Repairing Band Instruments &c.	30 14 0			
" " Rates and Telephone.....	86 2 11			
" " Insurance and Annuities.....	303 1 4			
" " Health and Unemployment Insurance	39 3 4			
" " Bank Interest.....	201 6 6			
		1,807	8	1
" " Maintenance of Children during Holidays...		354	12	0
		14,301	19	0
" " Due to Swimming Bath Fund			1	15
" " "Graham" Annuities.....	£70 0 0			
" " "Shirley" Annuities.....	12 0 0			
" " Prize Fund Account.....	32 5 6			
	£114 5 6			

£17,552 2 5

CHALMERS, WADE & CO.,

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS, 1926.

June 17th.	Proportion of Simultaneous Collections in the Churches of Liverpool and the neighbourhood for the Local Charities	£	s.	d.
		47	10	0
Nov. 20th.	Collection in the Cathedral on Lord Mayor's Sunday..	159	15	7
		<u>£207</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>7</u>

PRIZE FUND, 1926.

Dr.				Cr.			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	
To Balance brought forward	28	14	4	By Book Prizes, etc.	32	5	6
„ Interest on Prize Fund..	16	0	0	„ Balance in hand.....	33	16	6
„ Donations to Prize Fund	11	17	0				
„ Interest on " Princess Mary " Prize Fund...	2	16	8				
„ Interest on " Liverpool Cowkeepers' Association " Prize Fund....	2	3	0				
„ Interest on " Luke Hoyle " Prize Fund..	4	11	0				
	£66	2	0		£66	2	0

No. 3 ACCOUNT, Swimming Bath Fund.

Dr.				Cr.
	£	s.	d.	£ s. d.
To Balance as per last A/c	1744	19	6	By Investments as per last
„ Interest on Investments	82	10	2	Balance Sheet
„ Bank Interett	7	0	10	Invested during the
				year £200 5% War
				Stock 1929/47 cost
				204 13 6
				„ Bank of Liverpool and
				Martins Ltd., Hey-
				wood's Branch
				115 14 3
				„ Balance owing from
				Hospital A/c
				1 15 0
	£1834	10	6	£1834 10 6

LOUIS CAPPELL, Treasurer.
LIVERPOOL, 14th JUNE, 1927.

Audited and found correct,
CHALMERS, WADE, & CO.
Chartered Accountants.

All persons who are disposed to contribute by Will to this Charity are respectfully requested to do it in the following manner :—

I give to the Treasurer, for the time being, of the LIVERPOOL BLUE COAT HOSPITAL, in aid of that Institution, and free of Legacy Duty, the sum of _____ pounds, to be paid out of such part of my personal Estate as can lawfully be applied to charitable purposes.

The Blue Coat Brotherly Society ;

*and may all its proceedings be characterised
by brotherly love.*

EIGHTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Committee has pleasure in presenting to the Members and Patrons of the Society a Report of the work for the year ending 31st December, 1926.

The chief aim of the Society is to give a helping hand to the Boys who have left the Blue Coat Hospital and are entering on their business life, by the exercise of a kindly supervision, by encouraging them in their efforts to attain success, and by the granting of assistance to them in time of need. The Boys are periodically visited at their homes and places of employment by their respective visitors, by whom enquiries are made relative to their conduct and the discharge of their duties. During the past four years a further effort has been made for the welfare of the Boys, by the opening of a Clubroom in the Old Blue Coat School Building, three or four evenings during the week, for Educational, Social, and Recreative development.

The number of Boys at present under visitation is 140, and the visitors have received from the employers gratifying reports of the conduct of the boys and their satisfaction with the manner in which they have performed their several duties.

The Income of the Society for the year was £461 13s. 5d., and the Expenditure £463 19s. 2d., showing an excess of Expenditure over Income of £2 5s. 9d., as compared with the year 1925, when the Income was £467 9s. 9d. and the Expenditure £348 16s. 2d.

During the year grants of suits of clothing and boots have been made to 49 boys and grants of overcoats to 29 boys, as compared to grants of clothing and boots to 55 boys and overcoats to 29 boys in 1925.

The sum of £26 7s. 6d. has been expended on special cases, which includes a grant of £5 and loan of £8 to assist a boy emigrating to Australia, and sending a boy to a convalescent home. A number of boys have been assisted with grants for Night-school fees, books, and apprentices' tools.

During the year 28 new Members have been elected to the Society.

The Society's Triennial Treat to the Children of the School took place on July 22nd, at the Botanic Gardens, Southport, and was a great success.

It is with deep sorrow that we allude to the great loss the Society has sustained by the decease of Mr. Sidney S. Dawson, an Ex-president, and Mr. Harry C. Hughes, Treasurer of the Society and Headmaster of the School. For 25 years or more Mr. Dawson laboured for the benefit of the orphan and fatherless with a zeal which years seemed but to strengthen. Mr. Hughes, since coming to the Blue Coat Hospital as Headmaster, also laboured with untiring zeal for the boys under the visitation of the Society. Their loss is keenly felt and deeply deplored by all.

The Committee also records with regret the decease of the following members :—Mr. William Rees, who joined the Society in 1859; Mr. A. J. Hutchinson, and Mr. Thomas MacDonald.

The Society gratefully acknowledges the continued support and encouragement of the Trustees of the School.

J. H. SNAPE,
Secretary.

Dr. H. C. HUGHES (late) and H. M. PHILLIPS, Treasurer, in account with the BLUE COAT BROTHERLY SOCIETY (for year 1926). Cr.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Balance in hand ...	...	263	15	5
" Interest on Stock and Bonds of Mersey Docks and Harbour Board—	...	...	...	...
One Bond ...	£200	0	0	£8
Shirley Bequest ...	100	0	0	5
Graham Bequest ...	2,000	0	0	84
Turner Bequest ...	100	0	0	5
Horsfall Bequest ...	259	1	3	7
Overcoat Fund ...	56	11	6	1
5% War Loan, 1929-47 ...	297	16	8	14
Robert Kibberd Bequest ...	486	17	3	24
John Hughes Bequest ...	125	0	11	6
	£5794	3	0	265
Income Tax, estimated repayment	30	11	2	4
" Annual Subscriptions from Trustees of Blue Coat Hospital and other friends ...	...	25	0	0
" Annual Subscriptions from Members of the Society ...	...	128	2	6
" Donations... ..	...	6	2	6
" Interest—Bank of Liverpool and Martins Ltd. (Heywood's Branch) ...	...	6	5	11
" Thomas Fletcher Prize Fund :—	...	...	...	461
Balance at Bank 1st Jan. 1926 ...	£5	16	6	13
Interest on £112 19/3 5% War Loan ...	5	12	10	5
	£11	9	4	
" Brakell Memorial Fund :—	...	...	...	...
Balance at Bank, 1st Jan. 1926 ...	£9	12	7	
Interest on £52 12/7 5% War Loan 1929-47 ...	£2	12	6	
Bank Interest ...	0	5	11	
	2	18	5	
	£12	11	0	
Triennial Treat Fund—	...	...	...	...
Amount Collected ...	£182	18	3	
Less expended ...	126	19	10	
	55	18	5	
	£781	7	3	
By Stationery, Printing and Annual Report ...	£47	16	5	
" Postages and Incidental Expenses ...	13	16	11	
	61	13	4	
" Grants of Clothing ...	...	166	0	11
" Tools for Apprentices ...	...	6	1	1
" Educational Fees, Books, &c. ...	...	7	6	11
" Grants of Overcoats ...	...	52	0	0
" Outfit and part passage emigrating Old Boy ...	...	12	19	6
" Loan to old pupil ...	...	5	0	0
	249	8	5	
" Treats to Blue Coat Children ...	...	13	7	6
" Donation to Boys Home and Refuge ...	...	5	5	0
" " Junior Old Boys' Club ...	...	60	0	0
" Wreaths... ..	...	2	2	0
" Secretary's Honorarium ...	...	25	0	0
" Desk and Typewriter... ..	...	11	0	0
	116	14	6	
" Investment in £125/0/11 War Stock, 1929/47 of Hughes Bequest ...	...	...	...	427
" One-third of the Income from the Kibberd Bequest, paid to Blue Coat Hospital ...	...	...	...	127
" Thomas Fletcher Prize Fund :—	...	...	...	14
Prizes awarded ...	£5	0	0	9
Balance at Bank of Liverpool and Martins Ltd. ...	6	9	4	
	£11	9	4	
" Brakell Memorial Fund :—	...	...	...	...
Prizes awarded ...	£2	5	0	
Balance at Bank, 31st Dec., 1926 ...	10	6	0	
	£2	11	0	
	...	...	...	189
	...	...	...	13
	...	...	...	4

I have audited the above account with the books and vouchers produced to me. I certify that such account is correct. The securities of the Society have been exhibited to me.

24th January, 1927.

T. G. THOMPSON, Incorporated Accountant,
Hon Auditor.

Blue Coat Junior Old Boys' Club.

Clubroom—8 LIBERTY BUILDING (OLD BLUE COAT SCHOOL)
SCHOOL LANE, LIVERPOOL.

Patrons—

LOUIS CAPPEL, Esq. JOHN A. TINNE, Esq., M.P.
C. L. WARREN, Esq.

REPORT.

We have pleasure in presenting to subscribers and friends of the Club a report of the work for the year ending 31st August, 1926.

The chief aim of the Club is to provide the boys when they leave the Blue Coat Hospital with opportunities for Educational, Social and Recreative development.

During the past year we have been successful in securing new Clubrooms at the Old Blue Coat School, which were officially opened by Mr. John A. Tinne, M.P., on January 8th. Apart from the great improvement in the accommodation and the centralization of our Club premises, there is the added sentiment of the Club being housed in the old building.

Our sincere thanks are due to the Trustees and Old Boys who so generously supported our appeal and enabled us to obtain these rooms.

The Clubrooms have been open during the past Winter Season three evenings each week for organised games, billiards, lectures, etc.

The number of boys on the Club register during the past year was 64.

The Club Library has been much improved this year, and has been used freely by the Boys. The Carnegie Trust Fund are making a grant of books to the value of £15, which will make the Library more varied, both fictionally and educationally. Our thanks are due to the Executors of the late Mr. J. Ernest Tinne for very kindly presenting the Club with a book-case.

On the recreative side, a Junior and a Senior Football team were formed and good sportsmanship was shown in all

the games throughout the season. One item worthy of special note was the football match between the Oldham Blue Coat School Junior Old Boys and our own Club team, at the White Star Ground, on Easter Monday. After the match the Old Boys of both Schools were entertained at the Liverpool Blue Coat School, through the kindness of Mr. Louis Cappel, the Headmaster, and the Matron ; and they later visited the Clubrooms.

During the summer months Cricket was provided in Newsham Park on three evenings per week, and on Saturday afternoons. A team was entered in the L.U.B.C. Cricket League, and L. Winter was selected to play for the inter-city team.

A cycling section was formed, and runs arranged each week.

A week's Camp was arranged on the banks of the Cheshire Broads, Winford, from June 12th to June 19th, and was a great success. The River Weaver provided the boys with splendid bathing and boating facilities. A new innovation was the Camp Fire held at midnight on the last night at Camp. The Club spirit shown by the boys was excellent, and indicative of the general good tone which prevails in the Club.

A week-end Camp was also arranged in August, at Little Neston.

A Swimming Club was inaugurated this year, under the leadership of Mr. J. Shipton, and contracts were obtained for the boys at Cornwallis Street Baths. We hope to make further headway with swimming during the coming season. We are greatly indebted to Mr. H. D. Darbshire for his generous help and interest in fostering the formation of the Swimming Club.

With regard to the coming winter season, we hope to include in our programme Lectures, a First Aid Class, and Dramatics.

In conclusion, we should like to thank all those friends and subscribers who have helped us during the past year, and earnestly appeal to them again to accord us their help and support, in order that we may be enabled to carry on this welfare work.

J. H. SNAPE,

59 COWLEY ROAD,
WALTON, LIVERPOOL.

Leader.

BLUE COAT JUNIOR OLD BOYS' CLUB. Year ending 31st August, 1926.

RECEIPTS.		£	s.	d.	PAYMENTS.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance brought forward ...	...	12	6	4	Rent and Rates—							
Donations and Subscriptions (Trustees, Old Blues and Friends) ...	...	23	3	0	Rent Latham Street ...	...	4	5	0			
Boys' Subscriptions... ..	...	13	15	11	Rent Liberty Buildings ...	...	18	18	4			
Grants—					Rates Liberty Buildings ...	...	23	4	8			
Blue Coat Brotherly Society ...	40 0 0									46	8	0
Liverpool Education Committee	6 0 0				Printing, Postages and Sundry Expenses ...	...				9	19	4
		46	0	0	Lighting, Cleaning, Repairs and Decorations ...	...				6	18	
Blue Coat Brotherly Social ...	3 0 0				Games and Recreation—							
Balance of Appeal Fund ...	5 1 0				Grounds and Equipment ...	...	19	13	8			
Bank Interest ... ..	...	8	1	0	League and Referees' Fees ...	...	4	3	0			
		0	3	2	Swimming (less receipts) ...	...	0	12	0			
Total	£103 9 5				Summer Camp (less receipts) ...	...	0	2	8	24	11	4
					Inter-City Football ...	...		9	0	4		
					Less Receipts ...	...	5	0	6	3	19	10
					Balance Carried Forward—							
					In Bank ...	...	10	14	11			
					In Hand ...	...	0	17	11	11	12	10
					Total ...	£103 9 5						

ROBERT C. BURNS, Hon. Treasurer.

I have audited the above account with the Books and Vouchers produced to me, and I have found same to be correct.

T. G. THOMPSON, Hon. Auditor,
Incorporated Accountant.

REPORT FOR 1926

OF THE

GIRLS' PROVIDENT FUND.

ESTABLISHED 1857.

DURING the past year the deposits of the Fund have amounted to £37 7s. od.

Twenty girls have been rewarded for continuous good service.

A Case of Silver Tea Spoons and Sugar Tongs was presented to an old Blue Coat Girl on her marriage.

Owing to change of residence, Miss C. St. George has resigned the Honorary Treasurership. Mrs. C. Harrison, member of the Ladies' Committee, has been elected Hon. Treasurer, and Miss R. H. Phillips, Secretary.

**Miss St. George, Treasurer, in Account with the Blue Coat Girls' Provident Fund,
Dr. for the Year ended 31st December, 1926. Cr.**

	£	s	d.		£	s	d.
To Balance from last Report.....	254	5	4	By Repayment to Depositors ..	21	1	6
" Amount received from Depositors.....	37	7	0	" Premiums and Interest paid			
" Interest from Investments.....	110	0	9	to Depositors	2	10	1
" Income Tax Repaid.....	24	15	5				
" Bank Interest.....	8	17	7	" Money Rewards and Presents	23	11	7
				" Grants for Sports' Prizes.....	38	8	0
				" Grant to Lily Pawcett	3	6	9
				" Walker & Hall Ltd., Cost of Wedding	5	0	0
				" Present to an Old Blue Coat Girl ..	1	15	3
				" Pioneer Furnishing Co. Ltd.,			
				Cost of new Carpet for			
				Girls' Room	30	16	0
				" Bon Marche, Cost of Chairs			
				for Girls' Room	8	2	0
				" Stationery, Printing, etc.	38	18	0
				" Balance at Bank.....	318	17	11
				" Balance in hand.....	3	19	7
					322	17	6
					£435	6	1

Audited and found correct,
CHALMERS, WADE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

LIVERPOOL,
14th June, 1927.

BALANCE SHEET, 31st December, 1926.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.		
	£	s. d.		£	s. d.
Capital Fund	2,628	10 9	INVESTMENTS AT COST—		
Amount due to Depositors.....	£179	0 8	£950 Mersey Docks & Harbour		
Interest due to Depositors	08	18 1	Board Bonds.....	£950	0 0
	247	18 9	£1000 Do.	1000	0 0
			£500 Do. do. An-		
			nunity Certificates	453	12 0
			£151/17/10 5% War Stock,		
			1929/47.....	150	0 0
			Balance at Bank of Liverpool	2,553	12 0
			and Martins Ltd.....	£318	17 11
			Balance in hand	3	19 7
				322	17 6
				£2,876	9 6

Audited and found correct,
CHALMERS, WADE, & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

LIVERPOOL,
14th June, 1927.

Liverpool Blue Coat Girls' Society.

REPORT FOR 1926.

The Committee has pleasure in presenting the Second Annual Report of the Society.

The chief aims of the Society are :—To promote the spirit of friendship and common help among ex-scholars ; to help them to become good citizens, and to encourage them to interest themselves and others in the welfare of the Blue Coat Hospital.

The membership of the Society is 167, which represents an increase of 30 over the year 1925.

An average of 58 members attended the monthly meetings held at the Blue Coat Hospital.

The Appeal to save the old Blue Coat School met with a ready response from the members.

The need of a Sick Visitor for the Society was felt to be essential ; a member of the Committee is appointed, periodically for this purpose.

It is with regret the Committee record the deaths of two members, Mrs. Lloyd and Miss Mary Lewis, also Mr. S. S. Dawson, a patron, and Mr. Hughes, Headmaster of the Blue Coat School.

The Society is indebted to Patrons, Subscribers and Friends for their help during the past year, and the members take this opportunity of rendering to them their sincere thanks. Also, they express their appreciation of the improvements and comforts added to their clubroom through the Trustees and Ladies' Committee of the Blue Coat Hospital.

Miss R. H. Phillips, Treasurer, in account with the Liverpool Blue Coat Girls' Society.

Dr. From 1st April to 31st December, 1926. Cr.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
To Balance from last Report	34	10	4	By Stationery, Printing and Advertising...	8	9	8
" Members' Subscriptions.....	30	1	8	" Rent of Tennis Court	£10	0	0
" Friends Subscriptions and Donations...	10	11	6	" Proportion of Rates do. ...	1	13	6
" Tennis Club Subscriptions	11	12	0	" Tennis Poles, Netting, etc....	9	0	0
Do. Donations	1	5	0	" Groundsman	4	14	0
" Proceeds of Sale of Badges	5	15	6	Class Fees St. John Ambu-	25	7	6
" Do. do. Competition Articles	3	18	2	lance Association	2	10	0
" Do. of Tea and Guessing Compet-				" Dr. Dorothy Hanson—Lec-			
ition	0	15	3	ture Fees to above Class	3	3	0
" Bank Interest	0	14	8	" Calico and Bandages.....	1	0	2
				Russells Ltd.—Badges	6	13	2
				" Lewis's Ltd.—Tables	7	4	0
				" Kellits Ltd.—Refreshments.....	1	6	0
				" Money Prizes	0	16	7
				" Grant to Sick Visitor	0	15	0
				" Donation to Blue Coat Hospital.....	1	0	0
				" Postages, etc.	5	5	0
				" Balance at Bank of Liverpool	3	2	11
				and Martins Ltd.	£28	18	11
				" Balance in hands of Treasurer	10	5	4
					39	4	3
	£99	4	1		£99	4	1

Audited and found correct
LIVERPOOL, 28th February, 1927.
CHALMERS, WADE & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

Liverpool Blue Coat Hospital, Wavertree,

FOUNDED IN 1708.

REPORT OF THE Diocesan Inspector of Schools ON THE EXAMINATION IN Religious Knowledge, *DECEMBER 20th, 1926.*

BOYS' SCHOOL.

As usual, the boys sang very nicely at the opening of school, and the lesson from the Bible was read with naturalness and expression. The boys joined reverently in the prayers, conducted by one of themselves.

The Top Group showed that they had a wide range of Bible knowledge at command, and that they could use it with imagination and insight in connection with questions upon religion and life. The Prayer Book and the Catechism also were intelligently drawn upon in the course of the discussion. Altogether, it was a splendid sample of earnest and bright-minded thinking.

The Second Group was in fine spirit, and talked away with stimulating interest and readiness to get at the living idea at each turn in the discussion. Information was full and attractively given. The boys did beautifully.

The Third Group was delightfully bright and alive to the subjects on which they were sounded. Bible stories were told and commented on with fulness and feeling. The summaries of Christian teaching and the account of Christian membership in the Catechism were earnestly and attractively touched on.

The general level of the talks this year was strikingly well maintained from group to group. The boys have book knowledge above the ordinary, and the outstanding feature of the discussions was the excellent way in which they used it in reference to questions suggested by the experiences of life. Even the little boys tackled happily what were, except in phraseology, quite deep questions. A fine sample of spirit and work.

C. F. H. SOULBY.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The children joined in the prayers in an earnest and reverent manner. They sang the hymn beautifully.

The Top Group took up the questions that were put to them with attractive interest and insight. They have increased much of late years in ability to carry on a freely-ranging discussion upon the connections between their book knowledge—of the Bible, Prayer Book, and Catechism—and the experiences of life and existence generally. They had plenty of information to draw upon in their minds, and they used it with resource. It was quite a radiant sample of their mind and work.

The Second Group contained the youngest children. They were very happy over the inspection and talked away with great success, dealing brightly and nice-mindedly with questions that called for the expression of their sense of their own Christian membership, and telling the Bible stories with capital insight into the distinctively religious issues in them. It was a beautiful little effort.

Both groups showed that helpful and illuminating teaching had been given on sacred subjects and the problems of life. There was not a dull moment, and the answering was no mere series of bald statements; it was an interested exchange of ideas and information. Splendid.

Present, 72; last year's average, 67.

C. F. H. SOULBY.