Nurses Report

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3 months ending June 30th.

List of Subscribers.

Richmond City Council .......................................................... £31 16s 8d
Mrs. Ramsay ................................................................. 15 0 0
G. H. Sutton ................................................................. 6 6 0
Robert Reid ................................................................. 5 0 0
W. G. Stephens ............................................................... 1 0 0
W. W. Stephens ............................................................... 2 10 0
H. McName ................................................................. 10 0 0
Miss Simpson ................................................................. 10 0 0
Mrs. Heederwick ............................................................ 1 0 0
Higgins ................................................................. 5 10 0
John Rose ................................................................. 12 12 0
Mr. E. W. Greenwood, M.L.A. .............................................. 3 3 0
Messrs. Connibone, Grieve and Connibone .................................. 5 5 0
Messrs. McNaughton, Love and Co ......................................... 3 3 0
Messrs. J. Ross and Co .................................................. 3 3 0
Mr. J. J. Hemphill .......................................................... 12 12 0
J. E. Riley ................................................................. 2 2 0
Cuppies ................................................................. 1 1 0

Mr. Stephens ................................................................. 5 0 0
S. Myer ................................................................. 10 10 0
A. T. Danks ............................................................... 15 0 0
E. York Syme ............................................................ 2 2 0
Miss Lush ................................................................. 5 0 0
Mrs. Jamieson .............................................................. 1 0 0
McComas ................................................................. 10 0 0
Fawcett ................................................................. 1 1 0
J. H. Dodds ............................................................... 1 1 0
Miss Fogg ................................................................. 1 1 0
Mr. C. Hartley Eastwood ................................................ 20 0 0
Edwin Cook ............................................................... 1 1 0
Mrs. Edwin Cook .......................................................... 1 1 0
Turner ................................................................. 4 0 0
McColl ................................................................. 5 0 0
Bailey ................................................................. 5 0 0
J. D. Scott ............................................................... 5 0 0
G. A. Syme ............................................................... 1 0 0
Miss Primrose ............................................................. 3 6 0
Anonymous ............................................................... 1 0 0

The Committee thanks its:

The Melbourne City Council.
The Richmond City Council.
The Committees of the Burwood and, Bourke Street, and City Free Kindergartens.
The Vicar and Vestry of St. Mathias, North Richmond.
Rev. G. M. Baird and Board of Management, Presbyterian Church, South Richmond,
for use of Rooms.
Mrs. G. Russell—Set of Scales.
Mrs. G. H. Sutton—Basket for Scales.
Mrs. Todd—Hand Towels.
Mrs. Ramsay, Miss Lush, and Mr. Hemphill—Gifts towards Equipment.
The Committees of the Burwood and Bourke Street Free Kindergartens for use
of Heaters.
The Jewish Women's Guild—Baby Garments.

First Annual Report

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Hon. Medical Officers:
DRS. YOUNGER, SWEET AND BENNETT.

Hon. Auditors:
MADAM RUCKER AND MACKENZIE.
First Annual Report

The first Baby Clinic was established in Melbourne in June, 1917, when a Committee was formed of representatives of the Boroondara Free Kindergarten, Rth, Richmond, Bourke Street, Carlton, City Free Kindergarten, Exhibition Street, City, under the name of the Infant Welfare Society decided to appoint a nurse to do Baby Clinic work. Rooms being provided, rent free, on the premises of these institutions for the purpose of providing Centres where the nurse could weigh babies and give advice to Mothers as to their feeding and management, it being decided that the nurse's time should be divided between these districts.

As the summer approached, the winter's lesson taught the attendant evils of increased sickness among children; the numbers visiting the Centres became so large that it was found impossible for the nurse to cope with the work, so, with the financial aid of the Richmond City Council, a nurse was appointed to devote her whole time to that municipality, while a second nurse took over Carlton and the City, and began work in North Melbourne. The use of rooms at the North Melbourne Town Hall was kindly granted by the Government of the Melbourne City.

In March, 1918, a second Richmond Centre was opened at the Presbyterian Mission Hall, Cubitt Street, South Richmond, for the benefit of Mothers living to the South of the Railway line, and has proved a success. In June, 1918, the North Richmond Centre was moved to the Richmond Town Hall, which is more central, the use of rooms being kindly granted by the Richmond City Council free of charge. The Committee takes this opportunity of thanking the Mayor and Councillors of Richmond for their interest and sympathy, and for the financial help tendered, which has resulted in the large number of 526 babies being brought to the Richmond Baby Clinic Centres during the last 12 months.

At North Melbourne, a Centre was established at the Town Hall in March last. It is making good progress, the number of Mothers attending showing an increase each month. At Carlton, work has gone on steadily, although the numbers have not reached the magnitude of those in Richmond, largely owing to the fluctuating population.

Nurse has attended the City Kindergarten once weekly, the attendance, though small, have been very regular.

Baby Clinic Centres have been established through the year at Collingwood, Fitzroy, Port Melbourne, and South Melbourne. Cordial co-operation has been maintained with these Centres, the work is carried on in the same lines, a uniform system of records and registration being used.

Realising that co-operation is essential to success, the Baby Clinic Centres have been linked together by a Central Executive Committee, which includes representatives of the Women's Hospitals, Talbot Milk Institute, Australian Health Society, Medical Women's Association, and the British Medical Association, and at the same time the Baby Clinic is liable to lead to a misapprehension of the scope of the work, it is proposed to adopt the title 'British Health Centre.' That the Centres are filling a need is made manifest by the response of those whom they are designed to assist; the attendances have already been satisfactory, and now that they are becoming well known, many Mothers bring their babies because they have heard of the benefits received by others.

In February last, the Minister for Health granted the £1 for £1 subsidy promised by the previous Government. When the second nurse was appointed to the North Melbourne and Carlton Centres, it was thought advisable to keep the Bank accounts separate, as it might at some future time be decided to form a local committee for these Centres.

Nurses Peck and Smith, Nurse Fleming who is temporarily filling Nurse Smith's position, have co-operated with the Committee's efforts in every way, and much of the success of the movement is due to the skill and devotion to duty. The voluntary helpers, Messrs. Cook, McFarlane, Mitchell, Murray, Pappett, and Wilson have the Committee's warmest thanks, while to those who subscribed funds, and so gave the Baby Clinic Centres their first impetus, much gratitude is given. To the Hon. Medical Officers, Drs. Isabella Younger, Elizabeth Sweet and A. Bennett, the Committee is much indebted, and also the Hon. Auditors, Messrs. Rucker and MacKenzie.

At Baby Week, which was held at the Melbourne Town Hall, April, 1918, the Baby Clinic Centres had an exhibit, demonstrating the work being done, the posters and wall-sheets which were used being afterwards loaned to the Tasmanian Baby Week Exhibition.

ETHEL M. HEMPHILL, Hon. Sec.

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**Balance Sheets**

**Richmond and Carlton Baby Clinic**

**Balance Sheet for 9 Months ended 31st March, 1918.**

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