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GYNÆCOLOGICAL & BIRTH CONTROL CLINIC
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1934-1935

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of Attendance

2.30 to 4 p.m.

Birth Control

6.30 to 8 p.m. 6.30 to 8 p.m.

2.30 to 4 p.m.

Gynæcology

2 to 3.30 p.m.

Pamphlet

Tuesday Evenings
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Eleventh Annual Report, 1934-1935

CLINIC ATTENDANCES

New Birth Control patients	1,184 (last year 1,082)
Total Birth Control attendances	4,102 (last year 3,704)
Gynæcological attendances	659 (last year 448)
Postal applications for renewal of	appliances 2,498

CLINIC SESSIONS

An extra Birth Control session has been opened (on Friday afternoons), making four Birth Control sessions a week; an extra gynæcological session has been opened (also on Friday afternoons), making two gynæcological sessions a week. A special session is now being held fortnightly by Dr. Joan Malleson (who is generously giving her services) to help patients who have psychological or emotional difficulties. The need for this has been felt for some time, as it is impossible for the Medical Officer who first examines and advises the patient to give sufficient time to psychological conditions which may prove a grave obstacle to the successful use of Clinic methods. The session is proving of great value in clearing away such difficulties, and is deeply appreciated by the patients themselves.

MEDICAL STAFF

Dr. Margaret Rorke, who has conducted the gynæcological session, has had to resign owing to pressure of work. The Executive Committee wish to thank her very warmly for the skill and patience with which she organised and conducted this pioneer work during its first two years. Owing largely to her care, the gynæcological session has proved an unqualified success and has won the admiration and support of many public Medical Officers. Her place has been taken by Dr. Jocelyn Moore and Dr. Mary Michael Shaw, who each take one gynæcological session a week.

The Women's Library

Dr. Mary Redding was appointed in the autumn of 1934 to take the extra Birth Control session which it was

found necessary to open.

At the time of going to press, we have to report with great regret the resignation of Dr. Cecile Booysen, owing to pressure of other work. Dr. Booysen has been an invaluable member of the medical staff, not only for the work at her Wednesday evening session, but for the time and care she has given to the scientific problems with which the Medical Committee has continually to deal. She is, however, the Medical Officer at a new voluntary Gynæcological and Birth Control Clinic in Goswell Road, and we realize that her extensive knowledge of the science of Birth Control and her experience in the organisation of a Clinic makes the claim of this new Centre to her services a more urgent one than our own. We are glad to say we are retaining her help on the Medical Committee.

SUPPORT OF BOROUGH AUTHORITIES

Patients are now sent to us officially from the Boroughs of Kensington, Paddington, Southall, Willesden, and Wandsworth. Dr. Fenton, Medical Officer of Health for Kensington, has given valuable help in making the Clinic known throughout the Welfare Centres of the Royal Borough and in advising other London Boroughs on the advantages of sending patients to us. Kensington has undoubtedly led the way in recognising a Gynæcological and Birth Control Clinic as an integral part of the care of maternal health, and we are grateful for the helpful advice and sympathy which we have received from the Council and Officers of our Borough and for the grant of £50 a year which is now made to us from the Council funds. We are confident that the opening of the gynæcological session nearly three years ago, has done more than anything else in the history of the movement to establish Birth Control as a branch of medicine and to give it a proper place in Public Health service for women.

LECTURES FOR DOCTORS AND MEDICAL STUDENTS

Until recently, this Clinic was one of the very few medical institutions in the kingdom offering regular lectures and demonstrations in Birth Control to students

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and post-graduates. Such lectures have been held regularly throughout the year and have been very much appreciated. We are glad to hear that Birth Control training is now offered to medical students at two or three of the teaching hospitals, and that more than one of these have established Birth Control clinics of their own. We believe that we can claim some credit for these remarkable changes in hospital policy, for our lectures have done much to create a greater demand for knowledge on this subject amongst medical students and post-graduates. Our lectures are being continued this year. We are very grateful to our medical staff, who have given all the lectures and demonstrations without payment.

RESEARCH

Problems of technique and clinical practice continue to occupy to an ever-increasing extent the attention of our Medical Committee. During the year some of our records were closely investigated, and revealed data of remarkable interest and novelty for those concerned with maternal health. These have not yet been published, because they are still in an embryonic stage; but they were presented to the Chief Medical Officer of the Ministry of Health who expressed the opinion that they were of very great interest and should be systematically pursued. The Executive Committee has therefore decided to continue and develop this work as far as funds allow, and we hope to raise a special fund for this purpose. It is clearly of paramount importance that one of the voluntary clinics should be able and willing to devote time and money to the entirely new problems which arise in the course of this new branch of medical work.

PUBLIC MEETING

To celebrate the completion of the first ten years of our work, a Public Meeting was held in the Kensington Town Hall in February. The speakers were the Countess of Limerick (in the Chair), Dame Janet Campbell, The Master of the Rolls (Lord Hanworth), Dr. Killick Millard (the Medical Officer of Health, Leicester), and two patients from the Clinic. The Members of Parliament for the Boroughs of South and North Kensington, Sir William

Davison and Mr. James Duncan, had promised to propose and second the vote of thanks. Sir William Davison was kept at the last moment by business in the House, and his place was taken by Lady Davison. We were deeply gratified to have the support of such eminent representatives from different branches of public life, and we were profoundly touched by the tribute paid to the Clinic by the two working mothers, who were enthusiastically received.

CLINIC STAFF AND ORGANISATION

After a year of experiments both in Clinic staff and in Executive duties, we have been able to adopt a working routine which we hope will be successful and as economical as the increasing demands for the services of the Clinic allow.

Since the publication of the last Report, a full-time paid Clinic-Superintendent has been appointed. Miss Christobel Robinson, who so generously gave her services in this capacity for six months, was a great help in organising this side of the work, and we have now found in Mrs. Wylson a very able worker to fill her place.

It has also been found necessary to employ a half-time worker to deal with the appliances sent out from the Clinic through the post.

The addition of these two paid workers partly accounts for the heavy increase in the Clinic salaries, the rest of which is due to the two extra Sessions started during the year.

Mrs. Goldney is now full-time secretary in place of Mrs. Johnson, who resigned in April. Mrs. Goldney, besides being a fully-trained secretary, is also a certificated midwife, and this qualification makes her specially suited to the post.

The Honorary Officers of the Committee have to give a great deal of time to the work, and we are always anxious to find regular and reliable voluntary workers to assist the Clinic staff. A very large amount of the work at such a Clinic as this must be done voluntarily, and we hope that more workers will come forward to help us.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Viscountess Buckmaster is a valuable addition to the Executive, not only for the interest and enterprise which

she brings to the work, but also for the renewed association of the Clinic with a family to whom it largely owed its inception eleven years ago. Lady Buckmaster this year gave her generous subscription in a very cheering form. She defrayed the expense of the re-decoration of the outside of the Clinic premises—which now adds a welcome brightness to a rather gloomy surrounding.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

A Finance Sub-Committee has been formed to advise the Executive Committee. We are extremely fortunate to have secured the help on this Sub-Committee of Viscount Buckmaster, Sir John Ramsay, and Mr. Arthur Moon, K.C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The Balance-Sheet speaks for itself. Our list of subscribers has lengthened, but not enough; we cannot refuse patients nor shirk our responsibilities for want of money. We hope that everyone who reads this Report will become a subscriber, or if he is already that, find another amongst his friends. This is not merely local work; it is national work, because it is helping that class of the community upon whose safety and health our national life is founded—the working mothers.

VISITORS

Visitors and enquirers are warmly welcomed at the Clinic, but visits should be made by appointment with the Secretary.

THANKS

The Committee thanks :-

Mr. H. F. Rubinstein, for continued legal help;

The Hon. Auditors, Messrs. E. Watts & Co., who have again helped us by auditing the accounts and by much valuable advice throughout the year;

Miss Christobel Robinson for her untiring voluntary help in organising and conducting the work of the Clinic-Superintendent;

All the voluntary workers, who help in the work at sessions; will they please continue to come as often and as regularly as they can.

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> We have examined the foregoing Receipts and Payments Account with the Books and Vouchers of the North Kensington Women's Welfare Centre, and find it to be in accordance therewith. We have verified the Cash at Bank and the holding of £50 31 per cent War Stock at 31st July 1935 by means of Certificates. We have also obtained a Certificate that the deeds of No. 14 Telford Road in which the Centre has an interest subject to the Declaration of Trust dated 20th December 1932 are in the possession of the Mortgagee who has certified that the amount of the mortgage is £400.

13/14 Dartmouth Street

(Signed) E. WATTS & Co. Chartered Accountants Auditors

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