

diminished, and does not appear excessive. Regarding financial matters, charitable subscriptions appear to have ceased, as might have been expected. No entertainments take place for the benefit of the hospital, and I only heard of one annual subscription with a view to its benefit. Maintenance money produces about £100 for the year. It will be necessary to provide an outfit of surgical instruments; with the increasing importance of the hospital the Medical Officer cannot reasonably be expected to supply them all.

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