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ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 31st December, 1993
(the One-Hundred-and-Fifty-Fourth Year of the Hospital)

Notice is hereby given

that the **SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** under the Charter will be held in the **Board Room** at 2.15 p.m. on **WEDNESDAY**, 25th May, 1994

to transact the following business:

1. Honorary Secretary to present the Board of Management Report and Audited Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1993.
2. Election of Honorary Officers for ensuing twelve months:

<i>President:</i>	Mr. R. Ian Morrison
<i>Vice-Presidents:</i>	Dr. David M. Mitchell Mrs. H. R. Blakeney Mrs. B. Somerville-Large Mr. Vernon D. Harty Mrs. R. E. Boothman Mr. Basil E. Booth Mr. R. E. Fenelon
<i>Honorary Treasurer:</i>	Mr. R. D. Burry
<i>Honorary Secretaries:</i>	Prof. Ian M. Graham Mrs. R. French
3. Election of Governors.
4. Re-election of Auditors.
5. Vote of thanks to all the staff and helpers of the hospital.

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." Gal. vi 10.

Board of Management

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

Meets last Tuesday in the Month at 5 p.m.

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Mrs. Janet Pasley
Mrs. S. Pedlow
Dr. John Reid
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Prof. G. H. Tomkin
A. Vincent

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D. P. McInerney, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.R.C.R.
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E. A. Martin, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.R.C.P.

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N. A. Kinnear, M.B., F.R.C.S.I., F.R.C.S. (Glasg.) (Hon.)
Stanley T. McCollum,
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Consulting Thoracic Surgeon:

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Consulting Gynaecologist:

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Consulting Anaesthetists:

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Eric Fenelon, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.
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Consulting Psychotherapists:

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Consulting Paediatricians:

E. E. Doyle, F.R.C.P.I., D.P.H., D.C.H.
J. P. R. Rees, M.B., F.R.C.P.I., D.C.H.

Consulting Physicians to Out-Patients Department:

C. P. Williamson, M.B., M.R.C.P.
H. G. Nelson, M.D., M.Sc., F.R.C.P.I.
J. G. Kirker, M.B., F.R.C.P.I.

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- G. H. Tomkin, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P. (Lond.)
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W. H. Beesley, M.D., M.Ch., F.R.C.S.I.
F. B. V. Keane, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.
W. A. Tanner, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.
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G. C. C. Fenelon, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.
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H. Smyth, F.R.C.S. Ed. (Ortho.), F.R.C.S.I.
D. P. Moore, M.Ch. (Ortho), F.R.C.S.I.

Otorhinolaryngologist:

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Gynaecologists:

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Patricia Crowley, F.R.C.P.I., M.R.C.O.G.

Neurologists:

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R. P. Murphy, M.B., F.R.C.P.

Rheumatologist:

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Ophthalmologist:

- P. A. J. Moriarty, M.B., F.R.C.S.

Psychotherapist:

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Medical Staff

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Dental Surgeon:

Frank J. Allen, F.D.S., R.C.S. (Eng.)

Dermatologist:

Marjorie Young, M.D., F.R.C.P.

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E. Shanahan, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S., D.Obs., D.C.H.
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Mary Stritch, M.B., F.F.A.R.C.S.I.
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*J. G. Kirker, M.B., F.R.C.P.I.

Clinical Assistant to Out-Patients' Department:

Mary Henry, M.D.
David P. Moore, M.B., M.R.C.P.I.

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D. E. Thomas, M.B., M.I.C.G.P.

*Retired



Pictured at the signing of the Contract for the new Adelaide/Meath Hospital, 20th October, 1993. are Mr. Brendan Howlin, Minister for Health, Prof. R. Conroy, Chairman, Tallaght Hospital Board and Prof. David J. McConnell, Chairman, Adelaide Hospital.

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1993 finally saw resolution of the major difficulties regarding the management structure for the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital at Tallaght. The Minister for Health, Mr. Brendan Howlin, made it clear to the hospital that resolution of this issue was an extremely high priority for him. For this reason, the Board of Management acquiesced to his request that negotiations be resumed under the Chairmanship of Prof. David Kennedy and Mr. David Kingston. This time, it was evident that the political will existed to resolve the difficult outstanding issues and the working party issued heads of agreement on the 19th May, 1993. These Heads of Agreement guarantee the place of the new Hospital as a focus for Protestant participation in the Health Services while confirming freedom of conscience and the free profession and practice of religion by all within the institution. The structure of the new Board of Management is such that six representatives will be appointed by the Adelaide Hospital Society, six by the Meath Hospital or its successor, and three by the National Children's Hospital or its successor. Each of these three bodies shall include at least one senior medical representative holding an appointment within the hospital in its nomination to the Board. In addition, the Minister for Health shall be requested to appoint six persons to the Board on receipt of nominations from the President of the hospital. The Minister shall further be requested to appoint a person on the nomination of the local Health Authority and a representative of Trinity College, Dublin. These recommendations meet with the approval of the Department of Health.

It was agreed that the Boards of the three existing hospitals should invite the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin and his successor Archbishops of Dublin to become President of the new Hospital. The Archbishop of Dublin graciously accepted this invitation.

These Heads of Agreement raise new challenges. The existing Adelaide Charter has to be modified to provide the vehicle for managing the Adelaide and Meath Hospital at Tallaght, and the future of the Society must be assured and consolidated.

It is of critical importance to the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital at Tallaght that the Adelaide Hospital Society is associated with it in the strongest possible way and that the Society continues to grow and flourish and support the new Hospital. Only in this way will the minority community be able to continue to participate fully and actively and in a major way in medicine in Ireland. In particular, the ethos of trusting medical and nursing staff to behave ethically but without ethical preconditions will be preserved and the privacy of the doctor-patient relationship maintained. It should be appreciated that the status of the new Hospital as a public voluntary teaching hospital has been confirmed and the Hospital has the potential to achieve the highest international standards of medical care, teaching and research.

Throughout these negotiations, the support from all sections of Irish society

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for the Hospital's position was of critical importance. The Board of Management wishes to acknowledge the widespread and vocal support which came from well wishers of every denomination.

Many, including the Adelaide, believe that paediatrics should logically develop within a general teaching hospital framework; indeed the loss of the Adelaide's childrens unit was much regretted. We are, therefore, delighted that the National Children's Hospital will not only be an integral part of the new Hospital, but will have the resources of the Hospital to help it develop.

It is with particular pleasure that we report the appointment of Miss Yvonne Seville as Matron. Miss Seville has devoted many years of loyal service to the hospital and immediately set about ensuring the maintenance of the highest possible standards of training and nursing service. She has also been empowered to visit hospitals abroad to ensure that the hospital continues its leadership role in nursing developments.

On the 25th March, 1993 a ceremony was held to acknowledge Arthur Ogilvie's long service to the hospital, both in running the laboratory and providing an invaluable photographic service. Mr. Ogilvie has been part of the atmosphere of the hospital for very many years and it is a particular pleasure to record that, in fact, he is still working enthusiastically!

Sadly, we have to report that Richard S. W. Baker, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., died on the 27th September, 1993. Dr. Baker was appointed Consultant Physician to the Adelaide Hospital in 1954 and retired in 1982. Throughout his professional life he exhibited dedicated devotion to his patients as physician and cardiologist. He participated actively in teaching; served for many years on the Board of Management; was Hon. Secretary of the Adelaide Society in 1963 and 1975 and was Secretary of the Medical Board for a number of years. He was a fine intuitive physician who will be sorely missed.

We welcome the appointment of Dr. Desmond O'Neill as Age-Related Health Care Physician (the politically correct euphemism for what used to be called a geriatrician), as well as the appointments of Dr. C. N. Mooney, Dr. D. Mannion and Dr. Maria Donnelly as Consultant Anaesthetists. Dr. J. G. Armstrong has been appointed Radiotherapist and Clinical Oncologist, another very welcome development.

The Board of Management looks forward to 1994 with some trepidation but overall with enormous enthusiasm and energy as we plan our gradual transition to a new site and new challenges.

IAN M. GRAHAM, F.R.C.P.I., F.C.C.P.
Honorary Secretary.

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Introduction

The events of 1993 have been remarkable; the contrast between the state of the Hospital in December 1992 and December 1993 could not be greater. In 1992 the future was, to say the least, uncertain; indeed the Adelaide was in an extremely dangerous position. Now I can report that we should have considerable confidence that the future of the Adelaide is assured. Construction work has already begun on the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital in Tallaght and this will include a major paediatric unit carrying the name and traditions of the National Children's Hospital

Reading my report of 1992, which painted a grim picture of the Adelaide in the midst of doubts about its finances and its very existence, I find it hard to believe that today we can anticipate the great things ahead. We could not have achieved this outcome without the wholehearted support, much of it behind the scenes in very delicate circumstances, of the leaders of the Protestant Churches, in particular, the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Reverend Dr. Eames, the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Reverend Dr. Caird, the Presidents of the Methodist Church and the Moderators of the Presbyterian Church who held office in the last five years. In paying tribute to these church leaders I also need to emphasise that the Adelaide cause has been sympathetically and indeed enthusiastically adopted by people of all walks of life, from all sections of Irish society, across the whole island. Our friends in the Liberties spoke for us when it really mattered. The press have been keen to describe the Adelaide's dilemma, and in the end there was a political consensus that the Adelaide ethos had to be maintained and indeed strengthened. I want to thank all of those who identified with the Adelaide.

The historic agreement on the future of the Adelaide

It is important to describe, in some detail, the events of 1993 which led to the signing of the Kennedy-Kingston Agreement in May. This auspicious Agreement lays out the legal framework, the management structure, the religious nature and the ethical principles for the new hospital in Tallaght. It has been agreed to by the Boards of the Adelaide, Meath and National Children's Hospitals and was accepted by the Minister for Health, Mr. Brendan Howlin and the Government in May 1993.

The most important political event of the year was the formation of a coalition government of Labour and Fianna Fail in January. The coalition was based on an agreement between the two parties, "Fianna Fail and Labour Programme for a Partnership Government, 1993-1997". This Agreement contains specific and clear references to the Tallaght Hospital project confirming the commitments made by the leaders of Fianna Fail and the Labour Party before and during the election campaign. It says: "New Tallaght Hospital – Funding is being provided to enable the construction to start in the Spring of 1993. The hospital will have 467 beds with full state of the art support

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facilities, and will incorporate the Meath Hospital, the Adelaide Hospital and the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt Street. The ethos and traditions of the Adelaide Hospital will be fully protected in the broad structure and management of the new Hospital." The two commitments to build the new £120 million hospital and to safeguard the interests of the Adelaide Hospital were widely welcomed, especially, of course, in the three Hospitals and by the people of Tallaght.

The Government fulfils its commitment

The new Government with Mr. Reynolds as Taoiseach, Mr. Spring as Tainaiste and Mr. Howlin as Minister for Health took office in January. In mid-February delegations of the Adelaide, Meath and National Children's Hospitals met separately with Mr. Howlin and he asked that the three Boards should enter into discussions about the new hospital at Tallaght. The Minister gave assurances that he had an open mind about how the hospital might be managed. Encouraged by his evident determination and knowing the strong commitment of the Labour Party to pluralism and tolerance in Irish society, as often expressed by Mr. Spring, and accepting the commitments made in the Programme for Government, the Board at a special meeting on 23rd February, agreed to the Minister's request for representatives of the three hospitals to meet under the joint chairmanship of Prof. David Kennedy and Mr. David Kingston. As Chairman I elaborated the decision of the Adelaide Board in a letter sent to the Minister on 8th March.

Powerful public support for the Adelaide

While the Working Group was preparing to meet several events took place which emphasised the concern over the future of the Adelaide. A public meeting was organised on 22nd February in Ashford, Co. Wicklow by a group of Adelaide supporters from Wicklow and Wexford. About 500 people attended including several public representatives. The meeting was addressed by me as Chairman and by Archdeacon Linney and by many speakers from the floor. There was a tremendous expression of deeply felt anxiety about the Adelaide; the Board was most grateful for the unanimous and powerful support it received on that very cold winter night. There was no doubt that many people would fight for the Adelaide. Similar meetings were organised by Archdeacon Murray in Rathdowney and Canon Hyland in Howth and supporters came from near and far. Some months later in September Canon Knowles of Gorey organised a meeting at which we were able to explain what had been achieved and just how important had been the efforts of supporters throughout the country.

Support came from all sides. As Chairman of the Board I was invited by Father Eugene Kennedy to address the parishioners of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Castleknock at both 11 o'clock and 12 o'clock Mass on

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18th April. The congregation welcomed me warmly. I emphasised that the Adelaide was, of course, a hospital for all; it represented the last possibility for the Protestant community to show its commitment to charitable hospital work, medical teaching and nurse training in a distinctive way. Protestants want to take part in and to contribute to our country in the same way as do Roman Catholics. We admire the great Catholic teaching hospitals. For our part we wish to continue our great medical tradition which is in danger of being lost with the closure of the last few old centre city hospitals, notably the Adelaide. I frankly noted that there are differences in medical ethics between different faiths and while these are undoubtedly important the disagreements have arisen after much careful moral thought by many people. The different ideas need to be mutually respected even when they are painful; the differences are small when placed in the context of the huge amount of agreement between men and women of goodwill. The generous applause at both Masses convinced me as never before that the Adelaide would be widely accepted as part of the new Ireland.

It was fortuitous and yet full of portent that the Archbishop of Dublin was to give a sermon at the Annual Adelaide Service at St. Brendan's Church on the same Sunday in Birr. His text was First Corinthians 15, 58: "Therefore my brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain." In a strong address he noted that "there can hardly be a parish or even a townland that cannot proudly claim that a daughter has at some time gone to train as a nurse in the Adelaide", and he argued for the need to protect the Christian ethos of the Adelaide in the foundation which so many other hospitals in Ireland have been able to maintain without threat". He concluded that public goodwill was such that the Adelaide was likely to be accommodated in a suitable way in the new hospital at Tallaght. His address, which was well reported in the three Dublin papers the next morning, gave great confidence to all members of the Board several of whom were present in Birr.

We continue to be grateful to Archdeacon Keegan and the parishioners from Birr and the neighbourhood who have supported the Adelaide for many years, commemorating the contribution of the late Earl of Rosse as President of the Adelaide. It was especially fitting that the music this year was provided by a choir drawn from all the Christian churches of the area, a symbol of the inclusive ethos of the Adelaide.

In May a press conference was addressed by the Archbishop of Armagh, Dr. Eames, prior to the meeting in Dublin of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland. This was taking place in the context of determined efforts by the British and Irish Governments to make progress towards peace and reconciliation in Northern Ireland. Church leaders, especially in the North, were playing crucial roles in trying to bring their peoples together. Many were watching the Adelaide, knowing it was a litmus test of tolerance in the South. The Role of

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the Church Committee reported to the Synod giving a clear prescription of the kind of hospital which could continue the Adelaide tradition. The Committee stated: "There is a real desire for reconciliation on this island. The Church of Ireland says to the Government of Ireland that that cause will be seriously damaged if the Adelaide is closed or forced into some anonymous merger. Assurances about embracing all the traditions on this island mean nothing if the Government fails in this." The *Irish Times* (6 May, 1993) in a prescient editorial "How it looks from the North", written just prior to the General Synod, noted, "It would be a foolish civil servant or politician who failed to recognise the symbolic importance of this issue (the future of the ethos of the Adelaide Hospital) throughout the Protestant community, north and south of the Border."

The Kennedy-Kingston Working Party reaches agreement

On the same day as the *Irish Times* editorial the Kennedy-Kingston Working Party met for the first time. Several meetings of the Working Party took place in quick succession. Professor Graham, Archdeacon Linney and Professor McConnell, Chairman, were appointed by the Board to represent the Adelaide; Mr. Gerry Brady, Chairman, Dr. Gerry Hurley and Dr. Brian O'Herlighy represented the Meath; Mr. Tom McManus, Chairman, Mrs. Melissa Webb and Dr. Eric Colhoun represented the National Children's Hospital. A draft agreement was reached and signed by the Chairmen of the Hospitals. The agreement was put to simultaneous meetings of the three hospital boards on 25th May and accepted. It was accepted by the Minister for Health, Mr. Howlin, on behalf of the Government.

The Agreement of May 1993

Under the Agreement the hospital at Tallaght will be a public voluntary teaching hospital with a multi-denominational and pluralist character. It will be governed under an amended Adelaide Charter. It will be called the Adelaide and Meath Hospital and will incorporate the National Children's Hospital through a strong commitment to paediatric medicine. The paediatric unit is to include the historic name and great traditions of the National Children's Hospital.

The agreement specifies that the Adelaide and Meath Hospital is to be a focus for Protestant participation in the health services and the new Hospital is to preserve the "particular denominational ethos" of the Adelaide. The religious character of the Adelaide and Meath Hospital will be symbolised by the appointment of the Church of Ireland Archbishop *ex officio* as the President of the Hospital.

The Board is to be composed of 23 members. The Archbishop of Dublin as President is to nominate six members who will reflect both the position of the Adelaide and Meath Hospital as a focus for Protestant participation and also the need to have regard to all communities served by the hospital. The

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Adelaide Hospital Society will appoint six members, the proposed Meath Foundation will appoint six and the National Children's Hospital Foundation will appoint three. Trinity College and the Eastern Health Board will nominate one each.

The Board of the new hospital will be bound to ensure "that all medical and surgical procedures which are legal within the State will be available within the hospital as a matter between a patient and his/her doctor". The Board must also ensure that the rights of conscience of members of staff are respected and protected.

The Adelaide and Meath Hospital is to have a College of Nursing and the great traditions of the three Schools of Nursing of the Adelaide, the Meath and the National Children's Hospitals are to be continued there. The solemn agreement for 40 places each year for suitably qualified Protestant student nurses, reached originally with Mr. Barry Desmond when he was Minister for Health, has been incorporated in the new Agreement. The Agreement also includes a commitment that a new uniform is to be designed for the student nurses; it will recall the traditional characteristics of the Adelaide uniform which has been so admired by patients and visitors.

Tribute to the Minister for Health, Mr. Howlin

I would like here to pay tribute first and foremost to the Minister for Health, Mr. Howlin. He had been one of the authors of the Programme for Government which included the strong commitment to the new Hospital and to the Adelaide. Mr. Howlin took the initiative in setting up the Working Party almost immediately on assuming office as Minister for Health. Prof. Kennedy and Mr. Kingston chaired the meetings with courtesy, firmness and skill. One of the most important contributions to the discussions was the imaginative proposal by the Meath Hospital that the Church of Ireland Archbishop of Dublin should be the President of the Hospital. The Adelaide recognises, in particular, the generosity of the Meath and National Children's Hospitals in recognising the importance attached to the Adelaide as the last general teaching hospital distinctively associated with the Protestant community. The Adelaide for its part welcomed the opportunity afforded by the new Agreement to broaden even further its relationships with all communities. We have long respected the outstanding medical and nursing traditions of our sister hospitals; their names are known worldwide, the Meath for the hugely influential work of Graves and Stokes amongst others, and the National Children's Hospital of its pioneering work on many aspects of children's medicine. The Adelaide and Meath Hospital with the major commitment to paediatrics, to be associated with the name of the National Children's Hospital, is set to become a great teaching hospital. It will join St. James's Hospital as an equal partner in the Trinity College Faculty of Health Sciences, educating doctors, nurses and paramedical personnel for service in Ireland and abroad. The connection

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affirmed with the Eastern Health Board will facilitate substantial developments in community care and in psychiatry at Tallaght.

Implementing the Agreement

The Kennedy-Kingston Agreement is now being incorporated into a draft of the amendments to the Charter of the Adelaide Hospital. The completed document will become the Charter of the new Meath and Adelaide Hospital. Dr. Fergus O'Ferrall, newly appointed as the Director of the Adelaide Hospital Society, is responsible to the Board of the Adelaide for producing, in collaboration with the Meath and National Children's Hospitals, the text of the amended Charter. Prof. Kennedy and Mr. Kingston, who are continuing to chair the Working Party, are facilitating this process acting on behalf of the Minister for Health. After discussion by the Boards of the three hospitals, the amended Charter will then be circulated to the Governors of the Adelaide Society. The proposals to amend the Charter will be put for approval at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society and then forwarded to the Minister for Health for approval by the Oireachtas.

The Tallaght Hospital Planning Board

The Tallaght Hospital Board which has been planning for Tallaght for many years, most recently under the Chairmanship of Professor Richard Conroy, awarded the main building contract to a consortium of John Paul and Laing. The contract was announced by the Minister for Health at a ceremony in the Tallaght Regional Technical College. The Tallaght Board appointed Mr. Desmond Rogan to be Project Director effective from January 1st 1994. While serving as Secretary-Manager of the Adelaide, Mr. Rogan had also been the Secretary to the Tallaght Board for many years. His new appointment has meant that he has had to resign from the Adelaide. He has carried an enormous workload on behalf of the Adelaide and the new hospital; the new project could not be in better hands. I would like to record the great sense of gratitude felt by the Adelaide Hospital for Mr. Rogan. His advice and judgement were extremely important as we developed the strategy to ensure the future of the Adelaide Hospital. He has acted for the Hospital with distinction and loyalty under one of the most difficult periods in its history and his personal contribution to the resolution of the future of the Adelaide cannot be overestimated. Mr. Tim Delaney, formerly Chief Pharmacist of the Adelaide, a position to which he brought many new ideas, has been appointed as Secretary-Manager. We wish him every success in his new role.

Reorganisation of the Adelaide Hospital Society

The Adelaide Hospital Society must now be re-organised so that it can play its essential role in supporting the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital at Tallaght; the Society will be appointing six members to the Board of the new Hospital.

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Proposals from the Board of the Adelaide about the future of the Society will be considered at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society. The objective is to ensure that the Adelaide Hospital Society will continue as a charitable foundation raising money to fund projects at the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital and serving as a means for voluntary participation by members of the Protestant community in the provision of healthcare and medical education.

The first step in this regard has been the appointment, as mentioned, of Dr. Fergus O'Ferrall to the new full-time post of Director of the Adelaide Hospital Society. Dr. O'Ferrall, who was previously a Member of the Board, comes to the Society after a distinguished career. Educated at Wesley College, he is a Trinity graduate, with a Moderatorship and Doctorate in history; he is an authority on Daniel O'Connell. He was Chief Executive of Macra na Feirme (the organisation of young farmers) and most recently Director of the National Bible Society. The Adelaide Hospital Society is most fortunate to have been able to appoint a person with such wide experience throughout this island, and someone who is so well-known in different walks of life. In addition to preparing the amendments to the Charter, Dr. O'Ferrall is drawing up the proposals for the new Society. The matter is complex and we are especially grateful for the guidance of Mr. Brian McCracken, S.C., Member of the Board, and the advice of our Solicitors, William Fry, and our Auditors, Craig Gardner.

Dr. O'Ferrall will be responsible for building up the new Adelaide Hospital Society and he will welcome invitations to speak or write about the Adelaide and Meath Hospital.

I would like to mention some people who have given remarkable service to the Hospital. Miss Yvonne Seville, Assistant Matron of the Adelaide since 1985, has been appointed Matron and all members of the Staff and Board wish her every success in the exciting and challenging years which lie immediately ahead as the three hospitals grow closer together. Mrs. Brady, Principal Tutor of the Adelaide School of Nursing has put a great effort into developing a curriculum for the proposed degree in nursing. Both Matron and Mrs. Brady have been working closely with their colleagues in the Meath and National Children's Hospitals; they are setting examples as to how all the departments in the three hospitals will gradually merge. Mrs. Eithne Kearney, Financial Controller of the Hospital has worked very effectively with Mr. Rogan in managing the accounts, and in particular she has carried out much of the difficult business of responding to the Waiting List Initiative of the Minister for Health. This Initiative enabled the Adelaide to carry out a large number of extra orthopaedic operations in 1993. I would like to congratulate all the medical, nursing and administrative staff who together delivered an exceptional service to our orthopaedic patients many of whom had been on our waiting list for several years. Miss Yvonne Kelly, Assistant Secretary, has continued to provide dedicated service in the administration of the Hospital, keenly

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maintaining the spirit of Adelaide in every aspect of her work.

Changes in Members of the Board

Two Vice-Presidents of the Society, Dr. David Mitchell and Mr. Vernon Harty, and Mr. Sugars, have not found it possible to continue to attend Board meetings. On behalf of the Board I wish them well – their friends could not hold them in higher regard. Mr. Robert Myerscough has resigned from the Board after many years of loyal service. Among many contributions I note that he made important proposals for the reorganisation of the committee structure and was heavily involved in keeping our supporters informed about the Adelaide. The Board miss all four greatly. Dr. Richard Baker, formerly a member of the Board and Consultant Physician, passed away after a long and sad illness during which he was lovingly cared for by his wife Jane, also a Member of the Board, and his children. He stood for all that was good about the Adelaide – he will be remembered with deep affection for years to come by all who were treated or taught by him.

The staff of the Hospital and their future at the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital

I would like to thank all the Staff of the Hospital who have loyally maintained the highest possible medical standards under very difficult circumstances while we waited for the decisions about our new Hospital. Lots more remains to be done in close collaboration with our colleagues at the Meath and National Children's Hospitals, but now we can see the goal – we are all to move together to the newest teaching hospital in Ireland. The Adelaide looks forward to building up the kind of relationships with the people of Tallaght that we have enjoyed with the people of the Liberties. We are on our way to a town which has also waited patiently for the hospital it so clearly has needed for so many years. It will be worth the waiting. Tallaght will not just have a new hospital, it will have a regional teaching hospital which will acquire the standards and assimilate the substantial national and international reputations of the Meath, the National Children's and the Adelaide Hospitals, and the new Hospital will be attached to Trinity College. It is very likely that the new Hospital would not have been a teaching hospital, nor would it have been a regional hospital, nor would it have had a paediatric unit, nor would it have had a nursing school, nor would it have been able to continue the traditions of the Meath, the National Children's and the Adelaide without the firm stance taken by the Boards of the three base hospitals.

Appreciation

In writing my last report as Chairman, I hope Governors of the Society will understand if I mention the names of the Adelaide Board. Mrs. Blakeney, formerly Chairman, was the initiator of the present phase in the history of the

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Adelaide; Mr. Ian Morrison has been a tower of strength as President of the Society; Dr. David Mitchell, a great doctor, author of the history of the Adelaide, "A Peculiar Place" has been mentor and confessor to us all; Professor Ian Graham as Vice-Chairman, binding together the lay and medical worlds, has carried out his many responsibilities to the Board with extraordinary dedication while at the same time caring for patients and enhancing the research and teaching reputation of our Hospital; Mr. Ross Hinds, previously Vice-Chairman, provided an invigorating flow of powerful and astute ideas which continued to come even after his move to Brussels; Dr. O'Ferrall became the obvious choice as Director of the Adelaide Hospital Society; Archdeacon Linney, a crucial bridge between the Adelaide and the Churches, was immovable in his determination to ensure a proper role for the Protestant community in the health services of Ireland – either the Adelaide would be true to its traditions or it would close; Mr. Burry as Treasurer and Mr. Lyster have provided us with the highest quality professional advice on finance; Mrs. Boothman, Mrs. Somerville-Large, Mrs. Pedlow and Mrs. Baker have mobilised legions of supporters in fund-raising events of many kinds; Mrs. Jackson has ensured in the most important way that the highest standards of nursing would be maintained in the Hospital; Mrs. French has represented the Adelaide indefatigably on the Central Council and the Tallaght Board; Commandant Cronhelm and Dr. Reid have given most valuable advice on buildings and engineering; Mr. Fenelon, Mr. Booth, Mr. Vincent, Dr. Thomas, Mr. Hewat, Mrs. Pasley, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Harty and Rev. Ferguson have been strong voices on numerous committees; Dr. Tomkin, Mr. Odlum, Mr. Bleakley, Mr. Knatchbull and Mr. Ross have been persistent and constructive questioners at Board. These are a few examples of the ways in which members have contributed to a united Board – every member has worked unselfishly and unstintingly, each the quintessence of the volunteer. More than that the Members of the Adelaide Board have one and all been steadfast, sometimes in the face of ferocious political and financial pressures, over the last five years; no Chairman could have had a better Board or better advisors.

PROF. DAVID J. McCONNELL, B.A. (Mod.), Ph.D., F.T.C.D., M.R.I.A.
Chairman

Secretary/Manager's Report

The glimmer of hope which I saw at the end of my report in 1992 was indeed well founded and now I believe that 1993 will go down in the history of the Adelaide Hospital as a year when the Adelaide's hopes for its future in the 21st century were realised and its planning began in earnest for a major role in a new teaching hospital to be built in the south western suburbs of Dublin at Tallaght.

A new minister, Mr. Brendan Howlin, was appointed to the Department of Health and in his second month of office announced that the proposed new Tallaght Hospital would indeed go ahead and that the Government had set aside the amount of £120 million to achieve this goal.

Our Board and the Board of our sister hospitals, the Meath and the National Children's Hospital welcomed this move and agreed with the Minister that we would try once again to achieve a single corporate structure which would guide our new hospital in the future. Supported by a new enthusiasm and indeed by the Minister himself the three hospitals representatives worked hard with Prof. Kennedy and Mr. Kingston to arrive at an agreement which was acceptable to all three hospitals. The agreement was achieved in June and the result is that the new Adelaide Meath Hospital at Tallaght commenced building in the dying days of October, 1993, and the hospital will be completed, commissioned and opened for business in the second half of 1997.

Great credit is due to the negotiators of the three hospital's Boards, and gratitude is due to the Boards for their generosity of spirit in arriving at a solution which was acceptable to all, and which protects the interest of supporters and staff of the three hospitals, the Adelaide, the Meath and the National Children's Hospitals whose tradition of more than 200 years will be transferred to the new hospital in Tallaght on opening. In this regard the appointment on 1st December, 1993, of Dr. Fergus O'Ferrall as Director of the Adelaide Society will ensure the implementation of this important agreement.

I was privileged to work with key representatives, at executive level, of the three hospitals in achieving an agreed functional content for the new hospital and in achieving with our project team the successful tendering process and the placing of the Contract which was signed on October 20th, 1993. I pay tribute to the professionalism and unstinting commitment of the members of the Department of Health who were deeply involved with ensuring that this Contract was placed on time to facilitate a start on site on 29th October, 1993.

From an operational point of view the hospital had a good year, where the inadequacies of an initial allocation were overcome by the introduction of a Waiting List Initiative by the Minister for Health, which resulted in the hospital getting £850,000 to carry out urgent work on the backlog of patients created in the speciality of Orthopaedics. 500 cases in excess of the agreed level of

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output were carried out. All of the staff of the Adelaide put their shoulders to the wheel and achieved this significant throughput with enthusiasm and good cheer.

We were sorry to bid farewell to Mrs. Aileen Henderick who had decided to resume her studies on a masters course at Trinity College and we wish her every success. Miss Yvonne Seville took over as Matron and it is gratifying to see the high level of support which she has received from all her colleagues in her new role. This has led to the appointment of Miss Valerie Adams as Assistant Matron and other promotional opportunities are following. We are pleased to welcome Mr. David Moore, Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon, to the staff at the Adelaide Hospital and he will join his seven colleagues in the Orthopaedic Department to form the second largest Orthopaedic Department in Ireland. Mr. Moore specialises in Spinal Surgery and in Joint Surgery. We welcome Miss Margaret Walshe as Speech Therapist and the appointment of Miss Rose Ellen Davies as Senior Occupational Therapist; the latter working from the Meath Hospital.

I am pleased to report a very successful year financially and it is with great satisfaction that the hospital has managed to deliver a much larger service within allocation for the year 1993. It is a source of satisfaction also that the Department of Health and the Department of Finance have seen fit to make additional grants which will reduce the hospital's borrowing requirement and which will allow the hospital to partake of improved interest rates at banks and to pay their creditors on time, thus resulting in keener prices.

I take this opportunity to thank my Chairman, Prof. David McConnell, for his support and friendship throughout my years of service at the Adelaide. My thanks also to the Honorary Officers, Prof. Graham, Mrs. French and Mr. Burry for their wise advice and counsel over the years. It is with great sadness that I give up my duties of Secretary/Manager of the Adelaide Hospital. However, as I have said to all of the staff with whom I have had the privilege to work, I am leaving simply to facilitate their movement and the movement of all our colleagues in the Meath and the National Children's Hospital to our new hospital – the Adelaide Meath Hospital at Tallaght which should open in July of 1997.

The prospect of a period of some three years as Project Director is an exciting one which I shall certainly undertake with enthusiasm. I look forward to rejoining my colleagues at the Adelaide Hospital, National Children's Hospital and the Meath Hospital in operational mode again when the hospital opens in a few very short years. I express my appreciation for the support I received over the years from all of the staff at the Adelaide Hospital and indeed at the other hospitals – the Meath and the National Children's Hospital and I

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earnestly request their continued support during the next three years, which will be, perhaps, more demanding on each member of staff in our group as they will have to provide, not only an operational service day to day, but will be very much involved in the planning for the commissioning of the new hospital at Tallaght.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Board of the Adelaide Hospital and its supporters over the past number of years. I have made many friends and many experiences which I have had will live with me forever. I am delighted to see that my successor as Secretary/Manager of the Adelaide Hospital, Mr. Tim Delaney is succeeding well in his new role. He had served the hospital well as Chief Pharmacist for a number of years and I know that his unique talents for management and human relations will serve the hospital well during the next number of years. I bid you not farewell, but simply à bientôt.

G. DESMOND ROGAN
Secretary/Manager

Matron's Report

1993 has, once again, continued to place very great demands on the Nursing Service. The turnover of patients continues to be an increasingly rapid performance in both day and long stay wards. With science and technology constantly changing the need is not only to give a service of caring and expertise but also to keep abreast of all the changes with continuing education. Because of this the number of nurses taking post-graduate courses has greatly increased. To grant even a minimum amount of study leave means extra pressure on the Nursing Staff at ward level. Mrs. A. Brady, Principal Tutor obtained her Masters Degree in Organisation Behaviour and many Sisters and Staff Nurses are attending degree courses in University, diploma courses in The Faculty of Nursing and many short seminars and conferences.

Nurse Training

At present the fact that the amount of time spent in the Nursing School has changed from 28 to 40 weeks in the three-year training programme is creating problems in staffing the wards. The apprenticeship system of training means that our student nurses are still a very necessary part of the workforce and the necessity to replace them is a great problem with financial implications.

The on-going discussions with Trinity College regarding a degree programme for nurses continues. The Tutors have given a great deal of time in working out a curriculum.

Prizegiving

Prizegiving this year was an enjoyable occasion. The speech was delivered and the prizes presented by Dr. Thomas N. Mitchell, Provost, Trinity College Dublin.

Prizewinners

Gold Medal	Nurse Sandra Moore
Silver Medal	Nurse Dawn Hildebrand
Hospital Board Prize for Theory	Nurse Sandra Moore
Hospital Board Prize for Practical Nursing	Nurse Ruby Shirley
Adelaide Nurses' League Prize for Practical Nursing	Nurse Sylvia Benn
Mabel Kapp Memorial Prize for Junior Practical Nursing	Nurse Daniel Nuzum
The Rosse Memorial Medal	Staff Nurse Suzanne O'Brien

Pound Day

Once again Pound Day was a wonderful success due to the generosity and

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support of so many friends of the Adelaide. We made the marvellous sum of £20,000, some of which has already been used to make obvious improvements to patient facilities.

Voluntary Workers

The Voluntary Workers as usual give their undivided loyalty and hard work to the Hospital. We are very grateful to The Nurses' League, The Linen Guild, The Garden Committee, The Tea Bar Ladies and Library Helpers. The Hospital would not be the same without them.

I cannot end my Report without expressing my appreciation to all staff who support the Nurses, especially the secretaries in Matron's office and The School of Nursing, Ms. B. O'Neill and Mrs. G. Irvine who are invaluable. My particular thanks to my Nursing Administration Staff, Nurse Tutors, Ward and Departmental Sisters, Nurse Specialists, Staff and Student Nurses who continue to provide the level of service for which the Adelaide is renowned.

YVONNE P. SEVILLE,
Matron.

Medical Committee Report ("Medical Board")

The Medical Committee notes with great pleasure the eventual resolution of discussions with regarding the management structure for the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital at Tallaght. It also notes that senior medical staff members will be members of the Board of Management. However, the minimum specified numbers are very small, and the method of nomination has not yet been clarified. This will require further discussion.

The Medical Board has indicated repeatedly over the past few years that conditions in the Out-patients Department are unsatisfactory. It is with great pleasure that we note that the Out-patients is to be extended and it is to be hoped that this work will progress very rapidly.

Overall, hospital in-patient activity was close to target for 1993. The "Orthopaedic Initiative" allowed a substantial proportion of the Orthopaedic waiting list to be cleared. This, however, has had severe repercussions on general surgical and medical practice. In particular, medical beds are insufficient for the needs of the care of public patients, as well as for the training of students and nurses. It will be important to redress this imbalance during 1994.

The Medical Board joins with the Board of Management in mourning the death of Dr. R. S. W. (Dick) Baker. Many staff members trained under Dick Baker and well remember his clinical skills and teaching ability. It is, however, a pleasure to report the appointment of Dr. Desmond O'Neill to look after older people, as well as the appointments of Drs. C. M. Mooney, D. Mannion and Maria Donnelly as Consultant Anaesthetists, and Dr. J. G. Armstrong as Radiotherapist and Clinical Oncologist.

In contrast with other major teaching hospitals, staffing levels in terms of consultants, non consultant hospital doctors, and paramedical and technical staff are low. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Department of Health's reluctance to sanction much needed new appointments will ease as we approach the opening of the new Adelaide and Meath Hospital at Tallaght.

IAN M. GRAHAM, F.R.C.P.I., F.C.C.P.
Honorary Secretary, Medical Board

Department of Diabetes and Endocrinology

In my report last year, I suggested that 1993 would be a very significant year for the treatment of diabetes in the Adelaide Hospital with the opening of the Day Unit. Unfortunately, the plans for the unit were altered following the announcement of the new Hospital in Tallaght and the proposal now is to build the Diabetic Day Unit in the Car Park. Perhaps, 1994 will be the significant year in the treatment of Diabetes in the Adelaide Hospital? Under the circumstances, the Diabetic Out-Patients has continued to be over crowded and under-staffed. We saw 2,194 patients in the year, in the clinic on Tuesday afternoons.

The Nursing Staff, the Dietitian, the Chiroprapist, the Records Department and the Doctors attached to the unit are to be congratulated on their managing of this extraordinary feat. We saw 323 new patients in the General Medical Clinic and 1,173 return patients and in the Metabolic Clinic 185 new patients and 846 return patients. In the wards we still have the present difficulty of not being able to admit acutely ill diabetic patients because of the very few beds available. We had 480 In-patients during the year.

Nurse Houlden continues to be heavily involved in the education of diabetic patients both on an in-patient and out-patient basis. We rarely now admit patients for stabilisation on insulin, with most of the education being done on an out-patient basis. In 1993 further evidence was published suggesting that complications of diabetes do not occur in patients who are well controlled. Our efforts to improve the control of the insulin dependent diabetic patients will have to be increased over the coming years, which will have implications for staffing as we will have review patients on a much more frequent basis, if we are to improve control.

On the education side, Nurse Houlden has carried out seminars for public health nurses which have been well attended and well received. We held our third Diabetes and Atherosclerosis International Meeting in a small village near Istanbul in September, the conference was well attended with some notable presentations from World Authorities. The aptly named Dementia Nightclub claimed some of our Delegates. We were royally received in the Nightclub once it became apparent that some of us had acquaintanceship with Johnny Logan. The association between belly dancing, central abdominal obesity and atherosclerosis was not lost on our delegates!

The research continues to flourish with presentations to National Societies and International Societies including the European Association for the Study of Diabetes. Nurse Houlden presented a paper to the Education Section of the British Diabetic Association on the Irish programme for retinopathy screening in diabetes. This was well received.

Rather than the usual greeting of "Next year in Jerusalem", I would like to finish by saying "Next year in the Diabetic Unit in the Car Park of the Adelaide"!

PROF. GERALD H. TOMKIN, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P. (Lond.)
Consultant Physician

Department of Cardiology

Service and Staff

522 in-patients and 436 out-patients were looked after in 1993 by one cardiologist, one registrar and two interns who are also responsible for provision of other services detailed below. Our thanks are due to this team, lead by Dr. Ray Meleady.

3,843 electro-cardiograms (ECGs), 1,048 exercise ECGs, 1,056 echocardiograms, 264 ambulatory ECGs, 185 cardiac catheterizations, 36 permanent pacemakers and 104 pulmonary function tests were performed. We are particularly indebted to Dr. David Moore for supervising the echocardiography service and lipid clinic and to our two ECG technicians, Norrie Curley and Heather Louise King. The appointment of Susan Rogers – a secretary at long last! – greatly facilitated provision of this huge service by a very small staff.

Research

On the Research side, our EC Concerted Action Project “Homocysteinaemia and Vascular Disease” has been completed. This large case control study from 20 centres around Europe has confirmed that elevated level of the amino acid homocysteine in the blood is strongly related to the development of heart attack and stroke. We have extended this work to early experiments in therapies which lower homocysteine levels, notably the use of folic acid. Whether or not such simple treatment will reduce the risk of vascular disease remains to be determined.

Our Senior Researcher, Dr. Kok Soon Tan, has been appointed Senior Registrar in Cardiology in Singapore. We miss his cheerful competence and efficiency greatly.

Other aspects of research include clinical studies of the relationship between social class and coronary risk, an examination of risk factors trends over time, several drug trials, and collaborative projects relating to homocysteine including molecular genetics and effects on blood-clotting.

Rehabilitation

It has been a pleasure to see the Cardiac Rehabilitation Service go from strength to strength, thanks largely to nurse specialist Joan Love. As well as Rosie Hannon (physiotherapy), John Brennan (Social Worker) Mary Branigan (dietitian) and Suzanne Storey (nurse). The Rehabilitation courses have been very popular with patients and relatives and a number of special events have been held.

Our primary problem for the coming year is to service the increasing workload, research and teaching demands. There is a need for at least two further consultant cardiologists and further junior staff to allow a reasonable transition towards Tallaght.

IAN M. GRAHAM, F.R.C.P.I., F.C.C.P.
Consultant Cardiologist.

Department of Neurology

1993 has seen another active year in Neurology. In the department we have had an increased number of in-patients and out-patients and we have tentatively started a neurogenetic clinic. This has been started without any extra staffing or funding and I would anticipate that it will, in time, need to have additional staffing to fulfil a role which has been sadly neglected in the Country.

We have been extremely fortunate in our two Registrars, Dr. O'Riordan and Dr. Javed. Dr. O'Riordan has recently been offered a research neurology registrar position at Queen Square in London and we anticipate his starting date for that will be May 1994. We wish him every success for the future. Both he and Dr. Javed have continued a very active clinical role in the last two years, and in addition, both have published and presented many papers and posters at various international meetings. Dr. Javed will almost certainly be returning to Pakistan at the end of June 1994. We would hope that he will be able to start up a neurology department within one of the state-funded University hospitals there..

I owe a great debt of thanks to our technical staff who have laboured manfully in the most inadequate department. But there are some plans for upgrading of the department which I hope we will see before the end of 1994.

We continue to have excellent relationships with Beaumont Neurosciences Department and attend the weekly Neurosciences conferences there where our juniors regularly present papers and topics of interest.

We have the very definite end in sight now for the new hospital in Tallaght. I would hope that further developments in neurology can take place there. We would look for a paediatric neurologist there to serve the needs of the paediatric neurological disturbances which occur in childhood and I would hope, in the not too distant future, that a neurophysiologist will be appointed.

I would like to thank all the Ward Sisters and Administrative Staff at the Adelaide Hospital for helping to maintain a smooth running department.

Departmental Statistics for 1993

Admissions during 1993	436
Out-patients figures for 1993	2,072

Neurophysiology Department attendances

EEG	1,025
Visual evoked responses	150
Sensory evoked responses	8
Brain stem evoked responses	30
Nerve conduction studies/EMGs	621
24-hour tape	29

Total attendances to the Neurophysiology Department 1,863

Department of Neurology

Teaching

The Department takes an active role in the teaching of under-graduates and post-graduates. I would like to thank all the patients who come through the department who, despite their illnesses, give readily of themselves for examination and education.

RAYMOND R. MURPHY, M.B., F.R.C.P.,
Consultant Neurologist.

MICHAEL HUTCHINSON, M.B., F.R.C.P., B.Sc.,
Consultant Neurologist.

Department of Psychiatry

In 1993, the provision of an out-patient psychiatric service continued as in the previous three years. Dr. Mary Martin held twice weekly clinics. There were 584 attendances in the year, of which 108 were new referrals. Nearly half of these came from other consultants, the remainder from general practitioners. Of the former, the bulk were referred by physicians (particularly from the departments of neurology and cardiology with a lesser number from the departments of diabetes/endocrinology and gastroenterology). Four patients were referred from the orthopaedic department and one from the gynaecology department. (It was noted that several other gynaecological referrals were made but the patients did not keep the appointments.)

The psychiatric registrar maintained one weekly clinic for return patients (who had initially attended Prof. Marcus Webb). There were 126 attendances in the year. The registrar saw all in-patient referrals.

The waiting period for a new referral for Dr. Martin remained too long (4-9 weeks) as previously reported. The pressure of clinical work precluded any time for teaching or for research. It is hoped that in 1994, after Dr. Martin's retirement, an adequate psychiatric service incorporating Prof. Webb's and Dr. Martin's sessions will be put in place. Four years have passed since the former's retirement. It is essential that adequate provision is now made for teaching and research as well as for clinical service. For the future in Tallaght it is most important that no further time elapses before an adequate service is provided again at the Adelaide.

MARY MARTIN, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.R.C. Psych.,
Consultant Psychiatrist.

Department of Gastroenterology

The commencement of construction of the Tallaght Hospital made 1993 an auspicious year. There is much enthusiasm and relief that the project has finally got off the ground. This has emphasised the need for close integration and co-operation between the three sister hospitals. This already exists at medical student, non-consultant hospital doctor and consultant level and it is hoped that this example will be followed by others. However, a problem which has come to light is the lack of provision of medical beds in the group. In the Meath hospital most admissions to medical beds is through the accident and emergency department. Some of the patients are transferred to the Adelaide if there are no beds available in the Meath. There are too few beds in the Adelaide and this results in considerable delay in admitting patients with life-threatening conditions who initially present in the out-patient department. The division of beds in the group, on the whole, needs to be critically reviewed. This should be a priority in view of the fact that the proposed number of beds in the new Tallaght Hospital is less than the total existing at the base hospitals.

There is also optimism regarding the new hospital being a major teaching hospital. Trinity College have guaranteed £1.5 million to be ear-marked towards building an academic centre. The Chair of general practice, paediatrics and new Chairs in surgery and medicine will be in Tallaght. There is also the potential of developing a strong academic psychiatric unit.

The volume of work continues to increase in the gastroenterology department with acceptance that endoscopy is the investigation of choice of any gastrointestinal symptom. The number of endoscopies performed was 1817 which is an increase of 5% on the previous year.

Research

Our research output continues unabated, our main interests are *Helicobacter pylori*, colorectal cancer and inflammatory bowel disease. The research department employs five full-time people from grants obtained mainly from the pharmaceutical industry. If this was encouraged nationwide it could help positively in the unemployment crisis.

I was invited to address the French, Spanish, Greek and Japanese Societies of Gastroenterology during 1993. There is worldwide interest in our work on the presence of *Helicobacter pylori* in asymptomatic people and its role in gastric cancer.

Generating funds is always problematical and I was delighted with the success of the Rathmines and Rathgar Musical Society concert in the National Concert Hall. The proceeds of which will go to the gastroenterology department.

Department of Gastroenterology

New Techniques

We have commenced using rubber bands in tying oesophageal varices which is a more effective way of obliterating these veins which if they are not can result in a catastrophic bleed. It is more effective and less discomforting than previous methods. We have also used expandable stents in the treatment of oesophageal cancer which I consider a significant breakthrough.

Personnel

Dr. Joan Gilvarry has left her post as lecturer in medicine to take up a permanent post in the National Drugs Advisory Board and we will miss her dedication in the teaching of our medical undergraduate degree students. She is replaced by Dr. Martin Buckley who is promoted from Registrar. Dr. Shay Keating is developing new techniques in assessing the presence of H.pylori by non-evasive breath test. Dr. E. Walsh is looking at the association of gut permeability and IgA nephropathy.

Dr. Rachel Cahill is completing her Ph.D. in colorectal cancer and expects to go to Massachusetts Institute of Technology later this year. Dr. Xia is completing his Ph.D. and has discovered that if H.pylori is eradicated it rarely, if ever, recurs. Staff Nurse Hamilton and Beattie are evaluating new and novel treatments of eradicating H.pylori. Miss E. O'Connor is perfecting a medical audit programme. We are indebted to the support and co-operation of the endoscopy staff in all of our projects.

C. A. Ó'MORÁIN, M.D., M.Sc., F.R.C.P.I.,
Consultant Gastroenterologist.

Department of Otolaryngology

The Department of Otolaryngology achieved important service development during 1993. An Audiologist, Ms. A. Kelly, was appointed to the Federated Hospital Group early in 1993. Much of her time is based in the Adelaide Hospital where she organised a successful National Conference on Otoacoustic Emissions in December. In addition, a full-time Speech Therapist, Ms. M. Walsh, was appointed to the hospital during 1993. A lot of her work is generated from the ENT Department, though a significant number of referrals also come to her from the Neurology Department. The availability of these two services in the hospital is a welcome development that has greatly benefited patients and doctors alike.

Despite continued bed shortages and financial constraints, the department managed to maintain the same patient activity levels as in 1992. In the operating theatre, approximately 360 procedures were carried out, 100 of which were done as day cases. In the out patient department over 1,550 patients were seen of which 20% were new referrals. Many patients attending the ENT OPD have minor invasive procedures carried out such as nasal cautery, sinus wash-out, fibre-optic examination and micro-debridement of the ears. Unfortunately, the space currently allocated to the ENT Clinic is wholly inadequate for this extended out patient service. Up-dating and enlargement of the present ENT out patient facility is urgently required.

Educational and research activities continued throughout the year. The department maintained its close teaching links with Trinity College Medical School and with the Irish Pre-Fellowship Training Scheme in Otolaryngology. Research success was achieved during the year with prize presentations for best paper presented at the meetings of the British Association of Paediatric Otolaryngologists, the Irish Paediatric Association and the ENT Section of the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland.

The quality of junior ENT staff rotating through the Adelaide Hospital remained of the highest calibre. Mr. C. Timon was senior registrar for the first 6 months of the year and has now taken up his position as Professor in Otolaryngology with a special interest in head and neck surgery at St. James' Hospital. During the second half of 1993 we had no official senior registrar, though the position was more than adequately filled by Mr. J. Fenton as acting senior registrar. He has now gone to Australia for a short period to further his training and I wish him well. In general, 1993 was a satisfactory year for the department. Future challenges for 1994 include the modernisation of the ENT clinic and the acquisition of a designated office for the senior registrar. Preliminary discussions on these requirements have taken place with hospital management. It is hoped that 1994 will witness the realisation of these needs.

DONALD P. McSHANE, F.R.C.S.I., D.C.H.,
Consultant E.N.T. Surgeon

Gynaecology Unit

Despite totally inadequate funding the Unit has managed to survive, albeit precariously, and at times only by judicious juggling of patients' admission dates to facilitate emergency cases.

I am pleased to record that for the first time there has been no further reduction in the Single Stay Bed complement allocated to each of the Unit's two Consultants. New Consultant appointments have, however, reduced the number of Day Care Beds and this is reflected in the Unit's surgical activities summarised in the accompanying table.

There is a very obvious solution to this problem and that is to staff the Day Care Unit to permit a double Day Case patient cycle. It is equally important, indeed essential, to identify and resource all such facilities required by a new Consultant appointment prior to advertisement.

A reduction in the Out Patient Bed compliment to near critical levels has already had implications for Waiting Lists. It is with a sense of sadness and regret that I have to report the closure of the Family Planning Waiting List for the third time. The amount of human suffering and misery resulting from the lack of availability of such services can hardly be imagined or contemplated.

During the year, our Lecturer, Dr. Mona Joyce was appointed as Assistant Master to the Coombe Womens Hospital. Dr. David Walsh, ably and briefly, took up the reins prior to his appointment as Senior Registrar in Northern Ireland. Dr. Sarada Sri was appointed as Registrar to University College Hospital, Galway and our current Registrar Dr. Pavuluri has joined us from Drogheda.

Once again, I must highlight and record my sincere thanks to our Nursing Staff who in very difficult circumstances provide a dedicated service to our patients which they highly appreciate and of which I am justifiably proud. Finally, I wish to acknowledge the help of the Administrative Staff who have to cope not only with the ire of patients on being notified of changed admission dates to facilitate emergency cases but also with the day to day difficulties involved in running a grossly under-resourced Unit.

PAUL R. BOWMAN, F.R.C.P.I., F.R.C.O.G.,
Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist.

Gynaecology Unit

GYNAECOLOGY UNIT, ADELAIDE HOSPITAL, THEATRE CASES 1993

	1993	(1992)	
Abdominal Hysterectomy/Salpingo-oophorectomy	119	(100)	
Vaginal Hysterectomy and Repair of Prolapse	32	(32)	
Operations for Genital Prolapse and Urinary Incontinence	16	(20)	
Operations on Fallopian Tubes and Ovaries	37	(51)	
Myomectomy	3	(3)	
Laparoscopic Surgery	439	(465)	
Minor Gynaecological Operations	97	(161)	
Vulvectomy	1	(0)	
Totals			
	Minor	97	161
	Laparoscopic	439	465
	Major	208	215
		744	<hr/> 841

Department of Surgery

Our clinical activities during 1993 were almost identical to those in 1992 which in turn were almost identical to those in 1991. The number of in-patients treated by the Dept. of General Surgery was 3,156 while the number of out-patients attending the Adelaide was 7,300. There continues to be a very high activity in day case and endoscopic procedures but these seem to have plateaued out at this stage.

The bulk of the general surgery is now carried out by Mr. Arthur Tanner, Mr. Frank Keane and Mr. Bill Beesley while Mr. Martin Feeley's practice continues to have a more specialised vascular interest. Indeed at this stage he has become snowed under both with the volume of work and the taxing demands of vascular surgery. We now critically require a second vascular surgeon to be established in the MANCH group before moving to Tallaght.

Surgical developments have been continuing apace and we continue to play a significant role in the development of new surgical procedures, particularly in the laparoscopic arena. Over the last year we have developed new procedures which we feel will shortly be standards in the management of patients with gallstones in their common bile ducts; patients with hiatus hernias and patients with inguinal hernias. Not only have we been to the forefront of developing these procedures in this country but we have also run three courses in the last year at the Adelaide. These have attracted surgeons from the UK as well as from other parts of Ireland, both North and South. We are very grateful to all those who have helped us to run these courses so successfully.

Mr. Beesley continues to work hard with the Irish Hospitals Consultants Association as indeed does Mr. Arthur Tanner for the Royal College of Surgeons in which he continues to play a very prominent role. In the last year Mr. Frank Keane has been elected to the editorial board and council of the British Journal of Surgery.

Mr. Peter Gillen has had a particular impact on our department over the last year. He is proving to be an outstanding Senior Lecturer in Surgery in many aspects. Most noticeably he has been an excellent undergraduate teacher and this has been exemplified by the outstanding undergraduate results which were obtained by the Adelaide and Meath students in their finals in May. He has also initiated the student research project and symposium which was extremely successful and the first Meath/Adelaide student research prize and medal was won by Charlotte Gribben. It is hoped that this will continue to be an annual event. Peter also spent a few weeks recently in Belgium at a centre for laparoscopic surgery and has brought back with him some excellent ideas. Finally, it should be mentioned that he presented the Millin Lecture in the College of Surgeons this year which is not only an honour in its own right but indeed his presentation was quite outstanding.

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We again have excellent senior registrars with Mr. Noel Williams and Mr. Stephen Attwood. Mr. H. T. Leong joined us from Hong Kong but unfortunately had to return because of family problems.

F. B. V. KEANE, M.D., F.R.C.S.I.,
Consultant Surgeon.

Varicose Vein Clinic

As a result of my commitments in the Seanad the clinics have been reduced to one weekly. Despite this in 1993 a total of 1,663 patients were seen comprising of 191 new and 1,472 return patients. Without the very hard work put into this clinic by all the Staff Nurses involved, but particularly Nurses McCarthy and Stratton, it would be impossible to see an average of 33 patients per session.

The number of patients with varicose ulcers continues to decline. They attend the Treatment Area as well as the Varicose Vein Clinic so a reduction in numbers is most welcome.

Interest in compression sclerotherapy as a treatment for varicose veins continues. I was asked to write a chapter on the technique for a book entitled Surgical Management Of Vascular Disease.

My thanks to Sister Barkman and all in the Treatment Area. Really I must thank them on behalf of our patients, too! I would also like to say a word of thanks to the staff in the Appointments Office for all their help and patience.

MARY HENRY, M.D.

Orthopaedic Department

1993 has been a particularly busy year for the orthopaedic department. To some extent this year allowed the department to indicate its full potential given adequate finances and facilities. Due to the good offices of the Minister for Health, Mr. Howlin, the Department of Health was granted additional funding to tackle long waiting lists for surgery. As this has been a perennial problem for the orthopaedic department in The Adelaide we were very pleased that the Department of Health allocated almost £1 million of this fund to allow us to increase activity during this year. Unfortunately, it took some time before this funding actually came through and we could not really gear up to increase output until July.

On 1st July Mr. David Moore F.R.C.S.I. took up his appointment as Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon. He has a special interest in spinal surgery and in limb lengthening procedures. We welcome him to the orthopaedic unit and look forward to his expert contribution.

Also, in July, it was possible to appoint two Orthopaedic Fellows, one in joint replacement and another in spinal surgery and this addition to the non-consultant orthopaedic staff allowed for a significant increase in throughput of orthopaedic patients.

No. of in-patients seen in 1993	7,688
No. of in-patients treated in 1993	1,854
No. of Orthopaedic operations carried out	1,483

This represented in excess of 500 additional orthopaedic operations carried out in 1993. This throughput of patients has significantly reduced the waiting list for orthopaedic surgery in the hospital, and is now down to nearly manageable proportions. With the continuation of the waiting list initiative it is likely to get the waiting list down to acceptable limits.

The Orthopaedic Department would like to thank all the associated departments of the hospital whose goodwill and expertise allowed us to achieve this significant increase in activity. To the nursing staff, administration, physiotherapy, radiology we express our sincere thanks for your co-operation.

It is hoped that our increased activity will continue to some extent during 1994.

FRANK E. DOWLING, B.Sc., M.Ch., F.R.C.S.I.,
Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon.

Department of Anaesthesia

In 1993 the operating theatres were busier than ever under the able supervision of Sr. Maura Donohoe. The number of patients who received general or regional anaesthesia for operative procedures increased to 5,189 (4,913 in 1992). This figure includes the extra 150 joint replacements as part of the Department of Health's Waiting List Initiative. Because of difficulties recruiting junior anaesthetic staff this increased workload fell to a reduced complement of anaesthetists whose hard work was much appreciated. I.C.U. was also busy with 200 admissions in 1993. Dr. Shanahan and Dr. O'Sullivan continued to provide weekly Pain Relief Clinics and an in-patient consultation service.

Staffing

Two Consultant Anaesthetists in the M.A.N.C.H. Department of Anaesthesia retired in 1993. Dr. Joe Galvin and Dr. Peter Morck were associated mainly with the Meath Hospital but will be missed by all their colleagues in the Adelaide Hospital.

Dr. Maria Donnelly and Dr. Cooney joined the Department of Anaesthesia in January 1994 and are warmly welcomed. There has been no progress on the application made to the Department of Health for additional Consultant Anaesthetists.

In 1993 S/N. Jane Lundy, sponsored by the Adelaide Hospital, was the first Adelaide Nurse to successfully complete the Anaesthetic Nurse Training Course in St. Vincent's Hospital. She will play a major role in teaching and improving standards of anaesthetic care.

Dr. Barbara Eager takes over as Chairman of The Department of Anaesthesia from January 1994 following the completion of Dr. Katrina O'Sullivan's two year term of office.

Equipment

The antique anaesthetic machines and ventilators in the Adelaide Theatres were replaced by four new state of the art anaesthetic workstations. Purchase costs will be partially offset by savings in anaesthetic agents during low flow anaesthesia when anaesthetic agents will be "recirculated".

Two new monitors with facilities for invasive haemodynamic monitoring were purchased – one each for theatre and I.C.U. I.C.U. now has a complement of three up-to-date monitors each with recording facilities. We hope to equip the remaining three operating theatres with similar monitors.

Research Activities

In the summer of 1993 the Department took on two Research Students – Ms. Ruth Garvey and Ms. Charlotte Gribben. Ms. Gribben's project on "the use of the therapeutic intervention scoring system to calculate patient costs in I.C.U." was funded by the Health Research Board. Ms. Gribben was awarded the Trinity Student Research Medal for her work.

KATRINA O'SULLIVAN, M.R.C.P.I., F.F.A.R.C.S.I.,
Chairman, Department of Anaesthesia.

Department of Radiology

1993 registered a further significant increase in the number of patients examined in the Department of Radiology, from 21,738 in 1992 to 23,173. This increase was registered chiefly in the area of hospital in-patients and out-patients, but we were also able to undertake more examinations than previously for family doctors, though this service still falls considerably short of what we would wish to provide.

In the area of equipment, a new mobile X-ray unit was obtained for theatre and the intensive care unit. A new ultrasound scanner will also shortly be obtained.

The commencement of the Tallaght Project is expected to be of great benefit in the area of staffing and equipment as this can now be planned with a view to provision in Tallaght. The radiology computer system continues to be of great benefit and a link with the similar system in the Meath Hospital is in the process of being established.

Rotation of medical and radiographic staff with the X-ray Department in the Meath Hospital continues and we look forward to developing similar programmes in the other areas of X-ray.

The senior group of registrars in training in radiology in our hospitals has now gone abroad for further training, Dr. B. Kenny to the Bristol Royal Infirmary, Dr. N. McEniff to Boston and Dr. M. Lynch to Manchester. The more junior group of registrars has all been successful in examinations. Miss C. McKean should complete the Ultrasound Training Course this year. Mrs. Anna Groarke has completed a course in Mammography.

D. P. McINERNEY, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.R.C.R.

Pharmacy Department

This is the first time that a report from the Pharmacy has been included in the Annual Report.

Over the past five years the Pharmacy has undergone considerable change. A computer system was developed to provide for both professional and administrative needs. The medication chart design was amended to facilitate individual dispensing. A laminar airflow cabinet was installed, so that reconstitution of cytotoxic drugs and other sterile products was centralised to the Pharmacy. A top-up system of drug distribution was introduced. This relieves nurses of the task of ordering medications for stock.

Great efforts have been made by the pharmacists to become involved, at a clinical level, in the treatment of patients. A high priority has been to provide advice and information to medical and nursing staff on all aspects of drug treatment. Pharmacists began to move out of the department and onto wards for daily visits and medical rounds. I would like to thank Prof. Tomkin for his support and encouragement on weekly rounds with his team. We have also played our part in counselling of patients on use of medication in the Cardiac Rehabilitation programme. In addition to service provision, members of staff have been involved in practice research and have published and presented their work at National and International meetings. Indeed, our first two pre-registration students tutored in the Adelaide both won the Cahill May Roberts prize for the best research projects in their respective years – Evelyn Deasy (1992) and Aileen Barry (1993). Both our pharmacists are highly involved in their profession. Denise Ward is a Member of the National Executive of the Hospital Pharmacists' Association (H.P.A.) and a member of the Pharmaceutical Society's Committee on Pre-Registration Training. Tim Delaney is a past Secretary and President of the H.P.A. and is currently Secretary of the European Association of Hospital Pharmacists.

In 1994 the Pharmacy Department will continue to pursue its mission which is to ensure the safe, effective and economic use of medicines by patients and staff. Specific goals are the completion of a new policy for administration of cytotoxic drugs – in co-operation with the School of Nursing; an evaluation of dose prediction and therapeutic monitoring of vancomycin – in co-operation with the Department of Microbiology at St. James's Hospital; development of wound management policies as part of a multi-disciplinary team; and investigation of the relationship between prescribing in hospital and the community in a joint project with the Department of Epidemiology at the Eastern Health Board.

Finally, as I prepare to move to another part of the hospital, I would like to thank my current staff, Denise Ward, Kathleen Ryan, Siobhan Whitty and Mary Walsh for their unfailing good humour and hard work. It has been the greatest of pleasures to work with them.

TIM DELANEY, M.P.S.I.

Occupational and Staff Clinic

The Occupational and Staff Clinic was introduced, two afternoons a week, on 28th October, 1992. This was in response to a request from the Medical Board after consultations with the Junior Hospital Doctors.

Its objects were:

1. To monitor and treat occupational health conditions;
2. To oversee the staff vaccination programme;
3. To reduce the usage of consultant clinics by staff;
4. To reduce "corridor consultations" and reduce pressure on Non-Consultant Hospital Doctors;
5. To carry out pre-employment medicals.

During the first 14 months of its existence it carried out 622 consultations and 40 pre-employment medicals. There were 54 referrals to other clinics – a referral rate of 11.5%.

The breakdown of the 281 members of staff who attended the clinic consisted of:

Student Nurses	113	Paramedical Staff	18
Staff Nurses	66	Porters/Maintenance Staff	17
Domestic Staff	30	Administrative Staff	15
Clerical Staff	24	Visitor	1

Of those attending the clinic 180 were non-smokers, 100 were smokers and four were unrecorded. This is an exceptionally high rate of 36% which above the national average. In view of this the smoking policy within the hospital is under review to encourage and support smoking cessation amongst staff and patients.

Breakdown of the conditions seen in the clinic were:

Musculo/Skeletal	68	Miscellaneous	28
Skin	59	Genitourinary	26
Stress/Psychological	50	Contraception	21
Respiratory	43	Eyes	18
Blood tests	38	Gastro Intestinal Tract	17
E.N.T.	33	Vaccination	17
Viral	29	Medical Examination	17
		Needle Stick Injury	11

In association with Prof. Graham and the Department of Cardiology a very successful "Happy Heart Day" was held for the staff of the hospital on 28th June. Almost 200 people attended for screening and health advice. Much of the credit must go to the members of the cardiac research team and the staff of the Coronary Care Unit for organising this event. Many members of staff contributed their expertise.

I would like to pay tribute to the good support I have received from the Consultant Staff, the Senior Nursing and Administrative Staff in setting up this clinic and particularly to Sister Seaman who administers the Hepatitis B vaccination programme and Staff Nurse White for the efficient way she organises and runs the clinic.

DAVID E. THOMAS, M.B., M.I.C.G.P., *Occupational Staff Health Officer.*

Social Work Department

During the last year 535 patients were referred to the Social Work Department compared with 481 the previous year. In addition we dealt with over 1,500 requests for transport. Once again we are grateful to Mrs. Janet Edgely, our secretary, for her hard work during the year and we would also like to thank Miss Sandra Cooke who deputised so efficiently for a two months period during the year.

1993 saw the first complete year of our new computerised records system. This gave us an opportunity to look in more depth at the personal profile of each patient referred. We found that 49% of patients referred were aged 65 and over, 47% of patients came from postal areas 6, 8 and 12. At present only 8% of our referrals are from the Tallaght area. These statistics clearly reflect the older age group residing in, or near, the city centre while we would expect a rise in referrals for the Tallaght area over the next few years.

We now feel we have the basis for a fully computerised administrative system and we would hope that 1994 will see the Social Work Departments of the Meath and the National Children's Hospitals participating in this scheme.

Our teaching commitment to the School of Nursing continued through 1993. However, plans to provide seminars on bereavement and other issues had to be postponed due to work pressure. We hope to review this situation early in 1994 as we greatly value our contacts with our nursing colleagues.

The department continued to provide placements for post and undergraduate students from both U.C.D. and Trinity.

We attended the multi-disciplinary course on Bereavement organised by Our Lady's Hospice. In addition, we attended a number of seminars and meetings on medically related topics.

In view of the high percentage of referrals of elderly patients we were very happy to welcome Dr. Des O'Neill as Consultant in Age Related Medicine. We believe that his regular consultation sessions in the Adelaide will greatly improve early discharge and provide effective after-care for our elderly patients. However, our multi-disciplinary approach to such management is adversely affected by the current lack of Occupational Therapy services; we would hope that this situation is speedily resolved.

On the social front, we organised a successful Christmas party for a number of our elderly patients. We were most grateful for the enthusiastic support of so many members of hospital staff.

We attach the first computerised Samaritan Fund account for 1993 and wish to thank all who have contributed, in particular, the Adelaide Tea Bar Committee and the Rev. Alastair Harrison for the proceeds of the Annual Carol Service.

JOHN BRENNAN, C.Q.S.W. *Social Worker*

CATHERINE COLLINS, C.Q.S.W. *Social Worker*

Adelaide Hospital Samaritan Fund

Payments and Receipts Account 1993

PAYMENTS	IR£
Grants (Miscellaneous)	770.60
Grants (Food and Lodgings)	270.00
Grants (Specific Grant)	216.00
Petty Cash	265.00
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	1,521.60

RECEIPTS	IR£
Adelaide Hospital Christmas Services	245.91
Adelaide Hospital Tea Bar	300.00
Henry Bewley & Margaret Colville-Jones Fund	117.99
Donations	30.14
Refunds	100.00
Miscellaneous	672.00
Total Receipts	<hr/>
	1,466.04

Excess Expenditure over Receipts	55.56
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Physiotherapy Department

Out-patients

In the year the total number of attendances to the Out-patient Physiotherapy Department was 12,694; an increase of 1% over the previous year. The number of patients attending was 4,731 compared with 4,323 in 1992 – an increase of 9%, showing that the individual patient received fewer treatments and was discharged sooner. The largest number of out-patients treated was referred by the Orthopaedic Department.

The three highest sources of out-patient referrals to the Department were:

Sources of referral	No. of patients	Attendances
Orthopaedic	2,932	7,791
Medical	1,251	3,377
Surgical	126	359

There has been an increase in the number of medical cases seen, in part, due to an increase in the number of cardiac rehabilitation and relaxation classes given during the year.

In-patients

There was an increase in the number of attendances from 16,055 in 1992 to 17,598 in 1993, an increase of 9.6%. Again, the greatest source of referrals was from the Orthopaedic Department.

Source of referral	No. of patients	Attendances
Orthopaedic	1,735	8,655
Medical	1,168	4,557
Surgical	798	3,844

The three highest sources of referrals.

There was a 26% increase in the number of orthopaedic cases seen. The majority of this occurred at the end of the year and was due to the Orthopaedic Initiative to reduce the waiting lists for hip and knee replacements.

There were slightly fewer surgical and medical patient attendances.

Courses

Miss Carmela Conroy, along with a member of the School of Nursing, Miss Sarah Condell, obtained a certificate in the "Demonstrators Course in Patient Lifting and Handling Techniques" run by the N.I.F.A.S.T. Miss Julia Stephenson received a Diploma in Safety, Health and Welfare at Work

Physiotherapy Department

(Physiotherapy) from U.C.D. We now co-ordinate in teaching manual handling to the nurses.

Mrs. Rosie Hannon visited the Wirral Cardiac Programme and attended a cardiac rehabilitation conference at the Clatterbridge Hospital along with other members of the cardiac rehabilitation team.

Research

Mrs. Sandy Wagstaff and the Orthopaedic Registrar, Mr. Damien McCormack set up a trial programme investigating pain relief using low-intensity laser treatment.

Two T.C.D. students carried out their final year research projects in the Department:

1. Miss Keeva Tangney – "The effect of an eight week exercise programme on myocardial aerobic capacity in coronary heart disease".
2. Miss Ruth Lordan – "A comparative pilot study on the therapeutic effects of continuous S.W.D. and cryotherapy on osteo arthrosis of the knee".

Equipment

This year, we obtained six new adjustable height couches and a word processor/computer

Services

This year a relaxation class has been introduced as part of the Cardiac Rehabilitation Programme. There is an ever increasing demand for cardiac rehabilitation classes, which we have not been able to facilitate due to the shortage of staff and space. In 1994, we hope to rectify this when the physiotherapy services between the Adelaide, Meath and National Children's Hospitals are rationalised.

As always, I wish to thank the tutors and students of the Dublin School of Physiotherapy for their help throughout the year.

JULIA STEPHENSON, M.I.S.C.P.,
Superintendent Physiotherapist.

Occupational Therapy Department

In September, 1993, Ms. Deirdre Cullen, Senior Occupational Therapist, left the service of the M.A.N.C.H. group. Ms. Cullen initiated the Occupational Therapy service in the Adelaide and Meath Hospitals. Over these last six years, she has worked labouriously and with dedication to develop and provide a comprehensive service for both Hospitals. We in Occupational Therapy, along with her colleagues and friends in the Adelaide, wish her well in her new post.

On my appointment as Senior Occupational Therapist for the M.A.N.C.H. group from the end of November 1993 the Occupational Therapy service has been under review. After consultation with Management this review culminated in the decision to provide a limited service to the patients of the Adelaide Hospital. This service to have effect from December 1993 and would be offered from the Occupational Therapy Department in the Meath Hospital as there is no facility as yet within the confines of the Adelaide.

Discussions with Management confirmed how necessary and how right have been some several years of written submissions and negotiations for an additional Occupational Therapist to be appointed to the Adelaide Hospital, and to have a purpose built department if an effective service is to exist.

Staffing

I would like to mention that the Secretary/Manager has agreed to include in his estimates for 1994 an application for a full-time Occupational Therapist within the Hospital. This would appear to be the best of a very positive outlook for the Department within the Adelaide for 1994 and one to which I look forward with great confidence.

Accommodation

Having attended several meetings regarding space allocation with the Hospital, Occupational Therapy is to be given a Department separate and to the rear of the Physiotherapy Department. Plans are currently being drawn up by the Hospital Architect and hopefully these alterations will be in place and functional by mid 1994.

Statistics

January-November, 1993, 407 patients were assessed. This comprised a total of 770 15 min. sessions.

In-Patients = 301 New
 63 Return
Out Patients = 26 New
 17 Return

Occupational Therapy Department

This compares favourably with previous years. In keeping with the Occupational Therapy Standards of Practice it is intended that, with the changes to be implemented, an ongoing treatment/assessment regime will be enabled within the Adelaide to keep the Hospital in the forefront of current methodologies and treatments in this complex area. This will then meet the ever increasing expectations of medical and paramedical staff on Occupational Therapy performance.

Education

Students from the School of Occupational Therapy in Trinity College have attended the Adelaide for part of their clinical placement.

Occupational Therapy continues to provide educational inservice training to medical and nursing staff and students.

Conclusion

Over the few intervening years between now and full amalgamation within the Tallaght Hospital project these changes will ensure that the Adelaide will have, up and running, a comprehensive Occupational Therapy Service which reflects the best of the Adelaide ethos. This contribution can only enhance the quality of treatment to our clientele.

Above all I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms. Julia Stephenson and all the physiotherapy staff for their support and the use of their facilities and department, over the last six years, by the attending Occupational Therapist.

Thank you all for your support.

DEIRDRE CULLEN,
Senior Occupational Therapist.

Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

The dietetic services at the Adelaide Hospital are provided by the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics of the F.D.V.H.

Statistics

During 1993, a total of 2,516 dietetic consultations were undertaken at the Adelaide. This is a 16% reduction in the number of consultations carried out in 1992. This is probably due to the increase in the in-patient service and the problem of non-attendance for appointments at the out-patient dietetic clinics.

Referral source was as follows:

Consultant	% of total patient consults
Prof. G. H. Tomkin	28.0
Prof. I. M. Graham	26.0
General Surgeons	25.5
Orthopaedic Surgeons	5.5
Prof. C. A. Ó'Moráin	7.5
Dr. R. Murphy	3.0
Others	4.5

In-patient service

In line with departmental policy the in-patient service is given priority over the out-patient service. Almost 60% of dietetic clinical activity in 1993 was at ward level. The number of in-patient consultations (1,501), which take a considerably longer time to complete compared to out-patient consultations, were up 3% on 1992 figures. This may have contributed to the lower overall figures for 1993.

The main referral source was the surgical teams (31%) followed by the medical teams of Prof. Tomkin (28%) and Prof. Graham (26%).

Out-patient service

1,015 out-patient consultations were carried out during 1993. In keeping with the Patients Charter, patients are given an individual appointment and are seen on time. Appointments are made via the general out-patient appoint desk in O.P.D.

Due to lack of staff, only five dietetic out-patient clinics are operated each week. This has resulted in an unacceptable waiting time of approximately eight weeks for an out-patient dietetic appointment. Very urgent cases are dealt with as early as possible once the doctor notifies the nutritionist directly.

The out-patient service numbers are down 22% on 1992 figures. One of the main contributing factors to this is the numbers of patients failing to attend for their appointments and the subsequent wastage of that service time. This

Department of Nutrition and Dietetics

development has been mirrored in our sister hospitals and will be addressed in 1994.

Future

In 1994, the department will make every effort to maintain the current level of service and will continue to press for more staff so that the services to the Adelaide Hospital can be further improved in terms of quality, range and accessibility.

STEPHANIE MULLIGAN
Principal Dietitian

Speech & Language Therapy Department

In September 1993 a full-time Speech & Language Therapy post was created at the Adelaide Hospital. This service is co-ordinated from the Meath Hospital. The post is, however, temporary and has not, as yet, received official Department of Health approval.

The aim of the Speech & Language Therapy service is to provide assessment and therapy (where appropriate) to patients presenting with the following disorders:

- Acquired Neurological Language Disorders.
- Acquired Neurological Speech Disorders.
- Voice Disorders.
- Patients who require augmentative communication systems (e.g. tracheostomy patients).

Adult patients will only be seen. Paediatric referrals are forwarded to the National Children's Hospital, Harcourt Street. A written medical referral is required particularly for patients with dysphagia.

A major component of the work is to provide information to family and caregivers. Throughout the year formal training sessions have been organised with the School of Nursing.

From October to December 1993 there were 106 In-patient and 107 Out-patient attendances. At present new cases average about 10 per month. These numbers continue to increase as the service becomes established. The limited accommodation facilities mean that for four sessions per week there is still nowhere to see Out-patients. This will, hopefully, be rectified in 1994 with the proposed updating of the Out-patient department where permanent accommodation will be available.

The Speech & Language Therapist attended the Surgical Voice Restoration Conference in London in September. This was funded by the Adelaide Hospital. A course in Dysphagia was organised jointly with the Meath Hospital in October 1993. This 5-day course was attended by speech and language therapists from around the country. £1,200 was raised for speech therapy equipment at the Adelaide. The feedback from participants following the course was very positive and a further course is planned in late 1994.

A computerised voice analysis system is due to be installed in early 1994. This will provide objective voice and speech measurements. Its visual feedback system will assist in the treatment of a wide range of communication disorders. The possibility of obtaining videostroboscopy equipment for both the ENT and Speech & Language Therapy departments is currently being investigated. This equipment would greatly improve the quality of both assessment and treatment of ENT voice patients in line with services offered at other centres. It would also enable us to undertake some research in this

Heading

area.

The last three months of 1993 have been busy. The task of establishing the service has been made easier by the support received from all Hospital staff. We look forward to the continuing development of the service in 1994.

MARGARET WALSH,
Speech & Language Therapist.

EMIR MURPHY,
Acting Senior Speech & Language Therapist.

Canon R. H. Dowse Adelaide Scholarship Fund

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The purpose of this Fund is to assist with the further education of Adelaide trained Nurses.

During 1993 further disbursements were made from the Fund which has continued to grow through its investment income. In particular an allocation has been made to assist one of the Adelaide Tutors to continue her Masters degree course at Trinity College.

As mentioned in last year's Report further subscriptions to the Fund are always welcome and may be sent to:

The Hon. Treasurer,
Canon Dowse Scholarship Fund,
The Adelaide Hospital,
Peter Street,
Dublin 8.

DAVID FITZPATRICK,
Honorary Secretary.

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Mrs. H. Cran	Mrs. S. Paul
Mrs. K. Crean	Mrs. J. Robinson
Mrs. E. Cronhelm	Mrs. V. Simpson
Mrs. S. Fenelon	Mrs. M. Stone
Mrs. H. Foley	Mrs. J. Webb
Mrs. R. French	Mrs. D. Wilson
Mrs. J. Johnston	Mrs. M. Wilson

Miss Y. P. Seville (Matron)

The Linen Guild would like to welcome Miss Seville as the new Matron of the Adelaide.

The main role of our Committee is fund-raising so at the beginning of every year there is this long saga of what to do, how to do it and where?

Our role this spring was made so easy as the Evans family, who own Charlesland Golf and Country Club very generously let us hold a Golf Tournament in their wonderful new club. We decided on a Scotch Foursomes Stableford competition and had a full Time-sheet. 140 players turned out to play on this new course and we would like to thank them all very much for their support and also to thank all those who donated prizes. We raised £2,208 from this event.

Our Christmas Bazaar, held on the 27th November in Christ Church Rathgar, raised £3,536, and we would again like to thank Mrs. Maud Stone for all the hard work she personally puts into running a pre-sale Sale in her home in Greystones.

Mrs. Joy Mawhinney and Mrs. Angela Clarke are the two marvellous people who have a stall at the Book Barrow Fair in the Mansion House on the first Monday of every month and urgently require all your old books. To date this year they have raised £1,820, which is really fantastic and we would like to

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thank them and Mr. Mawhinney very, very much for this amazingly successful continuing fund-raising campaign.

Anyone with old books which they would like to donate can ring 2955415 or 2982103 or any Committee member.

We would also like to thank Mrs. Hazel Foley and Mrs. Marion Wilson for their fund-raising Bridge Evenings, Birr and Rathfarnham Parishes for their generous donations and Mr. Roger Dungan of Ormsby & Rhodes for preparing our accounts.

This year the Linen Guild have purchased curtains for F.W. Landing 1, wheelchairs, Spanco mattresses, chairs, trolleys, heat pads and catering equipment.

Finally, I would like to thank Mrs. Fiona Tomkin, Secretary, and Mrs. Carol Bond, Treasurer, for all their support and hard work throughout the year and Mrs. Hazel Foley for running the Tea Bar rota.

ELEANOR HERRON
Chairman

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 1993

	1993		1992	
RECEIPTS	IR£	IR£	IR£	IR£
Members' subscriptions	10		105	
Members' fund-raising	183		148	
Golf outing	2,208		—	
Tennis evening	—		1,050	
Christmas bazaar	3,536		3,133	
Book barrow fair	1,820		1,591	
Donations:				
Rathfarnham Parish	150		145	
Birr Parish	—		50	
Bank deposit interest	95		120	
		8,002		6,342
PAYMENTS				
Curtains for wards	5,626		2,057	
Equipment for wards	2,075		2,450	
	<u>7,701</u>		<u>4,507</u>	
Postage and stationery	21		54	
Bank charges	28		26	
Miscellaneous expenses	—		15	
		7,750		4,602
Excess of receipts over payments		<u>252</u>		<u>1,740</u>
Bank balance at 1 January 1993		5,822		4,082
Add excess of receipts over payments		252		1,740
Bank balance at 31 December 1993		<u>6,074</u>		<u>5,822</u>

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

We have prepared the above receipts and payments account of the Adelaide Hospital Linen Guild from the books and vouchers submitted to us and confirm that they are in accordance therewith.

ORMSBY & RHODES,
Chartered Accountants, Registered Auditors.

Dublin, 14 January, 1994.

Nurses League Report

The 53rd Annual General Meeting of the Adelaide Hospital Nurses' League was held on Friday, 8th October, in the Boardroom of the Hospital, there were 60 members present.

The President Mrs. Henly presented her report to the meeting. It was pleasing to note 31 new members had joined the League during the year. The branches of the League in N. Ireland, Scotland, London and British Columbia all held reunions, keeping the link with the Adelaide very much alive.

In March the annual sale in aid of the Benevolent Fund raised £2,459, the money being used to help members. A china and glass stall was run by members at the Hospital sale in May.

The trolley shop continues to be taken around the wards by League members, a service much appreciated by the patients.

This year money was given to Prof. Graham to purchase video equipment for the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit in the Adelaide/Meath Hospitals and a contribution was given to Matron's Pound Day.

Some 80 members attended the Annual Dinner in Dublin, at which a special welcome was extended to Miss Yvonne Seville, Matron of the Adelaide.

THE NURSES' LEAGUE COMMITTEE: OFFICE BEARERS 1993-1994

Mrs. Daphne Henly	<i>President</i>
Sister Yvonne Seville	<i>Vice-President/Matron</i>
Mrs. Eileen McBain	<i>Immediate Past President</i>
Mrs. Hilary Daly	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>
Miss Valerie Adams	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>
Mrs. Sandra Leeson	<i>Assistant Honorary Treasurer</i>

Mrs. Bea Ormston, Mrs. Jennifer Gray, Mrs. Diana Allen, Miss Elizabeth Doran, Mrs. Phyllis Whyte.

DAPHNE HENLY,
President.

Association of Old Adelaide Students

Committee

Eric Fenelon, *President*
Clive Lee, *Editor of the Journal*
Carlos McDowell, *Treasurer*
Gerald H. Tomkin, *Secretary*

Mr. Eric Fenelon again guided the Association through another interesting year of activity. We have now entered negotiations with the Meath and National Children's Hospital to create a Adelaide, Meath, National Children's Hospital Association of Students which would be in place prior to the move to Tallaght. This seems a very important development especially as all Interns now work both in the Adelaide and the Meath and all Medical Students attend both Hospitals on a regular basis. It is difficult now to recognise an Adelaide from a Meath Student.

Travel grants were given again this year. Miss Harden went to Africa and has written an interesting report which will be published in the Association's Journal. A small grant was given to help Mr. Brian Thorn, visit the United States. A research grant was given to Mr. Paul McGurgan, who worked under Prof. Ó'Moráin's supervision. He gave a presentation in the hospital at the first Adelaide/Meath Students Research Meeting. The enthusiasm at this meeting demonstrates the value of the research awards. A full report will be published in the Association's Journal.

The Annual Dinner has been arranged for February 5th, 1994, so that it would not inhibit members from attending the Meath Annual Dinner.

Thus the Association flourishes. Its importance in the life of the new Hospital cannot be underestimated as the Association will help to bring the traditions of the Hospitals to the new hospital in Tallaght. A task so important in the early years of the new Hospital.

G. H. TOMKIN, M.D., F.R.C.P.I., F.A.C.P., F.R.C.P. (Lond.),
Honorary Secretary.

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