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vision of sufficient beds to take all sufferers as soon as they are diagnosed, and when the chances of complete and rapid cure are at a maximum. The Department of Local Government and Public Health intend to provide throughout the country the facilities for ensuring that people can make sure they have not got the disease, or if they have, that their cure can be taken up immediately. This is the first essential for a campaign designed to wipe out tuberculosis.

Since the anti-tuberculosis section was set up, our propaganda has been active with two main objects in view. The first was to make people conscious that there was a tuberculosis problem of vast and increasing dimensions. I think we have succeeded in doing this to such an extent that it is now almost impossible to take up a paper without finding some reference to tuberculosis, when the subject was completely ignored only a few years ago. The second object of our propaganda was to try to bring home to people the symptoms of the disease, how it is spread and how it may be prevented. We have produced three booklets, some leaflets, and posters, all of which the Limerick Committee can provide for anyone interested. We have arranged for the showing of films, for broadcasts, and have many further schemes in preparation. We are now trying to convey information instead of merely drawing attention. Our task is now to get people to co-operate with the services which are offered to them.

AFTER-CARE.

Our next main problem is after-care and rehabilitation. This third objective is probably even more difficult and complicated than the others, for it is a social problem bound up with great social problems which are not confined to tuberculosis only. It is easy to understand that a wage earner who has a family dependent on him and who is dependent for his own upkeep and that of his family on his earnings, is in a very awkward position if he gets tuberculosis. If he accepts treatment, there is no provision for his family beyond what is provided by State or private relief agencies. If he refuses to accept treatment, his chances of recovering will disappear, and at the same time there is grave danger of infection spreading to his family. Again, when it comes to the time for discharge he may not be able to resume his own work, because he is not strong enough or because it is no longer available. The section is now turning its attention to this problem. We have asked all our County Committees to form a special sub-committee to deal with after-care work, and one has been set up here in Limerick. Here again, as in the case of the bed shortage, we cannot hope in the Red Cross to provide the money necessary for a complete scheme. We can, however, help in many ways, which your Committee here in Limerick intend to do shortly; even more important the experience in this work will enable us to work out the costs, and the method of working which will be necessary for a complete scheme. We are investigating at present the costs of a complete scheme, and the possibility of setting up a colony to tide the patient over the period between his discharge and his full recovery.

You may wonder on what we are spending moneys already subscribed. Well, the Ballyroan extension, which I told you about, will, with the nursing and maids' accommodation necessary, cost between £25,000 and £30,000. Cork has already £4,000, and will take at least another £8,000 before it is ready for occupation. These expenses alone amount to nearly half the money already subscribed to cover both the relief to Europe and

OBITUARY

MRS. M. PRENDERGAST.

Following Solemn Requiem Mass at St. Michael's Church on Saturday, the funeral of Mrs. Mary Prendergast, wife of Mr. Ed. J. Prendergast, Fox's Hotel, Limerick, who died on Thursday, 1st inst., took place to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

The deceased lady, a native of Newcastle West, had during her many years as proprietress of Fox's Hotel built up a wide business connection in all parts of the city and county. She was a lady of real charm, with a rare facility for making and keeping friends, besides which she practised the virtue of charity in a high degree.

The cortege was extremely large and representative and included many well-known personalities in Irish coursing, with which Mr. Prendergast has life-long connections. It was a worthy tribute to a highly respected and greatly esteemed figure in Limerick's commercial life.

The chief mourners were:—E. J. Prendergast (husband), Wm. Prendergast (son), Justin Prendergast, Mrs. Mel O'Leary, Mrs. Una Barry, Eileen Fox (daughters), Mrs. M. Collins, Mrs. J. O'Halloran (sisters), Gerald Collins (nephew), Maureen and Margaret Collins, Bernie and Jessie O'Halloran (nieces), M. O'Halloran, Wm. Prendergast, M. Prendergast (brothers-in-law), John O'Leary, B.E.; Patrick Barry (sons-in-law), Mary and Anne Barry (grand-children).

Rev. Dr. Cowper, Adm., St. Michael's, officiated at the graveside, and the other clergy present were:—Rev. Father White, C.C., St. Michael's; Rev. Father Minihan, C.C., do.; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, C.C., do.; Rev. Father Lyons, C.C., do.; Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.C., do.; Very Rev. Father Roche, S.J., Rector; Rev. Father Barragry, S.J.; Very Rev. Father McArdle, O.P., Prior; Very Rev. Father Ephrim, O.F.M., Guardian; Rev. Father Adrian, O.F.M.; Very Rev. Father O'Flynn, O.S.A., Prior.

Mass cards were sent by the following:—Madge and family; Mai and John; Eileen and Joan; Gerard, "Gran" and Billy; Bill Prendergast, Clonmel; Mary; Tess Murphy; Father O'Flynn, O.S.A., and Augustinian Fathers; Father Ephrim, O.F.M.; P. Ryan; Hannah and George Roberts and family; Mick and Tess Fitzgibbon, Wickham Street; P. J. Costelloe and family; John Hogan, Croom; Father Celestine O'Connell, O.F.M.; Una and Paddy; William Wall; Frank O'Dowd; the Geary family, 7 Thomas Street; Rita Walsh; Maureen Sheehan; Sean and Rita Manning; M. Daly; Tom and Agnes O'Donnell; Brian and Sheila O'Brien; Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, 29 Thomas Street; Chriss Keane; the O'Connor family, Glencullen, Ennis Road; Ray Grimes; Frances Ryan, Raheen; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Fitzgerald, "Alcantara," Ballinacurra; Gerry Clampett; Kitty and Brendan Barry; Baby Grossman; Chris; Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McNamara, "Pontland," Ennis Road; Amy and Harry; Josie Gilligan; F. G. and S. O'Reilly; Con and Birdie Dore, Rathkeale; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sexton; Paddy Doyle; Mrs. Cleary, 6 Grattan Villas, Limerick; the Ryan family, Cecil Street; Michael Cregan, Cecil McDonagh; Michael Murphy, 4 William Street; Pat and C. Lillis; "Rose"; Mrs. B. O'Neill and Mary Hartnett; E. Mathews; the Cahill family; Kay Mullins; Pat O'Sullivan; Ned Molloy; Staff at Sexton's; I.A.W.S., Ltd., Thomas Street, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. O'Dwyer, Ballinacurra; W. Ivescroft; C. Thompson and family; Will and Lizzie, Ballyvooby; Michael and Agnes Dee; Lil Byrne; Mick and Matt; Michael and Julia and family; Billy and Maire; Susan Shanahan; Mrs. M. Daly, Henry Street; Luke and Lil Larkin, "Avondale," Shelbourne Road; Mrs. O'Shaughnessy, 29 Thomas Street; Irene Bouchier-Hayes, Rathkeale.

The following sena wreaths:—"Ned" and children; Limerick Greyhound Racing Co., Ltd.; Mr. Roycroft and Mr. Viller; Mr. Schwab.

Telegrams and messages of sympathy received were too numerous to mention.

MISS O'CONNOR, NEWCASTLE WEST.

Miss Mary O'Connor, Bishop St., Newcastle West, who died on

ULSTER BANK LIMITED

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1944, submitted to the Proprietors at the ONE HUNDRED AND NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY, held at the HEAD OFFICE OF THE BANK, WARING STREET, BELFAST, on FRIDAY, the 26th JANUARY, 1945, at 12.15 p.m. Mr. W. S. Fullerton was in the chair.

The net Profits of the Bank for the past year amounted to £136,861, and this sum, added to £100,851, the balance of Undivided Profits from the previous year, provided a available total of £237,712.

A Dividend, less Income Tax, amounting to £75,000 was paid to the Shareholders in July last and a further Dividend, less Income Tax, amounting to £75,000, making £150,000 in all, will now be paid to them. £50,000 has been transferred to Contingent Fund and the balance remaining, £12,712, is being carried forward to Undivided Profits Account.

All ascertained bad and doubtful debts have been written off or fully provided for.

The Directors and Committee have pleasure in referring to the annexed Balance Sheet, which has received the certificate of the Auditors, Messrs. Harmood Banner and Son, Chartered Accountants.

J. MILNE BARBOUR,
Chairman of Committee.

Belfast, 26th January, 1945.

BALANCE SHEET, 30th DECEMBER, 1944.

LIABILITIES.			ASSETS.	
Capital Authorised: 500,000 Shares of £15 each	£7,500,000		Cash on Hand, Balances with London Bankers, and Bank Notes in Transit	£18,153,733
Capital Issued: 300,000 Shares of £15 £5 paid	£2,000,000		Bills discounted, Advances to Customers, Short Loans on Securities and other Accounts	7,711,113
Reserve Fund	2,000,000		Investments at, or below, Market Value:	
Deposits (Current and other Accounts, including Reserves for Contingencies)	23,951,503		Government Stocks— War Loan and other Securities of, or guaranteed by, the British Government	£16,124,227
Notes in Circulation: Northern Ireland and Other Banks	£4,740,997		Other Securities	1,451,439
Consolidated Bank Notes Outstanding: £231,000 Less—Held by Bank, £7,403	223,597		Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off	20,575
Undivided Profits	4,972,558	4,960,213	Note.—The above Assets include Bank of England notes deposited in respect of the Note Circulation in Northern Ireland, and Government Securities lodged with the Central Bank of Ireland as security for Consolidated Bank Notes Outstanding per Contra	
NOTE.—There is a contingent liability of £14,000 for uncalled Capital in respect of shares of the Agricultural Credit Corporation, Ltd., which are guaranteed by the Government of Eire in regard to both Capital and Interest.				
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

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To Dividend at July, 1944 (less Income Tax)	£75,000		By Undivided Profits from 31st December, 1943	£100,851
To Dividend at January, 1945 (less Income Tax)	75,000	£150,000	By Net Profits for year ended 30th December, 1944—after deducting reserve on Bills Current, Interest due on Deposits, Income Tax, National Defence Contribution, and all other Expenses—all ascertained Bad and Doubtful Debts having been written off or fully provided for	136,861
To Contingent Fund		50,000		
To Undivided Profits carried forward		100,313		
		£250,313		£250,313

ANDREW ESLER, Secretary.
H. F. HOUSTON, Chief Accountant.

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WM. DONALDSON,
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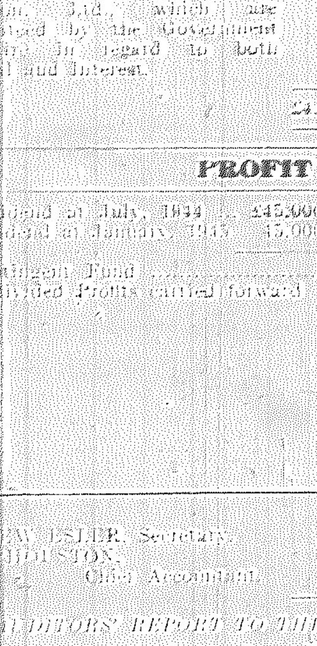
} Directors.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ULSTER BANK, LIMITED.

We have examined the above Balance Sheet, dated 30th December, 1944, and have compared it in detail with the Books at the Head Office, and with the certified returns from each Branch. We have ascertained the correctness of the cash and bills on hand at the Head Office and in Dublin, and of the money at call and short notice, and have inspected the securities representing the investments of the Bank, and find them to be in order. We report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required and that in our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the Books of the Bank.

HARMOOD BANNER & SON,
Chartered Accountants.



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