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Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic.



ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year 1949.

ALEXANDRA HEALTH CENTRE AND UNIVERSITY CLINIC.

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THE Chairman and Members of the Board of Management
cordially invite you to be present at the

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at the Clinic, Second Avenue, Alexandra Township,
on SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1950, at 3 p.m.

The Speaker will be His Worship the Mayor of Johannesburg,
Councillor J. Mincer.

R.S.V.P. to
Mrs. J. P. Immelman,
Kallenbach Drive,
Linksfield, Johannesburg.
(P.O. Orange Grove.)

TEA.

Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, 1949.

Mr. Justice O. D. SCHREINER, Chairman
Mrs. J. P. IMMELMAN, Hon. Secretary
Miss E. J. S. MOODIE, Hon. Treasurer

Mrs. W. ARONSOHN	Professor H. LE MAY
Rev. LEE D. BERGSMAN	Miss E. McKEGOR
Dr. JAMES BLACK	Mr. S. T. MOLEFI
Mr. I. W. BREBNER	Mr. T. D. NEL
Professor C. M. DOKE	Mr. Justice W. H. RAMSBOTTOM
Professor G. A. ELLIOTT	Mrs. O. D. SCHREINER
Mr. J. D. GAMEDE	Professor DIGHTON STAMMERS
Dr. J. H. GEAR	Mr. M. W. SUSER, S.R.C.
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Mrs. J. M. HYSLOP	Mr. D. WAGHMARAE, S.M.C.

Dr. L. S. WILLIAMS.

STAFF AT 31/12/49.

Medical Superintendent: SIDNEY SAX, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
Resident Medical Officer: Jan./June, H. B. KLUGMAN, M.B., B.Ch.
July/Dec., E. E. EPSTEIN, M.B., B.Ch.,
D.P.H., D.I.M. & H. (Rand)
Part-time Medical Officer: G. GREENMAN, M.B., B.Ch.

HON. VISITING STAFF:

Obstetrician and Gynaecologist: O. S. HEYNS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,
M.R.C.O.G.
Assistants: A. CULINER, M.D., M.R.C.O.G., S.A.C.S.
F. DAUBENTON, M.B., B.Ch., M.D.
L. G. R. VAN DONGEN, M.B., B.Ch., M.D.
A. C. NAYLOR, M.B., B.Ch.
Dermatologist: EVA BINION, M.B., B.Ch.
Paediatrician: S. SELBY, B.Sc., M.R.C.P., L.R.C.P.

NURSING STAFF:

Nursing Superintendent: Sister J. A. H. LEWIS
Assistants: Sister P. E. DRABBLE, Sister M. CAMERON.

Nurse HELEN CELE	Nurse LEXIE MOATSE
Nurse CAROLINE GUMEDE	Nurse CATHERINE NHLAPO
Nurse VERONICA HLABATAU	Nurse CILIWE NGEMA
Nurse FAITH KUBEKA	Nurse ISABELLA NGQASI
Nurse MATHILDA LEKGOTOANE	Nurse EUGEN NTALO
Nurse DOROTHY LOUWANT	Nurse GWENDOLIN PALMER
Nurse PRISCILLA MAMABOLA	Nurse CLARA RAMOGOPO
Nurse CYNTHIA MANGQU	Nurse ROSE SEKHATLE
Nurse VIOLET MONAMOLI	Nurse ELSIE SIKUNDLA

Nurse MARY THEMA
Male Nurses: ROBERTSON CIMALIRO, ALFRED BEAVERBROOK
MKANDAWIRI, DAVID WATSON.
Clerks: THEOPHILUS MTEMBU, TYSON KHONJE.

HON. AUDITORS:

MESSTRS. VAUGHAN, KEY & PAYNE.

(For FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT, see page 17.)

Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

In the 1948 Annual Report we said that money would probably be tight in 1949. And so it was. There was a falling-off in donations to the Clinic and the Rag collection was much smaller than in the previous year. Now, since devaluation, the tightness ought to diminish. The process may be gradual but it is to be hoped that the generous Witwatersrand public will be able to contribute substantially more to our funds in 1950 than in 1949.

As appears from our Hon. Treasurer's report we have just been able to balance our accounts during the difficult year that is behind us. In view of the unavoidable increase in our expenditure we should not have been able to achieve equilibrium but for (a) the loyal support of those who maintained their contributions and of the Students' Rag Committee, which from much smaller funds raised by the Rag awarded us the same amount as in 1948; (b) the increased collections from patients, which show the growth of the work and the readiness of the patients to pay for the services when they can; and (c) the increased grants provided by the Union Health Department and the Transvaal Province. As readers of these Reports over the years will know it has been our policy as far as possible to maintain a balance between the various sources of our revenue. That policy is a sound one, for, apart from other considerations, it unites the stability and continuity which one associates with State activities with the independence and initiative which ought to accompany private enterprise. We rely upon the public to continue to give us the support that we need to maintain that policy and to carry on and to extend our work.

In this connection it will be noted that we have a certain amount of capital, which we have accumulated over the years. The suggestion has been made that we might use that capital, or some of it, to pay for the running of the Clinic. Well, that has been done in the past; for instance, in 1947, a considerable deficit on the year's working was incurred and we used up a large amount of capital to pay running expenses. But it must be emphasised that we require a substantial amount of working capital to enable the Clinic to function properly. An institution living on periodical grants, whether from Government sources or from such a source as the Students' Rag, has to finance itself between the payments and there are times when months go by with little coming in and the monthly expenditure of, now, some £1,200 going out. Quite recently our funds were temporarily reduced to barely a month's

outgoings. Again, capital has to be expended from time to time on buildings; so the rooms which now house the Government Health Centre and those in which the new Dental Services are being conducted were built out of our capital funds without any special appeal to the public or special subvention from the State or any local authority. It is important that a body like ours should have sufficient capital and the Board is satisfied that our present funds represent a bare minimum, having regard to our outgoings. Instead of being reduced our capital should rather be substantially increased.

I have referred to our having made additions to our buildings without raising any special fund for that purpose. It will, however, be necessary to raise a considerable sum of money when we decide, as I hope we shall before long, to proceed with the erection of the hall that formed part of the original design of the Clinic. It has been pointed out that, however interesting and valuable the material we may put before meetings in the form of health lectures, health films, etc., the absence of street lighting in the township will make it difficult to fill the hall at night. That is a serious reflection on conditions in the township and it is to be hoped that those whose duty it is to provide such an essential service will note this as an illustration of the kind of disadvantage under which a community labours whose streets at night are dark and dangerous.

Reference to our capital funds leads naturally to an expression of grateful appreciation to Prof. P. R. Kirby and Mrs. Kirby for providing the basis of a very valuable addition to those funds through the production of Mozart's "Cosi fan Tutte" in the Great Hall in September. The amount received by the Clinic was approximately £1,500, of which one-third was assigned to the Family Welfare Department. The work entailed in producing the opera and in enlisting the support of the public in various forms was very heavy and on behalf of those whom the Clinic serves the Board records its deep gratitude to all who worked so hard and unselfishly to make the production the outstanding success that it was.

In last year's Report mention was made of the conversion of the Chronic Sick Home at Rietfontein into a small hospital for Non-Europeans, known as the Edenvale Hospital. This conversion was effected during the year; as pointed out in the report of our Medical Superintendent the new road that we were given to understand would be made to link the Township directly with the hospital still awaits construction.

I have referred to the Dental Services now being carried on at the Clinic. For years we have been in need of a properly furnished and conducted dental department and now it seems that we are in sight of this goal. Already valuable dental work is being done under the aegis of the Coronation Dental Infirmary,

to whose Director, Dr. Gordon Fraser, we are deeply indebted. Using as a starting point the bequest of Dr. Gottlich referred to in last year's report, Dr. Fraser has made careful plans for the setting up of an excellently staffed and equipped service which it is hoped will be in full operation before long.

Our relations with the Government Health Centre have continued throughout the year, and even after the regretted departure of Dr. Morris, to be entirely satisfactory. That Centre, since its inception in 1946, has been carrying out work of the utmost importance and it is a source of great regret to us that before the end of the current year it is likely to cease operations. In our 1946 Report we referred hopefully to the contribution that the Government Health Centre would probably make to the considerable extension of preventive services that the health of Alexandra so urgently needs. It is indeed disappointing that the advance made in 1946 should not have been sustained; we can only express the hope that at an early date a favourable opportunity may arise for making a fresh start. It is to be hoped also that the means will be found to enable us to finance some part at least of any services that may be abandoned and to do the work ourselves.

The Family Welfare Department, after Miss Junod left to pursue her studies in London, has been under the very efficient superintendence of Miss Mairin Ryan. The Board is convinced that Miss Ryan's work is of first-class quality and that she is continuing to build up the Welfare Centre into a very important feature of the life of the Township.

During the year we sustained the grave loss through death of our good friend Mr. B. A. Key, of Messrs. Vaughan, Key and Payne, who had been our honorary auditor since the Clinic's birth. Mr. Key's help and advice were of inestimable service to the Clinic and we honour his memory. We are greatly obliged to his firm for having consented to continue to do our auditing for us.

We have had news every now and again from and of our Transatlantic friends, Dr. and Mrs. Dexter Taylor, Mrs. Bridgman and Miss Cowles. Courage and selfless devotion to duty continue to distinguish all they do. We had hoped at one time to be seeing Miss Cowles again in our midst before long but this possibility has now faded, though we retain the expectation that some day she will revisit the place that owes so much to her.

The progress of the Clinic continues to owe a very great deal to the ability and energy of our Medical Superintendent, Dr. Sax. He, Dr. Greenman and the other medical men and women who do that side of our work have had a busy year and our sincere thanks are due to them for their untiring efforts. To Sister Lewis and her team of sisters and nurses and to the other members of the Clinic's staff we extend our thanks for another good year's work.

O. D. SCHREINER, Chairman.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT, 1949.

Although our activities did not extend into any new fields during the year, quiet satisfaction may be derived from the fact that, in the face of not a few difficulties, steady progress has been made in each of our established services, while a notable improvement has taken place in our relations with associated agencies. In this last respect the most important occurrence has been the establishment of a hospital connection five miles from the Clinic at the Edenvale Hospital; the distance could be shortened considerably by the construction of a road running directly from Alexandra Township to the hospital, and we hope that this undertaking will not be long delayed.

The appointment of a Native Commissioner in Wynberg has been of great assistance, particularly to those of our patients who seek financial and other types of aid for themselves and their dependants. Lastly, very friendly relations were developed with the Health Department of the Alexandra Health Committee, and this Committee is to be congratulated on its construction of a hygienic milk depot where residents can purchase cheap, wholesome milk.

During the second half of the year we were unable to obtain the services of a resident medical officer, but we were fortunate to have Dr. E. Epstein's assistance on three mornings a week, and I am very grateful to her for her conscientious and efficient work. During the greater portion of this same period, we had no medical students in attendance at the Clinic, and, while this relieved staff of the need to spend time on instruction, it added to the duties of all members of our staff in many other respects—particularly over week-ends and at nights. However, a new curriculum of training has been introduced, and in future we should only be without students during vacations.

Not only did the cost of medical and surgical supplies rise during the year, but, in addition, much greater use was made of the newer and more expensive remedies, both of these factors having come into operation at a time when general financial stringency seemed to point to a decrease in our income. Caught in this dilemma, there has been some temptation to limit the amount of services offered in favour of a "quality service"—the provision of the best possible for a limited number. But there are so many requiring attention, people who have nowhere else to turn, that my policy has been in conformity with past policy at this Clinic—to provide as good a service as possible to all who apply for assistance.

We were perturbed during the year to learn that the Government Health Centre would be closed in the near future, for it had been anticipated that the preventive and promotive work started

by this Centre would expand to become the major health activity in Alexandra, as such work should be, for the greater proportion of ill-health which passes through our hands is preventable. Unless adequate provision is made for the continuation and extension of these preventive services, we may expect an additional increment of disease and suffering.

Summary of Activities.

Consultations; Dressings and Treatments:

It was found in September that our method of recording and of counting the attendances listed under these two headings has been inaccurate, and an immediate correction was made. As accurate figures are available only for the last quarter of the year, only a proportional estimate can be given of the figures for the whole year, and comparison with other years cannot be made.

	Actual numbers, Oct.-Dec., 1949	Estimate for 1949
Consultations, "non-surgical":		
First Attendances	3,332	13,300
Repeat Attendances	5,160	20,600
Total	<u>8,492</u>	<u>33,900</u>
Dressings and Treatments:		
First Attendances	2,721	10,900
Repeat Attendances	4,972	19,900
School Dressing Station ...	964	3,900
Total	<u>8,657</u>	<u>34,700</u>

That there may have been an increase in the number of patients in this section is not unlikely, for the revenue from patients' fees, other than maternity fees, has been some £250 more than in 1948.

Dermatology Clinic:

	1949	1948
Attendances	428	333

We are more grateful than ever to Dr. E. Binion, who has conducted this Clinic for many years in an honorary capacity.

Domiciliary Medical and Surgical Services:

Patients were visited in their homes by our medical officers and by students, while 2,971 cases received domiciliary nursing attention from our Sisters and District Nurses.

	1949	1948
District Visits:		
Nurses	13,082	10,223
Sisters	789	465
Students	286	629
Doctors	1,521	1,603
Total	<u>15,678</u>	<u>12,920</u>

Maternal and Child Welfare Services:

The very satisfactory progress maintained in this branch of our activities is reflected in the following table:—

	1949	1948
Ante-Natal Clinic:		
First Attendances	1,543	1,305
Repeat Attendances	5,203	3,817
Total	<u>6,746</u>	<u>5,122</u>
Maternity Cases	<u>1,495</u>	<u>1,278</u>
Post-Natal Visits:		
Sisters	2,218	2,897
Nurses	15,224	14,562
Total	<u>17,442</u>	<u>17,459</u>
Infant Welfare Clinic:		
First Attendances	693	550
Repeat Attendances	3,984	4,117
Pediatric	1,439	1,001
Total	<u>6,116</u>	<u>5,668</u>
Mothers' Welfare Clinic	<u>134</u>	<u>109</u>

For the success of our efforts in this department, a large measure of credit is due to our honorary visiting staff: Doctors A. Culiner, F. Daubenton, L. van Dongen, A. C. Naylor and S. Selby, and I am happy to record our thanks for all their help.

Dental Services:

As reported by our Chairman last year, we had taken the first steps along the road towards the establishment of a proper dental service, and during this year considerable progress has been made. Dr. Gordon Fraser, Director of the Johannesburg Coronatio.

Dental Infirmary, has guided our steps with enthusiasm and with skill, and we are very sincere in our gratitude to him for his efforts; he has succeeded in arranging for the Dental Service at this Clinic to be directed and operated by the Dental Infirmary. A start has been made with what little equipment we have been able to muster, and two regular sessions per week have been held since 14th July. Knowledge of the service has spread, and, by the end of the year, arrangements were being made for the acquisition of modern equipment, and the provision of additional sessions.

Attendances 949

Preventive Services:

Routine immunisation of children attending at our Infant Welfare Clinic was maintained, as well as the immunisation of contacts of notified cases of diphtheria and enteric fever in the Township. Arrangements are being made for an immunisation campaign among all pre-school and school-children during 1950.

Annual Health Education Week was held during September, the Chairman of the organising committee being Rev. A. C. Tshalala. In addition to the usual features, namely, an official opening, lectures in churches, schools and to the churchwomen, first-aid demonstrations, a health debate, school essay competitions and a Grand Parade, we were able to show four 35 mm. health films at the local cinemas, having given a showing at each performance during the week. The films were borrowed from the S.A. Red Cross Society, and they proved to be very popular.

Conclusion.

In conclusion I wish to express my very sincere thanks to the Chairman and members of our Board of Management for their support and active interest in all our undertakings, and to all members of staff, who, by their hard work and willing efforts, have maintained that spirit of friendly service which has always been our aim. Quietly and unassumingly Dr. Greenman and Sister Lewis have contributed more than I can convey to the success of our efforts, and I am most grateful to this jolly pair.

SIDNEY SAX.

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NURSING SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949.

The expansion of the services rendered by the Clinic during the year under review has been remarkable, and affords satisfaction to all concerned.

In particular, the newly established dental clinics give promise of great success, and it is expected that the preventive service,

which will be commenced very soon, will do much for the preservation of the teeth of those who seek its aid and so reduce the need for extractions which, hitherto, have been the usual form of treatment.

The domiciliary nursing services have been extended, and are one of the most interesting features of our work, particularly the midwifery section. This branch, due to its growth, has necessitated an increase in the staff of midwives, who now number six exclusive of the sister in charge.

The number of patients attending the ante-natal clinic has increased remarkably and an additional nurse has been employed to cope with the work in this department.

The difficulty in obtaining the services of registered Bantu nurses is always a problem. It is desired to employ those having a dual qualification in preference to any others, but this desideratum seems to be almost impossible of attainment. The paucity of registered midwives seeking employment is no less acute, and because of it the clinic has been obliged to appoint unregistered midwives. This, apart from the additional expense involved, is an added responsibility, though, in fairness to the persons employed, it should be recorded that their efficiency, on the whole, is excellent.

During the year many friends and well-wishers of the clinic have taken great interest in its work, and have rendered invaluable assistance. Mesdames Crawford, Head and Thompson have been diligent and willing workers in the cause and have done much; Sister Cowles has not forgotten her long association with us, and although the poor state of her health, which is deeply regretted, does not permit her return to South Africa, she and her friends in the United States have been most generous with their gifts of towels, infants' clothing, etc.

The Sisters of the Holy Cross Mission School have placed their well-trained V.A.D. at our disposal to be called upon in case of need, and considerable use has been made of its members at our social functions and vaccination campaigns, the latter being a job at which they excelled.

Mrs. Aronsohn and her sewing group have kept abreast of the work of repairing linen and uniforms—no mean task in itself—and in addition they found time to make many towels and other essential articles for the various departments. Funds were provided by the ladies of the Martha Washington Club as a contribution towards the furnishing of the Sisters' Cottage from the proceeds of a jumble sale. They also donated to the Clinic no less a sum than £140, and in other ways, too, they have influenced contributions to its funds.

To the American Ladies' Sewing Group we are indebted for the provision of hundreds of bags, pinafores and dungarees for the Baby Clinic Christmas Party; to Messrs. Mogg and Cunliff, of the Arboricultural Society, for the interest they have taken in

the laying out of the Clinic grounds and the planting of ornamental trees. Both these gentlemen were present at, and supervised the ceremony at which members of the Clinic board and staff planted trees, and it may interest them to know that all have taken root and are growing vigorously, as we hope, too, will be the case with the hedge on our eastern boundary which they are going to plant soon.

The interest in the affairs of the Clinic taken by Mr. Meintjies, Chief Health Inspector of Alexandra Township, calls for special mention. He has assisted the work in innumerable ways and has been most obliging. He has the welfare of the African people at heart and was instrumental in instituting a scheme to provide them with fresh, pure milk at the reduced price of 4d. a pint, as well as other milk products at comparative rates. The scheme, started at the Clinic and Family Welfare Department, has been extended, and a milk depot has been built in the grounds of the Health Committee where the people can obtain supplies. As a result the Clinic is able to obtain its own supplies at the reduced prices charged, and the T.B. patients at the Health Centre are supplied gratis.

Considerable financial assistance comes from the Public Utility Transport Company through Mr. James. By the provision of free bus tickets the Clinic is enabled to send the poorest patients to hospital for X-ray or for specialist's advice when necessary.

It is not possible in this short review to mention by name the many other friends who have given practical evidence of their interest and support. To them, no less than to the others, we are most grateful for what they have done.

The year closed with the customary festivities. As usual the Christmas parties were well attended, and the obvious enjoyment of the guests was some recompense to those kind friends who made their entertainment possible. The Baby Clinic party was attended by some 300 mothers and perhaps 1,000 babies and toddlers. Among the gifts distributed were many desirable dolls, dressed and presented by the girls of the Parktown High School.

Perhaps the most impressive and successful party was that for the blind. Mineral waters, cakes and buns were provided, and a concert was organised by Mrs. Blaxall, at which community singing was a feature. Gifts were distributed to this highly appreciative assembly, and to each one a half-crown piece was given as a personal gift from Sister Cowles.

It is a pleasure to report that the services of the Clinic are appreciated by those for whom they are provided and that recognition of the work done commends itself to so many active supporters. Progress has been made in many directions during the year, and this has been due in no small measure to the diligence and willing co-operation of the Clinic Staff.

JENNY A. H. LEWIS, Nursing Superintendent.



SISTER LEWIS WITH A GROUP OF NURSES WHO HAVE GIVEN LONG SERVICE TO THE CLINIC.

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SUNDRY DONATIONS — 1949.

(See Revenue and Expenditure Account.)

Abbott Lab. (Pty.) Ltd. £1 1 0	Central News Agency ... 25 0 0
Abrahams, I. ... 2 2 0	Collins Motor Supplies (Pty.) Ltd. ... 2 2 0
Afr. Explosives & Chem. Industries Ltd. ... 50 0 0	Colonial Banking & Trust Corp. Ltd. ... 2 2 0
Af. Sales Co. (Pty.) Ltd. 2 2 0	Cornell, S. ... 1 0 0
Alden, Dr. H. L. ... 2 2 0	Cuthbert & Co. Ltd., W. M. ... 5 5 0
Allenwest (S.A.) Ltd. ... 10 10 0	Dalglish, W. & G. ... 2 2 0
Anglo-Transvaal Consol. Invest. Co. Ltd. ... 25 0 0	Dodge, Mrs. Cleveland ... 5 0 0
Anon. (one donation) ... 10 10 0	Dominec (Pty.) Ltd. ... 1 1 0
Arc Engineering Supply Co. (Pty.) Ltd. ... 1 1 0	Douglas, Son & Pugh ... 1 1 0
Aronsohn, Wm. ... 100 0 0	Edgars Stores, Ltd. ... 5 5 0
Aronsohn, Mrs. Wm. ... 32 10 0	Express Messenger Service (Pty.) Ltd. ... 1 1 0
Assoc. Eng. Co. Ltd. ... 10 10 0	Fed. Employers' Mutual Assurance Co. Ltd. ... 3 3 0
Atlantic Refining Co. of Africa ... 5 5 0	Fraser & Chalmers (S.A.) Ltd. ... 5 5 0
B.P.D. (S.A.) (Pty.) Ltd. 5 0 0	Friedman, Mrs. Bernard 78 18 0
Bakers Ltd. ... 1 1 0	Friel, B. H. ... 10 10 0
Bessarabia, Dr. & Mrs. 2 2 0	Gallo (Pty.) Ltd. ... 2 2 0
Bethlehem, L. ... 5 5 0	Gangaben (Surat Trad. Co.) ... 25 0 0
Bies, Andrew ... 1 0 0	Geen & Richards Ltd. ... 3 3 0
Black, Dr. Jas. ... 10 10 0	Geeva, W. ... 10 10 0
Bramley Butchery ... 2 10 0	Glenday, Mrs. J. M. ... 2 2 0
Campbell, Mrs. E. M. ... 1 0 0	Golding, I. ... 0 10 6
Central Eng. Works ... 5 0 0	
Central Mining - Rand Mines Group ... 40 0 0	

ALEXANDRA HEALTH CENTRE AND

BALANCE SHEET AT

1948.	Accumulated Funds—				
	As at 31st December, 1948	£35,390	7	2	
	Add: Special Donation by Martha Washington Club	26	0	0	
	Amount appropriated by Board of Management for Capital Expenditure	975	0	1	
	Transfer from Motor Car Replacement Fund, being amount utilised during year	450	0	0	
	Surplus on Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December, 1949	44	6	10	
£35,390		£36,885	14	1	
	Motor Car Replacement Fund—				
	As at 31st December, 1948	500	0	0	
	Add: Donation by Students' Rag Committee (University of Witwatersrand) ex 1949 Funds	250	0	0	
		750	0	0	
	Less: Amount utilised for purchase of new car	450	0	0	
500		300	0	0	
	Dental Surgery Establishment Fund—				
	Bequest by Estate of the late Dr. S. F. Gottlich:				
387	As at 31st December, 1948	387	1	11	
720	Creditors	570	2	9	
		£38,142	18	9	
£36,997					

To the Members, **Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic.**

We have to report that we have audited the Balance Sheet of the Alexandra of the Clinic, and we have satisfied ourselves as to the existence of the securities and explanations we have required and in our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly affairs at 31st December, 1949, according to the best of our information and the Johannesburg.

9th March, 1950.

UNIVERSITY CLINIC, JOHANNESBURG.

31st DECEMBER, 1949.

1948.	FIXED ASSETS:				
	Land and Buildings—				
	Stands 189, 190, 191 and 192, Wynberg, with Buildings thereon:				
	As at 31st December, 1948	£28,006	6	5	
	Additions during year	7	13	10	
£28,006					£28,014 0 3
	Furniture and Equipment—				
	As at 31st December, 1948	670	0	0	
	Additions during year	11	17	6	
		681	17	6	
	Less: Depreciation	68	17	6	
670					613 0 0
	Medical Equipment—				
	As at 31st December, 1948	555	0	0	
	Additions during year	21	10	10	
		576	10	10	
	Less: Depreciation	144	2	8	
555					432 8 2
	Dental Equipment—				
	As at 31st December, 1948	147	6	0	
	Less: Depreciation	29	6	0	
147					118 0 0
	Motor Cars—				
	As at 31st December, 1948	600	0	0	
	Additions during year	450	0	0	
		1,050	0	0	
	Less: Depreciation	250	0	0	
600					800 0 0
					29,977 8 5
	CURRENT ASSETS:				
	Sundry Debtors				2,978 18 5
	Cash—				
	At Bank, on hand and on deposit	1,660	0	2	
	At Post Office Savings Bank	3,526	11	9	
5,678					5,186 11 11
£36,997					£38,142 18 9

Health Centre and University Clinic above set forth, with the books and vouchers owned by the Clinic at 31st December, 1949. We have obtained all the information drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Clinic's explanations given to us and as shown by the books.

VAUGHAN, KEY & PAYNE, Honorary Auditors,
Chartered Accountants (S.A.).

ALEXANDRA HEALTH CENTRE AND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

1948.			
£101	Ambulance Charges	£78 12 6	
39	Cleaning Equipment	35 10 2	
203	Clerical Salaries	243 9 7	
	Depreciation—		
	Motor Cars	£250 0 0	
	Furniture and Fittings	68 17 6	
	Medical Equipment	144 2 8	
	Dental Surgery Equipment	29 6 0	
415	Doctors' Salaries	492 6 2	
2,025	General Expenses	1,961 11 4	
177	General Household Supplies	198 11 8	
54	Insurance	35 9 5	
125	Laundry	125 18 9	
232	Maintenance of Land and Buildings	249 9 1	
111	Milk	989 3 5	
	Less: Amount recovered	261 14 1	
402	Motor Car Expenses	22 3 0	
923	Medical and Surgical Supplies	239 11 1	
2,444	Nurses' Salaries and Allowances—	929 17 2	
	Sisters' Salaries	3,078 12 11	
	Sisters' Board		
	Nurses' Salaries	1,187 12 0	
	Nurses' Board	294 10 2	
	Uniforms	3,026 13 7	
		558 9 2	
		377 0 6	
4,731		5,444 5 5	
205	Printing and Stationery	202 11 6	
61	Repairs	87 17 2	
83	Telephone Rent and Calls	101 15 9	
448	Wages	456 11 10	
	Water, Light and Heating	631 19 11	
	Less: Payment by University for		
	Students' Hostel	50 0 0	
491		581 19 11	
	Total Expenditure	15,533 4 10	
	Amount appropriated by Board of Manage-		
	ment for Capital Expenditure	975 0 1	
	Surplus of Income over Expenditure for		
	the year transferred to Accumulated		
89	Funds	44 6 10	
£13,359		£16,552 11 9	

To the Members, **Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic.**

We have to report that to the best of our knowledge and belief and according set forth reflects a true statement of the Income and Expenditure of the Alexandra Johannesburg,

9th March, 1950.

UNIVERSITY CLINIC, JOHANNESBURG.

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

1948.			
£1,200	Donations and Grants—		
2,600	University of Witwatersrand	£1,200 0 0	
	Students' Rag Committee	2,600 0 0	
	Union Government:		
800	Department of Health	£900 0 0	
	Department of Health:		
	Special Grant for year		
	ended 31/3/49	800 0 0	
	Department of Health:		
	Part refund of Nurses'		
	Emoluments	3,169 5 3	
2,519		4,869 5 3	
800	Transvaal Province	1,100 0 0	
600	Alexandra Health Committee	600 0 0	
375	City of Johannesburg	500 0 0	
12	Martha Washington Club	12 0 0	
	Health Week in Alexandra Township:		
	Street Collection and donation by		
	Holy Cross Mission School	44 3 9	
99	Sundry Donations	1,373 17 0	
1,550		£12,299 6 0	
2,560	Patients' Fees	3,028 11 0	
180	Rent	180 0 0	
64	Interest	69 14 8	
	Proceeds from performance of "Cosi Fan		
	Tutte" by the Department of Music,		
	Witwatersrand University	975 0 1	
£13,359		£16,552 11 9	

to the information supplied to us, the Income and Expenditure Account above Health Centre and University Clinic for the year ended 31st December, 1949.

VAUGHAN, KEY & PAYNE, Honorary Auditors,
Chartered Accountants (S.A.).



ARTS AND CRAFTS AFTERNOON AT THE FAMILY
WELFARE CENTRE.

**ALEXANDRA
HEALTH CENTRE AND UNIVERSITY CLINIC.**

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FAMILY WELFARE CENTRE, 1949.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.

Nominated by the Board of Management of the A.H.C. & U.C.:

Dr. L. S. WILLIAMS (Chairman).

Mr. Justice O. D. SCHREINER.

Miss E. J. S. MOODIE.

Representatives of the Union of Jewish Women:

Mrs. M. ADLER.

Mrs. B. SUSMAN.

Mrs. R. JACOBSON (Hon. Treasurer).

Representatives of the Alexandra Health Committee:

Mr. A. MOLEFE.

Mr. T. D. NEL.

Representatives of Student Bodies:

Miss MARGARET CHUENE.

Miss EDITH HLATSWAYO.

Miss M. McKENZIE.

Ex-Officio Members:

The Director of the Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic.
The Medical Officer of the Government Health Centre at Alexandra Township.
The Superintendent of the Family Welfare Centre of the A.H.C. & U.C.

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STAFF:

Superintendent: Miss VIOLAINE JUNOD (resigned 31/7/49);
Miss MAIRIN RYAN.

Asst. Superintendent: Mrs. R. G. TWALA.

Recreation Organiser: Mr. PAUL KOTSI.

Publicity and Education Organiser: Mrs. C. MAMPURU.

Cookery Demonstrator: Mrs. M. MVABAZA.

Nursery School Teachers: Miss L. TSELE, Miss P. TWAKU,
Mrs. H. MOKGATLE.

Nursery School Assistant: Miss FRANGELINE SEPAMPURU.

FAMILY WELFARE CENTRE REPORT.

It is with some diffidence that I present this short report for the year ending December, 1949, as I have been in charge of the activities of the Family Welfare Centre for only four working months. On August 1st, 1949, I took over from Miss Violaine Junod on her departure for the London School of Economics where she had been awarded a British Council scholarship. The work she did, and the experience she gained while working at the Family Welfare Centre, were undoubtedly influential in gaining her this distinction, and she left accompanied by the good wishes of all those with whom she had worked in Alexandra Township.

It has been hard work trying to absorb the different aspects of the activities built up by Miss Junod over a period of three years and, without the experience I had gained at the Fordsburg Centre, would have been nearly impossible. At the outset, too, I was unfortunate in losing in October the services of Mr. P. Kotsi, who had been with the Centre since its inception, and of Mrs. R. Twala, who had been Assistant Superintendent for two years and resigned her post in December.

In view, therefore, of the many staff changes (which the membership view with distrust), and my own newness to the work, it is difficult for me to give any critical evaluation of our programme at this stage. The year 1950 was begun with two new social workers and, as I have the help of Miss L. Sacks as Secretary to deal with the great amount of administrative work entailed in running a Centre efficiently, it will be possible for me to devote time to strengthening our social work and, to some extent, to maintaining public relations.

The chief development in 1949 was in the Nursery School, where the attendance rose from 35 to 72 children. This was made possible by the generosity of the Martha Washington Club, who raised funds for the addition of a new schoolroom so that we were able to admit double the number of children. The share we received of the proceeds from the performance of "Cosi Fan Tutte" has also made it possible to plan the erection of a block of Nursery School lavatories and showers, and building will start early in 1950.

A very lively section of the activities of the Centre during 1949 was the afternoon groups devoted to school-going children. Every afternoon the Centre was overrun with about 80 boys and girls who played games or learnt crafts from their organisers. On the whole, our other activities maintained a steady level of attendance—the Night Schools, Boys' Club, Women's Club, Vegetable and Food Clubs.

The problems facing us at this stage in the development of the Centre are inherent in the way the Centre has been planned.

Membership has been confined to the intensive area (i.e. the area immediately adjoining the Centre) and the Nursery School service has been available to these members only. Undoubtedly it is the most attractive service we offer. By the end of 1949, with a membership of approximately 70 families, the Nursery School was already full. We can, therefore, not expect families to join so readily if they are told that they must take their turn on the Nursery School waiting list.

As opposed to the problem of a full nursery school at the end of 1949, we found that our group activities were hampered by the fact that our membership does not supply a sufficiently enthusiastic number of members in every age and sex group to make that group a success. Miss Junod foresaw this in opening first of all the Night Schools, and then the Boys' and Women's Clubs, to the whole Township and in not confining these services to our own membership of 70 families. The afternoon play groups now also need to be opened to the Township to some extent, thus enabling individual children to benefit from afternoon group activities.

This, of course, revives the controversy which might almost be summed up as Social Centre vs. Health Centre—whether to concentrate on 70 families with all one's resources, or whether to develop group activities for more members (children especially) even if this allows of dealing with them only superficially. To do intensive health or research work, a highly specialised staff is necessary and must include medical personnel. Where this is lacking, as in our own case, the ideal has to be watered down a little, and the social activities of the Centre developed. There seems justification for this, especially in a population like that of Alexandra Township, where the needs of every family are so great.

The year 1950 will, no doubt, bring to light the pitfalls involved in this policy. But, meanwhile, our social work and Nursery School service will remain the prerogative of the families in the intensive area, and most of our other activities will be open to the Township generally.

In conclusion, I have to thank the many people, too numerous to mention, who have helped us in different ways during the last year. Special thanks go to the members of the Board of Management and the Administrative Committee, as well as to the members of the Union of Jewish Women, in particular to our Treasurer, Mrs. R. Jacobson, who has been of so much help to the Family Welfare Centre generally, and to me personally.

MAIRIN RYAN, Superintendent.

ALEXANDRA HEALTH CENTRE AND

FAMILY WELFARE

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR

1948.	Administration Expenses—		
	Salaries, Wages, Laundry, Motor Car Expenses and General Expenses, etc.		£2,669 12 2
£2,286	Nursery School and Creche—		
	General Equipment, Uniforms, Books, Salaries and Sundries	£614 4 4	
	Food	532 13 7	
		1,146 17 11	
	Less: Amounts received from Pupils ...	72 3 9	
722			1,074 14 2
	Night School Expenses—		
	Salaries, Books and Sundries	782 14 3	
	Less: Amounts received from Pupils ...	80 4 4	
862			702 9 11
38	Recreation		26 2 4
	Handicrafts—		
	Materials	132 9 9	
	Less: Amounts received from Pupils ...	92 11 2	
114			39 18 7
	Depreciation—		
	Motor Car	76 0 0	
	Furniture and Fittings	29 3 6	
125			105 3 6
21	Distress Fund		40 8 6
	State-Aided Food Scheme—		
	Purchases	237 7 0	
	Less: Stocks on hand 31st December, 1949	13 4 0	
		224 3 0	
	Less: Sales at Cost	224 3 0	
33			
	Amount appropriated for Capital Expenditure by Board of Management		445 18 10
	Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure carried to Balance Sheet		
36			
£4,237			£5,104 8 0

To the Members, **Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic—Family Welfare**
 We have to report that to the best of our knowledge and belief and above set forth reflects a true statement of the Income and Expenditure of the the year ended 31st December, 1949.
 Johannesburg,

9th March, 1950.

UNIVERSITY CLINIC, JOHANNESBURG.

DEPARTMENT.

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1949.

1948.	Donations and Grants—		
	University of Witwatersrand Students' Rag Committee	£2,585 0 0	
£3,000	Union of Jewish Women	197 1 3	
146	Social Welfare Department:		
	Subsidy for Creche	431 8 0	
214	Union Education Department:		
	Subsidy for Night School Classes	667 19 3	
767	Sundry	56 11 3	
18			£3,937 19 9
27	Membership Fees		32 4 6
43	Interest		21 2 11
	Wholesale Clothing Scheme—		
	Purchases	30 16 8	
	Less: Stocks on hand 31st December, 1949	8 7 11	
		22 8 9	
	Less: Sales at Cost	22 8 9	
22			
	Proceeds from performance of "Cosi Fan Tutte" by Department of Music, Witwatersrand University		445 18 10
	Jumble Sale		57 11 9
	Balance, being Excess of Expenditure over Income carried to Balance Sheet		609 10 3
£4,237			£5,104 8 0

Department.
 according to the information supplied to us, the Income and Expenditure Account Alexandra Health Centre and University Clinic—Family Welfare Department—for

VAUGHAN, KEY & PAYNE, Honorary Auditors,
 Chartered Accountants (S.A.).

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