

TABLE (2).—STATISTICAL MINUTES.

Meeting held the 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907.

The following Relief Registers were produced, examined, and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman and counter-signature of the Clerk.

Indoor from No. 12 to No. 39  
Separate ,, No. 6 to No. 7  
Outdoor ,, No. 1705 to No. 1709

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to date, with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were submitted by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature :—

1. The Indoor Relief List.
2. The Provision Check Account.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ended Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 1907, was submitted, of which the following is a Summary :—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week			Received during the week			Total			Consumed during the Week						Stock in hand at close of this week			Collective No. of days			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates		By Officers		Total		£	s.	d.				
Provisions ...	47	16	0	79	2	5	126	18	5	68	19	11	7	3	4	76	3	3	50	15	2	
Necessaries ...	6	6	6	20	3	3	26	9	9	14	19	11	18	9		15	17	10	10	11	11	2571
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>71</b>							

The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was 4 s. 6 3/4 d.  
Average Cost in Infirmary ... 5 s. 6 3/4 d.  
Average Cost in Fever Hospital ... 10 s. 1 d.

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature :—

1. The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
2. The Clothing Receipt Book.
3. The Inventory Book.
4. The Labour Book.
5. The Workhouse Farm Account.
6. The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
7. The Out-door Admission and Discharge Book.
8. The In-door Admission and Discharge Book.

The Out-door Relief Lists, Application and Report Books, Order Check Books for Out-door Relief in Kind, and Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.

NOTE.—Should any of the above-mentioned books not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting, the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission explained on the Minutes.

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ended Saturday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 1907 was submitted as follows :—

	Relieving Officer O'SULLIVAN			Relieving Officer O'FLAHERTY			Relieving Officer MCNEILL			Relieving Officer WALSH			Relieving Officer KYNE			Relieving Officer CULLINAN			TOTAL		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Balance in hand at close of previous week ...	30	14	4	5	0	7	3	13	2	11	1	6	3	15	0	5	12	2	59	16	9
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ...	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
3. Total to be accounted for ...	30	14	4	5	0	7	3	13	2	11	1	6	3	15	0	5	12	2	59	16	9
EXPENDITURE.																					
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																					
In Money ...	13	4	6	12	6		1	1	0	1	18	6	12	0	2	2	1	0	19	9	6
In Kind ...	2	6		"	"	"	"	"	"	1	6		"	"	"	"	"	"	4	0	
5. Provisional Relief (in kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own responsibility	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ...	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	10	0	"	"	"	"	"	"	1	10	0
7. Total Relief given	13	7	0	12	6		1	1	0	3	10	0	12	0	2	2	1	0	21	3	6
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ...	17	7	4	4	8	7	2	12	2	7	11	6	3	3	0	3	11	2	38	13	3
9. Total	30	14	4	5	0	7	3	13	2	11	1	6	3	15	0	5	12	2	59	16	9

FORM 14  
(ARTICLE 7.)

TABLE (1)—FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Finance Meeting held the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been received during the month of \_\_\_\_\_, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—

TABLE (a).		£	s.	D.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians	...			
Repayment of Relief	... ..			
Rents of Dispensary Residences	... ..			
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce	... ..			
Sales of Offal, Old Stores, and other Receipts	... ..			
Loans Received	... ..			
Total Amount of Lodgments as above	... ..			

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been ordered for payment in the month of \_\_\_\_\_, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments were ordered to be made for accounts as follows, and the authority for the amount thereof was signed for transmission to the Treasurer.

TABLE (b).		£	s.	D.
Sundry Accounts, viz. :—				
Provisions and Necessaries	... ..			
Clothing and Bedding	... ..			
Establishment:—				
(a) Salaries	... ..			
(b) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances	... ..			
(c) Farm	... ..			
(d) Other Expenses	... ..			
Workhouse Burials	... ..			
District School Account	... ..			
District Hospital Account	... ..			
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	... ..			
Emigration, Law, and other Expenses	... ..			
Medical Charities	... ..			
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers	... ..			
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations	... ..			
Superannuation Allowances	... ..			
Assessment and Results Fees of Teachers	... ..			
Expenses of Local Committees	... ..			
Repayment of Loans	... ..			
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	... ..			
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts	... ..			
Unpaid Bills of last half-year	... ..			
Expenditure out of Loans	... ..			
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	... ..			

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ended the last day of .....190.....

SUMMARY.	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	...	...	...			
Total Sums received during the month	...	...	...			
Total	...	...	...			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	...	...	...			
Payments ordered during the month	...	...	...			
Total	...	...	...			
Net Balance due—the Union (being difference of above Totals)	...	...	...			
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance per Bank Book due—Treasurer	...	...	...			
Outstanding Orders	...	...	...			
Net Balance as above due—the Union	...	...	...			

Dated this.....day of.....190

Clerk of Union

HOSPITAL REPORT.

WORKHOUSE.		FEVER HOSPITAL.	
Admitted during <sup>2</sup> the Weeks, ...	... 32	Admitted during <sup>2</sup> the Weeks, ...	... 1
Discharged ...	... 25	Discharged ...	... 3
Died ...	... 3	Died ...	... 0
Remaining ...	... 86	Remaining ...	... 5

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and orders made thereon as follows:—

Martin Glynn's premises having been cleaned up, he was allowed to resume the supply of milk to the Workhouse.

owing to the insanitary state of Bridget Kelly's premises no milk was taken from her from the 26<sup>th</sup> ult. until the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst. when her premises were reported as having been cleaned up.

For a like reason the supply of milk by Jas. Casserly was stopped on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst.

Mary Fahy, Workhouse Wardsmaid, returned from town under the influence of drink. She and an inmate named Bridget Bolan quarrelled and disturbed the night nurse who was sleeping in an adjacent room.

*Order.* As Mary Fahy was reported on the 29<sup>th</sup> May last, for a similar offence and allowed off with a severe caution, she be now informed that her services are no longer required.

The issue of advertisement for a Wardsmaid, salary as before. Applications to be considered on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst.

The prosecution of Bridget Bolan, the inmate who quarrelled with her.

The following goods have been delivered by contractors:— 350 yards shirting calico, 200 yards sheeting, and 50 yards flannellette.

Examined and ordered into stock.

Please appoint a Committee to cause worn out clothing, &c.  
*Appointed.*

Poor Law Relief (Ireland) (House of Commons)  
Order, 1907.

Clerk's Monthly Report.

The forms of return have, up to date, been duly filled in by the Workhouse <sup>Master</sup> and the several Relieving Officers.

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or Orders made on them respectively, as follows):—

57181/07. } Stating that the Board see no objection to the Guardians' proposal to hire out Martin Glynn with Mr. Michael J. Jynes.

*Order.* Martin Glynn to be provided with the usual outfit.

30<sup>th</sup> Oct. '07. From the Pension Pay Office, Cork, stating that the claim of the Guardians against the pension of Patrick King is under consideration as King has not rendered his Life Certificate. It cannot be paid until such certificate is received. His whereabouts is at present unknown.

*Order.* The stoppage of outdoor relief to the Pensioner's wife and child; indoor relief to be substituted.

The Clerk of his more Union and R. D. Corneil forwarded a copy of a resolution for adoption as follows:—

"Resolved. That having heard the resolution of the his more Branch of the United Irish League, this Council is of opinion that the inquiry suggested by that body into the affairs of Local Government for Ireland, is not only opportune, but urgent, and that accordingly, we call on the Government to institute such an inquiry following the precedent of the inquiry held into the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction."

*The adoption of this resolution was proposed by Sir J. O'Donoghue, seconded by Mr. Caserly, and carried.*

Workhouse Wardsmaids Julia Howerg, Mary Hickey, and Delia Downes wrote to the Board as follows:—

"As we hear some remarks have been made about us in the Schoolmaster's report; although he says it was not intended for us but for the Master, we would like you to know we always did our best to mind ourselves since you appointed us."

Wardsmaids Mary Hickey and Delia Downes gave a month's notice of intention to resign.

*Order. The issue of advertisement for two wardsmaids, salary as before. Applications to be considered on the 20<sup>th</sup> inst.*

Proposed by Mr. M. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. M. Ryan, and unanimously

Resolved. That we beg to tender to Mr. Wm. Dillon our heartfelt sympathy and condolence with him in his affliction in the death of his young wife, who always found Mr. Dillon an able assistant at every charitable work started in Calway.

Relieving Officers Sullivan and Walsh furnished reports on children hired out and boarded out in their respective districts.

*Copies forwarded to the L. S. Board.*

### Explanations.

From the Workhouse Master, in reply to allegations of the Workhouse Schoolmaster,

"As regards my complaint of the boys in the dormitories, they were very noisy from an early hour in the morning, and in passing the school door I called his attention to it, as I had to do before with regard to that and other matters. Having had a severe illness some time since, I was naturally not able to be about at an early hour in the morning, so I got a trustworthy inmate to open the doors in the morning, and he did so without the least complaint against him. I lock up regularly every night, but there are messengers kept at the front house up to 9 o'clock for fear of being required. As I am now restored to health, I will attend to the duties myself.

As regards the night tubs, they are emptied into a large grating in the yards which is in connection with the main sewer, only a few yards distant. So anxious was the Schoolmaster for matter for

the notice of her death was signed by me and sent on that night. I cannot understand why this notice was not received till the 17th. But your informant was wrong in the statement that she was three days buried when they came. She was kept till the morning of the 17th and the statement that she was three days buried is absolutely devoid of truth. On the morning of the 17th the Chaplain said he was in a hurry to the Mission going on an allusion and would bury her, and she was buried by him at 10-50 a.m. and at 11-40 or so a telegram came saying that papers were coming by the mail. I repeat she was buried about fifty minutes before the arrival of Messrs. Laffey's telegram on the morning of the 17th.

2. One of the Assistant Medical Officers is always on duty here, night and day. The Messrs. Laffey were first directed to Dr. English, who is in charge of the female side of the House. She was not on duty but Dr. Mills was, and when the Messrs. Laffey were told that by Dr. English's maid, and directed to go and Dr. Mills who lives in the New Hospital Block, the Messrs. Laffey stated that they would not bother their heads to do so, but refused to see anyone, and stated they would complain to Mr. J. O'Donnell.

They were not at about 8-30 p.m. and stated to Mr. Gabe Porter, who stated they would see the remains and that they had a feeling sick and would go back by the next train. They were asked what they were going to take her away, they said no, that they had no money, and that they did not even wish to be at the funeral. The Chaplain did not at the time know that Anne Laffey was buried. Where is their evidence? So much for that second untrue statement.

In conclusion, I beg to state that "the interests of humanity and the respectability" would be far better served if those Gentlemen who so impudently made remarks at a public board about the Officials of this Asylum upon hearing only one side of the case, and who were so ready to condemn us all once untried, had done their obvious duty in seeing that the poor creature

creature who is dead was not suffered while under their charge to become the most shameful instance of inhumane neglect that in my long experience I have ever seen. If these gentlemen had been real "Guardians of the Poor," Anne Laffey might have been alive and physically well today.

I have all the papers, telegrams, &c. in connection with this case open for inspection to any one interested, and will be glad to see any one appointed by the Guardians and enter into the case, and bring up for examination all persons having anything to do here with Anne Laffey, and shall be glad at any time to furnish the Guardians with any further information in my power.

Her condition on entrance was reported officially to the Inspectors of Lunatics. I am sending this letter to the Public Press in Galway, so that those really guilty of "dereliction of duty" may be shown up in their true light, and to contradict the infamous and obvious slander that the circumstances of relatives of patients have anything whatsoever to do with my fulfilment of my duty.

I am, Sir,  
Yours very truly,  
J. St. L. Kirwan.

25/10/'07.

The Presbytery, Ballinasloe,  
October 26th, 1907.

The Presiding Chairman,  
Galway Board of Guardians.

Sir,  
I wish to call your attention to a mis-statement in the letter read before you at your Meeting last Wednesday, regarding the Burial of a patient in Ballinasloe Asylum, and which has been allowed to appear in the local press under your Meeting. It is to the effect that "the priest ordered the remains to be interred at once" owing to duties in town, and that on the 17th when the relatives of deceased arrived, according to their statement she was "three days buried." I wish to state as Acting Chaplain to the Institution, that the patient who died on Sunday

his report, that he asked the Porter before 8 o'clock in the morning to go with him to see the place before it could even be cleaned up. His knowledge of sewer and water pipes must be very deficient when he thinks they could in any way affect each other, and being several yards distant. Up to the time he reported it I never knew any one to complain of the least offensiveness in connection with it.

And as regards the Wardsmaids and other women having access to the male side of the house without supervision, he ignores the fact that the Sisters are in charge of the Wardsmaids and look after the Infirm Wards."

*Explanation considered satisfactory.*  
The Master applied for the Board's permission for the Porter's assistance in locking up at night and unlocking doors in the morning.  
*Granted.*

District Asylum,

Ballinasloe,

25th October, 1907.

R. F. Mullery Esq.,  
Clerk of Union,  
GALWAY.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your communication re the death of Anne Laffey from the Galway Board of Guardians, I beg to say :-

1. Anne Laffey was admitted here a patient on April 5th, 1907, from Galway Union Workhouse. In all my long experience I have never seen a worse case of shameful neglect and bad nursing as she presented. She was a mass of bedsores, elbows, shoulders, hips, and ankles with large and filthy ulcers in them, and a perforating ulcer on the small of her back and inch and a half deep. Only prolonged and shameful negligence on the part of those responsible for her bodily condition before admittance will explain this. Also her legs were so neglected that the muscles were wasted and the sinews so shrunk that even when convalescent here she was unable to stand upright. She was for over four months in our Infirmary division, and only after the most unremitting attention from the Medical Officers and our most skilled nurses were her bedsores caused to heal. She was apparently in good bodily health, but she was so refractory that it was impossible to thoroughly know the state of her health, but she was so refractory that it was impossible and at about 3 p.m. on Sunday 13th instant, she got an epileptiform fit, was attended by the Priest at 4 p.m. and died at 8 p.m.

Monday the 14th was Board day and also contracts were being taken and no office work could be done as we were engaged at the Board Monday morning till night time, but on Tuesday 15th

the

District Asylum

Galway

18th October, 1907.

Dear Sir,

In answer to your communication of the 17th of October, I beg to say:-

1. The body of the deceased was received at the Asylum on the 17th of October, 1907. It was found in a state of decomposition, and the cause of death was ascertained to be a rupture of the abdominal vessels. The body was examined by the Medical Officers, and it was found that the deceased had been suffering from a disease of the abdominal vessels for some time. The body was buried on the 17th of October, 1907, at 10-50 a.m. and at 11-40 or so a telegram came saying her brothers were coming by the Mail. I repeat she was buried about fifty minutes before the arrival of Messrs. Laffey's telegram on the morning of the 17th.

2. One of the Assistant Medical Officers is always on duty here, night and day. The Messrs. Laffey were first directed to Dr. English, who is in charge of the Female side of the House. She was not on duty but Dr. Mills was, and when the Messrs. Laffey were told this by Dr. English's Maid, and directed to go see Dr. Mills who lives in the New Hospital Flock, the Messrs. Laffey stated that they would not bother their heads to do so, but refused to see anyone, and stated they would complain to Mr. J. C. MacDonnell.

They arrived here at about 5-20 p.m. and stated to the Gate Porter, Mr. Byrne, that they merely wanted to view the remains and that they had a return ticket and would go back by the next train. They were asked were they going to take her away, they said no, that they had no money, and that they did not even wish to be at the funeral. The Gate Porter did not at the time know that Anne Laffey was buried. Where is their grievance? So much for that second untrue statement.

In conclusion, I beg to state that "the interests of humanity and the ratepayers" would be far better served if these Gentlemen who so impartially made remarks at a Public Board about the Officials of this Asylum upon hearing only one side of the case, and who were so ready to condemn us at once unheard, had done their obvious duty in seeing that the poor creature

the notice of her death was signed by me and sent on that night. I cannot understand why this letter was not received till the 17th. but your informants are wrong in the statement that she was three days buried when they came. She was kept till the morning of the 17th and the statement that she was three days buried is absolutely devoid of truth. On the morning of the 17th the Chaplain said he was in a hurry to the Mission going on in Tallinasloe and would bury her, and she was buried by him at 10-50 a.m. and at 11-40 or so a telegram came saying her brothers were coming by the Mail. I repeat she was buried about fifty minutes before the arrival of Messrs. Laffey's telegram on the morning of the 17th.

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I have all the papers, telegrams, &c. in connection with this case open for inspection to any one interested, and will be glad to see any one appointed by the Guardians and enter into the case, and bring up for examination all persons having anything to do here with Anne Laffey, and shall be glad at any time to furnish the Guardians with any further information in my power.

Her condition on entrance was reported officially to the Inspectors of Lunatics. I am sending this letter to the Public Press in Galway, so that those really guilty of "dereliction of duty" may be shown up in their true light, and to contradict the infamous and obvious slander that the circumstances of relatives of patients have anything whatsoever to do with my fulfilment of my duty.

I am, Sir,

Yours very truly,

J. St. L. Kirwan.

25/10/'07.

The Presbytery, Ballinasloe,

October 26th, 1907.

The Presiding Chairman,  
Galway Board of Guardians.

Sir,

I wish to call your attention to a mis-statement in the letter read before you at your Meeting last Wednesday, regarding the Burial of a patient in Ballinasloe Asylum, and which has been allowed to appear in the local press under your Meeting. It is to the effect that "the priest ordered the remains to be interred at once" owing to duties in town, and that on the 17th when the relatives of deceased arrived, according to their statement she was "three days buried." I wish to state as Acting Chaplain to the Institution, that the patient who died on Sunday





(Copy)

Workhouse, Galway,

50th October, 1907.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have been kindly afforded an opportunity by Mr. Mullery, of reading a communication addressed to your Board from the Asylum at Ballinasloe.

It is a matter for regret and also for surprise that this document did not see the light some six months ago, when the patient - Anne Laffy - first went to Ballinasloe. It is difficult to understand why it was with-held until now, when a serious charge of mismanagement has been brought by your Board against the Asylum itself. I am prevented by the communication itself, from attributing this, to over sensitiveness or nice feeling. Its tone is so unusually virulent, its language is so extravagant, and its statements are so palpably exaggerated, that it is evidently the result of some intense sudden excitement, and is a production that could have emanated only from a Lunatic Asylum.

With your permission I will state the facts of the case :-  
Anne Laffy was admitted to the Workhouse for the first time on 18th February, 1907, having been sent back from America. On the 4th March, 1907, she became suddenly ill in the Infirm Ward, and was admitted to the Hospital, suffering evidently from serious brain trouble. She refused to take food, would not speak, and was suffering from constipation and retention. She was at once attended by the Nurse on duty - Nurse Corless - and from that time to the day she went to Ballinasloe, she received the unremitting attention, day and night, of one or other of our excellent nurses. She was put on a water bed, she was fed by nutritive enemata, and the most scrupulous care and attention were paid to preventing skin trouble occurring, as the result of her enervated and prostrate condition. I will lay before you the nurses report book and you can see for yourselves that, from  
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(copy)  
Workhouse, Galway.  
30th October, 1907.  
Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,  
I have been kindly afforded an opportunity by Mr. Mahony, of reading a communication addressed to your Board from the Asylum at Ballinasloe.  
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the 4th March when Anne Laffy was first admitted to hospital, to the 5th April when she was sent to Ballinasloe, her name stands first on the list of cases reported on by the nurses. You can see the care and attention given to her case at night as well as by day by our two well trained, certificated nurses, nurses quite equal if not far superior in every respect, to any at Ballinasloe Asylum, and I have no doubt whatever that if Anne Laffy was a patient that we could have kept in our own Hospital it would not require 6 months' nor 6 weeks' treatment healing sores one and a half inch deep, if such a sore could exist.

Finally I have to state that when the time came for removing Anne Laffy to Ballinasloe, she was specially examined by Dr. M'Donogh, with the Sister and nurse in charge, so as to satisfy themselves as to her condition before leaving. And it was a matter of congratulation amongst them, that the patient had passed through such a terrible time with but two slight superficial abrasions. And this result was entirely due to the unremitting care of the nurses in charge of the case.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
N. J. W. Colahan.  
Medical Officer.

Proposed by Mr. M. Redington, seconded by Mr. R. H. French and Resolved. That Mr. Kirwan's explanation is unsatisfactory and that he be so informed.

Proposed by Mr. H. Lydon, seconded by Mr. M. Ryan, and Resolved - That we request the local Government Board to assist us in obtaining a sworn inquiry into all the particulars of the case of Amelaffey.

Proposed by Mr. R. Hooke, seconded by Mr. J. Casserly, and Resolved - That we have the fullest confidence in the skilful and careful treatment of all patients coming under their charge, by the Medical Officers and Nurses of this Workhouse.

The 4th March when Anne Lally was first admitted to hospital. In the 25th April when she was sent to the infirmary, her name stands first on the list of cases reported on by the nurses. You can see the care and attention given to her case at night as well as by day by our two well trained, certificated nurses, nurses quite equal if not far superior in every respect, to any at the Infirmary Asylum, and I have no doubt whatever that if Anne Lally was a patient that we could have kept in our own Hospital it would not require a moment's notice or a week's treatment being done one and a half inch deep, if such a sore could exist.

Finally I have to state that when the case for removing Anne Lally to the infirmary, she was specially examined by Dr. McDonogh, with the Sister and nurse in charge, so as to satisfy themselves as to her condition before leaving. And it was a matter of congratulation amongst them, that the patient had passed through such a terrible time with but two slight superficial abrasions. And this result was entirely due to the untiring care of the nurses in charge of the case.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your Obedient Servant,  
W. J. W. Galahan,  
Medical Officer.

Galway County Council

The cases of Provisional Relief, and Applications for Relief were considered and decided on, as set forth in the Application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was	...	62
Ditto disallowed	...	0
The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	...	1
The number of cases of Provisional Out-door Relief was	...	0
Do. in which Relief was continued by the Guardians	...	0
The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved by order of the Guardians was	...	0
The number of Applicants for whom Relief was not ordered was	...	0

The Bonds and other securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his Report thereon as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year.)

Medical Charities Act (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68), Vaccination Acts, and Dispensary Houses Acts.

[These Reports are to be made up and forwarded by the Medical Officers to the Board of Guardians quarterly, viz., on the 31st March, the 30th June, the 30th September, and the 31st December.]

Reports (Form P, containing the names of children born in the District who are over 3 months of age and have not been vaccinated) from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts, viz:—

Galway, No. 1, _____ defaulters.	Oranmore, _____ defaulters.
do. 2, _____ "	Spiddal, _____ "
do. 3, _____ "	Tourloughmore, _____ "
Moycullen, _____ "	

were laid before the Guardians, and directions given thereon as follows:—

Estimates of the Medicines, &c., required by the Medical Officers of the under-mentioned Dispensary Districts were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon, as follows:—

*Workhouse, 1 Thomas Splint, Costabout £1-10-0.  
Ordered.*

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland, and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively to the following effect (or Orders made on them respectively, as follows):—

Read Letter from L.G.B. No. 52950/07. dated 29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1907.

sanctioning the expenditure of a sum of £79.10.0, in carrying out the repairs to the Dispensary premises at Drummore, in accordance with the plan and specification herewith returned.

The Board consider that a drawing to a scale of 1/2 inch to 1 foot, showing plan, section and elevation of porch is necessary to enable the contractor properly to carry out the work.

*The Engineer has been so informed.*

30<sup>th</sup> Oct. '07. Explanation of the Medical Officer of the Galway No. 1 Dispensary District, re the complaint of Mr Peter Lynch which was before the Guardians on the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct.

"I beg to state that Mr Sullivan informs me that she issued the ticket in question at 11 am, while I was doing the dispensary. I saw the ticket for the first time at my house at 2 pm. It was not marked urgent and no information whatever was given me about it. I attended the call at 3-30 pm, with other cases I had in the same direction. When near the house I was informed of the death of the child and therefore did not call. If Mr Lynch had only called on me at the dispensary and told me the case was urgent I would have attended immediately even if he had no ticket.

J. J. McDonagh."

*The Guardians considered this explanation satisfactory.*

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov '07. From Mrs M. McBarth, Midwife of the Drummore Dispensary District, enclosing a medical certificate "that she gave a birth to a child on the 30<sup>th</sup> Oct; and will require a month at least to recover her usual strength so as to be able to resume duty." *A month's extension of sick leave granted.*

Report Form H.

Galway No 3 Dispensary District.

15 cases of successful vaccination between the dates, 23-9-07, and 21-10-07.

The Clerk informed the Guardians that the month's extension of sick leave granted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct, to Dr Conolly, Medical Officer of the Moycullen Dispensary District, expires today.

*Order, Dr Conolly to be requested to state when he expects to be able to resume duty.*

# GALWAY UNION.

Population in 1901—36,465.

Present Net Annual Value, £68,707.

STATE of the Workhouse for the Week ended SATURDAY, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907.

No. of Inmates for which accommodation is provided	No. that can be accommodated in each building	Total No. in each building on the above date	Able-Bodied		Aged and infirm Persons and Adult Persons above 15 years of age but not working		Boys and Girls above 9 and under 15 years of age		Children above 5 and under 9 years of age	Children above 2 and under 5 years of age	Infants under 2 years of age	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.	
			Males	Fem.	Males	Fem.	Boys	Girls				Number on Hospital on the above date	Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date
Workhouse .. ..	816	364											
Temporary Buildings ..	222	16											
Permanent Fever Hosp'l	44	5											
<b>TOTAL</b> .. ..	<b>1,082</b>	<b>364</b>											
Remaining on previous Saturday as per last Return ..			11	27	136	118	17	5	19	17	17	367	
Admitted during the Week Born .. ..			10	3	5	10	.	.	.	.	1	29	
<b>TOTAL</b> .. ..			21	30	141	128	17	5	19	17	19	397	
Discharged during the Week Died .. ..			8	2	10	2	2	1	1	1	2	29	
<b>Total Discharged and Died</b> ..			8	2	12	2	4	1	1	1	2	33	
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE			13	28	129	126	17	4	18	16	17	364	

RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.	
Under Medical treatment in Infirmary Wards	83
Under Medical treatment in Fever Hospital	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	88
In separate Wards	-
In Wards with other Inmates	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	6

NIGHT LODGERS OR CASUALS			
	Males	Females	Children under 15
No. relieved during week	8	2	0
No. in Workhouse at date	2	2	0
No. at corresponding period last year	350		

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists for the last week ended Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICTS	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under to Vict. c. 31. s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under to Vict. c. 31. s. 1		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse, but not comprised in Sec. 1		Total relieved out of the Workhouse	
	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family, dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons
No. I.	174	271			174	271					174	271
No. II.	9	10			9	10					9	10
No. III.	14	17			14	17					14	17
Car. forw'd.	197	298			197	298					197	298
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>305</b>			<b>204</b>	<b>305</b>					<b>204</b>	<b>305</b>

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on WEDNESDAY, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907,

PRESENT: In the Chair—W. Cunningham Esq. D.O.B.

Other Guardians:—

Messrs P. Cairns, W. Grealy, W. Lydon, W. Redington, M. Ryan, W. Slooke, W. Lawless, P. Hyne, P. McDonagh, and M. Tragers.

M. Cunningham  
PRESIDING CHAIRMAN.

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907.

(Signed) Robert Mullery  
Clerk of the Union.

TABLE (2).—STATISTICAL MINUTES.

Meeting held the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907.

The following Relief Registers were produced, examined, and authenticated by the Signature of the Chairman and counter-signature of the Clerk.

Indoor from No. 39 to No. 64  
Separate „ No. 7 to No. 8  
Outdoor „ No. 1709 to No. 1711

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to date, with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were submitted by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:—

1. The Indoor Relief List.
2. The Provision Check Account.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ended Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907, was submitted, of which the following is a Summary:—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week			Received during the week			Total			Consumed during the Week						Stock in hand at close of this week			Collective No. of days			
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates		By Officers		Total		£	s.	d.				
Provisions ...	50	15	2	67	3	8	117	18	10	69	17	6	7	3	4	77	0	10	40	18	0	
Necessaries ...	10	11	11	16	5	9	26	17	8	16	4	5	18	9	1	7	3	2	9	4	6	2585
<b>Total ...</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	

The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was 4 s. 8 d.  
Average Cost in Infirmary ... 5 s. 7 d.  
Average Cost in Fever Hospital ... 10 s. 3 d.

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature:—

1. The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
2. The Clothing Receipt Book.
3. The Inventory Book.
4. The Labour Book.
5. The Workhouse Farm Account.
6. The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
7. The Out-door Admission and Discharge Book.
8. The In-door Admission and Discharge Book.

The Out-door Relief Lists, Application and Report Books, Order Check Books for Out-door Relief in Kind, and Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.

NOTE.—Should any of the above-mentioned books not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting, the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission explained on the Minutes.

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ended Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1907 was submitted as follows:—

	Relieving Officer O'SULLIVAN			Relieving Officer O'FLAHERTY			Relieving Officer MCNEILL			Relieving Officer WALSH			Relieving Officer KYNE			Relieving Officer CULLINAN			TOTAL					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.			
1. Balance in hand at close of previous week ...	17	7	2	4	8	1	2	12	2	7	11	6	3	3	0	3	11	2	38	13	3			
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ...	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"			
3. Total to be accounted for ...	17	7	2	4	8	1	2	12	2	7	11	6	3	3	0	3	11	2	38	13	3			
EXPENDITURE.																								
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																								
In Money ...	13	10	6	12	6	1	1	0	1	18	6	12	0	2	1	0	19	15	6					
In Kind ...	2	6		3	0				1	6									7	0				
5. Provisional Relief (in kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own responsibility										3			7						3			7		
6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ...																								
7. Total Relief given	13	13	0	15	6	1	1	0	2	3	7	12	0	2	1	0	20	6	1					
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ...	3	14	4	3	12	7	1	11	2	5	7	11	2	11	0	1	10	2	18	7	2			
9. Total	17	7	2	4	8	1	2	12	2	7	11	6	3	3	0	3	11	2	38	13	3			