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GALWAY UNION.

Population in 1911—35,083.

Present Net Annual Value, £70,124 16s. Od.

STATE of the Workhouse for the Week ending Saturday, the 2nd day of August, 1913

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	Aged and Infirm Persons and Adult Persons above 15 years of age but not working										RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS.			
			Able-Bodied		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		Total	Number in Hospital on the above date	Number of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date	
				Males	Fem.	Males	Fem.	Boys	Girls	Boys	Girls	Boys				Girls
Workhouse	816	256														
Temporary Buildings	222	8														
Permanent Fever Hospital	44	5														
TOTAL	1082	269														
Remaining on previous Saturday as per last Return			10	33	85	28	7	8	6	2	6	5	15	7	278	
Admitted during the Week			2	2	10	5	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	24	
Born																
Total			12	35	95	33	7	9	8	3	7	5	16	7	302	
Discharged during the Week			10	2	8	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	
Died						1									2	
Total Discharged and Died			10	2	8	6	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE			2	31	87	27	6	8	6	7	6	5	15	7	269	
			Males		Females		Children under 15		Total		No. relieved during week		No. in Workhouse at date		No. at Corresponding Period last year	
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RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ending Saturday, the 2nd day of August, 1913, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

RELIEF DISTRICTS	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse under to Vic. 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 Vic. 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.	72	120			72	120	Bt. forwd. No. V.	83	143			83	143
No. II.	5	15			5	15		1	2			1	2
No. III.	4	6			4	6	No. VI.	3	6			3	6
No. IV.	2	2			2	2	VII.—Children Boarded out beyond Union.	25	25			25	25
Car. forwd.	83	143			83	143	TOTAL	112	176			112	176

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on

WEDNESDAY, the 6th day of August, 1913

PRESENT—In the Chair—

Other Guardians—

No Meeting - Galway Races

Wide Guardians' resolution of 30th ultimo

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed

TABLE (2).—STATISTICAL MINUTES.

Meeting held the 6th day of August, 1913

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

Indoor, from No. to No.
Separate ,, No. to No.
Out-door ,, No. to No.

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 ending Saturday, the 2nd day of August, 1913, was submitted, of which the following is a Summary :—

Table with columns: Stock in hand at close of preceding week, Received during the week, Total, Consumed during the week (By Inmates, By Officers, Total), Stock in hand at close of this week, Collective No. of days. Rows: Provisions, Necessaries, Total.

The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was s. d. 2 : 9
Average Cost in Infirmary ... 5 : 7 1/2
Average Cost in Fever Hospital ... 9 : 9 1/2

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 ending Saturday, the 2nd day of August, 1913 was submitted as follows :—

Table with columns: Relieving Officer (O'Sullivan, O'Flaherty, McNeill, Walsh, Kyne, Cullinan), District No. (I to VI), TOTAL. Rows: 1. Balance in hand at close of previous week, 2. Money since advanced by Guardians, 3. Total to be accounted for, EXPENDITURE (4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board, 5. Provisional Relief, 6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out), 7. Total Relief given, 8. Balance in hands at close of the week, 9. Total.

Children Boarded-out beyond Union—Cost for Quarter ended £ : :

FORM 14.
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1)—FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Finance Meeting held the.....day of.....191

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 Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of191

	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY.						
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			

The following letters from the Public Government Board for Ireland and others were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, in the following effect (or Ombuds made on their respective) as follows:-

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The number of Applicants for whom Hotel was not ordered was
 The number of other Applicants on the following Order Books
 retained by order of the Chairman was
 The number of cases of Provisional Out-door Hotel was
 The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was
 Date disbursed
 The number of Provisional Admissions to the Workhouse confined was
 decided on as set forth in the Application and Return Books
 The cases of Provisional Hotel and Applicants for Hotel were considered and

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

Medical Officer THE PAUPER CHILDREN (IRELAND) ACTS, Acts, and
And CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

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, _____ Grammers, _____
do 2, _____ Spicidal, _____
do 3, _____ Turloughmore, _____

Moycullen, _____

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

Estimate 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:—

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

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):—

THE PAPERS CHILDREN (IRELAND) ACT
AND CHILDREN ACT 1908

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

[These Reports are to
be made up and for-
warded 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
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following Dispensary Districts, viz :—

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

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thereon, as follows :—

GALWAY UNION.

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STATE of the Workhouse for the Week ending Saturday, the 9th day of August, 1913

Table with columns for accommodation types (Workhouse, Temporary Buildings, Hospital), age groups (Able-Bodied, Aged and Infirm, Boys and Girls, Children, Infants), and medical status (RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS, NIGHT LODGERS OR CASUALS). Includes rows for 'Remaining on previous Saturday', 'Admitted during the Week', 'Discharged during the Week', and 'Died'.

RETURN of DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ending Saturday, the 9th day of August, 1913, authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

Table showing relief districts (I, II, III, IV) and categories of destitute persons (Number of Cases, Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family). Includes a 'TOTAL' row at the bottom.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on

WEDNESDAY, the 13th day of August, 1913

PRESENT—In the Chair—

List of names of Guardians present, including P. Ryan, J. Connell, Mr. Hayes, Mr. Grealy, P. Lawless, P. Connolly, J. Greaney, Martin Moloney, W. J. Selke, J. P. Ryan, J. Griffin, Mr. J. Donnellan, Mr. J. Cooke, P. Daley, Mr. McDonough, J. Delaney, W. Lardner, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. J. Keaven, and W. Moloney.

Next Meeting of the Board of Guardians to be held on WEDNESDAY,

the 13th day of August 1913

(Signed)

Handwritten signature of J. O'Connell, Clerk of the Union.

TABLE (2).—STATISTICAL MINUTES.

Meeting held the 13th day of August, 1913

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

Indoor, from No. 4717 to No. 4809
 Separate ,, No. 53 to No. 57
 Out-door ,, No. 2451 to No. 2452

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 :—

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	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates		By Officers		Total				£	s.	d.		
Provisions	44	0	9	56	3	6	100	4	3	55	7	7	7	0	10	62	8	5	37	15	10	1880
Necessaries	7	3	6	8	0	10	15	9	4	8	17	8	16	3	9	9	13	11	5	15	5	
Total	51	9	3	64	4	4	115	13	7	64	5	3	7	17	1	72	24	4	43	11	3	

The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was 4 : 9 1/2
 Average Cost in Infirmary 5 : 7 3/4
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	Relieving Officer O'Sullivan			Relieving Officer O'Flaherty			Relieving Officer McNeill			Relieving Officer Walsh			Relieving Officer Kyne			Relieving Officer Gullinan			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	2	11	2	2	3	16	6		1	8	5	1	1	6	16	6	23	8	1	
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ...																					
3. Total to be accounted for ...	17	2	11	2	2	3	16	6		1	8	5	1	1	6	16	6	23	8	1	
EXPENDITURE.																					
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																					
In Money ..	7	0	0		11	6	8	6		4	6		3	0		7	0	8	14	6	
In Kind ..	2	6																			2
5. Provisional Relief (in kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own responsibility							2	11													2
6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ...																					
7. Total Relief given	7	2	6		14	5	8	6		4	6		3	0		7	0	8	19	11	
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ...	10	0	5	1	7	10	8	0	1	3	11	1	8	6	9	6	14	8	2		
9. Total	17	2	11	2	2	3	16	6		1	8	5	1	1	6	16	6	23	8	1	

Children Boarded-out beyond Union—Cost for Quarter ended £ : :

FORM 14.
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1)—FINANCIAL MINUTES.

Finance Meeting held the 13th day of August 1913

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 July, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same as follows:—

TABLE (a).			
	£	s.	d.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians	1412	10	0
Repayment of Relief	22	1	5
Rents of Dispensary Residences	.	.	.
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce	.	.	.
Sales of Offal, Old Stores, and other Receipts	3	19	0
Loans Received	.	.	.
Total Amount of Lodgments as above	1438	10	5

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 July, 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	330	5	6
Clothing and Bedding	1	15	7
ESTABLISHMENT—			
(a) Salaries	14	6	0
(b) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances	.	6	.
(c) Farm	.	6	4
(d) Other Expenses	40	15	1
Workhouse Burials	.	.	.
District School Account	.	.	.
District Hospital Account	.	.	.
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	2	8	0
Emigration, Law and other Expenses	.	.	.
Medical Charities	24	1	4
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers	22	2	0
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations	20	8	9
Superannuation Allowances	.	.	.
Assessment and Results Fees of Teachers	.	.	.
Expenses of Local Committees	.	.	.
Repayment of Loans	.	.	.
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	32	0	0
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts	.	.	.
Unpaid Bills of last half-year	.	.	.
Expenditure out of Loans	.	.	.
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	6472	8	7

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of July 1913

	Ordinary Account			Loans Account		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY.						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly Statement
Total Sums received during the month	1438	10	5			
Total	1438	10	5			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly Statement	391	9	11			
Payments ordered during the month	472	8	7			
Total	863	18	6			
Net Balance due ^{to} the Union (being difference of above Totals)	574	11	11			
RECONCILEMENT.						
Balance per Bank Book due ^{by} Treasurer	1081	3	2			
Outstanding Orders	506	11	3			
Net Balance as above due ^{to} the Union	574	11	11			

HOSPITAL REPORT.

WORKHOUSE.		FEVER HOSPITAL.	
Admitted during the Week ^s	33	Admitted during the Week ^s	1
Discharged ...	24	Discharged ...	6
Died ...	3	Died ...	0
Remaining ...	75	Remaining ...	0

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

- 2nd ultimo, Mr John S. Duyle, left on 10 day leave of absence and resumed duty on 9th inst. Had a man in charge of the keys.
- 3rd " Sarah Conely, a patient in Hospital, was transferred to the Galway Hospital for special treatment.
- 1st inst. I submit papers relative to a request of £100 to Edward Costello, an inmate.
Referred to the Solicitor, with a view to having this man's maintenance claimed for.
- 2nd " The Services of Celis Collins, temporary Woodsmaid in the Fever Hospital were dispensed with, being no longer required.
- " " Julia Blakely, Woodsmaid in the Workhouse Hospital, left on expiration of a month's notice.
- 4th " Rev. P. J. Lally, Catholic Chaplain, notified me that he was taking his Annual 4 weeks' vacation, and that his two Curates would attend to the duties during his absence.
- 5th " Mrs D. Lee, Cook in the Fever Hospital, resumed duty after 4 weeks' leave of absence, and the services of her Substitute, Bridget Lee, were dispensed with.
- " " Sister M. A. McCormack, Head Nurse, resumed duty after leave of absence.
- " " Sisters M. J. Heaney, & M. B. O'Connell, Nurses, M. P. Ryan, Schoolmistress, and Mary of the Sacred Heart Acting Matron, left on 2 weeks' vacation. Their duties are being performed respectively by Sisters

Mary Joseph O'Neill, Sister Mary Ursula Cronin, Sister M. Teresa Lelone, and Sister M. S. Monaghan. *Approved.*
 8th inst. Charles & John Lynch, aged 12 & 9 years respectively, were brought to the Workhouse by the Police, being deserted by their parents, and at Petty Sessions Court on 29th inst. were committed to an Industrial School.
 9th " Ellen Higgins, a married woman, gave birth to an illegitimate child. She states the putative father is Michael Farley, R.D.B., Loughgeorge. D. McDough. Requisition 28 yards lumber for the Trade words under his charge. *Ordered.*
 Please examine 12 nos. Men's boots sent by the Contractor. *Examined, approved. Forwarded into Stock.*

The Schoolmaster Requisitioned Books, &c to the value of 12/6, and they were ordered.

D. M. McDough reported that Mr P. Cady's measures (Dr's Contractor) were not yet in order.

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:—

N^o 25,175/12, 31st July, 1913.

Forwarding an enclosure giving the substance of a report which the Board have received from their Medical Inspector, D. Florence Dillon, consequent on her recent inspection of the Workhouse Infirmary, Fever Hospital, Nursery, and Female Lunatic Department; and requesting that the matters adverted to therein, may receive the attention of the Guardians.

Inspector's Report.

I visited the Infirmary, Fever Hospital, Nursery, and Female Lunatics on 26th and 27th June. There are 86 patients in the Infirmary. Of these 39 are men, 29 women, 18 children. The nursing staff consists of 3 nuns and one trained nurse for day duty, and one trained nurse for night duty. There are also 4 paid attendants on each side.

My inspection was devoted to the female wards. All the wards are well lighted and ventilated. The heating is carried out by open fireplaces. The water supply is good and the bathing and sanitary arrangements satisfactory. One wall shows signs of damp and should be attended to. The floors are old and should be gradually renewed. The bedsteads are satisfactory but the mattresses might be recovered. There is a sufficient supply of linen and blankets. There is no properly fitted operating room; any operations are at present done in the surgery. Most surgical cases are sent to the County Infirmary. The old dietary scale is still in force, but I was informed by the Dr. that the adoption of the new scale is under consideration, and may be brought into operation with the new contracts. The hours of sleep for the night nurse are not fixed. On examining the beds with the Head Nurse I found two in a very dirty and neglected condition. In one case, that of a girl suffering from a discharge from the leg, both sheets were marked by the discharge and had a most offensive odour, and evidently had not been changed for some days. I called the head nurse's attention to this and she promised to remedy the matter at once. The other bed had dirty sheets and was stuffed with the patient's clothes. There is no excuse for this as there is a good laundry in connection with the Infirmary. The Maternity Block is situated in a separate building, the ground floor of which is given over to the dispensary. The entrance to the ward is by a narrow steep stair and can only be

reached from the back of the building. I understand that this arrangement is for the purpose of causing all visitors to pass through the Union gates. It is very inconvenient, and I think another entrance should be made. The ward needs painting and one wall appears to be damp. There are 6 lunatics in charge of a paid Wardmaid. They have no separate ward, and at night, sleep in the infirm women's ward. Under these circumstances I would suggest that the Guardians take steps to have them removed to the District Asylum. There were 15 patients in the Fever Hospital, of these 3 had typhus, 1 whooping cough, and 5 scarlatina; 6 were in the observation ward. These patients are in charge of a trained nurse and a probationer during the day, and a trained nurse and probationer at night. There is also a cook as well as a paid Wardmaid. The Hospital is newly built, and well fitted and adapted for its purpose. As yet no painting has been done, but I think if the building is dry the painting, especially in the nurse's quarters, should be begun. The Fever ambulance is a very old one, being over 26 years in use, and it should be replaced by a modern ambulance. The ambulance for the Infirmary is of a more modern type and is supplied with a stretcher. As regards the children, there are 9 girls and 8 boys, looked after by the Schoolmistress, who is a nun, and a Schoolmaster. Their dormitories are clean and airy, and there is good bathing and sanitary accommodation off each school. There are seven infants and two children over 2 years. Of these 7 are illegitimate, and live in a place called

the black Shed, night and day. All these have their mothers, and are in charge of an inmate attendant. The black Shed is a lean-to on the wall around the main Yard. It is very badly lighted and ventilated, and even at present is greatly overcrowded, though I believe the present numbers are below the average. Two of the children were bottle fed, but had not feeding bottles. I saw one being fed with a Soda water bottle. There are no Cradles provided for these children. Cradles should be supplied at once, and I suggest that none of the women or children should sleep in this Shed, but only use it as a day room. I would also suggest that a bath be provided; at present buckets are used for bathing infants. The children's clothes are stored in boxes under the beds - a press should be provided for them. The Matron promised me that she would provide beds upstairs for 4 children during the Summer. In another part of this Shed there are two married women with 2 children who have much more space, sleep upstairs, and have cradles. In the hospital there are 9 children, not for hospital treatment, but because their mothers are not with them and there is no one to look after them. I found the Separation block, which is in the hospital yard, in a very filthy condition. All the beds were dirty and verminous. There were 6 women living in it. There is no bathing accommodation provided.

Order. Referred to the Medical Officer for a report.

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5th August.

Referring to the Minutes of the 30th ultimo, containing an entry that an inmate of the Separation Ward named Nellie Connolly was delivered of a still born child; and, in reference thereto, requesting that the Board may be informed of the date of this woman's admission to the Workhouse.

Replied on 6th instant, that this woman was admitted on 14-1-13

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5th August.

Sanctioning payment of remuneration at the rate of £2-2-0 a week to Mr John Gallagher for his services for a period of four weeks as Substitute for the Clerk of the Union; also at the rate of £1-1-0 a week with rations to Nurse Rely for his services as Substitute for Nurse O'bomer; and at the rate of 12/6 a week to Mr Walsh for his services for a period of four weeks, as Substitute for Mr D. Walsh, Relieving Officer of the Oranmore District.

32,632/13

5th August.

Approving of the appointment of Mr John Dr. Whelan as Compounder of Medicine in the Workhouse at a Salary of £70 a year. (Mr Whelan to take up duty on 14th inst.)

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5th August.

Referring to entries in the Minutes of the 30th ultimo, relative to the classification of an inmate of the Workhouse named Delia Leonard, and, in reference thereto, forwarding a letter on the subject which has been received from this woman's husband, and requesting to be furnished with the observations of the Guardians thereon; the letter should be returned when no longer required.

" This woman was admitted to the ordinary lying-in Hospital, and delivered of a child there on 5th inst. (Letter returned to L. G. O. with copy of Minutes)

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6th August. Transmitting questions for answers respecting the nurse employed as substitute for Miss Gore, Head Nurse in the Fever Hospital.

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8th August. Forwarding a letter which the Board have received from Bridget Connolly, stating that her old Age Pension had been stopped by the Guardians for the period during which she was in the Workhouse, and, with reference thereto, requesting to be furnished with Guardians observations thereon.
The Guardians Cannot see their way to refund the Cost of this woman's maintenance whilst in Hospital. (Letter returned with copy of minutes to L.C.B.)

20th August. From Mrs. Cullinan, Tralee, thanking the Guardians for their kind resolution of sympathy on the death of her husband.

The Resolutions of the Railway Clerks Association, re improved Salary Conditions in their Service, was marked read.

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	... 96
Ditto disallowed	... 0
The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was	... 3
The number of cases of Provisional Out-door Relief was	... 1
Do. in which Relief was continued by the Guardians	... 1
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):—

Mr. Thomas Kenny, Ambulance Driver, applied for and was granted 1 week's leave of absence, the Trustees to arrange for a substitute.

Miss J. O. Cullinan, Relieving Officer of the Insloughmore District, was allowed leave of absence on Friday next, her Sister to discharge the duties.

Mr. P. O'Sullivan, Relieving Officer of the Galway District, applied for and was granted 4 weeks' leave of absence.

Resolved - That Mrs. Margaret O'Sullivan be appointed to discharge the duties of Relieving Officer of the Galway District, at a remuneration of £1 per week, for a period of 4 weeks.

Previously employed in a similar capacity, & sanctioned in Board Letter No. 411,114, dated 7th August, 1912.

Proposed by Mr. Dr. J. Cooke, Seconded by Mr. W. J. Selke, and

Resolved - That the several officials of the Workhouse be allowed to attend the Regatta on tomorrow, 14th instant.

In pursuance of notice given for this date, Mr. Dr. J. Cooke moved - That the Workhouse Matron and Schoolmistress be allowed a ration of one pint of milk each daily. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dr. J. Keenan, and carried unanimously.

In pursuance of Notice given for this date, Sir James O'Donohue moved - that we take into consideration Mr. Edward J. Athy, period of Service as Workhouse Master, and vote him a Superannuation allowance of £64 per annum.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Lardner.

Moved by Mr. Martin Doloney, and seconded by Mr. Dr. Gready - that the amount be fixed at £70 per annum.

On a division being taken, 10 voted for £64, and 14 for £70. The retiring allowance was accordingly fixed at £70 per annum, but on the distinct understanding that Mr. Athy is not to relinquish the duties of Workhouse Master, until his successor is appointed, and sanctioned by the L.G. Board, and takes up duty, or until the Guardians give instructions to the contrary.

Order. The issue of advertisement for a Workhouse Master. Salary, &c. as before. Applications to be considered at Meeting on the 27th instant.

THE PAUPER CHILDREN (IRELAND) ACTS, And CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

30.9.1908
7th August.

From L.G. Board, stating that they have had before them the Reports of the Ladies Committee for Quarter ended 30th June last, regarding the children boarded-out from the Workhouse, together with the School attendance records; and, with reference thereto, the Board desire to point out that Winifred Lee, John Connely, Malachy Jurey, Mary Joyce, Mary McCormack, and Thomas Lee, were absent from School on 14, 20, 18, 19, 19, and 23 days respectively during the quarter, and they request that the foster parents concerned may be warned to send those children to School more regularly in future. The Board further request that they may be informed whether the foster parent - Catherine Caulfield - has yet had the child Martin Thornton, medically examined.

The absence of Winifred Lee from School was caused by illness.

The foster parents of John Connely, Malachy Jurey, Mary Joyce, Mary McCormack, and Thomas Lee were fined 10/-, 9/-, 8/6, 8/6, and 11/6, respectively, and the Guardians consider the foster-parents referred to, could not receive a more effective warning.

The foster parent of the child Martin Thornton has been directed to have the boy medically examined.

3rd August.

From Mrs. Bridget McDermott, Foster-mother of the boarded-out boy, Andrew Tanton, reporting that the boy has a running from both ears. She has had him medically examined, and the doctor recommended an operation.

Order. The attention of J. Fallon, O.P. to be directed to the matter, with instructions to have the boy removed to Hospital, if necessary.