BENEFACTIONS.

MENTION has been made elsewhere of the many educational endowments which the citizens of other
days provided for the sons and daughters of the less fortunately situated, and any one who is sufficiently
interested to run over the notes on past Presidents cannot fail to observe how frequently it is recorded that the
Dundee Royal Infirmary received active practical support at the hands of the gentlemen described. It is
something of which Dundee can be justifiably proud that her business men have contributed very handsomely in
personal service and in money and in kind to the management and support of the beneficent work carried on in
this great institution, which originated in the setting-up of a dispensary in 1782, and the first Hospital or
Infirmary in 1798. Since these dates the work has grown and expanded in wonderful fashion, and its interests
have commanded the care and attention and invoked the generosity of the whole business community.

It would take too much space to tell the many benefactions bestowed on the Infirmary, and the length of
the list could not fail to weary the reader. It may be permitted, however, to make mention of some of the many
important gifts.

The late Sir James K. Caird frequently aided the Infirmary to wipe off deficits resulting from the
expansion and increasing importance of the work undertaken, and, amongst other benefactions, he erected and
equipped the splendid six ward Caird Hospital and the original Maternity Hospital One Of the latest Operating
theatres and the most recently constructed X-ray department with its various subsidiaries, such as radiant heat
and sunray, were made possible by the generosity of Sir. James, sister, Mrs Marryat, who proved a worthy
successor to her benevolently-minded brother.

The family of the late Mr John Sharp, a past President, have at various times made similar handsome gifts
to the Infirmary, particularly in connection with the new maternity hospital, as have also the Baxters,
Carmichaels, Maitlands, Dalgleishs, Hendersons, Gilroys, Scotts, the late Lord Armitstead, and many others.

Still another President of the Chamber, Sir. William Ogilvy Dalgleish, amongst other handsome gifts,
provided a Nurses' Home.

These more personal gifts are in addition to, and quite apart from, the handsome general contributions
made by business men and others to the provision of such additional accommodation as the Convalescent Home
at Barnhill, the Sidlaw Sanitorium, the new building required to accommodate the overflowing Out-patient
Department, and the periodical enlargement and reorganisation consequent on the ever-increasing work carried
on at the Infirmary and in other akin institutions like the Royal Victoria Hospital for Incurables.

The gifts of the late M. D. M. Brown, a Director of the Chamber and of the Infirmary, to the Infirmary,
Sanatorium, and Convalescent Home, from time to time took the form of redecoration of a ward or the provision
of some desirable item of equipment. Such gifts at his hands were frequent, but the reconstructed long main
corridor, main staircase, the new and most up-to-date casualty and admission department, the porter's offices
and trolley room, with their terazzo and impervious surfacing, are hygenically perfect adjuncts of the Infirmary
building, and constant reminders of one who served the institution faithfully and made its improvement his
continued endeavour.

In this same corridor a painted record of many important gifts received by the Infirmary from eminent
citizens and others is to be found, and throughout the whole Infirmary, and on the various buildings comprising
it, one finds a multitude of reminders of the kindly interest of notable business men.

Sir James K. Caird is also perpetuated by the gifts of his sister and himself of the great Caird Hall, the Caird
Park Golf Course, Den of Mains, the £100,000 fund for the acquisition of slum property, and of ground for
development or recreational purposes, and the £200,000 Travelling Scholarship Fund in engineering,
electricity, aeronautics, and music.

The city owes its beautiful Baxter Park to the generosity of another past President, Sir David Baxter, and
his sisters; Lochee Park to Cox Brothers & Co.; and the estate of Belmont to Mrs Marryat.

During his lifetime, and under his will, the late George Armitstead, merchant, and M.P. for Dundee,
latterly Baron Armitstead of Castlehill, set aside large sums for the benefit of the citizens. Present-day memorials
of these gifts are the annual Armitstead Lectures and the Armitstead Convalescent Home for Infants and Young
Children, Broughty Ferry, while other charitable and benevolent institutions continue to benefit from the Trust for the citizens of Dundee which the Baron provided for after his death.

Still one other of the benefactors of the city may be mentioned for his princely generosity. The late Mr Robert Fleming, LL.D., a native of Dundee, and latterly resident in London, on 21st December, 1928, handed over to the Town Council of Dundee a sum of £130,000 (afterwards increased to £155,000) "to be utilised in purchasing lands, and building houses and demolishing slum houses, all as described in the Trust Deed," which accompanied Mr Fleming's letter. The Trust is a continuing one, providing that the surplus income from the rents is to be utilised in securing more land, building more houses, and clearing out congested districts of the city.

A Member of the Chamber, Mr Milliam Boyd, J.P., has recently offered to the University Court of St. Andrews University, and the Court has accepted, a gift of £17,500 to assist in founding a Chair of Dental Surgery. Mr Boyd has been a Director, and for the last ten years Chairman, of the Dental Hospital, which is part of University College Dundee.