

Parish News

Hankerton



Malmesbury Hospital Contributory Scheme

Group Started at Hankerton

A group of the Malmesbury and District Hospital Contributory Scheme, which is affiliated to the Hospital Service Scheme, was founded at Hankerton. Mrs Walters of School House, offered to act as group secretary, assisted by Mrs F Tidmarsh, secretary of the group in the adjoining village of Charlton.

The Rev E Packer, vicar of Hankerton, was appointed group chairman, and also present at the meeting was Mr C Bertram Hurley, secretary of the Somerfords and Brinkworth groups.

Mr Wilfred J Jenkins, of Bath headquarters, organising secretary, explained that the scheme grew out of the Hospital Savings Association, which now concentrated on London. It consisted of nine contributory organisations in parts of Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Devonshire, and altogether, with the Bath members had about 35,000 contributors and a gross annual income of about £25,000.

Mr Jenkins explained it was available to all co-operating hospitals, and contribution rates were 3d a week, 1s 1d a month or 12s per year, paid in advance. Those payments covered the contributors and their dependants. Free treatment was given at all co-operating hospitals, and dental and optical treatment was also given.

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