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**CHANGES IN TRUST FUNDS,
June, 1953.**

| | 1953. | 1952. |
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| Int:— | | |
| | 10,179 | 7,885 |
| itors under terms of | | |
| | 2,228 | 2,059 |
| | 235 | 235 |
| | <u>£12,642</u> | <u>£10,179</u> |
| | 567 | 552 |
| | 16 | 15 |
| | <u>£583</u> | <u>£567</u> |
| il Fund— | | |
| | 5,436 | 5,280 |
| | 157 | 156 |
| | <u>£5,593</u> | <u>£5,436</u> |
| | <u>£18,818</u> | <u>£16,182</u> |

**ANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION
th JUNE, 1952.**

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| ed for year:— | |
| | 3,153 |
| to provide funds for future | |
| | 20 |
| | 274 |
| | 1,699 |
| | <u>£5,146</u> |
| vided for year:— | |
| | 5,140 |
| xitures | 6 |
| | <u>£5,146</u> |

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**Report
and
Accounts
30th June—1954**

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President's Report

As President of the Anti-Cancer Council of Victoria, I have pleasure in submitting the report for the year ended 30th June, 1954.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

G F. Carden Bequest.

Dr. Donald Metcalf, M.B., B.S., B.Sc./Med., commenced duties in February of this year at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute as the Carden Fellow in Cancer Research. The Council is watching with great interest Dr. Metcalf's research into the viral factor in the development of cancer tissue. As a preliminary to his investigations, he undertook research into cow pox virus to gather information needed by the Institute and to allow him to become familiar with modern techniques in virus research. The work has been completed and a report is awaiting publication.

Other Research.

The Council has continued to endow current research at the University of Melbourne. Grants were made during the year to the departments of Pathology, Biochemistry, Clinical Research in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Physics. Fields of investigation were:—

- (i) in the Pathology Department—malignant tumours of the kidneys and the liver;
- (ii) in the Biochemistry Department—investigation into experimental mammary cancer;
- (iii) in the Department of Clinical Research in Obstetrics and Gynaecology—investigation into blood chemistry after uretero-intestinal anastomosis in victims of uterine cancer;

A grant of £4,000 was made towards the cost of construction of a cyclotron in the Physics Department to be used for University research and production of short-lived isotopes both for industrial and medical purposes.

Central Cancer Registry.

During the year Dr. Robert Fowler was granted six months' leave of absence from his duties of Honorary Chief Registrar. Dr. Graham Godfrey has been appointed Acting Honorary Chief Registrar until the end of the present calendar year, at which time Dr. Fowler contemplates resumption of his former office. The Council is grateful to Dr. Fowler and Dr. Godfrey for their work during the year and their time so freely given in an honorary capacity. Thanks are again extended to the Victorian Government Statist and to the British Tabulating Machine Co. for their assistance and co-operation.

The Work of the Central Cancer Registry over the last twelve months.

Major tasks of the Registry over the last twelve months have included:—

- (i) The completion of a series of four lectures on "Cancer Casualties in the State of Victoria," which were presented by Dr. Robert Fowler:
May: "Demography in general and cancer surveys in particular."
July: "Measurement of combined cancer experience of Melbourne's Clinical Schools."

September: "Uterine Cancer Casu-

November: "Bronchogenic Cancer"

(ii) Preparation of a consolidated experience of six Public Hospitals in 1941 and 1946-1951 inclusive for inclusion in the Annual Report of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

(iii) Co-operation with various bodies for the tabulation of uterine cancer. In this respect the Council has assisted Mr. J. M. Buchanan in tabulating the experience of uterine cancer at the Gynaecological Hospital (1948) for inclusion in the Annual Report of the British Empire Cancer Campaign and edited by Dr. J. Heyrman. This work was covered for both Uterine Cervix Cancer and Uterine Cancer.

(iv) Preparation of statistical tables contributed by various authors to local and overseas journals.

Assistance has been given to the Department of Pathology, University of Melbourne.

Dr. D. A. Cooper
Dr. Freidin
Dr. Briggs
Dr. Anderson
Dr. Johnson
Dr. Kernutt

Numerous requests for statistics, both for local and overseas journals, have been received from Doctors writing for the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons at the moment completing statistics for the following year.

Mr. Graham Grove
Mr. Dunlop
Dr. Upjohn
Dr. Colin Smith

At the request of Dr. H. O. Lancas, Sydney, Miss Mercedes Concepcion, Manila, the Philippines, was attached to the methods of collection and presentation of statistics.

Development of Cancer Treatment Facilities.

The official opening of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Hospital in 1954, brings to a close another phase in the development of cancer treatment facilities in Victoria and Tasmania.

The Executive Committee is now investigating the possibility of a central library for the treatment and research. Detailed aspects may be expected to be necessary in Victoria, in co-operation with the relevant institutions, of a long-term development.

Central Cancer Library.

The Council is discussing with the relevant institutions the establishment of a central library for the treatment and research. Detailed aspects will be considered after all interested parties have been consulted.

Revival of Annual Cancer Congresses.

The Council has recommended to the Government that annual cancer congresses should be held in conjunction with the Campaign of South Australia and Dr. J. M. Buchanan.

F's Report

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r ended 30th June, 1954.

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S., B.Sc./Med., commenced duties in
and Eliza Hall Institute as the Carden
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r needed by the Institute and to allow
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September: "Uterine Cancer Casualties."

November: "Bronchogenic Cancer Casualties."

(ii) Preparation of a consolidated statement of the combined cancer
experience of six Public Hospitals in Melbourne for the years 1940 and
1941 and 1946-1951 inclusive for inclusion in the forthcoming issue of the
Annual Report of the British Empire Cancer Campaign.

(iii) Co-operation with various bodies in furnishing statistical material
and tabulations. In this respect the Registry gave considerable assistance
to Mr. J. M. Buchanan in tabulating the results of radiological treatment
of uterine cancer at the Gynaecological Clinic at the Alfred Hospital (1928-
1948) for inclusion in the Annual Report issued by the World Health
Organisation and edited by Dr. J. Heyman, editor. A period of twenty years
was covered for both Uterine Cervix and Uterine Body cases.

(iv) Preparation of statistical tables and charts to accompany papers
contributed by various authors to local discussions and journals.

Assistance has been given to the following research students from the
Department of Pathology, University of Melbourne:—

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| Dr. D. A. Cooper | Lung cancer. |
| Dr. Freidin | Rectum cancer. |
| Dr. Briggs | Kidney cancer. |
| Dr. Anderson | Spinal and brain cancer. |
| Dr. Johnson | Thyroid cancer. |
| Dr. Kernutt | Anal canal cancer. |

Numerous requests for statistics, both morbidity and mortality, have
been received from Doctors writing papers for the forthcoming meeting
of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons. The Registry is at the
moment completing statistics for the following:—

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| Mr. Graham Grove | Rectum cancer. |
| Mr. Dunlop | Stomach cancer. |
| Dr. Upjohn | Bone cancer morbidity and mortality. |
| Dr. Colin Smith | Uterine cancer. |

At the request of Dr. H. O. Lancaster, Medical Statistician, University of
Sydney, Miss Mercedes Concepcion, a graduate of the University of the
the Philippines, was attached to the Registry for a week to observe the
methods of collection and presentation of statistics used by the Registry.

Development of Cancer Treatment Facilities:

The official opening of the Peter MacCallum Clinic on 30th June,
1954, brings to a close another phase in the development of cancer treat-
ment facilities in Victoria and Tasmania.

The Executive Committee is now investigating treatment facilities which
may be expected to be necessary in Victoria in five to ten years as a prelude
to formulation, in co-operation with the Cancer Institute Board and other
relevant institutions, of a long-term development plan.

Central Cancer Library.

The Council is discussing with the Cancer Institute Board the estab-
lishment of a central library for the collection of basic works on cancer
treatment and research. Detailed aspects such as costs, site and procedures
will be considered after all interested bodies have been approached.

Revival of Annual Cancer Congresses.

The Council has recommended to the Federal Minister for Health that
annual cancer congresses should be reconstituted. The Anti-Cancer
Campaign of South Australia and Dr. Turnbull, the Tasmanian Minister