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4. Check payable to Rev. M G Fitzpatrick on the Guardian Trust Co., 21 Jan 1907
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10. Report on asylums and homes for children, dispensaries, homes for adults, hospitals for babies, general hospitals (sectarian and non-sectarian), maternity and special hospitals, reformatories, and societies for aiding children, 150 pages

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