

was a large attendance to do honour to the occasion. Mrs. Pollard stated that it was given in recognition of the many acts of kindness and generosity which Mrs. Stanley had always extended to the town and district. The testimonial, she added, took the form of a handsome book, beautifully illuminated, together with a cheque for £225, Mrs. Stanley having expressed a wish that the gift should be in that form so that she might devote the amount to the starting of a home for emergency nurses in connection with the Somerset County Nursing Association. Mrs. Stanley, in acknowledging the presentation, thanked the subscribers for allowing her to put the gift to such a purpose. The emergency home would be started next spring, and would be called "The Bridgwater Home."

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Mrs. Dingwall-Fordyce, of Brucklay, recently presided at the annual meeting of the Maud District Nursing Association, when many friends and supporters attended to show their interest in the Association. The hon. secretary, Miss Fordyce, read the second annual report, from which it appeared that from 17th January, 1905, to 31st May, 1906, 151 cases had been nursed, and 2,508 visits had been paid by the nurse. The secretary reported that the executive committee had accepted, with great regret, Nurse Wilson's resignation, but that she had kindly consented to remain till the middle of August, when the new nurse, Miss Macintosh, would take up her duties. The hon. Mrs. Ferguson, of Pitfour, moved the adoption of the report, which showed an increase of interest in and support of the Association. She attributed it in large measure to the capable way in which Nurse Wilson worked, and proposed that the gratitude of the association should be expressed to her. The Rev. W. Adams, seconded the motion, and referred to the success of the association, which, he thought, was due to the spirit of those who initiated it and to the devotion of the nurse. Miss Wilson had proved herself an ideal nurse. Mrs. Dingwall-Fordyce moved a resolution as follows: "That the members of the Maud District Nursing Association desire to place on record their great satisfaction with the way Nurse Wilson has fulfilled the duties of a Queen's nurse, since she came to this district two and a-half years ago. Her tact, skill, discretion and ungrudging expenditure of time, strength and labour on behalf of her patients are beyond all praise. It was with the greatest possible regret that the committee accepted her resignation."

Dr. A. Dingwall-Fordyce then addressed the meeting. The work with which they were connected, he said, was no circumscribed one, but part of a great movement throughout the country. A fuller appreciation of the value of preventive, as compared with curative medicine, was in active process of establishment. In many instances present social conditions prohibit a true physiological life, but on the other hand, only too often ignorance and carelessness close the avenues of readily attainable welfare. As evidence of the latter conditions, he cited the present appalling infantile mortality, and remarked that in that one direction alone preventive medicine had the possibility of enormous scope. Direct personal contact was absolutely essential in order to achieve success, and sympathy, tact, and moderate knowledge could do a vast amount. Jubilee nurses were thoroughly trained and highly skilled, and personally he had frequently found their co-operation invaluable. In the furthering of the idea of preventive medicine and in the promotion of the establishment of a "health conscience" among the people these nurses would prove of the utmost value.

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The arrangements made by the Amusements Committee of the Irish Nurses' Association for the summer months have now all been carried out, the hospitality offered to the members being greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Their hostesses were Miss Agnew of the Convalescent Home, Stillorgan, Miss Lamont, who entertained the members to tea at the Gamekeeper's Lodge, Howth Demense, Miss Hughes of Portrane Hospital, Donabate, Miss MacDonell, R.R.C. of the Richmond Hospital, where tennis and croquet were very popular, as also at Steevens' Hospital, where the members were entertained by Miss Kelly, President of the Association. These social functions cannot fail to be productive of good fellowship between the nurses of the various hospitals, and those ladies who have so generously entertained their fellow members are much to be congratulated on their hospitality to their profession.

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A really pathetic sight, we hear, is Mrs. McKinley, the widow of the murdered President of the United States, who, attended by nurses, drives daily to the tomb of her husband to place fresh flowers upon it. For years this poor lady has been an invalid, and during his lifetime received the tenderest care from her devoted husband. He, the strong man has been cut down, and she lingers on—living on past memories, and in the shadow of a tomb!

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