

2,891 cases were nursed by the nurses from 29 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh, involving 61,281 nursing visits.

At the quarterly meeting of delegates of the Edinburgh, Leith, and District Friendly Societies' Council, held in Edinburgh, Mr. H. F. Caddell, representative from the Queen's Jubilee Nursing Institution (Scottish Branch) gave an address on the work of the Institution. He said that at the present time, when they were about to administer a very difficult Act of Parliament, his Committee had thought it would be to good purpose to point out to Friendly Societies the advantage of district nursing. It was in the interest of every Approved Society to get insured persons restored to sound health as soon as possible. The attendance of a skilled nurse would also be a great preventive of malingering. He said that the Friendly Societies were going to meet with very keen competition from industrial insurance companies, and for the sake of self-preservation they would have to give as good benefits as those companies did. He thought that the cheapest way would be for the societies to pay an annual subscription per member to the Institution.

At a recent meeting in Dublin of King Edward's Coronation Fund for Nurses three applications for assistance were considered, and £5, £3, and £2 granted respectively. Some alteration of rules was approved.

The Catholic Nurses' Association (Ireland) spent a most enjoyable evening at the Old Mill House, Tallaght, on the 21st inst., where an excellent tea was served. The pleasant evening was brought to a close by music and dancing in the spacious room attached to the house.

Only a beginning has been made in Australia in the work of school nursing, but under the Department of Public Instruction in New South Wales, advertisements inviting applications from trained nurses for this branch of work offer salaries ranging from £150 to £200 a year. Such remuneration will not only secure well-qualified nurses, but is an encouragement for well-educated women to enter the nursing profession. The reason the material for training in England is deteriorating every day is the fact that after arduous years of work there are so few openings for trained nurses through which they can earn a salary which permits of a decent standard of existence, and power to save for old age.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Annual Report of St. Peter's Hospital, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C., shows that the beds in this busy hospital have been constantly occupied during the year, and that some of the most serious operations known to surgery have been successfully performed. Owing to the generosity of its friends, the Hospital was able to meet most of its liabilities last year, but the Committee hardly anticipates such a happy result this year, and appeals for additional support. The Matron, Miss Furley, is indefatigable in looking after the welfare of the patients and the nursing department, and Mr. I. H. Beatty presides with efficiency in the Secretary's office.

Guy's Hospital annual garden party will be held in the grounds on Thursday, July 11th, when the school buildings, museum, the Nurses' Home, and the wards will be open for the inspection of visitors. The prizes will be distributed by the Marquess of Salisbury.

Gifts of a ward for women and another for children have been promised to the King Edward VII. Hospital at Windsor.

We do not wonder that hospital managers dread that the Insurance Act should decrease their incomes, when they all want more money to open, and keep open, hospital beds. An appeal, signed by the Earl of Denbigh, chairman, has been issued on behalf of the Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Great Portland Street, W. It states that 400 crippled children are waiting their turn to be cured at the institution. The new building was opened by King Edward VII in 1909, but 70 of its 200 beds have been empty up to the present time for want of funds.

Mrs. Conybeare Craven, who twenty-six years ago founded the old Cottage Hospital at Axminster, had the pleasure of opening the beautiful new up-to-date hospital last week. A linen Guild has been founded, and it is hoped the new institution will be loyally supported in the district where it is greatly needed.

When the King and Queen visit the Bristol Royal Infirmary on the 28th inst., part of the official programme provides that Their Majesties, attended by the Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, Sir George and Lady White, Miss Baillie (the Matron) and others, will inspect the building. Their Majesties will name the two large wards "King George's Ward" and "Queen Mary's Ward" respectively, afterwards proceeding by way of "Queen Mary's Ward" into the nurses' garden, where the Queen will plant a commemoration tree, returning to the new Infirmary along

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