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At a recent meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses held at 58 Victoria Street, S.W. a resolution of thanks to her Majesty Queen Alexandra for her attendance at the garden party held at Devonshire House on June 13th, was unanimously passed. The Royal College of Surgeons has nominated Mr. Richard Clement Lucas, F.R.C.S., to represent the College on the Council. It was decided that a deputation should be organised to the Chancellor of the Exchequer in the autumn to ask for some provision to be made for the nursing of insured persons by the existing nursing associations. It was reported that the difficulty in obtaining sufficient nurses to supply the demands for Queen's Nurses was somewhat less acute, although the number coming forward is still inadequate.

A garden fête has been held in the grounds of Trafalgar House, Tottenham, in aid of a fund for equipping and furnishing a new home for Queen's Nurses. It was opened by the Countess of March.

We regret to note that the Loughborough Guardians have refused to subscribe to the local Queen's Nursing Association, which Mr. Moss stated was doing the Guardians work much better than they could do it. During the last 12 months 450 visits were made by the nurses to patients relieved by the Guardians, or 600 during the last 16 months. He knew one case which has lost the Nursing Association £5.

Only five members of the Board appear to realise the value of good home nursing.

At the Annual Meeting of the Hull Jubilee District Nursing Association, the good work of the nurses came in for justifiable praise. It was reported that during the year 517 invalid appliances and requisites had been lent out to poor patients. The services of the nurses, mentioned in the report, were free of charge to the really poor, but those who were in more comfortable circumstances were encouraged to contribute something to the funds.

Nurse B. V. Hedderman—who works at Aran, Ireland, writes in support of Irish-speaking Nurses being sent to work in districts where the peasants only understand Gaelic. She considers that this question has a direct

relation to the future of district nursing in Ireland. She thinks those responsible for placing the nurses should consider what is happening in the homes of those people when any case of difficulty arises. When the nurse, entirely ignorant of the only means of communication between herself and her patient, is at sea as far as language is concerned, she is often the only person whose advice the patient must rely on. It is very difficult to establish trust in a nurse, or hope of cure in a patient, unless there is a mutual understanding between both, and this faith is, unfortunately, absent when the patient does not grasp one word of what is said. How is it possible for an Irish speaker dependent on this sort of aid to rely with any degree of confidence on the measures adopted for his or her treatment. Is it fair to have these institutes selecting as suitable women, ladies who are absolutely out of touch with the language, manners, and customs of the people they work amongst?

Nurse Hedderburn considers it a serious setback if the Dudley Institute cannot see its way to give opportunities to the right sort of nurse to study Irish during the six months' period of extra district training they receive in Rutland Square, and weed out as unfit for such work those who refuse to take advantage of this course. English is a foreign tongue to a Connemara peasant.

Miss Agnes Lillie Ross, Ireland, in sending us as a souvenir some most lovely little photographs from flowers and ferns she gathered at Glendalough writes: "I can add my testimony to the hospitality of the Dublin Conference committee. Through Miss Carson-Rae I was a guest of the Matron, Miss Sampson of Bloomfield Asylum. She had invited two guests, unfortunately one only telegraphed on the Tuesday that she was unavoidably detained, or else some other nurse might have shared with me the hearty hospitality. I enjoy the Conferences very much, this is the fourth I have attended. . . I wish to mention how much I appreciate THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. I owe it gratitude for keeping me in touch with the nursing world."

We hope Miss Ross who is evidently a botanist, will be with us at many future gatherings.

Kroonstad took a holiday on June 16th when Lord and Lady Gladstone arrived to open the first King Edward Nurses Home in South Africa. The new institution is adjacent to the hospital, and occupies a fine commanding site,

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