

had been realised as a result of the nurses' praiseworthy efforts. This sum will be used to furnish one of the men's wards with new lockers, as the present lockers in use are most inconvenient to the patients and no ornaments to the ward; the women's wards have already been refurnished in this respect, and the nurses are glad to have a share in adding improvements to the Hospital which will directly benefit their patients and greatly add to their comfort, besides improving the general appearance of the ward.

The nurses wish to thank all past members of the nursing staff who have so loyally helped them with their scheme.

At the Investiture held by the King at St. James's Palace on Monday, Miss Eleanor Sarah Kelly, Senior Lady Superintendent Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, was decorated with the Royal Red Cross, in recognition of the special devotion and competency displayed by her in her nursing duties in military hospitals in India.

Nurses both at the York Union Infirmary and the Ecclesall Infirmary, Sheffield, have petitioned the Guardians for shorter hours on duty. Neither Board appears to consider it possible to alter their present arrangement. The nurses' suggestions may not have been the best arrangement for the institution as a whole, but we hope the matter of the work and leisure of the nursing staffs in question may receive due consideration from their respective Boards, and that as far as possible some further concessions may be granted. The truth is that in nearly every Poor Law institution the staff needs increasing, if the Matron is to make times on and off satisfactory to the workers, and yet know that the patients are not neglected.

Whether the recent house-to-house collection in Sheffield on behalf of the Queen Victoria

District Association will become an annual affair, probably depends largely upon the willingness of the lady collectors to again take up the work they have just laid down, and which realized the handsome total of £758. But that the Association very warmly appreciates their efforts was voiced last Saturday afternoon in the beautiful gardens of Tapton Holt, Manchester Road, when Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin entertained a company of about 700 ladies and gentlemen, including Miss Hancox, the Superintendent, and a number of Queen's Nurses.

Mr. Franklin has been the treasurer of the Sheffield Queen Victoria District Nursing Association ever since its formation ten years ago; indeed, its establishment was due mainly

to the enthusiasm and energy of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin, the latter, in spite of ill-health, still holding the position of co-honorary secretary with Mr. Broad.



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The Reports of the Irish Nurses' Association and the Irish Matrons' Association appear this week under a pretty "emerald" cover. The reports up to March, 1914, of the activities of both societies are exceedingly satisfactory. All branches of nursing are brought into touch through membership of the Irish Nurses' Association, which is represented by delegation on the National Council of Trained Nurses, and by delegation on the Central Committee for the State

Registration of Nurses. During the year a Midwifery Section has been formed, Miss Ramsden and Miss Reed having taken an active part in its inauguration. Lectures and social gatherings have been arranged and greatly enjoyed.

The Ulster Branch has also a useful record during the year. The following resolution, proposed by Miss Bostock and seconded by Miss Newman, of Belfast, was passed:—"The Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association protests against the present improper wearing of nurses' uniform by unqualified persons, and

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