

The 1,000 workers who recently made a house-to-house visitation in Sheffield to collect funds in aid of the Queen Victoria Nursing Association, succeeded in obtaining sufficient money to enable the work of nursing the sick poor in their own homes to go forward on its errand of mercy and usefulness unimpaired. Mr. George Franklin, the Hon. Treasurer, expresses his thanks in the Press to the ward presidents and workers.

The accompanying illustration is of Miss Parker Spann, Matron of the Leeds Township Infirmary, Dr. Allan, Dr. Faith, and Miss Gebhard, the Assistant Matron, with the nurses

scarce with us, for us to go forward at present—we must wait for better times.

With the timber and corrugated iron already on the ground we have erected our carpenter's workshop. Otherwise we are *in statu quo*.

The Hospital itself has not been quite idle. Last summer we were able to take in an accident case for a fortnight. And for four months of this year a sewing and dressmaking class, under a competent instructress from the Congested Districts Board, has been held in our big kitchen. It is now just ending, having been attended by forty-three girls.

We have made by farm, garden and poultry £95 12s. 1½d., and by letting a couple of rooms (with board) for a time, £7 18s. 4½d. Our subscriptions and donations have amounted to



MISS PARKER SPANN
DR. ALLAN. (Matron). DR. FAITH.

MEMBERS OF THE LEEDS TOWNSHIP INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE, WHO RECENTLY RECEIVED THEIR BADGES FROM THE LADY MAYORESS.

who recently passed their final examination at the Infirmary, and were presented with the badge of the League by the Lady Mayoress, Mrs. Charles Lupton.

The Hon. Albinia Brodrick writes from Ballincoona, Co. Kerry:—

What is written from Ireland just now must necessarily come from a sorrowful heart. Much of our work is in danger, and since freedom of speech or pen is forbidden to us, we can say nothing.

The Hospital remains as it was when I reported last year. We have now repaid the loans made to us by two kind friends to enable us to offer it for service for the wounded. But money is too

£20 4s. In addition we have been given a little Dexter bull, a hall clock, some apple trees, and some delightful parcels of warm things—more of these, please.

The spring has been bitterly cold and wet. Our vegetable seeds have been re-sown three times. But potatoes are looking well. And we are tilling a little more land than usual, all of us. Here at Ballincoona we get a tiny fresh bit under cultivation each year.

Despite the great difficulty of getting a ship to come round from Cork, and the great increase in freights, our Co-operative Society is doing excellently. High prices do not, of course, encourage sales.

Like everyone else, we need money. Until we have sufficient to do the whole of the work outlined

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