

It is interesting to learn that "the Irish Insurance Commissioners have decided to give grants of £80 cash, and an allowance for initial expenses, towards the support of eight Queen's Nurses in the West of Ireland; the Irish Local Government Board give a grant of £20, and the remainder of the money is collected locally. These Nurses are to be in connection with Lady Dudley's Scheme, and it is hoped that this arrangement may be the means of providing Nurses for districts where there is a great need for skilled Nursing Services."

patriotism of the Nurses did not free the Authorities from their obligations to see that the conditions under which the Nurses worked were satisfactory, so the spirit of service in the Nurses does not free the Nursing Associations from their obligation to see that the Nurses receive adequate remuneration." We are entirely in sympathy with this point of view.

A testimony to the work of the Nurses is that during the influenza epidemic it became almost a commonplace to hear that had it not been for the self-sacrificing care of the Nurses



FIRST PARTY OF CLINIC BABIES—CHATEAU ST ANNE, PIERREFONDS, FRANCE,
Miss C. C. du Sautoy, Chef de Section, and Lady Hermione Blackwood, right and left of doorway.

(In the lonely districts in the West of Ireland Lady Dudley has always maintained the standard demanded of fully-trained Queen's Nurses, *i.e.* three years' general training to which midwifery is added. If nurses can be found willing to serve in these lonely districts, then under suitable conditions of work and pay they could equally be found for similar posts in Great Britain.)

We learn from the report that the supply of Queen's Nurses is a serious problem, but it is hoped that many of the nurses released from war service will find their vocation in nursing people who are ill at home, but, "as the

many more lives must have been lost, and it is a matter of the deepest regret that nine of the Queen's Nurses themselves succumbed to the disease.

Of the nurses who resigned during 1918, 64 received "Leaving Badges," having completed a term of at least six years' service as Queen's Nurses, and 127 were awarded Certificates, having served not less than two years.

The term Queen's Nurse has come to be synonymous with a well-trained, practical, reliable, public health worker in connection both with the prevention and cure of disease.

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