

QUEEN'S INSTITUTE OF DISTRICT NURSING, 1937.

The Forty-fifth Annual Report of the Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing (formerly Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses) and the Report of the Queen's Fund for the year 1937, presented by the Council to the Patron, Her Majesty Queen Mary, is of special interest, as it records the celebration of the Jubilee of the Institute, which was founded by Her Majesty Queen Victoria at her own Jubilee in 1887. "It was in that year that Her Majesty graciously decided to make a gift of the balance of the Jubilee Offering presented to her by the women of the Empire for the purpose of providing improved means of nursing for the sick poor." Never was gift more finely conceived, and never, surely, has one had

the grounds of Buckingham Palace on June 16th, 1937, on the invitation of Queen Mary, before whom they are passing for inspection, and of an earlier reception by Queen Alexandra at Marlborough House, at whose side is King Edward VII, in 1901.

The Report, in regard to England and Wales, shows that the volume of work is still increasing; 16,381,562 nursing visits represent the work of one year, an average of over 44,000 per day, and includes general nursing care to all types of cases, midwifery and maternity nursing, health visiting and school nursing.

The report on the nursing of notifiable and other diseases, for which the Local Authorities have power to pay, shows that nearly 1,037,152 visits were paid to 69,636 patients.

The Report states that the Minister of Health has expressed his appreciation of the vital part which district



HER MAJESTY QUEEN ALEXANDRA RECEIVES QUEEN'S NURSES AT MARLBOROUGH HOUSE, 1901.

more beneficent results, for the Queen's Nurses carefully selected, and now all Registered Nurses, with six months' training in district nursing, and many of them certified midwives, are respected and beloved throughout Great Britain and Ireland, as by their skill they bring ease and healing into thousands of homes, and raise by direct teaching the standard of hygiene and health.

The progress made is strikingly shown in the figures published. In the year 1890 the number of Queen's Nurses was 94, and the number of Associations affiliated to the Institute 16. Last year the number of Queen's Nurses was 4,188 and the Associations affiliated to the Institute 2,033, not counting 70 County Associations, in which the standard of Registered Nurse is not enforced.

The Report contains illustrations, a group of Queen's Nurses, first of the assembly of 2,300 Queen's Nurses, in

nurses play in the health service in connection with the National Health Campaign, and has brought to the notice of the Central Council for Health Education the various ways in which the district nurses can co-operate with the Health Authorities in the campaign.

Queen Mary's Committee has again given the annual grant of £2,000 for the general work of the Institute and provided pensions for two former Queen's Nurses who, through ill-health, were compelled to retire from active work at an early age. The Council is very appreciative of this valuable help.

At the end of the year, 190 former Queen's Nurses were receiving annuities from the Long-Service Fund, and the letters received at the central office show how greatly the annuity is valued.

When Miss Annie M. Peterkin resigned the office of

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