

# DONEGAL COUNTY NURSING ASSOCIATION

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## ANNUAL RE-UNION

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The fourth annual re-union of the Queen's Institute of District Nurses working throughout County Donegal, was held at Central Hotel, Bundoran, on June 30th, on what was the one fine day of the month. In all, thirty nurses attended; also, Miss Kavanagh, Senior Inspector of the Institution. Much regret was felt by the absence of Miss Colburn, Superintendent for Ireland, who was on holidays in Scotland.

A very excellent and tastefully served lunch was much enjoyed, after which Lady More, who had travelled from Dublin for the re-union, addressed all present, and expressed her delight at again being invited. She spoke of the recent visit of Miss Willemshurst, Superintendent for England, who had, with Miss Colburn, visited districts in Dublin, Waterford and Kilkenny. What struck her most was that all the nurses looked so happy and that the vocational spirit was so evident. It was so much easier to make other people happy if you were happy yourself. Lady More then said she was so sorry to have to report that Lady Mayo, President of the Lady Dudley Scheme, was far from well, but she sent greetings to all the nurses and wished she could have been with them.

It was decided to send a telegram to Lady Mayo.

Doctor Bastible, who was also present with Mrs. Bastible, praised the work carried out by the nurses.

Miss Kavanagh said how charmed she was to be present and see so many of her family.

**She referred to the matter of uniform worn by the nurses and said it was not for Miss Colburn's benefit or for a parade, but for everyone's happiness.**

The Rev. Father M'Kenna welcomed all the nurses and delegates to Bundoran, and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Lady More, which was seconded by Mrs. Magee.

During the afternoon nurses and delegates amused themselves on the beach, in the town, and at the "Fun Fair." At about 6.30, after tea, a very enjoyable day ended.

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Queen's Jubilee Nurses of County Donegal, who met for their annual reunion at the Fort Hotel, Greencastle. Miss Colburn, Superintendent for Ireland, is seated in the centre, and Miss Kavanagh, Senior Inspector for Ireland, is on her left.

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Representatives of District Nursing Societies in County Donegal, who met at the Fort Hotel, Greencastle, on Tuesday. The Presidents are seated in the front row, and Dr. M. J. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, is fourth from the right in the back row.



## FANAD DISTRICT NURSES.

The second collection in aid of the above is now almost to hand, and although the total is not as high as the first collection, the secretaries would like it to be known that this was anticipated, as health club members had already paid full subscriptions. In some districts the amounts have exceeded expectations, and several new subscribers have been obtained. The society wishes to congratulate the subscribers. N. Burton and E. H. Hart, secretaries.

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It is to be regretted that Sunday evening turned out so wet, as a great crowd of supporters of the Nursing Association assembled at Carablagh, the beautiful home of Miss Hart, who has done, and is still doing, so much for this praiseworthy scheme. In spite of the steady rain, numbers took part in the many outdoor events, especially the treasure hunt, and many more indulged in a dip and a swim in the Swilly waves, the many rocky caverns providing ideal bathing boxes. Other games, such as "candle lighting," "ring throwing," "guessing," "peg and line," took place on the spacious verandah, and each had numerous patrons. A most enjoyable tea was served indoors by a band of lady helpers. Miss Hart was assisted in her duties as hostess by Mrs. Barton, Duntiny House, her co-secretary of the Fanad Nurses' Association. Despite the unfavourable weather, the patrons of the garden fete, who came from Letterkenny, Ramelton, Rathmullan, Milford, as well as the surrounding districts, passed a very enjoyable evening.

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# Donegal Nursing.

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## Work of the County Association.

### Meeting in Buncrana.

The splendid work which the Donegal County Nursing Association is doing in endeavouring to provide nursing facilities within the reach of every home in the county was reviewed at the biennial meeting of the association in the Parochial Hall, Buncrana, on Tuesday, when Rev. P. Tracy, P.P., presided over a large attendance of delegates from the various district nursing associations in the county.

The Chairman at the outset welcomed the delegates and spoke of the work the association was doing towards the relief of the sick and infirm in the county and the alleviation of those for whom there was very little hope of recovery. He paid a tribute to the work of the officials of the association and said he did not believe they could find better officials anywhere.

The annual report of the president (Miss Hart, Carrablagh, Portsalon) referred to the loss the association had sustained shortly after its inauguration by the death of Dr. O'Deagha, county medical officer of health, and stated that as much progress as was anticipated had not been accomplished. Two annual nurses' reunions had been held—in 1935 at Rosapenna and in 1936 at Lough Eske. These outings gave great pleasure to all the nurses, who were thus able to meet and discuss their many difficulties, &c., and also to the nursing association committees.

The hon. secretary (Mrs. Fullerton, Glencairn, Ramelton) read interesting and encouraging reports of the work that had been done by the following district nursing associations since the last meeting:—Letterkenny, Drumholm, Stranorlar, Glenvar and Rathmullan, Ramelton, Clonleigh and Castlefin, Ballyshannon, Clonmany, Fahan, Buncrana, Fanad, Merville, Carndonagh, and Donegal.

Questions in regard to the wearing of the association's uniforms were discussed, and Miss Coburn, Queen's Jubilee Nursing Association Superintendent for all Ireland, emphasised the importance of the wearing of uniforms by the nurses. The uniform, she pointed out, was most suitable for the work of the nurses and becoming to the wearers.

A discussion arose in regard to the venue of the nurses' annual reunion, and it was suggested that the reunion should be held in the eastern and western parts of the county in alternate years. It was eventually agreed, however, to hold the reunion this year at Inver and that the nurses should attend in uniform.

A similar suggestion was made in regard to the holding of the biennial meeting of the association, but no action was taken on the matter, and it was decided to accept the invitation of the Lifford Association to hold the next biennial meeting in Lifford.

Miss Coburn in the course of an interesting address said it was very gratifying to see how keenly the delegates were following the work of the association. County Donegal had the distinction of having the first county association in the Free State, and they were looking to County Donegal for many things. She did not want interest in the association to decline, as their great ambition was that there should be available for every home in the county a Jubilee nurse. Wonderful strides had been made with the work of the association, but the aim of the late Dr. O'Deagha to have twenty-five more district associations formed in the county had not yet been realised. It should be their aim and object to have these twenty-five district associations formed. They would be a perpetual memorial to the late Dr. O'Deagha. The last district association to be formed was at Merville, and they had reason to be proud of the work that was being done there.

Continuing, Miss Coburn said tremendous changes had taken place during the last forty years. There was more money in the hands of the poorer people at the present time and less in the hands of the rich. It was because of this that they wanted even the humblest to do their share in maintaining the association. They wanted the people to feel they were insuring against sickness and getting the skilled nursing for which they were paying. She wanted the nursing associations that were already established to endeavour to arouse interest in those districts which were without associations so that their work might be extended and the number of district associations increased.

Miss Coburn stressed the need for suitable housing accommodation for their nurses throughout the county, and said the county representatives should be pressed to emphasise to the Board of Health the necessity of providing cottages for the nurses.

Referring to the work of the nurses, Miss Coburn said statistics only conveyed a remote idea of the work that was being carried on, but all the reports, without exception, spoke of how well the nurses were discharging their duties.

In conclusion, Miss Coburn paid a tribute to the district committees who were responsible for raising funds to carry on the work, and thanked them sincerely for all they had done in this direction.

The Chairman, on behalf of the delegates, thanked Miss Coburn for her address, and Miss Hart thanked the Chairman for presiding.

Afterwards all present were entertained to tea by the ladies of the Buncrana Association, who were sincerely thanked for their hospitality by Rev. A. Noblett.

**HIGH LEVELS IN INDUSTRY.**



## HEALTH CLUB.

Very Rev. Canon Gallagher, P.P., V.F., presided at a meeting of the Fanad Health Club held in the National School, Tamney. Also present—Rev. Father M'Glinchey, Rev. Father Coyle, Mrs. Barton and Miss Hart, secretaries; Dr. M'Menamin, treasurer; Dr. O Deagha, County M.O.H., Mrs. N. Blaney, Mrs. B. Hannigan, Miss Campbell, Miss O'Doherty, N.T., Mr. E. Friel. Canon Gallagher said as their last meeting was irregular, all the members not having been summoned, they had better again decide about affiliation. Dr. M'Menamin proposed and Father Coyle seconded, that the club affiliate with the Institute of Nursing. The motion was passed unanimously. Canon Gallagher then read a memorial signed by all the inhabitants of Kerrykeel, and many of the surrounding districts praying to have one of the district nurses located in Kerrykeel, as they were five miles from the nearest doctor. On the motion of Father Coyle, this was marked "read." Dr. M'Menamin said they should give Kerrykeel representation on the committee, and proposed the name of Mr. P. Loughrey. Father Coyle seconded. Mrs. Neil Blaney proposed Mr. Edward Carlin, Kerrykeel, and Mrs. Hannigan seconded. These names were added to the committee. Mrs. Hannigan said they should have more representation from Ballymagowan, Rosnakill and Moross, but the Very Rev. Chairman said the committee would be too unwieldy. He was supported in this by the secretaries. Father M'Glinchey proposed and Mrs. O'Doherty seconded, that the fixing of places of residence of the nurses be left entirely in the hands of the secretaries and treasurer. On Canon Gallagher asking if there was any amendment, Mrs. Hannigan said it would be useless to propose any, as seemingly they had it all fixed beforehand. Mrs. Blaney said that it was hardly fair that the ladies who at great trouble and inconvenience, had collected every part of the parish, should not, at least have a voice in the location of the nurses. On no amendment being proposed, the Very Rev. Chairman declared Father M'Glinchey's motion carried. At the request of the secretaries, Canon Gallagher consented to assist them in selecting suitable centres for the nurses. The meeting then adjourned.

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# DONEGAL DISTRICT NURSES.

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## THE ANNUAL OUTING.

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### VISIT TO GREENCASTLE.

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The annual outing for the District Nurses of the County Donegal, organised by the County Committee of the Nursing Association, took place on Tuesday. The venue selected was Greencastle, where the nurses and representatives of the various nursing associations in the county, to the number of sixty, spent a most enjoyable day. Amongst those present were—Miss Hart, president of the County Committee; Mrs. Fullerton, secretary; Rev. Canon Meredith, M.A., Captain Hamilton, Dr. Bastible, County M.O.H. Lady Moore, vice-president, Q.I.D.N., and Viscountess Powerscourt wrote regretting inability to be present.

Lunch was served in the Fort Hotel, and at its conclusion Miss Hart in a brief address extended a warm welcome to all present and expressed the pleasure the County Committee felt on being able to secure for the nurses such a day's relaxation from their onerous duties.

Miss Colburn, superintendent, Q.I.D.N., on behalf of the Executive of the Queen's Institute, thanked the County Committee for their interest in, and anxiety to promote so far as they could, the welfare and happiness of the nurses, one evidence of which was the fact that Donegal was the first, and up to the present the only county in Ireland, to organise such an outing for their nurses.

Dr. Bastible dwelt on the value and importance to the community of the work of the district nurses and paid a tribute to the secretary of the local association for the very efficient way in which she had carried out the arrangements for the day's reunion.



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# LATE CANON

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V.F., TAMNEY

## MONTH'S MIND CEREMONIES

MOST REV. DR. M'NEELY  
PRESIDES

There were again striking demonstrations of the deep and widespread sorrow and grief caused by the passing of the late Very Rev. Hugh Canon Gallagher, P.P., V.F., Tamney, when the Month's Mind ceremonies took place in St. Columba's Church, Massmount, on Monday last.

The late Canon Gallagher was one of the best beloved pastors of the Raphoe Diocese, and his long life in the Sacred Ministry proved productive of fruitful results for his flock, both in the spiritual and material spheres. He was an able and enlightened administrator, with a deep consciousness of his sacerdotal duties and obligations, and in the latter connection he was regarded on all sides as an example for his fellow priests.

The people of the parish of Fanavolty, whom he knew so long and so intimately, filled every part of the spacious Church on Monday and gave renewed testimony of their genuine regret at the loss of an ideal priest and a true and kind-hearted friend.

The Lord Bishop of the Diocese, Most Rev. Dr. MacNeely, presided at Solemn Office and High Requiem Mass, when the chanters were Rev. J. Kelly, C.C., Milford; Rev. W. Lnagh, C.C., Drumkeen, and Rev. J. Rowan, C.C., Letterkenny.

The celebrant of the Mass was Rev. James Carr, C.C., Convoy, a nephew of the deceased pastor, the deacon being the Rev. P. Carr, C.C., Fanavolty, sub-deacon, Rev. J. Glackin, C.C., ditto, and master of ceremonies, Rev. D. Furey, D.Ph., St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny.

At the conclusion of Mass final Absolution was pronounced by the Lord Bishop, who was assisted by Rev. P. Carr, C.C.

The ceremony of the induction of the new pastor, Rev. J. Murray, who comes from the parish of Glenfinn, then took place.

Addressing the congregation, his Lordship said that Father Murray was their new parish priest, and he thought he might say the parish was very fortunate in getting such a priest as he. They would give Father Murray the filial devotion and respect and obedience that was due to a parish priest, because he (his Lordship) could assure them Father Murray was fully worthy of it.

The clergy present included Very Rev. J. Canon Sheridan, P.P., Carrigart; Very Rev. H. Canon M'Dwyer, P.P., Gortahork; Rev. John Doherty, P.P., Rathmullan; Rev. J. M'Daid, P.P., Termon; Rev. D. Canning, P.P., Kilmacrenan; Rev. T. R. Griffith, Adm., Glenswilly; Very Rev. P. Kerr, B.D., B.C.L., President, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny; Rev. D. Sweeney, C.C., Kincasslagh; Rev. M. Carr, C.C., Annagry; Rev. J. Cunningham, C.C., Glenties; Rev. M. Harkin, C.C., Edeninfagh; Rev. P. Griffin, C.C., Glenvar; Rev. J. Gallagher, C.C., Churchill; Rev. M. M'Intyre, C.C., Carrigart; Rev. J. Haughey, C.C., Drumoghill; Rev. C. M'Ginley, C.C., Kilear; Rev. D. Gibbons, C.C., Drimarone; Rev. C. M'Glinchey, C.C., Gortahork; Rev. A. O'Friel, C.C., Falcarragh, and Rev. D. Doherty, Kindrum.



## OPEN-AIR FETE AT CARRABLAGH

### Successful Function For District Nurses' Fund

Miss Hart kindly placed the beautiful grounds at Carrablagh at the disposal of the joint committee that were responsible for organising the fete. The chairman, the Revd. Robert Gracey, B.A.; Mrs. J. Barton, and Miss Hart, were those primarily concerned in the plans for the entertainment.

Owing to the vagaries in the weather conditions an anxious week was spent in the preparations; the weather reports and barometer were scanned with eagerness.

The country side for miles around responded to a man (this of course includes the fair sex) in contributions in kind and labour. Motor cars were busy collecting gifts of cakes, bread, fruit, tweeds, fancy work, etc., and the good will of all the local inhabitants and visitors was demonstrated by the very generous supplies forthcoming. After a night of rain the dawn of the 19th was cloudy and warm and none too promising and the final decorations of the stalls and lay out of the side shows was carried out by a willing and cheerful band of helpers. Demands for anti-midge lotion were heard on every side and had anyone felt weary and desirous of a few minutes' rest, they were literally stung into renewed activity.

The barometer and the midges rose simultaneously and before noon the warm S.W. breeze changed to a pleasant cool wind from the N.E. just enough to tone down the warm sunshine that bathed Lough Swilly in its cheering rays.

Although the opening ceremony was billed for 3-30 p.m. a number of visitors started coming in nearly an hour before, no doubt tempted by the gorgeous turn of the weather and the well-known attractions of Carrablagh, with its rugged coast line, its wooded and heather-clad slopes and the glorious views across "The Lake of Shadows," stretching from the Swilly buoy and Dunaff Head on the north to the rugged mountains of Inishowen and Dunree Fort and eastwards on to Buncrana and the Knockalla mountains to the south.

Lady McFarland, who had kindly consented to open the fete, arrived by car from Derry well in advance of the opening ceremony. By 3.30 p.m. a large assembly had collected, including several bus loads from Derry, Letterkenny and Ramelton, where wellwishers had sportingly organised parties. The avenue was lined with parked motor cars, later arrivals having to be directed onto the side of the main road.

The Chairman, in a few well-chosen words, introducing Lady McFarland, gave her a most cordial welcome on behalf of all present.

Lady McFarland, looking charming in a dark blue costume, made a delightful speech, every word of which could be heard by the large crowd gathered on the lawn in front of the house.

The Fete was declared open amidst rounds of applause.

The Rev. J. Edgar, B.A., Kerrykeel, on behalf of the local District Nursing Association, in a brief and witty speech proposed a vote of thanks to Lady McFarland who, he said, with Sir Basil, were known for their untiring zeal in the cause of all local charities. He touched on the good work carried out by the local nurses and the appreciation of the efforts of the association as shown by the splendid attendance and general support given to the movement from all quarters.

In order to save time Mr. Edgar asked those present to second his proposal by a hearty round of applause as a mead of thanks to Lady McFarland for her presence at the fete.

This was heartily responded to.

#### SIDE SHOWS AND OTHER ATTRACTIONS.

From the word go everything went with a swing. Sounds of merriment and laughter were heard on every side as the various groups collected round the side shows. There were "Swatting the Rat," "Pegging for Hidden Treasure," "The Lucky Spinner," putting competition, rifle range, quoits, and various other games of skill or cards.

For those more seriously minded other methods had been adopted for satisfying the will to spend.

Three tastefully decorated stalls had been arranged. The "Pound Stall," presided over by Mrs. Gracey, the Work Stall, ably conducted by Mrs. Jos. Barton and Mrs. E. Barton and Mrs. Carver, and variety, in charge of the Misses Moore and Mrs. Kyle.

Two fortune tellers were available for those who wished to dip into the future. These two ladies deserve special thanks, as from 3-30 to 7 p.m. they were besieged by a constant stream of clients, and were, therefore, unable to join in the merrymaking outside.

The vendor of ice creams was indeed an optimist and on the principle "Laugh and the world laughs with you"—Old Sol literally beamed on her, causing a rapid demand on her cooling wares. "Sold Out" was soon the word.

Tea proved a great attraction and the large band of voluntary helpers were kept more than busy ministering to the needs of some 350 thirsty and hungry applicants for liquid and solid refreshments.

"Water, water everywhere, and never a drop to drink" might have been paraphrased here, as it was not until all the crowd had dispersed that the willing servers were able to spare time for "a drink or a sup."

#### SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.

Amongst those present were Mrs. Perry, Bunlin Lodge; Mrs. Bushe of Drumhilla; Col. and Mrs. Jellett of Fort Royal, Mr. Franklin, Glencalla; Mrs. Grove, Castle Grove; the Misses Ovens, Miss Batt, Rathmullan House, and Mrs. Fullerton, Ramelton, all these brought their house parties. Portsalon Hotel visitors came in great numbers, and visitors came from The Gweedore Hotel, Rosapenna, and St. Columb's Hotel, Churchill.

Last but by no means least, thanks are due to Mr. Kenyon and Mr. C. Barrett, both visitors at Portsalon, whose organising abilities, keenness and sense of humour contributed so largely to the success of the proceedings. Mr. Kenyon also, with remarkable versatility, transformed himself into an able and amusing auctioneer, and succeeded in clearing off everything at the Pound Stall to a laughing and apparently satisfied assembly of bidders.

Most satisfactory of all was the counting up of the day's takings, when it was found that an excellent sum had been raised in the cause of charity.

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# Clondevaddock Parish.

## Fete at Carrablagh Gardens

### Opened by Lady McFarland

The picturesque gardens at Carrablagh, Portsalon, the residence of Miss Hart, formed an ideal setting for a fete which was held yesterday afternoon in aid of Clondevaddock Parish funds and nursing society.

Splendid weather favoured the event, and the large number who patronised it spent a thoroughly enjoyable day amid the most enchanting surroundings in the Fanad Peninsula. Not alone from the neighbourhood were they drawn, but from Londonderry and Letterkenny, from which places special buses were run, carrying full complements of passengers.

The opening ceremony was gracefully performed by Lady McFarland, wife of Sir Basil McFarland, Bt. (High Sheriff for Londonderry), and Rev. Robert Gracey, B.A., rector of Clondevaddock, presided.

Introducing Lady McFarland, the Chairman, on behalf of the organisers, extended to her a hearty welcome. He also referred to the generosity of both Sir Basil and Lady McFarland and spoke appreciatively of the splendid services rendered by Sir Basil on the Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Council and in other ways.

Lady McFarland, who was accorded a warm reception, in declaring the fete open, thanked the organisers for asking her to perform that ceremony and wished the fete every success.

At the conclusion of the inaugural proceedings a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Lady McFarland, on the motion of Rev. J. Edgar, B.A.

Among those present at the fete were Lord and Lady Jamieson, Colonel Maxton Moore (brother-in-law of Miss Hart) and Mrs. Moore.

The helpers were:—

Work Stall—Mrs. G. Barton, Mrs. E. H. Barton, and Miss M. Barton.

Pound Stall—Mrs. Gracey, Mrs. Hamilton, Miss R. Smyth.

Variety Stall—Mrs. Kyle, Miss C. Moore, Miss G. Moore.

Teas—Miss Hart, Mrs. Edgar, Miss McClure, Miss Foster, Miss Doran, Miss McCracken, Miss P. Friel, Miss Coyle, Miss Kelly, Miss McConigley, Miss M. McClure, Miss McBride, Miss Sweeney, Miss M. McConigley, Miss Toland, Miss Gibbons, Nurse Clancey.

The side-shows were organised and run by Lord and Lady Jamieson, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. McGill, Professor and Mrs. Gulland, Dr. and Mrs. Hosford, Mr. and Mrs. M. Seaton, Mr. E. Archibald, the Misses B. and M. Jamieson, Mr. K. Jamieson, Mr. C. Barnett, Mr. K. Rhodes, Mr. T. O. Wisdom, Mr. J. N. Kenion, Miss N. Kenion, Mrs. Coulson, Messrs. K. M. and J. H. Edgar, and Mr. A. McGill.

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# Donegal Nursing.

## Association's Annual Meeting.

### Lady Powerscourt Presides.

There was a large attendance representing the district associations in many part of the county at the annual meeting of the Donegal District Nursing Association, held in St. Eugene's Hall, Moville.

Lady Powerscourt, who travelled specially from Dublin to be present, presided.

Addressing the delegates at the outset, she said she was always ready to help on the work of the Institute in whatever part of the country it operated. Although she had been living in Ireland for thirty-five years, she added, she had never, she was ashamed to say, set foot in Donegal before. She expressed her pleasure at the opportunity which the Donegal Association by their invitation had afforded her of seeing some of the county's very beautiful scenery.

Reports from the different districts recorded progress in the work of every branch.

In the reports, which were read by the hon. secretary, Miss Fullerton, Ramelton, high appreciation was expressed of the services rendered by the respective nurses.

The Drumholme Association intimated that they had completed twenty-one years' service, and this year they had a larger credit balance than ever before.

Only one branch of the association—Carndonagh—complained of financial difficulties, and, the report added, they would find it hard to carry on with the good work if something was not done by way of an increased grant.

Lady Powerscourt congratulated the districts on the satisfactory reports they were able to present and suggested a number of ways by which funds could be augmented. These included jumble sales, vanishing teas, and bridge parties.

Mrs. Fullerton having stated that she would be away from home during the next month, it was left to Mr. Charles Sweeney, in conjunction with the other members of the Moville Association, to organise the nurses' annual reunion, which was fixed for Tuesday, 27th June, at Moville.

Miss Hart, president of the Donegal Association, presented a report on the Linen Guild, the importance of which was stressed by Miss Coburn, Irish Superintendent, who said no garment was too old to be utilised by the district nurse in the course of her duties.

The Local Government Department was criticised in connection with their attitude towards the erection of cottages for district nurses.

Dr. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., said he was in whole-hearted sympathy with the project, but the difficulty was that under the present Housing Acts cottages could only be provided for agricultural labourers. There had been various interpretations put on the term "agricultural labourer," but none of them included district nurses. (Laughter.) The Acts were very rigid in some respects and very elastic in others. The only hope was that the Government might give special permission to have cottages built for the nurses.

Mr. Sean D. MacLoughlin, secretary of the Donegal County Council, suggested that the T.D.'s of the county be asked to interview the Minister for Local Government on the matter.

It was decided to appoint a deputation to go to the Department and arrange with the T.D.'s to have them introduced to the Minister.

The hon. treasurer, Mrs. Kelly, reported that the association had a substantial balance to credit.

Receipt of a cheque for £12 4s from Mr. C. Gallagher, County Councillor, Donegal, the proceeds of the dance held in Donegal Town, was intimated by the secretary, who stated that Mr. Gallagher was prepared to organise a similar function this year.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Captain Hamilton, the best thanks of the association were voted to Mr. Gallagher.

Dr. Bastible in the course of a short address bestowed high praise on the work of the association and its nurses, and said that in regard to the implementation of the tuberculosis scheme Donegal could compare very favourably with any city on the other side of the water. That such was the case was due to the splendid work done by the Jubilee nurses.

Lady Powerscourt said the great aim of the Institute was to see every district in the length and breadth of Ireland served by one of their nurses. It was a big undertaking. So far they had only got to the fringe of the task, but every day saw them getting nearer their aim, and she was pleased to hear that one more district was soon to be added to the list in Donegal.

Miss Coburn reported that an association would shortly be started in Quigley's Point, where she had attended some very enthusiastic meetings. The project had the support of the parish priest, Father Smyth, and the other clergymen of the parish.

It was decided to vote a grant of £10 to the Quigley's Point Association.

The next meeting was fixed for Stranorlar on October 8th.

On the motion of Lady Stewart, thanks were expressed to Lady Powerscourt for presiding.

The delegates were subsequently entertained to tea by the Moville Association.

#### FOREIGN CONSCRIPTS' PAY.

In France the daily rate of pay for conscript soldiers, it is officially stated, is 1½d, in Germany 10½d, and in Russia 2½d. The figures compare with the British rate of a shilling a day.

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## RETURN OF AIR ARMADA.

**TWO MISHAPS ON FIRST HOP.**  
**SPECIAL AIR MAIL TO ROME FROM VALENTIA.**

FROM REUTER'S CORRESPONDENT.  
 NEW YORK, Tuesday.

AS General Balbo, the leader of the Italian air armada, which took off from New York for Shediac, New Brunswick, at 3.01 p.m. (B.S.T.) to-day, crossed the Canadian border he sent a message of thanks to President Roosevelt.

Taking off successfully in seventeen minutes, all the machines headed in the direction of Shediac, a hop of 650 miles. One, however, was later forced to land at Rockland Harbour, Maine, as a result of a leak in the oil feed, and the crew speedily set to work in the middle of the bay to effect the necessary repairs. Later its flight was resumed.

After passing over St. John's (New Brunswick) another plane returned and landed in order to re-fuel.

The remainder of the fleet landed at Shediac from 8.56 p.m. (B.S.T.) onwards.

A later message stated that all the armada had then landed at Shediac.

### EXPECTED THURSDAY.

When General Balbo arrives at Valentia Mr. Frank Aiken, Free State Minister for Defence, hopes to welcome him if his duties permit. The Minister will probably be accompanied by the Chief of Staff, Major-General Brennan. The Director of Military Aviation, Commandant G. J. Carroll, or the Officer Commanding the Army Air Corps, Major Liston, will also be present, together with representatives of the President of the Executive Council and of the Free State Department of External Affairs.

The Italian Consul in Dublin, Signor Mariani, will also be at Valentia to greet his fellow-countrymen on their arrival.

Although no announcement has yet been made by General Balbo as to the route he will take across the Atlantic, our Valentia correspondent telegraphs that he is assured by the Italian *personnel* on the island that the armada will arrive on Thursday or Friday evening.

Everything is ready. Sixty extra Civic Guards arrived last night, a detachment of military are encamped, and the No. 2 Army Band is expected. Pressmen from England have already arrived, and there is a steady influx of visitors. Several speedboats have been put on rail at Cork and Limerick for use during the visit.

### POSTAGE—8S. 1D.

The Free State Department of Posts and Telegraphs announces that arrangements are being made to have mails for Italy despatched from Valentia by the Italian air fleet. Each item intended for this special despatch must not exceed half an ounce in weight, must be prepaid 8s.

## NEW PRESIDENT BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

**DR. T. GILLMAN MOORHEAD TAKES THE CHAIR.**

**"SCIENCE HAS NO BOUNDARIES AND NO POLITICS."**

AT the annual general meeting of the British Medical Association, in Dublin yesterday, Lord Dawson of Penn, outgoing President, presided, and inducted Dr. T. Gillman Moorhead as President for the year 1933-34.

Among those on the platform were Lady Dawson, Mrs. Moorhead, Sir Henry Brackenbury, Dr. Kaye Le Fleming and Dr. Bishop Harman.

In the course of his presidential address on the influence of the British Medical Association in Ireland, Dr. Moorhead said that before long Ireland would be in the very forefront of civilised races, so far as the care of its people is concerned. In its future struggle the present meeting of the Association would prove a stimulus and an aid.

## LORD DAWSON OF PENN HANDS OVER COLLAR OF OFFICE.

Lord Dawson said he had first to express thanks to the Association for the confidence and support which had been extended to him during that memorable centenary year. That year showed the whole world not only the work which the Association had already accomplished, but it gave confidence in its actions, because a large number of people came to know it, and to know what it had been doing more than on any previous year on account of the size of the meeting and the fact that a hundred years had been successfully passed. That year began in the capital of one country, and what was going to be another memorable year was being now inaugurated in the capital of another country. There was the unique circumstance that the President who was retiring (Lord Dawson) and his friend whom he was about to have the honour to initiate as President (Dr. Moorhead) were both of them Presidents of the Colleges of Physicians in the countries to which they belonged. He was sure that never had a new President enjoyed in a larger measure the confidence and affections of every member of the Association. He had great pleasure in asking the new President to take the chair.

Lord Dawson placed the collar of office round Dr. Moorhead's neck, and in doing so said that it was his great honour and privilege to invest him with the presidential badge and to wish him in the name not only of himself, but of everyone present, a year of office full of success, and which would bring added laurels to Dr. Moorhead, and a greater prestige to this great Association.

The delegates rose and acclaimed the new President.

Dr. Ramsay, of Bournemouth, President-elect of the Association for 1934-5.

Dr. Ramsay said that they would be given at Bournemouth next year a welcome as hearty as the warm Irish welcome they had received in Dublin.

Sir Henry Brackenbury returned the Association's thanks to Lord and Lady Dawson for all they had done during the centenary year of office when Lord Dawson was President.

Lord Dawson of Penn, in reply, said that his year of office had been a labour of love to himself and Lady Dawson.

### THE NEW PRESIDENT.

Professor Thomas Gillman Moorhead, M.D., F.R.C.P., Ireland, President of the British Medical Association, presided at the further proceedings of the 101st annual general meeting, which had been adjourned from the morning session.

On the platform were Mr. S. T. O'Kelly, Dr. Coffey, President of University College, Dublin, and Chief Justice Kennedy.

Among the delegates present were the representatives of the Canadian Medical Association—Dr. David W. Mackenzie, Dr. A. J. Stewart, Dr. C. C. Stewart, Dr. Henry P. Wright; of the American Medical Association—Dr. Dean Lewis, Dr. Emil Novak. Also the foreign guests—Dr. E. Ceresole, Lausanne, Switzerland; Mr. Melvin S. Henderson, Rochester, U.S.A., and Mr. H. Winnell Orr, Nebraska.

There were present representatives and delegates from the Oversea Dominions, Colonies and mandated territories, including Africa, Australia, Asia and the British West Indies. Some sixty gentlemen were present wearing academic robes. They were personally presented to the President, who received them on the platform wearing his presidential badge and collar and the presidential robe of the College of Physicians. The foreign and overseas visitors were presented by Professor Bigger.

### CANADA RECIPROCATES GREETINGS.

Sir Henry Brackenbury said that they had sent fraternal greetings to the Association in Canada, and had received a reply stating that the Canadian Association heartily reciprocated their cordial greetings and wished the B.M.A. a successful meeting.

### THE LADIES.

Lady Dawson, wife of Lord Dawson of Penn, outgoing President, invested Mrs. T. G. Moorhead with the President's Lady's Badge for 1933-34. Lady Dawson, in placing the ribbon and badge on Mrs. Moorhead, said she wished to thank her and Mrs. Barniville, Mrs. MacErlean, and the other ladies of the Committee, for giving them so cordial a welcome and the true Irish hospitality they were enjoying. They had arranged a most wonderful programme, not only of entertainments, but of excursions, which the ladies were enjoying to the full. They would look forward to future visits, not only to enjoy the beauties of this country, but also to enjoy once more friendly greetings and hospitality. She wished Mrs. Moorhead during her year of office the same happiness as she had enjoyed during the past year.

### MRS. MOORHEAD.

Mrs. Moorhead thanked Lady Dawson for her delightful speech, and said that anything the Ladies' Committee could do for the visitors would give them the greatest pleasure. She took that opportunity of saying how delighted they were to have them and to welcome them all to this city. If they enjoyed the time they spent here half as much as they enjoyed having them their visit would indeed be a marvellous success. She thanked all the members of the Ladies' Committee, especially Mrs. Barniville, Mrs. MacErlean and Miss Woods.

### PRIZE-WINNERS.

Sir Henry Brackenbury said that each year the British Medical Association devoted a considerable proportion of its funds to the advancement of medical research and medical science. The Middlemore Prize for 1933 had been awarded to R. W. Rycroft, M.D., F.R.C.S., D.O.M.S., London, for his essay on "The Treatment of Glaucoma." The prize consisted of a certificate and a cheque for 50 guineas, and was established to encourage research in ophthalmic medicine or surgery. Dr. Rycroft was unavoidably absent.

The Sir Charles Hastings Prize, 1933, was presented to Ronald Frank Guymer, M.A., M.D., Kingston Hall, for research carried out in the course of general practice. It consisted of a certificate and cheque for 50 guineas, and was awarded Dr. Guymer for his clinical study, entitled "Tonsillectomy: Before, During and After."

A certificate of Honourable Mention was also presented to Dr. Evan Robert Lloyd, L.M.S.S.A., Stewarton, Ayrshire, for his clinical study, entitled "The Effect of Industrialism on the Pregnant Woman."

Professor Moorhead then delivered his presidential address.

### THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

#### INFLUENCE OF THE B.M.A. IN IRELAND.

The President, in his address, said that the history and influence of the British Medical Association in Ireland may be regarded as having commenced with the holding of the annual meeting in Dublin in 1867. Long before that date the need for organisation of the profession in Ireland had been felt, and as early as 1839 the Irish Medical Association had been formed. In 1867 that Association

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### DR. MOORHEAD RETURNS THANKS.

Dr. Moorhead, when inducted by Lord Dawson, said:—

"To-day my first duty on behalf of the members of the Leinster Branch of the British Medical Association is to welcome all members of the Association, all delegates from other Associations and from foreign countries, and all visitors who honour us by their presence at this meeting in the capital of Saorstát Éireann. Five previous meetings have taken place in Irish territory; but this is the first occasion on which, as citizens of a free and self-governing Dominion, we welcome you in our midst. The welcome which we extend is extended also by the Government of the State, by the civic authorities of our city, by our universities and colleges, by many public bodies, and by all Irish men and women of good-will.

"We recognise that science has no boundaries and no politics, and that all who profess the practice of medicine are bound together by their love of and their service to humanity. It has been said that the mutual respect which thoughtful men carry away from such meetings as this is their most precious legacy, and that in such fruits the first great Dublin meeting of 1867 was rich. I feel confident that this meeting will prove equally rich in such enduring records, and will bind even closer than heretofore the ties that have always united the medical men of Ireland and of Great Britain.

"To all the members of this great Association, and above all to my friends and colleagues, the members of the Leinster Branch, I tender my thanks for the supreme honour they have done me in electing me as their President. To be the President of the most powerful medical Association in the world, an Association of nearly 35,000 members, is an honour almost overwhelming. As I look over the names of the many famous men who have in the last one hundred years occupied the presidential chair, and as I realise what they have achieved, words fail me. I succeed one of the most distinguished personalities who have ever graced the office. His outstanding ability, his dignified conduct of affairs, his eloquence, all combined to make his year of service most notable in our history. One may well shrink from taking up the reins from such a man as Lord Dawson. I can only say that during my own year I will endeavour to serve the Association.

"Last year as you are all aware, our centenary was celebrated. This is the opening year for us of a new century, and it seems to me peculiarly fitting that this year our meeting should be held in this city, and in this country. Our country, though old in time, is new in its new-found constitution. It is daily facing and solving new and important problems. During twelve years it has been re-shaping its destinies. The spirit of hope and of progress is alive in Saorstát Éireann to-day. We face the future with resolution and with confidence. In facing the century that lies ahead, one asks what part Ireland will play in the future of our Association. What will be the mutual reactions of Ireland on the Association and of the Association on Ireland? In attempting to answer this question, a study of the past work of the Association should prove helpful. Such a study will demonstrate the important part which the Association has played in the affairs of this country, not merely in promoting the interests of medical men, but in improving the health services for the community at large. It will also demonstrate the important part which this country has played in the affairs of the Association, and in the wider interests of enlightened progress in the alleviation and prevention of disease. I feel confident that the aid which the Association can give to Ireland, and Ireland to the Association, will be even greater in the future than it has been in the past, and I look forward to a time when every medical man in Ireland will be enrolled in our ranks.

"Among the avowed objects of the Association are the promotion of the medical and allied sciences, and the maintenance of the honour and interests of the medical profession. To these should be added what has indeed always been its most important object—to improve the health, the happiness and the well-being of all mankind. That will be its goal in the coming century."

### PAST PRESIDENT'S BADGE.

Sir Henry Brackenbury, having invested Lord Dawson with a past president's badge, Dr. Moorhead introduced



was strong and active, but as soon as the British Medical Association had become national in its outlook the advantages offered to its members became apparent in every part of Ireland, and especially to the leaders of the profession.

In 1858, when the invitation to hold a meeting of the British Medical Association in Ireland was proffered, the profession in England had just emerged from the struggle which had led to the passing of the Medical Registration Bill. In that struggle there had been antagonism between the Irish and the English Colleges, and it was felt that the time was not opportune for a meeting outside Great Britain. Friction was feared in establishing a uniform standard of medical education in different parts of the then United Kingdom.

### FIRST VISIT TO IRELAND.

The Dublin invitation was accepted with alacrity in 1867, and in August 400 members attended the Conference at Dublin University. The Association then had 3,000 members. The President was the great William Stokes, and many other distinguished men of science attended. The editor of the *Journal*, twenty years later, wrote that, following the Dublin Conference, "the Association entered upon that new career of vigorous prosperity in which it has never faltered, and which has brought it to its present stage of phenomenal success. It multiplied its sections, it created new opportunities of scientific activity, and it invited to its aid the youngest and most earnest workers in all departments of medical science. That impulse was never lost."

The meeting, continued Dr. Moorhead, was the symbol of a union of hearts between members of the medical profession in Great Britain and Ireland. "A union which, in spite of political changes and developments, has never since been broken, and remains steadfast to-day." That was the first meeting at which the scientific business occupied a foremost place. There had been scientific discussions previously, but the main work was of a medico-political nature. The scientific business was in 1867 divided into four sections—medicine, surgery, physiology and obstetrics. Since then increasing specialisation had added more sections, and the end was not yet. Some people might feel that the segregation of specialists in isolated groups was a mistake, but few would doubt that it was by specialisation that advances in real knowledge were for the most part attained.

### STOKES'S PROPHECY.

The meeting gave an enormous stimulus to public health services, then almost non-existent. Stokes prophesied an immediate development of State medicine, and Rumsey made a special plea for the establishment of sanitary medical officers, and for the appointment of medical men to carry out many other public duties, such as are now commonly accepted.

The President, in a reference to the general practitioner, "still the backbone of the profession," said that in 1867 he was isolated, and his duties consisted solely in ministering to the relief of individual patients. "Since then a revolution has taken place. To-day as a member of a great co-operative system, he performs a new and more effective function."

In the service devoted to curative and preventive medicine the general practitioner to-day has many duties and responsibilities undreamt of sixty years ago, and there was an all-round improvement in health, an increase in the expectation of life, and a greater enjoyment of life.

An early result of the Dublin meeting was the establishment in 1870 of the diploma of State medicine in Dublin University, the first diploma of its kind in the British Commonwealth.

"As one looks to the future, one foresees a still greater extension of public medicine, and I for one look forward to a time when the simple laws of health will be more widely taught among and known by even the poorest inhabitants of our country, and when the State will compel everyone to obey those health laws."

### THE FALSE AND THE TRUE.

The President related how Stokes pleaded for the scientific investigation of the action of drugs and other therapeutic measures; for apparently quackery was as rampant as it is to-day. The elimination of quackery ultimately depended on the education of the public. This country seemed to him to get better medical services than it deserves, but it would get better still if it knew how to appreciate those services at their true value, and if it were better trained in distinguishing the false from the true.

"I would like," he said, "to teach elementary logic in the higher classes of every school in the country, and in the same classes to give short courses in elementary physiology and in hygiene. Such a training might help to remove the credulity which still believes in magic, and which enables the charlatan to flourish."

"It may be of interest to this meeting to know that while preparing this paper I had an opportunity of talking to three men who were present at the 1867 meeting, all later Presidents of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland—the late Dr. Walter Smith, the late Sir Hawtrey Benson, and Sir John W. Moore. Sir Hawtrey Benson informed me that he well remembered Professor R. W. Smith's address on surgery and the profound impression which it created. To-day medical education is still under discussion. Finality has not been reached, and never will be reached. Our science and our art are progressive, and therefore it is essential that our educational curriculum should be varied from time to time in accordance with advancing knowledge. Some subjects which have lost their importance must be jettisoned, and others must be added. We will, however, never go wrong in our educational methods if we remember that our primary duty is to turn out well-trained medical practitioners who will be capable of advising the public wisely on all matters pertaining to health."

### THE TEACHING OF MEDICINE.

"The late Sir Andrew Clark once said: 'As regards the question of medical education, it seems to me to be in a gravely unsatisfactory condition, and to require the immediate and earnest attention of the profession. Jostled on the one side by quackery and on the other by science, it is failing in its true work of training students to be sound practitioners of the art of medicine. Medicine is an art, and its end is practice, and the worth or worthlessness of any system of education must be tried by the degree in which it helps or hinders this end.' This is almost as true to-day as when it was first stated."

"A fundamental idea in our methods should be, in the words of Locke, 'to give the student a relish for knowledge and a scientific outlook.' Medicine should be taught as a whole. There has been too great a tendency of late to teach subjects in watertight compartments. My own view is that the General Medical Council is a sinner in this respect. It will be agreed that a thorough knowledge of the early scientific subjects forms the basis of success as a medical practitioner."

"Realising, however, that the mental capacity of the average human being is limited, I agree with those who urge that, as far as possible, these subjects should be taught from a vocational standpoint, and with a view to illustrating broad scientific principles. An accomplished teacher will know what to eliminate, and, while showing the direct bearing of his subject on the ultimate life work of the student, should be able at the same time to indicate the paths of research and of inquiry which lie open to those who are eager and to those who are capable of delving deeper into the subject. As regards clinical medicine, I somewhat deplore the recommendations of the General Medical Council that special courses of instruction should be given on so many specialties. At any rate these special courses should have their corrective in the out-patient department, where patients not already labelled will be seen by the student, and where the habits of rapid diagnosis and of decision—in short, of resource, may be acquired. In the out-patient department the student will see patients in exactly the same way as he will see them after qualification, whereas the systematic study of, for example, tuberculosis or venereal disease in hospitals entirely devoted to the treatment of such cases presents the patient from quite a different angle."

"Specialised courses are all-important as a means of post-graduate instruction when a student has already acquired a general grasp of the principles of his profession. I have never wavered from my view that all that we can do in the course of the medical curriculum is to instil a broad knowledge of principles. If we succeed in doing that, a student placed on his own responsibility is

capable of continuing his education and of acquiring all the details which he requires with extraordinary rapidity. If he does not acquire the principles, he will never throughout his life attain to a position higher than that of a qualified quack, at the mercy of every wind that blows, and the servant of the vendors of those many proprietary preparations whose alluring advertisements assault our breakfast table. As I read through the reports of that first Dublin meeting, I realise how fully those who were then gathered together had grasped the true meaning of education, and how great an impetus they gave to the realisation of their wishes."

### LATER IRISH MEETINGS.

The President then reviewed the work of the meeting in Cork in 1879 and in Belfast in 1884, the time of the opening up of the bacteriological sciences, and when the medical and lay mind was only awakening to the fact that many diseases were due to germs.

In 1887 the fourth Irish meeting was held in Dublin, just twenty years after the first. More than twenty years were to elapse before the fifth, and a further period of twenty-four years before this, the sixth, meeting. As before, the venue was Trinity College, but the annual dinner and some of the other functions were held in the comparatively new Royal University—a university which has since disappeared. The President was Dr. John Banks, Regius Professor of Physic, and famous as the subject of a *Punch* cartoon.

The most remarkable address was that delivered by the Rev. Samuel Haughton, M.D., S.F.T.C.D., on "Reflections on Death Rate, with Special Reference to Dublin and its Suburbs." He appealed eloquently that the Dublin slums should be wiped out, and stated that the high death rate in Dublin was largely due to the bad housing conditions. Much was done from 1887 onwards, but it was only two years ago, in 1931, that the slum problem was tackled on comprehensive lines. In that year the Civics Institute of Ireland brought the subject prominently before the public; much interest was aroused, and a scheme was propounded. To-day the slums are vanishing, and new and more healthy dwellings are being provided for our workers. But if the problem is not to recur it will be essential that the workers should be taught how to live in their new dwellings. The provision of good houses is not enough. People must be taught how to live in those houses; indeed, if necessary, coercion in relation to cleanliness of habit must be applied.

In teaching the laws of health the medical profession can do much, both directly and indirectly. Many idle men and women could be taught to become social workers and to devote some of their superabundant leisure to regular work in the poorer quarters of our cities. Sympathetic workers of this sort would do much to establish mutual understanding among all members of the community, and to improve generally the standard of life and the economic utilisation of commodities. Dr. Haughton also advised the construction of a main drainage scheme for Dublin, and drew a vivid picture of the then unsanitary state of outlying suburbs. His words bore fruit. Dublin now possesses a main drainage scheme of which any city may be proud; our city and our suburbs can claim to be as sanitary as any in the world. Our death rate since 1887 has fallen from 33.2 per 1,000 to 15.0 per 1,000 in 1930.

### IRELAND AND MEDICAL PROGRESS.

The fifth meeting was held in 1909 in Belfast. In the twenty-five years which had intervened since the previous meeting in the Northern capital both the city and the Association had progressed enormously. Belfast now boasted over 400,000 inhabitants, while the Association had over 20,000 members and an income of nearly £50,000 a year. One thousand five hundred members were present, and the business was conducted in the Queen's College, which just then had attained to the *status* of an independent University. The Lord Lieutenant, Lord Aberdeen, attended with Lady Aberdeen, and as a tribute to Lady Aberdeen's work in connection with public health she was elected an honorary member of the Association, the first woman on whom the distinction was conferred.

In the period of forty-two years covered by those five meetings the science and art of medicine passed from mediævalism to modernism. The British Medical Association played no unworthy part in this evolution, and Ireland could claim that, largely as a result of these meetings, it had been enabled to influence the policy and structure of the Association and to contribute in no small measure to medical progress.

### THE POOR LAW.

The President then dealt with the campaign by the Association in relation to the Poor Law medical service and workhouse system. Before 1765 practically no provision existed in rural Ireland for the medical relief of the sick poor. Under an Act passed in 1765 infirmaries and fever hospitals were established in almost every county during the next fifty years; while they were an undoubted boon, they left the main problem of medical attendance of the poor quite untouched, and later it became apparent that further provision must be made for the aged and decrepit and for the destitute sick. In 1838 the Poor Law Act was passed, but the workhouses built under that Act were unsatisfactory, so much so that the B.M.A. in 1895 sent a special Commissioner, Miss C. J. Wood, to inquire into the system. The workhouse system continued until 1921, when a start was made to have them wiped away. Miss Wood's report and the action of the B.M.A. in sending her over was a factor in their final abolition. The place of these unions has now been taken by a well-organised system of county homes and county hospitals and by a system of outdoor relief.

The third great landmark in the provision of medical relief was the Medical Charities Act of 1851, under which the dispensary Poor Law system was established. By this Act the country was divided up into areas, 810 in number, each with a dispensary doctor. To these doctors was assigned the duty of the medical care of the poor in their area. Those who were seriously ill were to be visited in their own homes, and those less seriously ill were to be treated at out-patient clinics or dispensaries.

The movement was praised by Rumsey in 1867, but doctors suffered under many grievances. In 1882 some of the grievances were recognised, and Mr. Herbert Gladstone introduced a bill dealing with superannuation, but it failed to become law. Then in 1891 the B.M.A. took up the matter of these grievances, and in 1898 a new Act was passed under which conditions were improved. The B.M.A. continued assiduously to watch after the interests of Irish doctors, especially those working under the Poor Law system, and following the establishment of an Irish office, with secretary, grievances have been removed one by one.

Dr. Moorhead referred to the present system of appointing doctors by the Appointments Commissioners. There is no doubt that under this scheme, he said, favouritism and jobbery have been done away with, and that, at any rate, until quite recently the dispensary medical officers have been appointed on an equitable basis.

When the text of the National Health Insurance Bill was issued the Irish Committee of the B.M.A. and the Irish Medical Association were active, and although interests of the profession in England and Ireland were dissimilar doctors in Ireland stood firm for fair conditions for doctors in England. The Association's victory was now a matter of history, and in Ireland the struggle to secure sufficient remuneration for sickness certification was settled when it was agreed that an annual sum of £90,000 should be paid for certification in Ireland.

### AMALGAMATION.

The President pointed out that in most of its activities the British Medical Association has worked in conjunction with the Irish Medical Association. In June of this year the Irish Medical Association numbered just under 400, and the members of the British Medical Association resident in Ireland were nearly 11,000. Again and again it has been felt that in a small country like Ireland a single representative association would have greater weight in promoting the interests of the profession than two associations, which, though friendly to one another, are to some extent competitive, and at any rate overlap in their activities. Various attempts at amalgamation have been made. The last of these was in 1919, when an influential committee was appointed to explore the question. After some months this committee reported in favour of amalgamation, and in favour of the formation of a single association affiliated to the British Medical Association. The amalgamation was, however, intended to apply to the whole of Ireland, but before the scheme could be discussed in detail political partition in Ireland had been brought about. As a result the matter was allowed to drop. But it appears to me that the time is now ripe for a reopening of the question.

From a scientific point of view the interests of doctors are probably identical everywhere, but conditions of service vary in accordance with the custom of the people and in accord-

ance with legislative enactments. Since the passage of the Insurance Act the conditions of practice in England and in Ireland have been dissimilar. Of necessity much of the work of the Association deals with insurance problems which in no way interest or affect the Irish doctor. In consequence many of the Irish profession are slow to join an Association whose work from their point of view is so largely devoted to matters with which they have no concern. An affiliation on broad lines would, I feel certain, prove of benefit to the Association as a whole, and to the Irish profession. I feel that such an Association would be widely supported, and would be genuinely representative. It may be added that the establishment in 1926 of a separate Medical Register for the Irish Free State has to some extent already organised our entire medical profession.

### PUBLIC HEALTH.

The President, referring to public health services in the Irish Free State, paid a tribute to the work of Dr. Thomas Hennessy, the Irish secretary of the British Medical Association, especially in connection with a paper read to the Royal Academy of Medicine in Ireland in 1919, in which he foreshadowed a comprehensive scheme of public health services with central control. He also paid a tribute to Dr. Stephenson, late Chief Medical Adviser, Free State Department of Local Government and Public Health, and to the Department's officials generally. A full-time medical officer of health in each county is responsible for all matters of health, and receives reports from the dispensary doctors. Specialist services have not been neglected, while ophthalmic surgeons work according to definite plan, School inspection work and schemes for child welfare have also been developed, while in each county schemes for the treatment of venereal disease and for tuberculosis, with domiciliary visitation, have been adopted.

The President concluded:—"It is unnecessary to go into further details, but it is clear that, as far as Ireland is concerned, a great step forward has been taken in the last ten years in connection with public health. Only a person resident in the country can realise how great the advance has been, and how great an improvement the new order is compared with the old. The Department of Local Government and Public Health, in pursuing its policy, has wisely realised that education of the public must precede reform, and so thorough have been its methods of instruction that practically every forward step has been made with the concurrence and good-will of the county councils, who are responsible, and of the people generally."

"Ireland has still far to go, but it is advancing resolutely. Before long it will be in the very forefront of civilised races so far as the care of its people is concerned. In its future struggle this meeting of the British Medical Association will prove a stimulus and an aid. It comes at the beginning of an epoch in our development. Perfection is not attainable; for as the goal is approached new problems ever arise, but Ireland is travelling hopefully, and to do that is better than to arrive. Its desire is not merely for the physical needs of its people, but for their spiritual development."

"I looked aside the dust cloud rolled,  
The Warrior seemed the Builder too,  
Upspringing from the ruined Old,  
I saw the New!"

### VOTE OF THANKS.

Dr. E. Kaye Le Fleming, M.A., chairman of the Representative Body, proposed a vote of thanks to the President for his address, and tendered him not only the loyalty and the regard, but also the affection, of every member of the British Medical Association.

Dr. A. R. Parsons, City of Dublin Hospital, seconded the motion, and referred to the brilliant career of the gentleman who was now their president.

The motion was passed with acclamation.

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# District Nursing in Donegal.

## Meeting of County Committee.

### Interesting Address by Miss Colburn.

A meeting of the Donegal County Committee of District Nursing was (by the kind permission of Captain and Mrs. Hamilton) held at Brownhall, Ballintra. Miss E. C. R. Hart, Carrablagh, Portsalon, president of the County Committee, presided. Also present—Mrs. E. M. Fullerton, Glencairn, Ramelton, county secretary, and Mrs. Kelly, Kiitoy, Letterkenny, treasurer; Miss Mary M'Cauley and Miss Louie Sweeney, Rev. T. Doherty, Dungloe; Mrs. P. Ford, Mrs. Kelly, and Mrs. M'Ginley, M.B., Letterkenny; Mrs. Gus Barton, Portsalon, Fahan; Mrs. Jellett, Mrs. Bushe, and Miss Batt, Rathmullan; Captain J. S. and Mrs. Hamilton, Brownhall, Ballintra; Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Cochrane, Mrs. Boyd, and Mrs. S. D. M'Laughlin, Castlein and Lifford; Lady Stewart, Mrs. Wray, and Mrs. Watt, Ramelton; Miss F. Dickson, Mrs. Goodliffe, and Miss A. Deeney, Fahan and Inch; Mrs. R. Temple, Mrs. E. Flood, Mrs. M. Gallagher, M.B., and Mr. G. A. Barnes, Donegal; Mrs. Nora M'Gettigan, Dunkineely; Mrs. G. Feeney and Miss A. Cassidy, Bundoran; Mrs. T. Beatty and Mrs. Joan Fforde, Bruckless; Mrs. W. T. Arnold, Dunfanaghy; Mr. J. Kelly, Ballybofey and Stranorlar; Mrs. Sinclair, Miss E. F. Colburn, superintendent for Ireland of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing; and Dr. M. J. M'Colgan, county medical officer of health.

Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from Mrs. Meredith, Buncrana; Lady Mayo, London; Mrs. Magee, Fahan; Miss K. Meighan, Clonmany; and Miss Florence Leigh, Dublin.

A letter stating that he gladly consented to have his name added to the list of patrons of the association was read from the Most Rev. Dr. MacNeely, Roman Catholic Bishop of Raphoe.

At the outset a glowing tribute was paid to the late Dr. Sean O'Deagha, who accomplished good work for the District Nursing movement in the county, and the following resolution was adopted, the delegates standing:—"The members of the Donegal County Nursing Association at this their first meeting since the lamented death of Dr. O'Deagha, wish to convey to Mrs. O'Deagha their most heartfelt sympathy. The committee and nurses all remember with pleasure the very keen interest shown by Dr. O'Deagha in the development of the Home Nursing Service in the county. The committee will do their utmost to have Dr. O'Deagha's ambition fulfilled, which was so clearly expressed at their annual reunion. We hope to have the needed twenty-five nurses to link up the county ere long. The County Committee will consider the establishment of these twenty-five nurses as a fitting memorial to the first county medical officer of health in Donegal."

Mrs. Kelly read a statement of accounts, which was unanimously adopted.

Returns showed that some of the local associations had not yet held the flag day

collection for the county funds, and Captain Hamilton suggested that an annual levy should be imposed on the local associations.

Miss Colburn said that in view of the fact that many of those associations were young and struggling to make ends meet the imposition of such a levy would not be desirable. The County Association, however, must have money if development was to take place. Donegal County had set the lead in the matter of organising a County Committee, and everything should be done to maintain that high standard.

In the course of an address Miss Colburn emphasised the great pleasure it gave her to attend the meeting, her second such visit to Donegal within three months. She spoke in high terms of the success of the nurses' day-out, which had been thoroughly enjoyed by them all.

Referring to the question of the establishment of a Needlework Guild, she pointed out that it was vital to have the nurses supplied with old linen if they were not to be hampered and restricted in their ministrations. The idea to be aimed at was that each association, while supplying its own district as well as possible, should endeavour to contribute to a county stock cupboard from which supplies might be drawn to help the poorer areas and in times of special stress.

Dealing with the matter of the Nurses' Pension Fund Endowment, Miss Colburn pointed out that while the minimum figure originally settled for this fund (£20,000) had now been almost reached the association was handicapped by the fact that interest on investments had fallen and the rate of pension, if they were to keep in line with England and Scotland, would have to be increased.

Continuing, Miss Colburn said that under amended legislation the settled fund which had been established out of Sweepstake monies for the opening of new district nursing associations had been abolished, and grants had now to be applied for in individual cases.

She thought the County Committee would be doing invaluable work if they could provide the usual equipment (bag and bicycle) for the nurse in every new district opened in the county. She also stressed the importance of all the Jubilee nurses in the county reporting to their committees or other responsible authority any cases of blindness of which they might become aware in their districts, so that the afflicted persons might be enabled to participate in the benefits which were available to them from the State.

After some discussion it was agreed to contribute £5 from county funds towards the nurses' pension fund, a further contribution to be made later if the funds should warrant such a course.

Captain Hamilton raised the question of the erection of nurses' cottages and deprecated the very long delay which had occurred in proceeding with the work. While he believed that the fault did not lie with the Board of Health, he proposed a resolution that that body should be asked to expedite the building of these much-needed cottages as far as possible.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

It was decided to hold a county dance in Ballybofey, at a date to be arranged, with a view to augmenting the county funds. It was stated that with the active co-operation of the various local committees the function should be a complete social and financial success.

On the proposal of Mrs. Kelly, seconded by Mrs. M'Ginley, it was decided to hold the next county meeting in Letterkenny.

A hearty vote of thanks to Captain and Mrs. Hamilton for their hospitality, and for the splendid tea they so kindly provided, was passed at the conclusion of the meeting.



# In Wildest Donegal

## THE DISTRICT NURSES AT FANAD HEAD

A VISIT to Fanad Head from Northern Ireland entails a change at Strabane from the Great Northern Railway on to the narrow gauge, single track route to Letterkenny, with an interview with the Customs officials included. The strange little car, with its single long compartment and luggage trailer, sways its way between the stubble of newly garnered crops, downward, always downward, to the level of the Swilly, waved on across the road crossings, as often as not, by quite small children who brandish the green flag of safety.

From Letterkenny the passenger must travel by road for nearly thirty miles, the mountains—purple with heather—coming nearer and nearer, the road surfaces deteriorating, the villages becoming fewer and smaller, the arable land giving way to sheep pasture and peat fields. Primitive cottages, which house large families gleam whitely on the hillsides, and sheltered corners here and there bear the families' potato crops. By a tiny national school where the pupils were reading together in Erse, we stopped and enquired the way of a baker's van-boy.

"Keep to your right just ahead here," he told us, "then turn down a steep hill to your left, and you'll see Nurse's house standing alone out on the green, by the edge of a wee lough."

We thanked him, and came to the top of the hill. Below was the lough, surrounded by flat, open grassland. Down by the water's edge, in lonely state, stood a whitewashed cottage with slate roof. A high whitewashed garden wall, reaching to the eaves, seemed to grow out of the side walls of the cottage, and protected a pretty little garden alike from relentless winds and inquisitive sheep. We buttoned our coat collars, closed the windows of the car, and looked beyond the cottage over a sandy road and a rough embankment to the cold rocks that stand immovable and somewhat scornful beneath the vain onslaught of Atlantic breakers.

### An Urgent Call

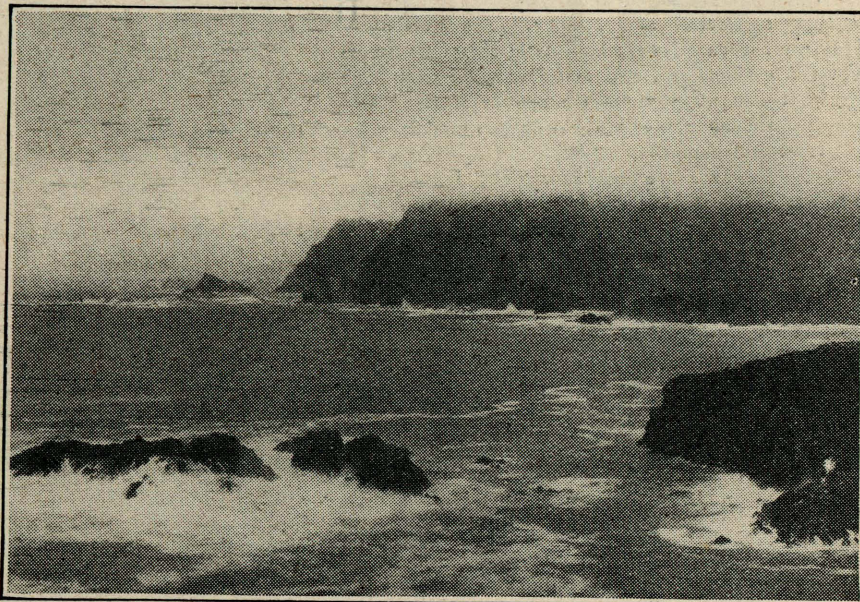
At the cottage disappointment awaited us, for Nurse O'Dowd was out, gone, as I learnt later, in answer to an urgent call from a lonely farmhouse. The screams of the black-headed gulls overhead were the only answer to my knock. Luck turned, however, for as we approached the hotel, some seven miles up the Swilly, where we proposed staying the night, we met Nurse O'Dowd's colleague, Nurse Clancy, who consented to come

in and tell me about the Fanad District Nursing Association.

District nursing, I learnt, is an activity of comparatively young growth in this part of Donegal, but of sturdy growth nevertheless. The first annual picnic this summer saw about thirty nurses from different parts of the county assembled together for an enjoyable afternoon.

### Very Kind People

The Fanad District Nursing Association has been formed for about three years, and from the start employed two Queen's nurses, Miss O'Dowd and Miss Clancy, who had previously worked together at St.



[Photograph]

### Rough Seas and Rocks.

[Exclusive News.]

Lawrence's District Home in Dublin.

"Did you receive your general training in the Free State, too?" I asked Nurse Clancy.

"Yes, at Waterford County Infirmary, but I spent some time in London for fever training—at the South Western Hospital, Stockwell."

"And Nurse O'Dowd?"

"She went to London, to St. Andrew's Hospital, Dollis Hill."

"How do you like Donegal after city life?"

"Very well. The people are very kind, although they are sometimes a little difficult to manage as patients!"

"In what way? Do you find them superstitious?"

"Extremely; and some of them seem rather frightened, too, of going to a doctor. There are people who make quite a trade of selling charms and herbal concoctions. One man who had a septic finger was terrified that a doctor would operate, so he bought a plaster from one of these men, which he wore for nearly a month. The poison, of course, spread, and in the end he had to go



to a doctor, and he lost his finger, and very nearly his arm as well."

Another tale of a similar kind related to a tuberculous boy. His disease had reached an advanced stage, and Nurse Clancy had been visiting him daily. On one occasion she was confronted at the door of the cottage, and told that she need not come any more. The parents had consulted a "doctor," bought a charm from him which the little patient wore round his neck, and no amount of persuasion would shake their faith in their purchase.

### Rare Flowers

Such an attitude among the peasants makes nursing an uphill task, and such incidents carry a full measure of discouragement; yet during the short life of the association an improvement has already made itself felt, so that the Fanad Health Club shows an increasing membership, and many a farmer's wife saves the pennies by rigid economy in order to contribute a share for the family. The countryside also turns out in force to support the honorary secretaries and founders, Miss Hart and Mrs. G. Barton, when Miss Hart opens in aid of the funds her beautiful grounds and still more beautiful walled garden which, tucked away under the shelter of the hills, contains a profusion of rare oriental flowers and ferns, shrubs and trees and bamboos.

"How do you share out the work?" I asked.

"Nurse O'Dowd has the northern half of the district and I the southern. The Rathmullan district adjoins ours, and our aim is to link up the whole county in that way, but at present there are still a good many districts that have no nurse."

"Do you have a cottage of your own, like Nurse O'Dowd?"

"No, I lodge at a farm with very nice people, who are extremely good about my comings and goings at odd hours, and produce meals for me whenever I want them. I think Nurse O'Dowd likes having a little home of her own, but I am not sure that I am not better off as I am. A cottage would make a lot of work for me when I am tired from nursing. And I don't think I could bear to live where she does. There is scarcely a tree to be seen out there; but I like this part. It is not quite so bleak."

"How does she like her beat?"

"Oh, she likes it, so we are both pleased!"

"Do you do any midwifery?"

"Very seldom, as there is a midwife in the neighbourhood, but we do a certain amount of maternity nursing for the cases that book a doctor. Our work is mostly medical, and minor surgical dressings. Then there is school work, but the clinics are not held very often, as there is only one school doctor now for the whole county. We have clinics, too, for babies and children up to five years old."

### Pedalling into the Storm

"And now," she added, "I have one more late call to make before I get home."

The rain had come, and the wind was blowing gustily, but Nurse Clancy smiled aside my suggestion that she should wait, mounted her bicycle and pedalled into the storm, one hand holding together the skirts of her waterproof coat.

H. J.



## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**The Midwives' Institute.**—The next meeting of the Wimbledon and Mitcham branch will be held at the Wimbledon Town Hall on Monday, October 21. It is hoped to have a speaker from the Institute, which is assisting the branch to form a post-graduate course of lectures from noted speakers, beginning in November. The monthly whist drives held in the nurses' home, 28, King's Road, begin on Thursday, October 17, at 3 p.m.

**Institute of Hygiene.**—A series of lectures on "The Hygiene of Youth" will be delivered at the Institute of Hygiene, 28, Portland Place, London, W.1, on Wednesdays, October 23 to November 27, at 3.30 p.m. Further details may be obtained from the secretary of the Institute of Hygiene at the above address.

**Liverpool Royal Infirmary.**—The annual meeting of the nurses' league will be held on Saturday, October 19, beginning with a service in the chapel at 3 p.m., at which the address will be given by the Bishop of Warrington. This will be followed by a short general meeting in the lecture theatre, and tea in the nurses' home at 4 p.m.

**Glasgow Royal Infirmary.**—The nurses' league will hold a sale of work on Saturday, November 2, at 3 p.m. The proceeds are to be divided between the Scottish Nurses' Benevolent Fund and the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Benevolent Fund. Any donations may be sent to Miss Husband, the matron.

**Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.**—The Medical Missions meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Thursday, October 17, at 8 p.m. The Rev. Dom Bernard Clements, O.S.B., and Dr. R. Kelson Ford will speak.

**Belfast Infirmary.**—A reunion of nurses will be held on Thursday, October 24, from 3 to 6 p.m.

**Leicester Royal Infirmary.**—The autumn meeting of the nurses' league will be held on Saturday, November 2, at 2.30 p.m. Dinner at 6.30 p.m. Tickets 1s. Members intending to be present should apply to Miss E. Marriott, 14, de Montfort Street, Leicester, before October 28.

**Catholic Nurses' Guild, Tees-side Area.**—A meeting will be held on Monday, October 14. Benediction will be given at St. Cuthbert's Church, Yarm Road, Stockton-on-Tees, at 6.30 p.m., and will be followed by a lecture by the Rev. Father Fee at Nealholme.

**King's College Hospital.**—His Royal Highness the Duke of York will preside for the first time as president of King's College Hospital at the festival dinner which will be held at Claridge's on Thursday, November 14.

**Booth Hall Hospital, Manchester.**—The annual reunion of nurses will be held on Saturday, November 2, at 4 p.m. Acceptances should be addressed to the matron, stating if accommodation is required for the night.

**Bolingbroke Hospital.**—The nurses' reunion and annual league meeting will be held on Saturday, October 26, at 3.30 p.m.



## SURGICAL EQUIPMENT

A paragraph appeared in our last week's issue to the effect that an order on behalf of the Abyssinian authorities for £1,000 worth of medical and surgical equipment had been received by the Surgical Manufacturing Co., 33, Mortimer Street, W.1. We are now informed that the order was actually for considerably more than this amount, which was merely a payment as a sign of good faith.



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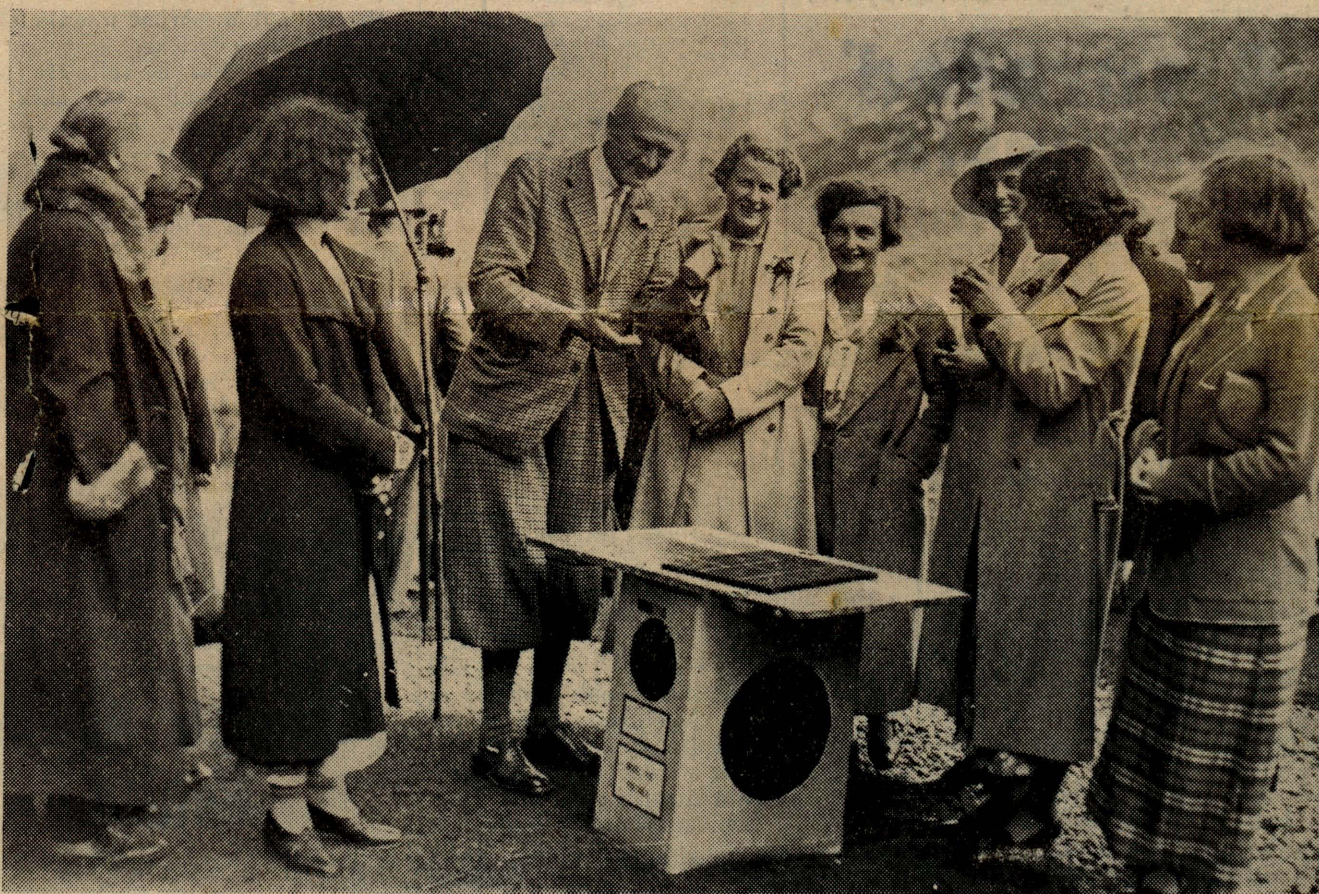


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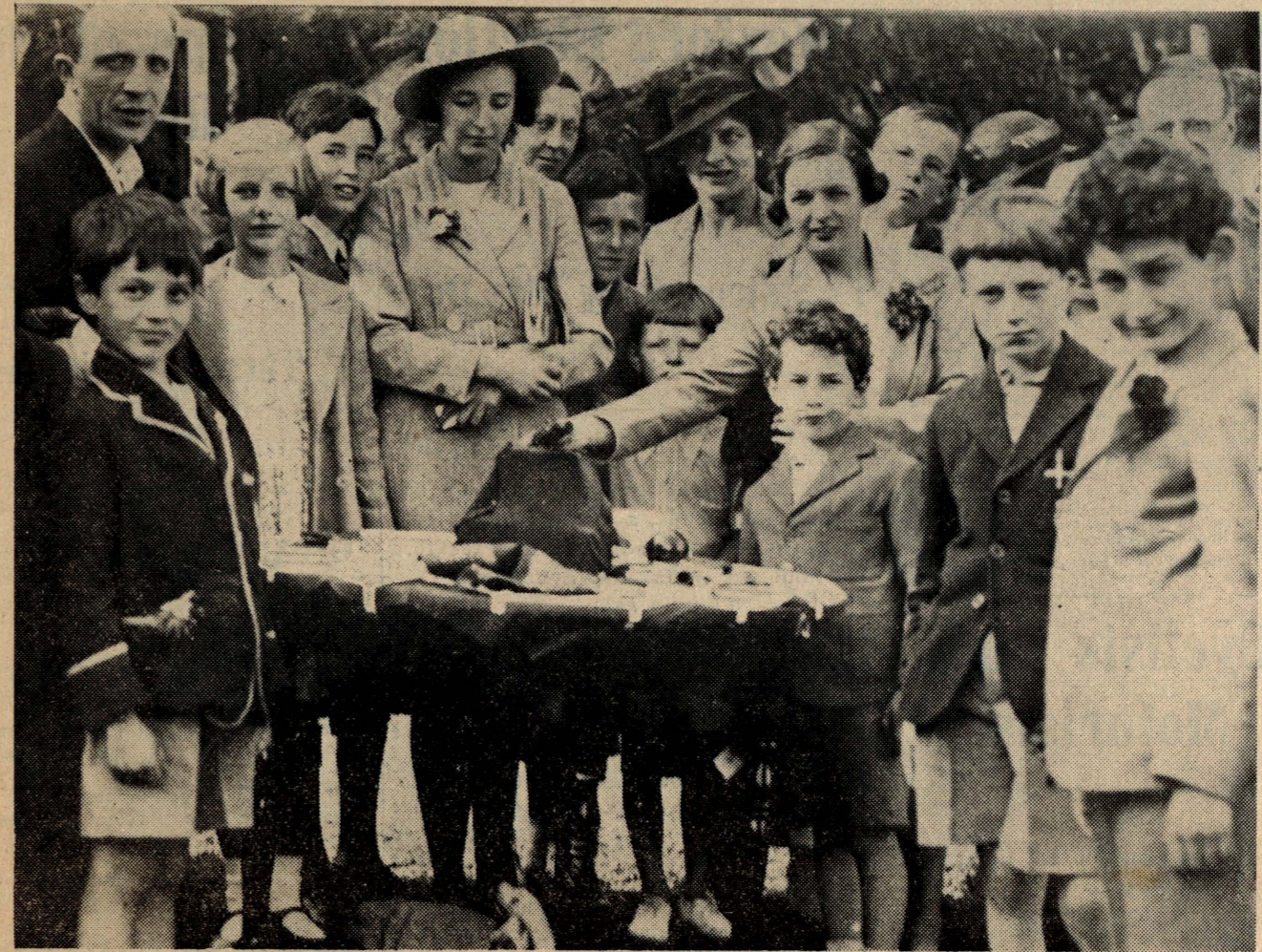
Delegates from the District Nursing Associations throughout the county who attended the biennial meeting of the Donegal County Nursing Association in Buncrana on Tuesday. In the centre of the front row is Miss Coburn, Queen's Jubilee Nursing Association, Superintendent for All Ireland, who addressed the meeting, and on whose right is Miss Hart, Carrablagh, President of the Donegal County Association. Seated on extreme right is Rev. P. Tracy, P.P., who presided.



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The platform party at the opening of Carrablagh Garden Fete yesterday. Left to right—Colonel Maxton Moore, Miss Hart, Mr. J. N. Kenion, Mrs. G. Barton, Rev. R. Gracey, and Mrs. Maxton Moore.



A happy group round the "Lucky Spinner" at the Carrablagh Garden Fete yesterday.



Some of the workers at the various side-shows and stalls at the Carrablagh Garden Fete.



Lord Jamieson running "Chuck Penny" at the Carrablagh Garden Fete.

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**OPEN-AIR FETE AT  
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Miss Hart kindly placed the beautiful grounds at Carrablagh at the disposal of the joint committee that were responsible for organising the fete. The chairman, the Revd. Robert Gracey, B.A.; Mrs. J. Barton, and Miss Hart, were those primarily concerned in the plans for the entertainment.

Owing to the vagaries in the weather conditions an anxious week was spent in the preparations; the weather reports and barometer were scanned with eagerness.

The country side for miles around responded to a man (this of course includes the fair sex) in contributions in kind and labour. Motor cars were busy collecting gifts of cakes, bread, fruit, tweeds, fancy work, etc., and the good will of all the local inhabitants and visitors was demonstrated by the very generous supplies forthcoming. After a night of rain the dawn of the 19th was cloudy and warm and none too promising and the final decorations of the stalls and lay out of the side shows was carried out by a willing and cheerful band of helpers. Demands for anti-midge lotion were heard on every side and had anyone felt weary and desirous of a few minutes' rest, they were literally stung into renewed activity.

The barometer and the midges rose simultaneously and before noon the warm S.W. breeze changed to a pleasant cool wind from the N.E. just enough to tone down the warm sunshine that bathed Lough Swilly in its cheering rays.

Although the opening ceremony was billed for 3-30 p.m. a number of visitors started coming in nearly an hour before, no doubt tempted by the gorgeous turn of the weather and the well-known attractions of Carrablagh with its rugged coast line, its wooded and heather-clad slopes and the glorious views across "The Lake of Shadows," stretching from the Swilly buoy and Dunaff Head on the north to the rugged mountains of Inishowen and Dunree Fort and eastwards on to Buncrana and the Knockalla mountains to the south.

Lady McFarland, who had kindly consented to open the fete, arrived by car from Derry well in advance of the opening ceremony. By 3.30 p.m. a large assembly had collected, including several bus loads from Derry, Letterkenny and Ramelton, where wellwishers had sportingly organised parties. The avenue was lined with parked motor cars, later arrivals having to be directed onto the side of the main road.

The Chairman, in a few well-chosen words, introducing Lady McFarland, gave her a most cordial welcome on behalf of all present.

Lady McFarland, looking charming in a dark blue costume, made a delightful speech, every word of which could be heard by the large crowd gathered on the lawn in front of the house.

The Fete was declared open amidst rounds of applause.

The Rev. J. Edgar, B.A., Kerrykeel, on behalf of the local District Nursing Association, in a brief and witty speech proposed a vote of thanks to Lady McFarland who, he said, with Sir Basil, were known for their untiring zeal in the cause of all local charities. He touched on the good work carried out by the local nurses and the appreciation of the efforts of the association as shown by the splendid attendance and general support given to the movement from all quarters.

In order to save time Mr. Edgar asked those present to second his proposal by a hearty round of applause as a mead of thanks to Lady McFarland for her presence at the fete.

This was heartily responded to.

**SIDE SHOWS AND OTHER ATTRAC-  
TIONS.**

From the word go everything went with a swing. Sounds of merriment and laughter were heard on every side as the various groups collected round the side shows. There were "Swatting the Rat," "Pegging for Hidden Treasure," "The Lucky Spinner," putting competition, rifle range, quoits, and various other games of skill or cards.

For those more seriously minded other methods had been adopted for satisfying the will to spend.

Three tastefully decorated stalls had been arranged. The "Pound Stall," presided over by Mrs. Gracey, the Work Stall, ably conducted by Mrs. Jos. Barton and Mrs. E. Barton and Mrs. Carver, and variety, in charge of the Misses Moore and Mrs. Kyle.

Two fortune tellers were available for those who wished to dip into the future. These two ladies deserve special thanks, as from 3-30 to 7 p.m. they were besieged by a constant stream of clients, and were, therefore, unable to join in the merrymaking outside.

The vendor of ice creams was indeed an optimist and on the principle "Laugh and the world laughs with you"—Old Sol literally beamed on her, causing a rapid demand on her cooling wares. "Sold Out" was soon the word.

**£20,000 FOR  
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**BIG GOVERNMENT  
GRANT  
BASED ON TRANSPORT  
COMMISSION'S  
REPORT**

A grant of £20,416 is to be made by the Free State Local Government Department to the Donegal County Council in respect of the improvement of certain roads in the county following the report of the Transport Commission.

The roads referred to are as follows:

- 1—Part of the Letterkenny-Dunfan-aghly-Falcarragh-Dungloe road, between Clady River and Dungloe—8 miles.
- 2—Road from Crolley Bridge to Kin-casslagh, via Annagry—7 miles.
- 3—Road from Kincaasslagh to Gortna-sate—1 mile.
- 4—Coast Road from Kincaasslagh, via Acres, to Burtonport—4 miles.
- 5—Road from Burtonport to Dungloe—5 miles.

At an estimated cost of £1,000 per mile for the roads at (1) and (5), and £1,500 for the roads at (2), (3), and (4), which require considerable widening, the total cost of strengthening and re-surfacing (with necessary widening) would amount to £30,625, and on this basis the Minister has obtained the consent of the Minister for Finance to the making of a grant of two-thirds of the cost of the works, subject to a maximum grant of £20,416, of which one moiety will be borne from the Road Fund and the other from the Employment Schemes Vote, 1936-37. The balance, £10,209, to be met by the County Council.

**VAIN APPEAL TO  
APPOINT CATHOLIC**

**Derry Mental Hospital  
Assistant Stokership**

At Derry Mental Hospital Committee, Senator Long presiding, there were twenty-two applications received for the position of assistant stoker in the institution, and the Committee interviewed nineteen of the applicants, who came from Derry City and County, Ballymoney and Strabane.

Alderman Meenan suggested that the person appointed to the position should be a Catholic. He claimed that his side of the House was entitled to the appointment, and mentioned that of the last ten or twelve appointments made by the Committee only two had been given to Catholics.

There was, he said, on the Corporation an arrangement whereby jobs were shared fifty-fifty on a religious basis, and this worked satisfactorily.

The Chairman decided to put the name of each candidate before the Committee.

Alderman Mark proposed the appointment of Thomas Cunningham, Benvar-den Avenue, Derry, and this was seconded by Councillor Webb.

Alderman Meenan proposed that John M'Dowell, Coshquin, be appointed, and Mr. Healy seconded.

Cunningham was appointed by three votes to two.

Tea proved a great attraction and the large band of voluntary helpers were kept more than busy ministering to the needs of some 350 thirsty and hungry applicants for liquid and solid refreshments.

"Water, water everywhere, and never a drop to drink" might have been paraphrased here, as it was not until all the crowd had dispersed that the willing servers were able to spare time for "a drink or a sup."

**SOME OF THOSE PRESENT.**

Amongst those present were Mrs. Perry, Bunlin Lodge; Mrs. Bushe of Drumhilla; Col. and Mrs. Jellett of Fort Royal, Mr. Franklin, Glencalla; Mrs. Grove, Castle Grove; the Misses Ovens, Miss Batt, Rathmullan House, and Mrs. Fullerton, Ramelton, all these brought their house parties. Portsalon Hotel visitors came in great numbers, and visitors came from The Gweedore Hotel, Rosapenna, and St. Columb's Hotel, Churchill.

Last but by no means least, thanks are due to Mr. Kenyon and Mr. C. Barrett, both visitors at Portsalon, whose organising abilities, keenness and sense of humour contributed so largely to the success of the proceedings. Mr. Kenyon also, with remarkable versatility, transformed himself into an able and amusing auctioneer, and succeeded in clearing off everything at the Pound Stall to a laughing and apparently satisfied assembly of bidders.

Most satisfactory of all was the counting up of the day's takings, when it was found that an excellent sum had been raised in the cause of charity.

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## Donegal Nursing.

### Work of the County Association.

#### Meeting in Buncrana.

The splendid work which the Donegal County Nursing Association is doing in endeavouring to provide nursing facilities within the reach of every home in the county was reviewed at the biennial meeting of the association in the Parochial Hall, Buncrana, on Tuesday, when Rev. P. Tracy, P.P., presided over a large attendance of delegates from the various district nursing associations in the county.

The Chairman at the outset welcomed the delegates and spoke of the work the association was doing towards the relief of the sick and infirm in the county and the alleviation of those for whom there was very little hope of recovery. He paid a tribute to the work of the officials of the association and said he did not believe they could find better officials anywhere.

The annual report of the president (Miss Hart, Carrablagh, Portsalon) referred to the loss the association had sustained shortly after its inauguration by the death of Dr. O'Deagha, county medical officer of health, and stated that as much progress as was anticipated had not been accomplished. Two annual nurses' reunions had been held—in 1935 at Rosapenna and in 1936 at Lough Eske. These outings gave great pleasure to all the nurses, who were thus able to meet and discuss their many difficulties, &c., and also to the nursing association committees.

The hon. secretary (Mrs. Fullerton, Glencairn, Ramelton) read interesting and encouraging reports of the work that had been done by the following district nursing associations since the last meeting:—Letterkenny, Drumholm, Stranorlar, Glenvar and Rathmullan, Ramelton, Clonleigh and Castlefin, Ballyshannon, Clonmany, Fahan, Buncrana, Fanad, Merville, Carndonagh, and Donegal.

Questions in regard to the wearing of the association's uniforms were discussed, and Miss Coburn, Queen's Jubilee Nursing Association Superintendent for all Ireland, emphasised the importance of the wearing of uniforms by the nurses. The uniform, she pointed out, was most suitable for the work of the nurses and becoming to the wearers.

A discussion arose in regard to the venue of the nurses' annual reunion, and it was suggested that the reunion should be held in the eastern and western parts of the county in alternate years. It was eventually agreed, however, to hold the reunion this year at Inver and that the nurses should attend in uniform.

A similar suggestion was made in regard to the holding of the biennial meeting of the association, but no action was taken on the matter, and it was decided to accept the invitation of the Lifford Association to hold the next biennial meeting in Lifford.

Miss Coburn in the course of an interesting address said it was very gratifying to see how keenly the delegates were following the work of the association. County Donegal had the distinction of having the first county association in the Free State, and they were looking to County Donegal for many things. She did not want interest in the association to decline, as their great ambition was that there should be available for every home in the county a Jubilee nurse. Wonderful strides had been made with the work of the association, but the aim of the late Dr. O'Deagha to have twenty-five more district associations formed in the county had not yet been realised. It should be their aim and object to have these twenty-five district associations formed. They would be a perpetual memorial to the late Dr. O'Deagha. The last district association to be formed was at Merville, and they had reason to be proud of the work that was being done there.

Continuing, Miss Coburn said tremendous changes had taken place during the last forty years. There was more money in the hands of the poorer people at the present time and less in the hands of the rich. It was because of this that they wanted even the humblest to do their share in maintaining the association. They wanted the people to feel they were insuring against sickness and getting the skilled nursing for which they were paying. She wanted the nursing associations that were already established to endeavour to arouse interest in those districts which were without associations so that their work might be extended and the number of district associations increased.

Miss Coburn stressed the need for suitable housing accommodation for their nurses throughout the county, and said the county representatives should be pressed to emphasise to the Board of Health the necessity of providing cottages for the nurses.

Referring to the work of the nurses, Miss Coburn said statistics only conveyed a remote idea of the work that was being carried on, but all the reports, without exception, spoke of how well the nurses were discharging their duties.

In conclusion, Miss Coburn paid a tribute to the district committees who were responsible for raising funds to carry on the work, and thanked them sincerely for all they had done in this direction.

The Chairman, on behalf of the delegates, thanked Miss Coburn for her address, and Miss Hart thanked the Chairman for presiding.

Afterwards all present were entertained to tea by the ladies of the Buncrana Association, who were sincerely thanked for their hospitality by Rev. A. Noblett.

#### HIGH LEVELS IN INDUSTRY.

British pig iron production last month reached the highest total since October, 1929, and the crude steel production was the highest monthly output on record.

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View of audience attending one of the free cookery demonstrations given in England by members of the College of Modern Housekeeping, who are to give similar demonstrations in Londonderry Guildhall on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of next week under the auspices of "The Londonderry Sentinel." The large attendance indicates the remarkable popularity of these demonstrations.



Delegates from the District Nursing Associations throughout the county who attended the biennial meeting of the Donegal County Nursing Association in Buncrana on Tuesday. In the centre of the front row is Miss Coburn, Queen's Jubilee Nursing Association, Superintendent for All Ireland, who addressed the meeting, and on whose right is Miss Hart, Carrablagh, President of the Donegal County Association. Seated on extreme right is Rev. P. Tracy, P.P., who presided.



# JUBILEE AND DUDLEY NURSES.

## REUNION IN DONEGAL.

The annual reunion of all Jubilee and Dudley Nurses working in County Donegal was held at Portsalon Hotel on Tuesday, when twenty-five nurses attended, and a large number of delegates from the various County Donegal Nursing Associations were present.

Sir Frederick Moore, the chairman of the garden scheme for the nurses' pension fund, and Lady Moore, vice-president of the Executive Committee of District Nursing in Ireland; Mrs. Teacher, chairman of the Lady Dudley Fund; and Mrs. Berridge, one of the original members of the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme, came from County Galway.

Mrs. J. W. Fullerton and Dr. M. J. Bastible, county medical officer of health, were also present.

After an excellent lunch Lady Moore gave a short address to the nurses, during which she conveyed to them the greetings of the Countess of Kenmare, who for many years was president of the Irish Branch of District Nursing, and said Geraldine Countess of Mayo also sent her best wishes for the reunion, while Hon. Mrs. Barry, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Irish Branch, wrote that she envied her the opportunity of seeing so many of the nurses together and sent them her best wishes.

Lady Moore emphasised the value of the nurses' work in preventing the spread of epidemics, the teaching of health principles, sanitation, food values, and simple rules for the good health and upbringing of children. She expressed her pleasure at meeting so many of the nurses, whom she had known during their training in St. Patrick's and St. Laurence's Homes in Dublin. She referred to a meeting in County Dublin when the county medical officer of Dublin stated he was always satisfied with the work of any District Nurse who had passed the high standard of excellence required by Miss Coburn, superintendent for Ireland. She expressed great pleasure at being invited to the annual reunion.

Miss Coburn and Miss Kavanagh, chief inspector, who is a frequent visitor to County Donegal, were present, the former describing her visit to London.

Sir Frederick Moore explained the object of the garden scheme, stressing the necessity of raising money for the nurses' pension scheme.

Mrs. Bushe thanked all who attended, especially those who had come from a distance.

A pleasant afternoon was spent, and tea was served in the hotel.

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### DONEGAL NURSES AND NURSING ASSOCIATIONS

#### Pleasant Reunion at Portsalon

The annual re-union of all Jubilee and Dudley nurses working in Co. Donegal was held at Portsalon Hotel on Tuesday. Twenty-five nurses attended and a large number of delegates from the various Co. Donegal Nursing Associations were also present.

Sir Frederick and Lady Moore, who were the guests of Miss Hart, Carrablagh, were in attendance. Lady Moore is vice-President of the Executive Committee of District Nursing in Ireland, and Sir Frederick is chairman of the Garden Scheme for the Nurses' Pension Fund. Mrs. Teacher, chairman of the Lady Dudley Fund, and Mrs. Bevridge, one of the original members of the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme, came from Co. Galway to be present.

After an excellent luncheon, Lady Moore made a short speech to the nurses in which she gave them greetings from the Countess of Kenmare who, for many years, was president of the Irish branch of District Nursing. Geraldine, Countess of Mayo, sent her best wishes for the re-union, and the Hon. Mrs. Barry, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Irish Branch, said she envied Lady Moore seeing so many of the nurses together, and sent them her best wishes.

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Miss Colburn delivered a short speech in which she described her visit to London.

Sir Frederick Moore explained the object of the Garden Scheme and emphasised the necessity of raising money for the Nurses' Pension Fund.

Mrs. Bushe returned thanks to all present, especially those who had come from so far for the re-union.

A pleasant afternoon was spent and tea was served in the hotel.

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# Donegal Nurses' Reunion.



Delegates from the various County Donegal Nursing Associations who attended the annual reunion of District Nurses in the Portsalon Hotel on Tuesday. Lady Moore (Dublin), Vice-President of the Executive Committee of District Nursing in Ireland; Miss Harte, President of the Association for County Donegal; and Mrs. Berridge (Galway), one of the original members of the Dudley Nursing Scheme, are in the centre of the front row.



Group of nurses who attended the annual reunion of Jubilee and Dudley District Nurses in County Donegal, held at the Portsalon Hotel on Tuesday. Sitting in front are (from left)—Miss Kavanagh, Inspector for All-Ireland; Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health; and Miss Coburn, Superintendent for Ireland.



Friday - Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> '37

# COTTAGES FOR DONEGAL NURSES

## QUESTION OF TYPE AND RENT

### DISCUSSION AT ASSOCIATION MEETING

There was a large and representative attendance from all parts of Donegal at the half-yearly meeting of the County Donegal Nursing Association in Lifford, on Wednesday evening.

Lady Frederick Moore, who presided, referred to the nurses' re-union, and said it was a most successful day. They were much indebted to Mrs. Gallagher, Donegal Town, who had helped so much with the transport, which was such a difficult problem in a wide county like Donegal. It afforded her great pleasure to propose a vote of thanks to Mrs. Gallagher.

Captain J. S. Hamilton, Brownhall, seconded, and said Mrs. Gallagher worked very hard on the occasion.

It was reported that three flag-days had already been held—at Ramelton, Rathmullan, and Letterkenny, and that one would be held at Donegal during the present week.

It was agreed that, instead of having a county dance this year, each Association send a subscription of at least 10s to the county fund.

A discussion took place as to the provision of cottages by the Board of Health, and Captain Scott, who was present, said the Board of Health had advertised for tenders for the erection of cottages, and these tenders would be considered at the next meeting.

Captain Hamilton—There will be no difficulty, when the nurses apply, about getting these cottages?

Captain Scott—I don't see there could be any possible difficulty. He added that the rent of the cottages would depend on the grant to be received and the contract prices. He thought the nurses would not want to pay more than 4s or 5s per week. There was a 60 per cent. grant as regards labourers' cot-

tages, but very probably there would be, at the outside, a grant of only 33 1-3 as regards the nurses' cottages, and the balance would have to be made up by the ratepayers.

Miss Coburn, Supt. for Ireland, said in Co. Dublin ideal cottages had been provided for the nurses at a rent of 7s 6d per week. She thought they would get special consideration from the authorities in Dublin, because the Department realised that cottages were absolutely essential for the nurses.

Some delegates present objected to the sites chosen for the nurses' cottages, and Captain Scott pointed out that the sites had been approved by the County Medical Officer of Health, the Board's Engineer, and the Department's Inspector.

Captain Hamilton expressed the opinion that the Board of Health, if necessary, be asked to modify the plans for the cottages, so that the cost of the cottages would not exceed 5s per week, because he did not think they could afford any more in Donegal.

Mr. S. D. MacLochlainn opposed this view, and said if this practice were adopted the work might have to be scamped. It was probable that inferior materials and thin partition boards would be used if Captain Hamilton's view was adopted.

The matter of the type of cottage was referred to Captain Scott, who, Mr. MacLochlainn said, had the interests of the Nursing Committee at heart.

On the motion of Mr. MacLochlainn, the question of the sites of the cottages was referred to each local committee, and the question of the rents was referred to the executive committee to meet specially, if necessary.

In an address, Miss Coburn said that, unfortunately, no new nursing associations had been opened in Donegal. The twenty-five memorial districts that were to be opened in memory of the magnificent work done by the late Dr. Sean O Deagha had not yet been started. They wanted those twenty-five centres opened, and she begged of every member to be sympathetic to the project. They had the nurses, and they would soon have the cottages, so that all they wanted was enough interest locally to have a nurse for each district in the county.

On the motion of Mr. MacLochlainn, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Lady Moore for presiding.



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## County Donegal Nursing Association.

### LETTER FROM CAPTAIN HAMILTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SENTINEL.

Dear Sir—From the report in the paper of the meeting of the Donegal County Nursing Association recently held in Lifford you would gather that I proposed “scamping” the work on the proposed nurses’ cottages. This is not so. I saw one of the plans, and they seemed very good. It is only a question of bringing the rent within reasonable bounds. My suggestion was that if this could not be done the plan, not the specification as to material for work, might have to be altered. I hope, however, that if Captain Scott is wrong and the same Government grant is given, the rent can be kept within the limits suggested. Considering the enormous amount of essential public health work done by the nurses, which does not fall on the taxpayer, I think the few cottages required should be very sympathetically dealt with by the Government.

I see that the question of where the meetings of the county delegates should be held, which was discussed at length, was not reported, although opinions were fairly divided on the matter. The county being so large and difficult to get about in, I protested against the next meeting being held in Ramelton, as it had been agreed that the meetings should be held alternately in the west and east of the county. The last meeting was held in Buncrana, the one before after the nurses’ inspection at Portsalon; now we are asked to go to Ramelton, which, undoubtedly, means that the west of the county will not be fairly represented. I quite appreciate the hospitality of Ramelton in asking us and proving us with tea, but I do not agree that a free tea is more important than adequate representation. It is all right for some people who do not mind distance, but it undoubtedly prevents many delegates attending.

My suggestion was that the meetings be held at a **central** place, say Ballybofey, Lifford, or Letterkenny—say, alternately and that the local association be asked to arrange with a local caterer to provide a plain tea, for which those present should pay. It would be cheaper than a “free tea,” and forty miles extra travelling would give **ALL** associations as equal a chance as possible of attending and expressing their opinions.

I personally agree with the Countess of Mayo, our patron, who, I am told, thinks that the county should be divided at any rate for the nurses’ day out. This should, I think, be considered at a **central** meeting or by referendum.—Yours truly,

J. S. HAMILTON.

Brownhall, Ballintra, October 12, 1937.



# JUBILEE AND DUDLEY NURSES.

## REUNION IN DONEGAL.

The annual reunion of all Jubilee and Dudley Nurses working in County Donegal was held at Portsalon Hotel on Tuesday, when twenty-five nurses attended, and a large number of delegates from the various County Donegal Nursing Associations were present.

Sir Frederick Moore, the chairman of the garden scheme for the nurses' pension fund, and Lady Moore, vice-president of the Executive Committee of District Nursing in Ireland; Mrs. Teacher, chairman of the Lady Dudley Fund; and Mrs. Berridge, one of the original members of the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme, came from County Galway.

Mrs. J. W. Fullerton and Dr. M. J. Bastible, county medical officer of health, were also present.

After an excellent lunch Lady Moore gave a short address to the nurses, during which she conveyed to them the greetings of the Countess of Kenmare, who for many years was president of the Irish Branch of District Nursing, and said Geraldine Countess of Mayo also sent her best wishes for the reunion, while Hon. Mrs. Barry, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Irish Branch, wrote that she envied her the opportunity of seeing so many of the nurses together and sent them her best wishes.

Lady Moore emphasised the value of the nurses' work in preventing the spread of epidemics, the teaching of health principles, sanitation, food values, and simple rules for the good health and upbringing of children. She expressed her pleasure at meeting so many of the nurses, whom she had known during their training in St. Patrick's and St. Laurence's Homes in Dublin. She referred to a meeting in County Dublin when the county medical officer of Dublin stated he was always satisfied with the work of any District Nurse who had passed the high standard of excellence required by Miss Coburn, superintendent for Ireland. She expressed great pleasure at being invited to the annual reunion.

Miss Coburn and Miss Kavanagh, chief inspector, who is a frequent visitor to County Donegal, were present, the former describing her visit to London.

Sir Frederick Moore explained the object of the garden scheme, stressing the necessity of raising money for the nurses' pension scheme.

Mrs. Bushe thanked all who attended, especially those who had come from a distance.

A pleasant afternoon was spent, and tea was served in the hotel.

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# District Nursing in Donegal

## Association's Great Work

### Suggestions for Districts Not Yet Served

At the half-yearly meeting of the Donegal County Nursing Association at Ramelton, Miss Harte welcomed all present, and proposed that Rev. J. O'Doherty, P.P., be chairman.

Father O'Doherty said the Nursing Association was doing excellent work, and it would be very unbecoming on his part not to take an interest in an association that was rendering such noble service. If one only turned to one sphere of its activities, viz.: child welfare, what an amount of good the association was doing through the instructions given by their nurses' visits to mothers, who, through no fault of their own, had not the necessary nursing experience for the upbringing of their children. By the timely advice given by the nurses the children got more nutritive food, disease was prevented, and they became fit citizens for the hard battle of life that was generally the lot of those for whom the Nursing Association catered. Then, through the visits to the homes of the sick, of the poor and the afflicted, a tremendous amount of good work was done. He had witnessed himself the happy results of those visits to poor bed-ridden patients. He thanked God that they had nurses to look after such cases. What a blessing it was and what a change it had brought to the afflicted poor in their own time. In doing all that work a noble county work was being done voluntarily without adding to the rates. It was a patriotic work—aye, a Christian Godly work.

He would like to see the good work of the Nursing Association more widely known and appreciated throughout the county. He realised it took time to get people to appreciate its benefits. Meetings such as they had there that day did an amount of good propaganda work with beneficial results. He was glad that the District Nursing Association brought them of every creed together to minister for the amelioration of the suffering of the poor. "May the Donegal County District Nursing Association continue to grow and flourish, and let us one and all co-operate in every way we can to the accomplishment of that end," concluded the Rev. chairman.

A vote of thanks to Lady Mayo for her generous gift to the annual reunion was proposed and carried with acclamation.

The financial report was presented by the hon. treasurers, and was considered satisfactory. Many interesting reports from District Associations were read. Letterkenny reported that their nurse now had a motor car.

It was decided to hold the annual reunion at Bundoran on June 30th.

Captain Hamilton proposed, and Miss Deeney seconded, the nurses wear mufti. Lady Stewart proposed, and Miss Hart seconded that uniform be worn. Lady Stewart's amendment was carried.

A report of the Linen Guild was read. This, unfortunately, is not in a very flourishing condition. Miss Kavanagh,

senior inspector, appealed for garments and o'd linen.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S SUGGESTIONS.

Miss Colburn, Superintendent for Ireland, thanked Father O'Doherty for the very excellent tribute he paid to the Nursing Association's work. It was very satisfactory to see so many present, because they expected so much from their friends there, since Donegal was the first county in Ireland to be associated with district nursing, and they were particularly anxious that this County Association should be able to show good work. It might interest them to know that the Department said that there was still one blot in their service, which they had got to eradicate, and that was that they had not got a nurse for every district. There are several districts in Donegal where there was no nurse resident. They heard the reports from Mrs. Fullerton, and every district seemed to have more visits paid them than its predecessor. She wondered how much they were worrying about the poor people of the districts where there was no resident nurse. They had not a single new district opened in Donegal. It would be the very best memorial to Dr. O'Deagha's work to get the county properly covered with nurses, and they had not done anything about it. They knew there were mothers needing advice about their children, and the help and instructions given by their district nurses in such cases had proved a blessing.

The desire for a nurse must come from the people of the district. If it were only the question of her getting and placing a nurse there would be no difficulty. The people of the district had to raise the money. Those of them who visited places like these should ask, "Have you got a nurse?" and if the answer was in the negative, find out the reason why. It should be possible to raise the money. Donegal was a very large county. There were thirty nurses working in it at present, but that was not enough; there were many places yet to be covered. She wanted the whole county fully covered before she left Ireland. It did not matter where they placed a nurse. The one thing they wanted in the county, after enthusiasm, was money. If the County Committee would get busy and have a little nest egg, then it would be in a position to help any district with a grant. Therefore, she suggested that the County Nursing Association should become very keen, and get very county-minded, and have all those areas covered, and raise funds. She also suggested that garden fetes should be organised by all the associations in the county. The garden scheme has been left very quiet for some time. These schemes, started in 1930, and since 1930 £15,753 had been made from gardens and shillings in their part of Ireland. Forty-five gardens were opened last year, and £740 made. A fete should be arranged everywhere it was possible, and see what money could be collected. Every person in the county benefited personally by having a Jubilee nurse. In the nursing of the poor people they had their blessings, besides checking epidemics, and because they could check epidemics, they were certain of the thanks and gratitude of the people who were ill. That work was worthy of support, and everything possible should be done to get necessary associations established and every area of the county well covered.

An invitation was accepted from the

Donegal District Association to hold the next meeting in Donegal, during the early autumn.

A resolution was unanimously carried that a further letter be sent to the Board of Health urging them to speed up the building of nurses' cottages.

The Rev. Mr. Edgar proposed a vote of thanks, which was passed unanimously, to Father O'Doherty for presiding, Miss Colburn for attending, and the Ramelton Nursing Association for their hospitality.

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## Donegal Nurses' Reunion.



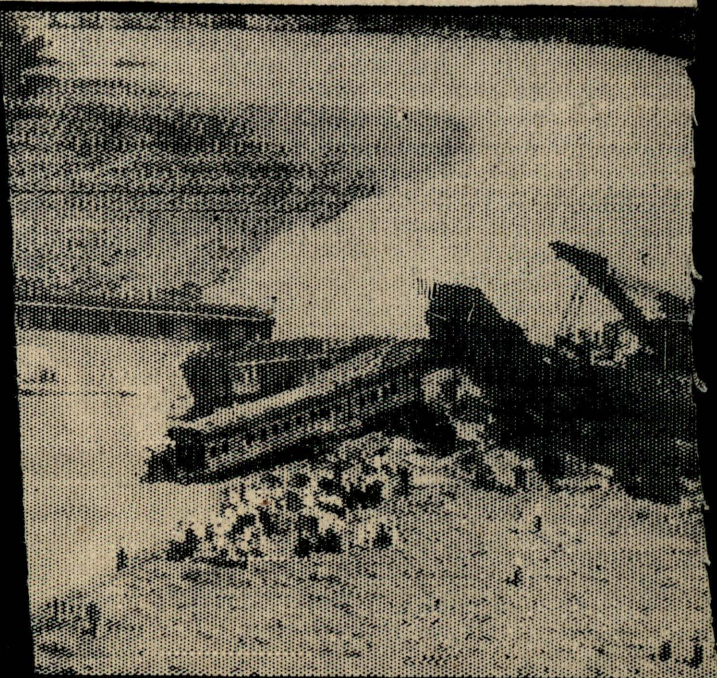
Delegates from the various County Donegal Nursing Associations who attended the annual reunion of District Nurses in the Portsalon Hotel on Tuesday. Lady Moore (Dublin), Vice-President of the Executive Committee of District Nursing in Ireland; Miss Harte, President of the Association for County Donegal; and Mrs. Berridge (Galway), one of the original members of the Dudley Nursing Scheme, are in the centre of the front row.



Group of nurses who attended the annual reunion of Jubilee and Dudley District Nurses in County Donegal, held at the Portsalon Hotel on Tuesday. Sitting in front are (from left)—Miss Kavanagh, Inspector for All-Ireland; Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health; and Miss Coburn, Superintendent for Ireland.



THE RECENT U.S. RAIL DISASTER.



of the terrible railway disaster in Montana, Yellowstone River broke as an express train with a load of the crowded coaches were plunged to the bottom. The wreckage was seen sticking up from the water as with the wrecked carriages.

## INDICTMENT OF STORMONT

BLAMED  
FOR INCREASING  
EXPENDITURE

### Extravagance Forced On Education Committees

At Omagh Regional Committee on Saturday, Mr. H. A. M'Aleer, M.P., presiding, a letter was read from the Tyrone County Council appealing for economy

Mr. J. J. K. Johnston said it was not fair to saddle regional committees with extravagance when the Government forced expenditure upon them. A lot of new schools had been forced upon them, and even when plans of schools were submitted the Government architects frequently insisted upon more elaborate buildings, and the committees had no option but to proceed with them.

Several of the members referred to the medical scheme which cost £1,000 per annum, and gave their opinion that it was of little benefit.

The secretary was instructed to reply to the County Council letter.

### DONEGAL NURSES AND UNIFORM.

To the Editor of the "Derry Journal."

Sir—Referring to the report of the County Donegal nurses' outing at Bundoran, I am glad to see that the compulsory wearing of uniform by the nurses is not for Miss Colburn, the inspector's benefit. Then whose wish is it? When asked at Lough Eske two years ago what they wished to wear on their annual holiday, all the nurses voted against uniform. And they had worn it the year before, but were not doing so at Lough Eske. In spite of this they were told last year to wear it. I wrote to most of them then, and twenty out of twenty-three replies said not uniform. So I wonder greatly who the "everyone" is who is "happy"? Surely not the few delegates who were at Bundoran, as most of them kept by themselves, and except for a couple of speeches at luncheon, left the nurses to enjoy themselves as best they could, which I think they did very well, and I think it is likely the best way. Surely the holiday is for the nurses—and well they deserve it—and it is surely their wishes that should be considered. The one argument in favour of uniform appears to be that "you can tell which are the nurses," but you can't tell where they are from. In any case once lunch is over how many delegates speak to them at all? And I feel sure the nurses themselves would by that time have "palled up" with each other just as much in mufti.

Sorry for trespassing on your space, but I feel strongly the nurses to whom we all owe so much are being let down over this matter.—Yours truly,

J. J. HAMILTON.

Brownhall, Ballintra.

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## Nursing in Donegal

### Meeting of County Association.

### Cottages for District Nurses.

The half-yearly meeting of the County Donegal Nursing Association was held in the Market Hall, Donegal, on the 4th inst. The members present were—Miss Colburn, superintendent of the Institute of District Nursing in Ireland; Rev. P. B. McMullin, P.P., Donegal; Mr. Christopher Gallagher, County Councillor; Dr. Bastible, County M.O.H.; Mrs. Fullerton, hon. secretary of the County Nursing Association; Miss E. R. C. Harte, Portsalon, County President; and representatives from all Health Clubs and District Nursing Associations.

Letters of apology for inability to attend from various members were read by the secretary.

Rev. P. B. McMullin was elected chairman and welcomed the members present, and in a brief address explained his views of what could be accomplished in the way of furthering district nursing services in the county.

The report of the fourth annual reunion held at the Central Hotel, Bundoran, on the 30th June, 1938, showed that it was a satisfactory and enjoyable function.

Reports from the different districts of Ramelton, Moville, Rathmullan, Letterkenny, Ballybofey, Convoy, Donegal, Dunkineely, &c., were read by the delegates from these districts and proved very satisfactory.

The first item on the agenda was the Linen Guild. Miss E. R. C. Harte dealt with the subject of the shortage of linens and garments and the hardship nurses suffered in trying to get these garments. Miss Colburn, superintendent, asked the help of the committees, and appealed to them to help on a county basis, and appealed to all the committees to see that the nurses were supplied with garments and bed linens for the poorer people in their districts and to realise the importance of getting linens for the nurses for the sick patients of their districts. The Chairman also spoke of the importance of this, and said it was up to every person to try and help as much as possible in procuring bed linens and garments for the nurses in their district and the County Guild.

A discussion ensued of a means of raising funds for the various District Nursing services. Mr. C. Gallagher suggested that they should hold a dance in the Market Hall, Donegal, as a means of raising funds. Most of the members present disagreed with him, and said that the getting up of a dance entailed a great deal of trouble and a certain amount of risk financially, and very little return for it all. The Chairman proposed that the best way of getting over the difficulty was for all the committees to contribute 10s, and if any of the committees were not agreeable to this course they could get up a dance. This was agreed to.

Dr. Bastible said several people had been inquiring why there was not a dance run for the Nursing Association.

Mr. Gallagher proposed that he, with a few other friends, would run a dance in Donegal to raise funds, and the members approved unanimously of his proposal and wished him the best of luck.

The next item discussed was the present position with regard to the erection of cottages for the District Nurses throughout the county. The Hon. Secretary read the last communication received from the County Board of Health, dated May, 1938, and stated that nothing had been heard of the matter since that date. Mr. Gallagher then read a copy of the minute proposed by him at the last meeting of the County Board of Health, dated the 19th September, 1938, and also a letter received by him from the County Board of Health, dated the 3rd October, 1938. He also produced a list of cottages where the sites had been acquired and tenders accepted by the County Board of Health at their meeting, subject to the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. After some discussion the Hon. Secretary suggested that a deputation should be sent to the County Board of Health at their next meeting requesting them to ask the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to approve of the County Board's proposals to erect these cottages for the District Nurses, particularly with reference to cases where sites have been acquired and tenders accepted by the County Board of Health. Mr. Gallagher suggested that the deputation should ask the Board to request the T.D.'s of the county to approach the Minister for Local Government and Public Health with regard to the matter, and press the urgent need there was for the erection of these cottages. Mr. Gallagher stated that the County Board of Health were in no way responsible for this delay, and had done everything in their power to get the matter of the cottages expeditiously dealt with, and that the entire cause of the delay was the fault of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in not forwarding his sanction to tenders that had been already accepted by the County Board of Health.

The Chairman then proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Colburn for her kindness in coming there to attend their meeting, to which Miss Colburn suitably replied, and in her short discourse stressed the importance of the committees of the organisation within the county enlisting members of the districts with the need for a resident nurse, and of helping them to form committees to be able to start local organisations in those areas still without a nurse. The importance of collectors and members of committees cannot be over emphasised, for the nursing

services cannot be maintained without their valuable assistance. The best nurse in the world depends on her local committee raising the necessary funds to maintain the nursing services.

Lady Stewart then proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman and the ladies and gentlemen of Donegal for their kind co-operation in helping to make this meeting a success. This was seconded by Miss Harte, and the meeting then adjourned.



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THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 11, 1939.



Group taken at the annual meeting of the Merville Nursing Society.



# JUBILEE NURSES

PAY 1,000,000

VISITS YEARLY

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Their 260 nurses throughout the Twenty-Six Counties paid over 1,000,000 sick nursing visits yearly, and the visits might occupy any length of time from 20 minutes to one-and-a-half hours or more, said Miss E. F. Colburn, appealing on behalf of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing in Ireland from Radio Eireann.

She pointed out that any patients, if the doctor considered that they could be successfully nursed in their own homes, might have the services of the Jubilee Nurse residing in their own area.

The needs and treatment of the illness alone determined whether the nurse would call twice daily, or daily, or alternate days; not what sum the patient could pay or the social position of the patient.

## NURSED FREE.

No patient was too poor to have the services of the nurse. The poor, the unemployed were nursed free of charge.

No Government grant was received for sick nursing, so all the fine work depended entirely on the generosity and goodwill of people "who had."

They had organised a Stamp Scheme whereby 1d. weekly, which bought a special stamp, to be fixed on to a special calendar, enabled the minimum wage-earner and his dependents to obtain skilled nursing when required for 4/4 yearly, without any further fees. Illness was expensive and by paying weekly when well, there was no financial hardship under this scheme.

She reminded listeners that the Institute was entirely responsible for the special training and supervision of the nurses.

Help was needed for the extension of the service, as their dearest ambition was that for every homestead in all Ireland there should be within call a Jubilee Nurse, resident in the district.

They asked, above all, for annual subscriptions, but they would be truly grateful for any help. Contributions are to be sent to the Superintendent, Queen's Institute of District Nursing in Ireland, 48 Lr. Leeson St., Dublin.

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# Donegal District Nursing Association

## ANNUAL MEETING IN MOVILLE

### Lady Powerscourt's Congratulations

There was a large attendance representing the district associations in many parts of the county, at the annual meeting of the Donegal District Nursing Association held in St. Eugene's Hall, Moville, yesterday.

Lady Powerscourt, who travelled specially from Dublin to be present, presided.

Addressing the delegates at the outset, she said she was always ready to help on the work of the Institute in whatever part of the country it operated. Although she had been living in Ireland for 35 years, she added, she had never, she was ashamed to say, set foot in Donegal before. She expressed her pleasure at the opportunity which the Donegal Association, by their invitation, had afforded her of seeing some of the county's very beautiful scenery.

Reports from the different districts recorded progress in the work of every branch.

In the reports, which were read by the hon. secretary, Miss Fullerton, Ramelton, high appreciation was expressed of the services rendered by the respective nurses.

The Drumholme Association intimated that they had completed 21 years' service and this year they had a larger credit balance than ever before.

Only one branch of the Association—Carndonagh—complained of financial difficulties, and, the report added, they would find it hard to carry on with the good work if something was not done by way of an increased grant.

Lady Powerscourt congratulated the districts on the satisfactory reports they were able to present, and suggested a number of ways by which funds could be augmented. These included jumble sales, vanishing teas and bridge parties.

Mrs. Fullerton having stated that she would be away from home during the next month, it was left to Mr. Chas. Sweeney, in conjunction with the other members of the Moville Association to organise the nurses' annual re-union, which was fixed for Tuesday, 27th June, at Moville.

Miss Harte, president of the Donegal Association, presented a report on the Linen Guild, the importance of which was stressed by Miss Coburn, Irish Superintendent, who said no garment was too old to be utilised by the district nurse in the course of her duties.

The Local Government Department was criticised in connection with their attitude towards the erection of cottages for district nurses.

Dr. Bastible, Co. M.O.H., said he was in whole-hearted sympathy with the project, but the difficulty was that under the present Housing Acts cottages could only be provided for agricultural labourers. There had been various interpretations put on the term "agricultural labourer," but none of them included district nurses. (Laughter). The Acts were very rigid in some respects, and very elastic in others. The only hope was that the Government might give special permission to have cottages built for the nurses.

Mr. Sean D. MacLoughlin, secretary of the Donegal County Council, suggested that the T.D.s of the county be asked to interview the Minister for Local Government on the matter.

It was decided to appoint a deputation to go to the Department and arrange with the T.D.s to have them introduced to the Minister.

The hon. treasurer, Mrs. Kelly reported that the Association had a substantial balance to credit.

Receipt of a cheque for £12-4s, from Mr. C. Gallagher, Co. C., Donegal, the proceeds of the dance held in Donegal Town, was intimated by the secretary, who stated that Mr. Gallagher was prepared to organise a similar function this year.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Captain Hamilton, the best thanks of the Association were voted to Mr. Gallagher.

Dr. Bastible, in the course of a short address, bestowed high praise on the work of the Association and its nurses and said that in regard to the implementation of the tuberculosis scheme, Donegal could compare very favourably with any city on the other side of the water. That such was the case was due to the splendid work done by the jubilee nurses.

Lady Powerscourt said the great aim of the Institute was to see every district in the length and breadth of Ireland served by one of their nurses. It was a big undertaking. So far they had only got to the fringe of the task but every day saw them getting nearer their aim and she was pleased to hear that one more district was soon to be added to the list in Donegal.

Miss Coburn reported that an Association would shortly be started in Quigley's Point, where she had attended some very enthusiastic meetings. The project had the support of the parish priest, Father Smyth, and the other clergymen of the parish.

It was decided to vote a grant of £10 to the Quigley's Point Association.

The next meeting was fixed for Stenorlar on October 8th.

On the motion of Lady Stewart, thanks were expressed to Lady Powerscourt for presiding.

The delegates were subsequently entertained to tea by the Moville Association.



# HEALTH BOARDS ABSORB OLD NURSING SERVICE

A VOLUNTARY nursing service established in 1902 by the Countess of Dudley for poorer parts of Ireland, has recently been absorbed by the regional health boards. Altogether 33 nurses were involved.

In 1902, the Countess of Dudley, while travelling in the west of Ireland, realised the need for providing District Nurses in the most isolated places, where it was not possible to establish the usual committee under the Queen's Institute of District Nursing. In these remote areas, where nurses were most needed, the people were least able to bear the cost of their provision. Lady Dudley appealed to her friends and, because of their encouragement and generosity, a public appeal was made and a large sum of money was collected for this purpose.

In April, 1903, "Lady Dudley's Scheme for the Establishment of District Nurses in the Poorest Parts of Ireland" was founded and the work started. The first districts were opened in Geesala, Co. Mayo, and in Bealadangan, Co. Galway, and within a year six nurses had been appointed. On May 10th, 1904, *The Irish Times* reported "Lady Dudley's Scheme is a most admirable one — it has had the support of the local doctors and of the clergy of all denominations, and has worked well so far." In August, 1907, the Report of the Commission on Poor Law Reform described the scheme as "a remarkable and unquestionable success."

## 49 DISTRICTS

The work continued to expand, extending into 49 districts in Donegal, Mayo, Galway, Sligo, Roscommon, Kerry and Cork. All

the nurses employed, in addition to their medical and surgical training, had special training in district nursing and held certificates in midwifery.

After the death of Lady Dudley in 1920 Lady Mayo, who had been closely associated with the scheme since its inception, collected £40,000 in the U.S.A. as a memorial to Lady Dudley. This money helped to provide houses, transport and salary for the nurses and medical supplies for the patients.

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**DEATH OF NURSE  
McMONAGLE**

The death of Nurse Catherine McMonagle, Turriss Hill, Mountcharles, which occurred recently, caused deep regret in the Parish of Inver where she is fondly remembered by families in all areas for her quite and efficient dedication to nursing duties, her interest in all aspects of community affairs and her readiness to lend a helping hand whenever it was needed. Her nursing career spanned many of the changes which took place in the nursing profession, and the changes in the administration of the schemes, but she was open to change and accepted these changes as inevitable in a changing world.

She trained in Cork General Hospital and Manchester. Returning to Ireland, she took up duty in the Fever Hospital, Mill St., Cork, for a short time before coming to Donegal on the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme as Jubilee Nurse in Gweedore 1936. This was a voluntary organisation funded by the Lady Dudley Fund and augmented by voluntary contributions. She could recall that in those times of poverty and illness such as TB the Jubilee Nurse's life was a busy one coping with all situations from midwifery to laying out the dead. She moved to Frosses in 1939 and made her rounds from the Grey Mare's Tail to Inver Bridge and from Doorin Point to Dromore by bicycle until she finally got a Morris Minor. When the Lady Dudley Nursing Scheme came to an end she was employed by the N.W.H.B. until her retirement in 1976. She was predeceased by her husband, Jim, five years ago. The very large and representative attendance at the removal of the remains from the hospital in Sligo to her home, and again at the removal of the remains from her home to the Sacred Heart Church, Mountcharles; at Requiem Mass and the funeral to the adjoining cemetery reflected the great esteem in which deceased was held and the sympathy expressed to the bereaved. Rev. Fr. McGrane, C.C., celebrated Mass and performed the obsequies. Sympathy is extended to her son, Michael; daughter-in-law, Terry; grandchildren, Eoghan and Aoife; brother, Kevin Lynch; sisters, Eily and Pauline; sisters-in-law, Mrs. G. Lynch, Catherine McMonagle and Mrs. Bridie Herron; nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

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