

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The fourth annual report of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing (Northern Ireland Executive Committee) to be presented at the annual meeting to-morrow, after referring to the recent inspection of Queen's nurses by H.R.H. Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone at an "At Home" given by the Marchioness of Londonderry at Mountstewart, states that the members of Committee realise the signal honour conferred by this Royal inspection, and the occasion has been the means of giving a fresh stimulus and encouragement to the work of the Institute in Northern Ireland.

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The Lady Londonderry Nursing Scheme Fund continued to make it possible for Queen's nurses to be maintained in necessitous areas where local collections could not possibly supply the needed income. A donation towards the needs of this fund was received from the Ulster Joint Committee of the Order of St. John and the British Red Cross.

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The total number of associations affiliated to the Institute in Northern Ireland is 41. There were 63 Queen's nurses on duty at the end of the year.

The response to the appeal made to affiliated associations and Queen's nurses to subscribe to a memorial to Florence Nightingale was generous—the amount raised in the Six Counties being £34 4s 6d. The memorial will take the form of the establishment of scholarships, which will provide for nurses of all nationalities a year's post-graduate course in public health education or hospital administration at Bedford College, Regent's Park, London.

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## QUEEN'S NURSES

### Institute Meeting In Dublin To-day

The annual general meeting of the Irish Branch of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing will be held to-day in the offices of the Irish Free State Executive Committee, 48, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin.

The Marchioness of Londonderry is the chairman of the Northern Ireland Executive Committee, while the hon. secretary is Major C. Blakiston Houston, D.L.

The fourth annual report of the Northern Ireland Executive Committee will be submitted at this meeting. Reference is made to the inspection of Queen's Nurses in Northern Ireland by H.R.H. Princess Alice and the Earl of Athlone at an "At Home," given by the Marchioness of Londonderry at Mountstewart in October, and gratification is expressed at this signal honour conferred on the Institute. A fresh stimulus and encouragement would be given to the Institute in Northern Ireland.

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The county committees in connection with the garden schemes had again rendered magnificent service in the organisation of these events during 1933, and as the result of opening 45 gardens the sum of £430 was realised.

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