money had to be found by the Town Fund. Nurse Smith, the midwife, complained to the committee that she was unable to attend to her patients because of the time she had to spend at the hospital.

There is no further mention of this extra hospital work being done by the district nurses. The Hospital Committee, representing Noble's Trust Fund, did insist that they were represented at the meetings of the Nurses Fund (now called the H.B. Noble's nurses fund). In 1909 there were three nurses working in Douglas, one in Onchan, one in Laxey and one in Peel. For each area there was a group of ladies forming a committee, with a president, treasurer, secretary and a committee of about twelve. The organisation was now called the 'District Nurses Associations'.(11)

The first nurse to live away from the hospital was Nurse Smith. Her address was 19A Duke Street, Douglas. It is probable that this cottage belonged to Noble's Hospital. In 1910 there were seven district nurses, seven different nursing associations, one for each nurse, and a district nurses' home in each area.

The annual Committee Report for 1909 of the General Hospital and the Nursing Associations (all reported in the one document) records that:

> "The ladies of the committees and the medical men give their unstinted praise of the district nurses' skill and devotion. Three were affiliated to the Queen Victoria Institute."

This is followed by a list of the nurses and the number of visits and number of patients they had for the year. The Douglas maternity nurse Kane had visited 56 patients and made 900 visits. District nurse Broadbent in north Douglas had 76 patients and had made 1,849 visits. They had taken over the work of the house surgeon.

Noble's Hospital was growing. The dispensary was changed to become the out-patient department. The nurses were moved to a nearby house, their quarters in the hospital being used for special patients. Matron's quarters were unaffected. She still lived in the hospital. The problem of extending the building was solved by building a new hospital in Hill's Meadow (opened in September 1912, known as Noble's Hospital). Later Crellin's Hill Hospital became the Manx Museum.

The Isle of Man Examiner of Friday, 17 February 1922 contained a long article headed 'The District Nurses in Douglas'. It was a report of a combined meeting of the three district nurses associations of Douglas. The meeting was held in the Town Hall with the Governor presiding. The three secretaries of the different associations gave their reports. The finances of all were in a healthy condition. His Excellency, in moving the adoption of the reports, urged that no relaxation should take place in efforts to raise funds as work could be found for more nurses, if the associations could afford to engage more. He stressed the point that it would be to the benefit of the associations throughout the Island if they would be brought into greater co-ordination.

Little change appears to have taken place between the two wars, and even right up to 1948. There were very few changes of nurses. The same nurses