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The Mayoress' Relief Fund.

We give below some details of the balance sheet of this fund, which proved such a great success last winter in preventing distress and providing employment for a large number of women and girls who were thrown out of work on account of the war. The Mayoress (Mrs. Garland) desires once again to thank all who assisted her, not only by collecting the weekly amounts, but in so willingly subscribing week by week to the fund. The total receipts from the weekly collections, donations and work sold, amounted to £620 19s. 11d; and the chief items of expenditure were £50 to the Queen's Work for Women Fund, £81 14s. 9d. for materials for work, £76 2s. 10d. for materials and expenses and £285 7s. 11d. amounts paid to workers and insurance. The balance in hand left was £125 7s. 8d., which it is proposed to use in case of emergency during the coming winter. The Mayoress does not therefore propose to recommence collecting for this fund. All cases needing assistance are referred to the Local Distress Committee, and only those cases recommended by the Committee are placed upon the fund. The balance sheet was prepared by the Hon. Secretary (Councillor G. T. Apps) and audited by Mr. C. S. Gould.