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, who assisted her not only by collecting weekly amounts, but also in so willingly subscribing weekly by week to the fund. The total receipts were £81, 14s. 9d. for the weekly collections, donations and work and £285 7s. 11d. amounts paid to workers. The expenses were £560 7s. 11d. and the chief items of expenditure were £50 to the Queen's Work, £81 14s. 9d. for materials and work, £76 2s. 10d. for materials and expenses and £285 7s. 11d. amounts paid to workers. The balance in hand left £425 7s. 8d. which it is proposed to use this year of emergency during the coming winter. The Mayoress does not therefore propose to recommence collecting for this fund. All cases requiring assistance are referred to the Local Distress Committee, and only those cases recommended by the Committee are placed upon the list. The balance sheet was prepared by the Mayoress and audited by Mr. C. S. Gould.