

Nursing Echoes.

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It is announced from Ottawa that the Countess of Minto has received the following telegram from the Queen: "With great pleasure I will become patroness of the Victorian Order of Nurses and of your hospitals."

The work of the Victorian Order of Nurses is the care of sick persons in their own homes, and to complete the organization Cottage Hospitals are being started in outlying districts all over the Dominion, as the needs of a sparse population owing to immense distances cannot be met by a system of district nursing only, such as our 'Queen's' nurses accomplish at home.

Miss Charlotte McLeod, the Lady Superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, attended the late International Congress of Nurses at Buffalo, and was one of the most sympathetic personalities present at the historic gathering.

Quite a spirited campaign is progressing in Scotland in aid of the Colonial Nursing Association, meetings have been held at Glasgow and other important cities, and we gather from the tone of many speeches that nursing is recognised as a very important item in colonial management, Lord Balfour of Burleigh states that the Association is not a charitable Association for the purpose of supplying nursing to those who might be well able to supply it for themselves. The root idea of the Association is that it is to find employment for those who are willing to undertake the profession of nursing in our dominions beyond the seas, for which services those to whom they are rendered will in large measure recompense those who give their services, and a guarantee fund is needed to meet preliminary expenses, which for the most part will be repaid from time to time when the nurses are at work.

It appears there is an opening for the employment of nurses in many of the British dominions beyond the seas—there is not only an opening, but their presence is urgently required. There are many ladies engaged in the profession in this country who are willing to go. A woman, however zealous in her profession, cannot be asked to

pay an expensive outfit and a passage to another country in which she has no friends, on the chance of getting employment. Those who are to employ her must get some guarantee that a fit person will be sent, properly trained and skilled in the profession she has undertaken. It is to give this guarantee—on this side of the water to the nurses, on the other side to those who are to employ them—that the Colonial Nursing Association steps in to bring employer and employed together.

General Sir Archibald Hunter is evidently a merry fellow, in spite of his nationality—for in supporting the aims of the Colonial Nursing Association at Glasgow, he recently aroused much laughter by the following remarks. He said "he could speak of the great advantage when ill of being nursed by a good woman nurse. He could speak also from very considerable experience of the advantage he had seen in several cases, particularly at Lady-smith, where every woman whose other duties permitted her, volunteered to nurse in their hospitals, and a finer body of women never were. Oddly enough, or he might say naturally enough, as most of the colonists of Natal were Scottish, the vast majority of these women were also Scottish. He had been sent a cutting, and he wished he was an Irishman so as to be able to read it. Like the tin-tack, the whole of the business point of the story was in the end. It was headed—'Mr. Dooley differentiates between the systems.' He was not putting this forward as what he believed in himself, and perhaps some of them might not believe it; but they would all agree with what Father Kelly said: 'Th' difference between Christyan scientists and doctors'—he did not know if any of them were doctors; if they were, he was not speaking at them—is that Christyan scientists thinks they'se no' such thing as disease, an' doctors thinks there aint anything else. An' there ye are. What d'ye think about it? asks Mr. Hennessy. I think, said Mr. Dooley, that if the Christyan scientists had more science and the doctors more Christyanity, it would not make any difference which you called it—if ye had a good nurse.' He was perfectly certain the greatest cause of mortality in disease was the want of good nursing; and the greatest cause of the wonderful recoveries that were made was due to the fact of having a good nurse, an attentive, skilful, careful woman nurse, to smooth your pillow and give you your beef-tea and medicine at the proper time."

Another gallant soldier has kind words of praise for nurses: Colonel Marr Stewart said "he had had experience of the working of the nurses amongst not only our troops, but the followers of those troops in the field. He commanded the

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