

## The Victorian Order in Canada.

From the annual report of the Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada we gather that it continues to make most useful progress.

"During the year the Victorian Order cared for 3,351 cases. The regular staff of nurses now numbers 44, of whom 11 were admitted last year. There are 20 probationers in training, and 2 nurses not connected with the Order have been engaged for extra work. This makes a total staff of 66 nurses. Seven nurses resigned from the Order during the year on account of ill-health and 6 to take up other work. There are now 18 branches engaged in district nursing, and 9 hospitals in connection with the Order.

"The chief increase in the volume of work is shown in connection with the hospitals aided by the Lady Minto fund. Two of these have been opened during the year, at Revelstoke, B.C., and Yorkton, N.W.T. The hospital at Kaslo, B.C., is finished, all except furnishing, and Swan River Hospital will be completed by the spring. At Red Deer, N.W.T., a fine site has been secured and the stone drawn for the foundation. At Fort William the nurses are in charge of the temporary building pending the erection of the McKellar Memorial Hospital. At Vernon, B.C., a maternity cottage was opened, aided by 500 dols. from the fund. Thessalon, Ont., opened a new hospital in November, which was aided to the extent of 1,000 dols., and is manned by Victorian nurses. By means of a donation of 1,000 dols. from the Lady Minto fund Shoal Lake Hospital has paid off its outstanding debts, and improvements have been made. It is now self-sustaining, and the nurses' salaries have been increased. . . . When the Order first began work it was thought that the expenses of the central office would be met by annual gifts from local associations of a part of their funds. It has been found, however, that only a few of the strongest could afford to make such grants to the central fund.

"Ever since her Excellency the Countess of Minto became honorary president of the Order she has felt keenly that the central fund was upon a most unsatisfactory basis, and that some better way must be found out. Encouraged by the kind response of so many to her well-timed appeal on behalf of the cottage hospitals, her Excellency has set herself to the still more serious task of raising a sum, the interest of which shall not only meet the expenses of the central office, including salaries, but provide a substantial yearly sum for hospital endowment and grants in aid of struggling branches in country districts. Her Excellency's efforts have already met with encouraging results, and there is good reason to hope that before she leaves Canada the full sum aimed at may be secured."

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Queen Alexandra, who takes the deepest interest in all that pertains to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses, has given £1,000 towards the provision of a new habitation for the Institute, the work of which will receive considerable impetus now that the Women's Jubilee Memorial movement has further endowed it with about £84,000. Her Majesty's gift was received

with the following message in her own handwriting :

"£1,000 for new offices for the Queen's Nurses now at St. Katharine's.—ALEXANDRA."

The statement which has been made that the Institute may take over the offices of the Queen Victoria Women's Memorial Fund in Victoria Street, Westminster, is unauthorised by the Council.

His Majesty the King has fixed Thursday, June 11th, at four o'clock, for the opening of the new out-patient department of the London Hospital. The Queen will at the same time open the new and enlarged rooms fitted up for the Finsen light treatment of lupus. The out-patient department has cost £80,000, of which £25,000 has been given by one anonymous donor. It is hoped that by the date of the opening the balance (£55,000) may be subscribed as a mark of the public appreciation of their Majesties' visiting the hospital to open the buildings.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has graciously consented to become the President of the Ladies' Association of the Great Northern Central Hospital.

The Countess of Dudley has written to express her gratitude to all who have responded to her appeal for assistance towards the establishment and maintenance of Jubilee Nurses in some of the poorest and most congested districts of Ireland. She is now in a position to establish three nurses, having received £1,300 in response to her appeal, and is making the necessary arrangements for the placing of one in each of three of the most needy districts. It is hoped that at least two of them will have begun work by the end of July. The Countess expresses her indebtedness to the Congested Districts Board and the Institute for Jubilee

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