

for her. She also desired to thank the ladies and gentlemen who had promoted the very successful concert held on behalf of the Nurses' Necessities' Fund, and also the members of the public for the generous patronage they had bestowed on it. It was very satisfactory to know that their efforts in providing a skilled nurse for the benefit of the poor of the town had been appreciated. She again thanked them for their more than kind reception, which would enable her to have pleasant recollections of her visit to Roscommon.

The Bishop of Kerry had some wise things to say at Killarney at the opening of a sale in aid of the funds of the Killarney Jubilee Nursing Association, of which Lady Castlerosse is President. Before declaring the sale open the Most Rev. Dr. Mangan said, when he got the invitation he accepted it very willingly and with very much pleasure, first of all as a compliment to the ladies who took such an interest in this good work; and, secondly, to show his own interest in the good work itself. From this nursing system he expected two very useful results. The first was the very important one of the educational effect which the presence of a trained nurse would have amongst the people. The question of sanitary science or hygiene was at the present time receiving a large amount of public attention. Within the past few weeks a deputation of the leading medical men of Ireland had waited on the Resident Commissioner of Education in Dublin, and asked him to make sanitary science a compulsory subject in Irish schools. Though those boards were slow bodies to move, he was glad to find the National Board already moving, for within the last few days he had himself received circulars on this subject to be distributed amongst the teachers. What he looked forward to in the presence of a trained nurse was that in the homes of the poor her visits would have an educational value in teaching the people habits of tidiness and neatness, and knowing what he did of the extreme quickness and great intelligence of Irish girls he should be much disappointed if, in the course of time, the habits of the people were not greatly improved by the nursing system in existence there in Killarney.

The second and immediate effect to be expected from the presence of a trained nurse was attendance on the poor in case of sickness. The well-to-do and rich could always take care of themselves, but it would be a sad day in any country if there were a chasm between the well-to-do and the poor, and it should be their duty to bridge it over and bring the two ends of society together, the better off to help those not so well-to-do, and to teach the rich to take a Christian and charitable interest in their less favoured brethren. That was exactly what had been done by Lady Castlerosse and other

ladies associated with her in this good work. They were endeavouring to bring home to the people of that town and district the fact that they not merely took a general interest in them, but a particular and individual interest in the people, especially when the people required it most.

Good doctors and good drugs were necessary, and conferred the greatest blessings on suffering humanity, but he said the presence of the very best doctor, unless supported by a trained and skilled nurse, would be almost useless and worthless. He was told the services of the nurse in Killarney were invaluable to the people, and that Miss Muirless was an excellent nurse and a treasure in herself. From figures supplied of the work she had done he found on an average that she had paid nearly 3,000 visits each year to the poor of that district. Let them just fancy what comfort, what relief, and what happiness it was to poor sick people to have ten visits in a day paid to them. As to the financial aspect of the question, he would leave that in the hands of Lady Castlerosse, but he wished again to express his sincere pleasure at being amongst them, and if his presence could be of any help to the ladies and members of the Committee, or to the admirable work itself, he would be only too glad to encourage it by every means in his power.

The beautifully-situated Royal Victoria Hospital at Montreal, Canada, was practically destroyed by fire on Saturday last; the patients were removed in time, and after a stubborn fight the flames were eventually overcome. The damage is estimated at £30,000.

This, the finest hospital in Canada, was built by Lords Strathcona and Mount Stephen, and the former has already cabled out that the rebuilding is to be begun at once, for which he will give the munificent sum of £50,000.

It was at the Royal Victoria that the delegates who went to the Buffalo Congress by way of Canada received their first warm welcome, and well we remember driving up the hill, where magnificently placed on the mountain side, backed by lovely oak woods, and overlooking the fine city and grand St. Lawrence river, stood the Royal Victoria Hospital. Built in the Scotch baronial style, it was glorious without, but not well arranged within. This is the only consolation one can feel at its loss—that in the rebuilding it can be brought up to date, and so constructed that all departments can be more efficiently worked, and yet retain the grandeur of its external beauty. There can be no finer site in the world for a hospital than on the southern slope of Mount Royal—no doubt the new building will speedily arise like a phoenix from the flames.

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