

upon this footing, and becomes more widely known, it will be possible to pay a fair dividend to shareholders. Kindly let me know what you think of this plan, and in the event of its being carried out, the number of shares you would take.

"Believe me,  
"Faithfully yours,  
"M. E. HEADDON."

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If I might make a suggestion to intending investors, it is that before signing any undertaking to subscribe for shares they should ask to see a printed and audited statement of accounts, and a copy of the valuation of the property, together with all particulars as to the present mortgage. Miss Headdon will, I feel sure, acquit me of any desire to interfere with the progress of the scheme, which I cordially wish every success, and I only make these suggestions in a practical business spirit, which suggestions, if carried out, will in reality greatly enhance the value of the investment. I "dropped" over £1,700 in an investment of a somewhat analogous kind some few years ago, and had I taken the exact precautions I am now advising to be taken, I should have still been the happy possessor of such an amount, instead of seeing it, as it did, gradually evaporate under the fingering of an unscrupulous solicitor and a light-conscienced liquidator. This fellow-feeling makes me perhaps somewhat sympathetic in a matter of this sort.

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A SATISFACTORY account reaches me of the past year's working of Nurses' Home and Training School, Newcastle-on-Tyne, from which I learn that Miss Emery had been appointed as Matron to the Home, and so far had discharged her onerous duties to the complete satisfaction of the committee. The charges for patients in the Home had been raised, as it was found that the old charges were quite inadequate to the expenses incurred. The demand for Nurses is so steadily increasing that steps are being taken to add to the staff in order to meet the public need. The Matron of the Institute spoke with gratitude of the unselfishness and devotion of the Nurses. There were now in the Home thirty-four Trained Nurses and seven Probationers, and during the years 1888 and 1889 the cases attended to amounted to four hundred and ninety-five, whilst there had been seventeen patients in the Home.

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I AM glad to note that quite recently the Duke of Westminster has been offering some remarks upon the subject of District Nursing, in which he apparently takes much interest. The Duke is reported as follows.

"THE Duke of Westminster, addressing the meeting, spoke of the ambulance movement as a charitable and lofty one in every sense, and expressed his satisfaction at the evidences of its progress that were present at that meeting and in Birkenhead generally. It was satisfactory, he said, also to know that there had been a practical application of the knowledge acquired on the part of the police and of the general students. They all owed many and grateful thanks to the Medical practitioners who had given gratuitously so much of their time to teach the ladies and gentlemen who had been attending the classes. There was a cognate subject of importance in which he was interested, and to which he would like to allude—it was the subject of District Nursing for the poor. He did not know to what extent the system had been carried out in Birkenhead, but a great deal had been accomplished over the water in Outdoor Nursing and District Nursing, especially by Mr. William Rathbone and his co-workers. There were many cases that were not suitable for Hospital treatment, and those of the poor who, being ill, remained at their own homes, had, until lately, been rather neglected in the matter of Nursing. If the system of District Nursing in Birkenhead was not perfect, he was sure all the ladies and gentlemen present, and many outside, would do all they could to accomplish that end. He hoped to see the day when every town and every country district in the United Kingdom would be supplied with Nurses who would go to the homes of the poor when needed by the Medical officers. Of course, this could not be done without a great deal of trouble and labour, and very thorough practical training of the Nurses, who would, he was sure, be gladly welcomed by the Medical officers of the district. The Queen had given great impetus to the movement by presenting the £72,000 she received from the women of England as a jubilee gift for the benefit of District Nursing throughout the country."

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THE above are manly, sensible remarks which commend themselves to everybody, and I only now wait for His Grace, whom all of us in the Nursing world greatly respect and esteem, to publicly or privately withdraw his name from that very silly circular which was printed and circulated some time ago by a handful or so of officious busybodies, who, for some wondrous reason, whim, or other, endeavoured to create an opposition to the "Registration of Nurses." I feel sure that His Grace will now be able to see the anomalous position in which he has been placed by these individuals, and do his utmost to forward the proper interests of Registration by the withdrawal of his name, and, I would sug-

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