

and up-to-date in every way. Patients coming here can enjoy everything that an ideal climate, delightful scenery, good and reasonable (rates) accommodation, and efficient medical skill can provide. Of course, you can easily understand how the last can be procured. Now, a vice-president of Toronto Medical Society, member of the Western Hospital staff, and perhaps, above all, an out-and-out supporter of Spence for Medical Council, should certainly make up any deficiency that could exist in medical ranks here.

Yours truly,

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### "VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES."

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*To the Editor of THE CANADIAN JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY :*

SIR,—When, at the Ontario Medical Association meeting in June, the subject of the "Victorian Order" for providing District Nursing was discussed, I was in full sympathy with the resolution passed by the Association in respect to that subject. Why? Because the object of the nursing project, from having been misunderstood, and perhaps in a measure unwittingly misrepresented, I was under a false impression in respect to it.

Since Dr. Worcester, of Waltham, Mass., who has made a special study of the subject both in Europe and America, and has had much practical experience in district nursing amongst the poorer classes in Massachusetts, has been in Ottawa and explained the working of such a system and its most excellent results, my views have changed; as also, I particularly desire to state, have the views of a number of the medical practitioners of this city with whom I have had converse on the subject.

To be brief, three special advantages may be named as almost certain to result from the proposed nursing scheme if carried out, as follows:

First.—It would be a decided advantage (rather than a disadvantage) to our already somewhat considerable army of regular nurses, by increasing, probably in a little time quadrupling, the demand for these "ministering angels."

The new order of nurses would go forth amongst the sick and distressed of the poorer classes, *visit* them, only, say for an hour or so (never remaining, as for a day or a week), for a small sum paid to the Home, not to the nurse.