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### VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.

#### ADVANTAGES OF HOMŒOPATHY IN CONNECTION WITH IT.

In regard to the above scheme for the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it would seem to all fair-minded people that the motive alone ought to be a sufficient reason for those, whose opinions on matters of this nature are looked upon by the laity as admitting of no contention, to at least withhold their disapproval until it has been shown to the masses, from whom support for the scheme must come, to be impracticable. That the motive is a good one does not admit of controversy; that it is eminently practical is demonstrated by the fact that similar orders have been established in other countries, and are doing good work. It is a matter of regret, therefore, that an important body of men, such as we are led to believe the Ontario Medical Association are, should, by giving publicity to such an ill-advised resolution as was passed at a recent meeting of that body, cripple the humane efforts of those endeavoring to lighten the burdens of their less fortunate neighbours by placing within the reach of all the priceless services of the trained nurse.

For those who read this article, and who may have failed to see the resolution referred to, I quote the principal part of it: "This body feels that it would be neglecting a serious public duty if it failed to express its most unqualified disapproval of the scheme on account of the danger which must necessarily follow to the public should such an order be established."

Now the public, (I take it that this means all of Canada, this being the field the order is intended to cover) owes to this brilliant set of scientists an everlasting debt of gratitude for this unasked-for and gratuitous expression of its care; but just wherein lies the great danger to the public from having the assistance of the trained nurse in the sick room, is not made apparent in their resolution and is really past my comprehension to understand. The mind is therefore left to conjecture and in doing so this thought is suggested, that it seems to be the aim of some doctors to add to rather than detract from the already too numerous ailments of suffering humanity, for no sooner are we recovering somewhat from the appendicitis fad (speaking generally now, for thanks to my retiring disposition and detest for notoriety, my appendix still bears me good company) and congratulating ourselves that the spiral shaped bacillus of the bicycle curve is on the wane, than we have presented to our shattered nervous systems, in all its horrible possibilities, and in its most virulent form, the newly discovered, "bacillus of the trained nurse." The shock is made somewhat lighter for us by not having its hideous morphology, or its favorite culture media made known, but on these points the gentlemen who have so kindly given it birth will no doubt enlighten us later on. Then again, another probable point of danger in the minds of these gentlemen might be this, that taking a case of great suffering where the nurse happens to be the first one to reach the patient, and the doctor may be hours or even days off, she in her anxiety to