

will be well and faithfully done, but this much must needs say: that the aim shall be to make it acceptable to all who take part in it, to the nurses who are to do most of the work, to the doctors and others who will supervise it, to the sick who are to benefit by it, to the friends and benefactors who are to help it to its success, and lastly, to our beloved Queen, whose large and sympathetic heart first suggested the direction which such Jubilee offerings should most fitly take.

It is difficult to imagine any more worthy object for Jubilee gifts, great or small, than this Victorian Order of Nurses, for skilled nursing, even in its present restricted application, is every day, and perhaps every hour, relieving human pain and saving human life: and bearing in mind the Classic Dictum that "what you do through others you do also yourselves," it becomes possible for every one to help in this great work, and puts practically no limit to the good that may be done and the valuable lives that may be saved.

But in contemplating the great benefits to our people by the establishment among us of the Victorian Order of Nurses, let us not forget to whom we are indebted for the initiation of this great enterprise. To Her Excellency the Countess of Aberdeen must

always belong the merit of having been the first to discern this great need among the masses of our people, and to her, also, we owe the quick perception of the fitting moment at which their wants could be best supplied. It was a happy inspiration, and may Her Excellency live to see the fruits of her benevolent purpose grow and multiply, fifty and even a hundredfold.

If more were needed to press the importance of this good work upon the people of this Christian Country, I could point to an obligation more solemn than all that have gone before. Did not the Divine Author of Christianity say to His followers, "Go ye, heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils, freely ye have received, freely give?" This is His command. Shall it not be obeyed? But He gave also a Promise, in these words, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones, a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple" (and what disciple more worthy than our beloved Queen), "verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward." Ladies and Gentlemen, Citizens throughout this broad Dominion, this promise will be surely kept. See to it, that ye fail not to secure a goodly share in this Sacred Promise.