

hospitals by the Provincial Government. During 1900 fees were paid by patients to the amount of \$700, and District Nursing by one of the two nurses, when hospital work allowed it to be done, brought in \$300.

Wherever a Cottage Hospital has been placed it has proved of the greatest value, and there must be a very large field throughout the North-West, and indeed in all rural districts in Canada, for institutions of this kind.

From what Her Excellency observed and learned during a recent extended tour in the West she was led to think that, there at least, the Victorian Order of Nurses can turn its organization to the best account by assisting "in providing small Cottage Hospitals," to use once more the wording of the Royal-Charter. It is to be remembered that this is no new branch of the Order's work, but a special effort to develop that part of it which seems to be adapted to the regions concerned.

Hospitals are already in existence in nearly all the large centres of population. As is well known they are doing good work, and in the more distant and sparsely settled localities, from which in many cases patients cannot be conveyed long distances to these centres, Cottage Hospitals would be of real benefit.

Cottage Hospitals have also an important educational value. Each is in itself an example of the skilled care of the sick, and where necessary the assistance of untrained women can be used in the hospital, under supervision of the physician and nurse, so that in their measure such hospitals can become little training schools in their districts. In the Regina Hospital, help of this kind has been used with the happiest results. The Cottage Hospital at Vernon, B.C., affords an example of the usefulness of Cottage Hospitals as centres for District Nursing.

To Bear the Name of Our Late Beloved Queen.

As Queen Victoria had indicated her desire that the celebrations to mark the completion of the sixtieth year of her reign should be