

it on a sure basis for the carrying out of its objects as the National Memorial of the Diamond Jubilee?

Will not they endeavour to influence the Provincial Governments to follow the example of the Ontario Legislature in giving annual grants to the Order, and will not they also endeavour to do what they can to strengthen the work locally by obtaining *guarantees* which will enable nurses to be started in various districts on trial for a time?

If Lord Aberdeen and I were to endeavour to carry out our natural desire to thank those who helped in the establishment of this Order and who have supported me as President during the first months of its labours, we should have to fill many pages. The recollections and associations connected with that work must ever bind us very closely to those who proved such faithful, persevering and patient colleagues, and to the Superintendent and Nurses who have done such noble pioneer work for the Order. Will all those with whom I have worked in the Order accept this expression of my very real gratitude to them as retiring President. I am glad to think that I still belong to them and they will know how near all that concerns the Order will ever be to my heart. It is with infinite satisfaction that I know the post of President to be occupied by one who has been so wise and true a friend of the Order from its earliest inception as Mr. Justice Burbidge, and it is a source of great gratification to me to know that Her Excellency the Countess of Minto has not only become our Honorary President, but that she has manifested in so many ways her interest in