

being reduced to a science. In this work we cannot refrain from mentioning the splendid work that has been done by the Canadian Hospital Association. The annual meeting of this association, and the valuable papers that are read at it, and the discussions thereon, have done very much to spread the good gospel of how to manage our hospitals to the best interests of both patients and the public. These papers and discussions are of the most practical character.

That there is a growing liberality in this matter is evidenced by the fact that from time to time the various cities are voting grants to hospitals. A few days ago a deputation waited on the council of Victoria, B.C., to ask for a grant of \$200,000 for the purpose of enlarging the Jubilee Hospital, which can now only accommodate about one-half those seeking admission.

All this is most gratifying and should be encouraged. This country is now becoming a wealthy one. It has now in its midst many very wealthy citizens. May it ever be true that we shall be able to boast of many generous ones as well. There must ever be many who toil hard and save but little, and who have small homes. For these hospitals must be furnished. It is a noble work and appeals to the best that is in humanity. So in Love's Labor's Lost we read:

Charity itself fulfils the law,
And who can sever love from charity?

THE VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES.

When Lady Aberdeen organized the Order of Victorian Nurses, there were not wanting those who found fault with the movement; but it has gone on and prospered. That it has done much good there is no doubt. But in this work, as with everything in life, mankind may be divided into two classes, as Oliver Holmes has said: "Those who do things, and those who say it should be done some other way."

The Duchess of Connaught has become the head of the order, and has issued an appeal for money for the Victorian Nurses. It is to be hoped that this appeal will be prompt and generous. There are good reasons why this cause should receive support.

1. The Victorian Order depends almost solely upon voluntary contributions. The amount collected from patients is quite inadequate to support the order. The money required, therefore, for the homes the nurses live in and the payment to them of their salaries must come from donations.

2. The nurses in the large cities visit the homes of people who could not afford to pay a nurse, and yet require proper attention. In these cases the nurses do good service and do not compete with nurses who make a living by taking charge of patients for a fee.