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district which would be served by the Islay hospital. It is the earnest endeavor of the secretary of the board, most kindly assisted by Mr. E. J. Fream, at Calgary, to approach these local branch associations on the matter of the ten dollar annual subscriptions. Success at Islay would probably lead to great things on similar lines, but on a much bigger and, possibly, governmental basis throughout the province. It would be a magnificent thing for Alberta if some universal scheme of prairie cottage hospitals supported by municipal taxation were to come of our little pioneer institution at Islay. It would popularize the province, from the point of view of immigration, beyond any measure its publicity agent could conceive. The writer would make a widespread appeal to the farmers, the immigrants and the settlers of the new Prairie Provinces to consider the scheme attentively, to recognize that this subscription of ten dollars per annum, practically amounts to an insurance against sickness

and is an extremely feasible and economical provision. She has seized this opportunity of writing in The Grain Growers' Guide (afforded her by the personal kindness and approval of the U. F. A.), in order to make a wider appeal than that through the mail to the farmers in the immediate neighborhood of Islay. It is indeed "up to them" now to second her efforts to make the hospital there a success, and if they will realize in doing so that they are possibly firing a train of beneficent work that only begins at Islay, it will infuse something of real empire building into the work. Islay will build and equip its hospital; no one immediately beyond range of the township is asked to contribute to the building fund. But if throughout the hundred miles square which the hospital at that point will serve, if among the members of the various branches of the U. F. A. in the neighborhood of Islay, just three hundred farmers will guarantee a subscription of \$10 per year each, we get our adequate

income independent of voluntary subscriptions and private begging efforts and the institution is run without financial worry.

### Victorian Order of Nurses

The hospital board decided at the outset to invite the co-operation of the Victorian Order of Nurses for two or three very sufficient reasons.

In the first place it was anxious to have the building funds it could collect on the spot augmented by a grant from the Lady Minto Fund which is in the administration of the order. Now, Islay will not be able to obtain this unless it can satisfy the executive of the order that maintenance, in some shape or form, will be adequate.

Note.—Miss Mary Ard Mackenzie, the superintendent of the Victorian Order of Nurses, has been in correspondence with the writer of this article for some time. She is coming to Islay this month and it almost wholly depends upon our

answer to this question of maintenance, whether she can help us or not. Hence our anxiety to interest the whole neighborhood in the matter.

In the second place it is extremely useful for Islay to place its hospital in the hands of an organization which has had much experience of the nursing problem out here in the West, and which will be responsible, together with the local board, for the continuance of the work. Individuals may come and go, but when an institution rests on the shoulders of a whole corporation rather than on those of this or that devoted worker, its longevity is assured. We do not want, at Islay, a repetition of the experience of some other places who seem to open and shut up their hospitals in spasms of financial effort.

### A Free Site

We have been lucky in securing from the Board of Trade a free site; and Mr. Bissett has volunteered to sink our well. The plans of the hospital are being pre-