

lengthen this review of the work accomplished by the Victorian Order, even though, in view of the grave doubts which were expressed by many people at the outset, I am tempted to emphasize the opinions of thoughtful, practical men and women.

To conclude, therefore, let me remind the public in Canada that we have made good the challenge presented to us—"Shew us work done, and we will give you the support you ask."

The work *has* been done, as I have shown, but it has been done from hand to mouth, and the Treasurers of our Local Boards, and very specially the Treasurer of the Central Board of Governors, meet us with troubled and anxious faces and wonder how the year's expenses are to be met.

I am not sure that it should be a matter of regret that we did not at first obtain the large endowment we asked for. The lack of it has proved the vitality of our movement, and has demonstrated that it will spread in a healthy way by local districts themselves making efforts to raise funds to keep a nurse. But the great majority of country districts and villages cannot raise the \$600, for which roughly may be estimated the sum required annually to cover all expenses in connection with the establishment of a nurse.

The people realize the benefits of such an institution. They have to possess a nurse to realize the difference that she will make in time of sickness and anxiety. And if we are to spread the Order in these districts where it is most needed, we must have a Central Fund, from