

had many hearty supporters, both ladies and gentlemen, but whilst the former have been true to their allegiance, I regret to say that the latter have not shown that interest in the work which might reasonably have been expected. Many obstacles were met with in the beginning. It was feared by some even amongst the medical profession that the advent of the Victorian Nurse would be the death knell of the present hospital nursing system and that the scheme would not receive the necessary support. Thanks, however, to the perseverance of the ladies, the scheme may be considered to be a success in this city. Through their efforts sufficient funds have been collected for the employment of a regularly trained nurse. In the spring of this year, 1899, the Local Committee secured the services of Miss Baker, who, besides being a duly qualified hospital nurse, has taken the course required by the Central Committee for those who wished to enlist in the Order. Sufficient money having been subscribed to justify her engagement for a year at \$400 salary, she entered upon her duties in the month of May last. From her monthly reports I propose to frame a short account of what has been done by her.

During the month of May some thirty-six visits were made, the patients being children and elderly people, and the sum of \$2.30 was contributed. The system of payment allows the patients to contribute what they feel able to give. During this month there was a liberal contribution of clothing and necessaries for the sick which have been duly acknowledged in the Press.