

**"Unto the Least of These."**

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To most of my readers, district nursing is not a new term. It has been established for some years in more than 50 cities in the United States, and has proven its claim to support, by its many-sided beneficent activity.

District nursing is simply the technical term for nursing the sick poor in their own homes. The sick poor feel the same needs, and endure the same suffering as those who are happily beyond material want; they need the same care and comfort, and blessed relief from pain, that the trained nurse can bring to the bedside, so easily obtained by their more fortunate brothers and sisters.

Nursing the sick poor in their own homes was originally begun in Liverpool, in 1859; one trained nurse being sent to work in a small district. The experiment proved so successful, not only in alleviating suffering, but in the moral good effected, that its promoter, Mr. Rathbone, extended the work, and within four years the whole of Liverpool was supplied with trained nurses.

The good Queen Victoria of England, with her fine instinct of tenderness and sympathy, devoted a large sum of money for the purpose of training nurses to minister to the poor in their homes. These nurses visit their patients as often as they require their help; sometimes this is once or twice daily, or at longer intervals, for short visits, and frequently the nurse remains entire days and nights, in the needs of the patient may demand, recording notes of each case for the doctor in attendance.

Three objections have been raised in Portland to this work, which we hope to answer: The first, "Why not let the sick poor go to the hospitals?" The second, "What can one nurse do in the City of Portland?" The third concerns the danger of pauperization. Respecting the first, I would only ask you to consider (in the words of a recent writer in the Forum), that "there are people whom the hospitals cannot reach; those who through mistaken prejudice die at home rather than enter a hospital; those whose diseases are incurable, and those whom it is undesirable to separate from their families." How often homes are cruelly broken up by taking away the mother, or the father, especially where little children need their care and guidance, though from the sick bed. Let us put ourselves in the place of the sick poor, but for a moment, and we cannot fail to upbraid this movement, if we have hearts that can feel for the sufferings of human beings.

As to the second objection, of only one nurse to begin with, it is right to withhold all help because we cannot help all? As soon as our membership is larger and donations come pouring in to our treasurer, we will joyfully employ as many nurses as the needs of the sick poor demand. This same work was begun in Boston with but one nurse, and a few years later there was not one call in that city that failed of a response.

To the third objection, touching pauperization, let me explain that the association supplies trained nurses without charge to those who are unable to pay anything for their services, but also sends nurses to those who can pay something, a trained nurse being sent for \$1 a week, \$1 a day, or for 35 cents a visit, this money to be added to the association's fund.

Our nurses are to teach as well as to nurse, to teach cleanliness and all sanitary laws; they are to bring contagious cases to the knowledge of the health board, and to be in communication with the schools, thus assuring protection to the children. They will nurse the sick back to health, bring friendship and love into dreary, hopeless homes and hearts, make pain more easy to bear, and even death less hard and bitter.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Portland was organized on April 23 of this year, so we are still very young, and need generous hands held out to support us, and enable us finally to stand, until we can be self-supporting and then walk alone. We feel sure that the work need not be known, and understood, to insure it this generous support, and it can best be known through the report of our nurse, who has been faithfully working for the past month,

at times as much as twenty hours without rest. I therefore add some extracts of her report for it pleads more eloquently than any words of mine for the cause of the sick poor.

Our first call was to a woman in the last stages of tuberculosis. The nurse found her alone and in a neglected condition, neighbors fearing to visit her because of possible contagion. Her husband was away at his work. She had been bed-ridden for more than a year, was quite helpless, had not been bathed in months, was literally in rags—did not possess a change of linen or bedding. Our nurse bathed the patient, prepared food for her and procured clothing for her two little girls. We then sent her one of Portland's able physicians, and later placed the case in charge of a nurse provided by the Episcopal church, of which she was a member.

The second call was to a man in a similar condition. Here our friendly visitor found the plumbing of the house in a shocking condition, a menace to the health of the neighborhood, and reported it to the Health Board, which immediately took the matter in hand. Our nurse made the patient as comfortable as possible and remained with him until his death. Clothing was given to the wife and children by a member of the V. N. A.

Another call was to a young woman suffering from blood poisoning. Here the nurse paid eleven visits, sleeping on the floor of the one-room shack. The husband had been obliged to remain at home to nurse his wife until our nurse came to the rescue—he had forfeited his pay during this time, and there was neither food nor money in the house. A member of the V. N. A. gave them some assistance, and the woman is now able to work and help herself.

While our nurse was on this case, an urgent call came to us to go to a young colored boy, suffering from cerebral meningitis. The physician had ordered ice applications, but the mother was so poor that she could not buy a rubber sheet or bag, and the consequence was that the boy was lying in a pool of water. The V. N. A. supplied the necessary articles, and engaged a special nurse to care for the child, and relieve the care-worn mother, who had been up many weary nights and days. These are but a beginning if a long list that we have not space to mention.

We trust that the many Portland men or women who are not members of the V. N. A. will feel moved to join our ranks, so that in time there shall not be a home in all our city, though ever so poor, but that, when sickness and death, those grim visitants, appear, the helping, soothing hand of the trained nurse will be there, to bathe the fevered body, to bind up wounds skillfully and tenderly, and to be a stay to those wearied watchers who must be constant workers, too; where the dreary struggle for existence harasses sick and well alike.

Poverty alone is a heavy burden to bear, but when illness and pain are added thereto, the crushing weight is well nigh unendurable. How many of our fellow men are called upon to bear this grievous burden, we only realize in following the trained nurse on her errand of mercy, enabled to visit, like an angel of light, and of hope, and of mercy, the homes of the poor, if the hovels and rooming-houses can be called homes, where her patients are usually lodged. Shall we, who can, not hearken to the call to help these unfortunate ones, taking upon us a yoke that is easy, making their burdens lighter, and even giving rest to our own souls?

It is said that in ancient Rome, the first hospital was founded by a woman, Fabiola, the daughter of a noble family, who relinquished all her worldly possessions in order to devote them with her life to the sick, the suffering and the needy. Lecky, the historian, says of this work, "that, planted by a woman's hand, it overspread the world, alleviating to the end of time, the darkest anguish of humanity." Caring for the sick is essentially woman's work, and while we welcome the co-operation

of men in this work, we appeal to the women especially not to leave the sick poor uncared for in their homes, but to give that blessed help it is in their hands and in their power to give.

LOUISE WATERMAN WISE,  
Twenty-fourth and Marshall streets.

**FINISHING FERRY**

Steamer W. S. Mason to Be  
Launched in Ten Days.

The repairs to the Albina ferry W. S. Mason are being rushed at the yard of Joseph Supple, foot of Belmont street. Captain Henry Van Auker, master of the vessel, and who was put in charge of the repairs by the County Commissioners, says that when the Mason again takes to the water that her hull and machinery will be in as good a condition as when first built.

In making the repairs to the vessel it was found that most of the timbers at each end were so rotten that they had to be replaced with new stock. Most of the wear on the boat is on the ends near the apron. It was also found that the old smokestack was so full of holes that a new one had to be substituted.

**GOOD TIMBER USED.**  
An entire new set of decking had to be put in. For this purpose Captain Van Auker was very careful and was constantly on the lookout that nothing but the choicest 2x8 dressed green edge timbers be used. According to the captain this sort of timber will outwear the ordinary grade of wood by a long time.

Painters are now at work on the vessel and before she again takes her run she will be painted a better color. Every part of the old boat that could be utilized in making the repairs was used and a great saving was made. Captain Van Auker says that it will be about 10 days before the ferry is again put back on her run.

At Albina carpenters are busily engaged in building new pontoons and redecking the slips and approaches.

**PYTHIAN HEADQUARTERS.**

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lodge session to be held in Portland next week. J. H. Arken, grand chancellor, of Huntington, is expected on Sunday morning and other grand lodge officers during the day. The main body of the Knights are not expected before Monday evening and Tuesday morning.

**BACK FROM ALASKA.**

J. G. Webster, of San Francisco, is stopping at the Imperial for a few days. He has just returned from Juneau, Alaska, where he has been engaged in salmon canning, and stopped off here to visit friends for a few days.

"We put up a good pack this year, averaging about 35,000 cases," he said. "The Alaska salmon is not as fine a quality as

the Columbia River salmon, at the same time it would take an expert to detect the difference.

"There are a number of good mining propositions in that section, some of which are paying good dividends. There are no bonanza mines, but the work of development is going steadily on and it would not be surprising if some such were discovered."

**MUNICIPAL COURT NOTES.**

Ed. McCush, a sailor, was fined \$5 for being drunk by Judge Hogue this afternoon.

The case of H. D. Winters for putting garbage on the street, in which the

complainant was Health Officer Biersdorf, was continued until Monday.

The cases of E. W. Riner for assault on Joe Warren, Al Thompson for embezzlement, F. D. Hatch for obtaining money under false pretenses and Ung Gow for murder, were all postponed.

**FREAK OF NATURE**

Snow-White Deer Killed in Cow  
Creek Canyon.

(Journal Special Service.)

GRANTS PASS, Oct. 1.—A snow-white deer, a freak of nature seldom seen anywhere, was killed in the woods of Cow Creek canyon. The carcass of the animal was brought to this city yesterday by G. W. Donnell, the man who shot it. Mr. Donnell killed the animal the evening previous at Union Creek, near West Fork. The deer is like all others of its kind, with the exception of its hair and eyes. Its coat is a pure white and its eyes pink. It was sent to Portland last night to be mounted. The white deer is purely a freak of nature. It was with two ordinary deer when shot and was thus distinguished as being a deer.

**NEWS OF AND  
FOR MARINERS**

The Goings and Comings of Those  
Who Plow the Mighty Deep.

The barkentine Quikstep completed her lumber cargo yesterday and sailed for Hilo, with 443,959 feet of rough lumber, 57,911 feet of dressed lumber, 25,000 pickets and 25,000 shingles, all valued at \$6720.

The steamer Meteor has completed her lumber cargo and sailed today for Topeka, Central America. She has on board \$20,000 redwood ties, 250,000 feet of lumber and 1200 piles.

The schooner Mahukona is loading lumber at the mills of the Portland Lumber Company. She will take out 900,000 feet for Shanghai.

The government has sold the transport Egbert, which is at San Francisco, to the Dollar Steamship Company, for \$50,000.

Contractor Teller, who is repairing the British ship Cyrenne at Astoria, expects to have the work completed in about ten days.

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**ALIVE AND WELL**

Elsie Morgan, the Seattle Girl,  
Bobs Up in Spokane.

SPokane, Wash., Oct. 11.—Elsie Morgan, who left Seattle so suddenly and mysteriously a few days ago, appeared at the office of the local telephone exchange and applied for a position. She told who she was and when asked why she had left Seattle in the way she did, answered that she had come away because she was disappointed there. She

said that she had no trouble with her employers, and came away because she wanted a change of scenes.

On being questioned more closely Elsie Morgan said that a brother who had lived with her for some time in Seattle, had gone back to Kentucky and died there, and that she was constantly reminded of her loss while she remained in Seattle. She said that she did not tell any of her friends or her employers of her intention to leave because they would have objected to her going away.

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