

## Our friends.

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*U*PON this retrospect of fifty years we gratefully acknowledge the unselfish assistance and whole-hearted co-operation of those, who have sympathized with our work, and in a most practical way. It is impossible for such a long period of time—fifty years—to pass, in the life of an individual or institution, without that individual or institution meeting many, whose hearts God has filled with the “Milk of human Kindness,” and whom He has designed in His providence to be the benefactors of their kind. Signally favored have we, the Sisters of Charity, been in this respect. Though the road to us has been, humanly speaking, at times somewhat rough and unheven, we have met many of these, God’s chosen, who have appreciated our efforts and helped in a substantial way to make our journey smoother.

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