

ents. Thirteen aged and decrepit persons were supported during the year, and seven male and two female orphans have been, and they are still existing, at their expense. Is it not then right that such an Establishment should exist in our midst, and should not all Christians feel a deep interest in its welfare? In this rich and growing country it is an invaluable ornament. In times of pestilence—what a stronghold of charity and commiseration does it not afford! The exertions of the Reverend Clergy in sustaining the General Hospital cannot be overstated, and above all I believe it to be my duty to allude, in a particular manner, to the zeal of the Rev. Father Malloy in the good cause of charity, which is already recognized, and has obtained for him the gratitude of all good citizens, and acquires for him a new title to their respect and esteem. This devoted and tender charity towards the poor, the sick, and the female servants out of employment, is worthy of all praise. To make good our assertion, let it suffice to say, that the sum of his contribution in aid of the poor of the Hospital amounted in the course of the year 1854 to £50.

During the year 1854, commencing the first of January and ending the 31st December, the number of Patients admitted in the Hospital was 250. When we see that the number of Patients far exceeds the number of sick received in other Institutions of a like kind, we are naturally inclined to ask the reason of this great difference; we think we can indicate the reason by saying—

1st. That the number of Patients from Lower Canada admitted, nearly equalled the number of those of Upper Canada.

2nd. The General Hospital was open for all classes and creeds.

3rd. The extensive Hospital experience and mild charity of the Sisters naturally inspires a confidence in the patients which they cannot feel elsewhere. The devotedness of the Sisters of Charity is not merely limited to the interior of the Establishment; it is also visible in their attention to the sick of the City. The Sisters give medicine to the Poor, and in their behalf appeal to the charitable persons of the city, and consecrate the fruit of their endeavours to this purpose of charity. In the course of the year more than 300 Patients were attended by the Sisters in the city, and forty-five of these patients were supported by the Sisters.

The usefulness of this Institution being thus apparent, there remains but to urge upon a liberal public its claims for generous support. During a trying year like the present every aid is required, and all our charitable Institutions are in such circumstances worthy of marked consideration.

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