

the Ladies immediately laid the foundations of the house now occupied by the Sisters of Charity. Situated in a most central position, the benefits of this establishment can be extended to the Upper and Lower Towns, as well as to the suburbs of St. John, St. Roch and St. Lewis, from which hundreds of female children may be, within its precincts, admitted to receive the blessings of a solid and religious education.

Although the institution formed by the Catholic Ladies of Quebec had attained a degree of prosperity, unexpected after its former calamities, the society deemed it possible to widen its circle of usefulness. It is in the ways of providence that the most useful and salutary institutions should flourish and produce their fruits, only after having passed through the fiery ordeal of long and painful trials. The orphan Asylum had run its career of troubles and misfortunes. Having risen from its ruins, it was prospering under the wise direction of the Catholic Ladies and seemed animated with a new life. The orphans were brought up and instructed by pious women, under the attentive guidance of the Ladies, and of the ecclesiastical authorities.

It was reserved to Monseigneur P. F. Turgeon, at that period Coadjutor of the Archbishop of Quebec, to second the zeal of the pious directresses, in extending the scope of the establishment and rendering it more adequate to the present and future wants of the city.

A religious community could alone realise these hopes. Moreover nothing could be more consonant with the views and desires of the Ca-