

Foundations, Hospitals and Schools.

AS IS generally known the Order of the Sisters of Charity, founded by St. Vincent de Paul, in the 17th Century, was from the first devoted expressly to the care of the sick and the poor, but this divine mission did not preclude the uplifting of society by instructing, where occasion presented itself, and developing the physical, mental and moral powers of the child.

Imbued with the principals of universal charity and fully confident of the Divine Protection it has always been the aim of the good Sisters of Charity to extend as widely as possible the blessed works of tenderly nursing the sick and sowing the seed of Catholic instruction. The latter in fact during the past few years has become a most important factor among their various works, and pastors and parents realizing the advantages of Separate School training are everywhere anxious to secure it.

Consequently requests for these teaching sisters have come to them frequently, but owing to the paucity of members, it has been impossible to accept all. Where at all possible they have not refused to extend the sphere of their proficient assistance and activity for the welfare of Catholic youth.

St. Vincent de Paul Hospital and Boys' School, Brockville.

In 1887, Rt. Rev. J. V. Cleary, S.T.D., gave his decision regarding the opening of a hospital in Brockville, and in November of the same year, Sister Mary Berchmans (Candon), Superior, left the Mother House, in company with three Sisters, to commence the noble task of nursing the sick. This hospital was placed