

can show that the revenue of their Institution, derived from voluntary alms, and exclusive of Government grant, is sufficient to supply more than two-thirds of the cost of maintenance of their aged and infirm wards, they are allowed a supplementary grant of two cents. The Sisters of the Hotel Dieu receive an allowance of seven cents per day for chronic patients, and twenty cents per day for patients requiring only temporary treatment. A supplementary grant of ten cents per day may be given them, if the revenue of the hospital, derived from voluntary offerings or otherwise, and exclusive of Government grant, is shown to be sufficient to supply forty cents per day for maintenance of each patient. This is the lavish expenditure of the Provincial Government for the nursing of each sick person in the Hospital, and the requisite supply of food and prescribed delicacies and medicines and bed covering and washing. Who does not see that this annual grant is manifestly inadequate to meet the expenses incurred by the Religious Sisters in our Hospitals and Homes, and that, after all, they depend for the efficiency of their God-like charity on the alms of their fellow-citizens? Just think of the beggarly pittance, over which the bigots have been making such noise, and ask yourselves how much of this grant of two cents, or seven cents, or twenty cents per day, is paid to the Sisters who watch over and tenderly care the sick and the maimed, the orphans, the cripples, the deaf and the blind? Not one cent. They have never asked, and never have received any recompense whatever from the Government. There is no account taken of the Sisters' services by the Inspectors or Auditors of the Government. Their needs are few, merely the food and clothing of their bodies; with this they are content in the service of Jesus Christ; and this is provided for them sufficiently, not by salary, or pension, or grant from Government, but by God's own fund, the never-failing, inexhaustible fund of Christian charity.