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THE FLOWER MISSION.

The ladies who have for many years taken charge of this mission have now started on the twenty-third season of their labour of love.

The object is to give every week a bunch of flowers to each patient in our great hospitals, thus enlivening the bedside of the sick and brightening the weary period of suffering. The hospitals thus supplied are the Montreal General, the Royal Victoria, the Montreal Maternity, St. Margaret's Home, and the Ladies' Benevolent Institution.

To accomplish this very many hundred bouquets are required. The flowers are collected and sent in each Saturday morning. They are arranged in bunches of suitable size, and are then distributed during the afternoon. Visitors to the hospitals on Sundays cannot fail to remark the bright and lively appearance imparted to the wards by the little bunch of lovely flowers on each patient's table beside the bed. Everyone must recognize the advantage to the sick by having, as it were, a breath of the open gardens and fields brought to their side; for who does not love flowers? And the kind word with which they are given helps pass the weary time of sickness or convalescence. But to carry on this work requires much labour, and unfortunately the labourers are few. We appeal to our friends to help on this good work; speak to your lady friends and get them interested and induce them to share in the pleasure felt by those already engaged in it.

More flowers, more workers, more money are needed to supply the ever-increasing number of patients in all the hospitals.

The workers meet every Saturday morning at the Natural History Society rooms, University street, where flowers will be gratefully received, as well as at the C. P. R. Windsor Station and the G. T. R. Bonaventure Station, where baskets are provided for their reception.