

ON taking possession of the General Hospital in 1747, Madame Youville and her companions devoted themselves to works of charity of every nature; receiving into the Institution all classes of infortunates, without distinction of age or sex, never refusing any one.

During several years, the sisters cared for fallen women, and had room for twelve.

In 1754, the care of foundlings was begun.

In 1756, a ward was opened for sick soldiers and continued to the year 1760.

In 1801, at the request of the Government officials, the insane were admitted. Previous to this, the sisters had already received twenty-three (23) such patients and until this work was discontinued in 1839, the number received was one hundred fourteen (114).

In 1823, the Community undertook the care of Irish orphan girls.

In 1846, at the request of the priests of the Seminary, a "Dispensary" for the poor was opened.

In 1847, the sisters cared for the poor Irish immigrants stricken with typhus fever.

In the same years a temporary "Home" was opened for the women left without resources after this terrible plague epidemic.

In 1849, at the request of the Mayor of Montreal, the sisters undertook the nursing of the cholera victims in the "Sheds" constructed for the typhus patients.