

playing a game of cards. The game had hardly begun, however, when the cards dropped from his hands and he fell back on his bed. Before assistance could reach him all was over.

With the arrival of the nuns a new order of things began. Without entering into any detailed account of all the labors performed by the sisters since their arrival, it is enough to state that cleanliness and order prevail, and true charity shows itself everywhere. The poor creatures, who formerly revelled in filth and disorder, now see about them decency and cleanliness. They are induced to be submissive and obedient by the hourly example of the sisters ; their modesty and reserve, their virtue and careful speech, their watchful care and devotion, their tender attention to the sick, teach the inmates of the hospital the best of lessons. It is easy to imagine with what joy the poor lepers welcomed the nuns who came to consecrate their lives to this service and also to understand with what affection and respect these holy women are regarded.

Many changes in the interior arrangements of the lazaretto followed the arrival of the sisters. The patients and the nuns now hear mass at the same time. The male patients occupy two rooms twenty-five feet square, while similar apartments above are reserved for the females. The grounds of the lazaretto have also been enlarged.

This malady can hardly be contagious, since in one family husband or wife may be attacked while the other goes unscathed. There is now at Tracadie a man, François Robichaud by name, who has had three wives ; the two first perished of leprosy, the third is now under treatment at the lazaretto—the husband in the meantime enjoying perfect health. In one family two or more children are lepers, while the others are untainted. One