

LETTER FROM VERY REV. DEAN CASSIDY.

The Sisters of St. Joseph in charge of the Sacred Heart Orphanage submit herewith the Annual Report of the Institution for the year ending December 31, 1892. The Report, not entering into comparisons between the present returns and those of previous years, fails to inform the charitable public of the great progress made during the last year. Visitors to the Institution, however, have been gratified to observe that its accommodation has been more than doubled; that a beautiful chapel has been erected and dedicated under the invocation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The report refers briefly to the fact, that the orphan girls, up to present year maintained in the House of Providence, have been transferred to Sunnyside. No mention is made of the large sums expended in the building and furnishing of the newly erected portion of the Institution. It would seem as if the good Sisters were seeking to conceal their charitable works rather than to publish them. There is one portion, however, of this report which even their unobtrusive zeal and devotedness cannot render pleasant or satisfactory. They have been forced to incur a debt of \$1,442.00 in purchasing the necessaries of life for their dear little charges. Let us hope that a better knowledge of this most valuable Institution may impress the charitable public with the importance of its claims on their consideration.

The good Sisters render their acknowledgments to their benefactors; they submit the statement of their receipts and expenditures. Knowing the noble purposes to which these good religious devote their lives we cease to wonder at their heroic labors, their forgetfulness of self, their wonderful success in the training and education of their charge; but, taking everything into account, the large amount of good they have effected with such scanty means, is something that baffles human comprehension. They are doing it for Him who multiplied the loaves and fishes in the wilderness; laboring for Christ's little ones, they enjoy His special benediction.

That this report may move many hearts to sympathy—that the Sacred Heart Orphanage may be enabled to meet its obligations and to increase its benevolent work, is most earnestly to be desired.

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