

by our Local Legislature to the Roman Catholic institution, we will simply observe that the Montreal General Hospital is, in principle and management, non-sectarian. This institution, for the past fifty-three years, has performed its work of benevolence without reference to creed or country; and furthermore, although it is a City Hospital, supported by the voluntary contributions of the citizens of all creeds and countries, nevertheless in many instances its benefits are extended to persons coming from all parts, of Canada and the neighbouring States, as well as to immigrants and sailors.

In these days of bitter sectarian strife it would be a crime to rob this institution of its peculiar feature. The dispensing of charity to the sick and relief to the maimed should not partake of sectarian littleness.—Our Blessed Lord, in the suggestive parable of the Good Samaritan, which He addressed to the sectarians amongst the Jews of His day, teaches a lesson of love and benevolence to all men. This lesson can with advantage be learnt and put in practice by all, be they Christians or unbelievers. It is just this true spirit of Christian benevolence which has ever guided the management of the Montreal General Hospital. In support of our argument we will give a synopsis of the published annual reports of the Montreal General Hospital for the past ten years:

In 1865:

There were admitted into the house..... 1278

Of these there were:

Roman Catholics..... 634

Protestants..... 644

Of out-door patients treated during the year..... 7294

Of these there were:

Roman Catholics..... 5699

Protestants..... 1595

In 1866:

Admitted into the house..... 1117

Roman Catholics..... 550

Protestants..... 567

Of out-door patients treated during the year..... 7187

Roman Catholics..... 5640

Protestants..... 1547