

provement. But the changes of buildings and enlargement of space and sanitary requirements have exhausted the funds of the Sisters. The Sisters of Providence not only possess no money to-day, but have burdened themselves with a debt of \$10,000 by enlarging and properly fitting up their Home for the aged and infirm poor. The Sisters of the Hotel Dieu have barely escaped the necessity of contracting a heavy debt, by the kindness of friends, who paid the full cost (\$15,000) of erecting their handsome church of St. Joseph without any demand upon the Sisters. We pray our good God to inspire the affluent amongst us with a spirit of goodness and generosity towards those invaluable religious communities.

PUBLIC GRANTS TO HOSPITALS AND HOMES.

But some one may say, "Don't they receive grants from the public treasury?" We feel it incumbent on Us to correct just here a false and obviously malicious statement, that has been frequently bandied about by untruthful politicians on all the platforms of the Province, and by their unscrupulous journals, during the three no-Popery campaigns through which, by God's special help, we have most successfully passed in the last decade of years. We emphatically contradict, and declare it to be wholly and absolutely untrue, that any public money is granted, or has been granted, to our religious Sisters of any Order by the Government of this Province or any other. True it is, that a small grant—miserably small—is annually made to the indigent poor, whether Protestant or Catholic, in this Province, who have no friends to take charge of them in the days of their helplessness, and who, therefore, have to be maintained somehow at the public expense, out of the Provincial or Municipal Funds. Now, the magnanimous allowance of the Provincial Government is two cents per day in the House of Providence and one and a half cents per day in the Hotel Dieu, for the nursing and clothing and education and board and lodging of each orphan. The Provincial grant for the board and lodging and clothing and general maintenance of every old or infirm man or woman in the House of Providence is five cents per day; and, if the Sisters