

Loretto Convent, founded in 1856, is beautifully situated on an eminence which commands a charming view of the city, the river, and the surrounding country. The edifice, with the church of Our Lady, are the first objects that attract the eye within several miles of the city. The convent is under the superintendence of the Ladies of Loretto, who sustain a boarding and select day school of from 80 to 100 pupils, a select boys' school of some 30 pupils, and are also engaged in teaching the separate schools.

St. Joseph's Hospital and House of Providence, under the superintendence of the Sisters of St Joseph, is located on Hospital street, north of the London road, and is a fine three-story stone building, fitted up with all necessary appointments for the care of the sick. In connection with the Hospital is a farm of 30 acres, from which is procured the vegetables and fruit used in the institution. The Hospital was chartered in 1862, and additions made from time to time, as necessity required. The House of Providence, in connection, is designed for aged people, and those requiring a temporary home. The Hospital is supported by the usual Government and Municipal grants, and voluntary aid. At the time of our visit it contained 12 patients in the Hospital, and 41 in House of Providence.

The General Hospital is located on Delhi street, on the Eramosa Hill, and is a substantial brick building, three storeys in height, with mansard roof, and fitted up with every necessary for the care of the sick. It was erected some seven years ago at a cost of about \$10,000. Four acres of ground are attached, from which all the vegetables required are produced, and two cows are kept. The institution is supplied with 50 beds, and, at the time of our visit, 20 patients were under treatment. It is supported by the usual Government and Municipal grants, supplemented by voluntary aid. It is governed by a board of twelve directors, who are elected annually by the contributing members, the Mayor of the city, one member of the Council, and the Warden of the County, being members of the Board. An annual contribution of \$4.00 entitles the contributor to a voice in the election of directors. The medical board consists of all the physicians in the city.