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## OPENING OF FIRST HOUSE OF B.V.M.

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ninth, 1848. Mrs. De la Haye, following the example of Mrs. Elmsly, placed her five daughters under the care of the Nuns, and remained a true friend to them till death. Her name is gratefully remembered in the records of Loretto. Somewhat later Mrs. P. Foy made the acquaintance of the Nuns, and when in after years her daughters entered the boarding school, Rev. Mother Teresa was pleased to remark the good lady's kindly remembrance of the Nuns in the early days. In after years a grateful smile lighted up the face of the Foundress when she announced to the Community that Mrs. Foy was coming to spend a whole day with her.

These early manifestations of sincere good will had a most cheering effect on the religious exiles, and they summoned all their energies to meet the requirements of the land of their adoption; but the time of the harvest was not yet, and more bitter tears had still to flow in the seeding, ere they were to bear their full sheaves. "They that fear the Lord will prepare their hearts and in His sight will sanctify their souls" (Ecclesiasticus). The annual eight days' Retreat, so precious to the life of every Religious, could not be made at the usual time, and the Nuns took advantage of the absence of the pupils during the first Christmas holidays to enter upon this holy exercise. It was during this Retreat, when the Nuns were enjoying a little of the sweetness of Mount Thabor, that sickness made its appearance in the little Community. Sister M. Bonaventure de Sales and Sister M. Gertrude showed symptoms of the maladies that were to bring them to an early grave, though not before they had suffered pains hardly exceeded by those of the