

that will bring most comfort to the heart and the soul that are sick as well as to the suffering body.

Can any one for a moment deny that for the sick Catholic poor the ministrations of the Sisters of Charity, their Christ-like sympathy for the suffering, their life-long consecration to the alleviation of human misery, their prayers and spiritual exhortations and instructions, the hopes and the trust in the merciful God their presence and example as well as their words inspire, are of a value and importance that are simply inestimable? Is it kind, is it charitable, is it Christian to take the poor that are at our mercy, and especially in the dark hours of their sickness that for many may be unto death, away from such blessed influence and comforting surroundings, and force them into institutions where, from the nature of things, they cannot have these priceless advantages in full measure and completeness?

But, says another sapient alderman—a medical doctor—“These charitable institutions are mere ‘fads,’ and were the grants continued to them the General Hospital would be sadly crippled.” So that it is the welfare of the General Hospital that must be considered, and not the interests of the sick poor; in other words, the sick poor exist for the sake of the hospital, and not the hospital for the sick poor. The doctor justifies his course by what, in the face of the evidence, we must call false allegations and accusations. Hear him: “The responsible Superintendent is not a qualified physician, for it is no other than Madame de Chantal.” This lady is the responsible Superintendent of the institution as far as its general and economic management is concerned, but she has nothing whatever to do with the medical treatment of the patients; and the institution has a qualified resident physician, who is medical superintendent. Hence the allegation of the doctor is false, in the sense which he meant.

Again he accuses the religious nurses of the institution as negligent and inefficient, and he bases this serious charge

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