

brated three times a week. On Sundays and Holidays there is a solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament; singing of hymns and canticles is always accompanied by the harmonium.

Towards the end of Lent, in each year, there is a *retreat* of a few days,—the Blessed Sacrament being exposed—called the 40 hours adoration. Sermons in French and English are preached every Sunday.

Nothing more touching than to witness these infortunates attending the holy offices and prayers. The solemnity of the Chapel, the singing of canticles, the Holy Mass above all, awaken in them religious sentiments; they are generally silent, and seldom speak or laugh.

Those who have lucid intervals go to confession and receive communion. Every Sunday, some among them approach the Holy Table with surprising devotion and may be seen receiving Holy Communion, suffused with tears of joy and repentance.

It is more particularly at the end of the annual retreat that their countenances may be seen to beam with joy and happiness. Not a year passes that this season is not for some of them a time of special divine favor. I have seen some of them thank Providence for having afflicted them and brought them to the Asylum, for the eternal benefit of their souls.

Last year the necessity of enlarging the chapel was felt, as it could accommodate only a part of those in a fit state to attend the services. Drs. Landry and Roy, who spare no trouble for the benefit of those entrusted to their care, have made this necessary improvement and doubled the size of the chapel.