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Catholic Hospital History Project

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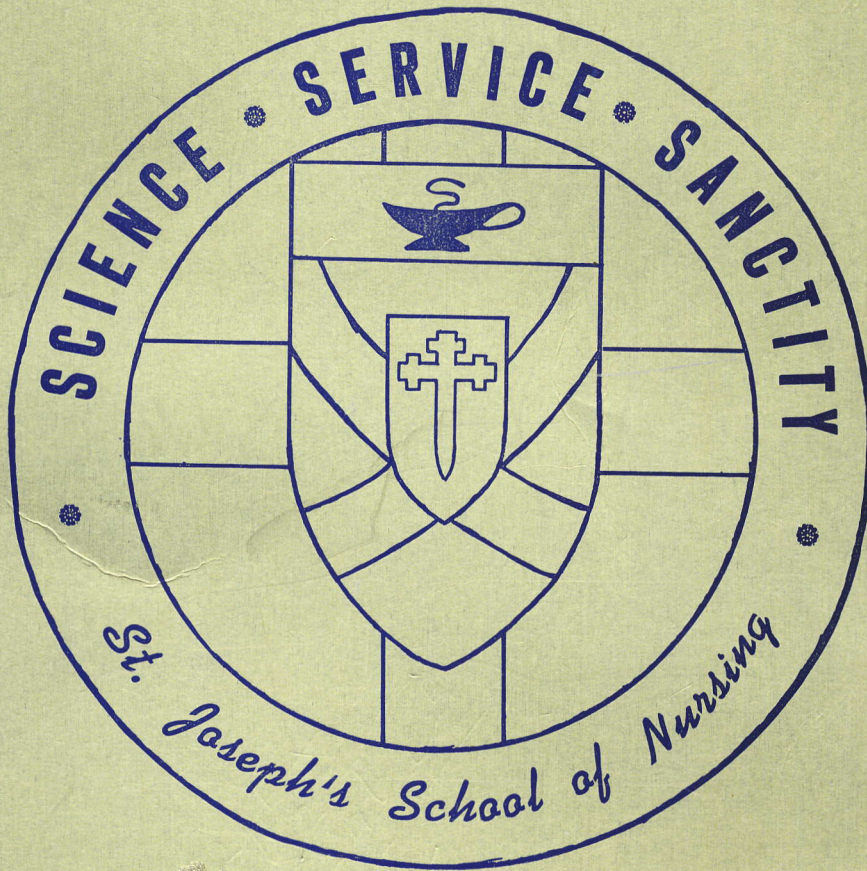
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**Golden Gleanings
Commemorating the Fiftieth Anniversary of
St. Joseph's Hospital
and its School of Nursing
Glace Bay, N.S.**

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ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

1902 - 1952

AND ITS

SCHOOL OF NURSING

1905 - 1955

GLACE BAY, NOVA SCOTIA

DEDICATION

To Divine Providence, Source of every good and perfect gift To our beloved Bishop . . . To the Reverend Clergy . . . To our zealous Board of Directors To our loyal and skilled Medical Staff To all our Subscribers, who through the years have been our staunch supporters and true friends To our faithful Nursing Staff To all the members of our Alumnae To our energetic Women's Auxiliaries To all our good Benefactors who have given us of their means and of their services To the officials of our Towns of Glace Bay and Dominion . . . To the officials of the Provincial and Federal Governments To all organizations, Business Firms, Newspapers and Radio Stations who have given their support and aid to the Hospital To all our Benefactors — great and small — known and unknown,

The Sisters of St. Martha

of

Saint Joseph's Hospital

acknowledge their lasting debt of gratitude and dedicate these

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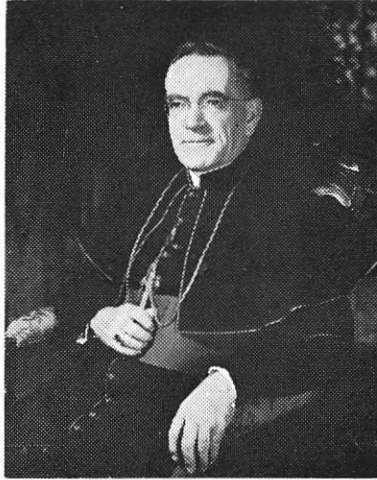
Reverend Sister Superior:

It affords me genuine pleasure to inform you that, on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay, our Most Holy Father has graciously deigned to impart to the Reverend Sisters and to all the members of the Administrative, Nursing and Medical Staff of the Hospital, his Apostolic Blessing as a pledge of divine graces and a token of paternal benevolence.

In conveying to you this August Message of the Sovereign Pontiff, I also wish to extend my own personal congratulations and good wishes on the occasion of this joyous anniversary. It is my heartfelt prayer that this Blessing of the Vicar of Christ may be a lasting assurance of abundant heavenly blessings in the years to come.

With renewed congratulations and the expression of my best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,
F. G. PANICO,
Apostolic Delegate.



Most Rev. John R. MacDonald, D. D.
Bishop of Antigonish

Rev. Mother Superior,
Saint Joseph's Hospital,
Glace Bay, N. S.

For fifty years, St. Joseph's Hospital has served the sick, a service not only to sick bodies, but to troubled souls, anxious minds and burdened hearts.

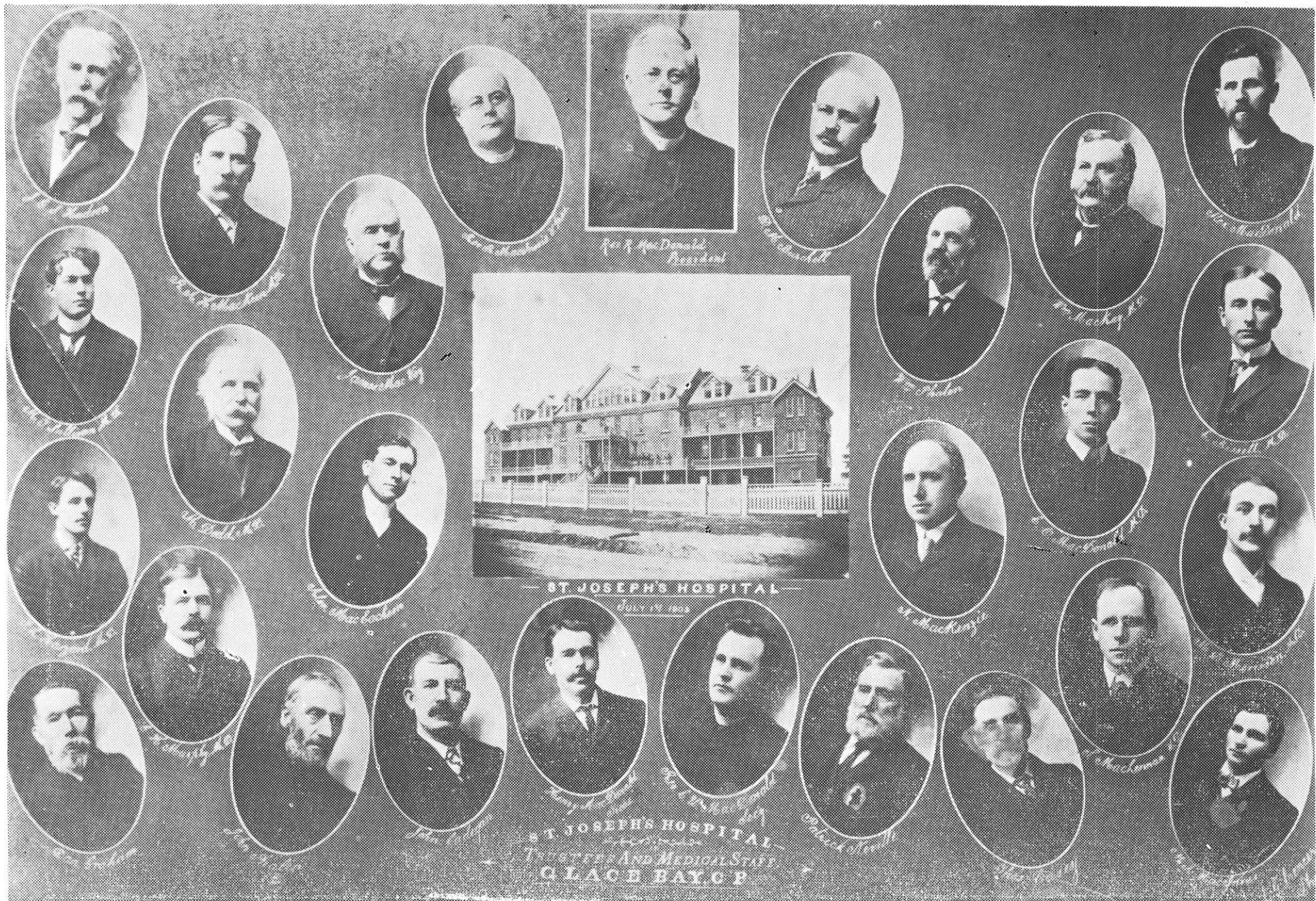
For fifty years, St. Joseph's Hospital has expressed love of neighbor based on love of God, for Charity has been the soul of all its service.

For fifty years, St. Joseph's Hospital has been an asset to the community — training nurses for service to the people, educating people in prevention of sickness and in preservation of health, and promoting public health.

I gladly pay a tribute of praise to all who have been responsible for this half-century of service, especially to the Sisters of St. Martha, whose zealous and devoted spirit directs this work of Christian mercy. With them I join in expressing gratitude to all the people who have loyally supported St. Joseph's Hospital since its founding.

May our Divine Lord, Who is served in the service of His brethren, bestow abundant blessings on this Hospital as it daily writes the continuing story of its labor of love.

J. R. MacDONALD,
Bishop of Antigonish



First Board of Directors and Medical Staff.



Aerial View of Hospital buildings showing:

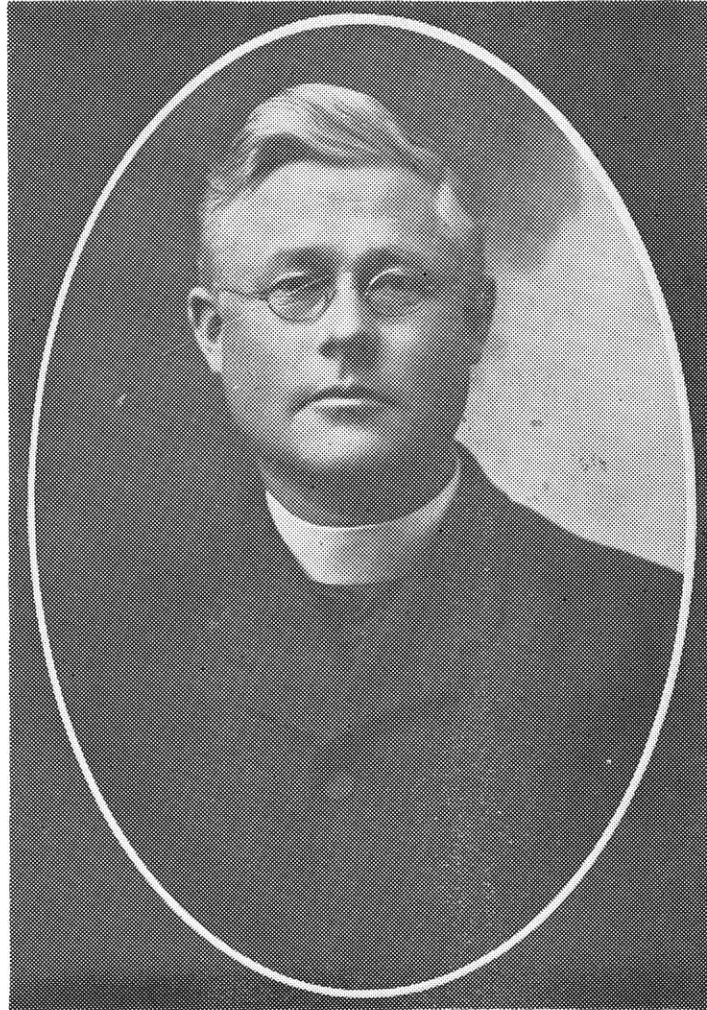
Left — Staff Residence

Centre — Old and New Wing of Hospital

Right — Nurses' Residence with T. B. Unit in background

REVEREND RONALD MacDONALD

First President of St. Joseph's Board of Directors



Reverend Ronald MacDonald, founder of St. Joseph's Hospital, and first president of its board of directors, was born at Knoydart, in Lismore parish, Pictou County, on December 14, 1863, the son of Hugh and Catherine MacDonald.

After completing his High School course at Pictou Academy, he attended St. Francis Xavier's University in Antigonish, where in 1884 he received his Bachelor degree in Arts. In the autumn of the same year he entered the Grand Seminary of Laval University in Quebec to pursue his theological studies.

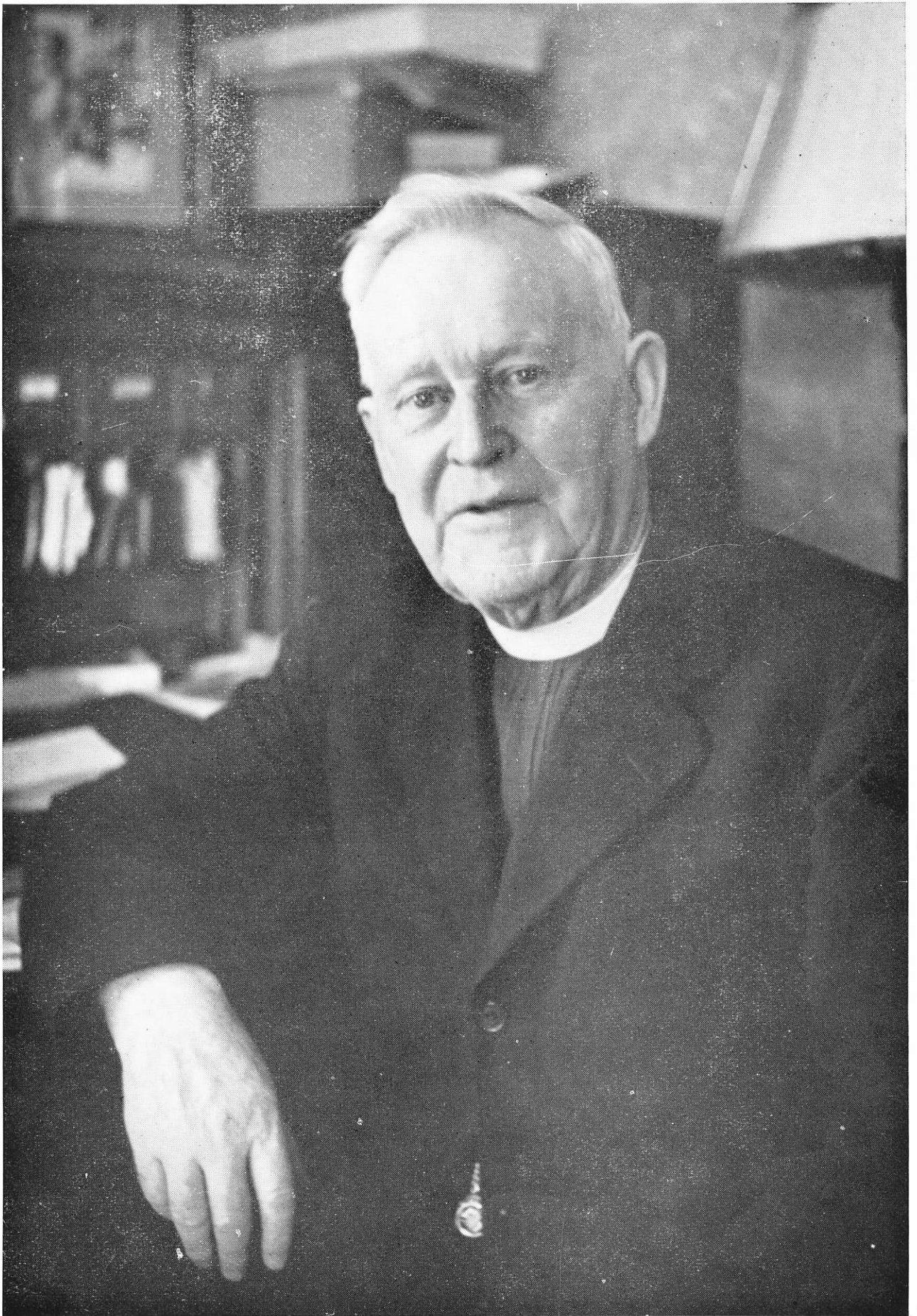
He was ordained to the Priesthood by Bishop John Cameron at Arichat on August 3, 1888, and was appointed pastor at Hawkesbury, Princeville and Creignish on September 12th of the same year. He began the erection of the present church at Port Hawkesbury in the spring of 1890, and had the completed building consecrated on December 17, 1891. Father MacDonald became the second pastor of New Glasgow on Sept 14, 1894, and was transferred to Glace Bay on August 14, 1898, when he became third pastor of St. Anne's, which then included Dominion No. 4 and Cow Bay. With the active co-operation of Rev. C. W. MacDonald of Bridgeport, the erection of St. Joseph's Hospital was completed in 1902, and Father Ronald became first president of its Board of Directors. He was transferred to Reserve Mines on December 1, 1906, and served there as pastor until March 26, 1911, when he took over the charge of Pictou parish which he held until October 1, 1915.

Recognizing the tremendous issues at stake when World War One raged in Europe, Father MacDonald's ardent spirit of patriotism could not resist the clarion call of his country, and on October 1, 1915, we find him enlisted in the armed services with the rank of Honorary Captain. He was first stationed as Chaplain at Aldershot, N. S., and here as elsewhere, his genius as a builder served the army well, when he saw the erection of a combination recreation hut and chapel, prior to the C. A. H. movement. The following year he sailed with the Nova Scotia Highland Brigade, arriving in England on October 13, 1916, and from then until early in 1919, he labored zealously as chaplain of various Canadian units in England and France.

After his return to Canada in 1919 we find Father MacDonald again with his usual zest and energy engaged in parochial duties. He was in charge of Havre Boucher parish from May 11, 1919 until he became pastor of Judique on September 30, 1922. There he began the erection of St. Andrew's Church in 1924, and this solid stone building was consecrated in 1927, a short time before he left the parish. He was transferred to St. John's parish, New Aberdeen, on October 9, 1927, and held that position until his lamented death at the Halifax Infirmary on May 7, 1939.

As pastor of various centres, both rural and urban, as president of St. Joseph's Board of Directors, or as military chaplain, Father MacDonald laboured with that boundless zeal and energy which characterizes a true pastor of souls. He was a builder, and monuments of his zeal stand today in wood, brick and stone, and not the least among them stands St. Joseph's Hospital. Much more than a material builder, however, he was a spiritual builder — a builder of eternal monuments that cannot be seen with human eyes, a builder of the Kingdom of God in the souls of men.

Father MacDonald's mortal remains lie now in St. Mary's cemetery, Lismore, (Mary's Garden in the language of the Gael,) on a picturesque hillside close to the home of his birth, and we are confident that his gallant soul is enjoying well earned peace and rest in his ETERNAL HOME WITH GOD.



Rev. Charles W. MacDonald, Co-Founder

REVEREND CHARLES WILLIAM MacDONALD
Second President of St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors

Reverend Charles William MacDonald, second president of St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors, was born on September 17, 1867, at Harbour Road in St. Ninian's parish, Antigonish, the son of John C. MacDonald and Margaret MacLeod.

After completing preliminary studies in the local school, he attended St. Francis Xavier's University, Antigonish, graduating in 1891 with a B. A. degree. After graduation he studied theology in the Grand Seminary, Montreal, and was ordained to the Priesthood on August 15, 1894, by Bishop Cameron.

One month after his ordination he became the second pastor of West Lake Ainslie, (now Brook Village) and a year later, August 18, 1895, he was transferred to Bridgeport, which then included the present parishes of Reserve Mines, Dominion, and Gardiner Mines. As third pastor of this territory he laboured zealously and successfully the next fifty-four years of his life.

In 1899 he built a new church, which in June, 1900 was opened for divine service and dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of our Lady. The following year the present glebe house was erected.

With his life-long friend, Father Ronald MacDonald, Father Charles was co-founder of St. Joseph's Hospital, serving as director from its opening in 1902, as secretary of the board of directors from 1905 until he became president in 1915, a position he held until his resignation on January 11, 1938. During this period, under his wise and gentle leadership, St. Joseph's made great progress, not only from a material aspect, but even more from its high quality of service and educational facilities. Despite the busy life of his large parish, and his official duties at the hospital, he always

found time to visit the sick and the maimed with kindly words of cheer and comfort, so that today his name is deeply enshrined in the hearts of many who spent long and weary hours in hospital beds.

In 1936 he had the Catholic Welfare Association established in Bridgeport with the Sisters of St. Martha in charge. For this purpose he started the erection of St. Charles Convent, which was opened on November 29, 1938, and serves as a centre for social and educational activities.

A heavy cross was thrust on his aging shoulders when on December 8, 1940, Immaculate Conception Church, Bridgeport, was destroyed by fire. Such a disaster might have broken the spirit of a younger man, but though in his seventy-fourth year, Father Charles resolutely set to work, and prepared the basement of the ruined church to serve as a temporary shelter for his large congregation.

On August 15, 1944, the parishioners with many friends among the clergy and laity celebrated the joyous occasion of his Golden Jubilee, when many sincere and well-deserved tributes were tendered to this venerable shepherd of souls.

Father Charles worked zealously until a few days before the end when a severe illness forced him to enter St. Joseph's Hospital, where he passed peacefully away on May 14, 1948. His remains now lie in the Catholic cemetery at Bridgeport amid the graves of so many he had faithfully served for fifty-four long years — of so many to whom he had administered the consolations of our Holy Church from the newly born babe to the last gasp of the dying. May those all add now to his eternal glory and happiness in heaven!

SAINT JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL

"And multitudes came . . . to be healed of their infirmities"

Luke 5: 15

FOUNDERS

St. Joseph's, the pioneer of hospital service on this fair island of Cape Breton, opened its doors to suffering humanity on July 1, 1902. This institution of healing came into being through the initiative and zeal of Reverend Ronald MacDonald, then Parish Priest of St. Anne's, Glace Bay, and Reverend C. W. MacDonald, Pastor of Immaculate Conception Parish, Bridgeport. The hospital was erected at a time when the courage of less energetic men would have failed, and what courage it must have taken to attempt a task of such magnitude, at a period when such an undertaking involved venturing into the, then, almost unknown field of hospital construction and management. There were no architects near to produce reams of scientifically prepared plans for the consideration of the prospective hospital builders; there were no model institutions near from which one could copy. History relates that Fathers Ronald and Charles MacDonald were asked to visit the United States, and make a study of the hospitals there, from the viewpoint of structure and design most suitable to the needs and economic conditions of this area. After this was done, Mr. Hutchinson, a Sydney architect was called in and drew up the final plans, using the ideas gained by the two priests while in the United States. At this point, we find a group of prominent laymen entering the picture, giving the benefit of their advice and experience, notable among whom were Messrs. Alex MacEachern, Patrick Neville, Thomas Casey, John Cadegan and Don Burchell, with members of the Medical Profession, especially Doctors MacKeen and MacKay, who proved twin towers of strength to the hospital afterwards on the Medical and Surgical Staff.

The first sod of St. Joseph's Hospital was turned on July 24, 1901, by Lord Minto, then Governor General of Canada.

In order to exist, hospitals at the turn of the century also needed financial assistance, and we find the founders of St. Joseph's facing this problem with their unusual zeal and remarkable organizing ability. They readily foresaw that some system of regular contribution on the part of the miners was necessary, and the two priests again took up the burden of the work involved in arranging for the satisfactory collection of what was to become, perhaps, the first pre-payment hospital plan in North America. Today the system is known throughout this industrial area as the "check off".

Today, after a half century of service to the sick and injured in this vicinity, St. Joseph's Hospital has attained a place in the hospital field, far beyond the hopes of the few optimists who, back in 1900, refused to see the difficulties and laughed at the fear of failure. We, of this Jubilee Year, hope and pray that from their place in their eternal home, these two zealous priests and their co-workers are looking with pleasure on the result of their own energy, foresight and zeal.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Linked with the founding of the hospital we find an outstanding Board of Directors. The men whose names were affixed to the charter which they succeeded in obtaining from the Government of the day, were: Rev. Ronald MacDonald, Rev. Charles MacDonald, Rev. Ronald MacInnis, Alexander MacEachern, Wm. Phalen, Henry MacDonald, Patrick Neville, John Whelan, Thomas Casey, James MacVey, John Cadegan and William Browner. These men formed the original Board of Directors. Their successors today are: Rev. A. J. MacIsaac, P. P., President; M. J. MacNeil, Vice-President; D. J. Gillis, LL. B., Secretary; Sister Mary Aneas, Superintendent and Treasurer; Archie MacKay, Michael MacLean, Leonard Nearing, Joseph Flynn, Malcolm Currie, Ambrose MacIntyre, John Martin, Maurice MacDonald, Dan J. MacGillivray, Thomas Yetman, James Turnbull, Sister Mary Joseph and Sister Ann Marie.

MANAGEMENT

Fortunate, indeed, was St. Joseph's in having as its first superintendent Miss Janet Cameron, a graduate of Massachusetts General Hospital. An exceptionally capable nurse, with great executive ability, she played an active part in the hospital's establishment, and set a high standard of institutional management and nursing service. Miss Cameron resigned her position in 1909, and was replaced by Miss Margaret Conroy. According to the hospital report for 1912, Miss Cameron is again in charge after having taken a course in hospital administration in a United States Hospital. Miss Cameron's last year at St. Joseph's was 1914. In 1915 the Sisters of St. Martha took over administration of the hospital with the late Mother Faustina as Superintendent, and Sister Maris Stella as Superintendent of Nurses. Since that time, the following Sisters of St. Martha held the office of Superintendent of the hospital: Rev. Mother M. Ignatius, Sister John Baptist, Sister Frances Teresa, Sister Mary Rita, Sister Mary of the Trinity, Sister Paul of the Cross, Sister Margaret Claire, and Sister M. Aneas, the present incumbent.

THE MEDICAL STAFF

Since the inception of its first medical staff, when such men as Doctors MacKeen and MacKay and so many others who followed, brought renown to the institution, St. Joseph's has been most fortunate in having on its staff, some of the best medical men in Canada. The reputation gained by these famous "firsts" has been jealously guarded by the conscientious and skilled doctors who down the years have served St. Joseph's and its clientele. The following list of doctors comprised St. Joseph's first medical staff in 1902:

Consulting

- John Stewart, M. D.
Edin. University, Halifax, N. S.
- John W. McKay, M. D.,
Bellevue Hosp. Med. College, New Glasgow, N. S.

Acting

- R. A. H. MacKeen, M. D.,
Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N. Y.
- W. MacKay, M. D.,
Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N. Y.
- M. Dodd, M. D.,
College Physicians and Surgeons, N. Y.
- S. J. McLennan, M. D.,
Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N. Y.
- M. D. Morrison, M. D.,
Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N. Y.
- E. O. MacDonald, M. D., C. M.,
Trinity University, Toronto
- M. T. Sullivan, M. D., C. M.,
McGill, Montreal
- F. L. Haszard, M. D., C. M.,
McGill, Montreal
- G. H. Murphy, M. D., C. M.,
Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.

Aurist and Oculist

- S. J. McLennan, M. D.

Assistants

- F. W. Green, M. D., C. M.,
McGill University, Montreal
- J. C. Morrison, M. D., C. M.,
Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.
- K. A. McCuish, M. D., C. M.,
Dalhousie University, Halifax, N. S.

Their Successors in 1955 are:

- M. G. Tompkins, M. D., F. A. C. S.
- W. W. Patton, M. D.
- J. A. MacDonald, M. D.
- J. R. MacNeil, M. D.
- T. J. Khattar, M. D.
- D. H. Blinkhorn, M. D.
- Wm. Nicholson, M. D.
- J. B. Tompkins, M. D.
- A. Green, M. D.
- J. O. MacNeil, M. D., F. A. C. S.
- U. E. Oberworth, M. D.
- O. Bruckschwaiger, M. D., F. R. C. S. (C)
- P. S. Gardner, M. D.

Honorary Staff

- E. W. MacDonald, M. D., F. A. C. S., F. R. C. S. (C)
- A. Calder, M. D., F. A. C. S.

Radiologist

Joseph Kereszturi, M. D.

Pathologist

A. W. Gyorfi

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

W. E. Fultz, M. D.

REVEREND MOTHER M. IGNATIUS

Any reference to the growth, both in size and efficiency, of St. Joseph's Hospital would be most incomplete and untrue, unless it contained an attempt to recognize the role played by Reverend Mother M. Ignatius, Superior General of the Sisters of St. Martha, in all phases of the hospital's progress since 1916. A quotation from an article written for the Silver Jubilee of St. Joseph's, gives some idea of the work accomplished during her first tenure of office which ended in 1925, when she was chosen Superior General of her Congregation.

"In 1920 she became Superior, and the report of that year shows a record of a truly gigantic task accomplished. Father MacDonald's report to the Board of Directors gives a summary of the work. It involved the complete remodelling of the basement, and can best be described by quoting the words of the report: 'In the new arrangement the partitions for the first four feet will be of cement on a metal lath, the remainder of the ceiling hard wall plaster on wooden laths, while the floors will be of Terazza set on strongly reinforced concrete in all rooms and halls with the exception of the storerooms, which will be of reinforced concrete alone. When completed we shall have in the basement a new and commodious kitchen, a scullery and storerooms, a dining room for the help, an office and record room, an X-ray room, a laboratory, a dispensary, a nurse's diet kitchen, bathrooms, a clothes room for patients, and a morgue. Then again there has been a complete reconstruction of our heating house 38 x 31 feet, in which are installed two 90 horse-plant. This entailed the erection of a new brick boiler power boilers, and also the erection of a new reinforced concrete coal shed 31 x 21 feet, as well as the replacing of a number of radiators badly placed and the addition of considerable more radiating surface. A new electric elevator is being put in which involves the building of a new shaft. In addition to this, a new brick cold storage building 22 x 21 feet has been completed, as well as a water-tank capable of holding fifty-five gallons. All this means the expenditure of much more money than was spent when the hospital was built, but it is going to improve conditions to a great extent and make for the care and comfort of the patients.'

The cost of the improvements thus effected, and by means of which St. Joseph's was placed on the list of standardized hospitals in 1921, amounted to no less than \$120,000.00. That so much was accomplished with so little of the publicity which usually accompanies such achievements is little short of marvellous. It required more than ordinary courage to make the attempt, and far more than ordinary ability to carry it out. In Mother Ignatius, St. Joseph's had a head who possessed the knowledge of hospital requirements, the energy and capacity for work, and the organizing

ability which turned remote possibility into a splendid reality. Her influence made itself felt, also, in other and equally important ways. She had the faculty of inspiring her staff with some of her own enthusiasm and devotion, and the effect of her leadership showed itself in an ardent spirit of zeal and a high sense of duty which made the hospital unequalled in the province for quality of service. It is hardly necessary to say that her work, more than any other factor, has given St. Joseph's the enormously increased prestige it has gained in recent years, or that it misses sorely her firm but tactful leadership, her knowledge of its needs, her devotion to the welfare of its inmates, and the inspiration of her example."

The year 1937 finds Reverend Mother M. Ignatius back at St. Joseph's as Superintendent and during the next two years a modern new wing was built and many improvements made in the old building.

To her must be given the credit for the sound foundation upon which the work of St. Joseph's is based at the present time.

As the jubilant notes of St. Joseph's Golden Jubilee fade away and its 50th anniversary becomes history, let us ask Almighty God that the faith and courage of Mother Ignatius continue to inspire all those who so generously follow her brilliant example of Charity.

SUBSCRIBERS

During the year 1900 when Fathers Ronald and Charles MacDonald entered the coal mines in and around Glace Bay area to solicit financial assistance for the proposed St. Joseph's Hospital, they began then the organization of what was to become, possibly the first hospitalization pre-payment plan in North America. The group who so generously responded to that first appeal became St. Joseph's original subscribers and first benefactors. By their combined subscriptions they actually elected to minister to the sick and injured of this area, who would afterwards need the facilities provided by the hospital.

The hospital has suffered severe financial reverses through strikes and long periods of unemployment, and presently by the depressed condition of the mining industry in the area which it serves. Through all its difficulties and financial stress, the miners have remained loyal and ever faithful, always responding wholeheartedly to appeals for increased subscriptions and any other help sought.

There are many of the first subscribers still living and active. A number are still working for the interests of St. Joseph's. A member of the present Board of Directors, Mr. Joseph Flynn, was among the first group who subscribed at the time of the foundation. To these "firsts" and all the others who down the years have been such loyal supporters and staunch friends, is due the heartfelt gratitude of the hospital and its management.

HOSPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

- 1901 First sod turned by Lord Minto, then Governor General of Canada.
- 1902 Hospital officially opened.
- 1905 Nurses' home built.
- 1905 First class of nurses graduated.
- 1915 Sisters of St. Martha take over the administration.
- 1916 First X-Ray installed.
- 1918 A renovating program which gave increased private room space costing \$12,720.00.
- 1919 First graduation under Sisters administration.
- 1920 First laboratory established.
- 1920 A program of extensive renovating and remodelling of the basement, new heating plant, etc., costing over \$120,000, almost three times as much money as original building cost.
- 1921 Hospital fully approved by the American College of Surgeons.
- 1926 New Laundry Equipment costing \$2200.
- 1926 Further repairs and building of sunporch (Ward "E" added) costing \$14,000.
- 1927 An ice-plant costing \$3,000. was built.
- 1927 Hospital celebrated its Silver Jubilee.
- 1932 Staff Residence was built at a cost of \$24,600.00.
- 1938 Radiologist appointed.
- 1938 Work begun on the New Wing.
- 1939 New Wing officially opened.
- 1939 T. B. Unit was built and opened.
- 1950 Pathologist appointed.

Since the opening of the hospital, statistics reveal the following totals:

Admissions	121,796
Births	14,296
Operations	33,563
Hospital Days	1,657,315



St. Martha

THE SISTERS OF SAINT MARTHA

The Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Martha was founded in 1900 by Bishop John Cameron of Antigonish. According to a previous arrangement in 1894 between the Founder and the Superior of the Sisters of Charity in Halifax, the pioneer members of the newly founded Community received their religious formation and training at Mount St. Vincent.

In this undertaking the Bishop received the whole-hearted support and active co-operation of the Priests of the Diocese, and the Sisters gratefully acknowledge that their growth and development are in a great measure due to the continued moral and material support received from the Bishops and Clergy, past and present.

Saint Martha was chosen as the patroness of the little Congregation, which was founded in an age when the need of an active apostolate became strikingly evident. St. Martha's dauntless spirit, her tender love of our Lord expressed in the concrete form of service, and her zeal for the spread of the Gospel after His Ascension, constituted her a fitting model for a Religious Congregation whose members would strive for personal sanctification through serving God in the person of their neighbour.

Their first Mother House and Novitiate were located on the campus of St. Francis Xavier's University, Antigonish. Here they took over the household of the

institution, a work for which they were chiefly founded, and which they still cherish. Before many years had elapsed, however, other works essential to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the people were brought to their attention.

HOSPITALS

In 1902 the Sisters were invited to Glace Bay, when St. Joseph's Hospital, the great pioneer institution of Eastern Nova Scotia, was about to open its doors to the public. Here they took over the purchasing of supplies and the domestic work of the hospital, while two Sisters entered the newly opened school of nursing. In this school, under the capable direction of Miss Janet E. Cameron, superintendent of the institution, was laid the foundation of the nursing service which the Sisters carry on today in different parts of Canada.

In 1906 the Sisters were recalled from Glace Bay to staff the newly opened St. Martha's Hospital in Antigonish, but returned again in 1915 to take over the administration of St. Joseph's Hospital and its school of nursing. Within a few years there were opened St. Rita Hospital, Sydney, in 1920, (formerly known as the Ross Hospital), and St. Mary's Hospital, Inverness, in 1925. The fertile fields of the Western Prairies, where the "harvest was great" were calling for more laborers in 1929, when St. Michael's Hospital, Lethbridge, came into existence, followed in 1930 by the Mineral Springs Hospital, Banff. The next call

for Sisters of St. Martha came from the province of Saskatchewan where they staff three hospitals, namely, Mercy Hospital in Regina, (1936); St. Michael's in Broadview, (1936); and St. Peter's in Melville, (1940).

FAMILY WELFARE ACTIVITIES

Family Welfare is another fruitful field in which the Sisters are actively engaged. This phase of apostolic endeavour has developed rapidly during the past few years. This work is carried on from the following centres: Sydney, Bridgeport, Dominion, North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Antigonish and Canso, in the diocese of Antigonish; Canmore and Blairmore in the diocese of Calgary; one agency in the Archdiocese of Regina; and in the Archdiocese of Boston. Any success achieved in any of these centres is largely due to the pastors whose respective parishes are served by these Agencies, because of the kind interest manifested in this work and their zeal in promoting human welfare. The generous contributions of the laity also add much to the success of the Family Welfare Work.

The Little Flower Institute, now located in temporary quarters at 69 King's Road, Sydney, continues to afford shelter to homeless children. A program of child placement by adoption and in boarding homes has relieved the congestion, and is proving a satisfactory arrangement for the care of Christ's little ones. The appointment of a Director for Catholic Charities in the person of Reverend J. G. Webb has been welcomed not only by the workers, but by all who are interested in this phase of Catholic Action.

EDUCATION

The Sisters teach for the most part in public schools of rural and fishing communities, such as Margaree Forks, East Bay, St. Andrew's, Heatherton, South Ingonish and Dover. They also teach in one of the public schools at Dominion, in St. Basil's Separate School, Lethbridge, Alberta, and in the Indian School at Eskasoni, N. S.

The teaching of Christian Doctrine holds an important place in their schools, and during the vacation period they go out to teach in isolated areas of both Eastern and Western Canada. A Correspondence Course in Catechism is conducted from the Mother-house in Antigonish. At present there are 225 children enrolled for this Course.

LAY RETREAT HOUSES

Retreats for girls and women are conducted at Fatima Retreat House, Seabright, Antigonish County, and at Villa Madonna in Bras d'Or, N. S. Both these houses are operated by the Sisters of St. Martha. In the latter institution home-making classes are conducted for the girls and women of the area.

TO THE SISTERS OF
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL
JUNE 1955

A Sonnet

An age ago you saw the Pierced Hand
Of Christ in what you fashioned; you well knew
The end of things, naming them as they grew
For God and for His Saints. And thus you planned
This haven of the sick and blessed the land
Its purposes and its prophecy. Those few
First seeds, come to their harvest, bear for you
A fifty years' fulfillment. For you stand
With Joseph on that cold and holy night
When men had neither warmth nor room within
Their houses for a Mother and a Child.
You harbour Them; and wise men see a light,
A star's light over your Saint Joseph's Inn,
This night, upon this royal and western isle.

Dr. J. E. MacDonnell,
Patient, Kentville Sanatorium



Rev. D. A. Patton
Chaplain



More Things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of. — Tennyson.

GREETINGS . . .

MESSAGE from the President —

We are deeply thankful to God for the great blessings that have come to us, both living and dead, through St. Joseph's Hospital during its half-century of service.

We are appreciative of the founders of the Hospital, and of the many men and women who made the founding possible, and who have so generously supported it through all these years.

It is our duty, and the duty of those who follow us, to be faithful to the responsibility entrusted to us in conducting the work of the Hospital for the best possible service. If we are faithful we may have every confidence that through the help and guidance of our Patron, St. Joseph, God will continue to bless us and to sustain us in our efforts to serve.

(Rev.) A. J. MacIsaac

MESSAGE from Dr. Malcolm T. MacEachern —

Northwestern University,
Chicago 11, Illinois
April 4, 1955

Mother M. Ignatius,
Mother House of the Sisters of St. Martha,
Antigonish, Nova Scotia.

My dear Mother Ignatius:

Fifty years of golden service — what a wonderful record for St. Joseph's Hospital and the School of Nursing. Would that we could know the number of lives saved, the pain and suffering relieved, the broken bodies healed and returned to health in that time. This is indeed an occasion of great satisfaction and justifiable pride.

There are countless accomplishments of health and healing in which the hospital has participated during this time with its willing and gratuitous services of doctors and nurses, given to all regardless of race, color, creed or social status. Many people are healthy and happy today because of the efficient and devoted services rendered by the hospital through the Sisters, doctors and nurses.

My knowledge of St. Joseph's Hospital and Nursing School dates back to the early days of Hospital Standardization. It has been my privilege to follow the steady progress of this institution in keeping pace with advances of scientific medicine and the institutional care of the sick and injured. In all this, your leadership and administration has contributed so much and paved the way for another fifty years of golden achievement.

This good work must go on day after day, year after year. My earnest wish is for crowning success and happiness to you always.

Most sincerely yours,

Malcolm T. MacEachern, M. D., C. M.
Director and Professor
Program in Hospital Administration.

GREETINGS . . .

GREETINGS from the Mayor of Glace Bay —

This occasion of the 50th Anniversary of St. Joseph's Hospital is indeed a joyous one for the Town of Glace Bay and surrounding districts at large.

Words can hardly express forcefully enough what has been accomplished in the last half century by the Doctors, Nurses, and particularly the good Sisters of St. Martha, in terms of continuous and improving service to mankind. The men who first visualized the building of this great institution are deserving of great credit. It was their foresight and tremendous courage that made St. Joseph's Hospital a reality.

It is with great pleasure then that I extend on behalf of the Town Council and the citizens of Glace Bay, heartiest congratulations on this happy occasion. It is our hope and prayer that, under Divine Providence, St. Joseph's will continue to sustain their great work of mercy and service in our community.

D. A. MacDonald,
Mayor of Glace Bay.

MESSAGE from the First Superintendent —

4556 Oxford Avenue
Montreal 28, Quebec.
9th May, 1955

Sister M. Aneas,
Superintendent, St. Joseph's Hospital,
Glace Bay, Nova Scotia.

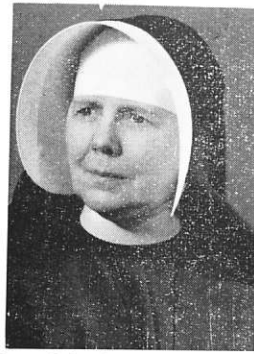
Dear Sister:

It is always a pleasure for me to look back on those early days in St. Joseph's Hospital, Glace Bay. They were not easy days but very happy ones.

Dr. Murphy is the only survivor of the great Doctors who worked so zealously and successfully for the sick and suffering. The first nurses including the dear Sisters were wonderful to work with. Dear Mother Faustina did not live to see this anniversary. She is now enjoying the reward of her labours for God and souls. With the passing years it is a real thrill for me to watch the growth and wonderful success of the good Sisters of St. Martha.

Nothing would please me more than to be present at the Jubilee Celebration in June. If God spares me, I may be able.

Very sincerely yours,
Janet Eunice Cameron, R. N.



Rev. Mother M. Ignatius
Mother General
Sisters of St. Martha



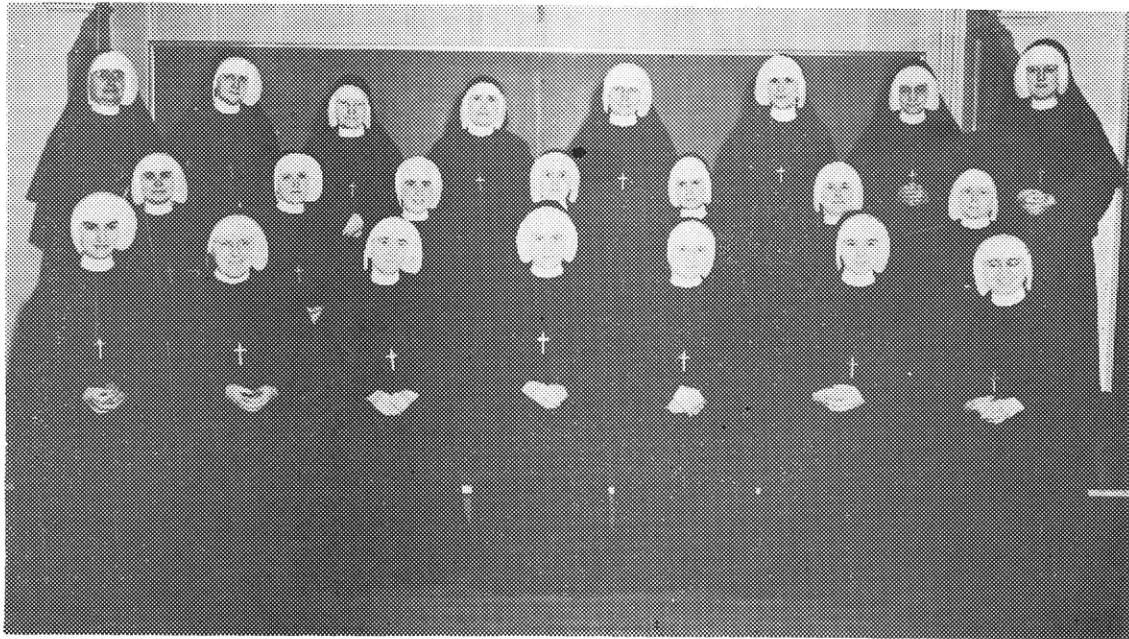
Sister M. Aneas
Present Superintendent



Sister Maris Stella
First Sister Supt.
of Nurses



Mother Faustina
First Sister Superior
of Hospital



Sisters of St. Martha on Staff at time of Golden Jubilee:

Front Row: Sr. M. Blaise, Sr. Ann Marie, Sr. Joseph Ignatia, Sr. Ann Cornelius, Sr. M. Luke, Sr. M. Suzanne, Sr. M. Josepha.
Second Row: Sr. M. Roberta, Sr. Joseph Leonard, Sr. Donalda Maria, Sr. James Marie, Sr. Francis Antony, Sr. Mary Edmond, Sr. Gerard Majella.
Third Row: Sr. M. Camillus, Sr. M. Joseph, Sr. Georgina, Sr. M. Aneas, Superintendent, Sr. M. Albert, Sr. M. Annunciata, Sr. M. Vincent, Sr. Hugh Teresina.



GLACE BAY LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Seated: Mrs. Guy Harris, Eugene MacInnis, Mrs. Michael MacNeil, Beatrice Langwith, Mrs. Hartland Brown, Mrs. James Ezbeidy, Mrs. W. E. Fultz, Mrs. Genevieve Graham, Mrs. Donald Gillis, Mrs. Angus Campbell.

Standing: Mrs. George Hines, Mrs. J. J. MacNeil, Mrs. Dawn Fraser, Mrs. J. J. Legere, Mrs. Vincent Misener, Kit MacKenzie, Mrs. David MacKenzie, Mrs. R. J. Dinn, Maude Campbell, Mrs. Evans Carroll, Mrs. Russell MacPhee, Mrs. Gordon Livingstone, Mrs. I. Donovan, Mrs. A. N. MacDonald, Mrs. Sadie MacIntyre, Mrs. C. Kublek, Mrs. Neil MacNeil, Mrs. E. Kublek, Renna MacIntyre.



RESERVE LADIES' AID SOCIETY

Seated: Janie MacDonald, Mrs. William MacNabb, Mrs. Sam Cooke, Mrs. Rod Walker, Mrs. Hector MacNeil.

Standing: Mrs. Jack MacNabb, Mrs. Charles MacIvor, Mrs. Mary A. Marsh, Mrs. J. J. MacMillan, Mrs. A. MacMullin, Mrs. Dan Walker.

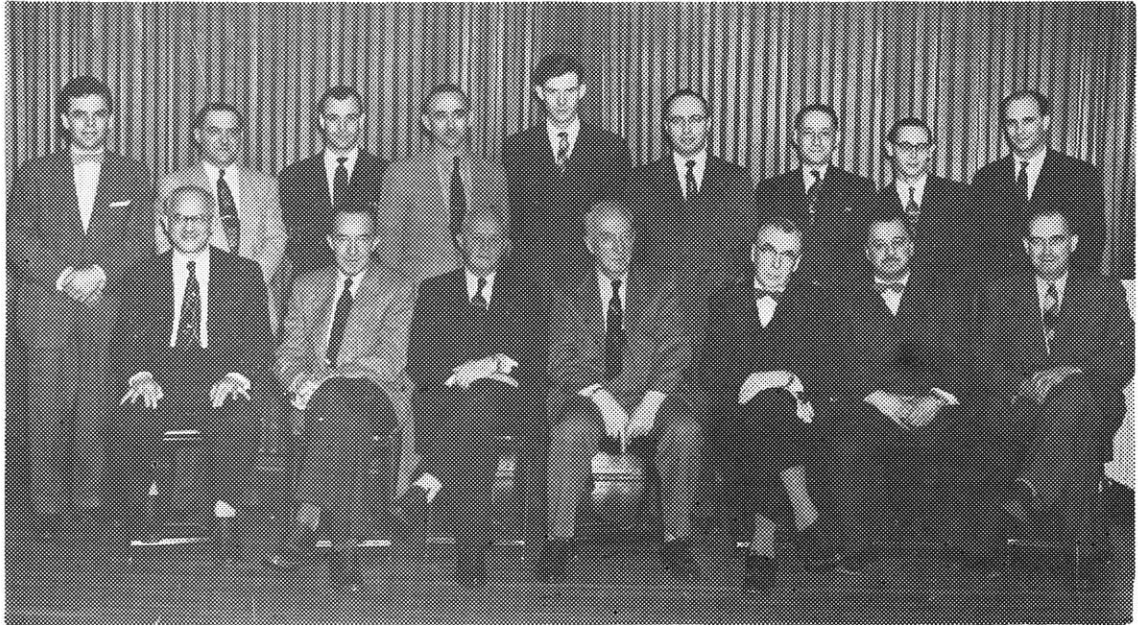
LADIES' AID SOCIETIES

From time to time, since the founding of St. Joseph's Hospital, there has been the necessity of remodelling certain parts of the building and setting up and equipping special departments. Existing economic conditions were such that the cost of renovating and remodelling was as much as the hospital could carry, and other means of raising additional funds for the equipping of departments and extension of services had to be devised. Thus came into being the Ladies' Aid Societies.

Local branches were organized in the various parishes, and these good ladies labored zealously and energetically at the task of supplementing the hospital income by means of various types of fund-raising activities. Their devotion, enthusiasm and courage, in the face of trying difficulties, in the early days were such as only those closely associated with the hospital could fully appreciate.

Today, the same display of enduring loyalty and generosity characterizes their counterparts of a later era. On the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph's we find a gratifying and enviable record of the achievements of the Ladies' Aids over the years. No exhaustive write-ups can do justice to these loyal friends of ours. Their labours in our behalf are written in terms of new equipment for the hospital, room furnishings, radio facilities for the patients, and a thousand and one other benefits — all representative of loyal and generous natures which have given of their time and service without stint.

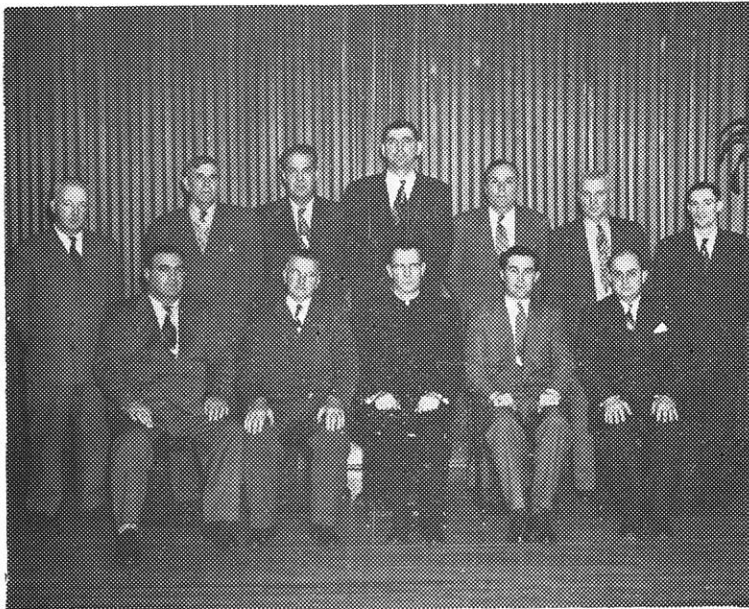
We salute them, and we thank them — sincerely and gratefully. They have come a long way with us. We want them with us for the rest of the journey.



MEDICAL STAFF

Seated: A. Green, M. D., W. E. Fultz, M. D., E. E. N. & T.; A. Calder, M. D., F. A. C. S.; W. W. Patton, M. D.; M. G. Tompkins, M. D., F. A. C. S.; T. J. Khattar, M. D.; John R. MacNeil, M. D.

Standing: J. B. Tompkins, M. D.; J. Land, M. D., E. E. N. & T.; D. H. Blinkhorn, M. D.; D. Bruckschwaiger, M. D., F. R. C. S., F. A. C. S.; J. O. MacNeil, M. D., F. A. C. S.; William Nicholson, M. D.; U. E. Oberwarth, M. D.; B. Gardiner, M. D.; J. Kereszturi, M. D., Radiologist. Missing from the group is A. Gyorfi, M. D., Pathologist.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Front Row (l. to r.): Maurice MacDonald, M. J. MacNeil, Rev. A. J. MacIsaac, D. J. Gillis, Arch. MacKay.

Back Row: Leonard Nearing, Jos. Flynn, David Gardiner, James Turnbull, Malcolm Currie, John Martin, Thomas Yetman.

Missing: Dan MacGillivray, Ambrose MacIntyre, Michael MacLean.



Dr. J. A. MacDonald

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL OF NURSING

ST. JOSEPH'S ALMA MATER

(words and music by Prof. Bernard MacIntosh)

Our Motto, sweet and dear to us
Has made us tried and true,
O Science, Service, Sanctity,
We lift our hearts to you.

And when we leave your Motherhood,
Fond memories of the time,
So short, we gave to you, dear one,
Shall make our souls sublime.

All hail, O Foster Father,
St. Joseph, patron mild,
Protect our Alma Mater,
As you did the Holy Child.

Chorus:

St. Joseph's Alma Mater,
Long live your hallowed bounds,
Within your realm we conquered,
Your fame the earth resounds.

CONTINUING THE TRADITION

On June 26, 1955, St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing held its annual Commencement Exercises. This occasion also marked the Fiftieth Graduation from the School of Nursing of St. Joseph's Hospital, which is a rather unique occasion and merits more than passing comment. The first Graduation took place in 1906 — three years after the Hospital was founded; and fifty years later, we find that the same hospital is again launching on their chosen careers of nursing, another group of young ladies.

The Golden Jubilee of any institution is always marked with celebrations and fitting observance, and in no less a manner should we hail and felicitate St. Joseph's Hospital on its Golden Jubilee! Fifty long years of serving the public — fifty years of traditional hospital service — outstanding for leadership in improved patient care and nursing education! The record is unfurled to the public and cannot help but elicit spontaneous congratulations and best wishes for continued prosperity and success.

The distinction of being the first Hospital and School of Nursing on Cape Breton Island does not fall lightly on the administrative body which directs the institution. From its inception, St. Joseph's Hospital's administration gave that leadership and direction in hospital affairs which is characteristic of any group who are constantly conscious of their roles as community leaders and foremost citizens.

When the Class of '55 received their diplomas and pins, they became the recipients of a fine heritage of traditions that have been handed down to each succeeding class. Traditions that helped to shape and develop those ideals that never dim and are held aloft for each student nurse who aims to become a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing.

Because of the farsightedness and faith in the future of Glace Bay, of those men who undertook to build St. Joseph's Hospital way back in 1902, the Town of Glace Bay as well as the whole Island of Cape Breton were enriched immeasurably, not only in having a Hospital at their service, but also by the fact that a School of Nursing was opened where young women could train for the nursing profession. Hereafter, professional training which made its graduates eligible to work in any center, was available to local women. And now, more than ever, the public should be aware of the immense opportunity for professional nursing education still available to our young women — a professional education which permits them to practice competently the nursing arts wheresoever they may be called or choose to go.

The pattern of nursing education has changed considerably since 1905. The student of today must master more technical skills and have a wider theoretical knowledge to keep pace with the complexities of modern medicine and to accept capably more and more duties that were formerly carried out by the doctor only. But the need for sympathetic understanding, devotion to duty and maturity of judgment is even greater today with all the emphasis on materialistic

values — yes, more than ever the spirit of nursing must daily reanimate professional fervor and give direction to nursing endeavour. For this **Spirit of Nursing**, we look back to that rich tradition of service for the sick and needy so ably established by those pioneer nurses — we look back for inspiration and shining example for our modern nurses so that they can rise to the challenge of the pioneers.

During the First and Second World Wars, St. Joseph's graduates were quick to answer the call of their country for nursing service to the wounded soldiers and sailors and many of them were among the first Canadian nurses to go Overseas. Indeed, more than one of them rose to hold an important post in the Nursing Services of the Armed Forces.

Fortunately for the Hospital and its welfare, the first Superintendent was a woman of unusual capabilities and exceptional character. She was Miss Janet Cameron, who is presently residing in Montreal, but because of indifferent health, is unable to be present at the Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Miss Cameron was progressive and possessed of keen insight into hospital problems. She clearly saw the need of continued study and growth so necessary for Hospital Administration and she took advantage of the opportunity offered by one of the larger American Hospitals when one of the earliest courses for Hospital Administrators was opened to interested people. Miss Cameron spent a year or more away from the Hospital but her absence for purposes of study reaped untold benefits for her Institution. She laid the groundwork for the future approval that St. Joseph's received from the American College of Surgeons as early as 1921, and incidentally had the honor of being the first Hospital east of Montreal to receive this distinction.

If Miss Cameron was the first Superintendent who combined this pioneer position with exceptional ability, she was not the last. A succession of outstanding Administrators followed — each in her turn contributing to the improvement of the Hospital and each in her turn helping to enhance and preserve the traditions so fervently established in the beginning. A noble work, strenuous and demanding, but rewarding in the knowledge that a trust has been worthily upheld.

True to the Ideals and Standards, continuing the traditions of unexcelled nursing service, the graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing builds her professional career on and takes cue for her future life as a foremost citizen of God and Country from the motto engraved on her school pin:

Science Service Sanctity

HISTORICAL DATA

The first graduating class in 1905 numbered six, among whom were two Sisters of St. Martha. This class had the signal honor of receiving their diplomas from Earl Grey, then Governor General of Canada.

The first graduation conducted by the Sisters of St. Martha was held in May, 1919. Reverend Mother M. Ignatius, present Superior General of the Sisters of St. Martha was Superintendent of Nurses at that time.

To date there have been 635 nurses graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital, plus the class of 23 who graduated on June 26th of this year. Presently there are 80 students enrolled in the School of Nursing.

The following Sisters of St. Martha held the office of Superintendent of Nurses since 1915:

Sister Maris Stella, First Superintendent

Reverend Mother M. Ignatius

Sister M. Rita

Sister Paul of the Cross

Sister Marie Barbara

Sister M. Bernard

Sister M. Jovita

Sister M. Peter

Sister M. Beatrice

Sister M. of Calvary

Sister Ann Marie, present incumbent.

The present faculty of the School of Nursing is composed of:

Sister Ann Marie, R. N., B. Sc., Director of Nursing Education

Sister Hugh Teresina, R. N., Director of Nursing Service

Sister Joseph Ignatia, B. A., Pharmacology

Sister Mary Luke, R. N., Operating Room Technique

Mrs. Charles MacInnis, R. N., Clinical Instructress

Miss Sally MacIntosh, R. N., Obstetrical Instructress

Miss Helen MacKenzie, R. N., D. P. H. Psychiatry Instructress

Mrs. L. Dobranski, B. Sc., Diet Therapy Instructress

Mrs. R. Hollohan, R. N., Pediatrics Instructress

Miss Ida MacVicar, R. N., Tuberculosis Instructress

W. E. Fultz, M. D., Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

O. Bruchschwaiger, M. D., F. R. C. S. (C), Surgical Specialties

Rev. V. MacDonald, B. A., Religion

Rev. B. Campbell, B. A., Ethics

Rev. Joseph Gillis, B. A., Special Ethics



First Graduating Class — 1905



Mrs. L. K. Frizzell (nee Annie MacAskill)
only living member of first graduating
class (1905).



1955 Graduates



ST. JOSEPH'S STUDENT NURSES

WHILE LIFE IS GOOD TO GIVE, WE GIVE

Youth calls, but so does Duty
Though she seems sterner now
She leads us on to Beauty
Before whom Youth must bow.

Beauty of thought, of service done,
Of gladness just in giving
To maimed limbs and bruised souls,
The wholesome joy of living.

— Selected.



GLACE BAY ALUMNAE

Seated, left to right: Mrs. Eldred MacDonnell, Mrs. Lauchie MacKinnon, Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Gertrude MacNeil, Mrs. Gerald Hawley, Katherine Gillis, Mrs. Greg. MacIntyre, Mrs. Walter MacIsaac, Mrs. Fred Churney.

Standing, (l. to r.): Ida MacVicar, Mrs. Norbert MacNeil, Mrs. Angus MacDonald, Mrs. Sam Turner, Mrs. George Donovan, Jessie Guthrie, Mrs. Archie MacKay, Mrs. James Driscoll, Mrs. Alex MacNeil, Mrs. Melvin MacPherson, Jessie MacNeil and Mrs. Michael Mahoney.

THE PERFECT NURSE

I do not need to summon her by bell,
 For unobtrusively she slips within my door
 And quietly proceeds to make me well
 By little courteous acts which I adore.

A rumpled pillow turned and placed so right,
 A wrinkled sheet drawn smooth beneath my back,
 A cooling drink placed by my table light,
 And then concern if there is aught I lack.

A vase of flowers turned quite frequently,
 So that the change of blooms fresh pleasure gives;
 My bed adjusted, oh, so restfully —
 Such acts as these need no superlatives.

— Margaret Nickerson



ST. EUGENE'S GUILD

Front Row (l. to r.): Mrs. Jack MacLeod, Mrs. Archie MacDonald, Mrs. Geo. Murphy, Mrs. Kenneth Petrie, Miss Gertrude MacNeil, Mrs. Leo McIntyre, Miss Dorothy Anderson, Mrs. George Donovan.

Back Row: Mrs. Sam Turner, Mrs. Alex MacNeil, Miss Catherine Walker, Mrs. Frances MacNeil, Mrs. James Driscoll, Mrs. Dawn Fraser, Mrs. John Legere, Mrs. Walter McIsaac, Mrs. Charles Curry, Mrs. Ryan Shaw.



Miss Janet Cameron, R. N.
First Superintendent



Dr. Geo. H. Murphy, M. D., F. R. C. S., LL. D.,
only living member First Medical Staff.

GOLDEN JUBILEE IN RETROSPECT

The Golden Jubilee has come and gone. Its four days of commemoration and reunion will long remain a cherished memory for the friends and staff of the hospital. Each day's program had its own special appeal. For the benefit of our Alumnae members and friends who were not able to be present, we shall set forth to the best of our ability, the events in sequence.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 — 2:00 - 4:00 p. m.

The reception and tea held at the nurses' residence officially opened the Jubilee. This event had a twofold purpose: a reception for the parents and friends of the 1955 graduates, and a welcome for the visiting alumnae. The members of the Glace Bay Alumnae, who were hostesses for this event, received the visitors and presided at the silver tea-service. A stream of visitors moved through the first floor of the residence. There was much laughter and gaiety as old and new members reminisced over many happy days spent with their Alma Mater. Reverend Mother M. Ignatius with many other Sisters of St. Martha mingled with the visitors and greatly enjoyed meeting former graduates and friends of other years. All who attended this afternoon event were genuinely thrilled with the atmosphere of glee which permeated the affair.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26 — 7:00 p. m.

St. Anne's Church, Glace Bay was the scene of Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, with Rev. D. A. Patton, Chaplain of the hospital, celebrant, and Rev. Vincent MacDonald and Rev. P. V. MacMullin assistant priests. Rev. F. Mifflin was Master of Ceremonies. In the sanctuary were Rev. A. J. MacIsaac, P. P., St. Anne's, and Rev. J. D. Gillis, P. P., New Aberdeen.

The church was filled to overflowing with Alumnae members, Sisters, and parishioners. A guard of honor, composed of Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus from the surrounding area, occupied the front seats. The Cape Breton Marian Chorale consisting of about forty-five male voices, formed the choir, which was directed by Rev. Hugh A. MacDonald, P. P., of Louisbourg. Those who have heard this group sing have an idea of how much they contributed to the occasion.

The afternoon had been overcast, with light showers, and it was thought that the Nurses' procession from the church to the Savoy theatre would have to be cancelled. Much to the delight of everyone, the skies cleared, and though the evening was a bit dull, there was no rain. Immediately after Benediction the procession formed. First came the MacDougall Girls' Pipe Band, colorful and smart in Highland array. They were followed by the Knights of Columbus in scarlet cloaks, top hats, white gloves, and clanking swords. Then came the members of the Cape Breton Chorale, the visiting Alumnae, and lastly the twenty-three members of the 1955 Graduating Class in their crisp uniforms, navy, scarlet-lined capes and newly black-banded caps. Dozens of cars brought up the rear as the procession wended its way to the Savoy Theatre, to the lilt of Highland music. On reaching the theatre, the Knights of Columbus formed a guard of honor, through which the rest of the procession entered, while a processional was played by Professor Bernard MacIntosh.

The stage at the Savoy was occupied by His Excellency Bishop MacDonald, the Honorable Paul Martin, Rev. A. J. MacIsaac, President of the Board of Directors, Mayor D. A. MacDonald, and Dr. M. G. Tompkins, Chief of the Medical Staff, who introduced the Honorable Paul Martin. The highlights of the exercises were the addresses of His Excellency Bishop MacDonald and the Honorable Minister of National Health and Welfare. In his remarks, Mishop MacDonald said, "The Catholic hospital, if it is worthy of the name, must be an institution to give service, not only to sick and broken bodies, but to heal distressed minds, anxious hearts and troubled souls". The Hon. Mr. Martin was an impressive speaker, holding the audience which thronged the Savoy spellbound by his eloquence. His speech has been acclaimed as the best heard in these parts since a long time.

MONDAY, JUNE 27 — 10:00 a. m.

Solemn Pontifical Mass, St. Anne's Church, Glace Bay

Perhaps outside of the ceremonies peculiar to Rome, there is no part of the liturgy of the Church so sublime and soul-stirring as a Solemn Pontifical Mass. This is especially true when the Bishop in his diocese pontificates for a portion of his people, on an occasion like the Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph's Hospital. This Mass was the beginning of the second day's celebration and was offered in thanksgiving to Almighty God for all the graces and blessings which He has showered on the institution during the past half-century.

Assisting His Excellency Bishop MacDonald were: Rev. George J. MacLean, Deacon of Honor, Rev. Joseph D. Gillis, Assistant Priest, Rev. J. J. MacLaughlin, Deacon of Honor, Rev. J. H. MacEachern, Deacon of the Mass, Rev. M. M. MacDonald, Sub-Deacon of the Mass, Rev. Cyril Bauer and Rev. F. J. Ginivan, Masters of Ceremonies. A colorful guard of honor of the Knights of Columbus, resplendent in their fourth degree uniforms, occupied the front seats in the church. The Cape Breton Marian Chorale, directed by Rev. H. A. MacDonald, provided the music for the Mass. Rev. M. J. MacKinnon, Vice-President of St. Francis Xavier University and Director of St. F. X. Extension, preached a very masterful sermon.

A very pleasant surprise came during the Mass when His Excellency Bishop MacDonald read a letter from the Apostolic Delegate in Ottawa, offering felicitations from the Holy Father and conferring his blessing on the Sisters, Nurses, Doctors, and all those connected directly with St. Joseph's Hospital.

MONDAY, JUNE 27 — 7:00 p. m.

The Jubilee Banquet was held in the Auditorium of MacDonald High School, Dominion. There were about three hundred guests consisting of twenty-six special guests at the head table and occupying the remaining tables were members of the Reverend Clergy, Board Members, Doctors and Alumnae members.

A special table was set up for the 1955 Graduates, who, in their crisp white uniforms and corsages of red roses, made a very pleasing picture, as they entered the banquet hall, in single file through a flower arch of gladioli and "mums" held high by twelve student nurses in blue and white uniforms.

Dr. John R. MacNeil was Toastmaster and played his role splendidly. Bishop MacDonald gave the invocation and prayer for the Pope; Mayor D. A. MacDonald brought greetings from the Town of Glace Bay; Mrs. Charles Currie (Mary MacLaughlin, R. N., '29) responded to the toast to the Alumnae.

Dr. W. D. Piercy, Executive Director of the Canadian Hospital Association, was the principal speaker and gave an excellent address. The Honorable J. Clyde Nunn, M. L. A., spoke on behalf of the Premier, who was unable to be present. Mr. Nunn brought to the occasion his usual fund of humor and wit. The Cape Breton Marian Chorale again delighted the audience with several songs, which they sang from the nicely decorated stage. The spirit of gaiety and friendliness which was so evident all through the celebrations seemed to reach its pinnacle during the banquet.

TUESDAY, JUNE 28 — 10:00 a. m.

A Mass of Requiem was celebrated at St. Anne's Church for the deceased benefactors, Medical and Hospital Staff, Alumnae members, and subscribers. The celebrant of this Mass was Rev. A. J. MacIsaac, P. P., assisted by Rev. Francis Mifflin and Rev. John MacLeod. A choir composed of priests sang the Mass.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON and EVENING

The crowning event of the third day's celebration was the presentation of the Pageant in the Knox Hall, Glace Bay, at 3:00 p. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Sister John Baptist of the Sisters of St. Martha, who for many years has been associated with St. Joseph's Hospital, wrote the script for the pageant which was directed by Professor Bernard MacIntosh, assisted by the Bridgeport Choir, under the direction of Steve MacGillivray. Student Nurses and local persons formed the cast. The program of the Pageant appears on another page of this book.

Both the writer and the director received great praise for the excellent Pageant.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON — JUNE 29

A very fitting climax to the four-day Jubilee celebration was the lawn party sponsored by the Glace Bay Ladies' Aid. Nature had been at its best for the past three days, and on Wednesday afternoon, the sun shed its golden rays over the hospital lawn, adding extra beauty to the fresh green foliage, if you add to this a sprinkling of summer flowers, with various colored lawn chairs strewn over the green grass, then the colorful MacDougall Girls' Pipe Band in highland dress, with members of the Ladies' Aid in their dainty summer attire of different pastel shades, and the many visitors who graced the occasion with their presence, plus the lovely tea table with its dainty cut-work cloth, silver candleabra, multicolored carnations, and sparkling silver tea-service. With this picture in mind one can easily understand why the event was acclaimed one of the loveliest social gatherings of the season.

A unique touch was added to this affair when a group of the Jubilee Pageant Cast, dressed in costumes of a half century ago, appeared on the lawn and mingled with the visitors. The photographer caught a couple of good shots of this which will be found on another page.

The Nurses's graduation prom at the MacDonald High School Auditorium, brought to a close St. Joseph's Hospital Golden Jubilee.





Jubilee Program



SUNDAY, June 26th

2:00 — 4:00 p. m.

Reception and Tea, Nurses' Residence.
1955 Graduates, their Parents and visiting Alumnae
will be guests of Glace Bay Alumnae.

7:00 p. m.

Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
St. Anne's Church, Glace Bay.

Nurses procession to Savoy Theatre, Glace Bay.

8:15 p. m.

Commencement Exercises, Savoy Theatre, Glace Bay.

Speakers:

The Most Reverend J. R. MacDonald, D. D.
Bishop of Antigonish

and

The Honorable Paul Martin
Minister of National Health and Welfare

MONDAY, June 27th

10:00 a. m.

Solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving
St. Anne's Church, Glace Bay

The Most Reverend J. R. MacDonald, D. D.
Pontificating

Sermon: Reverend M. J. MacKinnon
Vice-President, St. Francis Xavier University

Music for Jubilee Mass by The Marian Choir
Director: Reverend H. A. MacDonald, P. P.

7:00 p. m.

Golden Jubilee Banquet
MacDonald High School Auditorium, Dominion

Speakers:

W. D. Piercey, M. D., Executive Director
Canadian Hospital Association, Toronto

and

The Honorable J. Clyde Nunn, M. L. A.

TUESDAY, June 28th

10:00 a. m.

Solemn Mass of Requiem, St. Anne's Church, Glace
Bay, for deceased Benefactors, Medical and Hospital
Staff, Alumnae and Subscribers.

3:00 p. m.

Presentation of Jubilee Pageant, Knox Hall, Glace Bay
Director: Professor Bernard McIntosh

7:00 p. m.

Presentation of Jubilee Pageant, Knox Hall, Glace Bay

WEDNESDAY, June 29th

2:00 — 5:00 p. m.

Lawn Party, Hospital Grounds, Auspices St. Joseph's
Hospital Glace Bay Ladies' Aid

10:00 p. m. — 2:00 a. m.

Graduation Prom, MacDonald High School Auditorium,
Dominion, Gib Whitney Orchestra

GOLDEN JUBILEE PAGEANT

by Sister John Baptist, C. S. M.

commemorating

The Fiftieth Anniversary

of

Saint Joseph's School of Nursing

Glace Bay, Nova Scotia

PART I

Narrator Mr. Leo MacIntyre
 (a) Prologue "The Seed was Planted"
 Father Ronald Tom Summerell
 Father Charlie Peter MacDonald

"VENI CREATOR"

(b) "Turning the Sod"
 Lord Minto Johnston Campbell
 Lady Minto Shirley Gillis
 The People

"WE BREAK THIS GROUND"

(c) "The First Graduation"
 Earl Grey Michael Currie
 Countess Grey Norma Caume
 Miss Cameron Dorothy Walker
 Miss Manson Mary Theresa MacDonald
 Nurses Elizabeth Crowdis
 Karen MacInnis
 Jessie Gillis
 Margaret Rose MacNeil
 Sisters Jean MacMaster
 Grace Frost

"ST. JOSEPH'S ALMA MATER"

(d) "Sisters of St. Martha begin Administration"
 Sisters Jean MacMaster
 Grace Frost

"HYMN TO SAINT MARTHA"

Intermission

PART II

Scene 1: "Venerated Alma Mater, with your consent
 and your blessing, I shall try."
 Scene 2: "I shall watch you from the battlements."
 Scene 3: "She clasped a seraph by the hand."

C A S T

Alma Mater Beverly Turner
 Girl Mildred LeForte
 Science Catherine Ann MacNeil
 Service Mary Gillis
 Sanctity Rosemarie MacIntosh
 Duty Marie Aucoin

Pleasure Electa MacKinnon
 Adversary John Haley
 Wealth Johnston Campbell
 Fame Ann MacMahon
 Angels Sandra and Margaret Gillis

"PRAISE THE LORD"

God Save the Queen

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 Mr. Tom Summerell, Tenor

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 Campbell.

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SCENE FROM LAWN PARTY



VIEW OF SAINT JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL



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GRADUATING EXERCISES AT SAVOY THEATRE



PAGEANT GROUP AT LAWN PARTY



Pageant picture representing First Graduating Class as shown on Hospital steps during Lawn Party.

TURNING THE SOD

1. On this plot of green
We gather today
Faith and hope abounding

Chorus:

To break this ground,
To break this ground,
To break this ground to heal the ills of man.
We give Thee thanks, O Lord,
O Lord for Thy, for Thy great, great Glory.

2. O Lord of Heaven above,
Look down on this throng;
Guide us in Thy Wisdom.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Saint Joseph's Hospital

1955

Its First Medical Staff, 1902, recalled by its only survivor,
GEORGE H. MURPHY, M. D., F. R. C. S., L. L. D.

**The old order changeth giving place to new,
And God fulfills Himself in many ways.**

— Tennyson.

While acknowledging the inevitable changes wrought in all human progress with the passing of time, it is not of this I write. I shall not be unmindful, however, that growth depends upon the good seed that is sown and the character and cultivation of the soil in which it is planted. God will take care of the harvest. Such, I believe, was the seed and soil of a great undertaking that, in 1902, produced St. Joseph's hospital. If you would know of its growth, look around you. Surely God has taken care of the harvest!

And now to my promise to contribute a bit of writing on the Hospital's Attending Medical Staff at its beginning and earlier years. I think the good-hearted Sister suggested I might make any commentaries I thought appropriate in my narration. But though I shall stretch my memory to the sticking point, much subject matter will escape in the haze of the years.

I start my subject by quoting a passage from an article I wrote some years ago for the Nova Scotia Medical Bulletin. It fits now, I think, as a sort of keynote to my theme; for it concerns one who was the pillar and guide of the Medical Staff in its first years, and indeed to his all too early death. I quote:

"It was my good fortune, when green from the Schools, to come under the inspiring influence of Dr. R. A. H. McKeen during my first practice (twelve years) at the collieries in Cape Breton. He was then a veteran colliery physician and surgeon; easily the Chief, and within and without the limits of his extensive practice at Glace Bay, was held in highest professional and personal esteem.

Throughout his career the general practitioner, he comes in my mind, as I write, in the more strongly focused light of the Surgeon. He learned Surgery in what the highly specialized teaching of our times call the hard way. But for McKeen it was not hard. A benign and discerning nature gave him the gift: and a big and industrial community craving the relief that the surgical art alone could supply gave him the field to fit his talents and his great enthusiasm to improve the way of his calling. For some years he stood practically alone in anything approaching major surgery. No hospital near, and improvised operating rooms, often in poorly equipped homes, were the vogue for most emergencies. His success and zeal in his surgical work

not only widened and tempered his experiences and skill, but aroused the consciousness of the public to the necessity for a well organized hospital, which in due course was erected and furnished with the best equipment of the time."

This was St. Joseph's Hospital, now celebrating its Golden Jubilee.

What St. Joseph's Hospital has done for this large and important part of our Province is now history that lives in deeds as well as years, and in a service that reaches far into the welfare of our social and economic structures, and touches the very heart of humanity itself. It has grown in stature, and all the material assets that ever advancing science demands, to give our treatments and techniques their best effect.

Behind all this lies the basic character of the hospital, and herein move the men and women who directed, and are directing its activities through the years. They are the laborers in God's vineyard whatever their creed or color, for none better than a well conducted hospital in its character reflects the great Christian virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity.

My particular assignment, however, is to tell something about the early Medical Staff of the Hospital. They were the doctors of the collieries in and about Glace Bay. I confess to one rather important qualification for the task. I am sure the good Sister Aneas, when she asked me to write, was guided by this particular fitness of things. For I alone of the doctors who formed the Attending Medical Staff, when the Hospital opened in 1902, am alive. The rest, my old confreres of other years, have one by one laid down their burden by the side of the half century trail, and bowing to that inevitable decree, which defies medical science, passed on to that "mysterious realm, from whose bourne no traveller returns". I can see them all as they come before memory's footlights on the great day of the Hospital's opening and dedication: McKeen, with a slight impediment in his stride from an accident in early youth, steps across the stage, stopping a moment by his assistant, Dr. E. O. MacDonald, to remind him that Donald Rory's wife was now having heavy labor pains, and that he should not tarry too long. Little silver threads are beginning to show on his large well-moulded head, giving a softening touch to the strong eager face that this day beams with satisfaction at the things already accomplished, and the greater ones that lay ahead. He sees Miss Cameron and they chat together, perhaps of things past and gone in their native village of Mabou; or, more likely, both

were examining ways and techniques, she as Superintendent of the new hospital, and he, the head of the Attending Medical Staff. Both were schooled in the part they are to play, and both with character and strong sense of duty drawn from the earlier environment and Christian ethics of two of the leading Scottish families in Cape Breton.

I am a believer in the essential character of beginnings in any enterprise; and a hospital is first in my reckoning. It has many facets that touch very closely the aid of the sick and the stricken that seek its beneficent service. To restore them to normal health, to send them back to their homes and loved ones to continue the normal activities of life and happiness are gifts the garnished wealth of the world could not accomplish through other channels. Sound principles, formulae and discipline were established in the first years of St. Joseph's Hospital, and under able supervision, became the routine practice of the institution. Into it all was breathed the essential spirit of high character which, on the evidence of succeeding managements and Staffs, it still retains in undiminished honour.

Were it given the spirits of departed ones of the Medical Staff to revisit the glimpses of former haunts, they would find the old buildings had added to their numbers, with external trappings to match; and to their delight, the spirit and service that guided and made it great in its beginnings were being increasingly reflected through the progress of the years. And so we leave our reflections for the moment and return to the personnel of the first Medical and Surgical Staff. Such reflections crowd in upon the mind as one tries to peer through the haze of a half century's changes and events in order to weave them into our theme.

The large green in front of the new hospital is now covered with citizens of Glace Bay and surrounding countryside. The full Medical Staff is there, except Dr. E. O. MacDonald who has just answered the call of a woman in childbirth; such calls knew no day or night, no business or social functions, and never fell on deaf ears among the colliery doctors. A large part of their practice was Obstetrics, and the practitioners with several years experience at the Mines became well schooled in the obstetric art.

Of these, the most outstanding in this, and many more of the segments that cover the whole range of general practice, was Dr. William MacKay. I can see him, as I write, moving among the crowd at the opening, shaking hands with old and young friends, telling yarns of other and earlier years at the Mines; and, in his characteristic zest of humour, detailing the oddities and eccentricities of some notable character who lived and wrought in those more primal times. Next to Dr. Marcus Dodd, Dr. MacKay was the eldest of the first Medical Staff.

During the years I practised at the collieries, he devoted all his time and energy to his big general practice at Reserve Mines. But in earlier years he had shared his service with other departments of activity. Provincial politics attracted him, and successes at the polls placed him for a period as leader of the opposition party in the Nova Scotia Legislature. He was a good speaker, big-hearted with a lump of Scotch humor that could leaven the paste of any subject under dis-

cussion. Even on the edge of tragedy he could touch the event with little passes of humour that almost made one forget the darker side. I trust I may be pardoned for one illustration:

One evening at the Hospital, when our Staff had completed its business, the talk turned to injuries and burns from lightning. The erratic character of thunder bolts in general was being spun out into pretty fine threads when Dr. MacKay, chairman of the meeting, and silent up to that point, broke into speech. "I will tell you a real, and very near tragic, experience I had many years ago in a thunder storm. I could even show you a permanently weakened right arm and leg with scattered electric burn scars all over them as evidence of what might have been. It was the closest brush with death I ever had.

"I was attending a confinement case at the old Gardiner Mines. It was a hot afternoon in July. My patient's home was small, with one living room which served the purpose of kitchen, pantry and a shake-down corner, should emergency sleeping quarters be required. The patient's room was off the living room. The inevitable granny nurse of the neighborhood — one said to be handy in such cases — had arrived and was getting things tidied up for the event, which I told her would probably be over in an hour or two. The day was sultry and hot, and a wicked black cloud passing low over the house threw its sombre shadow into the room. I was walking back and forth trying to pass the time and compete in patience with Dame Nature that, operating in its oldest and sublimest mission, rarely makes a mistake. Between the groans of the patient's pains from the other room came the cheering voice of the good old granny nurse. 'It will soon be over, dear; keep up your courage; trust in God, and bear down with the pains'. Other sounds were the rapidly approaching thunder storm, and as I stood in front of an old fire chimney looking at a newspaper picture of Sir John A. Macdonald, my memory records a splintering crash — the rest was blackness".

The rest of the doctor's story was the re-telling of the nurse's service, which undoubtedly saved his life. The bolt did not set the building afire. The nurse rushed to him, found him flat on his back and, as she thought, dead. He was not breathing. Help was impossible. What should she do? There flashed on her mind that once in her school days she saw rescuers drag a man from the water of the Bay, and though seemingly dead, was revived by rolling him on a barrel. Well, the barrel and the doctor's great weight ruled out such technique, but rolling was left, and there was the floor. So she started. From one wall to the opposite the rolling went on until at last, on the verge of exhaustion, she heard a gasp, then some quick, short respirations verging into normal breathing. Then she knew she had won, and returned to her case in the next room.

Later on, when the doctor recovered consciousness, he found the nurse sitting beside him holding the newborn infant in her arms, while its mother was quietly sleeping off the exhaustion of a long and tedious labour in the next room. Hospital care soon put the doctor on his feet again, though he bore through the years some physical evidences of his encounter with Jove's thunderbolts. A latch key and some coins in his right trouser pocket were melted into a mass, and are on exhibit in a museum, I think he said in Ottawa.

The next member of the Staff present at the opening was Dr. Marcus Dodd. He was a trifle late in arriving, perhaps having walked the distance from his home in Bridgeport to the hospital. He was, I think, the oldest of the Staff. He had reached a semi-retiring stage, confining himself mostly to office consultations and near-by calls. His interest in the new Hospital, while genuine, was necessarily academic; for in the widely scattered areas that furnished his field of practice through his earlier and busiest years there was little time for "refresher courses" or hospital visiting in order to keep in touch with newer treatments and techniques. And like others in more primitive times and conditions he had to mould his physical and mental resources to do the best he could for the sick and stricken in his care. Some of it might strike like a radio soap program on the sensitive ear of the modern doctor or specialist; but, for all that, there was in the circumstances much of good judgment and an abundance of common sense.

Practising near him during my years at Dominion, I had many contacts with Dr. Dodd. He often called when needing help, and his hospital cases were usually in my care. I liked the old man. I must forbear in this writing the many stories he told me relating to his practice in years far back; some of the best of them had no relation to his practice. Dr. Dodd came of a family once prominent in the early politics and judicatory of Nova Scotia, one a contemporary of Joseph Howe. The heredity strain was evident in the doctor. Of the old school of medicine and medical ethics, he was ever the gentleman.

Next of the Staff Members in the order of seniority is Dr. Murdock D. Morrison, colliery doctor in the town of Dominion. He had been assistant to Dr. MacKay for a while before taking an independent practice. Both in ability and experience he was well equipped for the large general practice he faced. I came into the same field following the opening of the hospital, and during my twelve years here our practice included Dominion, Bridgeport, Gardiner Mines district and Langan. They were busy years. But, on the whole, they were happy years. We had the mental and physical energy of our years to face the countless variety of the ills and the accidents and misfortunes a coal-mining community seems to have in full measure. Besides, specialists were notable only for their entire absence from the whole area. The specialty of Psychiatry was in an embryonic state, confined to the art and understanding of the practitioner himself. There are many who think it should have stayed there.

Dr. Morrison was born at St. Anne's, C. B., afterwards, for no reason ever discoverable, named English-town. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson might find a few Anglo-Saxon by following other clues than their tongue, for they would all be speaking Gaelic. This, however, is perhaps an exaggeration. It was a thriving village, had a good school, and there Murdock Morrison got his early education. He grew up in the tradition of the famous Reverend Norman MacLeod who, in the pioneer years of the district, ruled with an iron will, and hand to match, and whose name has passed down into the rugged history of Cape Breton.

Besides his professional activity, Dr. Morrison served his community well. Cultural and welfare organizations in general always found in him a friend and helper. The well remembered Dominion literary

class was in part due to him, and some other interested ones in the town. It was a splendid success, achieved more than provincial recognition, and lingers in my memory as one of the shining lights in my years of service at the Mines. Dr. Morrison spent his later years in Halifax as Medical Officer of the Workmen's Compensation Board, and his tragic death in a car accident a few years ago brought sorrow to his many friends.

Dr. S. J. MacLennan was the last of the Staff personnel that established independent practices at the Mines, prior to the opening of the hospital. Dr. E. O. MacDonald was still with McKeen, and Dr. M. T. Sullivan was about starting at Dominion No. 2; Dr. Green was assisting MacKay, and preparing himself for his future field in Glace Bay.

"Dr. Sam", as we always called him, was not an easy character to write about. This, despite the fact that our relations, both professionally and otherwise, were intimate and enduring. Perhaps his Highland caution kept at times some well-guarded chambers in his well-stocked brain, to avert misinterpretation. One morning I was doing a post operative dressing in the ward with Miss Allen, a clever pupil nurse assisting. She seemed a bit flustered about something, and I remarked, "a little bit off colour this morning, Miss Allen?" She answered: "I just had a bout with Dr. MacLennan, and he has the most perverted sense of humour of any man I ever met". Well, perhaps a guarded brain chamber did leak in this instance, or, maybe the nurse was unduly critical.

None rejoiced more in the coming of the new hospital than Dr. Sam. "Now we can do something for ourselves as well as for our patients", he said, indicating, of course, the priceless opportunities we should have to develop increasing skill in the art and science of Medicine and Surgery. I recall an occasion. I found, following an autopsy, myself in lawful possession of the deceased's brain. (Relatives' consent complied with). The organ was carefully preserved, and supplied some anatomical research for Dr. Sam and myself during the winter. A small back office in my house was our dissection lab, and one evening a week our hours of study.

Dr. MacLennan's name appears on the Official Hospital Staff at the opening, as general practitioner, and aurist and oculist. He always harboured the idea of developing a specialty and giving up Colliery practice. The Hospital facilities enabled him to develop his techniques in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat; his practice covering the whole service. Later on, a course in London in his specialty, then Halifax, where for the rest of his active life he was well and favourably known as a successful specialist.

It would take many pages of this manuscript to recall even a fraction of my memories of Dr. E. O. MacDonald and Dr. M. T. Sullivan. I am placing them together for convenience in writing; certainly not for any fusion of nature's physical stamp upon them, nor indeed on their respective characteristics and mannerisms. In other words, they were very different types. Both able, hard workers, and serving the largest colliery practice in Glace Bay. Though a part of the Town, it was officially named New Aberdeen, despite, it was alleged, Dr. Sullivan's protest that it should have been given an Irish name, since all the important people there were Irish.

In social and business life Tom Sullivan was a man of many moods, and he could fit them to meet either calm or storm. He had a ready wit and repartee, which he would turn to his advantage when an argument became too tense to be comfortable. McKeen said to him one day when he was haranguing pretty bitterly about something or other, "if you don't stop that, Sullivan, you'll go to hell". "What of it?" he answered, "I'll have good company there; a lot of my own relations and friends are Protestants". Needless to say, laughter and change of atmosphere followed. He saw out his whole professional life at the Mines, and attained a high standing as a Surgeon and general practitioner.

I could write much on my own early contacts with Dr. MacDonald. Just a little must suffice. We were often in the operating room together, taking our turn as operator, assistant or anaesthetist, as circumstances required; Sullivan, too, was often with us. We were all three, in a sense, juniors of the Staff, although Dr. E. O. had considerable experience, and a good consultant or assistant. Both of us were ambitious to advance in surgery particularly, and bore similar attitudes of thought and observation to this end. I have many and grateful memories of him in those days.

Both physically and in all the attitudes of mind and personal behaviour, he was the living antithesis of Dr. Sullivan. He was tall, lean and straight all the way down. He had a quiet sense of humor, and a smile which mellowed what otherwise might seem a rather dour countenance. Like many of us, he reached the medical profession by a trail blazed and smoothed by hard work and a strong will. He pioneered in education on the Western prairies teaching school, and in the best tradition of the Scot, protecting the earned profits for future use in the Medical School. One need not comment on such as a character builder, and the leaven that raises and stimulates ambition to bigger and better things. His able service as a doctor here is ample evidence. In his later years of general practice, he qualified as an Aurist and Occulist, and carried on both until failing health and overwork called a final halt.

I think I have come to the end of my swallow-flight glimpses of the first Medical Staff. I know but too well how inadequate they are. Of Dr. Green, my recollection is that he was assistant to Dr. MacKay at the time of the opening and gave promise of becoming

the able physician and surgeon the years following proved him to be. I had but a slight personal acquaintance with Dr. Haszard. I don't recall ever seeing him at the hospital.

Concerning Dr. John Stewart, who honored the Staff by becoming Surgical Consultant to the hospital, I am submitting a pamphlet for the hospital record containing three articles, written following his death at the request of the Canadian Medical Association. One of them is mine; and I offer it now as my tribute to this great Nova Scotian.

Writing of those we admire and recall does not imply an obligation to write about oneself. I must say this, however, for it fills my thoughts, that whatever success I may have attained, in a very long professional life, grew, in large measure, from the groundwork of my practice here, and the inestimable experience, and inspiration St. Joseph's Hospital offered, in the field of Surgery. Many times, as a professor of Surgery at Dalhousie, have I related for the benefit of my class, the clinical history of interesting cases I had seen and treated at St. Joseph's.

To the present Medical and Surgical Staff of the hospital I extend congratulations. They are keeping up the best traditions of the past, surpassing them, in all likelihood; for our Science and Art have grown with the years, and the newer treatments and techniques, unknown in an earlier decade, are now within reach for their well-trained judgment and skillful hands.

My special tribute of praise to the Sisters of St. Martha. They took over the hospital's management following Miss Cameron's retirement, and with this, the high standards already established there. The services rendered our Province by this great Order, both in the field of hospitals and public health, are quite beyond praise. "By their fruits ye shall know them". No one that sweated out a period in public health in Nova Scotia can ever forget Mother Ignatius. My own memory is still good.

A parting memory of the members of the first Medical Staff, that have gone on before, may not be expressed in the old pagan formula of farewell: Ave frater, adque vale. Rather would I say to each of my former confreres: Nunc vale, care frater et amice, adque in aeternum ave.

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