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*To Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in Memory of those who laid
the foundation upon which
we are building.*

Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph,

Kingston :: Ontario



HIS HOLINESS POPE BENEDICT 15th.



THE MOST REV. MICHAEL JOSEPH SPRATT, D.D.
Archbishop of Kingston.

Foreword

Seventy-five years have come and gone since that second of September, 1845, that witnessed the coming of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph to the city of Kingston. Destitute of everything but faith in God and a consuming love for suffering humanity, the founders of the Kingston Hotel Dieu left their comparatively comfortable home in Montreal to face the trials and privations of the unknown and the unexplored. They came because they felt that God called them. They planted the seed, strong in the belief that in His own good time God would give the increase.

Those who work for God build not upon the shifting sands. The Eternal Father cements their feeble efforts and makes the results permanent.

The history of the Kingston Hotel Dieu bears out this truth in its entirety. During the seventy-five years of its history it has had its dark days of sorrow and trial, for God's work is for ever impeded by the forces of evil, visible and invisible. But each successive obstacle only spurred the Sisters on to renewed and greater efforts for the accomplishing of His Will in their appointed field, until at last success crowned their endeavors. To-day the Hotel Dieu of Kingston stands second to none as a thoroughly up-to-date hospital, equipped in every respect for the service of the sick and the afflicted.

It is not all plain sailing even yet. The high cost of living, added to the need of more extensive buildings, has made the financial problem an anxious and pressing one. But the spirit of the pioneer Sisters still survives in the hearts of their successors, and Almighty God in His own time and manner will raise up friends and benefactors who will see to it that His work will not be retarded for the want of the necessary finances.

As Archbishop of Kingston it affords us much pleasure to add our humble tribute to the work of the Hotel Dieu Hospital and the truly religious spirit that animates the Sisters who comprise the present Community. No words of ours could express the debt the Archdiocese owes them. But their good deeds are recorded in the Book of Eternal Life—the only record worth while, and the only eulogy they prize.

+ M. J. SPRATT,

Archbishop of Kingston



Apparition of the Holy Family

to

JEROME LE ROYER DE LA DAUVERSIERE

February 2, 1642,

Directing him to found the Congregation of the
Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

THE HOTEL DIEU

They named you well who called you "House of God."
O title apt! Whose very words proclaim
The tender mercy preached by Him Who trod
The ways of Galilee. Your end and aim
Like His, to heal the sick, do good to all,
And teach the wayward on His Name to call.

O House of God! Here suff'ring human kind
Find rest and solace from all mortal ills;
Here minist'ring angels tenderly doth bind
The gaping wound—and that worse wound that kills.
The souls immortal purchased by the Cross
Of deepest shame that men now count a loss.

O House of God! Let scoffers sneering ask
The Why of Suffering and the Worth of Pain;
Let those who would as Pleasure's bond slaves bask,
Frown on your blessed portals with disdain—
His is the recompense that will endure;
They serve Him best who serve His lowly poor.

Think, then, of this, who patient vigil keep
O'er anguished mortals through the weary night;
The vaunted prizes of the world are cheap
And tawdry things when seen in Faith's pure light—
So in the silent watches hear Him call,
"Courage, dear heart, I will repay thee all."

—Rev. D. A. Casey.

Hotel Dieu, Kingston, Ont.

INTRODUCTION

To transfer to paper even a brief and necessarily imperfect epitome of the history of the Hotel Dieu, Kingston, since its foundation seventy-five years ago, is a task that we essay with great diffidence.

The complete narrative of those years would fill many volumes, and our space is limited. Moreover, working, as they are, entirely for God's greater glory, the Sisters are unwilling that many of the most interesting pages should be given publicity. They seek not human praise, but the "Well done" of Him to whom their every thought and act are directed.

However, we feel that the brief glimpse that the following pages afford of the foundation, growth and development of this institution will not be without interest. If this little book but leads to a greater and more practical appreciation of the work of the Hotel Dieu Sisters, and if it should awaken in the heart of even one young lady a desire to consecrate herself to the service of God in the Community of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph, we feel that our time and labor have been more than repaid.

CHAPTER I.

Planting The Seed.

La belle France, the sweetheart of all the world, is especially dear to the Catholic heart. For "the eldest daughter of the Church" is the cradle-land of many of our greatest Institutes, born of the two-fold love of God and man.

Kingston, as well as Canada in general, has reaped the fruit of the seed sown by those heroic crusaders of a by-gone age. The debt we owe the Congregation of Notre Dame, the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence and the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph is, in part, the debt we owe to this genuinely Catholic land.

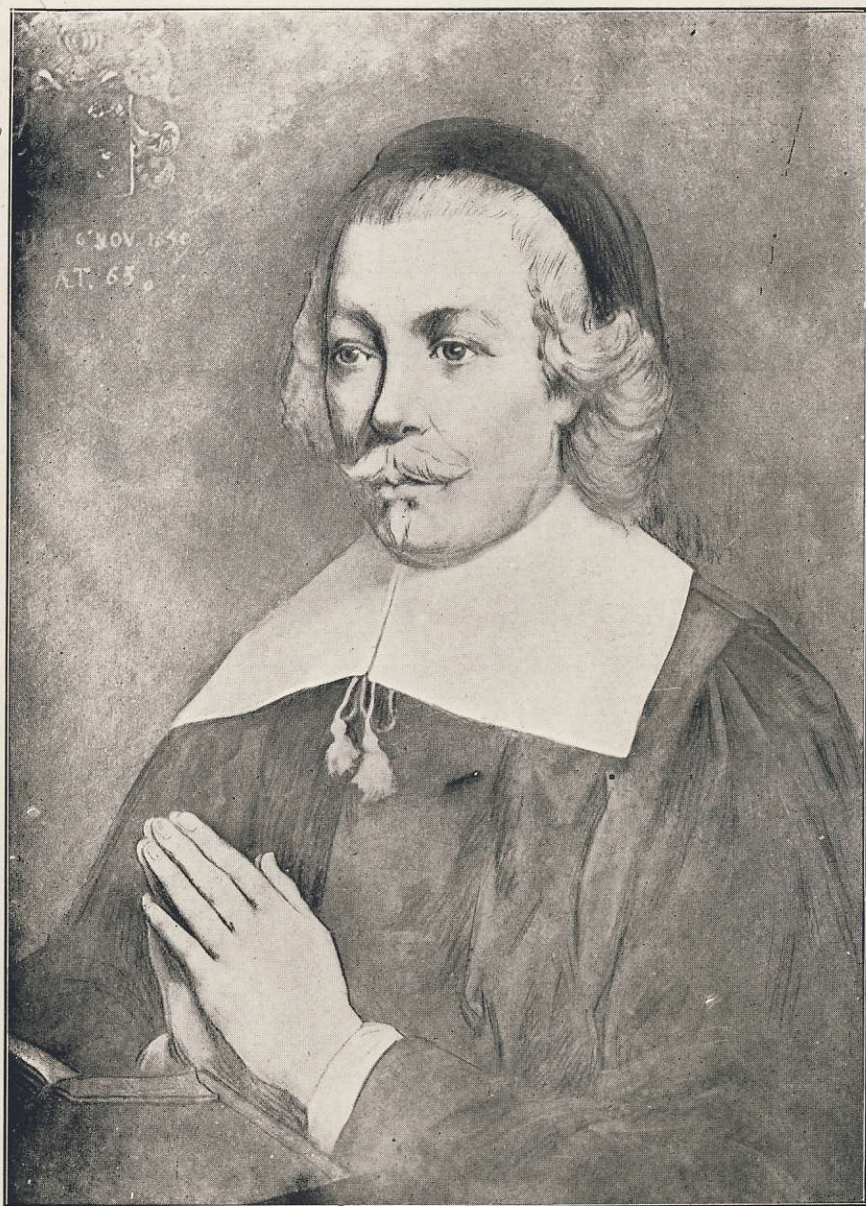
The Foundation.

The first Hotel Dieu Hospital was opened in the little town of La Fleche, France, in 1630. Before we recount the history of the Kingston Foundation, a brief sketch of the origin of the Community of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph will help towards a better understanding of the spirit and the achievement of the Kingston house.

Jerome Le Royer de la Dauversière, destined by Almighty God to give to His Church a new Institute, was born at La Fleche, a small town of Anjou, France, May 2nd, 1597. He was the descendant of a very ancient Breton family that had given many proofs of its devotion to the cause of religion in the battles of the Crusades.

After a childhood of singular innocence and piety, Jerome sought and obtained the position of receiver of finance, the office previously held by his father. Shortly after his appointment he married Jeanne de Bauge. God blessed their union with five children, four of whom consecrated themselves to His service. Two sons became secular priests; one daughter a Visitation Nun; the other filled many important offices in the Institute founded by her pious father.

Jerome appeared to the gay, light-hearted citizens of La Fleche as an ordinary, pious, good-natured young man. But



JEROME LE ROYER DE LA DAUVERSIERE

Founder of the Institute of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

the mysterious designs of Divine Providence had selected him to establish in France a new religious order, and to spread the Faith in the vast expanse of the New World.

Making Straight the Path.

The perfection of his life soon became remarkable among his associates. God flooded his soul with such lights and graces that his humility became alarmed. Months of severe trials and interior darkness followed those first divine favors, and served to chasten and prepare the future Founder of the Order for the revelations of February 2nd, 1630.

We read in the early annals, carefully preserved in the first convent of the Order, the following:

“On the 2nd day of February, 1630, after Monsieur de la Dauversiere had received Holy Communion, with his usual fervor, God made known to him that he was to establish in France, in honor of the Holy Family, an order of religious hospitallers. This order was to extend to New France (Canada) where the Holy Family was to be particularly honored.”

Early Difficulties

At once many difficulties presented themselves to the perplexed mind of the young man—lack of funds, his recent marriage, the distance of far away Canada, the hostility of its savage Indians, etc. Consulting his spiritual director (a zealous Jesuit) he determined to undertake the mission. He started the little hospital, known as the “Armories de St. Margaret,” as the cradle of the new Institute. This little La Fleche hospital of France having few revenues, the patients were often confided to the care of servant girls, who were obliged to solicit alms for their support. About this time Rene de la Dauversiere, brother of the founder was appointed administrator of the “Armories de St. Margaret.” As the chapel attached to the hospital was in a ruinous condition, the two brothers decided to erect a new one dedicated to our glorious father, St. Joseph. With this end in view they solicited alms throughout La Fleche. The early

annals of La Fleche note here a rather remarkable coincidence; "The first alms given our Founder was that of a very poor French child,—a veritable pauper,—shyly the little one placed two pennies in Monsieur de la Dauversiere's hand. The second was given by an equally poor peasant woman, who from her extreme poverty gave one penny. The two brothers and indeed all interested friends of the proposed church, loved to think the Child Jesus under the form of the French child, and the Blessed Mother, in the guise of the peasant woman, wished to contribute to the erection of an edifice destined to increase in France and America the honor paid to St. Joseph. Equally remarkable,—many rich townsmen, hearing of the touching incident now came forward and offered generously of their wealth. The construction of the sacred edifice proceeded rapidly and on the 2nd day of July, 1634, Bishop Claude De Roueill consecrated the first Hotel Dieu church of St. Joseph, stipulating one of its altars should be dedicated to St. Margaret.

CHAPTER II.

The Saintly Foundress.

It was during the erection of the Church of St. Joseph that God inspired three wealthy young ladies, Marie de la Ferre, Miss M. Tourneau, daughter of the mayor of La Flèche, and Miss La Epicier, maid of honor of the Princess de Condi, to serve the sick of St. Margaret's Hospital. Miss de la Ferre, (the future foundress of the Hotel Dieu Order) was born in Poitou, France, in the year 1592, at the ancient manor La Ferre. Destined by Divine Providence for a great mission, she was abundantly endowed from her youth with the choicest gifts of nature and grace. She had a remarkable devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and would remain, rapt and motionless, for hours before the Divine Prisoner. Her filial confidence in the Immaculate Mother of God shielded her in two severe trials of her childhood. As she advanced in years her virtues acquired such a lustre that her contemporaries called her "The Saintly Lady."

Her home life was made unhappy by a Calvinistic step-mother. Her father, regretting to see the little Marie subjected



MARIE DE LA FERRE
Foundress of the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph.

to persecution, took her to reside with a maternal aunt. This worldly woman, a favorite in society circles, used all her wiles and blandishments to make her beautiful charge a society belle. The sudden change from austere home life to the dazzling court had great dangers for Marie, but the Immaculate Mother was protecting the little one, who had given herself to her at the early death of her own mother. Festivities, soirees, gay parties followed each other in dazzling succession, but it was when

“Joy revelled around her,
Love shone at her side,
Gay was her smile,
As the smile of a bride.”

that Marie de la Ferre determined to consecrate her young life entirely to Jesus and His suffering poor.

This decision met with strong opposition from her many friends, but the young girl was firm; expostulations, entreaties, remonstrances were vainly tried. Finally she was left free to follow in peace the path of her choice. She and her two companions served the sick with tender devotion in the little hospital of St. Margaret, interesting their friends to help finance its diminishing resources. The Annalist records:

“Those whose condition entailed the most repulsive duties were the special objects of Marie de la Ferre’s care. Often was she seen to kiss the very sores that inspire nature with disgust; on more than one occasion her abnegation was rewarded by the surprising cure of her patient.”

Thus was our future Foundress gradually prepared for her mission; in prayer she understood the Divine Will in her regard; to establish a new society of spouses of Jesus Christ, who would care for His suffering members in hospitals under the patronage of St. Joseph and honor in a special manner “The Holy Family.”

In this new undertaking difficulties of every kind beset her path, but, strong in her trust in God, Marie de la Ferre wavered not.

Conjointly with the aid of her companions and the pious Founder, she had the happiness of seeing the new Order canonically established in 1643.

Mother de La Ferre saw but three branches of her Institute spread out their beneficent arms to suffering humanity, viz., the hospitals at Bauge, Laval and Moulins. The opening of the Hotel Dieu at Moulins coincided with the outbreak of a violent epidemic in the city. At once Mother La Ferre offered her services to nurse the most critical. Night and day she and the first Hotel Dieu Sisters opposed the steady progress of the disease, until finally she herself became one of its victims. In vain was heaven stormed with prayers for her recovery. She calmly expired the 28th day of July, 1652.

Scarcely had this martyr of God's poor and afflicted breathed her last when the faithful, despite the fear of contagion, forced their way in crowds and lavished upon the precious remains tokens of their esteem and veneration. Six years later her body was found perfectly intact, and numerous are the facts which go to prove her intercession is powerful with the Most High.

CHAPTER III.

The Coming To Canada.

Shortly after the death of the Foundress seven Houses of the new Order were established in France. The crossing of the stormy seas and the establishment of the first House in Canada at Montreal has a special interest for the chronicler of the Kingston Hotel Dieu, as it was from Montreal that the Kingston House was founded.

Maisonneuve, the founder of Montreal, is perhaps the noblest character in Canada's annals. Having vowed his life to the service of the Immaculate Mother of God, he proved himself in truth a Canadian Sir Galahad, leaving to our youth a type of manly courage grounded in purity of heart. Justly does history honor him.



JEANNE MANCE.

But while we honor Maisonneuve, let us not forget the part played in the foundation of Mary's City by M. de La Dauversière.

Almighty God, having inspired M. de La Dauversière with the idea of founding a colony on the Island of Montreal,—a fact recorded at length in the early annals of the Order—found him the instrument to bring the project to fruition in the person of Maisonneuve. But when at length royal approval had been obtained for the venture and Maisonneuve had been named Governor of the new Colony, a new difficulty presented itself. The Foundation at La Fleche had not yet been erected into a Community by episcopal authority, and moreover their limited number rendered it impossible that any of them should accompany the expedition. And yet the colonists were loth to face the perils of the new and unexplored without the services of some heroic and virtuous woman who would look after their provisions and nurse their sick and wounded. God was not wanting. On the very day of their departure from La Rochelle, Mlle Jeanne Mance, a lady of indomitable will and heroic virtue, arrived to join the expedition.

Justly is the memory of Jeanne Mance revered by the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu. Preceding the Hotel Dieu Sisters, she crossed the sea at the age of nineteen, with Maisonneuve and the brave colonists, being the first white woman to set foot upon the site of Montreal. "She had found her destiny", writes Parkman. "The ocean, the wilderness, the Iroquois—nothing daunted her."

When Maisonneuve, Jeanne Mance and the others arrived at Quebec, every effort was made to dissuade them from proceeding further. But inspired by faith and obedient to the call of God, they pushed on to found the City of Mary. The early annalist thus depicts the first landing at Montreal:

"De Maissonneuve and his little company accompanied by Rev. Pere Vimont, Madam de la Peltrie and M. De Peuseaux left Quebec harbor on the 8th day of, 1642, and when on the 18th, the flotilla came in sight of Mount Royal, hymns of thanksgiving broke from every

lip. The shore was a vast panorama of immense trees, fragrant foliage and flowers of wondrous beauty. Birds of beautiful plumage resting in the great trees flew frightened at the approach of the winged canoe as the natives called their ship. Following the example of their pious chief and future Governor, the colonists reverently kissed the virgin soil, chanting hymns in honor of the Immaculate Queen. An altar was quickly improvised, Madam de La Peltrie (Ursuline Foundress) and Mademoiselle Jeanne Mance, adorning it with flowers gathered from the fragrant banks. Rev. Pere Vimont intoned the *Veni Creator* and soon the great solitude resounded with God's praises from the kneeling colonists. The Divine sacrifice was celebrated for the first time on Mount Royal about 9.30 on the morning of May 18th, 1642. Benediction in the evening, terminated the eventful day and Jesus Hostia lovingly blessed his devoted children who had braved the perils of land and sea, to make His name known in a savage land.

"A fire fly lamp had to be substituted for the sanctuary lamp. After dusk, those little insects shed a religious light around. The next morning De Maissonneauve and his men felled trees for the bark chapel and the palisade entrenchment around which was dug a deep ditch."

"God's Providence", quotes the annalist, "protected the colonists of Mary's City (Villa Marie) for the savage Iroquois, though lurking about, forbore to attack."

For seventeen years Miss Mance was in very truth the mother of the new venture, looking after the comfort of the colonists and attending the sick and wounded in the little hospital she had erected. An unfortunate accident obliged her to relinquish her work and return to France where her health was miraculously restored. She then went to M. de La Dauversiere begging him to send some members of the La Fleche community to Villa Marie. The pious Founder granted her request, and the year 1659 saw her return to Montreal accompanied by three Sisters, Catherine Mace, Marie Maillet and Judith de Bresoles.



JEANNE MANCE AND THE FIRST RELIGIOUS HOSPITALLERS
OF ST. JOSEPH, 1642.

From that date the history of Montreal for many years is the history of the Hotel Dieu.

When the three Sisters arrived in Canada they found forty houses and 260 inhabitants on the spot where to-day stands the city of Montreal. God alone knows what sacrifices they had to endure, and the desperate struggles they had to undergo, before they had the happiness of seeing their hospital firmly established. These women, nurtured in ease, if not in luxury, lived in a house which, writes Parkman, "being built hastily of ill seasoned planks, let in the piercing cold of the Canadian winter through countless cracks and chinks; and the driving snow sifted through in such quantities that they were sometimes obliged the morning after a storm, to remove it with shovels. Their food would freeze on the table before them and their coarse brown bread had to be thawed on the hearth before they could cut it."

For fourteen years Jeanne Mance presided over the fortunes of the Montreal foundation, until in 1673, her work well done, she passed to her reward. Eleven years ago Montreal erected a beautiful bronze monument to the memory of this valiant Christian heroine. But Jeanne Mance needs no bronze effigy to perpetuate her name and fame. The various Hotel Dieu Hospitals in Canada and the United States stand to-day as her most fitting and appropriate memorial.

M. de La Dauversière had been called to his reward fourteen years previously. He died at La Fleche, November 8th, 1659, shortly after he had seen the first Hotel Dieu Sisters depart on their hazardous mission to New France. The sum total of his contribution to the history of Canadian Catholicity has yet to be appraised. For the Religious Hospitallers of St. Joseph are still adding to its chapters the same story of unselfish service that is recorded to the credit of the pioneer Sisters. The historian is not to blame for the seeming slight to M. de La Dauversière's memory. It had been the studied care of the humble Founder to efface all trace of his influence on this event of history. When the vessel which bore the band of Sisters to the far-off mission of Montreal had set sail, he went home to die. His death was worthy of a life in which every adverse circumstance had been met with a "God will be the Master."

CHAPTER IV.

The Kingston Foundation.

The Kingston Hotel Dieu enjoys the honor of being the first branch founded from the Montreal Motherhouse.

In this year of grace, 1920, Kingston is a city of some twenty-five thousand inhabitants, beautifully located, comfortable and prosperous. The Catholic population, about a fourth of the total, is well organized along religious, educational and charitable lines.

It was far otherwise seventy-five years ago, when the first Hotel Dieu Sisters came to the city of Frontenac in answer to the appeal of the Bishop of Ontario's parent diocese. Kingston had been an episcopal See but sixteen years when Bishop Gaulin begged Mgr. Bourget, Bishop of Montreal, to send him Sisters who would open a hospital and care for the sick and needy of his episcopal city.

The prospect was not an inviting one. The Catholic population was few in numbers and possessed of little of this world's goods. But neither Bishop Bourget nor the good Superior of the Montreal House, Mother Mesiere, would turn a deaf ear to the call for aid from the infant diocese. The many pathetic stories that reached them of the miseries suffered by the poor sick, left almost without succor—dying in miserable sheds, or even by the roadside, touched their compassionate hearts; and after Bishop Bourget had himself visited Kingston and looked over the ground, it was determined to grant Bishop Gaulin's request. The Sisters were under no illusion as to the mission they were undertaking, for Bishop Bourget had warned them, "You must depend solely on Divine Providence." That he had not overstated the difficulty of the new Foundation is proven by the fact that when Father Prince, under instructions from Bishop Bourget, came to Kingston to find accommodation, he found every door closed against him.

Four years of weary waiting intervened. But the Sisters were buoyed up with the hope that, as Bishop Bourget had prophesied, they would one day sing the praises of Jesus, Mary

and Joseph in Kingston. Such was their confidence that they refused to unpack the many large bundles destined for "Kingston, Ont." They did not trust in vain, for towards the end of 1844, God inspired a wealthy young lady, Mlle Josephine Perras, to devote herself and her large fortune to the establishing of the Kingston Hospital. This pious lady did for Kingston what Mlle Jeanne Mance had done for Montreal.

Accompanied by Miss Perras, Rev. Mother Bourbonniere left Montreal by steamer for Kingston on May 26th, where they arrived the following evening. They were welcomed by the Sisters of Notre Dame Convent (established in Kingston since 1841), and thus began that sincere sisterly affection and courtesy that has always existed between these two Communities in Kingston.

Next day they were welcomed by Bishop Phelan (who had succeeded Bishop Gaulin) and his Vicar-General, Rev. Angus McDonnell. The business of finding a proper location for the hospital was at once undertaken. Fortunately the property now known as the Old Hotel Dieu, Brock Street, was available, and as the location was all that could be desired it was purchased for what seems, in these days of inflated prices, a mere trifle—about three thousand dollars.

The little party returned to Montreal on May 31st and immediately set about the preparations for the new Foundation. While the preparations were under way, Dr. Hallowell, a Protestant physician of Kingston, called at the Montreal House and assured the little band of missionaries of his services to the poor sick and the Sisters free of charge. It was an augury of what the future held for the infant foundation. In the seventy-five years of its existence the Kingston Hotel Dieu has experienced similar kindness at the hands of many other doctors not of the Faith.

At length, on September 1st, 1845, Rev. Mother Bourbonniere, Sister Hugnot, Sister Davignon, Sister Latour and Sister Emilie, after a touching farewell from their beloved Sisters, the holy Bishop Bourget and the citizens of Montreal, set sail for their new home. The next day they arrived in Kingston and were

welcomed at the landing place by Bishop Phelan who escorted them to the Cathedral to return thanks to Almighty God and ask His blessing on the new undertaking. The next two days they spent as the guests of the Notre Dame Sisters, and when, on September 4th, everything was ready, they crossed the portals of the Hotel Dieu Hospital for the first time. Next morning the Bishop, assisted by Vicar General McDonnell, offered Holy Mass in the Hospital Chapel. At this first Mass the Sisters of Notre Dame and a large congregation of the delighted Catholic people assisted.



RT. REV. PATRICK PHELAN, D.D.

Bishop of Kingston, 1843-1857.

On October 28th the canonical ceremony of the taking possession of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, chapel and monastery took place. Bishop Phelan officiated, assisted by Vicar General McDonnell, Rev. Father Dollard, Rev. Father Lalor, Rev. Father Begley, and Rev. Father Murtagh. The large bell was blessed

and rung for the first time amid general rejoicing. The kindly citizens of all denominations filled the chapel and hospital.

On September 12th, 1845, the Sisters received their first patient, a Mrs. James Delaney. After a few months the little hospital was filled. The good benefactress, Miss Perras, was anxious that the homeless little orphans of Kingston and district should be given shelter in the Hotel Dieu, and accordingly two large wards were set apart for their accommodation. The little ones were especially dear to the heart of this good lady. The early annalist records how that slender, dark-robed figure "with a twinkling lantern in one hand and guiding one and sometimes two wee strangers with the other, would pick her way through the dark streets to the hospitable door of the orphans' ward." The Hotel Dieu Sisters looked after the orphans until 1910, when they were removed to St. Mary's-of-the-Lake, in charge of the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence.

CHAPTER V.

The Beginning of Things.

St. Teresa has well said that "a tried foundation is sure to succeed." The history of the Kingston Hotel Dieu bears out the truth of this statement. The pioneer Sisters had their share of crosses and tribulations, but their generous hearts rejoiced in the hope that what they were sowing in tears, their successors would reap in joy. The praises of the Holy Family chanted by a numerous and fervent Sisterhood; the poor sick attended with skill and tenderness; the Religious themselves growing each day in perfection—such was the vision that sustained their sorely tried and often drooping spirits and encouraged them to put forth every effort to make the new Foundation a success.

The lack of sufficient help was a great draw-back. Under date of October 29th, 1845, we find this borne out in the record of the first election held in the Kingston Hotel Dieu. Rev. Mother Bourbonniere was elected Superior, but she also filled the offices of Mistress of Novices, Pharmaceutist, etc.; Sister La Tour was Assistant Superior, Chief Hospitaller, Secretary of

Chapter and had care of the orphans; Sister Davignon was Bursar, Sacristan, Portress, and had charge of the Refectory; Sister Emily was Community and Hospital cook and in addition made shoes, wax candles, had charge of the laundry, poultry yard and the Bakery. Surely time didn't hang heavy on the hands of the first Hotel Dieu Sisters in Kingston!

Thus painfully the little Community struggled on, doing the very best they could to alleviate the sufferings of the poor sick. Their great regret was that owing to the scant accommodation they could not find room for all who sought admittance and relief from suffering.

But Almighty God was looking after His own. The ranks of the Sisters were destined soon to be augmented. The first postulant of the Kingston House, Angela Boulette, came from Old Quebec, March 14th, 1846. On June 1st, Kingston sent its first recruit in the person of Lucy McDougall. This first native Sister lived fifty-two years of a devoted religious life, dying January 19th, 1893, in her seventy-fifth year.

Others soon followed—Sisters Odile, McGorian, Debuc, Brady, Conroy, Hickey, Leahy, Murphy, etc. It was during the novitiate of these first laborers in the new vineyard that Kingston was visited by the fearful epidemic of typhus fever.

The reader will remember that this was the period of the artificially created Famine in Ireland. From a land flowing with milk and honey cruel and oppressive laws forced millions into exile. Crowded into the emigrant ships, nearly all fell victims to the deadly germ of typhus. When the first of those floating morgues reached Kingston the terrified inhabitants were afraid to allow it to land, fearing the spread of the plague.

The General Hospital was put in readiness to receive the sufferers; sheds were speedily erected and placards posted about the city asking for volunteer nurses.

The poor Irish outcasts were anything but welcome guests of the city, but their very abandonment touched the hearts of the good Sisters of the infant Hotel Dieu. They immediately offered their services. With maternal tenderness they watched

day and night by the bedside of the sick; closing their weary eyes when Death came, as often it did, to claim its victims. Owing to poor accommodation and unsanitary surroundings, the Sisters endured much hardship and suffering. Two caught the contagion and one, Sister McGorian, a novice, died in quarantine, a white-robed martyr, crying out in her delirium to be taken back to the sheds where she said the sick were calling her. A devoted young priest of the Cathedral staff, Rev. J. P. Naylor, also caught the disease while administering the Sacraments, and died a martyr to duty.

The Irish of Canada should not forget the aid rendered their exile kinsfolk by the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu, Kingston. Greater love than this no man hath than that he lay down his life for his friend. The Hotel Dieu made that supreme sacrifice for the unknown and the destitute, simply because they were God's sick poor. How much greater was the love that inspired such heroism?

It is fitting to record here that the most Rev. J. V. Cleary, the sixth Bishop and first Archbishop of Kingston, had a suitable monument, called "The Angel of the Resurrection", erected over the pit where nearly twelve hundred victims of the dread epidemic sleep their last sleep.

After having completed three years as Superior, the good Foundress, Rev. Mother Bourboniere, was compelled to resign on account of ill health and was succeeded by Rev. Mother Louni, in 1848. She was succeeded by Rev. Mother La Tour, one of the first mission band.

The little Community was growing in numbers, but not rapidly enough to enable the Sisters to cope with the growing needs of the Hospital. Then, as now, the Sisters had a child-like faith in prayer. A Novena to St. Joseph was begun, and just as they had completed the nine day's intercession to their heavenly patron the stage stopped at the Monastery door and the portress was greeted by the visitor, Sister Prefontaine from the Montreal House, with the remarkable words, "Well, Sister, here I am as a substantial answer to your prayers."



HOTEL DIEU HOSPITAL, KINGSTON.

Two years later, on March 18th, 1855, the Community received the sad news of the death of their saintly and beloved Foundress, Rev. Mother Bourboniere. The Archdiocese of Kingston owes much to this good Sister, who watched over the most anxious years of the young Foundation and set it safely on the road to the success it has since attained.

Bishop Phelan, the father in Christ of the Kingston Hotel Dieu, passed to his reward, June 6th, 1857. The Sisters grieved much, since they best knew what a loss they had sustained. Ever since he had welcomed them to Kingston he had taken a deep interest in their welfare and work and aided them in every way possible. On August 17th, Rt. Rev. Bishop Horan was consecrated as Bishop Phelan's successor. The Hotel Dieu Hospital had then been established twelve years; yet the annalist records that on his first visitation what struck the new Bishop was the extreme poverty of the Community. Much history has been written since then; the Hotel Dieu has developed wonderfully; but the present writer can vouch for the fact that the poverty that marked those early days is still in evidence.

Shortly after this a severe epidemic of small pox swept over the city. The Sisters displayed the same heroic indifference to danger that had marked them during the typhus epidemic. Luckily no life was demanded of them this time, although Sister Norris very nearly won the martyr's crown. After the epidemic, the ladies of the city organized a bazaar which realized \$1,200, which was devoted to the renovation of the orphans' quarters.

On Christmas eve of 1863, Sister Boulette, the first novice to join the Kingston Community, passed to her reward after nineteen years of a zealous and exemplary religious life.

Exactly two hundred years after Pope Alexander 7th had confirmed and approved the Institute, the Kingston Hotel Dieu, together with the Houses in Montreal and Europe, was gladdened with the tidings that the great Pope Pius 9th had approved and confirmed its rules and constitution. This memorable event is recorded under date of May 12th, 1865.

Although every page of the annals holds much that is interesting, we must pass on to the opening of the new wing of the

Hospital, begun on May 31st, 1872. Rev. J. Farrelly, V.G., officiated at the solemn blessing, assisted by Rt. Rev. Mgr. E. H. Murray, Cobourg (then of Wolfe Island), Rev. M. Donoghue, Loboro', and Rev. M. Carrifield, Montreal. Many generous donations were received towards defraying the expenses, and Dr. Sullivan and other friends organized a bazaar for the same purpose.

In November of this year came tidings of the death of one of the foundresses of the House, Sister Davignon. "This good Sister", says the annalist, "was truly an apostle of missions, dying in far away Madawaska, where she went to establish that house."

More than two years later the Community mourned the death of two friends of the House in the persons of Bishop Horan and Vicar General McDonnell. Bishop Horan passed away on February 21st, 1875. Ten days later the aged Vicar answered the inevitable call. He was a kind friend and generous benefactor of the Hotel Dieu ever since the day when, with Bishop Phelan, he had welcomed the pioneer sisters to the city. He was seventy-six years of age, fifty-two of which he had spent at the altar of God. Bishop Horan was succeeded by Bishop O'Brien, who was born in Loboro', a short distance from the city.

In July, 1877, we find recorded the visit of the Apostolic Delegate to Canada, His Excellency Archbishop Conroy of Armagh, Ireland, His Excellency was accompanied by Bishop O'Brien and Fathers Stafford and McCarthy. The distinguished party visited the wards where His Excellency spoke to each sufferer individually. At the orphanage one of the little tots presented the Papal Delegate with a beautiful basket of roses. Afterwards His Excellency addressed the Religious on the sublime duty of their calling. The sick and destitute, he said, were the chosen portion of the Divine Master's vineyard. The Hotel Dieu reminded him of what he pictured the little home of Naxareth. In the modesty of the nuns he saw the sweet face of Mary; in the happy little ones, the smile of the Child Jesus, and in the resigned sufferers, the patient St. Joseph. Before his adieu he imparted the Apostolic Benediction.

Under date of January 6th, 1878, we find recorded the ordination in the hospital chapel of the Rev. Michael McDonald and the Rev. Daniel Farrelly. Bishop O'Brien officiated, assisted by Fathers Higgins, Corbett, McWilliams and Kelly.

On May 31st, 1879, Canada's Governor-General and his royal consort, the Princess Louise (daughter of Queen Victoria) honored the Hotel Dieu with a visit. Bishop O'Brien and Fathers Farrelly, McCarthy, O'Connor, Larkin, Twohey, McWilliams, Corbett, Murphy, Twomey and O'Reilly, awaited the visitors at the Hospital. The mayor, Dr. Sullivan, represented the city.

In 1880, Most Rev. Dr. Cleary succeeded to the See of Kingston. Born in Waterford, Ireland, he was consecrated in Rome and ruled over the archdiocese for eighteen years. Nine years after his consecration Kingston was raised to the rank of an Archdiocese. As the following chapter recounts, the Hotel Dieu was destined to undergo a great expansion under his regime.

CHAPTER VI.

Expansion.

Almighty God had signally blessed the work of the Hotel Dieu of Kingston. Each succeeding year brought added appreciation from the public. Reluctantly the Sisters realized that their loved Brock Street building no longer afforded the necessary accommodation for the growing needs of the Institution. In the summer of 1891 it was, therefore, decided to purchase Regiopolis College and grounds, a fine property occupying an entire city block and centrally located. The necessary arrangements having been made with the episcopal corporation, the work of transforming the College into an up-to-date Hospital was undertaken at once. The transfer to the new quarters took place the following summer.

Although the new property afforded enlarged accommodation for hospital purposes, yet a chapel was needed. Three years later, on May 30th, 1894, His Grace Archbishop Cleary laid the

foundation stone of the new chapel of St. Joseph. It was indeed a great event in the history of the Hotel Dieu, as was proven by the fact that forty-two of the diocesan clergy gathered to assist at the ceremony and congratulate the Sisters. At the banquet tendered the clergy His Grace expressed the hope that he would soon have the pleasure of laying the corner stone of a new Monastery. Vicar General Gauthier of Brockville (later Archbishop of Kingston and now Archbishop of Ottawa), Rev. T. A. Kelly,



ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL, HOTEL DIEU.

chancellor of the Archdiocese (now pastor of Smith's Falls) and Rev. Father Davis of Madoc (deceased) spoke a few words of felicitation to the Sisters on the magnificent temple they were about to erect to the honor and glory of God.

At once the kind friends of the Institution hastened to lend a helping hand. The aged mother of Rev. Father Davis donated the High Altar; Mrs. Michael Walsh of Kingston, gavé the sanc-

tuary lamps; the oil paintings were the gift of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Shea; Mrs. Thomas Ronan gave the chandelier; rich carpets came from Mrs. John Halligan; the chandeliers in the Sister's Choir were presented by Miss M. McDonald of Ottawa; the side altars by a former chaplain, Rev. J. P. Lonergan of Montreal; Mr. George Doutney, Mr. A. P. O'Brien and the Ladies Auxiliary made suitable gifts. After the chapel was erected, beautiful stained glass windows were donated by Hon. Senator Sullivan, Hon. William Harty, Miss Minnie Lowe of Picton, Mr. and Mrs. James Koen of Loboro', Edward Powers of Kingston, J. T. McGuire of Rochester, N.Y.; J. P. Nancy, Chicago, Ill.; Misses Hickey of Kingston, the attending physicians of the Hotel Dieu, Kingston; Dr. Bell, of London; Congregation de Notre Dame, Kingston; Michael and Catherine Madden, Kingston; Brigid and Patrick O'Hara, Westport; John Kelly, Kingston; Patrick and Sarah Keating, Kingston; Charles and Mary La Rose, Kingston.

The first Mass in the new chapel was celebrated on the morning of March 1st, 1895, by His Grace Archbishop Cleary, assisted by Rev. Fathers Kelly and Neville.

For the first time in the history of the House, Midnight Mass was celebrated, Christmas, 1895, by Rev. T. A. Kelly.

In February, 1897, Kingston sent forth its first missionary band to open a Hospital at Cornwall, Ont., in answer to the repeated requests of Bishop Macdonell and Vicar General Corbett.

Part of the present main Hospital building was used as a Monastery for the Sisters. But the increasing demands for admission by the sick of the city and district once more rendered it necessary to afford more accommodation. Hence it was decided to build a Monastery, entirely apart from the Hospital. The corner stone was laid by His Grace Archbishop Cleary on July 13th, 1897. His Grace was assisted by Monsignor Farrelly, Vicar General Kelly, Fathers Spratt, Beecher, O'Brien, Neville, M. Meagher and J. J. Meagher. The silver trowel used by His Grace on the occasion was presented by the people of Cornwall.

Nearly a year later, on June 19th, 1898, the first Kingstonian to enter the Kingston novitiate passed to her reward in the per-

son of Sister McDougall. This good Sister had spent fifty-two years in the service of God and His sick poor. She was one of those who volunteered to nurse the Ship Fever victims in '47.

Four months later the annalist records the succession to the See of Kingston of His Grace Archbishop Gauthier.

In May, 1899, a modern and thoroughly equipped surgical theatre was erected at the north-western wing of the main Hospital.

Many people in Kingston are familiar with the notes of "the Hotel Dieu bell." This bell, a gift from Archbishop Cleary, was christened "Mary, Joseph, Charles", and blessed by Archbishop Gauthier, March 25th, 1900. It replaces the modest little bell, "Mary, Joseph, Patrick," blessed by Bishop Phelan in 1845.

In April, 1900, the Hotel Dieu was again honored by a visit from the Papal representative, His Excellency Monsignor Falconio. He was welcomed by Archbishop Gauthier, Bishop Macdonell of Alexandria and about fifty priests.

Under date of November 6th, 1900, we find recorded the celebration of the first Golden Jubilee in the history of the House, Sisters Brady and Mary Joseph being the happy jubilarians. Archbishop Gauthier sang High Mass in the Hospital Chapel and another warm friend of the Institution, Rev. J. P. Kehoe, Gananoque (then rector of St. Mary's Cathedral) preached an appropriate sermon. Rev. Dean O'Connor and Fathers T. J. Spratt, J. T. Hogan, M. McDonald, C. J. Duffus, Brennan, Sheedy, Murphy, Neville, Mea, Collins and McCarthy honored the Community with their presence.

On November 20th, 1903, Kingston sent forth its second band of missionaries—this time to Chicago, Ill.

Another Sister celebrated the golden jubilee of her profession, October 2nd, 1905, in the person of Sister Catherine. Archbishop Gauthier sang High Mass, assisted by Dr. Sammon, Dr. Kingsley and Father Murphy.

A development that has meant much for the progress of the Hospital was the formation of the Ladies' Auxiliary in 1905.

The officers and members of this organization have rendered great service to the Sisters and are deserving of very sincere thanks.

Up to this time we have recorded the transfer of the Hospital from the original Hotel Dieu on Brock street, to the much more commodious quarters of Regiopolis College; the building of the splendid new chapel of St. Joseph, and the completion of the Sisters Monastery.

But history was repeating itself once more. Even with the additions enumerated, the Hospital was unable to make provision for its clients. Therefore, in October, 1909, the Community decided to build a New Wing on the Brock Street corner of the Hospital, to provide much needed private room accommodation, laboratories, X-Ray and clinical departments. On the upper corridor is situated the perfectly equipped Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Operating Rooms. That true friend of the Hospital, Dr. C. E. O'Connor, the eminent specialist, performs most of his operations here.

Kind friends, including Rev. A. J. Hanley, Rev. G. J. Gray, Hon. W. Harty, W. F. Nickle, ex-M.P.; M. J. Sullivan, J. E. Steacy, J. B. McAuley, J. P. Hanley, H. J. O'Brien, W. W. Steacy, T. F. Mulville, Mrs. H. P. Smith, the Misses O'Brien, Ladies' Auxiliary, C.M.B.A., Knights of Columbus, Kingston Hockey Club, Kingston Iroquois Club, Sanctuary Boys of St. Mary's Cathedral, etc., beautifully furnished some of the best rooms.

Sister Philomen, who this year celebrates her Diamond Jubilee, rounded out fifty golden years of service in 1910.

On November 30th, 1911, Rev. Michael Joseph Spratt, parish priest of Belleville, was consecrated Archbishop of Kingston in succession to Archbishop Gauthier, who was transferred to Ottawa. Archbishop Gauthier had always been a warm friend of the Hotel Dieu and the Community was soon to discover that in his successor they had found a prelate willing and anxious to aid and encourage them in every way.



THE SISTERS' CHOIR, HOTEL DIEU.

The next outstanding event in the chronicle is the opening of the St. Joseph Training School for Nurses, June, 1913. The Training School, like every other undertaking of the Hotel Dieu, has progressed with each succeeding year.

One of the most faithful priests that ever served the Hotel Dieu in the capacity of chaplain passed away, February 11th, 1916, in the person of the Rev. Bernard Murphy, aged 74 years.

Under date of August 28th, 1916, we find the missionary zeal of the House again in evidence. On that day three Sisters left Kingston to open a new Branch in far away Polson, Montana.

For the third time the House was honored by a visit from the direct representative of the Holy Father, His Excellency, Mgr. Stagni, Apostolic Delegate to Canada and Newfoundland, who arrived November 15th, 1917, accompanied by his Secretary, Mgr. Filippi.

Next year the Hospital became affiliated with the Catholic Hospitals' Association of the United States and Canada.

The Forty Hours Devotion this year coincided with the reopening of the Chapel, which had been in the hands of the decorators for several months. Father Casey, chaplain, sang solemn High Mass, with Father O'Farrel, Gananoque, deacon, and Father Keaney, St. Mary's Cathedral, sub-deacon. Rev. Fathers Kehoe, Gananoque; J. J. O'Brien, Peterborough; T. J. Scott, Prescott, and J. H. McDonald, Enterprise, were also present. The Boys' Choir of St. Mary's Cathedral, under the direction of Rev. R. S. Halligan, sang the Mass.

To the generosity of Mrs. Murray Warnock, only sister of Rev. B. P. Murray, the founder of the Chicago Hotel Dieu, the Sisters are indebted for the present exquisite appearance of their Chapel. It will not be out of place to mention here the names of some other generous benefactors of the House, such as Vicar General McDonnell, Rev. D. J. O'Connell, Rev. B. P. Murray, Rev. J. J. Sammon, Rev. J. E. McGowan, Rev. C. J. Duffus, Hon. Senator Sullivan, Dr. J. J. Harty, J. E. Browne, J. F. Downes, P. Mullen, J. E. Bowman, T. J. Tooher, Mrs. M. J. Sessions, Mr. Maguire, etc. Living and dead, they are all remembered in the good Sisters' prayers.

On the Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels, 1918, the Community was again privileged to assist at a Golden Jubilee celebration—this time that of Sister Smith and Sister Mary Augustine. His Grace Archbishop Spratt sang High Mass in the Hospital Chapel, assisted by Rev. T. A. Kelly, Smith's Falls, assistant priest; Rev. T. P. O'Connor, Nappanee, deacon; Rev. M. Meagher, Marysville, sub-deacon; and Rev. R. S. Halligan, master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were Rev. A. J. Hanley, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral; Rev. J. P. Kehoe, Gananoque; Rev. T. McCarthy, Read; Rev. M. McDonald, Portsmouth; Rev. T. Murtagh, Marmora; Rev. Dr. Kingsley, Kingston Mills; Rev. J. Powell, Bedford, and Rev. P. J. Keaney, St. Mary's Cathedral.

About this time the dreaded epidemic of Spanish Grippe took toll of the Sisters. Kingston, in common with the whole North American continent, suffered much from this terrible visitation. The Hotel Dieu was crowded—even to the corridors, and the Sisters lived up to their old traditions in their care of the afflicted. When the plague was at its peak, Sister Duffy was stricken and passed quickly away. An added gloom was occasioned by the fact that, on account of all church services being prohibited by order of the Board of Health, it was not possible to have Requiem Mass over her remains. However, His Grace the Archbishop, assisted by Father Hanley and Father Casey, chanted a solemn Libera for the repose of her soul. Just as truly as Sister McGorian in the days of the Ship Fever did Sister Duffy die a martyr to duty.

Nearly a year later, on September 18th, 1919, death called Dr. Robert Hanley, Kingston's universally beloved physician, and a warm friend of the Hotel Dieu. We had requiem High Mass for him in the Hospital Chapel, whilst his funeral at the Cathedral was an extraordinary testimony to the place he filled in the hearts of everyone.

CHAPTER VII.

The Sowers Go Forth.

In the previous chapter we noticed the departure of the first band of missionary sisters from the Kingston Hotel Dieu to open a new House in Cornwall.

The zealous pastor of St. Columban's, Cornwall, knowing the worth of the Hotel Dieu Sisters, secured the permission of his Bishop, the Rt. Rev. W. A. Macdonell, to establish a House of the Community in his parish. The good Bishop interviewed Archbishop Cleary and the Superior of the Kingston House,



RT. REV. ALEXANDER MACDONELL, D.D.
First Bishop of Alexandria.

and met with a favorable response. Some months later, on February 9th, 1897, six Sisters started for the new field of labor.

The Cornwall foundation made rapid progress, despite the little difficulties incidental to every new enterprise. It was not long until more help was needed and readily granted by the Mother House. Four Sisters were sent to aid the six pioneers.

The Cornwall Hotel Dieu is ideally situated on the banks of the majestic St. Lawrence. Besides the work of the Hospital, the Sisters care for the aged and infirm in St. Paul's Home. At present this latter institution harbors some one hundred and twenty-five inmates.

In the summer of 1915 the original Hotel Dieu was reduced to ashes. This house, originally the residence of Premier John Sanfield Macdonald, was soon replaced by a modern, up-to-date Monastery.

Nazareth Orphanage.

In the Cornwall Standard of December 6th, 1919, we read with pleasure the following item:

“Through the gift of a generous heart, that of Mrs. John McMartin, the palatial residence, on the corner of Second and Sidney streets, is now the Nazareth Orphanage, the property of the Hotel Dieu, under the charge of the Cornwall sisters. Highland Manor, as the residence is known, was built by the late George McDonnell. It finally passed into the possession of John McMartin, M.P. By him it was transformed into one of the finest private residences of the Province. Spacious grounds, including a generous area of green lawns, the artistic taste of the chatelaine is evidenced in beautiful flowers and shrubbery. On Thursday morning, His Lordship, Bishop McDonnell, in the presence of several priests of the diocese, the sisters of the Cornwall Hotel Dieu, Mrs. John McMartin, her family and friends, blessed the new chapel and orphanage.”

The good Bishop paid a deserved tribute to the generous donor. “Mrs. McMartin's generosity was in keeping with the



1. Original Hotel Dieu of Cornwall. 2. Present Hospital. 3. Home for the Aged. 4. The Monastery. 5. Very Rev. Geo. Corbet, V.G. (founder)—daughter house of Kingston.

highest traditions of the early Christians," said His Lordship. "They gave their all to support the infant Church. Many might think that Mrs. McMartin's gift was out of proportion to the humble purposes of a home for little children. Similar complaints had been heard in the Divine Master's time, until He reproached the critics, "Suffer the little children and forbid them not to come unto Me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Orphanage and grounds represent a valuation of one hundred thousand dollars. Mrs. McMartin has set an example to other wealthy Catholics.

True pastor and genuine friend of the Hotel Dieu, Vicar General Corbett has organized the Nazareth Society, whose object is to lend material assistance to the work of the Orphanage. It is co-operating to the fullest extent with the devoted Sisters.

One of the surest signs that the Cornwall House is flourishing is found in the fact that the Novitiate is attracting the very best of the young ladies of Alexandria Diocese. Kingston watches with pardonable pride the growth and development of its first offshoot.

Second Branch at Chicago

Charity knows no cloister. The claims of the sick and needy awake a responsive cord in the heart of the Hotel Dieu Sister. Thus when from far-off Chicago came an appeal from the Rev. B. P. Murray to open a Hospital in his parish, his wish was readily acceded to. Archbishop Gauthier of Kingston and Archbishop Quigley of Chicago being agreeable, seven Sisters left for the new undertaking on November 21st, 1903. They received a hearty welcome from priests and laity on their arrival in the western city.

Like nearly every Hotel Dieu foundation, Chicago was destined to meet its reverses. Scarcely a year had elapsed before the convent was destroyed by fire—the Sisters barely escaping with their lives. The good Father Murray immediately set about the erection of a new building, and this, known as St. Bernard's Hotel Dieu, is conceded by the best authorities to be one of the finest hospitals in the West.



1. Hotel Dieu, Chicago, and 2. Rev. B. P. Murray (founder), 3. Hotel Dieu, Polson—two daughter houses of Kingston.

Built with a solid Georgian marble frontage, 265 feet in length, the building towers aloft five stories; corridors, stairs, chapel and operating rooms (seven) are inlaid with the same precious material as the front. The building is of concrete and fireproof and finished for a spacious roof garden. Modern improvements have been installed, making the hospital labor comparatively easy. Within the past two years St. Bernard's Hotel Dieu has become affiliated with Loyola University, of Chicago, Ill. The training school for nurses numbers about seventy. Free beds for the poor are placed in the wards, the Chicago Archbishop remarking impressively, "The more magnificent the hospital, the greater need for provision for the poor."

This mission made rapid progress. After the new building was ready for occupation the need of more assistance was felt, and three more Sisters were sent from Kingston. The zealous founder, Rev. Father Murray, profited by every opportunity to advance the interests of the Hospital. By his death in March, 1917, our second branch House lost its greatest benefactor and friend. Truly might it be said of him that, "despising the world and triumphing over terrestrial things, he stored up treasures for heaven by word and deed."

In the May, 1920, Chicago New World we noted the following relative to the progress and extension of our Chicago Mission Hospital:

"St. Bernard's Hotel Dieu, composed of the hospital sisters of St. Joseph from Kingston, Ont., and the American novices admitted since its institution in 1904, have purchased a tract of land of 140 acres for \$78,000 in Palos Park, the former Brand summer home. It is understood a novitiate for the education of Hotel Dieu novices will be established there and will be known as "Hotel Dieu Mount St. Joseph's Novitiate."

Third Branch at Polson, Montana.

In 1916 the Rt. Rev. Bishop Carroll of Helena and his zealous co-laborer at Polson, Montana, Father O'Malley, petitioned the Kingston Superioress to establish a Hotel Dieu Hospital in

that distant mission. Again the Kingston House responded to the call of Charity. Three Sisters left for their far-away home on August 28th, 1916. The Public Hospital was given into the Sisters' charge, as it was not proving a financial success under secular administration. It contained seventeen private rooms, four semi-private wards of eight beds each, operating room, etc. Although small it was complete. This infant foundation hopes in the near future to build a large hospital and open a Training School for Nurses.

THE SPOUSE OF CHRIST.

He came to her from out eternal years,
A smile upon His lips, a tender smile
That, somehow, spoke of partings and of tears.

'Twas eventide, and silence brooded low
On earth and sky—the hour when haunting fears
Of mystery pursue us as we go.

Strange mystic shadows filled the temple dim,
But on the Golden Door the ruby glow
Spoke orisons more sweet than vesper hymn.

No human accents voiced His gentle call,
No crashing thunderbolts did wait on Him,
As when of old he deigned to summon Saul.

But heart did speak to heart, an unseen chord,
In Love's own scale did sweetly rise and fall;
Nor questioned she, but meekly answered, "Lord."

To-night some household counts a vacant chair,
But far on high Christ portions the reward,
A hundred-fold for each poor human care.

Rev. D. A. Casey.

Hotel Dieu, Kingston, Ont.

CHAPTER VIII.

The Training School.

The St. Joseph's Training School for Nurses in connection with the Kingston Hotel Dieu was formally opened in 1913. The course extends through a period of three years. Lectures in the various branches of surgery and medicine are given by attending physicians. If successful in the test examinations at the close of the third year, the nurse is awarded a diploma as a graduate nurse.

Young ladies who seek admission to the School must be possessed of a good education, be in good health and have testimonials as to character from reputable persons. The number of nurses-in-training at present is thirty.

Since the opening of the School the following have obtained the diploma of a graduate nurse:

Anna M. Legree, Cornwall, Ont.
Elizabeth F. Carlon, Brockville, Ont.
Susan E. Brannigan, Kingston, Ont.
Jeanette F. Legree, Cornwall, Ont.
Mayme E. O'Keefe, Peterboro, Ont.
Nettie E. McLennan, Mille Roche Ont.
Margaret F. Waters, Kingston, Ont.
Hannah J. Devlin, Peterboro, Ont.
Isabella C. McDougall, Williamstown, Ont.
Mary G. Gibson, Peterboro, Ont.
Grace E. Storms, Verona, Ont.
Anna F. Ryan, Kingston, Ont.
Mabel M. Hogan, Wolfe Island, Ont.
Helen C. Redmond, Peterboro, Ont.
Ursula E. Buckley, Belleville, Ont.
Anna G. Cunningham, Arnprior, Ont.
Estella C. Whalen, Kingston, Ont.
Agnes M. Mandeville, Wellington, Ont.
Lucille M. Dermody, Lombardy, Ont.
Vivian G. Murphy, Wolfe Island, Ont.
Evelyn M. McGahey, Cornwall, Ont.

Mary M. Williams, Kingston, Ont.
Catharine D. Murphy, Windsor, Ont.
Marjorie L. Allen, Lakefield, Ont.
Gertrude A. Drumgoole, Wallacetown, Ont.
Mary E. MacDougall, Williamstown, Ont.
Sister M. Tierney.
Sister M. Immaculate (Kennedy)
Sister G. Donovan.
Sister E. Gallagher.
Sister E. Gravelle.
Sister M. Breault.
Amy E. Sutherland, Battersea, Ont.
Agnes F. Logue, Kingston, Ont.
Mary B. Koen, Leland, Ont.
Margaret F. Wafer, Kingston, Ont.
Ethel F. Letford, Elgin, Ont.
Sadie J. McDonnell, Lansdowne, Ont.
Deverd J. Murphy, Wolfe Island, Ont.
Ethel G. Gallagher, Kingston, Ont.
Mildred Martin, Ottawa, Ont.
Annie M. Doyle, Belleville, Ont.
Sister M. St. Rita (Kelly)
Sister M. Hopkins,
Marian F. Clancy, Peterboro, Ont.
Frances G. Baiden, Portsmouth, Ont.
Lena E. Kennedy, Peterboro, Ont.
Kathleen M. Freeman, Elgin, Ont.
Evelyn G. Power, Nelson, N.B.
Zita M. Doyle, Stanleyville, Ont.
Marguerite F. Wall, Campbellton, N.B.
Florence G. Byrns, Perth, Ont.
Gertrude R. Dermody, Lombardy, Ont.

GRADUATING EXERCISES

There is something pathetic, as well as beautiful, in graduation; young maidens full of happy anticipations are leaving the training school and while looking forward with joyous hopes to the untried future, are feeling the touch of unseen and unknown shadows.



GRADUATES OF NINETEEN-TWENTY.

The second day of June, the month of roses and sweet girl graduates, witnessed our spacious class room handsomely draped, palm and rose festooned for the graduating of the Nineteen Twenty Class.

Arrayed in spotless white, each carrying a magnificent bunch of American roses, the smiling graduates formed a pleasing picture as they took their places on the flower strewn stage.

Distinguished Speakers

In his opening address, Dr. E. Ryan, superintendent of the Rockwood Hospital, spoke of the noble work being done by the religious hospitallers and nurses of the Hotel Dieu. He said he felt sure the graduates leaving the hospital that evening would acquit themselves in a manner bound to reflect credit on the school in which they had been so creditably trained.

The Mayor of Kingston, H. C. Nickle, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be present at the exercises and of the self sacrificing earnest work the Sisters and nurses had accomplished for poor suffering humanity during the late regrettable war.

On behalf of the City of Kingston, the Mayor extended grateful appreciation of the great charity shown to returned soldiers by the Hotel Dieu staff and wished the graduating class every future success.

Rev. D. A. Casey

In presenting the diplomas, our Chaplain, Rev. D. A. Casey, editor of the Canadian Freeman, called attention to the fact (not generally known because of characteristic self-effacement) that each Hotel Dieu Sister was a graduate nurse and thoroughly competent to assist in the training of the young aspirants to the nursing profession.

In giving the well earned diplomas the Reverend Father warmly congratulated each nurse on the brilliant success she had achieved.

Dr. W. W. Gibson.

In addressing the graduates this distinguished staff physician hoped the graduates would keep ever in mind the exalted

ideals of their noble profession and spoke eloquently of their privilege of being associated with such a time honored institution. "Emulate the devoted care and tender charity shown God's sick and afflicted by the Hotel Dieu Sisters since the foundation of their first hospital in France, and you shall be perfect and successful nurses," said Dr. Gibson. He then at some length referred to the hospital's affiliation with the great Catholic Hospital Association of Canada and the United States, and the benefits they hoped to derive from an association whose ideal was to insure the best and most scientific care of the sick.

Presentation of Rewards.

In presenting Miss Evelyn Powers the gold medal awarded by His Grace, Archbishop M. J. Spratt, Rev. Louis Staley, Railton, warmly congratulated the recipient on the distinguished honor of winning the coveted first prize.

Miss Marguerite Wall was awarded the silver medal given by Mrs. Murray Warnock, of Ottawa, and presented by Mayor Nickle.

Miss Florence Byrne won the prize given by Rev. A. J. Hanley and presented by Dr. E. W. Ryan.

Miss Evelyn Power won the prize for general proficiency given and presented by Rev. D. A. Casey.

Miss Kathleen Freeman won the price for highest marks in medicine, given and presented by Major J. P. Quigley.

Miss Rose Joyce was the winner of the prize given and presented by Dr. Fergus O'Connor for the highest marks in anatomy.

Misses Kathleen Freeman, Rose Joyce and Evelyn Power won the awards given by Drs. F. O'Connor and C. A. Howard for surgery and obstetrics, the presentation being made by Dr. E. Ryan and Mr. Ambrose Shea, L.L.D.

After the Reverend Mother Superior had presented each graduate with the hospital emblem pin the class took the Florence Nightingale pledge.

A brilliant program of high class talent was pleasingly rendered by Misses Bessie Dolan, Norena Telegmann, Phyllis Devlin, Mrs. O. F. Telegmann, Marie Draper and Mr. F. E. Gask.

Miss Margaret Kennedy and Miss Frances Devlin acted as accompanists.

The enthusiastic congratulations of numerous friends and the offering of beautiful floral tributes completed a most enjoyable evening.

IN THE NUNS' GARDEN

In the nuns' garden lean the lilies slender,
In the nuns' garden crimson roses blow ;
And many flowers, old-fashioned, fair and tender,
Along the paths in rich profusion grow.

But sweeter than the roses and the lilies
That fill with beauty all the gay parterres,
The virgin flowers whose joyous duty still is
To waft to God the perfume of their prayers.

In the nuns' garden, weary of his vagrance,
Often the wanderer comes his woes to plead,
For in that place of purity and fragrance
Are gentle hearts responsive to his need.

There mercy dwells amid the crimson roses ;
There no one knocks upon the gate in vain ;
For like the door of heaven, it never closes
On human sorrow and on human pain.

In the nuns' garden lean the lilies slender,
And many a flower adorns the gay parterres,
But sweeter far the souls so pure and tender
Who waft to God the perfume of their prayers.

Denis A. McCarthy.

OLD NUNS.

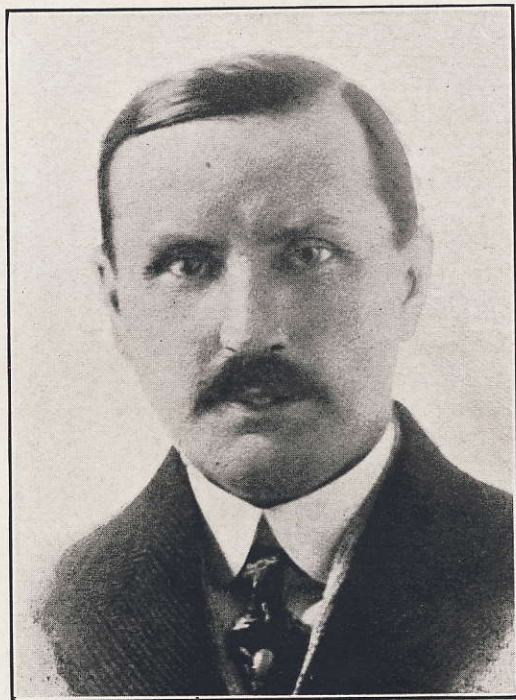
Our Lady smiles on youthful nuns,
She loves them well.
Our Lady's smile like sunshine floods
Each convent cell,
But fondest falls Our Lady's smile
Where old nuns dwell;

Old nuns whose hearts are young with love
For Mary's Son,
Old nuns whose prayers for faltering souls
Have victory won,
Old nuns whose lives are beautiful
With service done.

Their love a loveless world has saved
From God's dread rod,
The paths were Sorrow walks with Sin
Their feet have trod,
Their knees have worn the flags that pave
The house of God.

Our Lady smiles on youthful nuns,
She loves them well;
Our Lady's smile like sunshine floods
Each convent cell;
But fondest falls Our Lady's smile
Where old nuns dwell.

Rev. James M. Hayes.



DR. ROBERT HANLEY.

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The Hotel Dieu has been fortunate in the loyal service rendered it since its inception by the medical staff, irrespective of religious belief. Indeed, some of its best friends have not been of our Faith, and to them particularly, as well as to those who worship as we do, we return our grateful thanks.

Amongst those to whom we are in an especial manner indebted, we must give particular mention to Dr. Robert Hanley, brother of another warm friend of the Community, Rev. A. J. Hanley, rector of St. Mary's Cathedral.

Dr. Hanley's untimely death on September 18th, 1919, was no where more regretted than in the Hotel Dieu Hospital, where Sisters and patients realized the true Christian greatness of this humblest of men. The poor especially loved him. "We have lost our best friend," they said, when the sad tidings reached them. They spoke truly. If to spend one's self for the poor and the destitute be a work dear to the heart of the Saviour, then, indeed, has Dr. Robert Hanley heard the "Well Done" of the Master.

The entire City mourned the passing of this Christian gentleman. Flags were half mast and sympathy with his bereaved family was on every tongue. His funeral to St. Mary's Cathedral, where his brother sang solemn Requiem Mass, was of unprecedented proportions. In the sanctuary was an exceedingly large representation of the diocesan clergy. The press of the City paid generous tribute to his worth. More than a year has elapsed since his regretted demise, but his memory is still green in the hearts of all who were privileged to know him. May he rest in peace.

THE PROFESSION.

A holy stillness fills the very air,
The tapers flicker, and the organ sobs
Like a soft wind;—almost the heart's deep throbs
Are heard aloud, and whisperings of prayer!
Down the white aisle they go, Christ's chosen Fair,
Leaving the world and all its vaunted hopes,
To walk with Him on Calvary's mystic slopes,
And find "the peace that all surpasseth" there!

And down the aisle the Saviour with them goes
The wonder of His presence all can feel
The perfume of His garments breathes around
High heaven is open and its bliss o'erflows
Along the way where radiant angels kneel—
Their Chosen Spouse His chosen ones have found!

Rev. J. D. Dollard, Litt. D.

THE NUNS' PRAYER.

Anon appear the black robed nuns, their faces
Serene in sweet repose;
Across their brows the world has left no traces
Of earthly dreams or woes.

Now low-bowed heads, and hearts to Him ascending
On incense laden air.
Ah, surely Heaven must smile with ear attending
The nun's low whispered prayer.

OUR ANNIVERSARY YEAR

Our seventy-fifth anniversary year was made memorable for many reasons.

First and most important, our beloved Archbishop paid his first *ad limina* visit to Rome and was received with signal honor by the Holy Father. Shortly after his arrival in the Eternal City the glad news of the Papal recognition of His Grace's work by the donation of one hundred thousand lire to Regiopolis College brought joy to our hearts.

The Archbishop's homecoming was made the occasion of a wonderful outpouring of faith and loyalty and love. More than three thousand people marched in procession to the Cathedral, whilst the streets were thronged with people. At the Cathedral addresses were read His Grace from the priests, by Monsignor Murray, V.G., Administrator of the diocese during the Archbishop's absence; from the congregation of St. Mary's Cathedral by Dr. C. E. O'Connor, and from the Ontario State Board of the Ancient Order of Hibernians by Provincial President Foy of Perth. The next day in the City Hall a banquet was tendered His Grace by the Cathedral congregation, where covers were laid for seven hundred guests. The Dominion and Provincial Governments, the Corporation of Kingston, and every parish of the Archdiocese were represented at the festive board.

On August 11th, two days after his return, His Grace did us the honor of celebrating Holy Mass in our chapel. He was attended by his secretary, Rev. E. M. Lacey.

MEDICAL STAFF ORGANIZED

About this time the Medical Staff of the Hotel Dieu was organized, and now fulfils the requirements of standardization as outlined by the American College of Surgeons. A properly organized staff is a natural culminating event in the evolution of the Modern Hospital. Staff organization means the division of the medical work of a hospital into various departments, and the assigning of the work of those departments to those medical men who show special ability in those particular branches, which constitute the work of their respective departments. The supreme object of this staff organization is to give better service to the patient. In the task of organizing the Catholic hospitals throughout United States and Canada, great encouragement and assistance has been rendered by the Catholic Hospital Association.

The personnel of the present organized staff is as follows:

Medicine—Consultant in Medicine—Dr. Daniel Phelan;
Chief of Service—Dr. Wm. Gibson, Dr. J. P. Quigley,
Dr. L. E. Crowley.

Surgery—Chief of Service—Dr. A. E. Mundell; Dr. C. A. Morrison, Dr. L. E. Crowley, Dr. J. E. Kane.

Obstetrics—Consultant—Dr. Isobel McConville; Chief of Service—Dr. Fergus J. O'Connor; Dr. J. E. Kane.

Consultant in Psychiatry and Neurology—Dr. E. Ryan.

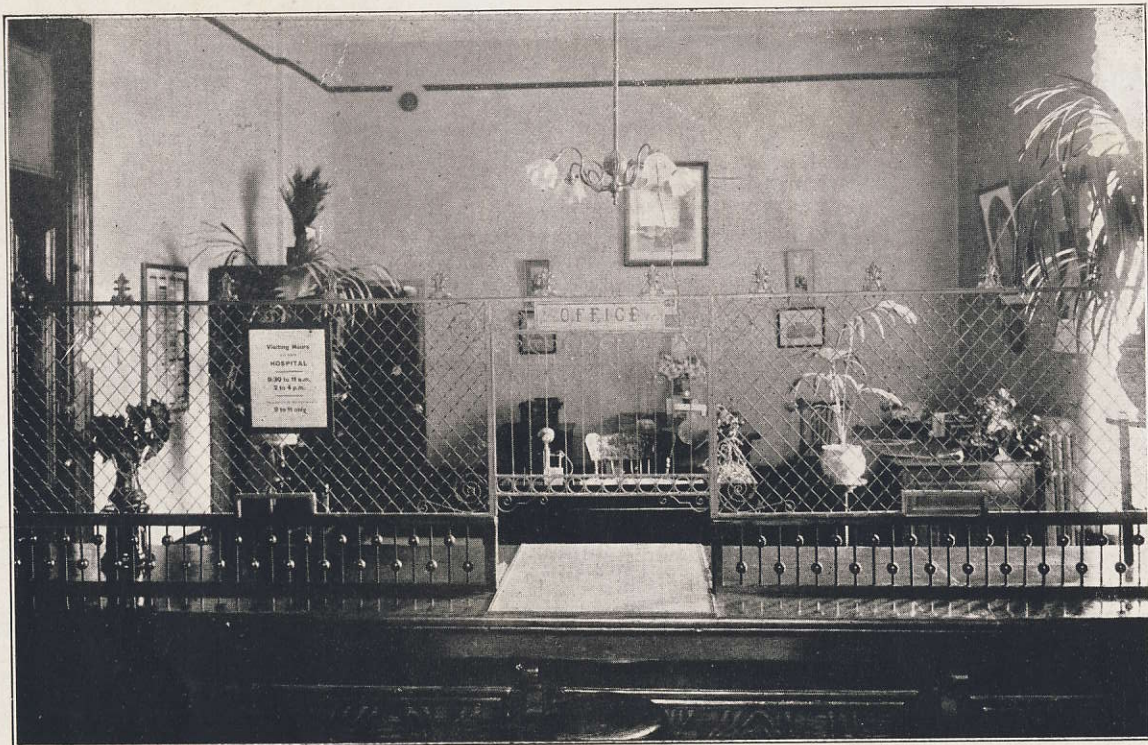
Bacteriologist—Dr. F. X. O'Connor.

Pathologist—Dr. Wm. Gibson.

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat—Dr. C. E. O'Connor.

Executive of Medical Staff—Dr. E. Ryan, chairman; Dr. Wm. Gibson, secretary; Dr. J. P. Quigley.

The medical staff meets regularly once a month for the analyses of records, and the general discussion of matters appertaining to the welfare of the service. The annual meeting for the election of the executive is held on or about the 1st day of September of each year.



BUSINESS OFFICE, HOTEL DIEU.

We cannot perfunctorily pass over the subject of Medical Staff Organization without paying a tribute to those who labored in this hospital in those days when the question of staff organization had not received the attention it does at the present time. The Hotel Dieu Hospital has always been blessed with a staff of physicians and surgeons, unorganized, it is true, who labored unselfishly in the care of the sick and afflicted, and who by their skill and devotion to duty brought honor and credit to the institution with which they were associated.

Standing out pre-eminently in this respect is the late Honorable Dr. Michael Sullivan, who, for nearly half a century was associated with this institution. It was here that he labored, and by his skill and wise judgment in the work he performed, created a reputation for himself and for this hospital, which extended far beyond the limits of the community in which he lived. During the years of his activity he was closely associated with the medical college of Kingston, both in the days when it was an independent institution and when it became a Faculty of Queen's University. For many years he filled the chair of Surgery with honor to himself and with satisfaction to his associates. That he was a splendid teacher in this branch of medicine is amply demonstrated by the grateful and kindly reminiscences related of him by those who were students under him in years which are unhappily becoming more distant. But to the writer, it seems that the crux of this claim to greatness lies in the grateful and loving esteem in which his memory is held by the poor and the humble, for in him they always found a friend.

Another laborer in the medical life of this institution, who deserves the highest meed of praise, is the present consultant in Medicine, Dr. Daniel Phelan. His service extends back some forty years, and is held in grateful recollection by both the Sisters of this institution, and the sick and destitute who were cared for within its walls.

To Dr. Edward Ryan, the present chairman of the Executive of the Medical Staff and Consultant in Psychiatry and Neurology, too great thanks cannot be accorded in this memorial of the Hotel Dieu Hospital. Dr. Ryan stands at present in the front



PRIVATE ROOM, HOTEL DIEU, FURNISHED BY THE HON. WM. HARTY.

rank of his profession, and though by reason of his present duties, not engaged in the general practice of his profession as actively as heretofore, he retains a deep interest in the welfare of this institution, for the upbuilding of which he has done so much since the days when he was newly graduated from the Medical College of Queen's University. In the latter institution he has held successively the chair of Anatomy, Applied Anatomy and Psychiatry, and is the present occupant of the latter. For many years he was the Associate Professor of Medicine and Surgery. In every field of medicine in which he was active, he made use to the full of those great gifts of erudition and instruction, with which God had endowed him.

In the untimely death of the late Dr. Robert Hanley, this institution and the poor and afflicted of the City of Kingston sustained a loss, which time alone can heal. He was beloved by all who knew him—and who did not know him?—as the gentle, cheerful, kindly physician, who ever answered the call of distress, no matter from whence it came. All good gifts come from God, but in their use and exercise we are the responsible agents. That Dr. Hanley possessed the gift of rendering consolation and importing cheerfulness to those upon whom affliction had fallen, is simply to state a truism, and that he exercised this God-given gift to its fullest extent for the amelioration of distress is known to the thousands who have experienced its beneficent influence, and who now, that he has passed to his reward, keep his memory in grateful benediction.

Space will permit only a passing reference to the great services rendered by those other physicians and surgeons who in the years past labored in connection with this institution. The thanks of the Sisters are extended to Dr. R. W. Garrett for the many invaluable services he has tendered them, and for the kindness and courtesy with which he has always met their requests; to Dr. Mundell, who so freely has given his services in the past, and continues to give them in the present; to Dr. John H. Bell, a former benefactor and friend of the institution, and to all the doctors of the city, either on the staff of the hospital, or who are visiting physicians of the institution.

The Anniversary Celebrations.

As was proper, the celebration of the Seventy-Fifth Anniversary of the opening of the Hotel Dieu in Kingston began with a High Mass of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, sung in our beautiful Hospital Chapel by His Grace the Most Rev. M. J. Spratt, D.D., at ten o'clock. The deacons of honor were Rev. T. P. O'Connor, Napanee, and Rev. J. P. Fleming, Wolfe Island;



THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY.

Seated (left to right)—Fathers A. J. Hanley, A. J. Carson, J. P. Kehoe, M. McDonald, Archbishop Spratt, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Murray, V.G., J. P. Fleming, A. P. Bernard, S.S., M. Meagher.

Standing—J. A. Powell, J. H. McDonald, F. D. Hyland, D. A. Casey, E. M. Lacey, J. T. Hanley, T. J. Scott, J. J. Fogarty, H. J. O'Farrell, L. E. Staley, W. P. Meagher.

Rev. M. McDonald, Portsmouth, was deacon of the Mass; Rev. J. P. Kehoe, Gananoque, sub-deacon; Rev. A. J. Hanley, high priest and Rev. E. M. Lacey, master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were the Right Rev. Mgr. C. B. Murray, V.G., Brockville; Very Rev. George Corbet, V.G., administrator of Alexandria diocese; Rev. A. P. Bernard, S.S., Montreal; Rev. W. P. Meagher, Peterborough; Rev. A. J. Carson, Picton; Rev. M. Meagher, Marysville; Rev. T. J. Hanley, Marmora; Rev. J. H. McDonald,

Toledo; Rev. J. Powell, Railton; Rev. C. J. Killeen, Belleville; Rev. Father Joseph, St. Mary's-of-the-Lake; Rev. L. E. Staley, Chesterville, Rev. D. A. Casey, Rev. H. J. Farrell, Rev. F. D. Hyland, Rev. J. J. Fogarty, Kingston; Rev. J. Nicholson and Rev. R. J. Coyle, Regiopolis College, Kingston; Rev. T. J. Scott, Morrisburg; Rev. Dr. Kingsley, Kingston Mills.

Sisters of the Congregation de Notre Dame, the House of Providence and a representative congregation from the city and outside points filled the chapel. The Sisters' choir sang the Mass. After the Mass the Te Deum was intoned by His Grace in thanksgiving for the graces and blessings conferred on the venerable Institution.

At twelve-thirty dinner was served to the Archbishop and visiting clergy. During the dinner Rev. M. McDonald, Portsmouth, presented to the Rev. Mother Superior on behalf of the diocesan clergy a cheque for two thousand dollars. Rev. D. A. Casey, chaplain, conveyed the Sisters' thanks to His Grace and the priests for their munificent gift and especially for their presence at the anniversary celebration. His Grace expressed his great pleasure at being present at the celebration and congratulated the Sisters on the great work the Hotel Dieu had accomplished. Their contribution to the history of the Archdiocese made a very notable chapter, and he prayed Almighty God to bless them and prosper their work.

At four o'clock there was solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, with Rev. M. McDonald, Portsmouth, celebrant, and Fathers Bernard and Staley assisting.

Thursday evening dinner was tendered the doctors of the city. Dr. Phelan was toastmaster and several of the guests gave brief addresses eulogistic of the work of the Hotel Dieu.

Friday morning at nine o'clock, Rev. A. P. Bernard, S.S., Montreal, sang Requiem High Mass for the deceased Sisters and Benefactors of the Institution. Rev. C. J. Killeen, Belleville, was deacon; Rev. L. E. Staley, Chesterville, sub-deacon; Rev. W. P. Meagher, Peterborough, master of ceremonies. In the sanctuary were Rev. A. J. Carson, Picton; Rev. A. J. Hanley,



AT THE ANNIVERSARY BANQUET.

rector of St. Mary's Cathedral; Rev. M. Meagher, Marysville, Rev. T. J. Scott, Morrisburg; Rev. H. J. Farrell, Rev. E. M. Lacey, and Rev. D. A. Casey, Kingston.

Messages of congratulation poured in on the Rev. Superior and Sisters from the motherhouse at Montreal; the three daughter houses of Kingston—Cornwall, Ont.; Chicago, Ill., and Polson, Mont.; the branches at Windsor, Ont.; Chatham, Arthabaskaville, Madawaska, Tracadie, Campbelltown, N.B.; Winooski Vt., and the Houses in France; the Sisters of Notre Dame of Cornwall and Kingston; the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence, Kingston, and from clergy and laity throughout the Dominion and the United States.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Hotel Dieu, the Children of Mary, the medical staff and others presented very substantial purses to mark the glad occasion.

Tributes from the Press

The press of the Dominion gave due prominence to the celebration. The two Kingston dailies, the Standard and the Whig, gave full reports accompanied by many eulogistic comments. Our Catholic weekly, The Canadian Freeman, edited by our Chaplain, featured the event and made the following editorial comment:

"The friends, clerical and lay, of the Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph, Kingston, rejoiced with the good Sisters on Thursday last on the completion of seventy-five years of faithful and devoted care of the sick and the destitute.

"Seventy-five years is a period of time long enough to test the worth of an Institution. The celebration on Thursday was evidence of the fact that the Hotel Dieu, has by its years of service, established itself in the affectionate regard of the community, irrespective of religious belief. Although they work primarily for Almighty God and are quite content that their good deeds should be known only to Him, yet it must be a source of joy and consolation to the Sisters to feel that their heroic self-sacrifice is appreciated even here below.

“Elsewhere in this issue we give a sketch of the origin of the Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph and of the introduction of the Sisters to Canada and to Kingston. The growth and development of the Kingston House is a tangible proof of the way God works with His creatures when He finds them willing instruments in His hands.

“In the near future we hope to be in a position to chronicle the still greater development of this splendid Institution. A Nurses’ Home and a New Wing are among the additions urgently needed. As Almighty God has provided ways and means in the past, so we feel certain He will raise up friends and benefactors who will see to it that His work is not retarded by lack of finances.

“With all our heart we congratulate the Sisters of the Hotel Dieu on the occasion of this notable anniversary; we rejoice at the success of last Thursday’s celebration, and we earnestly pray that an even greater measure of success may be theirs in the future.”

The memory of those days of jubilee shall long remain with the Sisters as a sweet recompense for labors accomplished and an incentive to even greater efforts in the years to come. From the bottom of our hearts we thank all who contributed to make the occasion such a magnificent success and pray that God may bless them, everyone.

Sixty Years a Nun.

The joyousness of our anniversary celebration was enhanced by the observance of the Diamond Jubilee of our dear and venerable Sister Philomen. Born in Quebec seventy-eight years ago, Sister Philomen entered our Novitiate when eighteen years old, receiving the Holy Habit from the hands of Bishop Phelan in the little chapel of the old Hotel Dieu, Brock street. Of the Sisters who were in the Institution then, not one survives. Sister Philomen is the sole remaining link with that distant past. To-day, after sixty years of devoted work in the service of God and His sick, she is still hale and hearty; all her faculties practically unimpaired; still busy in the tasks allotted her; edifying

all by her exactitude in the observances of the religious life. With her to share in the happy observance of her Diamond Jubilee were her two brothers, the sole remaining members of her family, Mr. Charles Larose, of Cornwall, and Mr. Napoleon Larose of Kingston.

CARITAS CHRISTI.

In the big ward of the Hospital—
I think they call it St. Benedict's—
There are many beds,
And in each bed
Some pain-wracked body
Faithfully tended
By Pity in the garb of a good Sister.

The lengthening hours
But register the dull monotony
Of Charity fulfilled.
Tired eye-lids may not droop,
Nor weary limbs seek rest,
For it is Christ Who calls
As long ago, "I thirst."

The world is a sad place and wicked,
But there is much that is beautiful
Mid all its sordidness;
There is St. Benedict's ward, for instance,
And the good Sister, patient and tender,
Who waits upon the world's derelicts;
Methinks
The dear Lord, grieving even in Heaven
At sight of so much wickedness,
Must love St. Benedict's ward,
With its rows of white beds
Tended so carefully for His sweet sake.

Rev. D. A. Casey.

Hotel Dieu, Kingston, Ont.



THE LATE DR. VINCENT SULLIVAN,
who, like his father, the Hon. Senator Sullivan, was a warm
friend of the Kingston Hotel Dieu.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our little chronicle draws to a close. As the reader can see at a glance, Almighty God has signally blessed the Hotel Dieu of Kingston. But since to stand still is to go backwards, the work of development must go on.

Great as has been the progress made, much remains to do. The enlarged Hospital is once again too small to meet the needs of the day. From 1845 to 1910, a period of sixty-five years, the Hospital treated 35,000 patients. During the ten years, 1910-1920 it treated 19,906. Such growth is truly phenomenal. To keep pace with it, more accommodation is absolutely necessary. A New Wing and a Nurses' Home are vital to the success of the Hospital. In these days of increased cost of everything, the Sisters, unaided, cannot face this heavy responsibility. But the Sisters are confident that, in the words of our beloved Archbishop's Foreword to this little book, "Almighty God in His own time and manner will raise up friends and benefactors who will see to it that His work is not retarded for the want of the necessary finances."

When you give to God you make a good investment. Give to the Hotel Dieu—it begs not for itself, but for Christ and His sick—and you will be remembered in life and in death by the grateful Sisters.

OUR HOLY DEAD.

"Come, Spouse of Christ, receive the crown prepared for thee from all eternity, for I was hungry and you gave me to eat, thirsty and you gave me to drink, sick and you visited me."

Under the little white crosses in St. Mary's Cemetery, rest many of our beloved Sisters who have heard the Bridegroom's "Veni", after years of faithful service. The first to respond to the call was the hon-

ored Foundress, Rev. Mother Bourbonniere. Ten other Superioresses rest beside her :

Reverend Mother Louni
 Reverend Mother LaTour
 Reverend Mother O'Brien,
 Reverend Mother Brady
 Reverend Mother Leahy
 Reverend Mother Hopkins
 Reverend Mother Doran
 Reverend Mother de la Dauversiere
 Reverend Mother Walsh
 Reverend Mother Powers

Here also sleep the following Sisters :

Sr. Angela	Sr. Holden
Sr. Odile	Sr. Whalen
Sr. Hickey	Sr. St. James (Murphy)
Sr. Graingor	Sr. Judge
Sr. Catherine	Sr. Dunne
Sr. Conroy	Sr. LaFerre
Sr. Baker	Sr. Donnelly
Sr. Behan	Sr. Donavan
Sr. Kavanaugh	Sr. McKeown
Sr. Josephine	Sr. Deasy
Sr. M. Joseph	Sr. McCaffrey
Sr. St. Theresa (McCann)	Sr. Norris
Sr. Barrow	Sr. St. Charles (O'Connor)
Sr. Debuc	Sr. O'Hara
Sr. Helena	Sr. Duffy
Sr. Bridget (Ryan)	Sr. Doherty

May the green sod rest lightly over the remains of the dear departed who have left us an example of zeal and fervor in the Master's service. May they be for us powerful intercessors before the Throne of God.

JUBILEE GREETING

(From the Hotel Dieu of St. Joseph, Winooski, Vermont, in remembrance of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Kingston Hotel Dieu).

Let chimes of jubilee ring out
Their sweetest melody,
And tell afar their wondrous tale
Of love and sympathy;

Of love that weathering every gale,
Their thrice told silvery years,
Has never been known to flinch or fail
Mid happiness or tears.

And let their diamond tones resound
In yet another song;
A melody borne on the air,
That may the joy prolong.

A hymn of deep and loving prayer,
Our fond hearts ask for you;
For in your happiness to share,
Ah, may throughout the years to come,
That music ne'er be stilled!
May every year new blessings hold
And with God's gifts be filled;

Until at last your joy is told
In glorious harmony,
Ringing from bells of jewelled gold
Chime out eternally!



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