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Annals of St. Mary's Academy
Joliet, Ills. "Under
the Title of 'Our Lady of
Perpetual Succor', Founded
8th September 1880.

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A. M. D. G.

Reverend Mother Teresa, accompanied by M. M. Gonzaga (as Superioress) M. M. Rosithea, and Sr. Ludwina, left Toronto Tuesday 29th Aug. 1880 and proceeded to Hamilton, where they remained a few hours then resuming their journey arrived in Joliet 30th Aug. Our future little Convent, which had been previously occupied by the Sisters of the Holy Cross being entirely devoid of furniture obliged us to accept the hospitality of Rev. W. B. Power for a week. Rev. Mother returned to Toronto having remained three days in Joliet. 8th September Feast of our Blessed Mother's Nativity we took possession of our

Bazareth. On the same day, the select school was opened with eight pupils in attendance. a few days before, the parochial school was commenced in the basement of St. Patrick's Church, with twenty five pupils including boys and girls. Both schools continued to increase so much until they reached the number of one hundred.

Mr. McNamee
Mrs. P. M. Agnes and Bathilde joined the little band 9th Sep. and were heartily welcome.

Our great object now was to prepare one of the little rooms for a Chapel, and on the 15th September, the Octave of the Nativity of our Blessed Mother, Rev. W. H. Power, consoled us by bringing us the most Blessed Sacrament. Our gratitude in having our dear Lord with us once more, can be more easily imagined than described.

Through the industry of the Queens after the days hard teaching, our little Bazareth gradually assumed a clean if not a home-like appearance. Many a hearty laugh was enjoyed over our discomforts and contrivances in the refectory and sleeping apartments especially, poverty was conspicuous.

17th September Mrs. St. Angelo and Amelia arrived.

13th November, feast of St. Stanislaus. Rev. W. H. Power gave Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament for the first time in our little Chapel.

The weather now became unusually cold for the early season and the Community suffered considerably from its effects, not having the necessaries of life: soon however things assumed a more comfortable appearance by the Community's going into debt for necessaries.

following

The winter of 1880 according to old settlers was more severe than any experienced in twenty five years - during part of that season the people were obliged to have recourse to ladders from the second story for egress from their houses, owing to the great snow drifts - then followed the protracted thaw, during which the inhabitants might easily have been defuded with the idea that they were living in a Modern Venice, as they were compelled to use boats to convey themselves from one house to the other, particularly in the lower parts of the City.

There was much to discourage the young Community the first year of the foundation, owing to things having taken an entirely different turn from that which we had expected; in fact, it was nothing but disappointment on all sides - Had not kind Providence lent a

helping hand, the poor nuns would have sunk under their very trying position.

Our first examinations were held on the 16th Dec. and were attended by Rev Fathers Power, Burke and Summe, all passed off very creditably, the Pastors complimented the Community and pupils very highly on the progress which the latter had made in so short a time.

The three days preceding the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord were spent in retreat, and on Christmas morning renewed our vows.

Christmas Eve, Rev. G. Burke, Pastor of St. Mary's gave us a very agreeable surprise by presenting to the Community a very valuable Silver Service, which to the young Community was an overwhelming act of generosity on the part of the noble donor.

who at that time was a comparative stranger.

May 8th The Children who had been preparing during the winter had the happiness of making their first Communion. May 13th Beloved Rev Mother accompanied by M. M. Ignatia arrived from Canada and remained five days - our delight on meeting dearest Rev Mother was indescribable. May 14th Archbishop Trenchard made his first visit to Joliet and on the following Sunday confirmed one hundred and thirty of our pupils. After the visit of our dear kind Archbishop in May arrangements were made which contributed greatly to the salvation of souls, and to cheer and encourage the Community. During the Archbishop's visit, he decided that it would be for the benefit of the Children of the City, and the Community to move to St. Mary's Parish, where the

Catholic population was larger and a Community ^{greatly} needed.

Father Burke was therefore instructed to rent a house until such time as a Convent could be built, the rent to be paid by the Pastor, which amounted to four hundred and twenty a year.

July 6th The Community moved from St. Patrick's to St. Mary's parish on Cass Street. Although very much embarrassed at the time of our removal to Rev Father Burke's parish owing to the erection of his very beautiful church, he received the Community with that truly generous, magnanimous spirit so characteristic of his noble nature.

Since our advent to kind Father Burke's parish, he has continued the same paternal care and solicitude for our spiritual and temporal welfare. His visits to the schools and Community are looked

forward to with the greatest pleasure. Immediately on our coming to St. Mary's Parish our kind Pastor donated to the Community a beautiful gold Chalice & Ciborium, and Candelabra, Rev. Father Power gave a silver Ciborium.

July 2nd feast of St. Anne, we had our first Mass in the house - Rev. F. Burke officiated and blessed the house. The Community has also experienced much kindness at the hand of Rev. P. Dunne, who is a model of fervor and regularity.

The Franciscan Fathers who are located in the City, have always proved themselves friendly to the Community, rendering spiritual assistance whenever solicited. Rev. F. Gerhard S. O. S. B. conducted our first retreat, with which we were very much pleased. The Archbishop appointed him extraordinary confessor.

1st September 1841. The

Archbishops visited Joliet and preached at high Mass for the benefit of the Community, a collection was taken up.

The next day, our select school was opened in St. Mary's parish with an attendance of seventy pupils. The same day, the parochial school was resumed in St. Patrick's with forty children including boys and girls. A few days only elapsed when the select school was crowded to excess with the addition of five boarders (as many as could be accommodated) to whom the nuns gave up their cells, &c, they, distributing themselves the best they could for the night's rest - So many, it was a mystery where the nuns put themselves for the night - some apparently enjoyed this discomfort as much as any cell in the Mother House. The same refectory served both for nuns and boarders.

Towards the end of Sep. the select school numbered one hundred and eight and continued increasing.

Rev. Father Burke's first visit to the school was marked by his promising the young ladies a beautiful gold medal for competition, which created quite a spirit of emulation among the classes.

September 17th the number of our little community was increased by the arrival of ^{R.I.P.} ~~Sister~~ ^{Sister} M. Beatrix and ^{R.I.P.} ~~Sister~~ ^{Sister} M. Thérèse, both sisters taking charge of the parochial school at St. Patrick's.

September 26th we were rejoiced by a visit from Archbishop Lynch of Toronto and Father M. C. Carr. When His Grace saw the crowded condition of the house, he suggested our erecting a "tent" on the grounds to serve as class rooms until such

time as we could build.

28th Oct. 1884. M. M. Rositha's jubilee was celebrated with the usual rejoicings - presents poured in from all our houses in Canada, and congratulations from all quarters - "Judging from her appearance" her twenty five years of religious life have dealt gently with our dear Mother.

One evening quite late in Dec '81. The Mother of one of the pupils came to the Convent saying, she had been sorely tried by sickness in the case of her eldest boy afflicted by dropsy, stating, that she heard we possessed some miraculous water, and begging a little for her afflicted boy; feeling compassion for the poor Mother we gave her a little of the Lourdes water and a Medal of our Blessed Mother, which she took with great faith; so great that our Lord was pleased to reward

it by the perfect cure of her child, whose life had been despaired of by physicians. The poor Mother was indeed grateful, and the father, in speaking of the event said, "I used to be a little wild, but when I saw the goodness of Almighty God, and His Blessed Mother in leaving us our child, I determined to become better, and thank God, I have persevered."

Christmas Eve, Miss A. ¹⁸⁷¹Walsh presented a very fine sewing Machine, and on other occasions also gave tangible proofs of her kindness.

6th Feb. 1882. Mary Maguire, one of our pupils obtained a Certificate from the County Superintendent Prof. Perry.

19th April, Bro Mother and M. M. Regis arrived in Joliet giving us a most agreeable surprise, they remained a week. 20th April, was marked by a small ~~pox~~ panic which

resulted in the closing of all the schools in the city for two weeks. God in His mercy, not only preserved the lives of the members of the Community during the alarming epidemic, but likewise our dear children.

During the month of May the piety and devotion of our dear children to our Blessed Mother was very striking, all vying with each other, in decorating her statues and performing acts of virtue in her honor.

21st June ¹⁸⁸² Mary Burke B. Burke ¹⁸⁸² Julia Mack and Nellie Griffin had the happiness of making their first Communion in our little Chapel.

23rd June Examination and closing exercises of the scholastic year took place at St. Patrick's school with which all were much pleased. Father Power announced to the congregation on the following

Sunday the great progress of the children during the past year.

24th June. Katie Farley and Mary Collins received Certificates from Prof. Perry, County Superintendent and Secured City Schools immediately.

30th June. The select School Closing exercises took place with which parents and Clergy were very much delighted. Rev. Fathers Burke, Durne, Camillis, and Clement were present.

Miss Katie Farley was the fortunate winner of the beautiful gold medal donated by Rev. F. Burke. Six young ladies had the honor of drawing for it. 28th July, 1882. S. M. Gashilde accompanied by Mary Maguire left Joliet for Toronto, the latter to enter the Noviciate.

Aug 4th we

began our annual retreat conducted by Father Eugene O. S. J. 15th August. After the Dedication of St. Mary's Church the Archbishop accompanied by several priests from Chicago paid us a very friendly kind visit.

The same morning Mass was celebrated in our Chapel by Bishop M^r Mullen. For five weeks the nuns taught private pupils during the summer vacation, which was quite a financial help in our straightened circumstances. About the 26th June two of our pupils viz. Mary Durne and Katie Burke obtained certificates, and began teaching the following September.

In the Spring of 1882. the Community purchased ground on the corner of Ottawa and Cass Streets, and commenced at once the erection of their present spacious Convent, all debt on land and building

having been incurred by the Community of Joliet.

6th Aug 1883. The Community removed from Cass Street to their own Convent; and on the 15th of the same month the house was dedicated by Archbishop ^{R.T.V.} Keane, who also administered Confirmation the same day in St. Mary's Church to about two hundred of our pupils.

There were present on this occasion a large number of the Clergy from Chicago. Besides others from surrounding Parishes. The Convent was thrown open to all on that day & it manifested great pleasure at the success of the Run, and expressed best wishes for the future.

On reopening our schools in September 1st 1883 we commenced with over two hundred children, everything bearing a bright and pleasing aspect.

On taking possession

of our new and most welcome abode, the Community again experienced much kindness at the hand of its true friend and Pastor Rev. H. Burke, in the substantial presents of a beautiful altar, railing, vestment press, and Candelabra.

At the 3rd session presented Com. with a fine Carpet for Parlor & the ladies gave a beautiful Sanctuary Carpet. Through the infinite goodness of God, and our sweet Mother of "Perpetual Succor" success seemed to attend every effort made by the Com. Since its removal to St. Mary's Parish.

27th Dec 1883. The pupils of the Academy gave a Concert the proceeds of which were to go towards the furnishing of a Library for the Academy. The Concert proved quite a success, the Community realizing a sufficient amount for the intended purpose.

In this same month one of our boarders, Lucy Curran, obtained a certificate from Prof. Perry, County Superintendent, and received a school

In 1884 Maggie ^{R. P. Hadden} received a certificate from Prof. M. C. Kiernan, County Superintendent.

May 1885 one of our boarders Hannie Light ^{Mrs. L. Light} and one day pupil, Mary Delaney received certificates from Prof. M. C. Kiernan, the latter young lady went to teach the following September.

Sep. 18th 1884 We celebrated our loved Superiress Juvenia, Mother A. Gonzaga. It was indeed a jubilee day for us all.

Presents rich and rare poured in from all our homes in Canada. Rev. H. Burke presented her with a magnificent picture which hangs in the parlor. Our beloved Rev. Mother Teresa sent a costly stole, altar-cover with other acceptable gifts.

Numerous congratulations and good wishes for the occasion were received from all quarters where our kind and good Mother was known.

Christmas Eve of 1884 The Community received an agreeable surprise by becoming the recipient of a handsome chair; presented by Miss A. Walsh who has always shown herself a true friend. Another friend worthy of mention is W. J. Kelly who frequently manifests her generosity and kindness by substantial donations. The last presented by her, were a fine set of lace curtains for Parlor and Distribution Hall.

June 30th 1885. The Closing Exercises in our Academy took place, with which both clergy and parents were greatly pleased. There were present on the occasion besides the parents, and a large number of distinguished visitors, the following Clergy. Rev. Father Burke, and some

of Joliet. Rev Father Roles and
 Guardian of Chicago. Rev J. Holliman
 of Sag Bridge. A Clergyman of St. Louis
 and Rev Father Hogan of Lemont.
 In addition to the splendid gold
 medal donated annually by
 our Pastor Rev J. Burke, he
 on this occasion presented
 another beautiful gold medal
 for the 2nd Div of Senior Department.
 Rev. P. Dunne our devoted Chaplain
 also donated three medals for
 Christian Doctrine, two gold
 and one silver for the
 Minors' Department.

Rev. M. Mc Dermot also donated
 a gold medal for Arithmetic
 and on previous occasions
 gave premium for ^{Hand} work.
 1st September 1884 We opened
 St. Mary's Parochial School with
 a commencement of two hundred
 children, the following week the
 number increased to three hun-
 dred and fifty, which necessitated
 two extra teachers, making six in
 all who teach there.

This is indeed a most promising

school, one that will bring
 great good to souls, and glory
 to God, and again reflects
 great credit on our good
 & noble Pastor Rev M. J. Burke
 who leaves nothing undone to
 promote the welfare and
 happiness of his children.
 Nov 30th 85 The first Reports
 (which are distributed monthly)
 were given to the pupils, Rev
 Father Burke, M. M. Gonzaga ^{R.T.}
 and teachers being present
 on the occasion.

Our Christmas examinations were
 held some days after and
 passed off quite satisfactorily.
 Rev J. Burke expressed great
 pleasure at the progress of
 the pupils.

June 2nd 86 over one hun-
 dred children made their
 first Communion, in St.
 Mary's Church.

Seven of our pupils obtained
 certificates from Prof M. C. Kiernan.
 Two of the young ladies obtained
 schools immediately and went

to teach.

June 25th 86 our Parochial School closed with great satisfaction to Pastor, Parents Teachers and pupils. Rev Father Burke donated the prizes which were distributed. June 30th 86 The closing Exercises of our Academy took place in St. Mary's Church, as our hall proved too small to accommodate the audience on former occasions.

Eight of our young ladies graduated with much éclat, great pleasure and satisfaction were evinced by all parties. The graduating medals were donated by our kind friend and Father, Rev. M. G. Burke.

The 24th May is the titular feast of our Lady of Perpetual Succor, with octave. The feast of our Lady's Assumption, is the paternal festival, it being the day on which the house was blessed.

The first eight graduates of 1886.

Miss Augusta Blum S. M. Jones
" Agnes Jones Mrs. Thompson R.I.P.
" Margaret Foley.
" Frances Ligne Mrs. Gander
" Miss Walsh R.I.P.
" Miss Burke
" Annie Stubbs Mrs. Thorne R.I.P.
" Mary Mahoney Mrs. Gandy R.I.P.

Sacred Heart Parochial School - Sep. 1885
St. Mary's Parochial School opened
Sep 1st 1887

St. Patrick's Parochial School was opened in
September 1898.

St. Bernard's Parochial School was opened in 1913

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August 27th St Mother Gonzaga
 and St M. Theodosia (a novice)
 left Joliet for Toronto, the former
 being replaced by M. M. Eucharis^{R.I.P.}
 who arrived in Joliet Aug 30th
 1886. February 22nd 1887 a Concert
 was held in St. Mary's Church
 which was quite a success,
 the church was crowded
 and all were more than
 satisfied with the proficiency
 displayed by their children.
 3rd May 87 a Concert given by
 our pupils of the Sacred Heart
 School was held in the
 Sacred Heart Church, and
 was likewise a grand success
 over six hundred tickets having
 been disposed of for the occa-
 sion.

This School was opened in
 Sept 1885 by the Rev F. J. Burke.
 with an attendance of 340
 pupils and M. Evangelista^{R.I.P.}
 and M. Catherine Georgia and
 Veronica as teachers assisted
 by St M. Beatrice in a short
 time they found the necessity of

a greater number of Teachers. Sr. M. Bernardette arrived in Jan. 1886, and
 R.I.P. Sr. M. Isabella in Sept. 1886.
 R.I.P. Sr. M. Hildegard arrived as teacher for the Academy in Dec. 1886.

In September 1887, St. Mary's Parochial School was opened. The people warmly embraced the views of their zealous Pastor and the school was crowded from the first. The teachers were as follows:
 R.I.P. Sr. M. Evangelista, Sr. M. ^{R.I.P.} Isabella, Sr. M. ^{R.I.P.} Georgia, Sr. M. ^{R.I.P.} Catharine all formerly of the Sacred Heart school, Sr. M. Emikana and Sr. M. ^{R.I.P.} from Canada, and Sr. Verminia supplied from the Academy.

The teachers for the Sacred Heart School for the year 1887-1888 were Sisters ^{R.I.P.} M. Gabriel and M. St. Gabriel who arrived from Canada Sept. 1887, and Sr. M. ^{R.I.P.} Bernada and Sr. Manama who continued from the previous. The number of pupils after the withdrawal of the children

Graduates of 1887.

Miss Alice Borsingham R.I.P.
 " Mary Burke Shedy
 Cert. " Sadie Garley. R.I.P.
 Cert. " Ellen Smith Fitzgibbon
 " Mrs. Driscoll
 " Charlotte Hill. Gerlach R.I.P.
 " Jennie Nolan.
 " Mary Lyons R.I.P.
 " Katherine Murphy.

Non-Resident. In November
of the same year Rev. J. J. Green, a most eloquent
speaker, arrived as assistant
in the Parish. He was ap-
pointed Chaplain to the Convent
and in many ways showed
himself a sincere friend to the
Community. The closing exer-
cises of this year, at the
suggestion of those kind
friends were held in the Opera
House and proved a most
delightful enjoyment to the
audience. The graduates of
this year were Miss Lizzie Hogan
Cort. Agnes McFadden and Miss M. A. Cort.

In Sept. 1888, owing to a
want of Teachers, the Sacred
Heart School was temporarily
closed. In October of the same
year the the Pastor of that
Parish was removed and
Rev. Father Foster was given
charge. He, in his great zeal
for the children, pleaded with
Rev. Mother and accordingly

Sisters were again sent on,
and the school re-opened, much
to the delight and satisfaction
of all concerned, on Oct 15, 1888.
The Sisters sent out for this
work were Sisters Sr. Patricia ^{R.T.P.} and
R.T.P. St. Gabriel. Sisters Sr. Hildegard ^{R.T.P.}
and Marianne were supplied from
the Academy. Towards the end
of this year 1888-1889, a concert
which proved a great success,
was given in the Sacred Heart
Church by the Pupils of the
school.

The closing Exercises of
the Academy of the year 1888-
1889, were held in the Bau-
ment Hall of St Mary's Church.
The audience was quite large
and appreciative and the
entertainment was pronounced
as having been the best of
its kind ever witnessed in
Joliet. The graduates of
this year were Misses Maggie
Darcy and Julia Mahoney.
Appropriate entertainment.

were given by the Parochial Schools and gave much pleasure to the parents of the children.

On July 1st 1889 Our Beloved Mother Lucia Hearn, died at Loretto Abbey, Toronto, Ont. having been granted the rare privilege of having the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered in her room. Her remains were taken to Loretto, Niagara Falls, Ont. Mother Ignatia Lynne was elected to the office of Chief Sup. in Aug^r of the same year.

On Apl 23rd 1890 Mo. Ignatia and Mother Gouaga Gallivan sailed for Ireland visiting our Convents of Rathfarnham and Ferny also that of Muckle Gate Bar, York. Eng. They returned in time to celebrate the feast of St.

Ignatius the same year.
Aug. 23. 1890 Sr. Alice Dunlevy died. R.I.P.
The Closing Exercises of the Academy were held in the Joliet Opera house this year, the graduates of this year were —
Miss Flora Heigman and Lizzie Butterfield both of Joliet.
In Sept^r of this year 1889 Miss Gussie Allen, one of our first pupils went to the Toronto Novitiate.

In June 1891 the following young ladies graduated from the Academy.
Cert. Miss Mary Caston R.I.P. 1888
" Lillie Feiley R.I.P. 1888
" Hanna Twohey Schol. 1888
" Mary Maher R.I.P. 1888
" Mary Brennan
" Nellie Fallon R.I.P. 1888
" Rose Drummond Schol. 1888
all the above, except the last, obtained County

Certificates from Mr. W. H. Reeves, County Superintendent.

In May 1892 the City was flooded, owing to the prolonged rain, several schools were closed, persons were obliged to go from place to place in boats. Fortunately this state of affairs was of short duration. This year the Academy sent out no graduates. In Sept. '93

Mother Eucharis Magaun ^{RIP} was succeeded by Mother Stanislaus ^{RIP} Liddy. In

Sept. '92 Miss Rose ^{RIP} ^{requiesce} Sister of ^{RIP} Rev. P. Dwyer, Rector of St. Patrick's Parish, John entered the Sons of Providence.

South, Englewood was founded in this year. In 1893, year of the World's Fair held in Chicago, Ill. the nuns were allowed to visit the different buildings on the grounds. The graduates of this year were Libbie Prior

Lockport, Ill and Mary Lowry of Joliet. Both had Certificates.

In 1894 the Academy sent out the following graduates:
Miss Regina Allen Cert.

RIP	Therese	Seamon	Cert.
Mrs. Kelly	Hattie	Seamon	Cert.
Mrs. M. J. J.	Hattie	Dwyer	Cert.
Mrs. J. J.	Lizzie	McGrath	Cert.
RIP	Margaret	Huffy	R.I.P.
Mrs. M. J. J.	Genevieve	Hobinson	Cert.
Mrs. M. J. J.	Mary	Cornors	Cert.

In Aug. 94 Mother Stanislaus ^{RIP} Liddy was succeeded by M. Angels Lynn ^{RIP}.

The Graduates of 1895 were

Miss	May	Cowley	R.I.P.
Mrs. Calahan	Mary	Corkling	Cert.
Mrs. Adams	Angela	Murphy	R.I.P.
"	Ellie	Haywood	Cert.
"	Mary	Walsh	Cert.
"	Alice	Catons	R.I.P.
"	Elizabeth	Hallace	R.I.P.
"	Helena	Seamon	R.I.P.
Mrs. M. J. J.	Loretta	McLindon	R.I.P.
"	Agnes	Mahoney	R.I.P.
"	Mary	Glendon	R.I.P.

At Aug. 95 the very
Rev. J. J. Maugan presents
a check for \$200-

(In Apl. 96 the new addition
of 40 ft. was)

In the Spring and Summer
of 1896 the original building
was enlarged by an addition
extending 40 ft. Westward.

Mr. C. L. Wallace was the Architect
from the very beginning
he showed himself most
interested, and thanks to
his supervision all the
work was done in a
most satisfactory manner.

The graduates of 1896 were

R. I. P. Teresa Donahoe
Margaret Haley
R. I. P. Catherine Kelly
Fannie Henry

In October of 1897 our dear
Sister ^{R. I. P.} Livia Kavanagh who had
been here two years died at our
convent in Hamilton. She had
been only years in religion
where God called her to her heavenly
home. During the short time she
was with us she endeared herself
to every body by her charming
personality.

(On November 27th 1897 we celebrated
the Silver Jubilee of our loved
Superior Mother M. Angela ^{R. I. P.} Lynn
Rev. J. U. O'Brien celebrated
High Mass.

Mother Gonzaga and Mother Colette
came from Toronto; Mother Stanislaus
and Mother Christina from Englewood
were also present.

The following is a list of the
Jubilee gifts: Rev. Father Murray
of Englewood twenty-five silver
dollars coined during the year.
Loretto Abbey, Toronto, Statue of
the Infant of Prague and
an elegant vasependium.
Rev. Father Foster paid the
total bill which amounted to

The pupils of the Academy gave a statue of St. Anthony of Padua. Father P. W. Quinn gave a pair of silver candlesticks. Mrs. T. Kelly a silver watch, and many other friends gave valuable presents. An entertainment was given in the evening at which were present the Reverend clergy, parents of the children and friends of the community.

On February 5th 1898 our beloved pastor Very Rev. J. J. O'Hangan departed this life after an illness of about two months. This passing was deeply regretted by his devoted parishioners. Rev. J. A. O'Brien who had come to fill the preceding autumn as assistant had the care of the parish until the appointment of a pastor.

1898²⁵

Towards the end of February Rev. W. J. McNamee of Aurora took charge of the parish, and ever since has been untiring in his efforts to advance the education and interests of his people. In this great work he has been ably assisted by Rev. J. A. O'Brien and Rev. H. J. Hauser. R.I.P.

The graduates of 1897 were Alice Drake and Cassie Foughlin in February 1898 (20th). Sr. Rita Monahan died. Her life was one of self-sacrifice and devotion to her duty, and shortly before death when asked by her confessor if she had her life to begin over again was there anything she would do differently she answered: "No Father I would do just the same, for I always tried to do everything the best way I knew how."

Graduates of 1897

Cert. Alice Drake Mrs. Hauser
Cassie Foughlin Mrs. Schaefer

The graduates of 1898 were
 Rose Byrne Mrs. M. J. Donough
 Margaret Cahagan Mrs. Kelly Cert.
 Mary Henneff " "
 Anne Loughran Mrs. M. J. Farland " "
 Katherine Macsey " "
 Katherine McCormack " "
 Agnes Satons, S. M. Germaine (Dancy) " "
 Katherine M. Lohan " "
 May Park Mrs. Schuchert " "
 Jennie Brennan R.I.T. "

The graduates of 1899 were
 Nellie Meehan Mrs. J. J. Meehan
 Margaret Loughran Mrs. M. J. Farland
 Loretta Donahoe Mrs. L. J. Loughran
 Cert. Nellie Cull Mrs. Lynch
 " Marnie Brennan Mrs. B. J. Brennan
 " Lizzie J. Neill
 " Eliza Kelly
 Rachel Engels Mrs. "

The graduates of 1900 were
 Cert. Mary Bannon, Mrs. M. B. Bannan
 Margaret Mahoney
 Mary Moore
 Cert. Angela Mackin
 Catherine Ryan
 Cert. Mary Fiddiment
 Cert. Mercedes Bagnall
 Cert. Lizzie Permar
 Cert. Catherine O'Connor
 Cert. Hannah Hayden.

In December of 1900 Mother M. Angela Lynn was succeeded by Mother M. Catherine Harris. The people of Joliet expressed their great esteem for Mother and their deep regret at her departure. Many who made to make farewell visits, left substantial tokens of affection. She will always be remembered by the community as one who devoted herself to the spiritual and temporal welfare of its members.

During the year 1900 the silver jubilee of Sister M. Edith was celebrated with the usual regalia. Many presents were received. also

It might be mentioned here that Sister Edith spent ³⁹ ~~many~~ ^{many} ~~many~~ ^{many} years in Joliet.

The graduates of 1901 were
 Lizzie Moore and Noja Waters.
 Mrs. Moore Mrs. Day

During the year 1901. Sister M. Blandin celebrated the 25th anniversary of her entrance into Religion. The day was spent in jubilee spirit and many beautiful gifts were received. (Mrs. M. Blandin R.I.P. was 1902)

presented a beautiful Benediction, dear to the Community which was highly appreciated.

In June of 1902 Joliet was devastated by a fearful flood, the consequences of which were most disastrous to life and property. Mr. Peter Pell and son Timothy went out with a horse and buggy to assist in rescuing those hemmed in by the water. They succeeded in getting two girls whose name was Kennedy into the buggy but the current was so rapid that the buggy upset and the girls were drowned, and Mr. Pell and his son had very narrow escapes from sharing the same fate. Happily the convent

which is on higher ground was untouched, although at the west end of the grounds there was quite a large pool of water, the result of the flood. It was fully a week before traffic on the railroads could be resumed.

~~1885~~ The Academy was chartered, in 1882, in 1892 accredited to the Coll. in 1903 with the University of Ill. Chicago

The Graduates of 1904

Cert. Jessie Kelly Mrs. L. S. Kelly
 Cert. Mamie Dandy Mrs. N. S. P. H.
 Cert. Mamie Delaney
 Cert. Gertrude Hiddiment

Graduates of 1903

Cert. Jessie Hall
 Cert. Jennie Hawley
 No Nellie Hennessy
 Cert. Mary Clark
 " Mary Wagner
 " Anna Ryan

Graduates of 1902

Cert. Laura Linnon
 " Bessie Linnon R. I. P.
 " May Talbott
 " Abbie Crombie
 Florence Baskerville
 Lizzie Wagner
 " Elsie Elwood
 " Lizzie Greenham
 Cert. Edna Park Mrs.
 Cert. Winifred Bannan

Graduates of 1906

Cert. Elsie Smith
 Mrs. Irene Gleason
 " Marie Johnson
 " Margaret
 " Agnes McDonald
 " Norine Kinsella

Graduates of 1907

All Cert. Eileen Moriarty
 " Isabel Kelly
 " Mabel Bannan
 " Olive McGuire

Graduates of 1905

Miss Winifred Lyne Certificate
 " Mamie Byron
 " May McGuire " Mrs. H. L. L.
 " Julia McDermott No.

The Graduates of 1905.
 Winifred Lynch
 Mary Ryan
 May M. C. Conner
 Julia McDermott received honors
 in English.

The Jubilee of the house
 was celebrated May 30th 1905
 the celebration continued
 for three days.
 On the first day, solemn high
 mass in St. Mary's Church, at
 which were present, His Grace
 Archbishop Dingley, Bishop Burke
 and about forty other clergymen.
 On the second day, a solemn high
 mass of Peregine in St. Mary's Church
 at 4 o'clock, at which the former
 pupils of the Institute gave a
 banquet at which one hundred
 and eight were present.
 On the third day, a mass for
 the benefactors of the Institute
 was celebrated in St. Mary's Church.
 The remainder of the day was given
 to the reception of the friends of the

CLUB HOUSE BANQUET LAST NIGHT

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FOR-
 MER PUPILS PRESENT.

NEW CHAPEL PEWS

Former Pupils made a presentation—
 Mrs. Wilhelm acted as toast mistress—
 Bishop Burke and Dean Dunne Pre-
 sent—Reception This Evening—
 Thanksgiving Mass Today.

Mary's academy was the scene
 last night of a notable event in its his-
 tory, when 150 of its former pupils
 gathered about the tables at the Silver
 Jubilee banquet.

They came early, these daughters of
 this scholastic home, and inquiries for
 the various sisters whom they had
 known and loved, preceded even the
 greetings to each other.

It had been planned to have music
 while the guests were at table, but the
 guests themselves objected. They
 wanted all the time to renew old fel-
 lowship.

The tables were spread in the music
 rooms and parlor on the south side of
 the house, and were decorated with
 pink and white carnations. The rooms
 were filled with so many charming wo-
 men in beautiful evening gowns that
 the festoons of smilax and the palms
 were insignificant items in the color
 scheme. The place cards were pretty
 little hand-painted affairs, done by
 Sister Joseph and her art students.

and souvenir pins were presented to
 each guest, in the convent colors, blue
 and white, bearing the dates, "1880-
 1905."

Bishop Burke Speaks Briefly.

In the course of the evening Bishop
 Burke and Dean Dunne came in for a
 short time and made short addresses.

Bishop Burke, pastor of St. Mary's

went and Dean Dunne was his assistant
 and the first chaplain of the academy.

They spoke of the days and of the
 little children they had baptised and
 who were now present, grown, married,
 with little ones of their own.

Later in the evening Father Mc-
 Namee also was present for a short
 time and gave a little talk.

Present Pews For Chapel.

Mrs. Nellie Wilhelm acted as toast-
 mistress, and one of the notable events
 of the program was the presentation
 by Miss Regina Ulm of a handsome set
 of pews for the academy chapel. Those
 in use up to the present were placed
 in the chapel at the first opening. The
 new furnishings were given by the for-
 mer pupils, in memory of the happy
 years passed at St. Mary's academy.

Mrs. Mamie Lowrey Wheeler re-
 sponded to the toast, "Why Are We
 Here?"

Miss Mamie Hennebury to the toast
 of the evening, "The Ladies of Lo-
 retto."

Mrs. Agnes Kelly Donahoe gave
 "Reminiscences of Earlier Days."

Miss Jennie Halkyard spoke of "Our
 School of Today," and Miss Jessie Hall
 gave "Reminiscences of Later days."

Out-of-Town Guests.

The out-of-town guests were as fol-
 lows:

Mrs. Gussie Trowbridge Hart, Fresno, Cal.; Mrs. Mary Burke Sheedy, Denver, Colo.; Miss Nellie Burke, St. Joseph, Mo.; Jennie Barr, Mazon; Mamie Brannick, Minooka; Florence Baskerville, Wilmington; Mrs. Fannie Trowbridge Carroll, Templeton, Ind.; Jennie Crow, Chicago; Mary Connors, Morris; Mrs. Agnes Kelly Donahoe, Chicago; Esther Dunne, Agnes Dunne, Alice Dunne, Chicago; Nora Doyle, Elwood; Mrs. Alice Burke Gleason, Kansas; Mrs. Addie Schiek Hill, Chicago; Margaret and Agnes McGuire, Chicago; Mrs. Nellie Meehan Moran, Nevada; Agnes Moran, Batavia; Angela Mackin, Manhattan; Mrs. Margaret Cushing McDermott, Chicago; Mary Moore, Maple Park; Mrs. Lillian Prior McArdle, Chicago; Mary Magner, Wilmington; Katherine McHugh, Manhattan; Winifred McPartlin, Chicago; Alice Murphy, Chicago; Mrs. Mamie Raleigh Sweeney, Miss Tierney, Elwood;

Truly & Co a beautiful silver thurible
 and incense boat
 Wittins & Co elegant brass Candelabra
 Mrs Quinn brass crucifix for ~~over~~
 tabernacle

Beautiful set of white Vestments,
 with cope to match from
 the Loretto Alumnae

Large Library Case for Conity room
 also from the Alumnae

Oil painting work of M. M. Pius
 from St. Xavier's Academy - Chicago
 Water Color (Motto) Illuminated
 painted and printed, from

^{RIP} Mrs M. Gratia, M. Josephine & M. Germaine
 members of the Alumnae ^(Sisters)
 Benediction Stole & Bure (Sr. M. Agnes)

Member of the Alumnae
 Beautiful Gold Chalice donated
 by Mrs ^{RIP} McLeath and family in
 loving memory of Mr McLeath
 R. M. Cyprian's father -
 New gold case for Altar from
 above party -

Graduates of 1958

Miss	Cecilia Gibbons, Certificate	Sr. M. Rose (Mary) ⁴⁵
"	Mary Sullivan	" Mrs. Shutt
"	Genevieve Simon	R.I.P. Apr. 26, '21
"	Bessie Kelly	Sr. M. Verma (Mary)
"	Genevieve Wall	Cert M.M. Smelda
"	Viola Miers	Cert.
"	Hennietta Braun	No Mrs. Bannock
"	Elice Martin	Cert.
"	Charlotte Johnson	"
"	Pauline Ingolsby	"
"	Anna Carroll	"
"	Isabel Dunne	" " (Woman)
"	Viola Kelly	" Sr. M. Mary Grace
"	Evelyn Kinsella	No

1959

Miss	Helen Kinsella	Certificate
"	Mary Hayes	"
"	Anna O'Brien	"
	Rosemary Sheridan	" Sr. M. Olivia S.H.
	Loretta Galois	" Mrs. Gordon
	Sarah Ryan	" Sr. Hugh C.H.
	Marie Cosgrove	No Mrs.
	Esther Hahner	"

1910

Miss	Gertrude O'Brien	Certificate
"	Liona Johnson	"
"	Rosella Packrig-	" Mrs. Snyder
"	Margaret Moriarty	"
"	Maud Kelley	"
"	Mary Englsby	"
"	Lionora Ours	No Mrs. M. M. M. R.I.P.
"	Harriet Cooke	"
"	Ella Hoermann	" Sr. Loomis

1911

Miss	Marie Higgins	Certificate Mrs. J. Wagner
"	Ella May Little	" Mrs. Sherrill
"	Mary Ley	"
"	Mary Cunningham	" Mrs. K. K.
"	Margaret Horrihan	No Mrs. M. M. M.
"	Marie Reiter	" Mrs. M. M. M.

1912

Miss	Rose Patterson	Certificate -
"	Hora Crowley	"
"	Catherine D'Arcy	" R.I.P.
"	Bessie D'Arcy	" R.I.P.
"	Islorence Lynt	"
"	Mary Deiss	"
"	Angela Lamb	"
"	Marcella Cayne	" R.I.P.

1913

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Miss	Pauline McKeon	Certificate -
"	Irene Belav	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Ellen Martin	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Helen Riley	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Mary Dushin	"
"	Helen Scully	No
"	Maue Heardon	R.I.P.

1914

Miss	Catherine Wallace	Certificate Mrs. John Hennessey
"	Hazel Maloney	"
"	Elizabeth Maloney	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Esther Moran	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Hildegard Carey	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Angela Johnson	"
"	Genevieve Baskerville	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Marie Scheidt	No Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Mary Doyle	Cert.
"	Loretta Hennessey	" Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Eileen Baskerville	No Mrs. J. J. J.
"	Cecilia Connolly	Cert.
"	Marie Covert	" Mrs. Hennessey
"	Catherine Martin	"

1915

Miss Marguerite Halkyard	Certificate
" Marie Mc Gowan	" Mrs.
" Loretta Cunningham	" Mrs. Smith
" Bessie Ingoldshy	"
" Marguerite Belay	" Mrs. Driscoll
" Jane Duffy	"
" Helen Rezek	"
" Margaret Mc Partlin	" Mrs. Norton
" Margaret McCauley	" Mrs. Greer
" Eleanor Morrissey	No
" Lura Doran	" Mrs. Joyce
" Mary Byrne	" Mrs. Rumble
" Florence Clark	" Mrs. Lister
" Blanche Daggett	"

1916

Miss Marie Koch	Certificate
" Genevieve Leely	"
" Mary Glass	" Mrs. Walter Nasse
" Ruth Haywood	"
" Marcita Halkyard	"
" RIP Irene Baskerville	" Mrs. Mc Cormick
" Alice Lacey	"
" Veronica Conery	" Mrs. Lacey
" Elizabeth Walsh	"
" Eileen Walsh	" Mrs. Lacey
" Florence Fitzgerald	No

1916

Miss Evangeline Kelly	No Cert.
" Genevieve Bekelja	" Mrs. Kunkle
" Catherine Wynn	" Mrs. Kunkle
" Rose Murray	" Mrs. Lacey
" Genevieve Lainer	" Mrs. Gorske
" Hilda Kimmet	" Mrs. Thompson
" Catherine Lamb	" Mrs. Murphy

1917

Miss Angela Baskerville	Certificate
Marie Baskerville	
" Jeannette Bensen	R.I.P.
" Bernadette Carroll	R.I.P. 1925
" Agnes Freely	Sr. M. Bernadette
" Anna Jones	
" Mary Louise Linnon	Mrs. Kennedy
" Emily Linnon	Mrs. Liebenberg
" Mary Mastyn	
" Anna McCauley	Sr. O'Connor
" Anna McDonald	
" Anna McGowan	Mrs.
" Rose Mary McKenna	Mrs.
" Cecilia Schager	Mrs. Pappas
" Frances Wilson	Mrs.
" Edna Reardon	Mrs. Linnon

This is the last class of Graduates before
the girls came left school

Right Reverend M. F. Burke Bishop of
St. Joseph, Missouri, our dear friend and
benefactor died on March 17, 1923.

First Class of Graduates at St. Mary's Academy
Joliet 1886

Rw. Fr. Burke presented each with her medal,

Miss Margaret Foley

" Nellie Burke

" Augusta Allen Sr. M. Agnes

" Fannie Lign Mrs. Landis

" Mary Mahoney Mrs. Cooney R. I. P.

" Winifred Wason R. I. P.

" Minnie Tubbs Mrs. Sharpe R. I. P.

Class 1887

Miss Alice Basingham R. I. P.

Cert. " Mary Burke Mrs. Sheedy

" " Sadie Jarley R. I. P.

" " Nellie Smith - Mrs. Fitzgibbons

" " Mary Driscoll

" " Charlotte Hill Mrs. Gerlach R. I. P.

" " Jennie Nolan

" " Mary Lyon R. I. P.

" " Miss Katherine M. M. M.

Graduates of 1888

Miss Lizzie Hogan Mrs. McVay
Cert. " Agnes McFadden R. I. P.
" " Flora Mack,

- 1889 -

Cert. Miss Maggie D'Arcy Mrs. Brophy R. I.
" Miss Julia Mahoney Mrs. Wallace

- 1890 -

Miss Dora Deignan
" Lizzie Butterfield R. I. P.

- 1891 -

Cert. Miss Mary Cannon Mrs. Shields R. I.
" " Lillie Finley Mrs. Larkin
" " Hanna Twohey Mrs. Schuster
" " Mary Maher R. I. P.
" " Mary Brennan
" " Nellie Fallon R. I. P.
" " Rose Dunne Sr. M. Aquinas

There were no Graduates in 1892.

- 1893 -

Cert. Miss Lillian Prior Mrs. R. T. P.
" " Mamie Lowery Mrs. C. N. Wheeler
R. I. P.

- Cert. Miss Regina Ulm
 " Winifred Lennon R.I.P.
 " " Hallie Bannon - Mrs. Kelly
 " " Hallie Dwyer - Mrs. Madden
 " " Lizzie McGrath Mrs. Kniss R.I.P.
 " " Margaret Duffy R.I.P.
 " " Genevieve Robinson S. Gracia S.M. R.I.P.
 " " Mary Connors - Mrs. Clark.

1895

- Cert. Miss May Crowley R.I.P.
 " " Mary Conklin - Mrs. Callahan
 " " Angela Murphy - Mrs. Adler R.I.P.
 " " Nellie Kaywood - Mrs. Wilhelm
 " " Mary Walsh - Mrs. Mooney
 " " Alice Gaetons - Mrs. McLennan T.P.
 " " Elizabeth Wallace R.I.P.
 " " Helena Lennon - Mrs. Mooney
 " " Loretta McLinden R.I.P.
 " " Agnes Maloney - Mrs. Greenwell
 " " Mary Egan - Mrs. Parks R.I.P.

1896

- Miss Liza Donahoe - Mrs. Redmond R.I.P.
 " Margaret Haley
 " Catherine Kelly - Mrs. Floyde R.I.P.
 " Jennie McHenry

- Cert. Miss Alice Drake - Mrs. Maloney
 " " Cassie Coughlin - Mrs. Schweitzer

1898

- Cert. Miss Rose Byrne - Mrs. McDonough
 " " Margaret Gahagan - Mrs. Kelly
 " " Mary Henneberg
 " " Annie Loughran - Mrs. McFarland
 " " Kathrine Masses
 " " Kathrine Corcoran
 " " Agnes Gaetons S.M. Germaine S.M.
 " " Katherine McGowan
 " " May Park - Mrs. Schuster
 " " Annie Brennan R.I.P.

1899

- Miss Nellie Mehan - Mrs. Collins
 Margaret Loughran - Mrs. McFarland
 Loretta Donahoe - Mrs. Towle
 Cert. " Nellie Cull - Mrs. Lynch
 " " Mamie Brennan - Mrs. Bagwell
 " " Lizzie C. Keell
 " " Abigail Kelly
 " " Rachel Engels Mrs.

1900

- Cert. Angela Mackin - Mrs. Fitzgerald

- Cert. Miss Mary Bannon - S. M. Duquardine
 " Margaret Mahoney
 " Mary Moore Mrs. McNamora
 " Margaret Ryan
 Cert. " Mary Fiddymont
 " " Mercedes Bagwell
 " " Lizzie Herman
 " " Catherine Connor
 " " Hannah Hayden

- 1901 -

- Miss Annie Moore Mrs. Macack
 " Sara Wilson - Mrs. Ray

- 1902 -

- Cert. Miss Lura Connor
 " " Jessie Connor P. T. P.
 " " Mary Talbot - Mrs. Mitchell
 " " Abbie Trumbly
 " " Florence Backus - Mrs. Warner
 " " Lizzie Wagner Sr. & Mrs. S. M.
 " " Mamie Edward - Mrs. March
 " " Annie McLean - Mrs. Sullivan
 Cert. " Edna Park - Mrs.
 Cert. Winifred Bannon.

- Cert. Miss Jessie Hall
 " " Jennie Alkyard
 " " Nellie Kennerly
 Cert. " Mary Clark, Sr. St. Vincent
 " " Mary Wagner - Mrs. Koffler
 " " Anna Ryan

- 1904 -

- Cert. Mrs. Berrie Kelly - Mrs. Loutag
 " " Mamie Darcy - Mrs. Kane - R. I. P.
 " " Mamie Delaney
 " " Gertrude Fiddymont

- 1905 -

- Cert. Miss Winifred Lynk - Mrs. Harrigan
 " " Mamie Byron
 " " May Maguire - Mrs. Heaton
 " " Julia McDermott.

- 1906 -

- Cert. Miss Irene Gleason - Mrs. Palmer
 " " Elsie Smith R. I. P.
 " " Marie Johnson - Sr. Alphonsa
 " " Margaret McDonald R. I. P.
 " " Agnes McDonald Mrs. Gray.

Graduates A 1907

Cert. Miss Eileen Moriarty - Mrs

" " Isabel Kelly - Mrs.

" " Mabel Bannon Mrs. O'Callaghan

" " Olive Maguire Sr. Callista

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