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First Year and a Half

15 min.

Fidelity Bonds for Railroad Employees

THURSDAY, MAY 11

M. Ch. Clare white veil
whole yr. up to June 1.

Mrs. Combs &
Helen

Anna Gaylord
Judy later

BAND
BILL
TROOPER

Scholarship

Fr. Leo, O. Comm. inspired St. M's wing when a boy
" " " established the Mission Crusade, which
brought blessings on ~~house~~ increase of
pupils, full boarding sch.
Sodality established in N. S.
Infant Jesus minims - red collars covered with lace
reached down over shoulders.

FANTASY
FROST

Godson took in near - borders
taken for lovely long walks
and day pupils for occasional
picnics. Boarders went to Field Museum
(then in Jac. Pk.) frequently on Sun. morning.

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First Mass Dec. 8, 1905

Lived in the building before it was
completed — A horse stabled in
basement

Conity —

Mrs. M. Berapshina had per. for volunteers

At 1st Mass

Augusta

Emeliana

St. Roque

Theodora

Babastian

Angels 6 mo. later

Catherine Scholastica

? Estelle Francis de Sales

? Francesca

List of the dead

Invited Fr. Cyril Keough to stay for
breakfast — nothing to give him (ask 275)

will send over eggs milk bread

not living here — from Eng

Grades through h. school

Holiday the day h. sch. enrollment reached
twenty-five

Struggled against poverty — years before we had green
restments, Always walk
to Englewood one way through fare 5 cts. — .85 cts. in the house
Boarding school — At one time reached 40

" " abandoned when noviceship moved
in in 1934

This means Mother St. Theresa

Shed with goat in across street
From Blackstone ^{Washington Ave.} to Stony field

Boys played well there
H. B. Teachers at first
Mr. M. Scholastic

" " B. Thomas

" " Estelle — New plan of h. sch.

Purchase of the land

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June 19, 1904 the Carnty. of Loretto, Chicago,
purchased 210 ft. of land in Wadlawn, on
65th and Washington Ave. for the sum of
\$15,750. His Grace, Archbishop Quigley signed
the note for the same and the money was
taken from The Union Trust Company.
Mr. Barwick being President at the time.
The permission &c. (other papers.)

to purchase land nor to build. Of course, His Grace showed himself eager to help on the good work in signing the notes. The good Carmelite Fathers have proven themselves staunch friends aiding us in every way, although they, too, were only founding.

Later in M. M. Seraphina's Time 3

One tree on the grounds, size the new building covers now, "M. Estelle's tree".

Bought to railroad in 1910 on advice of Judge M. J. who heard was to be sold. All thistles. Last yrs to eradicate. Some still there.

For Humes fine.

Lady Boarders

Jean Jenks

Lila Christm

Miss O'Brien

Miss McGovern

" Lechlites

" Rose O'Neil

(Donated beer)
(Captured "Rose")

A bazaar in recreation room.
Boaths, lunches sold in boarder's ref. Boarders had to take their supper at 5:30 in nuns' ref. Someone turned off the lights for a joke.

Bonds for Fiduciaries

MONDAY, MAY 15

Black constitution
noted on for acceptance.

(over)

The First Lad ^{3a}₁ ^{3a}₁

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On March 25 of the following year, the first sod was turned for the erection of the new Convent. The permission came at 8 o'clock A.M. from Rev. Mother Ignatia Lynn and the same day at 2 o'clock P.M., a little procession of priests and nuns was seen wending their way to the plot destined for the erection of the second Loretto. Reverend Father Bernard Murray, pastor of St. Bernard's parish, turned the first sod. Then the spade was handed to Rev. Father Keough, (Superior of the Carmelite Order), in whose parish we were founding. He insisted that Mother Peraphina, first Superior of the Convent, should have the honor of the second sod. But the ground being very soft, the spade went down so far she found it impossible

to turn the sad without help, whereupon one of the Fathers
said this is a good sign that the new members
of this Community will take deep root in Chicago,
which it did in a wonderful manner as events
proved. Some of the Sisters and friends of the Institute
assisted.

other two priests to turn a sod were
Rev. J. Kehoe and Father Quilly, curate at
Englewood, and outstanding friend of Loretto.
When the Holy Water was called for, a Carmelite
student stepped forward and presented a large
preserve jar filled to the brim. ^{Some one remarked:} "You intend to
drown the old Enemy completely." Or, the
return home ^{to Englewood} some Sister remarked: "It is a
great day." The other Sister said, "Yes, the feast of
the Annunciation." "Yes," a holy Carmelite
replied, "the day that God became Man and Man
became God."

From the very commencement of the
erection of the house, every important event
in it was marked by some feast of the
Blessed Virgin. It can truly be termed
the Convent of the Immaculate Conception.

The District

No building facing us or on the opposite corners, - only the Pemberton. That was built for the World's Fair.

Directly in front: old shed - white goat.
On the other two corner lots: tents - bays-Indians. But, after we were here a short time, houses went up like magic.

The Corner Stone

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On May 24th ¹⁹⁰⁵ the " " was laid by
Rev. ~~Cyril~~ ^{Father} ~~Thompson~~ ^{Boyle} O.C.C., assisted by Rev. ~~Fr. Lehan~~ ^{Fr. Lehan} O.C.,
Rev. Fr. Quill. P.J. Doerr, i.e. architect, and some
of the nuns were present, together with friends
of the community.

God turned March 25 1905

Begin with this:

~~Another~~ ^{The most} important event that
took place on that much blessed spot
was the laying of the corner stone, on
the twenty-fourth of May, the feast of
Our Lady Help of Christians, at which

On May 24 the cornerstone was laid
by Rev. F. Kehoe, D.C.C. assisted by F. Feehan (?)
D.C.C., and Mr. Zuttler. P. J. Boerr, architect, and
some of the nuns and friends of
curate at Englewood and
longstanding friend of Loreth

Final Memo

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The first Holy Mass was said on the eighth of December, 1905, although the house was far from finished, but we were so anxious to have every important event marked by some feast of Our Blessed Mother that we decided that the first Mass be said on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. When the permission was obtained, all hands rushed to share in the labor of love and it was simply wonderful the amount of great hard work we got through in one day, removing planks, sweeping up plaster, etc. For an altar a plank was placed on ^{the back of} two chairs. On the chairs were two vases of flowers. Rev. Father Kehoe ^{Superior of the Carmelites,} in whose parish we were founding, provided all that was necessary for the Mass.

Priest said, "I am sure you have nothing to eat," which was only too true. He rose to go, saying, "I will send over some bread and butter." Just then a little girl came to the door laden with good things. We begged the Father to stay, which he did to relieve our embarrassment. However, before noon the promised bread and

butter, with milk, eggs and fruit, came. But, oh!,
deliver us from bread that Holy Monks eat. One
loaf was a load to lift. The Sisters had been
so busy preparing for the first Holy Mass that
they forgot all earthly comforts.

supplied everything necessary for the saying
of the Mass. The fatigue of the past days was
well rewarded when the good priest approached
the rude altar to begin. There was neither
music nor singing but there were hearts
glowing with love and thanks to the Divine
Guest for the great favor we were
about to receive. Oh, how our hearts
burned with love, and tears of joy rolled
down, that another Sanctuary to our
Divine Spouse was opened, where for
generations hosts of angels and saints

would worship Him. and thousands of loving hearts receive Him. Therefore, I am sure the holy angels that were deputed to worship at that first Mass must have been reminded forcibly of the Stable at Bethlehem and its rude preparation. But we have made up for it since.

The nuns present were Mother Seraphina, the
Foundress, Mother St. Roque, Augusta,
Jerome and Emeliana, who answered the
Mass and Sisters Mary, Fidelis and Rita.

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M. M. Loretta's Time

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Bro. Andrew's
prophecy

Early Benefactors

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Fidelity Bonds for Government Employees

SUNDAY, MAY 7

~~20 June 1891~~

Mr. Petry, Holy water fund.
altar, money galore. m. b. gr
would ask.

Dr. Creighton
" Cain (sp.?)
" Klucken (..)

Alice O.C. gave augs
for altar. Supplanted

L. of Mr. Carmel: -
St. Ignace with

Mrs. Humphrey — D. Evans' grandmother
The Merles Maudle & Bros.
Mrs. Carroll A Mr. Ryan who fasted so rigorously &
went to work, became blind.

Judge W. C. Gort — always a staunch
friend — saved us from many expenses
by his advice and influence. —
a real benefactor.

Donations in the beginning
Cape, Monstrance, Humeral Veil (Mrs. Humphrey)
Clock, Maudle
School opened in Jan. 1906

Here is something which I hope will never be forgotten Although our Nuns had been teaching in Chicago over ten or more years yet no parish priest ever invited them to open an Academy there, something they much desired with the hope of getting candidates, until the good Carmelites came, although their parish was very small at the time, but we knew that if it were the largest in the city, we were welcome to it. From the day we arrived the good Fathers left nothing undone to aid us in every way, and procured many pupils for the school. Father Kent, the Superior, offered the spiritual services of his Priests free until such time as we could make an offering. He knew that we had purchased land and built our Convent without having one dollar of our own to put into. It was a great reliance on Divine Providence, and it did not fail us, as events prove. Father offered the services of the professors to aid the Sisters if they required help in the languages etc., etc., On Xmas day the Superior sent a small check to the Fathers, although it was only a drop in the ocean of their indebtedness. The Superior returned it saying, "I am sure ^{Poor} the Sisters require this/ ^{more than we do,"} ~~although they were~~ although they were only founding themselves and I am sure must have felt the pinch of Poverty. We also found the Fathers' advice invaluable in every respect, for instance in the opening of the Cheltenham school which numbers now hundreds of pupils, also music and art pupils, the forming of the parents' association which proved a great help.

Here is something which I hope will never be forgotten in Loretto. Although our nuns had been teaching for over ten years in Chicago, yet no parish there ever invited them to open an Academy, a thing which they greatly desired, with the hope of getting Postulants and often said they would return to Canada if they did not get an Academy. But it was only when the Carmelites came and got a Parish that we were invited to it; although it was a very small one at the time yet I am confident if it were the largest in the City, we would just have been as welcome to it. From the day we arrived in their parish they left nothing undone to aid us in every respect and procured many friends for us among the clergy. (The good Father Superior offered the services of the Fathers free until such time as we could pay something. He also offered the services of the Professors in the way of instruction in the Languages if needed. We also found the Superior's advice invaluable, for instance, in the opening of the Cheltenham ^{St. Bride's} School, which now numbers hundreds of children, some music and art pupils.) Our sisters went there every Sunday to teach Catechism, although the distance required that they take the street car.

Don't forget the Merles. Mr. Merle and his family were outstanding in their generosity, though we have found no mention of them (so far).

Of the O'Malley's meat dealers
Sexton food products
Bewerly coal dealers all of whom
kept delivering without any hope of being
paid soon.
+ Bigane & Dan Ryan

Our Benefactors.

At the opening of the Chapel, Sir Ambrose Petry, brother of our dear Sister Seraphina, gave a present of five hundred dollars, a gold Chalice, a very fine silver Communion plate (which I think was given to the Abbey), and a large stone statue of the Immaculate Conception for the niche over the front door. As the statue proved too heavy for the place, it was given as a present to Rev. Fathers Ignatia for their plot in the cemetery where it now stands and looks beautiful. It cost \$125⁰⁰. He also gave two marble Holy Water fonts. He rarely wrote that he did not send a check. I remember now a check for ninety, one for seventy-five, twenty-five and some smaller ones, also a large altar of St. Anthony. ^(now in St. Guido's Chapel. Given when St. B. opened.) I remember when St. B. getting one of ten while on a visit to Toronto. I am sure there are others if I could remember just now, and, as far the things given to the Englewood house, the list is too long to write. Mr. Doerr, the architect, donated the Chapel windows.

Now a word about our Benefactors; shortly after the house opened Sir Ambrose Petry gave us five hundred dollars. He is brother of our Sister Seraphina Petry
a beautiful stone statue of the B.V.G.

the 1.25 It proved too heavy for the niche intended. It was given to the Abbey. It now stands at the head of the new plot in the Abbey Cemetery. A Gold Chalice and beautiful Silver Communion plate, which was given to the Abbey; he also gave two marble Holy Water fonts. He rarely writes without enclosing some check. I remember one of 90.00, 75.00, 50.00, 25.00. There were others, but I do not just now remember amounts; and his gifts to the Englewood house while Sister Seraphina was at school and for years after are too numerous to record here.

Mr. P. J. Doerr, the Architect, Donated the Chapel windows.

The large clock in the hall was given by Mandel Brothers.

The large oil painting of St. Cecilia and another oil painting - the title I have forgotten - were given by a Protestant lady who was going to the Coast for her health. Her husband had purchased it while on a visit.. Her husband was now dead and she revered it, therefore. She wanted to put it where it would be well cared for. Wherever she is now I hope she got the Faith for we prayed much for her.

The painting of Our Lady of Good Counsel was done by our Sister Antonia that we might be directed aright in all events relative to the building.

Bishop Burke also gave \$100 just after the house opened. There were smaller donations (many). I do not remember - you may. *This must have been written after 20. m. 6. left.*

Don't forget the Merles.

The compiler recalls that Mr. Merle and his family were outstanding in their generosity to Mother Seraphina, though we have found no mention of them.

A Protestant lady living near was selling out completely. She gave us a present of two beautiful oil paintings. St. Cecelia - I forget the name of the other. She had purchased them in Italy and remarked that none of her Protestant relatives would take them. She said she desired to have them where they would be respected. She died shortly after she went to the Coast for her health. I hope she got the Faith for we prayed for her.

Judge McGarty

was always on hand for the opening address. He proved himself a true friend giving all legal services free of cash. We must never forget Doctor Walker also who gave his services free. ^{Then Father} Good Bishop, Burke too was most generous. On his first visit to the New Loretto he handed me a one hundred dollar bill and expressing his great joy at seeing a second Loretto in the great City of Chicago.

Fortune favored us in a good - many ways.
These two very beautiful oil paintings, one of
St. Cecilia, the name of the other has ~~not~~ escaped my
memory, were given by a Protestant lady living near,
who was breaking up home and going to the coast
for her health. She ~~said~~ had purchased them in Italy.
She said her Protestant relatives would not take them
and she desired to have them where they would be respected.
She died shortly after her arrival there. I hope she got the faith,
and is now in heaven being entranced by the heavenly music of St.
Cecilia. We prayed much for her.

Father Kehough ~~knew~~ ^{ordered} the services of his professors for he knew we bought land and built a convent without one dollar of our own money. It was a great reliance on Divine Providence but we knew He could and would come to our aid, which He did in a most wonderful manner, as events proved.

Amusing Incidents

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M. Aquinas Sacristan
Bk. - Clare sick. ^{Dr. Thomas} 275 aus.
Mass? ↑ always aus. Mass
↑ up out candles.

275 expected over aus Mass
Bk. asked 275 FRIDAY, MAY 12

to put out candles. "Out
where? ^{thinking of procession} ^{Septuagesima} then

When saying Penitential
Psalm Bk. Bk. allowed "Sparrow"
nicknamed "Sparrow." She was

"Sparrow" with M. Sebastian from
that day on.

This looks like

An incident of the World War.

J. M. Hildegarde's ^{anecdote}

An American General proposed to have Mass in the Public Square in France, where the soldiers would have plenty of room ^{for all}. When a French official said it is against the laws of France to have any public display of religion, the American General raised the Stars and Stripes saying: "Wherever this waves there is Liberty," hence the Holy Mass was celebrated in the Square. God bless the noble General

whoever he was. He showed himself a real man and a

good Christian.

He square.

God bless the name.

to 4th year Bird High School
~~must be~~ ~~the only~~ pupil
One ~~year~~, was in 4th year
~~she~~ graduated with a high
standing, and passed the
Normal Entrance examinations.
Forever yours after that on ~~forever~~ ~~forever~~

Put at end of
"Incidents".

Out of Context

M. M. Seraphim

A fragment of a letter received from
Rev. Mother Teresa after the death of Sr. M.
Benigna the former's sister.

"...and my last end be like hers. I do not
think that ever before I could say of any one,
that I would like to be in her place at that awful
moment, but I could say it of dear Sr. Benigna
in all truth. And dear Sr. Benigna survived
to-day, I would certainly have sent for you, but
God arranged all for the best. Pray for me.

Yours fondly in J.C.
Signed in M.B.'s hand, Rev. M. Jo. Teresa.

Many instances of dire poverty could be given of the first days of this New Loretto. Here is one. A sweet, gentle little Sister, whose department was the Kitchen, went to her on Xmas eve to inform her that there was nothing in the house to make a Xmas dinner. She said, "Sister, you know we have no money to buy anything. Rely on Divine Providence and He will not fail you." In a few hours after the Sister returned, all smiles, saying

Some Mrs. McGuire brought this goose for the Sisters' Xmas dinner. It was not long before the same Sister returned, saying she was sure that goose would never be sufficient for the nuns' dinner for it was a remarkably small one. The Superior said you must only rely on Providence again. The Sister once more came to say that if she relied much longer the expected second goose would never be ready for the coming day, and she knew

they would have many visitors from the other two
Convents. The Superior said: "Sister, come to the
phone." She did so and asked the butcher why
he had not sent up the Christmas turkey. He
asked her if she had ordered one. She said, "No,
I never ordered turkey from my butcher at
Christmas; he always sent it." "All right," came the
answer. "It will be there in five minutes." Well,
the end of the goose is not yet. To the great
surprise of all, there was an abundance of
meat for all and plenty for supper and a very
dainty side dish of it for the next day. So
the Sister termed it the miraculous goose and
the butcher's big turkey served the community
at New Year's Day.

During the course of the year, Sister M. St. Thomas was the only one to sing. It happened that a very busy day precluded the singing until after Night Prayers were finished when this dear Sister, noted for her obedience, stood up and sang the Magnificat unassisted. Such childlike, simple obedience was calculated to bring many blessings

and no help from any and sang on to the end. It was not her first childlike act of obedience which I am sure brought many a blessing on our work. She afterwards became the Superior of the house under whose wise guidance it flourished. The new Convent was dedicated under the title of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, and a promise made to illuminate the house every anniversary of the feast, and an evening in honor of Our Blessed Lady. The pupils sang their hymns and recited poems and the Carmelite Fathers sometimes took part, gave speeches, etc. On one occasion there was present a Spanish Carmelite who made his speech in Latin as he could not speak one word of English. But, strange to say, he gave his maiden sermon in our Chapel the next anniversary and in good English.

Carmelites

Carmelites

Rev. Fr. Cyril, Ketur O. Carme
invited Mother Seraphina Dwyer,
Superior of Loretto Englewood. To
bring the Loretto nuns to live in
Woodlawn. Fr. Ketur's home was
at Niagara Falls and he
knew our nuns from the time he
was a boy. He esteemed them
highly. His aunt ^{was} ~~became~~ a member
of Loretto, a lay sister, Sr. M. Martina

Archbish. Tuite

~~Dr. Estelle~~

Fr. Hillary was here one
morning. Gave as excuse
he had pneumonia.

Fr. Leough & the grapefruit juice

Mr. Leo of St. Joseph's school then rechristened
these ships by St. Michael's name. "You see
stopped in."

Here is something which I hope will never be forgotten in Loretto. Although our Nuns had been teaching in Chicago for over ten years, no Priest there ever invited our Nuns to found an Academy, something they greatly desired, with the hope of getting candidates and because of this, often expressed a desire to return to Canada. It was only when the Carmelite Fathers got a Parish, that we were invited to found there. Although ^{the parish} it was very small at the time ^{still} we know if it were the largest in Chicago we were just as welcome to it. From the day we arrived the good Fathers left nothing undone to aid us in every possible way, and procured many pupils for our school. Rev. F. ^{Laugh} Kehoe (Kehoe?) offered the services of his priests free until such time as we could give something. He knew we bought land and built a Convent without one dollar of our own money. It was a great reliance on Divine Providence but we knew He could and would come to our aid, which He did in a most wonderful manner, as events proved. Father offered the services of his professors if the Sisters required any assistance in the line of education.

In the first place, they were the first priests to ^{invite} us to found an Academy in their parish although we had been ten or more years in Chicago teaching a parochial school and we greatly desired an Academy. And the poor Carmelites were the only priests who invited us although they were only founding themselves. We gladly accepted and from the day of our arrival those good Fathers left nothing undone to aid us in every way possible. Notwithstanding their own great Poverty the Superior, Rev. Father Keogh, was a real father to us and brought other communities of priests to interest themselves in us. He also offered his services and those of his brothers to help us in every way and did much in helping to build up our good school. We found advice invaluable. His students were a great help in placing the furniture in the different class rooms, climbing, lifting, and carrying iron bedsteads, etc. etc., even to the typing of important documents. Some of the priests also were helpful in aiding the run in Latin, Greek, Italian, etc., also in the formation of the new catalogue which was of very high standard. The school flourished beyond all expectations. St. Ursula's Literary Society was formed and flourished under the gifted Sister Estelle. Every year an entertainment of high literary standing charmed the invited guests, not only with their English but French and Greek dialogues.

1908, February 10. Went to see Bishop Quigley with a copy of the new Constitution by Father Haller (Heller~~x~~). It was a Latin copy. Although I applied many times for the return of the copy, the Secretary only seemed displeased, saying, "surely you have more than one copy of them," so I never got them out of his clutches. There was a Polish Community founded in the city at the time, and my own opinion is that he gave them to them. I visited those Nuns but they did not seem to think they had any Constitutions yet, but I think I was right in my conjecture. (Bishop) Rodie, their Polish spoke very favorably of us to the Carmelite Fathers and spoke of coming to see us at Woodlawn, but he never got there in my time.

All the people in the vicinity showed a great interest in the new Convent even the Protestants. Here is something that should never be forgotten. Although our nuns had been teaching over ten years in Chicago, no parish priest ever invited us to open an Academy, which we desired very much to do with the hope of getting postulants, until the good Carmelites came, although their parish was a very small one, but we were welcome to it, and being strongly advised by His Grace, Archbishop Quigley, we did so, although we had not a dollar.

Opening of the book

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The school opened January 7, 1906, with 25, but the number the first year reached 110. This included day pupils, music and art pupils, and boarders. The school flourished beyond all expectations. A very fine catalogue, showing the high standard of the school, was sent out, and the entertainments from time to time proved this and were looked forward to with much pleasure.

On the 29 of Dec. 1906 Jan. 7, first boarder at the new Woodlawn Convent,

Miss Doerr, daughter of the architect.

School opened in January 8, 1906.

December 8 had the whole illuminated in honor of the Immaculate Conception and

had an evening with Our Blessed Mother. Pupils recited poems and sang their

hymns. Rev. Father composed the Ode to the Blessed Virgin. The Carmelites, too, entered heart and soul into this little entertainment, where a Spanish Carmelite made his maiden speech in English, which was a great surprise to the members of his own Community and was a source of amusement to the pupils when he made a few mistakes in gender.

The school was from the beginning well staffed. The teachers: M. Scholastica, M. Theodosia, M. de Sales, M. Sebastian, M. Aquinas, M. Demetria and others whose names have escaped my memory. Soon after came Sister M. Estelle who was a host in herself and pupils were prepared for the University. We found the good Superior's advice invaluable in every respect, for instance in the opening of the Sheltenham parish school ^(St. Brude's) which now counts hundreds of pupils, also many music and art pupils. St. Ursula's Literary society was formed by Sr. M. Estelle and was a source of great improvement and entertainment to the pupils. It continues to flourish. The Parents' Association was a great help when Concerts and Bazaars were given at which Judge McGoorty

Shortly after the opening of school, St. Ursula's Literary Society was formed and flourished under the guidance of the gifted Mother Estelle whose entertainments charmed their hearers. I had the pleasure of being present many times. French and Greek dialogues were given at times. The Sisters gained a very high reputation for themselves in a short time and still maintain it.

*while the Woodlawn Convent is in existence

Cellar 7th

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You desire to know why there is no cellar. I had planned one on a large scale when to my great disappointment I was told there were very few such in Chicago because the land was so low and the climate so ~~very~~ damp that would be impossible to keep them from mold. I proposed concreting but was told it would be no use. The ~~great~~ damp would penetrate. If I was wrong, ~~be~~ informed, see to it, for it is one of the most necessary things. I was told they use those very large refrigerators instead.

M. Bernadine Bannon's
penmanship

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M. M. Seraphina, Superior at this time, had one great disappointment. She had planned a very fine cellar on a large scale when she was informed by the Architect and others that she could not have one because the climate was so damp and the ground so low that it would be an utter impossibility to keep them from mould, even if they were lined by concrete, that the people were accustomed to use instead, very large refrigerators.*

Finance 18

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we would sing the Magnificat every day for a year if the money would come; so at the next application to the Bank, forty thousand, at 8 per cent for eight years was given and without the signature of the Archbishop.

A promise had been made by the Nuns to sing the Magnificat at visit for one whole year. This was kept most faithfully. One night after night prayers were said, Mother St. Thomas, who was noted for her spirit of obedience, stood up all alone and sang the Magnificat to the end. Needless to say we got the great big request - a loan of \$40,000. for eight years at five per cent, and without the signature of the Bishop.

On our next application to the bank, forty thousand dollars at five percent for a term of eight years was secured, and without the signature of Bishop Lingley. This the architect and others considered a wonder, and the Banker remarked: "You are the only body of women in this city that would ever get such a loan unless backed by a couple of millionaires." It is quite manifest that Our Blessed Mother was

Here is one proof of our Blessed Mother's
protection out of many. Owing to some defect
in the title of the Community, the lawyer having
used Sisters of Loretto instead of Ladies, as our
charter reads, the loan of money daily expected
was delayed for three weeks and many of the
men had finished their work completely, so
we made this promise to the Blessed Virgin that

He could give many instances of the poverty
of that first foundation. Here is one. On the
morning of the first Mass the Superior
invited the Priest to breakfast. He accepted.
Shortly after, a timid tap was heard at the
parlor door and the Sister came to tell
her there was nothing in the house to
make a breakfast for anyone -- not even bread.
The Superior, I suppose, looked distressed. When
the

Poverty of the 1st Mass

Now here is another thing. There was a law in the city that no sleeping apartments were allowed on a top floor - not attic - but top floor; this was terribly distressing news to us. We happened to have in the City Hall at the time a Mr. Hughes ^(Name not legible) (?) whose children were at school at Englewood, a sincere friend to the Community who said he could remove that difficulty (could have that difficulty removed). But Rev. Mother had written me previously not to go on, but get it done some other time. I knew it would be double the expense if the men removed all the material so I pleaded but it was all no use. When she came ^{out} for Visitation, she saw it would be impossible to do with the rooms so the workmen had to bring back every thing, and workmen were scarce and very high-priced. It cost us one thousand dollars more. It was an expensive permission. However, I am sure God made it up to us since God blessed those that had tried to aid us.

Top Floor — Good shape of property

May 14, 1908. Rev. Mother Ignatia and M. M. Dosithea came to Woodlawn for Visitation. It was on this visit the permission was obtained to get the top of the house plastered and fitted up for cells,

as there

was a law forbidding sleeping rooms on the floor. She also gave leave to purchase more property; this is the reason we have all the property between the house and the railroad. His Grace desired it, and signed the note; the sum was thousand. I forget just now. I think 300.

Until 1920 Sisters on top floor used candles.

Early Poverty

One car fare to de Paul
for Cath. Ed. Convention

TUESDAY, MAY 16

85 cts. in cash box.

Lighted by gas - M. Estelle studies
Lamp on organ

Look in Corporation Book.

5 c fare to de Paul
Walked to Englewood to save a dime
Feed meager

Went to homes to collect bills

+

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Persons

List the Superiores and their dates

Write up
Sr. Francesca
Macaria
Marty

M. M. Estelle

" " Donathia
Literaries

M. M. Leacreta

No girl ever left her music
room without some good
thought. Girls were

M. Beraphina's reliance on Divine Providence

Lady boarders - business women, students of music, down town

M. St. Edmund a guide.

from Jenn

Women Boarders

Rose O'Hell (Gave bell, Called Rose)

Miss Lechlighter, Miss McGovern, Lora Degnan

Mrs. Shirley - Two secular teachers from

(OPL) Canada

Outstanding ^{maudles gave a lot} professions, art mothers
 Marriage ^{nursing, teachers, music,}
 Baptism ^{gym, D. Bud. vocal,} Meyers to be married

P. Shea pres of
 class normal
 cell worker

P. Hewitt - 1st Comm.

Older sister ~~of~~ McFee
 of Barbara

18, 19

Miss ^{Rose} O'Neill
 bell
 Mc Kenna
 Leckleiter
 McGivern
 Charlstrom ^{Convent}

Lilla

St. Bride's in M. Irene's time

The three Sisters who were the only ones in
the house at the time were bro. Rita, Fidelis
and Frederica.

Mother Mary

County Primitives 90

Wm. W. W. W.

Someone else

I hope the Sister appointed to keep the Annals of the Woadlawn Convent will remember those two promises which Mother Berphina, the first Superior of the Convent, made, viz, that on every 8th of December the whole house be illuminated in honor of the Immaculate Conception, after which the House was named. This promise was made for all time. The second: That no poor person be turned from the door, without ^{something to eat and kind words.} being very kindly received, and assisted. We were trying to procure all the

Now, lest we forget: here is something which we promised: never to send a poor person from the door without something to eat and kind words. We were all united in trying to procure all the blessings

we could for the New Loretto. I had a lovely letter from Rev. Mother Ignatia in which she says she is sure God will bless me for my efforts to make the dear Institute known in the West. I handed it to Mother Victorine one day when she heard me severely censured for the purchase of the second piece of property saying I did it without permission and that the Bishop had no leave to give me such permission, — and he paying every cent of the money!

Lest we forget -- a promise was made by the Wood-
lawn community that the Convent be illuminated on
every Feast of the Immaculate Conception; secondly,
that no poor person be ever turned from the door
without help.

The nuns promised they would illuminate the whole house on every feast of the Immaculate Conception, (which promise we kept), and have an evening with Our Blessed Mother. This also we kept. The pupils sang their hymns and recited poems in her honor. The Carmelite Fathers also took part in these, made speeches, etc. A Spanish Carmelite, who could not speak in English, gave his speech in Latin, which was translated into English by one of our brother priests. One year from that day the Spanish priest gave his maiden sermon in English, in our chapel. He did wonderfully well. The Ode to the Blessed Virgin was composed by Rev. Father Link, a German S. V. D. who was learning English at the University. He became a great friend of the Community and did much in recommending our school and in procuring pupils.

Because the Convent was opened on
December 8th, it was consecrated to the
Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin,
and in token of Thanksgiving Mother Peraphina
promised Our Lady that every year in the
future on December 8th, the whole house would
be illuminated at 8 P.M. for 15 minutes.

The new Convent was dedicated under the title of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, and a promise made to illuminate the house every anniversary of the feast and an evening in honor of Our Blessed Lady. The pupils sang their hymns and recited poems, and the Carmelite Fathers sometimes took part, gave speeches, etc. On one occasion there was present a Spanish Carmelite who made his speech in Latin as he could not speak one word of English. But, strange to say, he gave his maiden sermon in our chapel the next anniversary — and in good English.

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^{no incident.}

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Here is a proof of Our Bb. Mother's protection
out of money. Owing to some defect in the title of
the Community, the lawyer had used "Sisters of
Loretto" instead of Ladies of ~~L.~~ as our charter
reads. The loan of money daily expected was
delayed for three weeks, and many of the men
had finished their work completely. So we
made this promise to the B. V. that we would
sing the Magnificat every day for a year if
the money would come. So at the next applica-
tion to the bank, \$40,000 at \$7.50 for eight years
was given without the signature of the
Archbishop. The banker remarked on giving
it that we were the only body of women that
would ever get such a sum of money unless
backed by a couple of millionaires. *(Small paper in
here. "It was quite")*

Needless to say, we were faithful to the promise
made. It happened at the end of one unusually ~~the~~
busy day that the singing was ^{omitted} not said until after
night prayers, when Sister Sb. Thomas came to
remind me that there had been no singing that
day. When told to sing she did so without the slightest
hesitation and with no help from anyone sang
on to the end. It was not her first childlike
act of obedience, which I am sure brought many
blessings on our work. She afterwards became
superior of this house, under whose wise guidance
it flourished.

It was quite manifest that Our Bl. M. was helping us.
~~helping us.~~ Sister Antonia painted a picture
of Our Lady of Good Counsel that we
might be directed to do whatever was best
for the Convent of the Immaculate Conception.

Return

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June 22 was given by Rev. F. Hilary, O.C.C.

Retreat for the Ladies of the Parish given by F. A. Riely, O.C.C., June 29, 1907.

Rev. F. Keogh, O.C.C. also the Xmas retreat. fourteen nuns in all. M. M. Sera-

phina was the Superior at the time. 1906.

Graduations

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Formerly had an entertainment in connection with
graduation in
Recreation room, Scott Sch.
since, ~~Protestant Church~~ ^{Masonic Temple} across
64th St. from St. Clara's, ^{north}
Wedge road (a hotel across from
St. Clara's to the west). Then from
1927 to 1946^{incl.} in our own
gym. Last, in '46, poured rain, flooded
~~basement~~
when the classes were too
large for ^{the gym} ~~the~~ stage, we
began having graduations
in St. Clara's Church. 1947

1st graduation — (look up date & Helen
number of girls) ^{White} Byrd
Give the numbers as the classes increased
Entertainments in Scott School, Masonic Temp
Wedge wood Recreation room.

^{after his installation}
The first graduation ^{which} Archbishop Mundelein attended. (through Denis Reame)
In 1916. Long stemmed red roses were presented by Jean Yife (M. Borgue's niece).
Play presented entitled "The Church"
M. M. St. Edmund Superior, M. M. Camilla in charge of the program. When she was asked how much the roses cost she said she did not know, that the girls who presented them paid for them.

Archbishop Stritch spoke at our graduation in M. M. Ambrose's time. ~~See~~
Met com'ty in parlor

Later years - prior to 1927

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Until 1927 entertainments and graduations were held in the recreation room of the school, ^{if all classes became too large} then in the Masonic Temple on Woodlawn and 64th, the Scott School, the Wedgewood Hotel. After 1927 we used our gym until the classes became too large for that stage. Then St. Clara's Church some distinguished speakers at these, Mr. Hillery, Judge McGarity. Bishop St. came & talked to the girls in the assembly.

When the school was young and Father Leo O'Connell a young priest, he established the Students' Mission Crusade which flourished enthusiastically until Cisca under the Jesuits supplanted it.

The League of the S. H. and the Sedality began with the school, & on the first.

A holiday when the high school reached 25.

1st graduate only one Helen Byrd

'25 Eucharistic Congress
St. B. Girls
typical children went sang
Mass - all over

Plays in recreation room,
and "literaries" by M. M. Dorothea
St. Ursula's Literary Society.
Library still "St. U's Lib."

Library ^{new} wing went up.
Library originally ^{third section} at east end of
parlor. Floor ~~was~~ had rugs, and
varnished bear spaces around the
rugs.

High sch. small in beginning. No day the enrollment reached
twenty-five we were given a holiday to celebrate.
Graduating classes began with one, remained small
until 1925. From then on rapid increase until we
reached 105 grads.

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and Lawrence
entire
rise

For Ourselves

The time M. M. Donathea had small pox.
Went out to the homes of those who
owed us and begged for payment.
One woman kept us waiting so long in
her parlor that we felt she went out
and borrowed it from the neighbors.

Woodlawn would yet be our greatest
house

another event was the blessing of ^{the} new
Convent, by His Grace, Archbishop Leizley, assisted
by 50 of the most prominent priests.
The weather being warm, some of the priests
desired to spare His Grace some of the great
fatigue entailed, but he insisted on blessing
every room from the basement to the attic. He
also spoke most beautifully of the work of the
Sisters — — — (next paper)

Loretto nuns and the great work they were likely
to do in the great city. There were present on this
occasion 50 of the most prominent priests. A
banquet was served conducted by Mr. M. Dunn,
brother of our dear Mother Aquinas. The architect
and some intimate friends were also present.

After the ceremony

There was a banquet given at which 40 priests were seated. This was presided over by Mr. Dunne, ^{His Grace, & a few} intimate brothers friends were seated.

of our dear Mother Aguias

The Fence 14

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Go Larry in
wagon - begging
or getting pupils?

The iron fence

+

First property purchased is now covered
by the building. Additional down to the
railroad in 1910 by M. M. Macreta 25-

275 Marriage - Gladys Burns
(Who is Florence Hayes)

See others on Pupils Who - Dictionary

Mr. Beraph. summoned to
Toronto, no permission
to build, gave no help.

~~Reserve Misunderstanding~~

MONDAY, MAY 8

Mr. Beraph. vision
Wrote 275- to borrow 50,000
& put up 2nd half of building

How did we get the iron fence around the convent?
When ~~When~~ Mr. Dunne (not M. M. Agnina's relative) became
mayor of Chicago, he broke up ~~the~~ horse race course.
The fence around it was put up for sale at a dollar
per running foot. Much of it had been sold for
that price when a friend advised them to wait
for some time. The ⁿsuperior took the advice and
after some time procured 400 feet at fifty cents a foot.
Our janitor painted it and it looked perfectly new.

New Half of Building

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Time of putting up
new wing.

The Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary was founded in 1609 by Mary Ward, an English noble woman and pioneer foundress of un-cloistered communities. With the view of maintaining the Catholic faith in England during the Protestant Revolt, she established convents on the continent where English women could be trained and the Catholic heritage preserved. Today convents in Asia, Africa, Europe and South America are living testimonials of the success of her projects.

In response to an invitation from Rt. Rev. Dr. Power, Bishop of Toronto, the first foundation was made in North America in 1847. It was in Bishop Power's diocese that five sisters from Loretto Abbey, Rathfarnham Ireland established the first house of the I. B. V. M. on American soil.

From 1849 to 1889 Reverend Mother Teresa Dease labored indefatigably to extend the work of the Institute. Her successors with equal zeal, have continued the policy of expansion and today Branch Houses are established throughout the Provinces of Ontario and Saskatchewan, and the states of California, Arizona, Michigan, Illinois and New Jersey.

In 1905 the nuns first came to Woodlawn. After the usual trials and difficulties land was purchased and the present Loretto Academy erected. The school was officially opened January 6, 1906.

In the first years of its existence the Academy was a boarding school for girls both on the elementary and secondary planes. Urgent requests for admission and a swelling enrollment necessitated the conversion of the boarding school to a school for day scholars only. In 1926 a new wing, complete with a spacious gymnasium, inviting cafeteria, and well-equipped library and classrooms was added.

Although the appearance of the building changed, the Academy to this day continues its aim--the training of girls to take their places as Christian women in society. Towards the fulfillment of this objective the Academy offers excellent advantages in College Preparatory Courses, Commercial Training and Home Economics. Extra-curricular activities aim at developing a full personality, by providing opportunities in Musical Training, Dramatic Art, Journalism and Physical Education.

The Academy is accredited by the Illinois Department of Education, the North Central Association and the Catholic University of America.

In Chicago today two high schools and four parochial schools conducted by the Religious of the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary train more than twenty-five hundred youths to become citizens of tomorrow.

New Half of Building

Time of putting up
new thing.

All the blue prints to try to
get top story corresponding to old
building. Cost too great.

Turning sod for new building 1927

The night of the day they broke
through the walls between the old
and new. Asked for police
protection

The fire.

Geometry class 1 hr. waiting to be
cafeteria.

4)

parquet floor

The new wing, with its fine
modern gym. was built in
1927 the first sod being turned
in ^{the month of} April. It was built by our
good friend Mr. Winn Lynch whose
only daughter Betty Ann was ^{educated} in our
school.

(over)

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discovered before burning alley.
found a small strip belonged to us
that we had not claimed. Moves
to include it.
get more. Get advice from Mr. Lynch.
sell to council.

The make-shift cafeteria in
room east of back door and west of
laundry. Pupils filed in for their food
the out to the recreation room directly
across the hall, where they sat on
benches or chairs. We had no trays
or ~~now~~ no tables. Sr. Francesca
Barrett did the cooking and serving.

New building ^{started apr. 27} 1927? Sept. '27 began to use
Graduations in gym till — ask m. m. &

In this season when gym came — intersch games

Changes in old building when new was
added, recreation room, ref, kitchen, sararium

Put Change
of library here.
when new half
was going up,
leave came from
Rome for Am.
Br. Nov.

American Novitiate ¹⁵

Permission for an Am. nov. applied for from Rome. Answer not here when M. Gen. Patch. began a search for a

at "The Sag^{Bridge}" for a few minutes to talk with Fr. Garrity, an elderly priest, formerly curate at St. Bernard's and staunch friend of Loretto. He was ^{suppermost, & meliana Woodlawn} ~~at "The Sag Bridge"~~ the name most common ^{place a} ~~by used, they found nothing but one old~~ ^{they stopped} stone house, ~~in~~ badly in need of repair, ^{and with a basement full of water. The view of the landscape, however, was} ~~find a building adequate for purpose.~~ ^{superbe. It was beautiful. rolling} ~~Country, without a human habitation in~~ ^{permis-} sight. Nothing came of the trip. M. Gen's idea ^{Tested} ~~was to get a place where there was a habitable~~ ^{being the} building ^{already.}

M. M. St.
M. Stas
Moved
No Pastor
Nov. 9
at De.

strange to send message that way.

New building in process of erection at the time.

(Place above 1st item here)

When 1st postulants came to Woodlawn
1939

~~Handwritten text~~
Pine of the ... 15

Here is a question put to me: Why did you purchase the other piece of property stretching to the railroad? I went up to see His Grace, Archbishop Quigley, to say that I was to return to Canada and give him an account of my term in his diocese. M. M. Febronia was my companion. Among other things, he enquired if we had purchased the property in question and when I said "no" a look of great displeasure came over his face, saying at the same time: "what are you waiting for? the land will be ten dollars more in the foot by next year." Then

I said it was so difficult. This seemed to displease him still more. He replied: "Any bank will take my note." He was determined I would get that piece of property before I'd go. I telegraphed to Toronto what had we better do? When a telegram from Rev. Mother Ignatius Lynn came saying "do just as the Bishop says," I went up to His Grace next day. He called the banker, Mr. O'Connor, telling him to give the money for the purchase. Now this is the piece of property that cost me so much because of all the false statements made about me that too it without leave, etc., etc. Of course poor Rev. Mother's health was in such a condition at the time that it was difficult to get correct statements at times.

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between the house and the railroad. His Grace
desired it, and signed the note.

~~Many motions of the property~~

Silver Jubilee — Golden Jubilee

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¹ ~~Silver~~ ^{Golden} Jubilee ended with Benediction in assembly. ² Opened with High Mass in St. Cyril's Church, Mass was sung by H. S. girls. Sermon by Fr. Canisius A. Carr.



The Silver Jubilee OF *Loretto Academy, Woodlawn, Chicago*

By MOTHER M. JEROME, I.B.V.M.

On December 8th, 1905, Reverend Father Cyril Kehoe, O.Carm., said the first Mass at Loretto Academy, Woodlawn. Reverend Father Leo Walter, O.Carm., who said the Jubilee Mass on December 8th, 1930, served this first Mass twenty-five years ago.

Gaudete! Gaudete!
Peal clear, ye silvery chimes to-day,
'Tis Jubilee!

Loretto! Loretto!
High beat our happy hearts this day
For thee, for thee.

Venite! Venite!
Come all your homage due to pay,
Haste ye! Haste ye!

Matronae! Puellae!
Twine ye your silver wreaths to-day
In Jubilee!

Beloved! Beloved!
Thy children sing with joy to-day
Thy Jubilee!

Loretto! Loretto!
Love's libation we pour to-day
To thee! To thee!

Gaudete! Gaudete!
Loretto's brow we crown to-day—
Her Jubilee!



SILVER JUBILEE AT LORETTO, WOODLAWN

The Feast of our Immaculate Mother was this year a day of more than usual rejoicing for Loretto, Woodlawn—her day of Silver Jubilee.

On Friday, December fifth, the pupils had given a charming little program, in anticipation of the great event, at which Reverend Mother General Pulcheria and Mother Blandina were present.

On Sunday afternoon the Alumnae assembled from near and far to offer homage to their loved Alma Mater, Miss Antoinette de Roulet reading an address of congratulation. Very Reverend Father Lawrence, O.Carm., Provincial, and Reverend Father Basil, O.Carm., Pastor of St. Cyril's Church, honoured the occasion by being present, and at the end of the program Very Reverend Father Lawrence spoke briefly in his own happy style.

But the central feature of our celebration on Monday, December eighth, was the grand Solemn High Mass according to the ancient and beautiful Rite of Carmel. It was like a glimpse into the Court of Heaven with Mary's chosen children doing homage to her Divine Son in the presence of His Holy Mother. The singing, in accordance with the "Motu Proprio" of the sainted Pontiff, Pius X., was all even he could have desired. The sermon was delivered by Reverend Martin O'Donnell, O. Carm., whose "White Friars' Mantle" gave a mediaeval touch. The Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament was a beautiful sequel to the sacred ceremonies of the morning.

The remainder of the day was spent in joyful family reunion, the nuns from Englewood Loretto, from St. Bride's and from the Branch Novitiate, coming to add their geniality to our

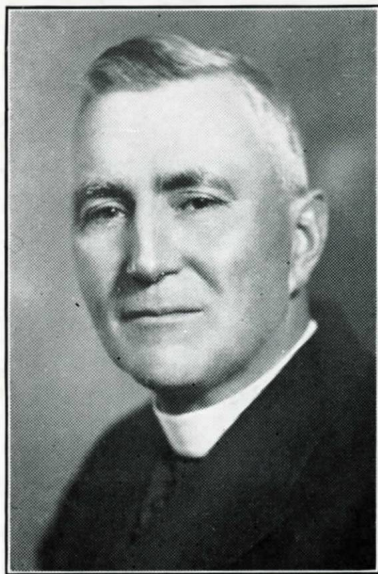
happy celebration, in which we did not fail to put in practice the injunction of our beloved Mother Foundress, Mary Ward: "Be merry, in these days mirth is next to godliness!" The Jubilee proper was followed by the devotion of the Forty Hours which we trust drew us closer to Jesus Christ our King.

Miss de Roulet's congratulatory address was as follows:

Reverend Fathers, Reverend Mother General, Mother St. Edmund, Ladies of Loretto, Loretto Alumnae and Friends:

Twenty-five years ago, tomorrow, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Reverend Father Cyril Kehoe said the first Mass at Loretto Academy, Woodlawn, in the chapel upstairs. Father Kehoe, whom the older members of the Alumnae will remember, had been instrumental in the founding of Loretto, Woodlawn. In 1904 he was prior of the Carmelite Monastery of St. Cyril, and knowing and valuing the work of the Ladies of Loretto, who had been his boyhood teachers in Canada, he urged Mother Seraphina, then Superior of Loretto, Englewood, to open an Academy in the Carmelite Parish.

On the advice of Archbishop Quigley, it was decided to accede to Father Kehoe's suggestion, and on March 25, 1905, the first sod was cut in the form of a cross, and turned by Reverend Father Murray of St. Bernard's, in whose parish the Ladies of Loretto were already established. The corner-stone was laid on May 17, 1905, by Father Kehoe, assisted by Father Cyril Feehan, then Pastor of St. Cyril's, and by Msgr. Quille, who was for many years afterwards associated with the Newsboys' Home and



REVEREND EDWARD KELLY, P.P.

Congratulations to a valued friend, Reverend Edward Kelly, P.P. whose Silver Jubilee of Ordination, on Nov. 4th, was an occasion of rejoicing to clergy, parishioners and friends.

the Mission of Our Lady of Mercy, but then an assistant at St. Bernard's Church.

The Classes of Loretto Academy, Woodlawn, were opened on January 6, 1906—and it is curiously appropriate that on the Feast of the Three Kings, observed by many peoples as a day of gift-giving, the Ladies of Loretto should have inaugurated their great work of giving a Catholic education to the girls and young women of Woodlawn.

His Grace, the late Archbishop Quigley, dedicated the Academy on May 20, 1906, and the first class graduated in June, 1909.

Seven years later, in June, 1916, His Eminence, Cardinal Mundelein, conferred the graduating honours on the Class of 1916, the first class of young ladies in Chicago whose graduation was honored by the presence of the new Archbishop.

Since the foundation of Loretto, Woodlawn, the new parochial schools of St. Cyril and St. Bride have been established, with the Ladies of Loretto as the teachers.

These facts are all interesting, not only to us who love Loretto, but also in the history of the Catholic Church in Chicago, bringing into focus, as it were, the relation between what has been one of the pioneer teaching orders—the Ladies of Loretto—and an Archdiocese that is one of the most thriving centers of Catholicity in the world to-day.

Loretto, Woodlawn, however, means something more personal, to every one of us: the memories of old, happy days, the reminiscences of which seem to begin whenever two or three Loretto girls get together; the influence and example of the nuns, as well as their teaching, not only of the Faith, but of all ways of high thinking and gentle living; the pleasant associations and tender memories that cluster about the very name "Loretto," yet can hardly be put into words—all this Loretto, Woodlawn, is, not only to the Alumnae, but even to many of our former companions who were in the school only for a short time.

To us all, Loretto, Woodlawn, was always "the Convent," and the Ladies of Loretto were always "the nuns." Other convents and other orders with which we might be acquainted were referred to by name, but if you heard Loretto girls speak of "the Convent" and "the Nuns," you could be sure that they referred to Loretto—doubtless because Loretto represented our ideas and our ideal of the Convent.

It is, therefore, to the Convent and the Nuns that we wish to express our love, our loyalty, and our gratitude, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Loretto Academy, Woodlawn.

LORETTO



RAINBOW

Earth's noblest thing—a woman perfected.

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Golden Jubilee of Pope Pius the Eleventh

By REVEREND JAMES B. DOLLARD, Litt.D.

Our homage and our love go out to thee,
Great Pope that sittest on St. Peter's Throne,
Where the Most High hath placed thee all
alone,

Smiling to hear the chants of Jubilee
That fill the earth and skies, for this glad year
When all thy people join in festive cheer,
Praying thy life may long and happy be!

"VIVA IL PAPA RE!" Eternal Rome
Delirious shouts, and myriad bells acclaim,
"Their thunder rolling from the Vatican!"

Lo! 'tis the Great White Shepherd — he has
come

To bless the Earth in gentle Jesu's Name—
Glory to God, and Jubilee to man!

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF OUR HOLY FATHER POPE PIUS THE ELEVENTH

By REVEREND JAMES B. DOLLARD, Litt.D.

This year is the Golden Jubilee Year of the Sacerdotal Ordination of our Holy Father the Pope. On December 20th of the present year the Pope will have been a priest for fifty years! Fifty years is a long life-time, but fifty years spent among the labours and toils and sacrifices of the priesthood—what shall we say of that glorious span? What glory has been offered to God! What an immensity of good works has been accomplished! Is it any wonder that the Catholic people all over the world rejoice? Is it any wonder that the Church has decreed feasts and jubileations? How many lofty “Te Deums” will arise to Heaven from the grand and immemorial cathedrals of Christendom! And our illustrious Holy Father is worthy of it all. His has been a life of constant zeal and of energetic striving in the vineyard of the Lord.

This is the Supreme Pontiff who was destined by God to put an end to the sixty years conflict between the Vatican and the Quirinal. When the articles of agreement were signed a prayer of joy and thanksgiving went up from all the Catholic world. The unbelievable had become fact. Two powerful minds, that of Pius XI, and that of Premier Mussolini, acting together, had accomplished what seemed to be the impossible.

The wondrous event took hold on the minds and imaginations of men, so much so that many acute observers predict that the title awarded to the illustrious Hildebrand will also come by

popular vote to the present Father of the Faithful, and he will go down the centuries on History's pages as “POPE PIUS THE GREAT!”

The festivities and the special rites of the Jubilee Year were formally ushered in on Friday, December 20th, 1928; and the first to send glad greetings to His Holiness were the people of Milan, of which city he was Archbishop at the time of his election to the Papal tiara. At Christmas, and on January 5th, the Sacred College of Cardinals and the nobility of Rome offered to Pope Pius their filial homage and their loyal love and duty, on his Sacerdotal Jubilee. All during the year the sacred festivities will be continued.

Rome the Eternal, will be continually *en-fête* and the church bells will ring out their glad pealings, announcing the countless solemn votive Masses of commemoration. From over the entire world throngs of pilgrims, and diocesan delegations, will crowd on to Rome to offer their congratulations to the Vicar of Jesus Christ. Truly it will be a happy year, an augury of the future glories and triumphs of Holy Church.

Happy indeed, to-day, is that Church which has for head and leader a man with the great and varied qualities and talents of our present Pope. He is a great Churchman, for nobody could handle as well as he has done the vast and difficult questions of ecclesiastical policy and procedure that have emerged in his time. He is a great diplomat, for no man could have

CARDINAL MERRY DEL VAL.

The Jubilee of his Eminence Cardinal Merry Del Val, besides being an occasion of rejoicing to the entire Catholic world, has a special significance for the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Cardinal Protector he is.

Before his elevation to the Cardinalate, His Eminence was sent to Canada in 1897 as Papal Nuncio, by Pope Leo XIII, to investigate the Manitoba school question, in the settling of which he played an important part. In 1904 he was raised to the Cardinalate only four years after he had been consecrated Bishop, and while he was still a comparatively young man.

During a brilliant career, His Eminence has taken a leading part in Church administration, being prominent in nine different congrega-

tions. He was Papal Secretary of State during the reign of Pope Pius X, whose personal friend he was, and later Archpriest of St. Peter's. He has also acted as personal representative of the Holy Father on many important diplomatic missions.

The Cardinal's outstanding qualities of mind and his brilliant achievements have led to the establishment of his reputation as one of the greatest intellects in the Church to-day. His Eminence has also gained considerable fame as a musician, and has composed some excellent Church music. In 1925 the Episcopal Silver Jubilee of His Eminence was celebrated at St. Peter's, to be followed this year by his Silver Jubilee as a Cardinal.

Mary Fitzpatrick, 3TO.

Carbon of copy sent to Sr St Martha for one of the Sisters who wished a copy.

Rev. Fathers, Rev. Mother General, Mother St Edmund, Ladies of Loretto, Loretto Alumnae, and Friends:

Twenty five years ago, tomorrow, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Father Cyril Kehoe said the first Mass at Loretto Academy, Woodlawn, in the chapel upstairs. Father Kehoe, whom the older members of the Alumnae will remember, had been instrumental in the founding of Loretto, Woodlawn. In 1904 he was prior of the Carmelite Monastery of St Cyril, and knowing and valuing the work of the Ladies of Loretto, who had been his boyhood teachers in Canada, he urged Mother Seraphina, then Superior of Loretto, Englewood, to open an Academy in the Carmelite Parish.

On the advice of Archbishop Quigley, it was decided to accede to Father Kehoe's suggestion, and on March 25, 1905, the first sod was cut in the form of a cross, and turned by Father Murray of St Bernard's, in whose Parish the Ladies of Loretto were already established. The cornerstone was laid on May 17, 1905 by Father Kehoe, assisted by Father Cyril Feehan, then Pastor of St Cyril's, and by Msgr Quillæ, for many years associated with the Newsboys' Home and the Mission of Our Lady of Mercy, but then an assistant at St Bernard's Church.

The Classes of Loretto, Academy, Woodlawn, were opened on January 6, 1906 -- and it is curiously appropriate that on the Feast of the Three Kings, observed by many peoples as a day of gift giving, that the Ladies of Loretto should have inaugurated their great work of giving a Catholic education to the girls and young women of Woodlawn.

His Grace, the late Archbishop Quigley, dedicated the Academy on

May 20, 1906, and the first class graduated in June, 1909.

Seven years later, in June 1916, His Eminence, Cardinal Mundelein, conferred the graduating honors on the Class of 1916, the first class of young ladies in Chicago whose graduation was honored by the presence of the new Archbishop.

Since the foundation of Loretto, Woodlawn, the new parochial schools of St Cyril and St Bride have been established, with the Ladies of Loretto as the teachers.

These facts are all interesting, not only to us who love Loretto, but also in the history of the Catholic Church in Chicago, bringing into focus, as it were, the relation between what has been one of the pioneer teaching orders -- the Ladies of Loretto -- and an Archdiocese that is one of the most thriving centers of Catholicity in the world today.

Loretto, Woodlawn, however, means something more personal, to every one of us. The memories of old, happy, days, the reminiscences of which seem to begin whenever two or three Loretto girls get together, the influence and example of the nuns, as well as their teaching not only of the Faith but of all ways of high thinking and gentle living, and tender memories the pleasant associations that cluster about the very name "Loretto", yet can hardly be put into words -- all this Loretto, Woodlawn is, not only to the Alumnae, but even to many of our former companions who were in the school only for a short time.

To us all, Loretto, Woodlawn was always "the Convent", and the Ladies of Loretto were always "the Nuns". Other Convents and other Orders with which we might be acquainted were referred to by name, but if you heard Loretto girls speak of "the Convent" and "the Nuns", you could be sure that they referred to Loretto-- doubtless because Loretto represented our idea and our ideal of the Convent.

It is, therefore, to the Convent and the Nuns that we wish to express our love, our loyalty, and our gratitude, on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of Loretto Academy, Woodlawn.

Silver Jubilee

Tribute given by

Miss Antoinette de Roulet

alumna

IBVM Archives

much Later Years

now - many of our dreams have
 come true - gym. track.
 glee club - scholarships.
 our school and to some extent
 influx of negroes.

Small school, personal contact -
 when daughters came special had
 changed

Wednesday Jan 25 in H. Sch.

Br. Donther of Little
 Co. nursed back - M. M.
 Wilson (1st) M. M. Alfred
 Became "one of us"

First Year Book, 1939

Father Leo O'Casey.
 then Provincial
 said: Do you see that
 ship out of Mich. Michael's
 wing? I did it when we were
 helping around in the beginni
 The wings were on the
 floor & I just a
 frater, stepped
 on it.

(over)

Early Years After M. St. Edmund

subject of play
when Archb. Mundelin
came?
The Church?

Speakers at closings:

Fr. Hilary

Judge McGarity

arch, later

Card Stritch spoke at one of graduations in gym

Bishop Kiel talked to
pupils in assembly

M. St. Edmund
sup. Canisa mistress
play The Church

Card. Mundelin present
in parlors 1st Commencement (attended)
~~(8000)~~

~~H. Leo established~~
~~Passion Crusade~~
~~in this house~~

~~Brought blessings~~
~~to house, increase~~
~~pupils, full boarding~~
~~sch. 484 minimis~~

+

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Late - Prior to 1950

St. Adrian's
departure -
date? - '49

VI

5) The aim of education at Trails
has ever been: To develop
intelligent, spiritually-vigorous,
cultured, healthy, vocationally-
prepared, social-minded
American Catholics.

Bish Wagner's informal visit

Small classes endeared themselves
to the men. When these girls'
daughters came to S. A. C. they ex-
pected the same relations but the
members had changed the spirit.
They were disappointed.

Picnics and Summer Homes

marrycliffe 1955

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Picnics

Forest Preserves

Conn. Kelly's
B. Haulon's
Wade's

Nuns helped
Hotel Dieu nuns
to pick tomatoes
at Palos Pk. Brought
home some.

1st summer home near Orland Pk.
Fr. Garrity came for Mass in our dining room.
A quaint old Irishman about whom many
funny tales were told by M. M. Enckiana,
and M. St. Rague and others who had lived
at Englewood in his time.
"Dootsy" his dick on our table. Mosquitoes
Daily visitors, old lady, store out of gear

Fox Lake - Fred Lundin's ^{politition}
10 days. Xmas '38 or '39 ^{hosting party, Mass,}
breakfast in school hall

What did we do on Sunday? Fr. Garrity

Summer Homes

Peter Fote Grand Beach

2 wks. 1938 to ~~1940~~

over son,
Nicholas Bowling - older
man Orland Park

ask M. M. Teresa

Mr. S.
Mr. ^{mother in law}
Lawler wife
one of the prizes ⁱⁿ being
offered for originality
over 2 yrs.

⁺
Pyrite and Graphite Distinction 20

Betty Lou Taylor TV

Wester - scholarships to St. Louis S & G.
Own little theater. Major in drama & art
in Chicago telecasting

Betty Boyd got P.H.D. - Cath U. phys &
works for government

Catherine Murphy finished Mordelini
last June - Outstanding scholar

Gladys Burns (mother died: Wished a quick wedding)

Marriage — Florence Hayes (love of the school)

Baptism — Miss Teresa(?) Meyers

First Communion — Pat Herriott — Fr. Theodore Hatten said the Mass.
Pat had breakfast with him

Barbara McFee (Barbara's older sister)

Four Carsons all together.
The woman who got her faith in our Chapel.

Outstanding — Pat Shea — president of her class at Normal
Did considerable "cell work" there.
Helen Brennan —

Vocal music — S. Bradbeck

Art — Both McGinnis girls

Nursing —

Teaching —

Domestic —

Mothers —

Physicist — Betty Boyd

Chemist — Cecelia Pearson

Singer — Barbara Walter

Librarian (Cath) Antoinette de Paulek

Armed Forces — Clara O'Rourke

— Helen and Conarik
Margaret "

Miss Helen Bird, the only pupil in 4th year, graduated with a high standing and passed the Normal Entrance examinations.

Great care was taken to establish among the children the devotions of the Blessed Virgin for High School, the Holy Angels for the grades and the Infant Jesus for the minimas. Later the Sacred Heart League and Mission Crusade.

The boarding school flourished, reaching maximum capacity in 1920:40. (20 minimas and 20 teenagers).