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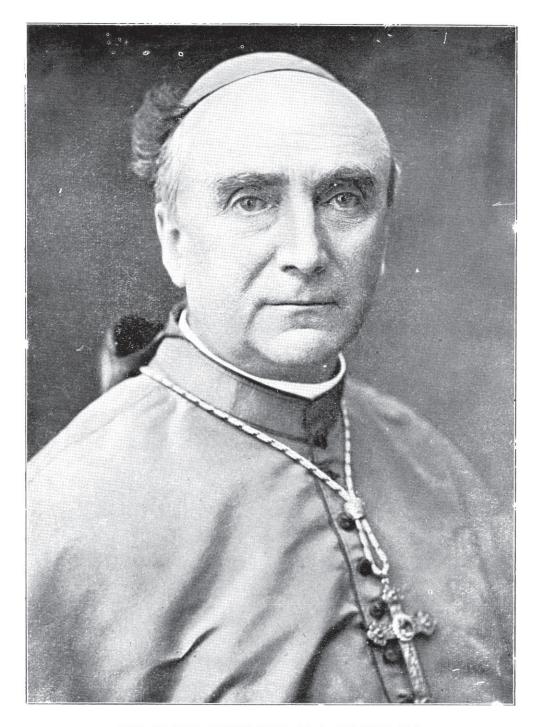


DEDICATION

To Our Revered Archbishop

This "SILVER JUBILEE SOUVENIR" of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital is lovingly and respectfully dedicated

This unpretentious Booklet has a dual mission — the Commemoration of an outstanding event — The Silver Jubilee of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital and a Tribute of undying gratitude to His Grace, the Archbishop who, by a happy coincidence, this year also celebrates his Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee. Due to His Grace's unflagging zeal and constant interest, the Hospital stands today as one of the many splendid monuments erected during his Episcopate.



HIS GRACE, MOST REV. E. P. ROCHE, D.D. Archbishop of St. John's

Golden Jubilarian

June 24, 1947

Extract from Sermon delivered by

His Grace, the Archbishop

at the opening of ST. CLARE'S MERCY HOSPITAL May 21st., 1922

"We have long had it in view to open a Hospital under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy. Up to the present the obstacles have been insurmountable, and even as it is we are beginning the work in the face of great difficulties — difficulties from which we might well shrink if the enterprise were merely a human one. The work, however, is something more than this; it is a work very near to the heart of the Church, some of whose highest and noblest endeavours have been always directed to the alleviation of human suffering. It was with that end in view that many of the Church's great Religious Orders were founded, and one of the most important works of the Sisters of Mercy, according to their Institute, is the care of sick in hospitals. Their hospitals are famed on both sides of the Atlantic, and their Sisters rank with the Sisters of Charity in their ministration to the sick and suffering. We feel that this work, so eminently in harmony with the spirit of their Order, will grow and prosper."



ORIGINAL ST. CLARE'S, 1922--1939



ST. CLARE'S OF TO-DAY

HISTORY OF ST. CLARE'S

The original idea of a Home for Working Girls, conducted by Religious, was conceived in the mind of Sister Mary Clare English, a member of the Presentation Order at Cathedral Square, and a former pupil of the Sisters of Mercy, Military Road. In various ways she managed to collect a sum of money for this deserving cause. Besides donations from friends at home and abroad, substantial amounts were realized by the sale of knitted articles made under her direction in the school, from entertainments and from the sale of cancelled stamps. The largest contribution, however, was obtained from the sale of a Rosary made of gold nuggets brought to Sister Clare by a Mr. James Funchion, a miner from Klondyke who was returning to his home in St. John's. The sale of this Rosary to the Knights of Columbus, through the Supreme Knight, Mr. James A. Flaherty, realized the sum of one thousand dollars. The Rosary was presented by the Knights of Columbus to His Eminence the late Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore, on the occasion of his Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee.

After the death of Sister M. Clare in 1912, the late Archbishop Howley purchased with the funds collected the residence of Honourable E. M. Jackman on LeMarchant Road, known as the "White House." On the Feast of St. Michael, September 29th, 1913, the "Home" was formally opened and blessed, Mass being celebrated by the Archbishop. As requested by Sister Clare, it was placed under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy, the first Superior being Mother M. Pius Mulcahy.

After a fair trial this Institution was found to be unsatisfactory as a home for working girls, and the need for a Catholic Hospital being considered more urgent and important, the present Archbishop sent Sisters to Mercy Hospital, Baltimore, to take courses in Nursing. On the completion of her training Sr. M. Bernard Gladney, the first member of a religious order to undertake nursing in Newfoundland, became the Superintendent of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, which was opened by His Grace on May 21st, 1922. Owing to ill health, Sr. M. Bernard was obliged to resign after one year, when Sr. M. Aloysius Rawlins was appointed Superior, with Sr. M. Teresita McNamee of Baltimore as Directress of Nursing Services. When after two years the latter returned to Baltimore, her place was filled by Miss M. O'Connor of St. Vincent's Hospital, New York, until September, 1926, when Srs. M. Stanislaus Parsons and Joseph Byrne returned from Mercy Hospital, Baltimore. The next Sisters to train were Srs. M. Loretta McIsaac and Magdalene Baker, both of whom, in addition to the ordinary course of nursing, had post graduate training, the former in Anesthesia and the latter in X-Ray technique. Subsequently Srs. M. Aloysius Rawlins and St. Joan McDonnell received their training at Mercy Hospital.

On the opening day Mass was celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop who invoked God's blessing on the new undertaking. It was a very small beginning, the Hospital being only of twenty-bed capacity — the veritable "Acorn", which, in recent years, has developed into the "Giant Oak."

A small extension was later added, but as time went on it was evident that to meet the pressing needs of the Catholic community, a much larger structure must be provided. In 1937 His Grace arranged with the Firm of Delano and Aldrich, Architects of New York, to have plans prepared for the erection of a modern building of one hundred beds. The work was begun on May 20th, 1938, under the capable direction of Mr. E. C. Fox of the Stewart Construction Company of New York, and so rapidly did it progress that on October 29th, 1939, Feast of Christ the King, the present St. Clare's Mercy Hospital was formally opened with the celebration of Mass and blessing of the building by His Grace.

The new five-story, fireproof building of reinforced concrete is up-to-date in every particular. Well-furnished private and semi-private rooms and small wards provide restful accommodation for patients. A Surgical unit on the third floor consists of two large operating rooms, a sterilizing room, work room and doctors' dressing room. The Obstetrical department, with its attractive nursery, formula room and operating suite; the extensive X-ray and Physiotherapy departments—all have the most modern equipment to secure speedy and efficient service. On November 15th, 1939, the first patient was transferred from the "Old Hospital" to the "New."

With the rapid growth of the Hospital the nursing staff and student hody also increased, so it was necessary to purchase the two adjoining dwellings west of the building; these were remodelled to provide dining rooms and sleeping apartments to meet the requirements. The Laundry was also found to be inadequate to meet the needs of the Hospital and in May 1946 a building was begun which will contain a central heating unit and a larger laundry. This building is now nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Each year brings greater demands for accommodation, a problem which, at times, is solved with great difficulty. A pressing need at the moment also is a Chapel in keeping with the Hospital and large enough to accommodate Sisters, Nursing Staff, non-professional personnel and convalescent patients.

This year also marks, not only the Silver Jubilee of St. Clare's but also the Sacerdotal Golden Jubilee of His Grace the Archbishop—the only Prelate in the Archdiocese to attain the Golden Milestone. To commemorate the latter "Great Event," the Catholic citizens of the Island are planning the erection of a beautiful new Chapel and additional facilities to the Hospital, feeling that nothing would be more pleasing and acceptable, as a Golden Jubilee Gift, to their beloved Archbishop.

The History of St. Clare's would certainly be incomplete without a grateful tribute to the Sisters of Mercy of the Province of Maryland, U.S.A., who, in the early years of the Hospital, so generously gave the services of one of their most efficient nurses during the period of training of our own Sisters. Mother Mary Carmelita, the first Superior General of the American Sisters of Mercy, and her esteemed community have preserved throughout the years the deepest interest in everything connected with St. Clare's. A bond of friendship has been formed between the two Communities which, we pray, may continue as time goes on.

We close this chapter of the first quarter of a century of the history of St. Clare's with a fervent expression of gratitude to God for the many favours bestowed, and we invoke His blessing on every phase of its work in the future.



HIS EXCELLENCY, MOST REV. T. J. FLYNN, D.D. Coadjutor Archbishop of St. John's

GREETINGS to

HIS GRACE, THE ARCHBISHOP

on the occasion of HIS SACERDOTAL GOLDEN JUBILEE

We, the Nurses of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, extend happy greetings to Your Grace on the occasion of your Golden Jubilee of Priesthood, which coincides with the Silver Jubilee of this Hospital which you founded. The double feast is to us a reason for particular joy.

Fifty years have passed since your priestly hands were anointed with the holy oils to do the work of Christ, and twenty-five since they opened the doors of St. Clare's. Because of the coincidence, we feel that we somehow share in your Jubilee. Indeed, Your Grace has decided that your Jubilee be officially marked by the erection of an addition to the Hospital.

The care of the sick is surely the work of Christ, a work dear to the heart of the Great Healer. So when the plenitude of the Priesthood made you Christ complete thirty-two years ago, one of your first plans, which you very soon brought to fulfilment, was the opening of a Catholic Hospital. And now for twenty-five years you have not relaxed your care and vigilance over this haven for the sick. You have not ceased to extend and improve its facilities, and to see that the Nurses of St. Clare's receive the best possible training and preparation.

This deep interest taken by Your Grace in the work of the Hospital, despite your manifold other cares and occupations, impresses upon us how important is our vocation in the eyes of the Church. The Church of Christ reaches into every sphere of human activity to bless and sanctify, but she looks upon the care of the sick as her particular charge. The Medical and Nursing profession developed and flourished under her maternal guidance, and today it must not be withdrawn from her influence. We know that evil have been the consequences where this has happened. Where there is no Christian inspiration, no code of medical ethics in hospital work, untold harm is done to bodies and to souls. There must be Catholic Hospitals and Catholic Nurses if the true grandeur of the medical profession is to be preserved.

That is why, Your Grace, we consider that one of the greatest achievements among the many in your fifty years of Priesthood and thirty-two years in the Archiepiscopate, is the founding and developing of St. Clare's; and we thank God for it today. We are grateful to you for the opportunities we enjoy. We are proud to be the Nurses of St. Clare's; and we are especially happy to be associated with the Hospital at this time of historic significance.

Your Grace, we pay respectful but very warm tribute to you, and we pray that your mature wisdom and fatherly concern may long bless and foster this Hospital and this Archdiocese.



SENIORS, 1947



ENTIRE STUDENT BODY, 1947

THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

St. Clare's Mercy School of Nursing was organized with the opening of the New Hospital in November, 1939, showing an initial enrolment of nineteen students, Sister Mary Stanislaus being the first Superintendent of Nurses.

Prior to this date, several young ladies had taken up nursing in the old St. Clare's where, due to the size of the Hospital and inadequate teaching facilities, no diplomas were granted, but where, in the meantime, these students had the rare advantage of much individual instruction and supervision. Many of these young ladies went to other hospitals in Canada and the U.S.A. to continue their training and qualify as Registered Nurses. A band of five remained, and, having given several years of excellent service in the small hospital, were privileged on February 19th, 1941, when, at a simple but very impressive Graduation Ceremony in the Hospital Chapel, they received from His Grace, the Archbishop, their diplomas and pins as the first Graduates of St. Clare's. Our second graduation was held in the Auditorium of the College of Our Lady of Mercy on December 21st, 1942. Each succeeding year has seen a group of bright, eager, young graduates go out into the various fields of Nursing activities.

The course of study is completed in three full years including a preliminary period of five months, at the end of which the applicants, if satisfactory, receive the Nurse's cap and bib, which event marks their formal admission into the School as Junior Nurses. During the preliminary training the students are engaged principally in class-work and study of the basic sciences and the introduction to Nursing Arts, spending from two to four hours daily on the Departments for observation and Ward practice. During the Junior and Senior years they are assigned to the different services throughout the hospital where clinical experience is correlated with lectures and class instruction. During the second and third years the Students, in turn, affiliate at the City Mental Hospital, T.B. Sanatorium, and the Hospital for Communicable Diseases, covering a total period of three and a half months for the individual student, as required by the Board of Registration for Nurses in St. John's.

The courses of instruction and the rotation of Students on the various Departments are arranged, as far as possible, in accordance with the requirements of modern standards of Nursing Education. In addition to a staff of qualified Instructors and Supervisors, many of the attending physicians take time from their over-crowded Horarium to lecture to the Students in various branches of Medicine and Surgery.

In the words of our late Holy Father, Pius XI, "Education essentially consists in preparing man for what he must be and for what he must do, here below, in order to attain the sublime end for which he has been created." The preparation of a nurse for what she must be and do is complete only when she has been given ample opportunity to become thoroughly familiar with the Religious Principles on which the care of the sick is based, and from which she acquires a true outlook on life and human beings, so that, while applying technical knowledge and skill in the healing of bodily ills, she may also be a source of spiritual strength to her patients, and may direct the noble work of Nursing towards her own Eternal Goal. With this objective in mind, courses in Religion and Ethics are given yearly to our Junior and Senior nurses respectively.

The Hospital is provided with a Chapel to which the Nurses have access when off duty, and where they may attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

The Catholic Students also have the privilege of becoming members of the Sodality of the Children of Mary which was inaugurated in our School of Nursing on October 13th, 1942, with Reverend C. S. Eagan of St. Patrick's Parish as Director.

Non-Catholic Students are free to arrange for attendance at Services in the City Churches of their respective Denominations.

The Nurses' Residence adjoins the Hospital with a connecting passageway between. A large, three-storey extension was added this year, built on modern lines, providing attractive sleeping apartments consisting of single and double rooms with additional bathrooms. This eliminates the need for a separate dwelling for night Nurses. The Residence also provides Social, Lecture and Reception Rooms.

It is the aim of the School to prepare Nurses who may go into the various fields of Service, well-equipped with technical knowledge and skill linked with a deep spirituality permeating their work and serving as a source of strength and courage to meet the arduous tasks of an exacting Profession.

The School maintains a lively interest in its graduates who are engaged in the Hospitals throughout Newfoundland, in the different Public Health Services, and many in distant lands. That this interest may be fostered, our Alumnae Association was organized, the first meeting being held on April 25th, 1944, with an enrolment, at present, of seventy-two members.



AN APPRECIATION

This little Booklet, which marks the Silver Jubilee of St. Clare's, would not be complete without a special word of appreciation for the Members of the Medical Profession. Since its opening its success has been due, in no small measure, to the unfailing kindness, support and cooperation of the Doctors.

Of those who, with the organizers, turned the first sod and ploughed the first difficult furrows, few remain, and to those few a special word of greeting is sent. In the first years of its existence there were times when only the confidence and support of the Medical Profession enabled St. Clare's to carry on.

And so today, on behalf of St. Clare's — the Old and the New — this message of greeting, gratitude and esteem goes forth to the Members of this great Profession.

A GRATEFUL TRIBUTE

Amongst those who offer felicitations to the Sisters of Mercy on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of St. Clare's Mercy Hospital none are prouder or happier than we, the Nurses of St. Clare's, who are a part of that Institution which, with its growth in stature, has also grown deeper into the hearts and affection not only of our Catholic people but of numerous Non-Catholic friends as well.

Although for the greater part of this quarter of a century the Hospital was as a tiny seed, great things have been accomplished within its walls during the entire period; the kind, sympathetic and efficient care, experienced by those who have been patients there, is spoken of throughout the Island.

In offering our joyful greetings and congratulations today, we wish to express our deep gratitude to the Sisters for all that they have been to us. It is because of their understanding, instruction, and guidance that we are prepared to step into the ranks of Professional Women, to take up and carry on the sacred work of Nursing. The example of the Sisters' unselfish devotion to duty has ever been an inspiration to us during our years of training.

Knowing that we may always turn to them for helpful advice and encouragement, we are not afraid to face the greater responsibilities that Graduate Nurses must meet in their various fields of service. We feel that their interest and prayers will continue with us in every sphere of life.

May our loved Alma Mater ever have reason to be proud of her Nurses. May her gentle influence be spread through us, and continue to bring healing and peace to suffering Humanity e'en to the end of Time.



HIS EXCELLENCY, MOST REV. M. F. O'REILLY, D.D. Bishop of St. George's

ALMA MATER

Loved Alma Mater, round thy name,
A laurel wreath is twined
Which years have made of hours well filled,
In service to Mankind.

The years we spend within thy walls,
The lessons therein taught,
All tend towards a noble life
Where self should count as naught.

The passing years may find us far From thee, our erstwhile home, But Time a golden halo weaves, With mem'ries all her own.

Though shadows deep oft cloud our way
With doubts and conflicts new,
Dear Alma Mater, still may we
To thy ideals be true.

- Class of 1947.

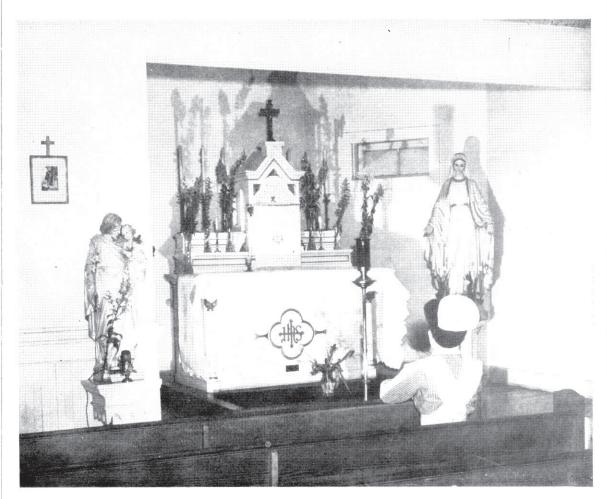


A GRADUATION CEREMONY

LECTURERS

We wish to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to those who have so generously contributed to the instruction of our Nurses.

J. A.	McNamara,	M.D.,	C.M.	An atomy	Ŀ	Physiology
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SANCTUARY OF TEMPORARY CHAPEL

THE NURSE'S VISIT TO THE CHAPEL

The dawn of another morn is here,
And in the Chapel, kneeling there
Close to the Altar where her Jesus dwells,
The Nurse prays silently, and softly tells
Her simple offering of the new-born day.

The Holy Sacrifice begins, and there
She kneels in earnest, suppliant prayer;
Asking for courage and for strength'ning Grace
From One who sweetly bids us place
Our cares on Him — our Life, our Way.

Or when the noonday heat has passed, Or twilight hour brings rest, at last, Gently she steals into His Presence Sweet And humbly places at His Sacred Feet Her gifts of sacrifice and Christ-like Charity.

CARITAS CHRISTI URGET NOS

CARITAS CHRISTI URGET NOS. This is the thought suggested to us as we enter the Classroom where a large picture, the subject of which is expressed in these words, hangs above the Instructor's desk opposite the door. The picture shows a nurse approaching the bedside of a patient, carrying a refreshing drink: her eyes are fixed beyond the patient where she sees a vision of Our Lord, standing beside the bed, casting towards her a loving, grateful glance. In the background is the shadow of the Cross. The original picture was designed and painted by a Sister artist, a Member of the Order of Grey Sisters in Montreal.

"The Charity of Christ presseth us." Simple words, but what a depth of meaning is contained therein. In them we find the motivation for all those acts of charity and self-sacrifice which gild the pages of Nursing History since the advent of Christianity. The first act of Christian nursing service was rendered by the Mother of God when, bearing her Divine Son, she went into the hill country of Judea to visit her Cousin Elizabeth. Throughout His Mortal Life, Christ Himself was our Divine Model of Christian Service as He went about healing the sick, feeding the hungry, instructing the ignorant and comforting the sorrowful.

With such example influencing her daily life, should it be difficult for the Nurse to sanctify her work, to see Christ in every patient? "I was hungry and you gave Me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave Me to drink; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was in prison and you visited Me." As Father Daniel A. Lord, S.J., in an article entitled "The Soul of Nursing," so beautifully expresses: "Christ places Himself in exact identity with the hungry, thirsty, naked, imprisoned. Christ, not the needy, holds out His hand for human help and mercy and ministration. Christ, not the sick, is pulling the light cord, ringing the bell, speaking with querulous voice in the stillness of the ward at night."

Activated by this thought, surely one finds the hours of duty less strenuous, patiently copes with unreasonable demands, and exercises that Christlike kindness which brings such sweet solace to the sick and suffering. The truly Christian Nurse looks beneath the wretched disguise of disease and pain, and sees the Image of Christ in the soul of the sufferer. She knows that beneath her patient's frown lies the Smile of Christ, for has He not said: "As long as you did it to one of these my least Brethren you did it to Me." Her inspiration is, "Caritas Christi urget Nos."

PRAYER FOR A NURSE

OH, MY GOD! I am about to begin the day's work. Teach me to receive the sick in Thy Name. Give to my efforts success, Sweet Jesus, for the glory of Thy Holy Name. It is Thy work; without Thee I cannot succeed. Grant that the sick Thou hast placed in my care may be abundantly blessed, and not one of them may be lost because of anything that is lacking in me. Help Thou me to overcome every temporal weakness, and strengthen in me whatever may enable me to bring the sunshine of joy to the lives that are gathered round me day by day. Make me beautiful within for the sake of Thy little ones and those lives which will be influenced by them. Amen.



GRADUATES 1941



GRADUATES 1943.



GRADUATES 1945.



GRADUATES 1942



GRADUATES 1944.



GRADUATES 1946.

LIST OF GRADUATES

CLASS OF 1941

Coleman, Lillian B.
Goff, Ethel (Mrs. M. Delahunty)
Hogan, Anne
O Brien, Eileen (Mrs. J. Chandler)
O'Reilly, Mary (Mrs. B. K. Beebe)

CLASS OF 1942

Baird, Elizabeth
Baker, Elizabeth
Crawley, Rita
Curtis, Alice (Mrs. R. Goff)
Fowler, Carmel (Mrs. J. Marshall)
French, Margaret (Mrs. J. Halley)
Gillingham, Rita (Mrs. G. Latreille)
Gough, Patricia (Mrs. C. Martin)
Hennebury, Sister M. Fabian
McKenzie, Grace
Martin, Delia
Martin, Joan (Mrs. J. J. Kennedy)
Norris, Sister M. St. John
Richards, Mary (Mrs. J. Purcell)
Williams, Blanche

CLASS OF 1943

Campbell, Sheila Ann
Collins, Rita (Mrs. J. Jacobs)
Daley, Teresa (Mrs. G. Moulaison)
Galway, Gertrude (Mrs. J. Syrotuck)
Glavine, Mary Margaret
Lannon, Carmel (Mrs. S. Callanan, deceased)
Lawton, Anna
Lawton, Kathleen (Mrs. V. Kershisnik)
O'Grady, Sister M. St. Jude
Terry, Mary

CLASS OF 1944

Connors, Mary Evelyn (Mrs. T. Gibbons)
Jackman, Constance Mary
Kelly, Dorothy Mary
Kemp, Mary Magdalene
Maloney, Mary Julia
Norris, Florence Mary
St. George, Louise Marie
Turpin, Josephine Mary
Wells, Mary Jane
Whiffen, Mary Rita (Mrs. S. Kruper)
Williams, Mary Martina

CLASS OF 1945

Aylward, Anne Theresa Battcock, Mary Ellen (Mrs. R. Tilley) Cahill, Mary Catherine Conway, Kathleen Marie Corbett, Mary Annunciata Corbett, Mary Bertella English, Sadie Assumpta Hennebury, Sister Mary Mark Howell, Sister Mary Aidan Jackman, Isabelle Maria Morrissey, Doris Jean Nolan, Kathleen Teresa O'Reilly, Teresa Mary Power, Sister Mary Calasanctius Power, Jean Berchmans Power, Laura Mary Power, Mary Edith Sutton, Zita Agnes Williams, Ursula Cecilia

CLASS OF 1946

Battcock, Margaret Patricia
Burke, Loretta Raymond
Collins, Mary Esther
Costello, Joan Catherine
Evans, Mary Ann
Gosse, Hilda Gwendolyn
Marie, Mary Ann
Murphy, Catherine Mary
Murphy, Gladys Mary E. (Mrs. C. J. Downey)
Penny, Mary Catherine
Power, Margaret Mary
Simon, Helen Rita
St. John. Mercedes

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF, 1947

Mother M. Benedicta

Religious Superior

Sister M. Aloysius, R.N.

Superintendent of Hospital

Sister M. Bonaventure

Night Superintendent

Sister M. Xaverius, R.N.

Directress of School of Nursing

Sister M. St. Joan, R.N., B.Sc., N.E.

Instructress of Nurses

Supervisors of Departments:

Sister M. St. John, R.N., L.T.

Clinical Laboratory

Sister M. Mark, Assistant

Sister M. Andrea, Dietitian

Dietetics

Sister M. Thomasina, Assistant

Sister M. Joseph, R.N.

Sister M. Aidan, R.N.

Medical & Surgical

Sister M. St. Jude, R.N.

Night Supervisor

Sister M. Calasanctius. R.N.

Obstetrical

Sister M. Loretta, R.N.

Operating Rooms

Assistants:

Miss Margaret Battcock, R.N.

Miss Mary Evans, R.N.

Pediatrics

Sister M. Fabian, R.N.

X-Ray & Physiotherapy

Sister M. Magdalene, R.N.

X-Ray Technician

Assistants:

Sister M. Raphael

Miss Elizabeth Baker, R.N.

Sister Zita

Laundry

Sister M. Carmelita, Accountant

Business Office

Sister M. Vincent, Secretary



JUBILEE GREETINGS

I'm peeping out from 'mong the silvery pages. For quite a while, now, I've been hiding here Within the covers of this little Booklet, Which comes to greet you in this Festive Year.

You know that on its most important Feast Day His Grace's Golden Jubilee is stressed, Whilst our beloved Hospital, in joining Its Silver Festival with his, is blest.

But months ago we heard a secret whisper Of other Jubilees, but little known, A Diamond one—that's Mother Benedicta's— A Silver one for Sister M. St. Joan.

I tried to place a message 'mongst these pages To greet each one upon her Jubilee Day; But Sister said "Now don't be such a bother" And Mother said "Dear child, just run away."

The little book was lying there before me.
"I'm very small," I thought, "or so they say,
And just a 'probe' and so they'll never miss me."
I crept inside and hid myself away.

And here I am to tell you all about them.
The first is Sister's, just in mid-July;
And we, her students, send her joyful greeting
And waft, for her, our grateful prayers on high.

Mother Superior's comes late in the Autumn, And for her Diamond Jubilee we pray That God with choicest blessings all her goodness To us, her grateful children, will repay.

And now that I have said my word of greeting, I'll say goodbye. But, just a minute, please! I think our Alma Mater will forgive me For naming this her "Year of Jubilees."

