

Documenting the legacy and contribution of the Congregations of Religious Women in Canada, their mission in health care, and the founding and operation of Catholic hospitals.

Projet de la Grande Histoire des hôpitaux catholiques au Canada

Retracer l'héritage et la contribution des congrégations de religieuses au Canada, leur mission en matière

Regina Grey Nuns Hospital 1907-1957

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Golden Jubilee

1907 - 1957 Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital

A Half Century of Service

to Humanity

Here was raised "a monument more enduring than brass and loftier than the pyramid of kings; a monument which shall not be destroyed by the consuming rain, nor by the mad rage of the north wind, nor by the countless years and the flight of ages."

- HORACE





LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR'S OFFICE HOTEL SASKATCHEWAN REGINA, SASK.

"Fifty Years of Service" might very properly be the text of any reference to the observance of the Golden Jubilee of the Grey Nuns' Hospital in Regina. For service has been the aim and purpose of the institution from the day of its establishment in very humble and unpretentious quarters a half century ago. Throughout the years that aim and that purpose have continued to be the day-to-day objective. Thousands can bear testimony as to how effectively and efficiently service has been given.

Today the hospital is housed in fine modern buildings, fully equipped to meet every emergency, but it is still operated for the same purpose and with the same ideal for which it was originated—that is, to give the maximum in service to all who come within its care.

The hospital, no doubt, has records of the number of patients who have actually received care and treatment over these fifty years. It can have no record of the many, many thousands of relatives and friends of these patients who are equally appreciative of, and thankful for, the services given.

All of these unite in the observance of this notable and blessed Golden Jubilee, associate themselves in offering a tribute of praise and thankfulness for the care and kindness so cheerfully and unfailingly given over the years, and join with me in praying that Divine Providence will continue to bless and prosper the Grey Nuns and their hospital in Regina over the next half century as in the past.

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Lieutenant Governor of Saskatchewan

PREMIER'S OFFICE

In a province which is only fifty-two years old, any group which has served the community for half a century can be said to have "grown up with Saskatchewan." During the past fifty years the Grey Nuns of Regina have ministered to people of all classes and creeds. No person needing their care has ever been turned away from their door.

Who can measure what half a century of selfless devotion to the care of the sick has meant to the people of Saskatchewan? How many suffering men, women, and children have been nursed back to health and strength? How many more have had their pain alleviated and their last hours on earth made peaceful by the ministrations of the angels of mercy at the Grey Nuns' Hospital?

There are thousands of people who have benefited from their care and kindness. All will want, at this time, to join me in extending their thanks to the "little ladies in grey" to whom they owe so much.

On my own behalf and on behalf of the people and Government of Saskatchewan, I would like to express our gratitude for fifty years of tireless ministry and unremitting toil to the sick and afflicted. As the Regina Grey Nuns begin a second half century of Christian service to the people of Saskatchewan, I trust that God will continue to bless their efforts and make them a blessing to all who are the recipients of their works of mercy.

T. C. Douglas

Premier of Saskatchewan



ARCHDIOCESE OF REGINA CHANCERY OFFICE

The Grey Nuns are no newcomers to Western Canada. Long before the ribboned steel traced a path across the expansive prairies and made the journey one of comparative ease and speed, the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns of Montreal, had established centres of education, mercy, and healing. As early as 1844, four Sisters left Montreal for St. Boniface. It is not easy for us to realize the meaning of that journey, travelling in primitive fashion by cance or rude carts over rough roads. It is sufficient to say that the journey took fifty-nine days. Since then, hundreds of Sisters of this Community have followed in their steps and have dedicated their lives to the service of their fellowmen in many institutions in this land.

In a sense, the foundation in Regina would appear to be that of a late arrival. Comparing it with the history of the province, that is hardly so. The Grey Nuns' Hospital began its work of mercy only two years after the formation of Saskatchewan.

Its history is, therefore, almost coeval with that of the province.

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The curious and uninformed outsider is sometimes prompted to ask: "Why should a group of women voluntarily give their lives to the service of the sick and needy?" They would answer that they have found their inspiration in the life of their Venerable Foundress, Mother d'Youville, who loved Christ in the poor and afflicted and whose love and tenderness were directed towards Him imprisoned in these less fortunate children. They seek no reward other than to be able to serve their Master in similar fashion. They have fully accepted the sublime motto of their Foundress: "The Sisters will be ever ready to undertake all manner of good works which may be placed before them by Divine Providence and approved by Superiors."

In offering my sincere congratulations to the present Superior, Sisters, and staff on the occasion of their Golden Jubilee, I cannot forget those who were the pioneers—the sisters, doctors, nurses, and staff who, over many difficult and trying years, contributed, in a large measure, towards making the hospital one of the most efficient as well as one that is a source of pride to the City of Regina and the Province of Saskatchewan.

I know the spirit of the Foundress still lives. Like a ministering angel with wings outstretched, she is poised over those who dwell within the walls of the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital. And for all she has a blessing.

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Archbishop of Regina

Appreciation

We have mixed feelings of happiness and humility as we enter upon the second half century of healing and helping the sick in the Grey Nuns' Hospital at Regina. We are happy to have been able to serve for fifty years and humbly thank God for allowing us to do so.

The beginnings were not easy. The dedicated Sisters, who were the pioneers in this city, worked tirelessly and built the solid foundation upon which our institution now stands. To them, the city and the province owe a deep debt of gratitude.

A hospital could not render effective service if it did not have a good medical staff. Our thanks go out in a special way to the doctors who, in the past fifty years, have so loyally helped and guided us while bringing relief from suffering to the sick entrusted to our care.

From the time the first patient was admitted to our hospital, we have been blessed and honored by a host of benefactors and friends. To them we give sincere thanks for their help and counsel and guidance. We gratefully acknowledge also the great contribution made by our nursing staff and other staff.

The fifty golden years which have passed make us conscious of the thousands of unnamed individuals who have helped and befriended us in so many ways. We have tried steadfastly to improve not only our building—the bricks and mortar and equipment—but also our service. Our hope for the future is that our accomplishments in the area of service will equal our desire to serve. With God's help and the help and prayers of our friends we shall not fail.

Sister Frene Sopmean, s. g. m.

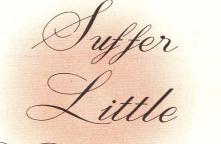
Superior and Administrator

The Ever-Open Door to Dervice

L'Hôpital de Régina a beau briller de tout l'Or de son cinquantenaire, il ne saurait se draper dans son manteau de gloire, sans vous adresser, chers canadiens-français, son témoignage concret d'admiration et de reconnaissance pour le passé, et son message particulier de bienvenue pour l'avenir: "Soyez toujours CHEZ-VOUS chez les Soeurs Grises."











"CHRIST HEALING THE SICK"

Painted by Father H. Metzger and finished, after his death, by Miss N. Szysky In the Hospital's transcribing office



In the delivery room, the age-old miracle of life . . . in the nursery, the drama unfolds . . . about five times a day. Here, since January, 1938, more than 21,700 babies have been given the best possible start in life. There are 11 incubators and 60 bassinets to accommodate newborns who are welcomed and cared for by three registered nurses assisted by seven student nurses and nine nurses' aides.

Children who need medical treatment in hospital during the first 12 years of life will find a real home and companionship in the attractive and comfortable children's ward. There are 50 beds here, and a staff of seven registered nurses, 13 student nurses, and five nurses' aides is on hand to give skilled care and personalized attention. Books, toys, games, radio, television . . . there is something here to interest every child.





Haven of Hope

Any time of the day or night . . . lights on . . . doors open . . . doctors and nurses and other hospital staff waiting to serve you . . . offering you a haven from suffering when you need it. Years ago, a hospital was a place where people went to die. Today they go there to regain health, to rebuild their lives, and to acquire new hope for the future. As this is your temporary home, many comforts are provided to make your stay as pleasant as possible.



Even the public wards, which have four beds or less, provide a maximum of privacy. Books are brought to your bedside from the patients' library. During convalescence, there are sitting rooms, sun porches, and the solarium in which to relax. The latter is equipped with television, radio, record player, magazines, and facilities for pursuing hobbies. And there's the chapel, the heart of the hospital. Healing today involves the spirit and mind as well as the body. This is the concept on which the Grey Nuns base their care of patients.



Public Ward, circa 1923



A Noble Design for Living

The nursing team, an important factor in patient care, comprises many categories of service. In the Grey Nuns' Hospital, there are supervisors, head nurses, general duty nurses, student nurses, nurses' aides, ward aides, and orderlies. The nurses' aides wear a white uniform and white veil, the ward aides a yellow uniform.

Many of the nuns in black and grey habits are qualified nurses; they wear white only when in immediate attendance on the sick.

During the Golden Jubilee celebrations, three nurses who have done institutional nursing for ten vears will be honored: Betty Hailstone, Philomena Geesen, and Mrs. Hilda Munroe.

Every minute of every day and night, the hospital's corps of nurses maintains a continuous watch over the welfare of patients. You will see these women in white on every floor of the hospital and at nurses' stations-highly educated and skilled personnel, many of whom were trained in the hospital's School of Nursing. A constant source of inspiration to them are the white-robed Sister supervisors and other members of the Grey Nuns Community whose lives are consecrated to the alleviation of suffering-lives which are selfless, demanding sacrifice, discipline, and unending courage.





Ichool of Mursing



HISTORIC MILESTONES

- 1907—School of Nursing founded by Sister Cecilia Wagner
- 1909-First graduation-4 graduates
- 1915-First Nurses' Home-bed capacity 40
- 1917—Approval of School by Senate of University of Saskatchewan
- 1925—Alumnae Association started by Mrs. Agnes Tanny
- 1926-Addition to Nurses' Home-bed capacity 40

1929—First Year Book

- 1936-First graduate to obtain a B.Sc. in nursing education
- 1939—First University of Saskatchewan affiliate student nurse
- 1940—Addition of middle wing to Nurses' Home—bed capacity 60 —Addition of two classrooms
- 1944-First affiliation with Fort Sanatorium
- 1945-First Clinical Instructor

- 1946—Addition of main building to Nurses' Home—bed capacity 110—making a total of 250 beds in all
 - -First students to have field work experience with V.O.N.
- 1947—Student Council organized —First Student Health Director

1949—First Educational Director

- 1951-Block system of education established
- 1953-Marian Society for catholic students organized
- 1954-Music Appreciation Club
- 1955-Marguerite d'Youville Club
 - -Medical staff and nursing faculty joint committee
 - -Guidance program
- 1956-Advisory Committee to School
- 1957-Golden Jubilee Year
 - -Total student enrolment 250
 - -Graduating class 71
 - -Total number of graduate nurses 1,480

New lounge, School of Nursing



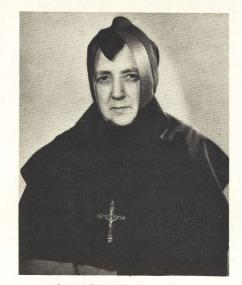
Mercy and Devotion ...

"We strive for that which is noble" is an appropriate motto for the School of Nursing for, indeed, the life of her daughters is one of devotion to duty, of mercy to all, and of dedication to the relief of suffering—regardless of race, color, or creed. With courage and a steadfast heart, they face a future which, though difficult at times, is nevertheless rich and rewarding. Underlying all their training at the School is the fundamental concept of the sacred value of human life.



Sister Cecilia Wagner, s.g.m.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Sister Cecilia Wagner founded, in 1907, the first School of Nursing to be operated by the Grey Nuns in Regina and remained as director of nurses until October, 1910. She obtained her diploma in nursing from St. Vincent's Hospital in Toledo in 1900 and, that same year, went to Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary. Sister Wagner has served as director of nurses in all of the larger hospitals operated by the Grey Nuns in western Canada and in a number of hospitals in eastern Canada and the United States. Now in her eightieth year, she is in semiretirement at Holy Ghost Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



Sister Alice Brodeur, s.g.m.

Sister Alice Brodeur, director of nurses at the R.G.N.H. School of Nursing since 1946, has had a varied experience both in teaching and hospital service. After training as a nurse at the St. Boniface Hospital, she became ward supervisor, later serving in the same capacity at St. Joseph's Hospital, Gravelbourg where she also taught in the School of Nursing-at the St. Boniface Sanatorium in St. Vital, Manitoba, and at the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital. Sister Brodeur was superior and administrator at the St. Boniface Sanatorium from 1939 to 1945, then director of nurses for a year at the St. Boniface Hospital before coming to Regina.

Protect the Flame of Life

The graduates and students of the School of Nursing look back with pride on the humble beginnings of their Alma Mater in the small cottage hospital on Angus Street and on her growth which has kept pace with that of the hospital. From four graduates in 1909 to 71 graduates in 1957—with a total of 1,480 graduates in all—this is progress of which to be proud.

The School has a fine record of achievement due to its progressive educational program which is directed by Sister Brodeur and Sister Levasseur. They are assisted by four full time instructors, eight clinical instructors, one student health director, one dietitian, 60 medical doctors, two dentists, three priests, and other special lecturers from various public health and nursing services in the province.

The School's hundreds of graduates have carried the torch of learning from its halls to many parts of the world and the light therefrom has mingled with the mercy and devotion reflected from the shining of the Cross. The Student Council is responsible for the organization of many activities which add to the richness of student life at the School. There are the Marguerite d'Youville Club, the Marian Society for catholic students, the Music Appreciation Society, the Glee Club, and many committees—all of which build for cooperation and teamwork among the students.

The Marguerite d'Youville Club, named after the foundress of the Order of the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns, is a club of honor for student nurses who maintain a high scholastic standing and a record of excellent decorum.

Each year the Alumnae Association, which has been functioning since 1925, offers a \$200 bursary to a member of the graduating class for use in postgraduate studies. This being the Jubilee Year, the amount has been raised to \$500. The Association also gives two medals for bedside nursing each year.



Sister Adèle Levasseur, s.g.m.

Sister Adèle Levasseur has been educational director at the R.G.N.H. School of Nursing since 1949, coming to Regina from the Holy Cross Hospital in Calgary where she served in the same capacity for two years. She graduated as a nurse from Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, in 1936 and obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing Education at the University of Montreal in 1942. Following this, she was an instructor at the Marguerite d'Youville College of Nursing in Montreal.

... From Age to Age

Additional Awards Available to Graduating Class

Catholic Nurses' Association Scholarship

- The Reverend Father J. W. Allan Memorial Prize for General Proficiency
- Executive Ability Prize presented by Reverend Sister Irene Papineau, s.q.m.

Two medals for Highest Standing in Theory presented by the Lady Patronesses of the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital

Medal for Highest Standing in Applied Ethics presented by Reverend Father T. Finucane, S.J.

Medal for Efficiency in Pediatric Nursing presented by Dr. Lloyd J. Brown

The Dr. D. S. Johnstone Medal for Surgical Nursing and the Dr. Laurent Roy Memorial Medal for Obstetrical Nursing-both presented by the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital Medical Staff

Two prizes for Efficiency in Operating Room Technique presented by Dr. E. K. Sauer

The Dr. H. S. Good Memorial Medal for Urological Nursing presented by Dr. E. W. Barootes

The Reverend Sister Mary Farley Memorial Medal for Devotion to Duty presented by the Reging and District Medical Society

Award from the Saskatchewan Florist Telegraph Delivery Association



GRADUATION PINS



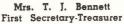


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EXECUTIVE



Thirty-two women with a common goal-to serve the hospital and promote the well-being of its patients-met in 1907 in the Regina Hospital to form an auxiliary. Today, a half century later, with a membership of 180, the Lady Patronesses can be proud of their tradition of continuous and cheerful service to the Grey Nuns and their hospital. That two of the original members-Mrs. W. H. A. Hill and Mrs. J. J. Smith-are still active in the auxiliary is worthy of special mention.



Mrs. Dan Murphy First President

By their help and understanding, these public-spirited women have contributed immeasurably to the growth of the hospital and to the maintenance of its high standing in the community.

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Mrs. R. Rimmer Second President

The Lady Patronesses are a participating agency of the Community Chest. With the funds allotted to them, they provide many comforts for hospitalized persons. They visit all public ward patients every two weeks and take them small gifts. They furnish toys and games for the children's ward and materials for the occupational therapy groups which meet in the solarium. Raising money for hospital equipment is also on their agenda. This year, the project is over-bed tables. Two private hospital rooms have been furnished by them and two medals are awarded annually to graduating nurses.

S. Kraft, President; Mrs. J. M. LeBoldus, Treasurer.



A Monument to the Healing Arts



The Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital and School of Nursing 1957

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The Miracle of Surgery

A half century ago, on June 25, 1907, the first operation in the history of the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital was performed in its first building on Angus Street. The patient was Mrs. Fanny Day, a resident of Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was the second person to be admitted to the hospital.

The first appendectomy was performed on July 17, 1907, and the first ovariotomy on August 3 of that same year. In all three cases, the surgeon was Dr. D. S. Johnstone.

Little did those patients and the surgeon know that they were laying the foundation of the wellorganized and accredited Department of Surgery of today's hospital.



Instrument room





First operating room, 1912

The 10 modern operating rooms on the second floor of the Grey Nuns' Hospital are a far cry from the first one of the vintage 1912 which is seen in the above picture. At that time, there was no ultra violet germicidal lamp, no x-ray viewer, no connections for oxygen, suction, and compressed air built into the wall of the operating room.

And there was no post-anesthesia room as there is in the present hospital. Patients are brought to this room immediately after an operation requiring

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a general anesthetic to receive the intensive nursing care necessary during the post-operative period. Immediately at hand are oxygen, a blood bank, and many other materials to speed recovery from the anesthetic and safeguard the patient.

The operating room is the scene of real-life drama, the keynote of which is teamwork and efficiency. Here we find a skilled surgeon working his magic of curative surgery, removing the source of danger, bringing permanent healing to diseased tissue assisted by a highly trained surgical team of doctors and nurses who work together as a unit in true harmony.

About 25 operations a day are performed at the Grey Nuns' Hospital whose Department of Surgery is staffed by outstanding men in all the various services related to the "healing knife."

For the 16 years from 1941 to the end of 1956, exactly 89,136 operations have been recorded.

The goal of the Grey Nuns' Hospital is to provide the ultimate in facilities to assist the surgeon in his life-giving art.





Dolls are costumed to represent the following: Interne (in surgery); Sister Superior; Physician; Graduate Nurse; Student Nurse; Nurses' Aide; X-Ray Technician; Medical Technologist; Dietitian; Operating Room Technician; Ward Aide; Dietary Worker; Waitress; Elevator Girl; Admitting Clerk; Laundry Worker; Carpenter; Engineer; Chef; Plumber; Janitor; Painter.

The Grey Nuns' Hospital is a self-contained city in its own right. Participating in some phase of its activities are 978 men and women. The services represented above and many others—both seen and unseen—are provided to each patient every day, and all are closely integrated.

Tervices Seen and Unseen

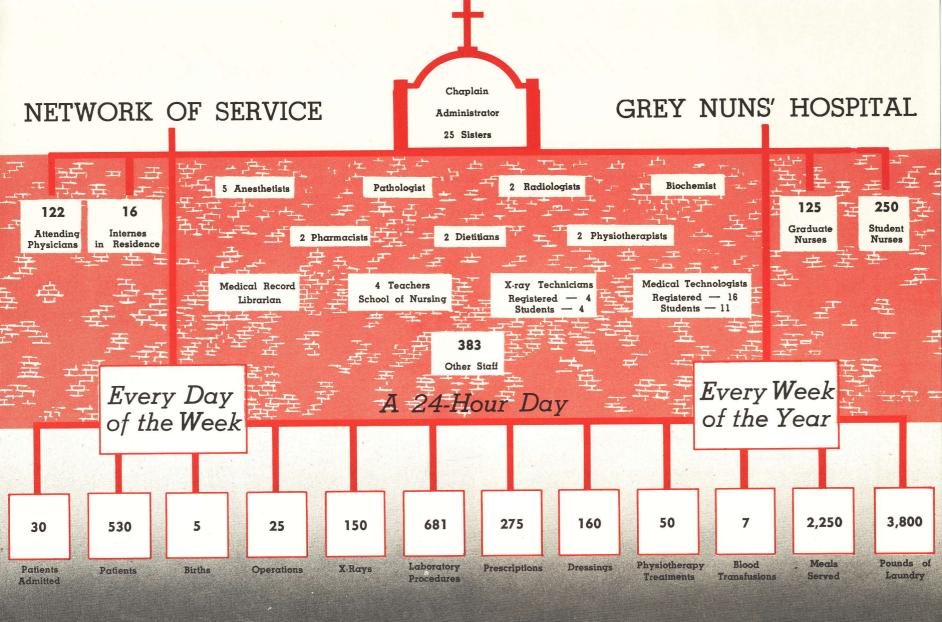




First X-ray equipment—circa 1923



X-ray equipment—today





Allan Rlair Memorial Clinic

The Regina Cancer Clinic, now known as the Allan Blair Memorial Clinic, has gained an enviable reputation on this continent for the quality of its services in diagnosing and treating cancer. Any resident of the province with this disease can be referred by his family physician for treatment without direct cost to himself. Housed in the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital since 1939, the Regina Clinic is one of two such clinics operated by the Saskatchewan Cancer Commission and the Saskatchewan Department of Public Health. The director of the Regina Clinic is Dr. A. J. S. Bryant, who has been in charge since 1953. The first director was Dr. H. C. George.

Allan Blair Memorial Clinic

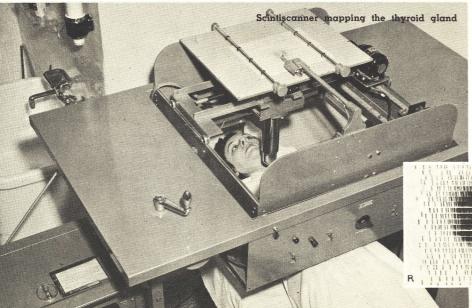
The present fine structure commemorates the late Dr. Allan Blair who was connected with the cancer control program in Regina and the province from 1939 until his death in 1948 and who contributed a great deal to its development. He was appointed director of the clinic in 1944 and director of cancer services a year later. Dr. Blair designed many of the interesting features of the clinic.

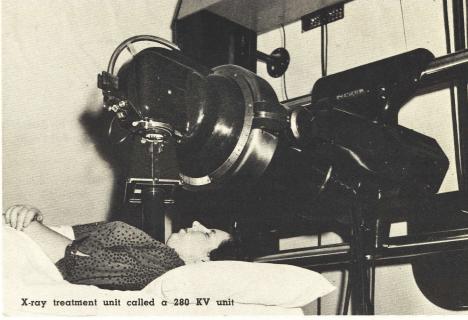
> Conference Room and Medical Library Portrait of Dr. Blair (right side)



Early Detection . . .

The first location of the clinic was in the hospital's west annex. Due to the expansion of cancer services, this accommodation gradually became overtaxed and, in 1948, the clinic was moved to the new south wing of the hospital. New admissions in 1939 numbered 723 and 2,490 review examinations were made. By 1948, there were 1,991 new admissions and 5,508 review examinations.





The clinic houses some of the latest equipment for the radiation treatment of malignant disease, and will shortly include a Cobalt 60 unit. The scintiscanner, shown at the left, makes a picture of the thyroid gland by detecting the radiation given off by radioactive iodine given in a minute test dose.

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The hospital is proud of the high calibre of the medical men in all departments of its staff for the continuing excellence of their work has earned them a place in the vanguard of medical progress.

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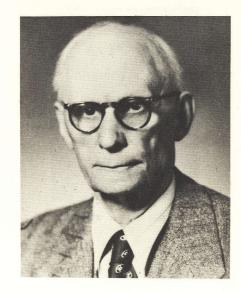


G. W. Robertson, LL.D. Chairman

LAY ADVISORY BOARD

Chairman of the 10-member Lay Advisory Board of the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital is G. W. Robertson, LL.D.; J. Cyril Malone, Q.C., is the vice-chairman; and E. F. Bourassa, C.A., is the secretary. Members include L. J. Chase, Judge A. B. Gerein, Rev. C. S. Godin, Leo LaBelle, W. J. Lawless, Hon. Mr. Justice D. A. McNiven, and S. E. Storey.

The first board was formed in February, 1939, and the first chairman was the Hon. Mr. Justice P. M. Anderson.



Dr. David S. Johnstone, who retired last year after 50 years of medical practice in Regina, was one of the earliest and strongest supporters of the Grey Nuns' Hospital. He and his partner, Dr. J. A. Cullum, operated the Park Sanatorium which was taken over by the Grey Nuns in June, 1907. Dr. Johnstone graduated in medicine from the University of Toronto in 1903 and, after an interneship at the Erie County Hospital in Buffalo, New York, came to Regina to practise. Dr. Johnstone was awarded recently the efficiency decoration for more than 20 years of service with the Canadian army. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.



Venerable Mother d'Youville

The Shadow ...

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The foreword to the history of the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital was written two hundred and nineteen years ago in Montreal. It began on October 30, 1738, with three women and a vow—to dedicate their lives to the service of God and suffering humanity. The guiding spirit of that small group was Marguerite d'Youville, a young widow, whose life thereafter was spent in caring for the sick, the forgotten, the aged, and the orphaned.

The courage, devotion, and self-sacrifice of this remarkable woman, foundress of "les soeurs grises" (Grey Nuns), have illuminated the corridors of time inspiring many to live the good life of humility and charity. Mother d'Youville, called the "Mother of Universal Charity," died in 1771, but her spirit lives on in her daughters—the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns—those greyclad angels of mercy who devote their lives to the alleviation of human suffering. Theirs is a proud heritage for they belong to an Order which has served this land for more than two centuries—an Order founded in Canada by a Canadian.

In 1890, the Church accorded Mother d'Youville the title of "Venerable" in recognition of her remarkable virtues.

Neither distance nor hardships deterred these Sisters from answering a call for help. In April, 1844, four Grey Nuns travelled from Montreal to St. Boniface, Manitoba, a distance of 1,400 miles, by cance—thus gaining the distinction of being the first nursing order in the west.

In 1860, Grey Nuns travelled from St. Boniface to Ile-à-la-Crosse by Hudson's Bay barge

Heritage

On September 16, the date of the official opening of the hospital, 17 patients were admitted.

The first official chaplain, now known as Monsignor Grandbois, P.A., V.G., was appointed in December, 1912, by Archbishop Mathieu and remained in that post until 1917.

The next construction was the east wing in 1926, bringing the bed capacity to 175. This was followed, in 1939, by the



Mrs, Hubert Acaster and daughter

addition of the west annex to house the Regina Cancer Clinic operated by the Saskatchewan Cancer Commission.

Further extensions to the hospital include: in 1942, the middle wing with the central tray service, laboratory and x-ray departments, and additional beds to a total capacity of 400: in 1944, the Sisters' quarters, chapel, laundry, power house, and carpenter shop; in 1948, the south wing which houses the Allan Blair Memorial Clinic, cafeteria, Provincial Laboratories, solarium, and 160 beds-making a total bed capacity of 560; in 1949, the main kitchen; in 1950, the north wing with the central dressing room, administration offices, operating suite, and delivery rooms; and, in 1954, the post-anesthesia room. The bed capacity had now been reduced to 530. In 1952, a physiotherapy department was opened and the arthritic clinic sponsored by the Canadian Arthritis and Rheumatism Society.

The modern, well-equipped hospital on Dewdney Avenue is infused with the tradition of tender care and spiritual strength which is the heritage of the Grey Nuns from the Venerable Mother d'Youville and, more directly, from Sisters Duffin, Wagner, and St. Cyr.



Sister Mary Duffin, s.g.m.

It is indeed a monument to the heroic self-sacrifice and unselfish service of the three pioneer Sisters, to those Sisters who followed them, and to the wise and kindly guidance of the Mothers General and Provincial Superiors through the years.

Sister Duffin, who administered the first hospital for nearly two years and served the Order in many capacities, died in 1954 at the age of 91.

Since 1907, over 262,000 patients have found a spiritual as well as a physical refuge in the two hospitals of the Grey Nuns in Regina — those Sisters who are carrying on the heritage of heroic charity which dates back 219 years.

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Reverend Mother Flora Ste.-Croix s.g.m., Superior General

Mother Clarilda Fortin, s.g.m. Provincial Superior

Responsible for the policy and administration of the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns, in the Province of St. Boniface—in which the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital is located —are the Superior General in Montreal and the Provincial Superior in St. Boniface.

The Grey Nuns' Hospital is governed by a board which includes the administrator, her assistant, and the director of nurses who is also an assistant.

Father Bosma, who has been resident chaplain since 1954, the year he was ordained, sees that the sustaining power of religious faith stands ready to help all.

Sister Irene Papineau, superior and administrator since 1951, joined the Order in 1919 and trained as a nurse at Notre Dame Hospital, Montreal, where she served both as floor supervisor and operating room supervisor until 1936. After two years' service at the Montreal Radium Institute, she was administrator at St. Vincent's Hospital, Toledo, Ohio, until 1940, then administrator for six years at Notre Dame Hospital. She returned to St. Vincent's as assistant administrator in 1947, coming to Regina four years later.

Sister Albina Boisvert joined the Order in 1910 and trained as a nurse at Notre Dame Hospital. She came to Regina in 1956 and was appointed assistant administrator this year.

Mother Flora Ste.-Croix, Superior General of the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns, joined the Order in 1916. She then went to St. Norbert Convent in Manitoba and later trained as a nurse at St. Boniface Hospital. She was Provincial Superior in St. Boniface from 1949 to 1952 when she became Mother General with headquarters in Montreal.

Mother Clarilda Fortin took her nurse's training at St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon, and was in the Council of the Mother House as General Assistant from 1940 to 1952. That same year, she became Provincial Superior at St. Boniface.

> Reverend Father Herman Bosma Resident Chaplain

Sister Irene Papineau, s.g.m. Superior and Administrator







Sister Albina Boisvert, s.g.m. Assistant Administrator



Sister Alice Brodeur, s.g.m. Director of Nurses

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Although man is not given the power to prophesy, with any accuracy, what will happen in the next fifty years-still a few predictions can be made, based on the continuous progress of the Regina Grey Nuns' Hospital during the past half century.

First in line for attention are the following plans:

Extension of the clinical laboratory next year into the section occupied by the Provincial Laboratories which will allow adequate space for research, for the medical photography department, and for the medical library

Installation of equipment for microfilming medical records

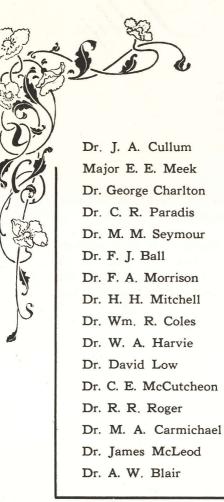
Expansion of the radiology department and installation of new machines and equipment for diagnostic purposes

Addition of a new wing to the Nurses' Home Construction of an auditorium

Hospital research will continue in an effort to push back the frontiers of disease and the barriers to scientific knowledge-and the medical and surgical staff will develop skills needed to profit from this knowledge.

The Grev Nuns' Hospital is a stronghold of the selfless aspirations and goals, of the Sisters of Charity, Grey Nuns, and of that army of men and women who work with them, each of whom has a special place in the network of services which protect each patient. When the tapestry of events portraying the hospital's next fifty years is woven, it will reveal a still more brilliant design of man's humanity to man in the alleviation of human suffering. In the future, with the devoted Grey Nuns at the helm, the hospital will reach even greater heights in its endeavor to move.

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Dr. J. A. Cullum, who was killed in France in 1916 while serving with the Canadian Army Medical Corps, practised medicine in Regina from 1905 to 1944. He was co-manager with Dr. D. S. Johnstone of the Park Sanatorium at the time if was sold to the Grey Nuns in June, 1907. He then became one of the attending physicians. Dr. Cullum was the first Canadian to receive three decorations during World War I—the Military Cross and Bar and the Croix de Guerre. He was also recommended for the Victoria Cross.

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Dr. F. W. Schroeder	1949
Dr. C. R. May	1952
Dr. D. P. Harris	1953
Dr. F. A. Corbett	1954
Dr. F. K. Hickey	1954
Dr. B. Brachman	1955
Dr. F. D. Munroe	1955
Dr. J. C. Black	1956
Dr. H. L. Jackes	1956
Dr. Laurent Roy	1956
Dr. M. A. Currie	1956
Dr. S. Moore	1956
Dr. S. H. Good	1956
Dr. J. F. Nicholl	1957

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