

MEMORANDUM FROM 1949

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Opening of the Mission, January 27, 1930.

Bright and early Monday morning, January 27, 1930 with the loving "God Bless You" of Reverend Mother General and Mother Berchmans ringing in their ears, three Sisters, Sister Madeline Leo, Sister Mary Luceita and Sister Mary Etienne left the Mother House to join their Sister Superior, Sister Anita Vincent, on the train at Rockingham. On boarding the train they found to their dismay that there was no other Sister on board, unless, according to the conductor, "She is in the sleeper". Search there however proved fruitless and the three Sisters went on without their pilot.

Arrived at Shubenacadie about eight-thirty, they were met by the Reverend Chaplain and Principal, Reverend J. P. Mackey, who brought them to his own house for a hot drink, which same proved to be a second breakfast, thence to their mission.

During the morning Sister Superior telephoned to say that she had been in an auto accident on her way to the train, consequently had missed it and would be out on the afternoon train.

While waiting the arrival of Sister Superior, the Sisters prepared the Chapel where Holy Mass was to be celebrated the following morning.

Sister Superior arrived on the four thirty train. Owing to the fact that no food supplies had been provided for the mission, during the first week the Sisters took their meals at the Priest's house. Words cannot express the kindness and attention lavished on the Sisters by Reverend Father Mackey and his good housekeeper.

Sister Jean Berchmans joined the little band of pioneers on Friday. Sister had been kept at the Mount to help with a banquet given there in honor of His Grace Archbishop Donnell. Needless to say the Sisters warmly welcomed their good cook.

It is worthy of note that sixteen cows arrived the same day as Sister Jean Berchmans, which fact caused no little excitement in the neighborhood. The Sisters contributed their share by counting the cows as they passed the kitchen windows.

The first Sunday on the mission was spent in retreat, it being the first Sunday of February. This day is also marked by the Sisters having their first meal in the big house.

On Wednesday, February fifth, the last two of the present staff, Sister Mary Brendan and Sister M. Philomena arrived with thirty children from the Halifax Institution, ten girls from the Monastery of the Good Shepherd, six

girls and eight boys from St. Joseph's Orphanage and six boys from St. Patrick's Home. The boys from the home were accompanied by Reverend Brother Ignatius brother of Sister Anastasia of our community. Reverend Brother spent the day with us.

The two Sisters and Brother Ignatius were brought from the station in cars while the children enjoyed a straw-drive, two big flat sleds each drawn by two large farm horses.

On arrival at the house the happy little crowd were conducted to the refectory where a good hot lunch awaited them. After this much time was given to the assigning of beds, presses and finally brooms, dust pans and scrubbing buckets.

On Thursday, classes began in the afternoon, Sister Superior taking Grades six and seven; Sister Madeline Leo, Grades four and five and Sister Louisa, grades one, two and three.

For the present the program is as follows. -

Children's Rising	6.30 a.m.
Holy Mass	7.00 a.m.
Breakfast	7.30 a.m.
House Charges	8.00 a.m.
Dinner	12.00 p.m.
Class	1.30 p.m.
Dismissal	3.00 p.m.
Supper	5.40 p.m.
Night Prayers	6.40 p.m.
Retiring	7.00 p.m.

On Thursday, February 12, twin girls came from the Shubenacadie Reservation.

On Monday, February 17, Reverend Father Mackey went to Annapolis to collect the children from the Reservations there. Reverend Father arrived home on Wednesday with several girls and boys.

Reverend Father McGillivray arrived also on Wednesday evening with a little band from the Pictou Reservations. Reverend Father told us that some of the children were rolled up in bags when they came to him but they peached us in a more presentable condition having been supplied with clothing by the good priest.

On the following morning we had the privilege of assisting at three Masses, the first, at which the community only assisted, was said by our Reverend Chaplain, the children's Mass was said by Reverend Father McGillivray and the third by our Reverend Confessor, Reverend Father Sweet.

Reverend Father Thomas Sweet of Enfield has been appointed as our Ordinary Confessor. Reverend Father also fills that post for the children.

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On Sunday, February 23, the erection of the Stations of the Cross in our little Chapel took place at 2.45 p. m. Following the blessing of the stations in the Sanctuary, Reverend Father Mackey erected the Stations and said them as each one was hung. All the Sisters and the children assisted.

We have the privilege of Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament on Sunday and on one other night during the week, usually Friday, unless a feast day occurs on another day.

During March, Miss Mary Murdock, the Indian nurse for Balthousie, N. B., arrived with four boys and two girls. Miss Murdock was our guest for the night but returned to her home the following day.

April 7th. Dr. Campbell, the Tuberculosis Specialist, examined sixty-four children, the number then resident in the house. The Doctor spent three days here. As a result of the examination, ten children, five boys and five girls went to Halifax for X-Ray; the girls to the Halifax Infirmary and the boys to the Victoria General Hospital. The results are not yet known.

On Palm Sunday, Reverend Father Mackey blessed and distributed the Palm. We had Mass on Holy Thursday but no Holy Week Services. On Good Friday afternoon we had Stations of the Cross followed by an instruction on the Passion.

Sister Victor, one of the Easter Brides came on Easter Tuesday.

Friday of Easter week brought us Mr. Phalen, head of the Department of Education of Indian Affairs at Ottawa. Mr. Phalen remained a week. On the same day three children arrived.

April 24th. Father Rankin arrived today with five little children, three girls and two boys.

May 6th. Reverend Mother General and Mother Berchmans paid their first visit to the Mission. They were met at the station by our Reverend Chaplain. At the entrance to the house the boys and girls were lined up on both sides and greeted the Mothers with a hearty welcome. They arrived just in time for a light repast before Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament which was sung by the children. On the following day, the children welcomed the Mothers with a little entertainment consisting of -

Welcome Song - Chorus
Greeting - Babies - 'We are not very big.'
Mother Machree -
Recitation - Roy's Suggestion:
Holy God.

during which both Mothers were presented with a Spiritual Offering from their first little Indians of Shubenacadie.

Reverend Father Mackey drove the Mothers to the Mount on the following day. They were the first to drive in Father's new car which had just arrived that day.

May 13th. Rev. Father Tompkins of New Waterford and Rev. Father Campbell of Reserve Mines visited the school today. Three children arrived from Scotchfort, P.E.I. They were accompanied by their Chief Isaac Peters.

Our seven little First Communicants, two boys and five girls received Our Lord today, the Feast of St. John Baptist de la Salle. Reverend Father Mackey congratulated the children and gave a short instruction after Mass.

We have the privilege of May devotions every evening during Our Lady's month.

May 19th. An accident occurred today, two girls had their right hands caught in the dough mixer. They were brought by Reverend Father Mackey to the Victoria General Hospital. One girl had one finger taken off, as a result of the accident.

Reverend Father McDonald of Heatherton, arrived with two little boys. Reverend Father was Father Mackey's guest for the night and on to Halifax in the morning.

May 23rd. Empire day was marked by a short visit from His Grace Archbishop O'Donnell. His Grace was accompanied by Rev. M. J. Cole of St. Agnes' Parish, Halifax. After a light repast, His Grace took leave promising to return shortly for an official visit.

June 6th. Our second band of five received their First Holy Communion today.

Reverend Mother General accompanied by Sister M. Gertrude, Mistress of Novices paid us another short visit. Mother returned to The Mount the following day.

Reverend Father Mackey returned from a one day visit to Halifax. Father surprised us by bringing with him Sister Mary, Superior of the Halifax Infirmary and Sister Anna Vincentine, a sister of our Sister Superior. The Sisters remained overnight and drove to Halifax the next day with Reverend Mother General and her companion.

Our first school term closed on June 24th.

July 5th. Two defective children were removed to the Shelburne County Home.

Party of our children went to their homes for a month's vacation.

July 9th. Dr. McInnis vaccinated sixteen of our children today.

Sister Brendan made the second retreat. Her place was filled by Sister M. Henry.

On the return to the Motherhouse of Sister Agnes Josephine and Sister Louise Oranue; Sister Les Clare and Sister Ellen Vincent came. The latter remained until August 16th.

Sister John Bernard came as a substitute for the third retreat.

The children returned from their vacation on Aug. 4th.

On August 5th. Dr. Reid of Truro and Dr. McInnis began tonsil operations. Dr. Reid was accompanied by a nurse. Two of the Infirmary nurses, Miss Ratchford and Miss Olemming gave their services for the week. Nine cases were done on Tuesday; eleven on Thursday.

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and eleven on Saturday. All were most successful. Much praise and gratitude are due our Infirmary Graduates for their self-sacrificing devotedness.

August 12th. Dr. Mc Innis vaccinated twenty-one children today.

August 15th. brought the good news that Sister M. Henry was to be a permanent member of our staff, thus bringing our mission list to its primitive state.

Sister Anita Vincent (Superior app. August 1929)
 Sister Jean Berchmans
 Sister Madeline Leo
 Sister Mary Henry
 Sister Mary Brendan
 Sister Mary Louisa
 Sister Mary Etienne
 Sister Mary Philomena

Miss Mackey left us on Tuesday Sept. 2, for New York. September 23rd. Dr. Campbell, the F.B. Specialist, examined fifty-one children. On the following day, Dr. Cunningham, the Eye Specialist, examined fifteen children, these are to receive glasses.

September 30. His Grace Archbishop O'Donnell, accompanied by Reverend Father William Burns, paid his first official visit to our school. At seven o'clock the children assembled in the Chapel Corridor to welcome His Grace. The little program was as follows.

Welcome Song
 Presentation of Spiritual Offering and Flowers.
 Hymn
 Address
 O Canada

After which His Grace addressed the children exhorting them to respect themselves, to be truthful and to be proud of their people who have kept the faith for so many years. In return for the gifts of prayers and flowers, His Grace told the children that he would say Mass for the school, their parents and for them on the following day. Much to the delight of all the children, to this His Grace added that he would give Father Mackey the money to give them a feast.

October 1st. A banquet was given by Reverend Father Mackey to His Grace and the Priests of the Diocese as a token of gratitude to those who assisted in furnishing the Chapel. The banquet was held in the Senior Girls' Recreation room. This was beautifully decorated in a lattice work of the Papal colors, interwoven with wisteria. Bouquets of flowers of corresponding shades decorated the table. The lights were overhung with drapings. Including His Grace and Father Mackey, there were nineteen present. A full course dinner was served.

At the conclusion His Grace addressed the Clergy. After

Reverend Father Kinsella and Father Mackey spoke.

Owing to the fact that His Grace was suffering from an attack of Bronchitis, he was obliged to leave for home immediately after dinner. The festivity concluded with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at two o'clock.

Much gratitude is due first to our Reverend Mother General and then to the good Sisters whom she sent to help us during the affair, Sisters Ellen Joseph, Mary Alice and Patrick Maria. These Sisters spared no efforts to help make the banquet the success it was. Everything went off in perfect order, there was not a hitch from beginning to end.

We also owe a big thank-you to Sister Theophane, Sister Superior of Seton Hall, Toronto, who gave so much time to decorating boards and assisting at the banquet.

October 6. Dr. McInnis vaccinated a number of children today.

October 7. Two of our children were removed to the Victoria General Hospital for examination and treatment.

October 30. Hallaraia was celebrated by a concert and party. Both were held in the refectory which was suitably decorated for the occasion. The children partook of taffy, apples, peanuts and candy. While enjoying the goodie, games were conducted by Father Mackey and the lucky winners received as a reward a chocolate bar. An important and amusing feature of the evening was the hobbing of apples in the wash tub. All present were much impressed by the unselfishness and quiet behavior of the children.

November 6 marked the date of reception of First Holy Communion for our third group of sixteen children.

November 11, Armistice Day. The Sisters and Indian children made their first appearance in public. We were invited to join the village school children in decorating the Memorial Monument of the Great War.

Dressed in their Sunday best, our girls and boys made a fine showing, displaying their patriotism by a red, white and blue badge and singing "O Canada".

Reverend Father Mackey was out of town, hence he did not witness our first, but we trust not our last, appearance.

November 17. The dentist, Dr. Dimock of Windsor, examined, extracted and filled the children's teeth. The doctor stayed three days in which time he extracted over two hundred and fifty teeth.

November 23. Six Mount College students accompanied by Sister Maria Joseph and Sister Louise Adelaide visited us today in the interest of their sociology studies. They went through the house and visited the classrooms. Supper was served to the girls in the Senior girls' recreation hall.

November 24. Mr. Davis of the Turo Normal School visited the school today.

November 26. The feast of St. John Berchmans brought

with it the safe arrival of our two beautiful statues. One of the Sacred Heart donated by His Grace Archbishop O'Donnell and one of St. Anne, the gift of our own dear Mother General - Mother Louise. The statues were blessed immediately after Mass the following day. Father Mackey announced the names of the donors of the statues on Sunday morning and exhorted the children not only to pray before them but also not to forget in their prayers those who enriched our Chapel with such beautiful gifts.

December 8. The Renovation of Spirit took place at six o'clock, our usual hour for receiving Holy Communion. Father Mackey officiated. Our children paid homage to Our Lady by singing hymns in her honor during Mass and after Benediction.

December 21st, marked the opening of our first Forty Hours Devotions. After Mass a procession was formed by nine little flower girls, daintily dressed in white robes with baskets of flowers in their hands and wreaths on their heads. Besides the cross bearer, acolytes and incense bearer, six boys carried red and white lamps. Lack of space prevented us from having a longer procession.

The programme was as follows, -

December 21, Sunday, Holy Mass 8.00 a.m.

Procession

Holy Hour

7.00 p.m.

Sermon by Rev. Father Mackey.

Subject, Devotion of the Forty Hours.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Monday, The Blessed Sacrament exposed at 6.00 a.m.

Dance Lingua was sung.

Holy Mass

7.00 a.m.

Holy Hour

7.00 p.m.

Sermon by Rev. Father Sweet - Enfield.

Subject - Suffer the Little Children to Come unto Me.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Blessed Sacrament was exposed all night, Monday night and the Devotions with Holy Mass, Litany of the Saints, Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Some of the Sisters with the older children remained up until twelve o'clock and others rose at twelve.

The Heart of Our Dear Lord in the Blessed Sacrament must have been delighted with the frequency and fervor of the visits made by our little children. It was not even necessary to ask them to go, they were very anxious to do so and their behavior was most edifying.

December 25, 1930. Our first Christmas. The festival was preceded by the usual busy days of the tying of and hanging of spruce, making of flowers and last but not least the preparing of gifts for our one hundred forty children.

The Sanctuary, Community Room, Priests Dining Room Children's and men's dining rooms were decorated with

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fir and poinsettias, while the Sisters' Refectory was faintly draped with red and green crepe paper. Two immense Christmas trees held places of prominence in the Children's refectory, beautifully decorated, even to electric lights. Around the bases of these were placed the gifts. At eleven o'clock, on Christmas morning, Santa appeared and distributed toboggans, sleds, hockey sticks, dolls and toys of every description, that so delight the hearts of the young.

Owing to having had Forty Hours Devotion so recently, we were denied the privilege of Midnight Mass. We had three Masses in the morning at six, seven and seven-thirty.

Vacation was marked by five little girls having their tonsils removed. The operations took place in the house and were performed by Dr. Keddy of Windsor who was accompanied by his son. Dr. McInnis administered the anesthetic.

Sister Anna Vincentine came to assist at the operations. Visitors, in the person of our own dear sisters are rare at the I.R.S.

Sisters Amatus and Theresita were granted the privilege to visit us for a couple of days during vacation.

All good things come to an end quickly, so likewise our vacation. School opened on January 5th. - with that the Christmas spirit took flight, tho the Chapel decorations and Crib remained until the Octave of the Epiphany.

Near the end of January we learned with regret of the sudden death of Sister Louisita's brother-in-law.

January 31, Mr. Shapleton of Truro, has been officially appointed to inspect our school. He lost no time after his appointment in fulfilling that duty. We were pleased to welcome him on Jan. 23rd. He spent the day with us, before recess in Sister Louisita's class; after recess until noon and again from 1.30 to 2.30 was spent in Sister Superior's class and the remaining school hour in Sister Madeline Leis' class.

During the Holy Season of Lent we are to have the privilege of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday with stations of the Cross on Friday evening.

April 11, One of our children went to the V.G. Hospital.

April 12, One of our young girls went to the Tuberculosis Hospital today.

On April 22, we lost our first little Indian girl, Mary Gehue, died at the V.G. Hospital, after illness there of twelve days. Abscess on the lung being the cause of her death. Previous to being sent to the hospital, Mary had been in bed with what was apparently a bad cold and cough and it was not until a day or two before her removal that her condition became serious.

She was a bright little girl of only seven years and will be greatly missed by her little companions. She was a daily Communicant, and in his sermon on the Sunday following her

death. Father Mackey made a touching reference to the fact, and to the innocence of her young life, concluding with the wish that when each little town came to die, they would be as well prepared as Mary Gehue.

April 30. Sixteen of our little ones made their First Holy Communion today, the eve of the First Friday of May. We trust that Our Lady looked with pleasure on those baby hearts which became the dwelling place of her Divine Son for the first time.

May 17. From all appearances the whole of Shubenacadie turned out to witness our first May Procession, for as many as forty automobiles parked on the grounds.

The procession, headed by an altar boy bearing the Processional Cross passed out the front door, went around the house and then twice around the front plot, thence in the front door to the Chapel, where the Coronation of Our Lady, enshrined in bower of flowers, took place. The order of the procession was as follows.

	Cross-bearer
Girls	Angels
	Joyful Mysteries
	Sorrowful Mysteries
	Glorious Mysteries
	Our Lady's Banner
	Appellations of Our Lady
	Flower Girls
	Crowning Band

Boys	Sacred Heart Banner
	Faith
	Hope
	Charity
	Our Lady's Banner

The boys carried pennants with the letter "M" on them.

During the procession the following hymns were sung.

'Tis the Month of Our Mother	- Girls
Holy Mary Mother Mild	- Boys
Mary Dearest Mother	- Girls
O Mary Conceived without Sin	- Boys
Mother Dearest, Mother Fairest	- Girls
Mother dear, O pray for me.	- Boys.

On entering the Chapel the girls sang, "We come Dearest Mother". As soon as the children were in their places, *Bring Flowers of the Parish* was sung after which a short Act of Consecration was read. This was followed by a short instruction given by Rev. Dr. John Burns of St. Mary's Cathedral, Halifax. The ceremony closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. Father Smith, assisted by Rev. Dr. Burns as Deacon and Rev. Father Mcagher as Sub-deacon. Father Mackey acted as Master of Ceremonies. Benediction

and the closing hymn of praise, Holy God, were sung by the boys and girls together and we are sure that Our Lady smiled down upon her little Indians, giving their first demonstration of public devotion and love to their Heavenly Mother.

No small debt of gratitude is due to the good Sisters at St. Joseph's Convent, Halifax, who so generously provided us with a statue of Our Lady and many other little things which helped to make our shrine so beautiful.

We had the pleasure of welcoming Sister Agnes Carmel and Sister Mary on May Procession Day. We are always pleased to welcome our town dear Sisters.

June 4. One of our children went to the V.G. Hospital today. We were privileged to have Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament for ten nights during the month of the Sacred Heart.

Our Retreat list arrived on June 13th and was as follows:- First Retreat. June 29- July 8.

Sister Jean Berchmans
" Madeline Leo
" Mary Etienne

Second Retreat. July 19- July 28.

Sister Mary Henry
" Mary Luisita

Third Retreat! August 6- August 15.

Sister Mary Brendan
" Mary Philomena

Easter Retreat.

Sister Anita Vincent, Superior.

School closed on Friday, June 26 with a distribution of prizes for work done during the year. Many and varied, though most useful, were the prizes awarded.

June 29. Two Sisters, Sister Peter Damian and Sister Maria Paula came as substitutes for the first Retreat.

June 30. Sisters Stephanie, Columba and Anselma paid us a short visit today.

August 15, 1931. Sister Mary Etienne was the first of the pioneers to leave our mission to take up her work at St. Joseph's Convent, Halifax.

Our mission list for the coming year is as follows.

Sister Anita Vincent (Superior, appointed Aug. 15, 1929.
Sister Jean Berchmans
" Madeline Leo
" Mary Henry
" Mary Brendan
" Mary Luisita
" Maria Beatrice
" Mary Philomena
" Mary Roberta
" Agnes Denis

August 17. Sister Philomena returned bringing with her two new members of our staff, Sister Maria Beatrice

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and Sister Agnes Denis. Sister Brendan remained a week at the Mother House and when she returned she brought with her, Sister Mary Roberts to her new field of labor.

The children returned on August 24th. With the exception of nine, all last year's children returned. Two of these returned later.

August 31, School opened today with a registration of one hundred thirty-nine children.

Miss Mackay, who had been a guest for a month left for New York on August 27th.

September 22 and 23, Dr. Mc Innis examined the children.

October 9, Dr. Dimock of Windsor examined and attended to the children's teeth. The doctor remained three days.

October 20, His Grace Archbishop Donnell paid his second official visit for the purpose of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. He was accompanied by Rev. Father Somers and Rev. Father William Burns. They arrived in time for supper.

At 7.15, His Grace was entertained by the children with a little program which was as follows.

Veni	Chorus
Address	
Presentation of Spiritual and floral offerings.	
Recitation	Somebody Else.
Peace	Chorus
Recitation	In a Little Sailor Bay.
	The Rosebud's Mistake
O Canada	Chorus

At the close, His Grace addressed the children and in his own fatherly way told of the approaching departure of Rev. Father Mackay and the necessity of praying for his speedy recovery and safe return.

For a second time His Grace promised the children a feast. After this, the children proceeded to the Chapel where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by His Grace.

October 21 marked our first ceremony of Confirmation which took place at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning. His Grace was assisted by Rev. Father Punch and Rev. Father Burns. Father Somers was in the Sanctuary.

His Grace examined the children on Prayer, Sin and Confession. After the singing of the Veni Creator, the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered and the ceremony closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Thirty-one of our own children were confirmed and four others from Stewiacke.

The Archbishop left shortly after dinner and took with him Rev. Father Mackay and Rev. Father Burns. Father Mackay went to undergo an operation at the Halifax Infirmary. His Grace, Father Mackay and Father Burns drove off amid the cheers of the children.

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Rev. Father Somers stayed to substitute for Father Mackey. Father Mackey's operation took place on November 2nd, and was most successful.

November 11. Our dear Mother General arrived on the 8.15 a.m. train accompanied by Sister Patrick Maria. Mother General came for the purpose of making her visitation and stayed with us until the afternoon of the 12th, when she was taken by car to the Mother House.

During her stay Reverend Mother visited the various duties and classes. The children presented a little program consisting of songs and recitations, during which they gave her a generous spiritual offering.

Reverend Mother General thanked the children and expressed her great appreciation of their prayers, at the same time commending them for their good work and behavior.

November 11. Again on Armistice or Memorial Day as it is now called — our children appeared in public to pay honor to the dead heroes of the late war.

December 1. Much joy was felt at the return of Rev. Father Mackey after an absence of six weeks. Father was accompanied by Rev. Father Wm. Burns and Rev. Father W.H. Smith.

The children assembled at the front of the house to greet Rev. Father with a song of welcome.

Reverend Father Somers returned to Halifax that same day.

December 8. Again the renewal of Vows was made at six o'clock. Rev. Father Mackey gave on session that day.

December 18. School closed for Christmas vacation.

December 20, 21. On account of the recent illness of Rev. Father Mackey, Forty Hours' Devotion was not carried out. In its stead we had two days of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament closing with Benediction each evening.

December 25. We had the privilege of Midnight Mass. The household was awakened by the singing of the "Adeste" by the children's choir. Two other Masses were celebrated at 8.00 a.m. and 8.30 a.m.

Rev. Father Mackey left on the 10.20 train for Halifax to remain there until the 27th, whence he sailed on the Lady Sommers to the West Indies.

December 29. Two Sisters, Sister Mary Hortense and Sister Mary Cathbert from the Mother House spent two weeks with us during the festive season.

January 7. School reopened today.

January. Dr. McRitchie, T.B. Specialist, examined all the children during the week.

January 22. We were delighted to welcome Sister M. Evaristus today. This was Sister's first visit to our Mission since its opening. While with us, Sister showed much interest in the children and visited the classrooms. The children entertained Sister with a little program, with

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which she was delighted. Sister remained until the afternoon of the 26th.

January 26. Two of our children went to the V.G. Hospital today.

February 8. Reverend Father Mackey returned from his trip to the South and his return was made memorable by a school holiday on the following day.

February 10. During the Holy Season of Lent we are privileged to have Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday with Stations of the Cross on Friday.

Two children returned from the V.G. Hospital today.

February 11. Rev. T. Gill, O.P. who replaced Father Mackey during his absence left today for Sackville, N.B.

April 1. During this week, three of our children went to the V.G. Hospital.

April 13. Rev. Father Mackey went to the Halifax Infirmary. Rev. Dr. J.E. Burns substituted for him on Sunday and remained with us during most of Father's absence.

April 20. Sister M. Ivey, one of the Easter Brides came to our Mission today.

May 14 marked the arrival of Reverend Mother General and Sister M. Evaristus to be present for our May Procession.

May 15. Our Lady gave us a beautiful sunny day on which to honor her. The route of the procession was slightly changed from last year's; it did not go around the back of the house, but instead circled the plot in front, twice.

Added to last year's order were the girl Saints, Cecilia, Agnes and the Little Flower and the boy Saints, Aloysius, John Baptist and John Berchmans.

While the hymns varied from those of last year the program was the same. Rev. Father Stone of St. Thomas Aquinas, Halifax, gave a very elevating discourse on Our Lady which was followed by solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament given by Rev. Father Sweet assisted by Rev. Father Stone as Deacon and Rev. Dr. Burns as Sub-deacon. The ceremony closed with the singing of "Holy God."

Reverend Mother General and Sister M. Evaristus returned to the Mount, Sunday evening.

Our only regret was that we did not have our own new statue which was ordered and which we hoped would have arrived before the day of the procession.

Again much gratitude is due the Sisters at St. Joseph's Convent, Halifax, who were so kind as to loan us the statue and pedestal.

May 21. St. Charles Convent, Amherst; Seton Hall, Toronto, and St. Anne's Indian Mission, united to vote for delegates for the General Chapter which takes place on August 6.

The three Sisters from Toronto arrived about 11 o'clock and the eleven from Amherst about 12.30.

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Dinner was served immediately. The refectory was decorated with "Indians", and each visiting Sister received a souvenir, a table napkin ring made of birch bark and a rose colored candy basket which was guarded by a little Indian in feathers, the product of the talent of one of our Indian girls.

After dinner the Sisters went through the house. The meeting was held at 2.15 in the Community Room. Sister Maria Charles, Superior of Amherst was selected capitulary, Sister Anita Vincent, our Sister Superior, delegate and Sister M. Theophane, Superior at Truro, substitute.

Supper was served at 5.00, after which the Sisters took their departure, expressing much thanks and appreciation of their reception.

May 28. Our statues of Our Lady and St. Joseph arrived today.

May 29. Rev. J. E. Burns left today and Rev. Father James Hayes a newly ordained priest, came to take his place until the return of our own pastor.

June 16. brought our Retreat list.

First Retreat. July 2 - July 11.

Sister Jean Berchmans
" Madeline Lee
" Mary Henry
" Maria Beatrice
" Mary Philomena

Second Retreat. July 14 - July 23.

Sister Mary Brendan
" Mary Louisita
" Mary Roberta
" Agnes Denis

Third Retreat. July 28 - August 6.

Sister Anita Vincent. Superior.

Sister M. Inez was recalled to the Mother House on June 30.

June 26. School closed today for the Summer Vacation.

July 4. About sixty children went home today for six weeks vacation.

July 23. Sister Mary Raphael and Sister Therese de Lesieur came to our Mission today.

Sister Louisita did not return from the second retreat but left for a three weeks trip to Boston.

July 25. Reverend Father Mackey returned today, this time to stay.

July 26. St. Ann's day was marked by the arrival of Sister M. Aquinas and Sister Rosalie, who were accompanied by Miss Eustace, sister of our late Mother M. Fidelis.

Our children's choir went to the Church at the

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Indian Reservation to sing during Holy Mass which was celebrated there in honor of St. Anne.

August 15, 1932 brought us only one change in our mission list. Sister Agnes Denis went to New York and Sister Mr. Rene came to take her place.

During the last ten days of vacation we enjoyed the company of Sisters Carmelita, Rose Celestine and Thomas Aguilas from the Mother House.

August 17, Sister Superior left with her sister, Sister Anna Vincentine for a short visit to their parents, previous to the latter's going west. After their return Sister Anna came here and left for the west on the 29th.

October 5. Dr. Demack of Windsor again examined, extracted and filled the children's teeth. The Sisters also had their teeth looked after by the doctor.

October 4. During this week, twenty-one children were taken to the Halifax Infirmary to have their tonsils taken out.

October 20. Sister Maria Charles, Superior at St. Joseph's Orphanage, Sister M. Eucharist and Sister M. Bonaventure visited us today. Sister Bonaventure was surprised by receiving a message to stay for a week.

October 12. Reverend Father Pacifique, a Franciscan and Indian Missioner came today. Reverend Father spoke to the children before Mass.

October 23. A child was baptized in our Chapel today.

December 8. The Renovation of Spirit took place at six o'clock.

December 18. Our Forty Hours Devotions opened with High Mass sung by the children at 8 o'clock on Sunday morning. On Sunday evening at seven o'clock Rev. Father Mackey said Beads, Litany and Act of Consecration and then preached, his subject being, "The Devotion of the Forty Hours". After Benediction, the Blessed Sacrament was placed in the Tabernacle. On Monday morning the Sisters and children received Holy Communion at six o'clock and the Blessed Sacrament was exposed immediately after. High Mass was sung at seven o'clock. Rev. Father William J. Brown preached during the Holy Hour on "Suffer the little children to come unto Me". Tuesday's program was the same as Monday's, and on Tuesday evening Rev. Father Thomas J. Buchanan spoke, taking for his subject, "The Three Bethlehem". The devotions closed with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

December 21. School closed at noon for Christmas vacation.

December 25. Christmas was celebrated with High Mass at midnight, followed immediately by a second Mass, and a third at 8 o'clock.

1933 January 3, 1933. We were delighted to welcome Sister Louise Carmel, Sister Superior of St. Joseph's Convent, Halifax. Sister stayed until the morning of the 7th.

January 9. School re-opened.

February 11. We were again privileged to have Sister M. Levaristul pay us a short visit. Sister spent three days with us and during that time, visited the classes.

February 21. Dr. McRitchie began his examination of the

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children today. The doctor remained only two days but returned on March 10, to complete the examinations.

March 7. Mr. Stapleton, School Inspector, visited our classes today, spending the morning in Sister Louisita's and Sister Madeline Leo's classes and the afternoon in Sister Superior's.

March 15. St. Joseph claimed one of his little clients on Wednesday, March 15. Josephine Smith, age 11, was stricken with an acute attack of appendicitis on Monday, March 12, was taken to the V.G. Hospital where she underwent an operation which was successful, but pneumonia set in and she died on Wednesday morning. She was anointed and prepared for death by Rev. Dr. J. E. Burns, who had prepared her for First Holy Communion the preceding year. It is worthy of note that since her First Holy Communion, Josephine had not missed one Communion during her stay in this house. She was much beloved by all and greatly missed by her little companions.

April 12. School closed at noon for the Easter vacation.

April 16. Easter Sunday. The Little Flowers High Mass was sung to-day by the Children's choir.

May 21. Our annual May Procession in honor of Our Blessed Lady took place today. The order was similar to that of last year, except that the girls did all the singing. "The Little Flower" was omitted - she went to France, we were told. Our Lady sent a beautiful fine day; there was not even the usual high wind to disturb the banners.

The Sociology class of Mount Saint Vincent College with their teacher, Sister Louise Adelaide and Sister Leonis visited us today and were present at the May Procession. This visit was in the interest of their class work.

Reverend W. J. Brown of Halifax was the speaker. His sermon on Our Lady was but the expression of his tender love for our Heavenly Mother and reached the hearts of all his hearers.

The number of visitors can be judged from the fact that there were between fifty and sixty cars parked on our grounds.

May 31. Dr. and Mrs. McGill, the former Superintendent of Indian Education spent the day with us. The Doctor gave us a holiday.

May 25. We were surprised today with a visit from Sister Maria Josepha, Superior of Hamilton Hospital, Sister Regina and Sister Sylvia. The two former had been attending a convention in Halifax and spent two days with us on their return to their Mission.

June 2. Mr. Phelan, Secretary of the Indian Department at Ottawa arrived today to spend a week with us. During his stay, he too visited the classrooms and gave us a holiday.

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June 14. brought us our Retreat List which is as follows.
First Retreat. July 2 - July 11.

Sister Jean Berchmans
" Madeline Lee
" M. Brendan
" M. Philomena
" M. Roberta

Second Retreat. August 6 - August 15.

Sister Anita Vincent - Superior
" M. Henry
" M. Lachita
" M. Beatrice
" M. Rene

July 1. Our Reverend Pastor drove the Sisters to Retreat.
July 16. With a very short time intervening, we had three visits from the Sisters at the Orphanage in Halifax. Sister M. Rodriguez, Sister Maria Peter, Sister M. de Sales were the first to come; Sister M. Amabilis and Sister Eucharistia the next, and Sister M. Agatha and Sister Bonaventure who took Sister Maria Beatrice with them to spend a few days with her Sisters at the Orphanage.

July 26. His Grace Archbishop O'Donnell accompanied by Reverend William Burns, and the former's Cousin, Mrs. Gatter, who is visiting from Ireland, came today.

August 15, 1933, brought three new Sisters to our staff. Sister M. Arnel to replace Sister Madeline Lee who is missioned to New Waterford; Sister Joseph Beatrice to take Sister Roberta's place and Sister Margaret Patrice to replace Sister Philomena, who is going to St. Joseph's Convent, Halifax.

August 17. Sister Mary from the Infirmary came to visit us today. Shortly after, several of the Mount Sisters visited.

September 8. Father Mackey was taken to the Infirmary, and Father Trecker came here as his substitute.

December 17. Opening of the Forty Hours with High Mass sung by the Chaplain. Holy Hour each evening with a person by Father W. Burns and Father Magher.

December 18. Sister Brendan went to the Infirmary today.

December 21. The children began to tie spruce for the Christmas decorations. The Chapel, Community Room, Refectories and Recreation Halls were draped in evergreen and poinsettias.

December 24. The Pastor a radio for the Community Room and loud speakers for the recreation hall.

December 25. High Mass at Midnight, with many of the village people attending. Two new pupils arrived - Patrick Sark and Charles Paul.

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February. Miss LaPierre, nurse from Halifax came to take care of Mr. Mackey. Sister Rene went to the Infirmary.

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March 10. Sister Superior went to the Infirmary.

March 17. We discovered over Fifty Dollars missing from the drawer in Sister Superior's office. Father Mackey was notified; the Police were called. We found that the boys had stolen it and used it to buy smokes, candy, gum, etc. Punishment was given. The boys were found stealing from the kitchen, storerooms, etc.

April 9. Sister Margaret Patrice went to the Infirmary.

April 9. The press reported the over-excessive strapping of the Indian boys and that Ottawa would make an investigation.

June 7 & 8. The investigation took place in "Odd Fellows Hall"; Judge Audette acting for Ottawa, Lawyer Hanway for Father Mackey, and Lawyer Owens for the Indians. Judge Audette requested that the Sister who discovered the theft appear at the hearing. Two of the Sisters appeared in Court, gave evidence and returned home. The case was in favor of Father Mackey.

June. The 1934 Retreat list came.

First Retreat

Sister M. Arnel.

Second Retreat

Sister M. Henry

" M. Beatrice

" Joseph Beatrice

Third Retreat.

Sister Jean Berchmans.

Fourth Retreat

Sister Anita Vincent - Superior

Sister Margaret Patrice

Sister M. Rene.

Sister Beatrice did not return immediately, but accompanied two of her Sisters to her home in P.E.I. Her joyful trip and happy family reunion ended sadly. On the day that she was to return, her father died suddenly. Sister Henry likewise joined her Sister in a little visit to her home.

August 15 brought the new list with four changes. The new Sisters to arrive were, Sister Glandia, Sister Agnes Genevieve, Sister Mary Edward and Sister Mary Leonard, to replace Sister Brendan, Sister Margaret Patrice, Sister Rene and Sister Joseph Beatrice.

On September 1, Sister Henry returned and by September 10th. Sister Beatrice likewise had returned. The staff was now complete and ready to begin the new scholastic year for 1934, with a registration

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of forty-eight boys and forty-five girls. All the children had not returned.

September 30, we celebrated the "Vindication of the Indian School Staff." Local papers as well as "The Lasket" contained the official announcement that Father Mackey was vindicated after an investigation and court action of June 7 and 8. This news was received with great joy by all. The following appeared in "The Lasket", October 1934.

Father Mackey Vindicated.

Commissioner finds press clamor unwarranted. Some months ago the press of Nova Scotia rang with a story of the flogging episode at the Indian School at Shubenacadie, an institution in charge of the Sisters of Charity, with Reverend J. P. Mackey, a graduate of St. M. University, Principal and Director. Lured headlines in the Halifax papers dwelt on the "brutal" details; noble children of the forest gave exclusive interviews expressing their condemnation of the occurrence. The Indian Age "bayed the moon", at the treatment given his innocent charges; special correspondents became more than usually incoherent, as they played up the situation and gave utterance to the alleged province-wide demand that a sweeping investigation that would spare no one and place the blame where it belonged. Father Mackey faced the ordeal with dignity, his only comment being, that after several years intimate experience with a house full of Mi'kmaq boys, he probably knew more about Indian Psychology than did the noisy men of Shubenacadie.

The investigation, as demanded, took place before a federal commissioner, L. A. Audette, former Judge of the Exchequer Court of Canada. Evidence went to show that a number of the Indian boys had stolen money and lied, and that they had been strapped. The demand, which the correspondents had voiced, that the blame be placed where it belonged, was heeded. The Judge said in the course of his report that the Principal should be commended and congratulated. The punishment was in no way excessive. There was some endeavor by unfair practice to undermine the reputation of the institution. There was a prejudicial and mischievous mind behind it all, that endeavored to hurt the school.

Dotting the 54,000 word report of the commissioner were comments on the merits of corporal punishment. More than once he said he favored strapping or caning.

There is no harm in punishment by the infliction of physical pain. All human government rests in the last resort upon physical pain and it is mercant to pretend it does not. Spare the rod and spoil the child has never been truer than in the present day when children are allowed to assume too much independence and do as they bid and care.

Admitted Theft.

The testimony of each witness was received briefly by the Commissioner. Each of the nineteen Indian boys appeared before Judge Audette on subpoenas and gave

evidence under oath, in a most satisfactory manner, going so far in telling the truth as to admit untruthfulness and theft.

"The evidence abundantly and clearly establishes that these nineteen pupils, as admitted by them, were guilty of both telling untruths and of stealing," Commissioner Cadette sets out in his report.

For the good administration of an institution of the kind in question, it is obviously necessary to mix rewards with punishments, the one being as necessary as the other. It is necessary and expedient to reward success and the pupil who does any good act or deed. It is also absolutely necessary to punish the pupils who transgress the rules and regulations of the institution and who commit any breach of their moral and lawful duties. The punishment must be measured according to the gravity of the offence and not overlooking the complex intelligence of these boys who have all been brought up in the life of Indians.

No Harm.

Discipline might be maintained by thrashing with hand, cane or birch as has been practiced in England. There is no harm in punishment by the infliction of physical pain. All human government rests in the last resort upon physical and it is meretricious to pretend that it does not. It is well for youth to realize through experience this ineluctable fact. The report continues;

It is quite lawful in Canada to punish a pupil by using physical force. Our Canadian Criminal Code, R.S.C. Ch. 36, Sec. 63, provides as follows; "It is lawful for every parent, school-master or master to use force by way of correction towards any child, pupil or apprentice under his care, provided that such force is reasonable under the circumstances."

The strap or what it represents is an absolute necessity in a school.

Would Have Laughed.

The punishment to pupils for telling untruths and thieving must be one consonant with such serious offences and one that will be remembered. A weak punishment to these Indian pupils would have had no effect, would have been turned into derision and they would have laughed at it. It was necessary to give the strap in a reasonable manner, as was done, and not in any way excessive when compared with the practice in England, where the strap and the cane and the birch are used. Reading the biography of the big men who moulded the destiny of the British Nation, we invariably find a reference to these corrective punishments.

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to which they were subjected in their school days.

Laws Changed.

If strap, cane and birch are used in the white man's school, as a fair human expedient, why can not they be resorted to with the Indians? The laws of the land have changed the environment of the Indians and they must be taught to adjust themselves to their new environment.

There was some endeavor by unfair practice to undermine the reputation of the institution, to make a storm in a tea cup, by spreading false news that the strap had been dipped in vinegar before using it. The evidence abundantly establishes that it was absolutely false. There was a prejudicial and mischievous mind behind it all, that endeavored to hurt the school. Commissioner Audette proceeds:-

I suppose that the spreading of such false rumor, and enabling it to be published in the press, has realized its aim and conveyed the idea, with some people, that the punishment was excessive. But it was all the result of pure imagination. A famous French author has truly said, "Lie, lie, and something will remain of it in the minds of the people."

Where is the man who has gone to school in his boyhood and managed to get through without having a taste of the strap? If he did, he must have been a true saint or a clever hypocrite who has been able to deceive his teachers.

Flesh Differs.

Now, much ado has been made about the marks left on the bodies of the strapped pupils. As the medical, heard on evidence, says, flesh differs. Some skin or flesh has more or less resistance than others. Some skin will take imprints much easier than others. For instance, Toney and Tenase received the same number of strokes and delivered by the same person, McLeod, yet one showed marks and the other did not.

In conclusion it must be borne in mind that all of the 19 pupils that were punished, admitting to telling untruths and stealing. They deserved to be punished as some of them frankly admitted.

Far from finding fault with the Principal of the school for what he had done, he should be commended and congratulated for carefully investigating the conduct of his pupils and finding all the culprits and punishing them in a commensurate manner. How could order, discipline and good behavior be maintained in the school if he were to have acted otherwise than he did? The punishment was quite reasonable and adequate under the circumstances and was in no way excessive.

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October 1934. Devotions, Rosary, Litany and Benediction were held each evening during the month.

October 12. Reverend Father Gill, a welcome visitor arrived today with his movie machine. He delighted the children with scenes of Nova Scotia, especially when familiar pictures of the Reserve at Whycocomagh were shown and some of the children recognized their relatives and friends on the screen.

November 16. The Sisters were invited to attend a Teachers' Institute at the Phubenacadie School. Mr. Stapleton, the Inspector and Mr. De Wolfe, Miss Harris of the Upper Normal School, presided and there were over ninety teachers attending. The Sisters received a cordial welcome, and great was their surprise when they were asked to give their views on the subjects discussed, as well as an account of the work they were doing at the Indian School.

November 17. Thorough preparations were made for Sister Claudia's departure for Boston, to see her mother, who was seriously ill. Word was received Monday evening and Sister left Tuesday morning.

November 22. At last we received news of the approaching visit of Reverend Mother General, for whom we had been anxiously awaiting.

November 25. We were happy today to receive Mother General, with three companions, Sisters Francis Anna, Francis Leon and Mary Alice. Sister Francis Leon stayed until Wednesday with Mother, but the other three Sisters returned to the Mount Sunday afternoon.

December 2. We received today the sad news of the death of Sister Claudia's mother.

December 8. Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We had the Renovation of Spirit before Holy Communion, at six o'clock, followed by Mass at seven. The altar was tastefully decorated, the singing very impressive, and altogether, everything was very devotional. In the evening we had Benediction.

Five new pupils arrived today, making the registration 127, sixty eight boys and fifty-nine girls.

December 16. Forty Hours Devotion opened this morning with High Mass at eight o'clock. On Sunday evening Father Mackey officiated, his sermon being on the "Forty Hours Devotion". On Monday morning, the Sisters received Holy Communion at 6 o'clock, followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The High Mass at seven o'clock was sung by the children, and in the evening, Reverend Dr. Curran officiated, the subject of his sermon being "Catholic Action and the Blessed Sacrament". On Tuesday morning, Dr. Curran, said Mass at six o'clock exposed the Blessed Sacrament and the High Mass was at seven o'clock. On Tuesday evening

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The Party Hours Devotion closed with a sermon by Reverend Father Burns, Rosary and Benediction.

On Monday evening, after the Devotions, Dr. Curran came to the Community Room and gave the Sisters a talk on "Catholic Action" giving them some idea of the great work he is doing in Halifax as organizer of the Catholic Action Crusade.

December 20. Immediate preparations for the coming holiday started today, with the hanging of spruce and poinsettias in the Chapel, Refectories and Community Room. The children had been busy for some days tying it, but the real work of decorating began today.

Also today, we received word that Sister Claudia was "somewhere in Truro" and have been waiting further word all day.

December 25. Christmas again! The usual busy days preceding Christmas are always happy ones. With the first sight of spruce, comes the real Christmas spirit, and the air was heavy with its welcome odor. We had Midnight Mass, having been awakened by the joyful strains of the "Adeste" sung by the children's choir. The refectories were prettily and gaily decorated and the trees seemed larger and fuller than ever. The Community Room tree had an accident which was easily remedied. It had been knocked down and slightly bruised and did not look as well as before, but the boys went to the woods and brought back another, larger and better than the first, and all was well.

1935. January 2. To complete our Christmas joy, Sister Evaristus, paid us her long promised visit, for which we had been eagerly awaiting. Sister wrote and told us that if it was not storming, she would arrive for sure on a given date. When we awoke on the morning of her expected arrival, we were somewhat disappointed, we were somewhat disappointed, as Shubenacadie had been visited by a storm which continued and looked as though it would continue throughout the day. However, Halifax weather differed on this particular day and Sister started on her journey. When she did arrive here the snow had been falling heavily all day and it was with some difficulty that Sister was able to reach the house. The car went down to meet her but the hill was pretty deep. However, again the boys came to our aid and pushed the car up, and such a welcome! Sister had thoughtfully arranged recreations for us in the form of "grabs" - three of them, one ridiculous, another worse but the third one contained a nice remembrance of Sister's visit, which was all too short. Sister had to return to the Mount after a couple of days and strange to say, that while we had to have her pushed in, we were obliged to shovel her out. On the way to the station, the car lodged again in the snow and again we had to call the boys, this time armed with shovels, to

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shoosel Sister out. As the time approached for the arrival of the train at the station, Sister saw the wisdom of walking the rest of the way, if she wanted to make that train, so off she went.

January 6. The Wise Men brought us three more pupils, not from the Orient, but from the Reserve.

January 8. Another visitor! This time it was Mr. Stapleton who visited the classrooms and stayed for the day. He began in Class I, and spent considerable time there. After recess, he went to Class II, and in the afternoon he went to Sister Superior's class, returning before the close of the school day to "The Christmas Class". After school hours, the girls entertained Mr. Stapleton in the recreation hall with folk dancing. On the whole, he seemed to have had a most interesting day.

January 15. A sad day at Shubenacadie! Today ^{was} Mr. Mackey's last on earth but his first, we are sure, in heaven. Father left in the early morning for Halifax. After dinner a change was noticed and every attempt was made to get in touch with Father. After three o'clock it seemed clear that the end was near and Sister Superior who had been keeping watch all day, summoned the other Sisters and together they recited the Rosary and prayers for the Dying. Towards five o'clock with his crucifix and blessed Candle in his hand, he breathed his last and peacefully closed his eyes. How dear, Mr. Mackey had grown to us! His great love for and kindness to the Sisters will never be forgotten and while we were very sad to see him leave us, we rejoice in the thought, that he is at last reaping the reward for his good, holy life.

January 18. What a friendly river! It kept rising and rising and rising and coming nearer and nearer and nearer on all sides, until we were surrounded with the approaching waters of the beautiful Shubenacadie, and feared that we would soon be drifting with the current, down the muddy stream. If we were not on the peak of the Island, we would have joined company with a neighboring phantom and sailed into the Bay of Fundy or perhaps we may have stood knee deep in the ice cold water. We may even have been obliged, like some of our neighbors, to take up our beds and walk, but instead, we just watched from the window and prayed. What anxious moments! We could scarcely discern the figures, but we saw in the early moonlight, the form of two men, one of them, Mr. McLeod, our engineer holding on to the cross bar of the telegraph pole, the other a "Mountie" down below, standing on a cake of ice, parked by the bottom of the pole. To make matters worse, the pole nearby had just fallen and sailed

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down the river and the flickering sparks from the broken wires adding greatly to their horror. At the edge of the water were Father Mackey, another Mountie, and two farmers, helpless. There was no boat available; the only one we had was taken out by Mr. McLeod and lost in the rushing stream. It was impossible to send help from this end. Emergency messages were sent to the village and help was refused, as to attempt the river amid the floating blocks of ice was too dangerous. We could only watch and pray. The children assembled in the Chapel and recreation hall and recited the beads. The children's prayers are always our refuge in anxious hours and they rarely disappoint us. We heard the voices from the shore and great was our relief when we heard, "We're safe".

Our night fireman who usually comes just before Midnight came earlier from another direction and only for his timely appearance, the two men might have been lost. He attempted the river in a good boat and was about to turn back when he heard the shouts of the men and saw their flashlights in the distance. Great courage and fear drew him to the scene as he risked his life to give what help he could, guided by none other than "The Star of the Sea" whom we had been invoking steadily for about an hour.

In the first place, Mr. McLeod and companion had foolishly started to cross the river in a frail leaky boat and before many minutes had passed the boat began to fill. The Mountie was supposed to empty the boat as Mr. McLeod did the rowing, but it was a flat bottom boat and neither had an easy task. There was nothing to do but abandon the boat as the ice cakes were powerful and the current strong. Now we wonder what these same men would say if the women of this Institute had attempted such folly and tried to cross that mad river in an old boat.

As we watched, we realized that we were marooned and wondered if the waters would ever subside. As we had no airplane, we gave up hopes of making connections with anybody for some time. The temperature, however, took a good turn and came to our aid. The waters froze and now we find ourselves living on a fine rink, with good skating, here, there and everywhere. There was no road visible, so bright and early Monday morning, the boys armed with axes, picks, shovels and what not, were on the job and before the day was over, a path was cleared and once again we were released. And now - what next?

February passed uneventfully, except that along with the goodly amount of ice, we had an unusual amount of snow and plenty of winter. The children enjoyed their coasting and except for a few bumps

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and a few stitches in one chin, all passed peacefully at Shubenacadie.

February 2-11. Two of Our Lady's beautiful Feasts which are always welcome, happy days. We had Benediction and the singing at Mass as well as at Benediction must have pleased Our Lady very much as our children do sing with their whole hearts.

February 22. Pupils are still arriving. Today brought us another girl, making a total of sixty five girls.

March 1st, came in neither like a lion nor a lamb. It was a nice clear cold day, bright sunshine, plenty of snow and a bit of wind.

March 6th. Ash Wednesday.

March 7th. brought us a visitor from M.S.V., Sister Teresa, who spent two weeks with us, not on a vacation, though, as Sister did a great deal of sewing while she was here. We enjoyed Sister's company, her friendly, cheerful manner and we were sorry to see her go.

April this year was a Lenten month, for Easter did not come until the 28th. We had the usual Lenten devotions, Beads and Benediction on Wednesday evenings and Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings.

April 28th. "The day that the Lord hath made" and we rejoiced in its arrival. Easter Sunday was a beautiful Easter day, inside and out.

May. Our Lady's month is always welcome. We had May Devotions, Rosary and Benediction every evening and daily at Mass the children sang with their whole hearts the lovely May hymns. Our Lady looked quite pleased all month with her beautiful offerings and wreaths of Mayflowers, which the children gathered and placed at her shrine. How pretty the flowers were this year! They were later than usual on account of the long winter, but daintier than ever.

May 9th. Today, three children, two boys and a girl received First Holy Communion and it was a happy day for them. After Mass, a special table was set and decorated and they received little souvenirs, cards, beads, etc., which pleased them so much.

June came before we realized it and immediate preparations for Confirmation were in full swing.

June 9th. Two boys, Anthony Paul and James Sacchie received first Holy Communion today and it was one great day for these two, as they had not been permitted to receive at the usual time or age. They looked and acted as though at last, the longed-for day had arrived.

June 9th. Another important event. Today at 3 o'clock Mr. McLeod's new baby was baptized and named Basil Gregory, having been born on the feast of St. Gregory. Reverend Walter Mackay baptized him.

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and happy parents and grandparents were present. June 10th. Confirmation was scheduled for three o'clock, but His Excellency sent word that he would arrive for dinner. Over eighty were confirmed, including a few adults - Indians and White people. The ceremony was very impressive. The altar was beautifully decorated and our Indian children looked and acted as well as any children. They were all in white of the occasion with the usual touch of red, which made a very colorful pretty picture. After confirmation, His Excellency saw the Sisters for a few moments in the parlor and gave us his blessing.

June 17th. Again, Mr. Stapleton paid us a visit and stayed the whole day, visiting the three classrooms.

June 17th, the retreat left arrived. Sister Mary Edward, Sister Claudia, Sister Mary Leonard and Sister Arnel were down for the First Retreat. Sister Jean Berchmans, Sister Agnes Genevieve and Sister M. Beatrice for the second; and Sister Superior, Sister Henry and Sister Louisita for the third.

June 24th. Sister Arnel had to go to the Mount, and Sister Claudia went also, the former to stay until Retreat time, but the latter was to have returned that same day. She had no companion, and whether it was someone's prayers or just luck, the companion appointed was Sister Rose Francis who was quite anxious to come to Shubenacadie and more welcome. Sister stayed with us until time for the second retreat.

June 26th. The end of the scholastic year, but not the close of school. The berry season is in full swing and off the children went today with a can they had been saving all winter, ready for a roam through the woods looking for the "fresh wild strawberries" of the season.

June 29th. The Sisters scheduled for the first Retreat left this morning for the Mount. During their absence, we had the "Movies" given by Rev. Father Gill.

July 3rd. Some of the children went home today for vacation.

July 11th. The Sisters returned from Retreat today.

August 15th. 1935.

This day brought us two changes. Sister Anita Vincent who remained on the "Mother House" list, and Sister Louisita who went to Bermuda. There were left two pioneers, Sister Jean Berchmans and Sister M. Henry.

Sister Mary Charles, our new Superior arrived a few days later, as Sister stayed at the Infirmary. Sister Paul of the Cross had already arrived, to take Sister Louisita's class, and Sister was right at home by the time Sister Superior arrived, accompanied by Sister Agnes Clare and Sister Mary Rose, the two latter making a hurried trip through the house and leaving shortly after. We were very glad of

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their presence and especially of their help in the singing, for the singing birds of the college staff were not able to produce much melody.

The Sisters were met on both corners by the children, who were as excited as the staff over the arrivals, and the first impressions will not be readily forgotten. "The pure thing!" was Sister Agnes Clare's exclamation, as she saw so many pairs of black eyes spying from the corners of the school. Warning!! The next time a new Superior arrives please have the children presented more formally. Sister Agnes Beneyevie and Sister Arnel, who were in Cape Breton, arrived home a few days later and the children were gradually returning so by September 1st, school was opened with a registration of one hundred forty children.

November. Sister M. Henry went home for a few days to attend the Golden Jubilee celebrations of her parents' wedding.

Preparations for Christmas began immediately after the eighth. Spruce was gathered, tied and hung all through the house. We had our devotion of Renovation of Vows on the 8th, with Holy Communion at six o'clock, followed by Holy Mass, at which the children sang very fervently and well. The altar was beautifully decorated, and everything helped to make the day a fervent one.

Forty Hours were held the week before Christmas, and the manner of the children, was edifying. They kept vigil in groups all day, and their anxiety to go before the Blessed Sacrament was great.

Christmas, 1935 was a happy one. The chapel was slightly different, with Carlo Dolci's Madonna arranged over the altar, illumined by a red light. Santa was exceptionally good and the weather man, considerate. There was plenty of snow and very little frost, and the children were out all day and every day. Toboggans, sleds, barrel staves and plates of all kinds, were put to good use. Of course the overalls and skirts and socks and rubbers were somewhat the worse after the week was over, but Christmas comes once a year. Everybody contributed to make the holidays happy for everyone else.

→ 1936. January was cold and frosty and the children enjoyed one month of excellent skating, both at the marsh and at the lake. Visitors were rare, for we were more or less "iced" in.

Accident. While opening a window at night study, Sister Arnel slipped and broke her knee. The doctor was called. Mr. McLeod was called and between them they fixed up the leg, the doctor getting it ready and tied up and Mr. McLeod making the splint. Mr. Cooper and Mr. Parker were called and two good horses were called and off they went to the Station. Sister Superior accompanied Sister Arnel

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sitting on the open sleigh, at the foot of the cot, on a soap box. Sad as it was and serious as it was we shall never recall it without a smile. Father Mackey was in Halifax at the time, and was at the station at 11.30 p.m. when the train pulled in. The cot had to go on the baggage car and consequently the Sisters had to go on the baggage car, and Sister Superior was quite aware of the wooden box beside her and well guessed its contents. Who can tell her feelings! She is the only one, and she is not any too communicative.

Sister Maria Adrian came the following week from the Mount to substitute for Sister Arnel, and remained until June. Sister Arnel was able to return in May, in a plaster cast and managed very well, getting around the house, etc. In June she returned to the Infirmary to have the cast removed. At the end of June she went to the Mount to write provincials and to begin her Tertianship. However, poor luck was ahead of her, for when only a few days at the Mount she slipped again, broke the knee again and went to the Infirmary again, this time, not in such style. Sister remained at the Infirmary until October and on August 15th. pronounced her Perpetual Vows there.

Easter 1936. Father Mackey was away for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. Father Hatherley came to substitute. New bath's vestments were in readiness for Easter.

With Easter, came the anticipation of the closing of school and the home going on July 1st. Already the days were counted and from Easter on, the dates were marked off on the calendars.

The Mayflowers were plentiful and exceptionally colorful and pretty. As usual the house was heavy with their fragrance, and the bunches, tied as only the Indian fingers can tie them, were all around the house.

The May Procession took place on the Fourth Sunday and Reverend Father O'Reilly was here for the occasion. Father gave a beautiful discourse on Our Blessed Lady, and surely the congregation - mostly, non-Catholic, must have been inspired. The Procession followed the usual route, and colorful and devotional. The "Knights" were a new addition. The small boys were dressed in white and wore capes lined with red and blue. The Brooks-es (who will ever forget them?) were among the Knights.

May 23rd. we had First Communion for a large group of children and everything was done to make the day a memorable one for them. They were well prepared and it was the earnest prayer of everybody that their First Holy Communion would be a fervent one. Father spoke to them at Mass, and brought back to our minds the day of our First Holy Communion. The places in the Chapel reserved for them were covered with white and marked off with white

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bows. Their tables in the refectory were decorated, and their Communion breakfast was a memorable one, also.

May 24th. brought us two visitors for the day, Sister M. Ursula and Sister Jean de Paul. It was also the first "woods" day, so off we went right after dinner for the afternoon. The Mayflowers were at an end, and the children started their hunt for herry blossoms.

The first of June brought Mr. Cheeseman, the Mountie, with his projector, to show us the pictures he had taken of our May Procession. The children were delighted to see themselves in "the movies."

July 1st - the great day at the College, dawned bright and fair and over one hundred children departed, some for good and some for vacation. We were left with a small family of about fifty, and had a pleasant summer.

Sister Jean Berchmans, Sister Claudia and Sister Leonard went for the Irish Retreat and brought back from the Mount. Sister Alma de Lourdes and Sister Louise Marillat who were to remain for the summer and rest both having been ill. Sister Eleanor was likewise on the Shubnacadie Summer List, but did not arrive until a few days later, accompanied by Sister Tibavica and Sister Bruno, the latter two returning shortly after their arrival, to Halifax.

After the second retreat Sister Maria Peter came, to spend a few pleasant weeks with her Sister. We had a nice summer, enjoyed our guests company, and we firmly believe that they went back to their missions in better physical condition than they were when they came. At least that is what the scales told us.

Sister Superior and the other Sisters went for the last retreat. On the 12th. Sister Henry received word from the Mount to report on the 14th, with her trunk. Everybody predicted the West and we were right, for the 15th. found her on the pioneer list for the Indian School at Cranbrook B.C. We had two more changes, Sister Agnes Genevieve to the Infirmary and Sister Claudia back to the City. O.L.A. Brooklyn. N.Y. Sister Francis Anthony, Sister Iuprian, Sister Philip and Sister M. Adrian were the new Sisters to arrive.

August 1936. The new Sisters came in due time as also did the children, and by September 1st. we were ready for a new school year with a registration of nearly one hundred sixty, a full house, but the house with elastic sides always has room for one more, so before the year was over, we had our full quota, and some more.

Sister Superior arrived home from retreat with Sister Margaret James, who stayed for a few days and told us of her trip and her courses, which she had taken in Toronto in weaving etc. Sister showed us samples of her work in which we

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were all interested.

The busy preserving season was over and the "Kitchen girls" had their picnic with Sister Mary Edward.

In October we were glad to have Sister Arnold in our midst again. Sister came home bright and early on Saturday morning with Sister Anita Vincent, who stayed over the week end. While here, Sister Superior had to go to Halifax with Sister Francis Anthony, in an ambulance. Sister was threatened with pneumonia, but a few weeks at the Infirmary, and at St. Mary's restored her health, and she returned well again.

November brought tragedy to the college. On the 19th a fire started in our furnace room, and quickly made its way over head to the Chapel. The children were in school when it was discovered, about 11.30. The volunteer firemen from the village and surrounding farm houses came, equipped with their own buckets, axes and fire extinguishers and our own boys worked untiringly. Father Brown was in the house at the time and we shall be eternally grateful for his services, in supervising the destruction of the Chapel. Father Mackey went in and removed the Blessed Sacrament and then went about the house attending to the various details. Father Brown's, "Hold on there, thank you" saved our furniture and a great deal of the floor and walls. Instead of chipping things, Father had them removed; the altar was taken from the Sanctuary; the pews and kneelers were taken to the lawn; and the sanctuary lamp was well guarded. The vestry was emptied, and nothing was destroyed. The whole sanctuary floor and the walls part way down the Chapel had to be replaced or renovated. Before three o'clock everything was in good order. The children had been extremely calm, remaining in the basements, dressed and ready for dismissal, if necessary. The children's sewing room was transformed into a chapel. A tabernacle was made, lined etc., and the large table by the wall was used as an altar. Benches from the Recreation Hall were brought up, and from then on, till Christmas Eve, our devotions were held there. Forty Hours were eliminated on account of the crowded conditions of our improvised Chapel, but Christmas was celebrated in all its splendor, for we returned to our beautiful Chapel of Midnight Mass.

The holidays were happy days, with the usual coasting, skating, etc. Father had six new double runners made for each side of the house and they were put to good use.

1937 January. Sister Philip left for her old home at St. Joseph's Convent, Halifax. Sister Superior took the sewing classes until the end of the school year. The month was wintry and visitors were rare.

Easter brought us visitors from Bathurst, N.B., Sister Paul of the Cross mother and little brother Paul Kenny.

who stayed with us during Easter Week. Father Mackey invited them to stay at the building and Sister's mother enjoyed her visit in an unusual manner.

July. Departures. Indians and Sisters!! A great number of children went home, and four Sisters went for the First Retreat. Berry picking provided picnics for the children, and Sister M. Custella came to spend the summer with us.

Towards the end of July, Father hired a truck and took all the girls to the "bore", blueberry picking. Four Sisters went, and Sister Superior was all set to go, but had to remain at home to entertain visitors who came from Boston to see her.

Sister Arnel went home after the Second Retreat to spend a few days with her dear parents who were fifty years married and were celebrating their Golden Jubilee.

August 15th. Brought us one change. Sister Arnel went West and Sister Clea came to take the sewing class.

Many new children came along with the old ones and we were ready with a full school and a full staff, to begin the new scholastic year.

October, 1951. The month of the Holy Rosary - we had the usual October Devotions, which were fairly well attended by the village congregation.

October 17. Reverend Mother General arrived with Sister M. Inviolata, as a companion, for her Visitation. Mother and Sister stayed with us until the 21st. and we were very happy to have them in our midst. We had delightful recreations.

Reverend Father Brown was here for the last time as Confessor, but we hope to see him frequently, just the same. Father was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Kentville and is now placed in Enfield by Rev. Father Devine, who is known by the Sisters, having been Confessor in Halifax for some time. Father Devine made his first visit on the following Wednesday.

Two new children arrived, a boy and a girl, making the total registration 160, 80 boys and 80 girls.

November. The month of the Holy Souls passed uneventfully, except we hope that many souls were delivered from Purgatory through the prayers offered during the month for their delivery.

December. We had our usual Renovation of Vows at 6 o'clock on the morning of the eighth, followed by Mass at seven. The Sisters had their morning prayers and meditation before Holy Communion, and the children rose on time for Mass. The altar was beautifully decorated and the hymns exceptionally well sung.

Forty Hours Devotion preceded Christmas, as usual. The devotions opened with High Mass, the Mass of the Angels, sung by the girls choir. The altar was adorned with beautiful carnations and chrysanthemums and brilliantly lighted with candles. A few donations for flowers were received. The children kept vigil during the days, in groups of four boys and four girls and a Sister. Tuesday morning at eight o'clock, High Mass, followed by the Litany, etc. closed the Forty Hours.

December. After the eighth, preparations for Christmas began, spruce was tied and tied until there was enough to plentifully and prettily decorate the house. After the Forty Hours, immediate preparations were in full swing. Christmas trees were brought from the woods, the best that could be found and the children began to decorate. Refectaries and Recreation Halls were all ready for the arrival of Santa, who seemed especially generous this year. A special Community Santa made a great deposit in the Community Room and the Indian Santa had great luck this year likewise, for the children never before seemed to have received so many nice parcels from home. The usual books, games, handkerchiefs, gadgets of all kinds, and the famous Christmas dinner, provided by the College Santa, all contributed to make the holidays happy indeed. Even a heavy snow fall, which started after dinner on Christmas day, added to the day, for up until then, not a sign of snow had appeared, and what is Christmas without snow? The snow continued for a few days and the holidays were perfect.

Over the New Year's week end we had visitors from Halifax, Sister Maria Winifred, Sister Mary and Sister Rose Frances. Sister Winifred stayed overnight, the two latter remained until Monday evening, and from what we think had a glorious week end. Visitors are always welcome, but they are so rare, that their welcome is doubled. We enjoyed the usual "Christmas Pie," "grabs" and "Bingo". Like all good things, holidays soon come to an end, and before long we were back to school and regular program.

January, 1938. Dr. Mc Ritchie came for his usual examination of the children, which was more thorough this year, and stretched over a period of two weeks. As soon as his visitation was over an epidemic of flu and heavy colds visited us, and resulted in three pneumonia cases, which required a night and day nurse. The former was supplied by the Halifax Infirmary, Miss Shortt, who, together with Sister Francis Anthony, worked untiringly. Many fervent acts of Thanksgiving were offered when everything passed over well, and before long the children were perfectly well again and out enjoying the winter sports, which continued through the month.

February 10th. We were honored with a visit from Mr. and Mrs. J. McDonald, from Cape Breton,

who were on their honeymoon and called to see Sister Superior.

February. - Dr. McRitchie arrived with his assistants and apparatus, and examined every child. He returned a few weeks later, and X-Rayed all the children. This took several days, not continuous, but by the end of the month, he had finished. An epidemic of the "flu" prevailed. Sixteen children went to the Halifax Infirmary for tonsils, eight boys and eight girls. Sister Rose Francis was a nurse in attendance and from reports, the Indian children afforded not a little amusement and entertainment.

On February 18th. Sister Cyprian left for the Infirmary for treatment. After the usual procedure, it was decided that Sister was to have her appendix removed, and the operation took place on March 7th.

Today, March 5th. Sister Dorothy Clare arrived from the Mother House to substitute for Sister Cyprian. Sister Superior made an emergency trip to Halifax with Josephine Cloud, who broke her leg while coasting. Sister left the girl at the V.C. Hospital and called at the Mount to meet Sister Dorothy Clare.

Lenten devotions, Beads and Benediction on Wednesday and Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction on Friday were well attended by the people from the village.

Sister Cyprian returned on April 11th. and was welcomed by all.

Spring had arrived, but was not long enjoyed, for the second winter was with us and a heavy snowfall on Palm Sunday. It was wet and soon disappeared but was followed by a surge of cold weather, which was a great disappointment as mittens, sleds, skates etc., were packed away, and we were all set for Spring.

April. Father Mackey went to Halifax where he assisted at the Holy Week Services at the Cathedral. He had Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at three o'clock and no other devotions until Easter Sunday. The altar was laden with Easter lilies, and was exceptionally beautiful, with a new altar cloth which the Sisters and children had finished for Easter. The altar boys wore new cutwork surplices, mostly the children's work. The day was perfect - and in every way was, "truly the day that the Lord hath made."

On Saturday, April 22nd. the first Mayflowers of the season were gathered.

On Tuesday of Easter week, we received word that on the following day, His Excellency would arrive for dinner. Great preparations were in order, but we were all disappointed that His Excellency could not keep the appointment, and his visit had to be postponed indefinitely.

May. Our Lady's Month, and May devotions and Mayflowers for Our Mother. May first, the children

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went to the woods, sang their hymns, said their beads and started their hunt for Mayflowers. Every child came home with her own bunch, all parted and tied, ready to put in the different parts of the house. They vied with each other in filling Our Lady's basket, which was placed before her statue during the month. The procession took place on the last Sunday of May and was well attended by the village people and others. It was as usual, inspiring and devotional. The 1939 Procession will not be readily forgotten by those who witnessed it, for three weeks after date, word came from somewhere to get the children dressed up in their Procession clothes, which had been packed away for 1939. Baskets had to be taken down and refilled, banners uncovered and bows and bows had to be tied. A moving picture was to be taken and nothing was to be left out. The camera men waited for the formation, and out came the children singing their hymns, looking as well as they did on the last Sunday of May.

May 14th. "Chapter Day" The Sisters from Amherst and Truro came here for the election of Delegates. Sister Superior and Sister Maria Winifred were appointed. The day was a memorable one. Five of the Sisters arrived Friday evening; the others came the next morning. The was very fine; the election went off smoothly and was over in thirty minutes. That gave the Sisters a long day. Father provided something more than usual and the cooks worked very hard. Sixteen children received Our Holy Communion this month.

June 11. Sister Evaristus arrived today with four teachers from the Mount College, who were interested in the school, and appreciated the opportunity of going through and seeing our work here.

June 12. Four nuns and sixteen Normal School students, residents of Selton Hall, Truro, came this afternoon, to visit the building, and see the children. Among the girls were three or four nieces of our Sisters, and some former pupils of our schools.

June 16. At 12.15 today we were surprised at the arrival of two Sisters, Sister Miriam Vincent and Sister Lawrence Justinian, from the Sanatorium, the guests of Dr. Whitman and his wife, who drove them from Lourdes. They stayed for dinner and a couple of hours after that. We were sorry our sick Sisters could not have stayed longer, and enjoyed the beautiful weather we are having. However they had to leave shortly after three o'clock.

June days are busy days getting ready for "College Day" July 1st. This year the children were surprised to learn that they would be leaving on June 30th. instead of the following day. Thirty boys and girls were discharged, the largest graduating class. Some of them had been here eight years and a few since the first year the school was opened. What is ahead

of them, only God knows, but we hope they have profited by the years spent here, and will try to inculcate the virtues and habits they practiced here, into the hearts of those at home.

Sister Paul of the Cross left on July 1, for Mahone Bay, to take a course in pottery or clay modelling. Sister Superior, Sister Francis Anthony and Sister Cyprian left for the First Retreat.

During the Retreat we read in the papers that some of the Ottawa Officials were in Halifax, had been at Camp Hill Hospital, were planning on visiting the Nova Scotia Sanatorium at Kentville and would call at our school after that. We did not expect them until the following week, and wondered just how things would be, as Father was leaving within a few days for his retreat. However, on Saturday morning in the midst of housework, three cars drove up. Five men and two women came in. Father took them through the house. The Premier, Hon. A.L. McDonald, Mr. Crerar, Minister of Mines and Resources and his wife, Mrs. Crerar were among the guests. They did not stay long - hurried through the house, but were most gracious and courteous.

July 4th. Our Pioneer, Gladys - registered as Gladys Labrador, left for Kentville Sanatorium. The children wonder how the school is going to get along without Gladys, and those who have gone home for vacation will miss her greeting at the door on their return.

July 10th. Father left for his Retreat in Halifax.

July 11th. Sister Francis Anthony and Sister Cyprian returned from Retreat. Sister Superior remained for the General Chapter, to open on July 12th, at which she was appointed Capitular.

On July 12, Sister Maria Agatha, Sister Vera Marie and Sister M. Patricius arrived today to spend the rest of the summer here. Sister Blanche came the following day with Sister M. Beatrice, who had been in Halifax for a few days, having some dentistry attended to.

July 14 brought an end to the strawberry season and already the children are beginning to look for raspberries.

Father Mackey arrived home from Retreat this p.m.

A notification came from the Mother House and great was our joy, when we heard the results of the recent General Chapter.

August 1938. The close of the last retreat, August 15, brought no changes on our list for the year. With the exception of Sister Dorothy Clare, who was substituting for Sister Cyprian all the Staff returned. Sister Dorothy Clare was placed on the Mt. Carmel List - New Waterford.

September 1, brought the children back from vacation and were ready for another scholastic year, with one hundred sixty strong - several being new children.

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October, with its usual devotions, which were fairly well attended by the village congregation, soon came to a close.

One of our new children, Joyce McDonald, who came to the school early in September, was taken ill with pneumonia and died on October 26th. This was the first death, at the school since its opening in 1929. Her body was taken to Cambridge N.S., her home for burial. Joyce was a bright, cheerful, little girl and was well liked by everybody.

November brought us another death - James Paul from Barra Head, C.B., who came to the school, only a few weeks previous, in a bad physical condition. He was at once placed under the doctor's care and removed to the V.G. Hospital, where he lasted only a few days. The dread disease, Tuberculosis, had taken its last steps.

December 1, Sister Maria Adrian left for the Halifax Infirmary, very ill. On December 5th. Sister Teresita from St. Joseph's Convent, Halifax came to substitute as organist for Sister Maria Adrian. Sister M. Ada from St. Peter's Convent, Dartmouth came to substitute in Sister's class.

December 8th, the usual Renovation of Spirit took place. The Chapel was beautifully decorated and the devotions very impressive. The children were present for the first time at this devotion, and contributed much to the solemnity of the occasion by their sweet music.

A three days mission opened on December 8th. under the auspices of Father Devine. It was conducted by Reverend Father Mc Ardle, a Passionist Father from New York. The parishoners of Shubenacadie filled the rear of the Chapel and the older children occupied the front seats. Father said Holy Mass at eight o'clock, followed by a short instruction. The evening services were at seven-thirty o'clock.

December 18, the Devotion of the Forty Hours opened, and closed on Tuesday, the 20th. The altar was at its best and the High Mass was well sung by the children.

Christmas preparations began immediately after the 8th, and from then until the 20th the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season was quite evident. Santa was very good, as usual and generous with his popcorn, bags of candy, etc., which he distributed in the children's refectory after breakfast. All the children were well remembered, and Santa was especially good to those who had no home parcels. The Community Santa was good, too, and arrived in true fashion on Christmas eve.

1939 January 2nd, brought us visitors from Mount Saint Vincent, three Mercy Nuns, students at the Mount accompanied by one of the Mother House Sisters. One of the Mercy Nuns was Sister Teresita's niece - from Newfoundland, so that helped the visitors to feel at home.

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They spent a glorious day - "The best since they entered", they declared. The ice and snow were in good condition and the sleds and skates in good running order.

January 7, brought visitors from Dartmouth, Sister Agnes Clare and Sister Agnes Mercedes who accompanied Sister M. Ada, one of their staff, to Shubenacadie, to remain for two months to substitute in Sister Maria Adrian's class. Sister had not returned from the Infirmary, to date.

January 9th, Sister Paul of the Cross left for a three weeks' visit to her home in Bathurst. Sister returned on the 28th.

February brought the opening of the Holy Season of Lent. The usual Lenten devotions were well attended by the village Catholics as well as by the children.

February 12th opened an epidemic of "flu" and for two weeks, we were very busy with an average of twenty-five to thirty children in bed a day. The Sisters, too, had their turns, but all's well that ends well.

February 9th, Father took Oliver Meuse to the Sanatorium at Kentville. He had been in the V. G. Hospital for treatment and his case was diagnosed "Tubercular". However after a few months at the "San", he was discharged and returned to school.

Easter Sunday - The Day that the Lord hath made - arrived with a big snow storm the day before, which lasted throughout Saturday and Sunday. In spite of the outdoor weather, the children were all dressed up in their Easter best, and sang the Alleluia's with their usual joy.

Shortly after Easter, Sister Jean Berchmans, left for three weeks in Boston. While there, Sister missed the first case of diphtheria, which caused a great deal of excitement and precaution. Every child who showed any sign was put to bed and every precaution taken. The back end of the building, on the Community flat was "isolated" and in this corner of the house, things were humming for a few days. The beds in the dormitory and infirmary rooms were filled; every day a few more were given anti-toxin, and by May 7, the day of rejoicing came when the last swabs came back with a negative report. At once the place was opened, and fumigated. The germ which found its way to the school, through unknown channels, was banished forever, and a day, we hope. Dr. McKitchie and his assistants came, and everybody in the school was Schick Tested.

Whether or not we were to have the May Procession was undecided, but when the quarantine was lifted, preparations for the procession, in thanksgiving, were immediately begun and on May 29th. we paid

our yearly tribute to Our Blessed Mother.

June 1, Sister Teresita left for Boston where she remained until Retreat time.

July 1st started the departures of the children to their respective homes, and the Sisters to their Retreats, etc. About eighty children went and some ninety remained with us for the summer. Sister Paul of the Cross left for Mount Saint Vincent for her Tertianship.

Miss Mackey arrived the day the Sisters came from the first Retreat and stayed for two weeks.

The Retreat List was.

First Retreat.

Sister Mary Edward
Sister M. Cyprian
Sister M. Leonard.

Second Retreat.

Sister Francis Anthony
Sister M. Beatrice
Sister Maria Adrian
Sister M. Clara

Third Retreat

Sister Mary Charles. Superior.
Sister Jean Berchmans
Sister Paul of the Cross.

Sister Teresita did not return to Shubenacadie but went to St. Joseph's Orphanage where she remained until the 15th of August, when she found her name of the Meteghan List. After ten years at Shubenacadie, one of the pioneers, Sister Jean Berchmans, was changed to North Sydney. Sister Elizabeth Therese from the Infirmary took her place.

The new list for 1946.

Sister Mary Charles. Superior
Sister Mary Edward
Sister Francis Anthony
Sister M. Cyprian
Sister M. Beatrice
Sister Elizabeth Therese
Sister M. Leonard
Sister Maria Adrian
Sister Paul of the Cross
Sister M. Clara
Sister William Frances.

August 15, 1939.

Another curtain of another year is slowly drawn and in the stage of life at St. Anne's School, Shubenacadie one find Sister Mary Charles, Superior, beginning her fifth year. The staff is as follows for this year.

Sister Mary Charles, Superior.
 Sister Mary Edward
 Sister Francis Anthony
 Sister Mary Lyprian
 Sister Maria Beatrice
 Sister Elizabeth Therese
 Sister Mary Leonard
 Sister Mary Joan
 Sister Maria Adrian
 Sister Paul of the Cross
 Sister Mary Clea
 Sister William Frances.

The number was augmented by the addition of two more of St. Vincent's daughters, Sister Mary Joan and Sister William Frances, making the staff, twelve sisters, and one change, in that Sister Jean Berchmans was missioned to North Sydney, Sister Elizabeth Therese taking her place.

Sister Mary Leonard is in Boston for a few weeks, her first visit since her change of Mission in 1934, but her last letter, posted on the bulletin board, states that she hasn't gone back on Shubenacadie, for she claims she is still in favor of the wide open spaces.

The new program for the Third Retreat, brought Sister Francis Anthony, Sister Maria Beatrice and Sister Maria Adrian to the Mount. Sister Elizabeth Therese and Sister William Frances arrived with promptness to their new mission, the former coming from the Halifax Infirmary and the Junior Sisters fresh from the Mount.

August 27, Sister Mary Joan arrived in the morning and received a warm reception, which is the secret of making one feel at home.

The day following saw the arrival of Sister Francis Anthony and Sister Maria Beatrice, while Sister Maria Adrian went on to Lourdes Convent for a stay - to see her relatives.

Sister Margaret James, Sister Superior's sister, and Sister Rose Mary are here for a few days' visit ere they travel on to their Mission.

August 28th. Evening! down, not by the Swanee River, but the Shubenacadie River, in every respect as peaceful and enchanting a riverside as the famous Swanee shore. Supper had been served for the children in true camp style, cooked and eaten while sitting by the green pasture, near the open fire, watching the waters running along their course. As the twilight closed, the silvery moon rose, reflecting its mellow image across the waters. The fire blazed brilliantly - seventy-five dark faces smiling around it, and the old familiar songs rang out into the tranquil young night. Then at Sister Superior's request an evening hymn to Our Lady was after "Camp lights out", all ascended the hill, over

the playground and up to bed. The Sisters not on duty with the children had Points - their evening visit to the Tabernacle Friend, and they too, surrendered themselves to the care of Providence. Thus passed one of several such evenings - in a summer, spent at Chubenacadie "down by the river."

September 1. The Sisters have returned, visitors have departed, St. Anne's opened its doors for another scholastic year and welcomed back the boys and girls from the various reserves in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

September 2. First day of school! The rest can be imagined! One hundred and seventy-two children, from five to fifteen years, marched into their respective class rooms. In the young new comers, this was just one more fright, to be later transformed into joy. Nevertheless the wide questioning eyes told the tale. To have to climb into a big, white, high something called a bed was a tremendous accomplishment, but now, one has to sit in a big room with everything so shiny - and hear a person in black, speak words that are not Micmac! But kindness breaks all barriers and Sister Lyprian conquered! Soon, her babes strut off to class feeling proud to say, School! Supper! Sister! Bed! All in! All out!

Mid-September days. Indian Summer and all reap full enjoyment from the cool, clear weather.

Late September. So wet, uneventful days, seemingly, but just a prelude to the terrible outbreak. War declared between Great Britain and Germany, which makes a year of anxiety and events, quick in succession at home and abroad.

October days are days of grace for all of us. Rev. Father Mackey holds October Devotions every evening in the Chapel, inviting any outsider who may care, to attend. Each morning at Mass there are congregation hymns. Truly Our Lady smiles lovingly at the simple tributes of love from these children.

October 2. A Movie! the welcome word among the children! Sisters escort the children and enjoy the movies, too! Gene Aubrey was the screen hero of the day and remained the hero until the next movie paraded another such.

Sister William Francis is lending a capable and willing hand to train a number of bigger girls to be future housekeepers, teaching them "Domestic Science", the first year the school has had such. The girls don their white cooking caps and gowns and enjoy this period every Sunday and Thursday afternoons.

November. Who said November days are drear? Not so, in and about the house on the hill, frequent walks through the woods, the frolic around the house fighting the late Autumn winds, and, too the turning

conversations - which are all about the big happenings of next month - Forty Hours - Christmas, etc.

November 21. Feast of the Presentation. three children of one family arrived today, two girls and a boy. One girl's name was Mammie, the other Bridget Ann and the boy was Raymond. As it is customary among the children to give a nickname to new arrivals, the Sisters decided to get the lead this time; and instead of a nickname, they called to boy "Joachim in honor of the day, and that leaves the girl, Mary, Ann and Joachim! This latter name will hold all through the happy years at the school.

December 7. We are a bit excited and Sister Superior is unusually flushed! A visit from Bishop Melligan from Nelson, in the middle West Canada, on the 8.30 p.m. train. All light on the lower flat on! The train's whistle was heard, hush on and on, she passed like a flash in the night, and Bishop Melligan supposed to stop en route! Had moments and then the telephone bell - the bishop speaking. The train failed to stop - but a promised visit on return trip.

December 8. The privilege of renewing the spirit of our Holy Vows and receiving Holy Communion privately this morning, was ours. Reverend Father Mackey entered into the spirit of the moment and his earnestness and devotion made the Renovation all the more holy and solemn. The refectory on this, as on all festive occasions was beautifully decorated by the girls. Father planned a pleasant treat, in that he had the two oldest boys supervise the boys' picnic, so that all the Sisters could be present at breakfast, a rare event at Phulencadie.

December 10-11-12. Forty Hours Devotion! And with its attendant graces, privileges of a welcome from the King on His Throne at any time during the day. To this year we had a Holy Hour each evening with sermon and hymns, finishing with Benediction, after which the Sisters remained with God until 10:00 p.m. High Mass opened and closed the devotions. During the three the silent reverence for our Tabernacle Host was most remarkable.

December 12. "All good things come to him who waits!" Patiently awaiting the Bishop's arrival, we were rewarded by his visit this evening - not the usual black hat coat and Roman collar, the inevitable sign of the priest, but here was the spiritual Brigadier of Canadian priests and many soldiers fighting under England's standard, with his officers' military uniform and badge of distinction on the shoulder flap. The Sisters assembled in the parlor and an enjoyable hour was passed by all. His most marked and laudable virtue was his simplicity. Recollections of days when our Superior was at Jasper and

he the priest of other days being so graciously welcomed there, were dearly spoken of by the Bishop. His blessing was given and all retired with eager hearts for the morrow's dawn when we would assist at his Mass in the Chapel. After Mass and breakfast the next day, the children formed a body guard and bade farewell to their hero of the day. His one request was that all would pray for the soldiers and especially at Mass time. With waving and good-byes, Reverend Father Mackey drove the Bishop to the Station, leaving behind Indian boys and girls whose hearts were uplifted by his simple but impressive words; and the Sisters looking forward to a promised en route visit again.

December 21. This evening a Christmas Concert was given by the Indian boy and girl actors of the school. Father Mackey was present and a few visitors.

The Spruce days are here! Each hour brings a surprise in the most unexpected nooks throughout the house. The Community Room was begun today and how amusing it is to see the bigger girls peeping in their chance to get in when the Sisters are not present. In the front Corridor, magnificent wreaths, made by the boys, are hanging. Spruce has been draped on either side of the Chapel wreaths. There is no fuss made about prices or pips in claiming our Christmas trees, for those who live in God's wide open fields, and forests nearby, have but to say, "What is God's is ours!" Several trees were cut by the farm men and boys. The festive excitement, the merry Christmas feeling, are found among the Indians in much the same way as among other folk.

December 24. Santa anticipated the Sisters Christmas and made his presentation of gifts on Christmas Eve after dinner.

Shortly before midnight, the Angels' Questa was heard throughout the building, starting on the girls' side, through corridors and finally, up the boys' stairs, calling all to make haste and come down to adore Christ. Two low Masses were celebrated, all in the house being present, and, also, several pews were filled with visitors, both from the village and the Indian Reserve, a few miles away. After Midnight Masses, the Sisters greeted Father Mackey, and received his blessing. We assisted at the third Mass at 8.00 a.m. Christmas Day.

December 25. Today, the altar is unusually splendid with vigil lights, a choice variety of flowers, the best of ornaments and linens. Added to all this, were sprays of real holly, from Vancouver which had been sent to Sister Francis Anthony.

Santa came to the children's refectory during breakfast, and good old man that he is, he had a

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gift in his bag for everyone who had not already received one from home. Christmas day is the one day of the year that the Sisters are all present for dinner. Father Mackey supervised the children during their dinner. It was most enjoyable for us - this rare treat. During recreation we enjoyed a "Grab" arranged for the Sisters by Miss Mackey, Father's sister.

What could Christmas be for the children without a snowstorm! It seems their every desire was gratified, for the snow fell as if in an answering echo from Above, and with skating, snow frolics and toyland a good time was had by all.

The Manger scene was an object of attraction. It formerly belonged to St. Mary's Cathedral, and was given to us as a gift. With Sister Cyprian's tireless and talented work of painting and repairing the Bethlehem Manger found favor but once.

That Vacation days do speed by, everyone admits, but they left very happy memories. The Indian boys and girls have many dear memories, and little incidents recalled year after year, serve to make their days happy ones. This year will be marked as an especially good one for coasting. The double runners were keeping Mr. McLeod a very busy man, with extra repairing. The Sisters are often the back seat drivers, and have experienced many a bump, tumble and bruises.

1940 So far the scholastic year has been without shadow of sorrow, sickness or death, with the exception of a cold that passed quickly from one to the other. Through fervent prayers to ~~Heaven~~ we believe it was stopped.

January 2. Visitors from Mount Saint Vincent. Sisters Maria Catherine, Agnes Helena who were chosen escorts of the Newfoundland Sisters. Sisters Teresa and Sister Nolasco, who are taking courses at the Mount this year. They were no sooner here, than on went the skates and sweaters, and down to the rink for a skate. Even a little coasting too! At dinner we had a vacation "Grab" and in the packages were many surprises, indeed. A very pleasant day was theirs, and their letter of gratitude, received a few days later, stated that it was the happiest day for one of these Sisters, since she entered her Community, in so far as such pleasures went. They expressed their appreciation for the indoor hospitality and outdoor sports, and that we made them feel we were glad to have them as our guests.

January 4. Sister Superior's feast day - a truly happy one. The much charity and helpfulness, due toward the other in preparation for the feast, was remarked by Sister Superior ere we parted at the day's close.

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January 6. Sisters Elizabeth Therese and Maria Beatrice left for Halifax, the former to the Infirmary, her beloved mission of some several years, and the latter to Mount Saint Vincent, where her sister is missioned. And after vacation's last happy day, we resume old duties with new zest, freshened minds and fair hopes that come with the New Year.

January 8. Knitting for the sailors! All the Sisters are clicking away with the needles. It is most edifying to witness the co-operation and sisterly spirit among the Sisters, especially that shown by the experts toward the incipient knitters.

January 20. A lovely present was received today - a picture of Kateri Tekawitha, from Mother General to the Mission of Shubenacadie.

January 26. We were privileged with another visit from Father Brown who loves the Indians and is dearly loved by them. Their great tribute is thus worded, "Father Brown is so kind." This simple sentence speaks much in the Indian's way of expression.

February 1. We entered the Season of Lent with full intent. By way of continuing the Spirit of Shrove Tuesday, in its original simplicity, we were treated through Sister Superior's kind thought to evening coffee and doughnuts with buttered toast for those who prefer it, then a candy selection.

Ash - Wednesday. Saw no long, sorrowful faces, but the usual bright countenances among the Sisters, yet it was very evident from the Spirit of recollection, that all were in earnest to follow Reverend Mother's suggestion in the Circular, to aspire to what is better, to appease Christ's thirst, not by interest in one's own soul only, but to bring others to Christ by forming that intention in every act and thus make each act divine.

February 16-22. Sister Rose Gabriel, the physical trainer of the Mount girls, spent these days in conducting a series of athletic exercises with the boys and girls separately, indoors. The children responded admirably and before leaving, Sister gave a demonstration of the girls' accomplishments - for Father Mackey and the Sisters. Mr. McLeod was present too. Father, whose praise is always sincere, said it was very good.

February 20. Through a letter on the Bulletin board from good authority, we learned that our beloved Mother General was going to Florida for a stay. We feel, too, that it is the one salvation of her health, and pray the rest will prove beneficial.

February 29. Today, Sister Superior and Sister Leonard attended a Red Cross meeting held in Dr. McInnis' home in the village. The scarves made by the Sisters and children were highly praised. Sister brought some yarn home, to begin knitting sweaters for the soldiers. A fresh burst of enthusiasm broke forth tonight at recreation as all the Sisters eagerly and generously offered their services to help the Red Cross.

Our little pupil, Irene Mitchell, who broke her leg a short while ago, had recovered, and now is afflicted with new ills. She was brought to the Victoria General Hospital in Halifax. The hope for the best.

March. And still the winter season is in full swing. The ground has been covered with snow since Christmas and March 21st - the first day of Spring was in name only yet we are grateful for the clear cold air has kept sickness away and for that we are most grateful.

March 11. We heard today that Irene Mitchell has pneumonia meningitis. Work is being sent direct to her home.

Holy Week passed in a holy silence. Although we do not have the Church's service, both Sisters and children live in the spirit of the Church, mourning with Her in silence and sorrow for sin. Many of the children kept the three hours silence on Good Friday.

Easter Sunday, March 24. The day was celebrated with due solemnity. We had our usual 8:00 Mass, wherein Father Mackey delivered a sermon that placed all in the beautiful Easter spirit of joy with Christ. In the evening we had Benediction with the Alleluia hymn that was a fitting close to a holy and happy day.

Easter Week. - A monthly treat for the children - a movie. This time it was Tarzan, and a better picture could not be selected for Indian boys and girls, letting them see in the picture their loved forests and waterways, while the characters lived again their simple woodland ways. For many a day, one will witness Tarzan right here in the building, in the person of the actors, the Indian boys.

April 1. St. Patrick's Day was celebrated today instead of the real feast on March 17th, which rejoicing would have intruded on the holy season of Paschontide. The children presented a play in honor of St. Patrick. "The Irish Stronghold", including a jig and the well loved Irish songs. Father Mackey expressed his satisfaction and promised a little treat of sweets for the little actors and a big candy treat for the leading actors.

April 19. News of the death of Irene Mitchell came today. Irene, it is believed, was destined to go to God since He afflicted her once more, after the complete recovery from the broken leg.

April 25. Mr. Ford, Inspector of Technical College, Halifax, visited the school today and was much interested in the pottery work. He highly approved and praised Sister Paul of the Cross' pottery class work. He informed us that only those who have gone on with the work taught at Mahone Bay during former summers, were to return there this summer. Sister Paul of the Cross is among the number of those who are to return.

April. A hurried passing visit in late April

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from Sisters Rose Gabriel, Anita Gertrude and Marion Charles all of Mount Saint Vincent.

May days! Crickets, frogs - the birds' return - the cows and horses and pigs' debut out in the fields, sunshine and flowers - all herald the beautiful approach of summer. Baseball is in full swing - the village boys are coming up the hill almost every other night for a game of softball and then a game of baseball. Everyone and everything seems to take on new life, up and down here on the farms.

May 10. Sister Francis Anthony went to the Infirmary for a week or so. Sister had an infection and a heavy cold.

May 11. First Communion Day for the smaller boys and girls. They were dressed in white and the Chapel pews covered with white. Father Mackey spoke very simply and beautifully to the children, on the grace that was theirs in receiving Holy Communion. In the refectory, they sat at special tables, decorated with flowers and colored napkins. An orange and a bag of candy was at each place. Visitors from the Infirmary added extra excitement to May 11. Sister Rose Francis, who ever and always enjoys a visit to Shubenacadie, Sisters Daniel Marie and Sister Vincent de Paul from the Sisters of St. Martha. The girls gathered dainty bouquets of Mayflowers, which the sisters seemed happy to take home with them.

In the course of the day, visitors stopped at the school, among them were a couple, one being the popular and treasured Madeline Jones, who was quite interested in the school.

May 13. Sister Maria Adrian left for Lunenburg today, to see Tina, her sister. Tina died May 12. A big cross, but on her return Sister showed she was willing and happy to offer this sacrifice to God.

May 14. Father Burns spent a few days with Father Mackey. They went on a fishing trip May 16, and held to their worthy reputation of capable sportsmen, in bringing home a catch of fish, good, considering the weather and winds.

May 26. The annual May Procession was held today. and Our Lady was truly honored, for there was no worldly show of costly grandeur, or the envy of another's finery, but the sincere faith and devotion of these children as they walked in procession, singing their hymns of praise, while they wound their way around the front grounds into the Chapel to see Mary crowned. Marjorie Pers, a graduate of this coming June, crowned Our Lady. Emma Condo read the Act of Consecration. Father Mackey spoke with admirable sincerity on the practical and loving devotion we should have toward Our Lady.

May 27. Sister Mary Edward left on the early train this morning for Church Point for a three weeks' stay. Her relatives live near the convent in Church Point.

June. The month that passes so quickly - the month that is such a busy month - lists, departures, summer preparations. It is here and on the whole, we seem a bit more happy and yet a bit sad. We pray that the children who are going to leave us for ever will prove faithful to what has been taught them in regard to their Religion. We pray too, for those children, who will be absent from here during the summer, that they may attend to their duties at home as they have done here - Sunday Mass and frequent Communion.

June 8. Today marked the last stitch in the new Altar cloth, after long weeks of tireless work. It is to be used on the Altar for Confirmation.

June 16. Confirmation Day. Reverend Fathers Burns and Murphy accompanied Archbishop McHally, and in the Sanctuary, Father Mackey assisted, all three. Father Mackey in his sermon, praised the Indian Catholic life, and expressed his gratitude toward the Clergy of Halifax Diocese for their past generosity in their contributions to the school in its opening years. Father Burns gave a thorough explanation of the Sacrament of Confirmation and its effects in the soul. His Excellency spoke very simply and yet with unique eloquence and his discourse was such that the Sisters, the lay people and the children profited by it. He emphasized the truth that the best way to show our gratitude to God, is to use the gifts He has given us. A banquet for four was served, and the after-comments were assurance enough that it was elegant. 3.30 p.m. was the hour of departure and the children's body-guard was superb and not unnoticed by His Excellency - a wave - a farewell and all was over.

June 17. Another ten days' visit was begun today when Sister Rose Gabriel arrived to continue and advance the athletics. Today also marked the home-coming of Sister Mary Edward from Church Point. We are glad Sister is back, for one empty chair in religious life is very much like, the empty chair and its effects, in the dear place called "Home."

June 19. Sister Superior, Sister Elizabeth Therese and Sister Leonard accompanied Father Mackey to Truro to be present at Father Kinsella's Golden Jubilee Mass. Father Smith, from Amherst, who arrived at Shubenacadie last evening, went along also.

June 21. A sudden call for Sister Rose Gabriel to return to M.S.V. before June 22. Like all bodies that are well disciplined, we listen, we ponder and we obey. There was much that Sister had not accomplished according to her original plans, but a good demonstration was held in the yard the evening before her departure. Sister Superior accompanied her back, making a double purpose

in the trip, bringing back Sister Elizabeth Therese and Sister Leonard who were to the Halifax district that day.

June 12. Sister William Francis' father, mother and brother arrived today to spend a week in Shubenacadie, As. are all visitors, they too, were captivated by the scenery, the river waters, the barn, the children and their sayings and doings. Her brother Jackie became a real cow-boy before the week's close, driving the horses, so much at home in and about the barn. His week down on the farm passed all too quickly for him.

A new tractor appeared down at the barn, and, for the time being, it is the topic of conversation, all around. Thirty-five horse power, brilliant yellow in color, and driven by brakes, ready for all fields, hills, rough stone grounds, everything. Mr. McLeod and Mr. Parker are the chauffeurs just now, but Father Mackey will be sitting in the driver's seat yet.

The Retreat List assigned Sister Mary Edward, Sister Francis Anthony, Sister M. Cyprian, Sister Maria Beatrice and Sister Mary Joan to the Irish Retreat, July 2-10. Sister Superior, Sister Clara and Sister William Francis to the Second Retreat, for the Second Retreat, August 6-15. Sister Elizabeth Therese, Sister M. Leonard, Sister Maria Adrian and Sister Paul of the Cross, to the Third Retreat.

June 23. A week of busy preparations for children's departures and the Sister's departure for Retreat.

June 24. Friday - the day of farewell - all done in a quick, respectful way. Father Mackey drove each group down to the station, and saw them off. Some to P.E. I, others to New Brunswick and the rest to reserves in Nova Scotia. Seventy children remained here. Life continues busy and happy as ever. These two cannot be separated it seems, for invariably the busy person is the happy person. July retreatants left Sunday, June 30, for the Mount. Father Mackey drove them in.

July 2. Sister Paul of the Cross left today for Mahone Bay to continue the pottery classes.

July 4. Sister Margaret James arrived today to remain for the summer.

Sister Maria Adrian received word that her brother met with an accident in Stellarton. Sister Superior and she left Saturday morning, July 6, that Henry had died. Sister returned the following Saturday, manifesting a courage and calmness that may be termed heroic.

Sister M. Cyprian who arrived home with the retreatants on July 10, left today for her home in Glace Bay. Sister is to remain for a few weeks visit.

July 16. Sister Rose Angela arrived today, and is to be with us for two weeks.

July 26. St. Anne's Day! During the nine days preceding this feast, the boys and girls made a novena consisting of a daily procession around the front grounds, singing hymns to Our Lady, and the much loved hymn to

Good St. Anne, then to the Chapel to recite the prayer to St. Anne, three Hail Marys. The intention was for the manifestation of God's Will in regard to the World War, that is raging so horribly in Europe today. St. Anne's day was celebrated with its usual spiritual and temporal joys, among the latter, was the candy bag and ice cream treats.

Word was received today, that Nancy a patient for some months past was to be accepted in the Sanatorium on July 29 or 30. We feel that St. Anne granted this favor to Nancy and to us. Two days later Nancy was taken to the V.C. Hospital and died on July 29, about midnight. Her remains were brought to the school on July 30, and she was the first child buried from the Chapel, here. Six of the bigger boys were pall bearers. Burial was at the Indian Reserve about five miles from our school.

July 30. Sister Paul of the Cross returned from Mahone Bay with many beautiful pieces of pottery. Her summer was successful and profitable. Sister Cyprian was welcomed home from Glace Bay, today.

July 31. Sister Agnes Carmel, Superior from Bermuda and Sister Mary from the Infirmary, spent the day with us. Sister Rose Angela returned home to the Infirmary with them in the evening.

August 2. This evening was a sad one, the last day of the hay-making season. The boys were at the barn assisting in the work of bringing the hay into the barn. Angus Lopez's hands were caught in the pulley. He was rushed to the hospital by Dr. Mc Innis. Sister Superior and Sister Paul of the Cross accompanied him. An immediate operation resulted in the loss of two fingers of the left hand.

August 5. Sister Superior, Sister Clea and Sister William Frances left for the Mount today, for the second Retreat. Until August 15, we await the important letters that come only from Mount Saint Vincent. We await the slow, but steady train to pull in. Then the mail carrier, being Father Mackey or some reliable lad, the one who brings us the fatal envelopes. East? West? North? South? for one or two or more of us. We bid farewell to the year 1939-40 with grateful hearts to God, Who has watched over us with such loving protection during the past year, having given us a year unbroken in health, altho He deemed it necessary to try us now and then. Yet His joys were our joys and they were infinitely greater than all else. We hope and pray that the coming year will be stamped with His same loving care of His Sisters, here at Phelonacadie.

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August 15, 1940 The train, so eagerly and patiently awaited, arrived at last, bringing Sister Superior, Sister Williams Frances and Sister Clota. By the expressions on the faces of the two latter, we knew all was well with them, but Sister Superior didn't look too cheerful. At once we knew that she had some messages to deliver, and some of those fateful envelopes, carrying God's Will for the coming year seemed to weigh heavily in her bag. "Back to dear old St. Joseph's," for Sister Frances Anthony. Sister Beatrice tearfully and red-eyed, announced her, "old home", Wellesley Hills, as her abiding place for 1940, and "back to little old New York" for Sister Mary Joan. The staff for the year is:-

Sister Mary Charles (Superior)
 Sister Mary Edward
 Sister Rose Genevieve
 Sister M. Cyprian
 Sister Elizabeth Therese
 Sister M. Leonard
 Sister Maria Adrian
 Sister Margaret Patrice
 Sister John Euallbert
 Sister Paul of the Cross
 Sister M. Clota
 Sister William Frances.

Two new members are from the Halifax Infirmary. Sister Rose Genevieve comes from St. Peter's Convent, Dorchester, and now to await their arrivals.

On the morning of the 16th., the Sisters listed for the last Retreat, Sister Elizabeth Therese, Sister M. Leonard, Sister Maria Adrian and Sister Paul of the Cross left for the Mount. Sister Margaret James, who spent the summer here also went to the Mount for this Retreat.

August 16th. Sister Rose Genevieve arrived on the afternoon train and was introduced to the Indians and the wigwam, her home for the coming year. Sister Mary Grace accompanied her; the latter staying for a few days. Busy days followed until the 26th, when the Sisters returned from Retreat. Sister Margaret Patrice did not arrive until the following week, but by September 1st., the house was ready, the staff complete and everything in readiness for the "big day" the day that brought the children back after their holidays.

Sister Carmencita from Mount Saint Vincent, and her family of four sisters and one brother, arrived on Saturday and spent an enjoyable afternoon, for themselves, as well as for the Sisters and children. Great was the delight and wonder of the little ones when they were allowed to sit in the front seat of the car, "took the horn" and listen to the radio. September 1st. Retreat Sunday, and all set for a big year!

September 2nd. The evening meal over, the children stood and watched the hill. Slowly and steadily came the line from the train. "Be it ever so humble" is written all over their faces. But as soon as they get settled and in with their old friends, they are as happy as ever. Seventy girls and seventy-four boys, with about twenty more to come.

September 4th. Classes are resumed and once more order reigns. Sister Supprian has her Mic-Macs - not so many this year, Sister Superior with her College classes and Sister M. Adrian with the middle division all made a big start.

September 5th. Sister Gerald and Sister Dorothy accompanied by the Joyce family, arrived this afternoon. Today also brought us, our dear Father Brown, with his sister on their way to Halifax.

September 8th. Always such a beautiful feast and the first after the children's return, seems to put them back under the care of Our Blessed Mother, who seems to watch over them so carefully.

Today was especially set apart by the King, as a day of prayer for Peace, and approved by the Church. It was chosen because it was the first Sunday after the anniversary of the opening of the War. After Mass, Father said the Rosary, and the daily prayers said for Peace, by the children, were recited with much fervor.

September 9th. This evening Father Smith arrived. Father is always doubly welcome, for we know when he arrives in the evening, it means the privilege of two Holy Masses, the next morning.

September 11th. The usual calm September took a decided turn, and the wind blew fiercely all day and through the night. It was what might be called a hurricane, but outside of the fact that the lights and power were disconnected for a few hours, little inconvenience was suffered.

Father went to Halifax today on business and was due back on Wednesday. However, while in Halifax, Father became ill, went to the Infirmary, and spent the greater part of the week in bed. He returned Friday, having been called to the Station to meet John Peter Augustine, who left here for the V. G. Hospital, to have his broken leg attended to.

September 2nd. Sister Rose Francis arrived today from Boston, on her way to Lourdes Sanatorium where she was missioned on August 15th. Sister stayed until Saturday, the 23rd, and was accompanied to Lourdes by Sister Maria Adrian, who was to spend a few days visiting her mother, at Stillarton.

September 23rd. A new week in September begins with the "house full" and all the children happy to be

back again and into the swing of their daily life. Everybody is well settled now, and the program working like a song, things humming all around.

September 24th. Mrs. McLeod finished putting up, "The swinging Door" on the Sisters' Refectory, and there was much ado about the door that swings in, swings out. Those of the Community who had dear Sister Emerita for their Postulate, will know the meaning of this expression. Strange to relate, that amidst the merriment about the swinging door, the sad news of dear Sister Emerita's death reached us today. We feel that there are many sad hearts throughout the Community today, as they read that death notice, for Sister was well beloved and appreciated by all her former Postulants. Incidentally, it is edifying to see the children as they fall on their knees at the sound of the "De Profundis". They know by now what the bell means and never fail to ask, "What is her name?"

September 24th. Father Sweet and Miss Sweet arrived this evening, to stay over night, so it is the usual good news, "Two Masses".

September 25th. Shortly after breakfast we were surprised on finding His Excellency in our front hall. Accompanied by Father William Barnes, the Vicar General, and his secretary, Father Murphy, the Archbishop was on his way to Joggins to administer Confirmation. Just inside of Shubenacadie they met with an accident and arrived at "The College" with a badly damaged car. After attending to business, they went on their way in Father Mackey's car and returned at eight o'clock in the evening, for dinner.

In the meantime, we were likewise surprised by a visit from Father Johnson, from Shel Harbor, and his mother. Later in the day, Sister Superior's surprise was registered further, on going into Father Mackey's living room and finding Father Devine making himself comfortable and at home.

All this in the midst of pears, plums and more pears and plums! Barrels of both kinds of fruit had arrived the day before, and in the midst of all the preserving, the traditional, Bishop's Pie was put to bake, and the dinner produced was fit for a King, as well as a Bishop. Sister Mary Edward and Sister Elizabeth Therese, both kept smiling, and Mrs. McLeod took out her best silver, a donation which she makes once a year when the Bishop comes, or when he says he is coming. Sister Superior had the dining room shining as she shines herself as "hostess". And so, September 25 goes down in the annals as Clergy Day.

September 29th. Sister Superior's sister, Mrs. Foley, arrived from Antigonish today, to spend the day with Sister. Her little daughter Emily accompanied her.

October 1st. The month of the Holy Rosary opened with the usual October Devotions and a Triduum in honor of the Little Flower. Each afternoon at 3.30 the Children filed to the Chapel for prayers and a hymn to the Little Flower. They likewise attended devotions each evening at seven o'clock, followed by Study, which usually begins on the first of October.

October brought another supply of Red Cross work. The work began with a day devoted to the making of 18 bed jackets, by the Sisters and the older girls. To date we made a total of 69 bed jackets, 44 Soldier's sweaters, 24 Sailor's Scarfs, 27 prs. socks and 12 prs. Pyjamas. This new supply requires all kinds of Soldier's, sailor's and air-men's hats and mitts.

October 4th. Mrs. Martell, Sister Elizabeth Therese's sister, arrived on a surprise visit and stayed over the week end.

October frost hit our gardens last evening, just long enough to spoil all the beautiful flowers which were still blooming profusely. The front lawn had been a riot of color all summer with beds of petunias, snapdragon, begonias, geraniums, zinnias etc. all having been planted and cared for by Sister Superior. The surrounding hills are afire with autumn colors, but the children are still enjoying warm mild weather and it is still "socks" off!

Sister John Gualberts father, uncle and other relatives arrived this afternoon, to find out how Sister was getting along making her baskets.

October 10th. Father St. Burns arrived this evening, stayed over night, and then he and Father Mackay left for a trip of two days to Amherst. Father Burns, being our "Extraordinary Confessor", he, on his return, did his duty. There is always a "hunt" when mushrooms are in season, and Father Burns arrives.

Basil McLeod is making great strides in the educational field, having begun attendance in Sister Lyprian's class, for "Religion" and deciding to stay on until Recess time.

The Pattery Class is in great swing; the boys attending on Wednesday and the girls on Thursday afternoons. Domestic Science classes are likewise in action.

Thanksgiving Day! This afternoon was spent at the River, where the children built a fire and made taffy apples, the whole afternoon.

Mrs. McInnis and Marie, Sister Maria Adrian's mother and niece, spent the week end at the College.

October 15th. The attention of everyone at the school was called to a large black fish, that made its appearance in the river. Nothing like it had ever been

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seen before and it persisted in remaining all day. Many villagers were up to see it, and all were anxious to see it caught, before the tide carried it out. We were surprised to see it there the next morning. All day it was watched. After dinner the men took the tackle, cable and other equipment from the barn and went to the pier to see what they could do. This meant an afternoon of sport for the children and grown-ups alike. Toward evening it was finally landed on the shore, long enough to decide that it was a "porpoise" and not a "deep sea bass" as many thought. It then disappeared. No further sign of it led everyone to believe it was "lost".

October 17th. brought two new children, Marion and Georgina Charles. Needless to say these two received more than their share of welcome and it is prophesied that they will get a special share of attention. Time will tell!

October 18th. Monsignor Kinsella and Doctor John Burns were visitors today, having arrived shortly before supper. Father Johnson, from Sheet Harbor, also visited for a short while, yesterday.

October 27th. The Feast of Christ the King. Today we were privileged in having Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. As the children are not usually permitted to visit the Chapel during the day, they make good use of the privilege on a day when they are permitted. Lines were posted for hours, for the sisters and children, and while everyone was prompt in appearing for the hour listed, the extra hours and extra beads were numerous.

It was also Father Mackey's birthday, and an extra large cake was made. Last year, Father decided to cut his cake and give each child a piece, so this year, the size of the cake was increased considerably. It was very prettily decorated in pink and yellow, and at the evening recreation, the Sisters as well as the children had a sample.

October 28th. The first Annual Red Cross meeting was held in the village, and Father Mackey attended. The total number of pieces knitted or sewed by the Indian School numbered 203, a very good showing, it was remarked at the meeting.

October 29th. Signs of Halloween and mostly signs of excitement, for this holiday certainly means a lot to the children.

November 1. The month of the Holy Souls was ushered in rather mildly. Altho storm windows are up, signs of winter are scarce. During the past two months, we have been blessed with good health among the children - no colds, fevers, etc., which the past two or three years have brought. No epidemics, no sore throats, in fact nothing to bring Dr. McInnis to us at all, except for the usual routine initiation treatments, vaccination, blood tests, etc. We hope that the winter will continue this way.

November 11th. Remembrance Day and the usual marching to the village, to assemble at the Monument to pay respect to the Veterans of Shubenacadie. The ceremony has an added feature this year, that of having Reverend Father Mackey, the speaker on the occasion. This was Father's first appearance and the history of Shubenacadie turned over a few pages today, as the village people stood in awe and attention, as a Catholic Priest held them spellbound for the brief space of ten minutes. Many were the laments and regrets that the speech was not longer; that the hearts of those listeners were thrilled was plainly seen on their faces. Needless to say, Father's speech was well prepared and delivered.

The afternoon gave the children and staff another treat - a movie.

November 13th. Dr. Mc Innis spent the greater part of the day here, blood tests, vaccinations, and "Schick" tests for the children who were not "schecked" at the time of the diphtheria scare.

Several visitors were here over the week end, to go through the house.

December. The month of months!! With the opening of Advent the Christmas Spirit becomes evident. The weather being very mild, and with only one snow storm the first week, gave a grand week of coasting, but alas - the rain fell heavily and it was farewell to the hills for a while. It is an ill wind that blows no good, for the rain soon froze, leaving rinks here, there and everywhere. For three long weeks in December, up to and through the vacation, the children skated in every tangent.

December 8th. As usual this feast is joyfully looked forward to. The Chapel was beautiful and the singing at its best. All helped to make the day what it should be, a Renovation of Spirit. As it fell on Sunday, Father said Mass at the regular time, but the Sisters had Holy Communion at six-thirty, followed by breakfast, at which all assisted.

As soon as the eighth is over, the preparations for Christmas begin in earnest. Miles and miles of spruce is tied, and then there is never enough - always the extra barrel is needed. Each year the place seems more beautiful. This year Mrs. Goslin, Sister William Francis' mother made a contribution of tree decorations and novelties which came in good time.

Great was the interest in the Crib. Sister Gyprian spent weeks after Christmas last year, mending and painting the figures from the crib. It was a tremendous undertaking and many hours of patient labor was spent on the task. When finished, it was really very beautiful and a further evidence of Sister's talents. All the figures were carefully put away with the thought, "Who will take them down when it is time?" Sister was here to do it herself and what a lovely sight the Crib was. Surely, Father Burns, would gladly exchange

his new one for it, if he could see it.

Midnight Mass followed by a second Mass, and the third at eight o'clock. Then breakfast, Santa and the real jay began. The children had a happy day to say nothing of the Sisters. Everybody overflowing with the Christmas Spirit and trying to impart it.

Visitors are rare at the College, and so we had just our Shubenacadie Friends, who come year after year to admire the building. Christmas afternoon brought a treat to the children, in the form of a "Movie", their favorite "Mickey Rooney".

The holidays were ideal. The weather, an important factor in making the children happy, was perfect. Days were skated away, and except for a touch of cold among the little boys, at the end, all ended well.

January 4th. 1941. Sister Superior's feast, a joyful day, but tinged with sadness, as all these festive days are. "Who will be here next year?" and "Where will Sister be?" seem to be the big questions which nobody wants to ask out loud. While the Sisters were upstairs arranging their little gifts, Sister herself was downstairs typing up one of her special treats, a "Grab" which was a surprise for everybody. This along with her Five Pound Box of Three H's were her contribution to her own feast day.

January 6th. brought the Truro Sisters to spend the day, at Sister Superior's invitation. We think all spent Everything was done to make it pleasant, especially for the visitors.

And so, all good things come to an end! The vacation is over, school is resumed, and all is well at the Shubenacadie Residential School.

January 7th. the re-opening of school after the holidays and plenty of snow during the next few days.

January 8th. brought us officials from the Department of Public Health to "patch test" the children.

January 10th. Sister Rose Genevieve and Sister Elita went to Halifax for the day. Both were expected back, on the evening train, but Sister Rose Genevieve came alone having left Sister Elita at the Infirmary. Sister Elita met with an accident at the Mount gate, after getting off the bus. It seems as though Sister was hit, or caught in some way by a passing car. While it did not look serious, still all precautions were taken. The doctor was called and Sister was sent to the Infirmary for a few days rest and observation.

January 13th. The "patch test" results were read and plans made to X-Ray doubtful cases. On the 15th and 16th inst., Dr. Eagles, his assistant and our own nurse, had many busy hours, checking up and X-Raying the children. Several outside patients came to be X-Rayed.

January 20th. Sister Clea returned safe and sound from Halifax, accompanied by Sister Mary, of the Infirmary staff, who came to spend a few days. Sister Mary stayed until the 23rd.

During these weeks, the snow is plentiful, the coasting, the best ever. The snow suits made during December are just the thing for the long hours spent out of doors. Despite a slight epidemic of colds which lasted about a week or ten days the children are and have been well.

Sister Francis Anthony was not unmindful of her little Indian friends. A box of all kinds of good things, chocolate bars, mounted medals and various other things that delight the hearts of children, came from Sister. Most of the contents made enviable Bingo prizes and Sister certainly would be happy to see how happy her package made the children. Bingo prizes for the children range in value from a piece of cake or pie, donated by the Kitchen Department, to toy candy, donated by Sister Superior, to say nothing of a "fur trimmed" parka hood donated by Father Mackey, and eagerly coveted by all.

February 1st. Sister Superior left today for the Infirmary taking along with her, two children for the V.G. Hospital. Sister Superior remained at the Infirmary for about ten days, for treatment on her hands, from which she had been suffering greatly. On this same day one case of measles broke out in the school. Before evening a half dozen cases had followed. The "one hundred per cent" co-operation of the Indians, on this occasion, as on others was noticeably remarkable, for within two weeks over a hundred cases of measles were contracted, cleared up, and everything going on smoothly. One sister, Sister Clea, the only one on the staff, who had not the disease in childhood, contracted it.

Sister Superior returned home on the 10th, surprised at the number of children who had been ill, and who had recovered during her absence.

March 1st. We were informed of the death of Reverend Father Sweet in Springhill. Father Mackey was appointed Executor of the estate. Father left the following day for Springhill and returned on Wednesday, accompanied by Father H. Burns and Father Smith.

Lenten Devotions were held as usual, with the Rosary and Benediction on Wednesday evenings, and the Way of the Cross and Benediction on Fridays.

The Sisters and children are busy these days trying to finish up their Red Cross work, but there seems to be no end to it. One supply goes over to the Red Cross Branch, to be replaced with a few more bales of sock yarn, Navy blue for Balaclavas, and a variety for sweaters, scarfs and mittens.

April 1st. What a surprise! Mother General paid a

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brief visit to the School today, accompanied by Sister Alice, Sister Bertrude Marie and Senator Dennis. They made a hurried trip through the house. On the following Sunday, the Sisters and children enjoyed a treat of "ice cream" from Farmers Dairy, the gift of Senator Dennis.

April 4th. Sister William Frances went to the Infirmary today, where she remained for two weeks, for treatment.

April 9th. Father Smith came from Amherst today, stayed overnight and accompanied Father Mackey to Halifax the next day, for the Holy Week services at the Cathedral.

April 10th. Holy Thursday, Sister Superior left today with Sister M. Clea for Laurier, where Sister is leaving the latter as a patient at the Sanatorium. Sister Superior stayed overnight and returned on Friday. Father Mackey returned from Halifax on time to have the Way of the Cross at "Three O'clock". The community was making the monthly retreat.

Easter Saturday, Sister Cyprian's feast day! Those of us who were here in former years, know how Sister Cyprian usually celebrated. We refrain from going into details about the "Black Petticoat," but we think this year's celebration is worthy of record. While waxing and shining up her dormitory for Easter, Sister fell, and being, no light weight, fell hard. With some assistance, she managed to get downstairs to her room, where, it was thought, she had recovered from the effects of the fall. However, extreme suffering the next day convinced folks that all was not well. So Sister went to Triuro for an X-Ray which revealed a broken arm. A few days later Sister went by car to the Infirmary for further examination. Lo and behold, she came back worse than she went. Sister slipped while stepping out of the car and sprained her ankle, at the same time she hurt the knee of the other leg. It is a tragedy indeed, when one cannot find something funny and as tragic as the whole affair was, it excited quite a bit of laughter.

Easter Sunday dawned bright and sunny. The altar was very beautiful. Visitors surprised us by unexpectedly dropping in from Dartmouth. Dr. John Burns, Sister Gaston and two Sisters.

April 17th. Sister William Frances returned from the Infirmary, today.

April 20th. First Mayflowers, as pretty and fragrant as ever. They are not so plentiful this year. The weather being quite rainy and cold. By the time it cleared up the Mayflower season was over.

May Devotions opened. Our Lady's shrine was prettily decorated with her own flowers. Immediate

preparations were begun for the Forty Hours, scheduled for the 11th. A new carpet, long-looked-for, arrived, and on May 2nd, was laid in the sanctuary. While being admired by all the Sisters, Sister Leonard had the misfortune of slipping and spraining an ankle. The Forty Hours opened on the second Sunday of May. Reverend Father Devoy of Halifax came on Sunday afternoon and gave the sermon at the Holy Hour on Sunday Evening. Reverend Father Carroll, also of Halifax, came for Monday evening. The children's choir sang High Mass each morning and did very well. The Sisters and children kept "Vigil" during these days. The Sisters remained after the Holy Hour, until about 10 o'clock, when Father placed the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle for the night.

May 6th. Sister Evaristus arrived today, accompanied by Her Highness, Archduchess Adelaide, of Austria. They spent the afternoon going through the building, meeting the children in the classrooms, etc. Her Highness is spending some time at Mount Saint Vincent College. Sister Agnes Joseph and Sister Ellen Joseph were in the party. They later remained a week to do some sewing for the Sisters. The other guests returned to the Mount in the late afternoon.

The month of May, up to the present has been quite rainy and indoor sports have been the daily program. Anxious eyes are now being raised toward the skies, for fear that Sunday, the 20th will not be fine enough for the procession, for which plans are being made. New white suits and yellow capes are the feature, this year, for the boys, to match the blue and red capes which were made previous years.

Ascension Thursday. Slings, plaster casts and other signs of broken arms, legs, etc., which featured so prominently this month, have been discarded and once again all are sound at the College.

May 25th. The Procession Day. The weather was perfect, and the procession an inspiration. The children look forward to this time when they can show special homage to Our Blessed Mother.

June - The days are counted and the children are all eagerly looking forward to July 1st, and the most hopeless are looking forward to a glimpse of "Home Sweet Home!"

The Retreat lists arrived and are as follows:-

Christ Retreat - June 29th.

Sister Rose Genevieve

Sister Elizabeth Therese

Sister Mary Leonard

Sister Paul of the Cross.

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These dates were inconvenient this year for it meant that the Sisters had to leave for Retreat before the "Big Day", July 1st., the day that requires one hundred per cent staff on hand, ready to transport the vacationers home. However everything was orderly and well organized, and July 2nd, found the College, with six Sisters and the usual number of Summer Boarders, about sixty-eight, ready for a quiet summer.

Second Retreat did not begin until August 6th., and this date was sadder as it drew near for we knew that one of our members must needs depart not to return - this year at least. Sister Superior's six years as Superior had expired and she must wend her way Mountward to await until the 15th. of August, for the Will of God for her, for the next year. Father Mackey made little mention of the whole affair until after Mass on the morning of the 6th. When he motions to the children to sit down, we know that something interesting is in the air. Often-times it means a reprimand, and usually it is interesting to those concerned. But this morning it was his farewell, his words of gratitude and appreciation in behalf of the children, to Sister, for all her interest, kindness and generosity, which he, himself benefited by, as well as the children. If ever there was a "Magna cum laude" departure, Sister received it, and certainly she must have left with the gratifying consolation that her work at Shubenacadie was finished, for a year anyway, and "well done". She must have felt amply paid for the "ups" and "downs" of college life, as she was forward, kneeling at the front door for Father's Blessing, and with a big good luck and "God Bless you" for all and from all.

Sister Maria Adrian, Sister Margaret Patrice and Sister William Frances also left for this Retreat.

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Sister	Eleanor Marie, Superior.
Sister	Mary Edward
Sister	Julia William
Sister	Maria Rita
Sister	Elizabeth Therese
Sister	Mary Leonard
Sister	Maria Adrian
Sister	Paul of the Cross
Sister	John Guibert
Sister	Mary Patrice
Sister	William Frances.

Our staff appointed for the coming year! Sister William Frances arrived home the night of the 15th, with the startling news that Sister Cyprian, Sister Rose Genevieve and Sister Margaret Patrice were breaking up our happy group of 1940, to depart for other Missions. Our loss of Sister Cyprian is Dartmouth's gain; of Sister Rose Genevieve, Prospects; and the Infants Home is reclaiming Sister Margaret Patrice, who previously left here for the Infants Home, only to return to Shubenacadie. Now Halifax claims her again.

Sister Superior arrived on Monday, the 18th. and was welcomed by the Sisters and the children who formed a semi-circle on the lawn. To her we wish every blessing. From Yarmouth we hear sighs! Yarmouth's loss seems to be our gain. We tried not to impress our new Superior in the way we impressed Sister Mary Charles on the day of her arrival. "The real thing!" was her exclamation, altho she did not tell us until sometime after. We shall await Sister Eleanor Marie's recital of her first impressions!

The first visitor after Sister Superior's arrival was Miss Mackey from New York who came to spend two weeks with Father Mackey.

Two Sisters of St. Martha also arrived to spend the day and stay overnight, observing the organization of the school.

A Mission, under the auspices of St. Bernard's Parish, Enfield, opened on the following Sunday. It was given by Reverend Father Bradley, S.J. who, altho in poor health, gave the morning and evening instructions with great enthusiasm and zeal for God's glory. Reverend Father closed the Mission on Sunday evening, imploring, in a very special manner, the prayers of those who made the Mission, and promising in return a very special remembrance in his own prayers. Little did all who were present realize that this was Father Bradley's last Mission, and that this was his last Sunday Mass, for, on the following Saturday Father Bradley died. It seemed strange that of all the Missions and Retreats that Father conducted, in all the large cities, churches and cathedrals, he said his last Holy Mass and preached his last Mission in the little Chapel of the Indian Residential School in Shubenacadie. May his soul rest in peace.

The last Retreat at the Mount closed on the 23rd. and the return of the Sisters was anxiously awaited. Sister Mary Edward and Sister John Guibert brought two of the new Sisters to the Mission, Sister Julia William and Sister M. Patricius. They were also accompanied by a new "Pastulant" from the "Infants Home." Those who read the annals before Peggy has reached her sixteenth year, or passed on to heaven, will know why Peggy created such a

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sensation at the Station, when she stepped off the train, and at the School, when she arrived and "toddled" along the corridors.

Father Mackey and Miss Mackey went to Truro to visit Sister Mary Charles, and brought back word that Sister had been appointed to St. Mary's Convent, Halifax. Reverend Dr. John Burns, Father W. Burns, their mother Mrs. Burns and their two sisters, paid a visit to the School today and had dinner with Father Mackey and Miss Mackey.

Sister Paul of the Cross returned from Antigonish on Saturday and left Monday to spend the week in Bathurst. Sister Maria Adrian likewise left for Stittarton for two weeks after Retreat.

September 1st brought the full staff and the return of the children.

Some of the local schools on the Reserves are not opening until October 1st, and many of our children had the mistaken idea that this school's opening was likewise delayed. The children, naturally, were too willing to give themselves the benefit of the doubt, which, also naturally, was soon cleared up.

October brought a few visitors. Reverend Father Burns came, and stayed overnight. Father Johnson, also, from Sheet Harbor, came for a short visit accompanied by his mother.

The 26th of October was the date of the Little Exhibition at Truro. Several head of cattle from the barn was entered. The results of the contest were broadcast, and among the speakers heard over the air was Father Mackey.

On October 6, Sister William Frances received word that her mother was dangerously ill. Sister left early Monday morning for Boston where she spent six weeks, until her mother has sufficiently recovered to be out of danger.

October devotions were held during the month on every evening except Saturday.

October 25, Sister Eustella and Sister Francis Carmel accompanied by Miss Donovan and Miss Regan, were visitors at the school today.

November - the month of the Holy Souls. The children are faithful to the Holy Souls and daily as they recite the "Chaplet" a special remembrance is given to the deceased Sisters of the past year.

December 2th. The Renovation of Spirit took place as usual, at six o'clock. Father Mackey gave Holy Communion, and after Thanksgiving, the Sisters went to breakfast. After breakfast, we assisted at the seven o'clock Mass, with the children.

Christmas and spruce again - yet it is always new. Our children are expert at tying spruce and again the school looks lovely in its Christmas attire.

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Santa Claus came, as usual with many packages. Each year the children seem to get more from their homes. No doubt that is due to older brothers and sisters of the children who have been here and know what it is to receive nothing from their own at Christmas. It takes very little to make the children happy.

Generally, Father Mackey gives something special for Christmas - a set of new sweaters one year - a set of zipper windbreakers another year, besides the usual supply of books, games, puzzles and candy.

Sister Mary Charles came on the 5th. of January to spend a few days with us, and incidentally to get away from the noise of Barrington Street.

On the evening previous to Sister's departure we had a concert which the Annals could never describe. We had "kitchen girls" and "school days", "barn boys" and "angels", "Indians" and "sailors" and we nearly had a few strokes. Sister left to the strains of, "I'll be back in a year" and we have every reason to think she will keep her promise.

January 12th. Father Mackey left for Ottawa, for a meeting, to discuss plans of localizing all the Indians of Nova Scotia in two large Reserves; one on the mainland and one on Cape Breton Island.

Father returned with books of news. The main feature was the establishment of one of the Reserves at Shubenacadie, five miles from here. This is to be a model Reservation, complete with Church, School, Hospital, etc. The main part of this feature is that the Sisters of Charity are going to staff the school and eventually the Hospital. It was unanimously agreed that special five year courses in Indian Psychology would be necessary before one could undertake this proposition. No-body could name a college where one could get this course.

News also came of the appointment of the Indian Agent, who is Mr. Rice, a Catholic Business man from Kentville.

March 17. St. Patrick's day was respected by the Mic Mac Members of the household, with the traditional green ties and bows.

April brought us beautiful Easter weather, signs of an early Spring and plenty of Mayflowers.

May - the month of First Holy Communion and May Procession. The Mayflowers were plentiful this year and served as decoration for the Forty Hours and also on the day of First Communion. On both occasions the altar was prettily decorated.

Once again the month of June rolls around and then preparations for the home-going vacations and those who go to stay.

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It is pleasant after the year has ended, to look forward to the summer, the smaller number of children, and the relaxation permitted, when the strain and worry of one hundred sixty is lessened to seventy or eighty. It is sad though to look at the other side of the picture, and think of the Masses, that will of necessity be missed; the pangs of hunger that will be felt; the freedom, which the children consider happiness!

August 15, 1942. brought Sister Beatrice back to the school, after an absence of two years, one of which was spent at Weymouth and the other at St. Mary's, Halifax. The Holy Ghost made a mistake and rectified it, was Sister's version. We are glad to have Sister back in our midst.

September again, school days again and one hundred sixty again. A complete staff and full registration and everybody ready to begin God's Work for another year.

Sister Agnes Genevieve and companion visited us during the first week. We were glad to see Sister again, and we are always glad to have any members of our staff who have left us, return for a visit. Visitors at the Indian Mission are rare, and therefore a treat.

Sister Mary Edward fell by the wayside. Sister had not been well and was supposed to be "taking it easy". But anyone cooking for as large a house as Sister was cooking, on the budget provided by the Government, there is not much chance of taking it easy. Sister Mary Edward and Sister Elizabeth Therese were the two Dietitians, appointed for Phubenacadie. They worked nicely and well together with Sister Mary Edward in charge and looking after the children's meals besides baking a barrel of flour three times a week, putting all provisions to their best use and stretching and camouflaging betimes. Sister Elizabeth Therese had charge of the Sisters' meals and the Priests' Dining Room.

June 1943. Father Mackey's Silver Jubilee. Altho Father Mackey directed that there be no celebration, due to the war, etc., we decided on a simple way to have the children show Father their appreciation of all that he had done for them.

Father Mackey did not wish the usual banquet, at which, the Reverend Clergy would attend. He wanted a quiet dinner and he also wanted to go to Springhill to celebrate the Holy Sacrifice, where he had offered his First Mass.

Sister Superior arranged a little program at which the children did exceptionally well. Father Mackey was both surprised and delighted.

On Sunday after dinner, the children's Refectory was transformed into an auditorium. One would never recognize it, minus the tables and beautiful enamel ware. Miss Mackey came from New York to

spend the day quietly with Father, and the village congregation" also came, and presented a gift to Father. The address from the village people was read by Mr. Angus Campbell, while James Prosper read the address in the name of the school.

Father Mackey expected Reverend Monsignor Burns and Reverend Father Smith in the evening. He was leaving with the latter for Amherst the next day. Father was quite surprised when His Grace the Archbishop arrived with Monsignor Burns. Nothing would do, the children's program had to be presented again. Since the refectory had been put in order for supper, the performance took place in the Children's Sewing Room, and it was really better than the first performance.

Sister Elizabeth Therese made a beautiful Jubilee cake, three tiers, beautifully decorated in white and silver, representing grapes and wheat. Father's dining room was daintily decorated in white and silver. Father was presented with a "wrist watch" by His Grace, Monsignor Burns and Father Smith. Father's sister presented him with a beautiful Chalice. Many other lovely gifts were received, including a leather desk set from Reverend Mother General.

August 13, 1943. Reverend Mother General accompanied by Sister M. Alice and two Sisters of St. Joseph, surprised us with a delightful visit. Mother wanted the visiting Sisters taken through the house and afterwards Mother and the Sisters as well as those of the staff who were home, had a very happy visit, while lunch was served in the Sisters Refectory. Before they left the children were home from the woods where they had been picking berries. As usual the children were happy to receive visitors, especially when the visitors are Sisters, and more especially when Mother General is among the visitors.

A sad ending came to this day. Two girls, Mary Ginnish and Doris Atwin, who were supposed to be up in the valley with the others, left the group and played by the lake, where an old boat was too strong a temptation for them. Two of the children, coming home saw shoes and two cans of berries by the lake. They hurried home to report this, while, Sister Beatrice was on her way to the lake. Mr. McLeod was summoned, as usual, in every emergency, and went to the scene. Father Mackey was busy at the time entertaining visitors who were having lunch in his dining room. He was informed, and in turn called the R.C.M.P. the doctors, and the Telephone Company notified

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the town. Within a very few minutes all available assistance was seen rushing along the lake road to the scene of the tragedy. Much gratitude is owed to the village folk, who worked untiringly until the bodies were recovered about eight o'clock. The search started about five o'clock. The bodies were taken to the undertakers and brought back to the school the next day. The children prayed in turns, and a funeral procession was held from the school to the train, where the bodies were placed for New Brunswick, the home of both girls.

Sister Superior was away at Retreat, and a call by phone informed her. Father Mackey spoke to the children and the congregation the next Sunday, and hoped that the children would be taught a lesson. The scene was exactly as Father had depicted it many times during the years, as he warned the children against the dangers of the lake and river. Father said he had been dreading such a tragedy for fifteen years.

These girls had been to Mass and Holy Communion on the day of the accident, and we feel that God in His Mercy, has overlooked their childish disobedience, or forgetfulness.

August 15, 1943. The fifteenth came once again, with its usual worry and anxiety over "the changes".

Sister Joseph Adrian was added to the Staff, as assistant on the Boy's Side, thus making our number eleven again. On account of Sister Mary Edward's illness, and sojourn to the Infirmary, which ultimately led to her taking up her abode, not on duty at the Orphanage, we had been only ten.

September passed quietly with a large registration and nearly all returning on time.

On the 29th. Stephen Morris went to the V. G. Hospital for an appendix operation.

On the same date, Jimmy Prosper was tendered a farewell party and a banquet in the Children's Refectory. The occasion being his departure for the R.C.A. J. Jimmy had been here since the school opened. He did very well all along in his studies, was always gentlemanly, as well as studious and bright. When he finished Grade 8, he was given a chance to go over town to attend High School. While there, he proved himself worthy of his chance, and on several occasions, he surpassed his classmates and led his class.

Father Mackey presided at the table. Seated, also, were Mr. Rice, the Indian Agent, Mr. McLeod, Mr. Parker, Mr. Crowell and the older boys. Speeches were made while the meal was being served, and the other children rendered a song. It was a joyous evening and everybody was happy, even Jimmy, although he was reluctant to leave the only home he had known for so long. However, Jimmy left just on time, for the next day, we were quarantined.

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with diphtheria. Dorothy Doucette, a new girl from Sydney, came late and was ill the day after she arrived. To all appearances she was just lonesome, until it was discovered that she had a sore throat and diphtheria. Four other cases developed and we spent several weeks in seclusion.

We had the usual schick testing of all the children and staff and anti-toxin for those who required it. The routine of the house went on as usual. The only noticeable difference to the children, on the whole, was that they were missing the "movies".

The months of September, October and November were slow in passing. God was generous with His Grace in the form of sickness and worry.

Colin Bernard, a new boy who came this year died very suddenly. He was a delicate boy, and when his mother brought him and his brother, she mentioned that she brought them only, so that they could learn their catechism and make their First Holy Communion, as they lived far from the Church and other Indians.

During the diphtheria epidemic, Colin became ill with a sore throat. Precaution was taken to keep him away from the diphtheria germ. He seemed to be recovering from the sore throat and was able to eat. Dr. Haney considered it advisable to take a swab of his throat and before the report came from Halifax, the doctor thought he might as well give him anti-toxin. He was discussing his plan with Sister and turned away from the boys bed to prepare the dose, when Colin just breathed heavily and expired. Sister rushed to find Father Mackey, who went upstairs immediately with the Holy Oils. The body was placed in a sealed casket and sent on the night train to South River, Antigonish County, his home.

Father Mackey received quite a shock which more or less upset his nerves. After a few days of illness, Father went to the Infirmary.

In the meantime, a girl Mary Doney complained of a sore neck, headache, etc. She was put to bed and given the ordinary treatment for a cold. She did not respond and after a day or so, Dr. Haney was called to see her. The doctor called every day for a week, only to find no improvement in Mary. Meanwhile, Dr. Eagles, from the Department of Public Health, came for the usual clinic, and he consulted with Dr. Haney, who decided that the hospital was the solution to the case. It was

necessary to call an ambulance, and to contact Father Mackey, who was at the Infirmary. Father had already left the Infirmary and was on his way home. On his return, to find the ambulance ready to convey a very sick child to the hospital, was not much help to him. Mary Toney died two weeks later, from tubercular meningitis.

The diphtheria cleared up, the quarantine was lifted, winter set in with a vengeance and all seemed well again at Phubenacadie.

With December, came a shock to the Community. Father Mackey had decided to retire, due to ill health. Needless to relate, all were deeply concerned, for in losing Father Mackey, we were losing the Principal, Burpar, etc.

December 15th. was the date set for Father's departure, and the day dawned much as the day of a funeral might dawn. Father said Holy Mass as usual. After breakfast the children and sisters lined up in the front hall to receive Father's blessing and bid him farewell.

No sooner, however, had Father Mackey left the house, than we received the joyful news that Reverend Father Brown would arrive that very evening, to take up his duties as successor to Father Mackey.

Father Brown arrived about eight o'clock that evening, and being an old friend of our Community, he was doubly welcome.

Up until now our Christmas preparations were not made with much enthusiasm. New year's prevailed, and at once the spirit of Christmas was felt. The endless strings of spruce, the countless poinsettias, and the haste and bustle of the season were in evidence, to make up for the lack that was so evident during the first two weeks of December.

We had the usual privilege of Holy Mass at midnight followed by two low masses in the morning. After breakfast Santa Claus came in a big way and delighted the children with a variety of gifts.

Vacation as usual was much enjoyed and appreciated by all. There was plenty of ice and snow, to help matters out.

New Year's Day. 1944. Mass at eight o'clock was well attended by the village people. The decorations still up, look as fresh as they did on Christmas day.

January 4th. Feast of our Holy Foundress was duly celebrated. Sister Superior celebrated her feast day and received quite a supply of small altar linens, amices, purificators, corporals and finger towels - the work of the Sisters.

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February brought Sister Mary Charles on her annual visit. Sister enjoys the brisk walks and the snowy hills of Shubenacadie. We, as well as herself, look forward to her visits.

Father Brown went to Ottawa on his Official Visit. He returned with glowing accounts of his trip, and the promise of many things that he talked over with the department.

Reverend Father Labana, O.P. from Sackville came and stayed at the school while Father Brown was away. Therefore we were not deprived of the privilege of daily Mass during Father Brown's absence. Father Brown enjoyed the children immensely, especially the boys. He spent many hours with them, indoors and outdoors.

At long last!! We had visions of a new washing machine. The old one which had done fifteen years of service, was quite finished, and something had to be done. Father Brown with his usual enthusiasm started to write, wire and phone and at last a new washer arrived. It was not a thing of beauty to be sure - orange trimmed with red and green, but it seemed a wonderfully strong machine.

Easter brought us a visitor from the Mother House. Sister Redempta, who was at the Infirmary discharged, but not well enough to go back on duty, is the healthy, airy land of Shubenacadie she was sent to regain some of her strength.

Sister stayed six weeks, and judging from the welcome she received at the Mount, she did profit by her visit to Shubenacadie.

May - Our usual May procession, always so simple, yet so devotional, took place on the last Sunday of May. Practically all the village folk came up over the hill for this little ceremony.

June. This year it meant more than the usual vacations, departures, etc. It meant a treat hitherto unheard of at Shubenacadie. Previous to this year, the voting for the General Chapter was held there, at this Convent, on account of the necessity of the supervision of the children. Word was received that the Sisters from Enfield, Huron and Amherst would assemble here on a certain date. On account of the war, the train schedule and travelling conditions, a change was made and the meeting was held at Amherst. It was necessary for the three youngest Sisters to remain at home. Sister William Francis took over the kitchen duties. Sister Joseph Adrian looked after the boys and Sister Patricius looked after the girls, while Reverend Father Brown was General Supervisor. The Sisters who went to Amherst were delighted with their visit. The Sisters of

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St. Charles' Convent did everything to make the day an eventful one. Sister Mary Anne, Superior at St. Charles' Convent, was appointed delegate by the Constitution. Sister Alayne, Superior at Pelton Hall was elected delegate. Sister Vincentia, Superior at St. Bernard's Convent, Fenfield was elected substitute. We arrived home quite late after a long but very pleasant day.

The closing of school meant that twelve of the children were of age to leave. Little do they realize what is ahead of them. They have been instructed and warned. Father Mackey always gave a special conference to the boys and girls who were leaving for good. Father Brown did the same this year.

Retreats are next in order, and the excitement of "The List" reaches its height the day it arrives. This year the schedule is,

First Retreat — Sister Elizabeth Therese
Sister Mary Leonard
Sister Paul of the Cross

Second Retreat Sister Superior
Sister Maria Rita
Sister Maria Adrian
Sister William Francis

Third Retreat Sister Julia William
Sister Maria Beatrice
Sister Joseph Adrian
Sister Mary Patricius

Word came, however from the Mother House, for Sister Patricius to make the Second Retreat in place of Sister M. Adrian, who was to make the last Retreat. That meant more excitement. Sister Patricius "felt it in her bones" that she was going to the West.

Someone else felt the same way. Sister Cyprian was here for a few days touching up the blackboards in the classrooms. We find traces of Sister's talent in the girls dormitories. There, the spreads were designed and made under Sister's supervision. In the Chapel, the scenes on the upper sections of the windows are also objects of Sister's generosity and art. The classrooms and girls recreation hall also had several scenes from Sister's chalk. Sister felt very happy to be back again and was just about to begin work, when word came for her too, to change her Retreat. Between Sister Cyprian and Sister Patricius we had some wholesome fun and innocent recreation.

August 15th, 1944, brought us three changes. Sister Elizabeth Therese left for the Hamilton Hospital.

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and just changed places with Sister Elizabeth James, who came to take her place. Sister William Frances was changed to the Mount; Sister Patricius, did go to the West. Sister was appointed to Kimberly.

Sister Cypridis bones were right too, for Sister was missioned to Selkirk Academy, Vancouver.

We began the new School year off 1944-45 with the Staff complete. Sister Elizabeth James arrived on the 18th. Sister Cecily who made the last Retreat, came from Dartmouth at the end of the month. and a few days later, Sister Elizabeth Anne came from the Mother House.

The registration of girls is large, but not so many boys this year. A few did not return from vacation on time, but after the usual procedure of letters, reminders, and in a few cases, threats of no vacation next year, we had most of the children back.

September 1944. A few words about our summer house! Father Brown, always solicitous for the comfort of the Sisters, and the children had many things planned before he left for "The Shore" the first of July.

For years it had been customary to spend a month or more at the Brown Cottage at Tidnish Shore. This year Father was going for the month of July. Father's sister, Mrs. Fogarty and her son, Reverend William Fogarty of the O. C. also spend the summer at the Cottage. Two girls from the school went with Father. One, he hired as an assistant to Mrs. Fogarty and the other was a companion, lest one should get lonesome.

On Father's return, the first of August, he found the summer house, which he had ordered, built, occupied and greatly appreciated by the Sisters.

Plans for a summer house for the children, as well as swimming pools for the boys and girls are being made for next summer.

October devotions during the month were well attended.

October 8th. His Grace the Archbishop came to the school for confirmation. Besides the children from the school, twenty-five from the Indian Reserve, and several children and adults from the Parish of Enfield were also confirmed. His Grace confirmed at Enfield before coming to Shubenacadie. Reverend Father Carroll and Father Devine, assisted His Grace and Reverend Father Burns. S. J. preached the sermon.

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His Grace did not stay for supper, as he was due in Truro to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in the evening.

This fall we are blessed with exceptionally good health. All the children seem very well, for which we are grateful to Our dear Lord.

The Department of Public, represented by Doctor Eagles, had the usual clinic, patch-tests and X-Rays.

December 8th. The Renovation of Vows took place at 6.00 a.m., followed by Holy Mass, shortly after, celebrated by Father Brown.

December, first and no snow, and no signs of snow. This as well as the previous month has been very mild. We eagerly anticipate snow and ice for Christmas, and particularly for the holidays.

After the 8th, the spruce tying begins. Now the children love this season! They tie miles of spruce and never seem to tire of it. Father Brown appreciates the effort they make and reminds them constantly that every little bit of spruce tied, every little piece of string used are so many acts of love and devotion to celebrate the Nativity of their little Infant King. Father impresses on the children how pleased the dear little Infant must be with their endeavor to make this Birthday so happy.

Christmas with mid-night Mass in all its glory. The children's choir was very good. The Chapel was crowded to capacity and chairs were placed in the hall for the overflow.

The holidays lasted two whole weeks. School re-opened on January 8th, on which day, all the Christmas decorations, together with the crib, were put away for another year.

Thus ends another year, blessed with many graces and blessings. We are grateful to God for His Graces and Blessings, and also for His crosses, which seemed small enough and numerous enough to chase each other away.

August 15, 1945.

August 15th. brought one change to our staff this year. Sister Elizabeth Anne who spent the summer at the Mother House, did not return to us, but was missioned to St. Joseph's Orphanage. Instead, we found Sister M. Helene, from Bermuda on our list.

Sister M. Helene, arrived a week after the 15th and seemed to feel right at home. Strange to say, word came from the Mother House, that Sister M. Helene was not to stay at Phubenacadie.

but was to return to Bermuda, whence she had come.

Sister M. Eugene came to replace Sister M. Helene. When there are so many changes, the time after the 15th. passed quietly and uneventfully. Vacation soon comes to an end and preparations for the opening of school begin.

The children did not return, one hundred per cent this year. On account of the polio scare, the children from Prince Edward Island were advised to remain at home until October 1st. For one month we enjoyed the comfortable feeling of having spare beds, empty pews in the Chapel and empty places at the tables.

September closed with a mission, sponsored by the Enfield parish. Father O'Deady, C.S.R., from Newfoundland was the director. The staff and children attended the Mission and shared in the graces and blessings so abundant at such a time.

October was a difficult month. The water supply was cut off owing to trouble with the pipe line to the lake. Mr. McLeod, our faithful engineer, labored tirelessly and endlessly, trying to find the cause. In the meantime we carried water into, and throughout the building for weeks. Finally, officials from Ottawa decided that we needed a new pipe line. Our Lady of Guadalupe received special honor these days. We prayed especially to her, and in thanksgiving, her picture was hung in the front hall. It had hitherto been in the Reading room.

October devotions every evening - another privilege. Each evening the children repair to the Chapel for Rosary and Benediction. On Saturdays, they say the Rosary walking around the yard.

Father Macky paid us a visit and stayed over night. The children are always glad to see Father, especially the older ones.

October 25th. Visitors from the Department of Publicity, who were interested in the Patterfly Project. They requested permission to take pictures of the children engaged in fasting. They promised to return sometime to show the pictures.

November brought us an early winter and an unusually thick carpet of snow. The shiny double runners, which Mr. McLeod had so carefully repaired and painted, red for the boys and green for the girls, were put to profitable use. Skates and skis are the only things that count these days, and Mr. McLeod

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keeps busy with Jack's implements.

November 20th. A sad and memorable day for us. Mr. McLeod went to the Halifax Infirmary and we received word that his condition is very poor. Great is our anxiety and many prayers were said, begging his recovery.

November 11th. No trip to town today. The Remembrance Day Services were held in the United Church, so, in our own way, we prayed for the repose of the departed soldiers and sailors.

December 8th. Our beautiful Renovation of Spirit. Father Brown officiated. Father enters into the spirit of the day with the community and does all in his power to make everything as inviting as possible. This is one day that the children like us to feel that they can be trusted. Today, the older girls get up and go to the kitchen and without supervision, they prepare the breakfast for the Sisters as well as the children.

December 9th. is another special day around here for the children seem to become satiated with the Christmas Spirit. If they do not see the spruce coming, their disappointment is great. The trips to the woods, the bags and bags of spruce, the sorting and tying of it — all this is the start of the Christmas season. Well may it be said that Christmas begins on December 9th and ends on February 2nd.

Santa Claus seemed more generous than usual. With wartime shortages, he seemed to send enough to keep everybody happy. In spite of the lack of dolls and dishes and toys, all seemed to be happy and well supplied with the wherewithal that makes the temporal part of Christmas exciting. Holidays continue until January 6th, then back to school, and quite a long time before we have another holiday. As much as the children seem to enjoy vacation, they are always glad to resume classes.

January 4th, 1946. Foundress Day.

Mr. McLeod is still very ill. He was not home for Christmas but arrived home shortly after the New Year. Daily we prayed for his cure. It seemed so important to everyone that he should recover, but God thought otherwise and he was called to Heaven on February 17th.

Father Brown was called to McLeod's about four o'clock in the morning. After administering Extreme Unction, he stayed with Mr. McLeod until he passed away. The funeral was held from St. Bernard's Church, Enfield. Sister Anita Vincent, and Sister Mary Charles came up for the funeral.

February 25th. brought Mr. Campbell, the

School Inspector for Hants County on his annual tour. After spending the day in the classrooms, having dinner with Father Brown, the Inspector left after school, with most complimentary remarks.

Lent, solemnly and silently ushered in with the Novena of Silence, and the distribution of the Blessed Ashes. Some of the village folk came for Mass and some came in the evening. We are privileged, as usual, with Lenten Devotions, Rosary and Benediction on Wednesday and Sunday evenings and the Stations of the Cross and Benediction on Friday evenings.

Father Brown preached a short sermon on Good Friday afternoon.

Our new engineer, Mr. Anthony White, arrived from Springhill this week.

Easter, this year dawned bright and sunny.

Sister Paul of the Cross left on Easter Monday for Bathurst, accompanied by one of the children, Mary Agnes Ward, to Valley Road Sanatorium, in Bathurst.

Two new radios made a welcome Easter gift for the children's recreation rooms. They were purchased from the proceeds of the sale of pottery. The radios have a record player attachment, which dispenses, we hope, with the endless trouble we seem to have had with broken springs, etc. Needless to relate how happy the children have been made with their latest gift.

Mrs. Fogarty spent Easter week-end here with Father Brown.

Two Eskimo children came shortly after Easter. They were Mary Kaly and Gaudet Leak from Probus Bay. These children had been flown to Halifax for hospitalization. We were asked to board them until such time as plans could be made for their return to their homes.

May, the beautiful month of Our Lady. May Devotions, First Holy Communion, Forty Hours and Mayflowers.

Plans are being made to hold Pottery Classes here during the summer, under the supervision of Sister Paul of the Cross.

Many children were permitted to go home for vacation this summer, leaving us only twenty-four boys and thirty-one girls.

Sister Rita Carmel, Sister Madeleine Gertrude, Sister Jean Carmel and Sister Martina Marie are the pottery students.

And so - another school year has ended.

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August 15th. 1946.

This year Sister Paul of the Cross is transferred to the Indian Residential School at Cranbrook, as Superior. Sister Beatrice is leaving us again, for the second time. Sister Beatrice had spent several pioneer years at Shubenacadie, and after an absence of two years, returned again. This time Sister goes to St. Theresa's Retreat, in Halifax, hoping that the Holy Ghost will straighten things out again, and bring her back to Shubenacadie. Sister Paul of the Cross is loathe to leave her Indians and her Pottery, but like all good Sisters of Charity, does it with a smile.

Sister Rita Carmel, who spent the summer here, working with Sister Paul of the Cross, is on our list and will take over the Pottery Department.

Sister Joseph Adrian, the assistant on the boys' side, now has charge of them without an assistant.

Sister Maria Justinian comes from St. Brigid's Home in Quebec to replace Sister Beatrice.

September 1st. brings us this year a big influx of new ones, and little ones.

September 15th. brings a letter from our cousins in Cranbrook, with first-class news this time, from none other but Sister Paul of the Cross, who spent long years here with the Mic-Macs. Sister finds the Cranbrook children, Indians, but Indians of another kind. We do not know if Sister is being partial to the Mic-Macs, but according to her long, newsy letter, "They couldn't be compared." The Mic-Macs are far superior, better workers, happier, etc. Time will probably reveal the same qualities and Sister Paul of the Cross will be so loyal to her Kootenays that they will probably be fifty years ahead of the Eastern Indians, instead of behind them.

A renewal of the Mission took place this week, in the Chapel. The exercises were well attended by the village folk. It was most edifying to see so many come to Mass and Holy Communion. Means of travel are very inconvenient in these parts.

Monday, October 20, was an important day at Shubenacadie. The Royal Commission was scheduled to arrive for a visitation of the Nova Scotia Indian Reserves. Monday was the day set for here.

Twenty-two men from the various provinces arrived in the morning. They sauntered through the building, the barn and premises at their leisure, unaccompanied.

Dinner was served in the Reading Room which had been transformed into a Dining Room for the day. The Senior girls dressed in white served the banquet from beginning to end. Great praise was given when the meal was over. After dinner, the servers were invited to the Dining Room to meet the members. The girls were very happy to be thus singled out. Father Mackey was here for the day. He had been asked to read a paper which was very interesting and well read. Father told about the early years of the school, its organization, some of its trials and some of its joys, and expressed his views on the Indians, their shortcomings and their qualities.

Classrooms were visited and songs were enjoyed by the Members of the Royal Commission. Mr. Morris from the Department of Indian Affairs at Ottawa, a frequent visitor in these parts, accompanied the group. Mr. Rice, Indian Agent and Mr. Johnson, assistant, were among those present.

Sauvigners from the Pottery department were presented to each member.

Incidentally, an order for Pottery was received at a later date from Mr. Brown M.P. of Ottawa.

October devotions were held each evening.

Father Brown went to Antigonish for the day.

Father drove James Prosper to St. J. X. University.

Sister M. Rosalia spent a few days with us. Needless to record how delighted we are to have Sister with us. Sister Superior and Sister went out to the Reserve. Great interest is shown in the progress of the project — the new Mission.

Another new addition — a piano. Sister Superior thrilled some of the children by playing a few tunes. The piano was bought with the proceeds from the sale of pottery.

November and the beginning of the regular night study program.

December 6th. Father Brown officiated at the Renovation of Spirit. We rose early enough to have Morning prayers and Meditation finished by six o'clock. We renewed our Vows before Holy Communion.

Spruce. That is the next thing and the only thing that counts, as far as the children are concerned. December 8th means the beginning of the spruce tying, and that means the beginning of Christmas.

As usual the house is decorated, and altho the decorations differ very little from year to year, yet they always look pretty and attractive. Christmas Eve was a real Christmas day.

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The snow fell softly all day. The children were spent the day outdoors and tho excited, they were tired enough to retire early.

Rising for Mid. night Mass for the children as well as the Sisters, was at 11.20 p.m., when the Choir girls passed through the Community Corridor and over the Chapel Stair singing the "Adeste".

Many outsiders assisted at Midnight Mass among whom were several non-Catholics from the village.

The decorating of the Chapel was done this year under the supervision of James Prosper, who had so ably helped Mr. McLead, in former years.

Jimmy arrived home from St. J. to for the Christmas holidays.

1947 New Years Day, Mother Seton's Day and the Feast of the Epiphany! All duly celebrated! Father Brown presided at the children's dinner, so that the Sisters could be together for their dinner - a custom of Father Mackey's.

School re-opened after two long weeks of delightful holidays. on January 7th.

February passed uneventfully. On the 18th we received word of the death of Mary Agnes Ward, one of our girls who had been transferred to Valley Lourdes Sanatorium in Bathurst, N.B. only a year ago. Sisters in charge of the Sanatorium wrote and advised us that Mary Agnes had been a good little patient, polite and grateful, pious and obedient, that she had a happy holy year and died a happy holy death.

Our new farmer, Mr. McKay, arrived early in the month from Cape Breton, to replace Mr. Hannaford, who left in December.

During the Holy Season of Lent we were privileged with Benediction on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday evenings during the season with the Way of the Cross on Friday. As usual the children attend and an average number of people from the village congregation.

Father Brown was assisted during Holy Week by his nephew, Reverend Dan Fogarty, S.J. of St. Mary's College.

Father Fogarty said the Way of the Cross on Good Friday, and preached a short, inspiring sermon.

Easter Sunday, Father Fogarty said Mass in our Chapel, and a second Mass in the village Church.

Father Brown went to the Indian Reserve. April 14th. Mary Elizabeth Logan made her First Holy Communion in our Chapel today.

May. Sister Julia William went to the Infirmary for a few days.

May Devotions were held each evening during

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the month. On the last Sunday we had our annual May Procession.

May, the month of Mayflowers, May Devotion First Holy Communion, Forty Hours Devotions and this year Confirmations.

Fifteen children made their First Holy Communion on the last Saturday of May. Among them this year was "Ludovic" Anita McLeod.

May 29th. At three o'clock the Sacrament of Confirmation was administered. His Excellency was assisted by Father Farrell and Father Granville, who preached the sermon. Father Devine was also in the Sanctuary. After confirmation, the Sisters met His Excellency in the front hall, and had a short visit.

Reverend Father Henri Boudreau has been appointed Pastor of the new Indian Reserve Church. Fr. Boudreau celebrated Holy Mass here, while Father Brown spent a few days in the Halifax Infirmary.

Community Day. A pleasant surprise today. Reverend Father Leugermann, Reverend Father Dougan of Halifax arrived for dinner, accompanied by Sister Mary Charles and Sister M. Florentine of St. Mary's Convent. The visitors went to the Reserve in the afternoon to see the new convent which is nearing completion.

Retreats began early. Sister Rita Carmel stayed at the Mount after the first Retreat to attend Summer School. Sister Julia William, Sister M. Cecily and Sister Elizabeth James made the first retreat.

Sister M. Leonard, Sister Maria Adrian and Sister Joseph Adrian were down for the second Retreat.

Sister Superior, Sister Maria Rita, Sister M. Eugene and Sister Justinian were scheduled for the last Retreat.

The children left for vacation on the 27th. This year and the house took on its usual vacation program and incidentally, its vacation look. It takes a few days to become used to the small numbers, the empty dormitories and tables.

Sister Cecilia Miriam and Sister Redempta surprised us today with a pleasant visit. The Sisters were accompanied by Sister Redempta's parents, who have been spending a few days in Halifax, the occasion being the golden anniversary of their wedding.

July 5th. Mr. and Mrs. Rice accompanied by Major and Mrs. Blanchard of Kentville, were here for dinner. Mr. Rice and his wife were here to look over their new home, which will soon be ready for occupancy, on the Indian Reserve.

July 6th. Reverend Mother General and Sister Violata

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Delighted us with a visit this evening. Sister Superior went to the Mother House in the afternoon, by car, to get Mother, that she and Sister Inviolata may visit the new Convent, which is nearly ready for the Sisters on August 15th. After their visit to the Reserve, we had the happy privilege of having Reverend Mother and Sister Inviolata for supper.

Final plans for the opening of the new Mission seem to be nearing completion, and the folk around these parts are not a little anxious as to which from our staff may be on the list.

Feast of St. Anne. The Sisters and children went to the Reserve today. Mr. Morris, of the Department of Indian Affairs, had been asking for a long time that the children be permitted to go out to the Reserve, and see what the Government has been doing for the Indians. This was the day chosen. They went in picnic style, by truck. The Indians had plans for a week-end picnic to raise funds for the new Church. Father Devine was there with his camera, which he used and promised to show the children themselves, "in the Movies" at some future date.

Father Brown likewise took a group of girls out on Monday, and a group of boys on Tuesday.

We received the sad news of the sudden death of Stewart Cooper, who for many years was our faithful farmer and resident on the hill.

Pottery. Sister Madeline Gertrude and Sister Jean Carmel came for a few days to finish up some pottery they had been doing at the Mount.

August 6th, the date set for the departures of the Sisters for the last Retreat. Another six years has passed, and another Superior left for Retreat, with her trunk. We have a feeling that we shall be seeing Sister in the not too far distant future, with her trunk. We predict that Sister Eleanor Marie will be back with the Indians, at the Indian Reserve Convent. We feel that should this come about Sister will work as untiringly and faithfully as she has during the past six years which she spent at the Indian Residential School.

August 9th. Sister Alice, Sister Redempta, with the latter's parents visited the school today.

August 11th. Sister Francis Patricia, Sister M. Helen and Sister Maria Catherine of the Mother House, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Gritte, and daughter, parents of one of our Novices, visited here today.

August 13th. Mrs. Fogarty and Father Fogarty from Antigonish, arrived today to spend a few days with Father Brown.

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August 15, 1947.

The feast of the Assumption comes once again with its joys to some and sorrows to others but to all the Holy Will of God in the year's assignment of duty.

The Mission list for Shubenacadie read as follows:

Sister Mary Charles Superior	Sister Mary Leonard
Sister Emilian	Sister Cecily
Sister Eugene	Sister Justinian
Sister Amelia	Sister Maria Adrian
Sister Julia William	Sister Joseph Adrian
Sister Madeline Bertrude	
Sister Charles Bonhomme	

Sister Emilian is replacing Sister Julia William as nurse, as the latter's eye-sight is becoming very poor. We all hope that the rest may mean a cure for Sister. A client of St. Charles heads the list and finishes it. Let us hope the combination is a lucky one. The news of Sister Amelia's appointment came as a double surprise, as she was first destined for the West, and Sister Rita, who was happily returning to Shubenacadie, was ushered off with only a few days' notice to replace Sister in Cranbrook. There was much scurrying to get Sister Rita ready in time to join the Western Sisters.

Aug. 16 - Sister Mary Charles, the new "old" Superior arrived accompanied by Sister Eugene. They were met at the station by the genial Father Brown who made the second team arrival for Sister a happy, boding for happier days ahead. The Sisters and children were on hand to greet the new Superior, and after the beautiful and impressive Chapel reception, the Sisters had supper and all were set with grim determination to make the new year one of grace and fervour.

Busy days followed the 15th. as trunks were packed and plans were made for a picnic for Sisters and children before the departures and arrivals. Good Father Brown is always amenable to anything that makes life happier and easier in a situation that is always accompanied by strain.

Aug. 18 - Today brought welcome Sister visitors from St. Patrick's, Halifax - Sister Mary de Lourdes and Sr. Frederick Marie. Sisters Rita Angela and Justin arrived from Dartmouth. A day at the School is a treat for our city Sisters who enjoy the open spaces as well as the good cream.

Father Brown brought Sister Superior and a companion to Enfield to inspect the possibility of the picnic. The grounds there were ideal and a happy day is looked forward to by all.

Aug. 19 - Sisters Ann Catherine, Edwina, and John Catherine are privileged to spend a few days in the balmy breezes, and the usual big welcome awaited them from Father Brown, the Sisters and the children.

Aug. 20 - Picnic Day for one and all. It was hard to decide which was more enjoyable - the actual

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picnic on the truck ride to and fro. Some Sisters went in the School car, and Mr. Rice accommodated the overflow. Ice cream, sweeters, oranges and bananas helped to make the day complete.

Father Devine with several of the Convent Sisters paid an afternoon visit to the beach at Enfield where the youngsters were enjoying their first swim in years. Father Devine had his movie camera and the views shown weeks later would do justice to Palm Beach.

During our absence Father Mackey was a dinner guest with Father Brown who was served by our ever willing neighbor, Mrs. McLeod. Sister Agnes Eustelle and Sister Dorothy, driven by L. D. Currie, Minister of Music, were also visitors during our absence at the picnic. Since the good Lord rewards even a cup of cold water given in His Name, the efforts of all in getting and preparing this gala day for His precious "red skins" must have compensation above.

Aug. 21 - Tired, sleepy youngsters enjoyed a long sleep this morning while the Sisters prayed and heard Holy Mass, and thanked God for so much that His Loving bounty provides.

Visitors from Dartmouth and the Infirmary were welcomed. Sisters Edward Mary and Mathias, the latter came to pay her respects to her sister, Sister Elizabeth James who was soon to report at her new Mission in Roxbury, Mass.

Aug. 22 - Sister Rita Carmel left today for Mt. Carmel, New Waterford. Sister Madeline Gertrude will replace Sister in pottery work here. A trip to the Reserve Convent nearing completion was made possible through the generous offer of Father Boudreau. The three Sisters from St. Mary's were most interested in the big progress there. They started daily Rosary the "Katina way" with the children today. May it bring them and the great cause for which Our Lady pleaded, a speedy hearing.

Aug. 23 - Sister Amelia arrived today to start her year at Shubie. Sister Rita left for Halifax en route to starting her trip to the West. Father Devine and a Missionary came for Confessions and did the duty in quick time.

Aug. 24 - Sister Elizabeth James left the kitchen duty for good today. Benediction today, sung by the Sisters was very beautiful.

Aug. 25 - Sister Elizabeth James, the last of the staff to be leaving for fields afar, left today for Halifax en route to her new Mission. Mr. Rice paid us a visit to inform us that the Sisters from the Reserve would be arriving soon and would be our "star boarders" until the Convent would be ready.

Aug. 27 - Father Brown is busy today preparing the animals for the Lions show. Our herd of over forty Aprachine should possess some prize winning animals. St. Mary's Sisters returned to the city.

unanimously agreed on the benefits derived from a week's stay at Shubie.

Aug. 29 - Father Devine and the C.S.R. made a hasty Confession visit so all are cleansed for the opening of the School year.

Aug. 30 - Sister Jean Catherine, Sister Rose Irma, Sister Una, and Sister Joseph Therese came by car today as the first group of the Reserve staff. They are most favorably impressed with their Convent Home and School. May God grant that their work there will yield the hundred fold.

Sept. 1 - We are welcoming back a few bronzed and weary Indians every hour.

Sept. 2 - Father Leverman from St. Lawrence, Halifax, paid us a passing visit and gave a glowing account of the activities in the new parish. Father Louis Dungan accompanied him. A heavy rain and thunder storm evidently has delayed the return of our dear charges. Only a few hours left before School formally opens.

Sept. 3 - School opened today with a very poor enrollment. Let us hope more will arrive or we shall go hungry.

Sept. 4 - Sister Eleanor Marie, the new Superior of the Reserve Convent came today and the Sisters are feeling most enthusiastic over the prospects of opening classes soon.

Sept. 5 - First Friday - Father Devine is here for Confessions. What graces come our way! Do we thank God enough for them?

Sept. 6 - More Sister visitors, Sister Rose Frances and Sister Cecilia Minium, also Sister Ellen Vincent and two Sisters from Enfield who came by car with Father Devine.

Sept. 7 - Our first Retreat Sunday of the year. The Retreat seems to stabilize the year and all its activities.

Sept. 8 - Our Lady's Day. May she bless us all as she only can, and especially the new Reserve Mission officially opened today. Father Boudreau drove in from Lunenburg, and Father Brown from here took Sisters to the Reserve. Sisters and children attended Mass of the Holy Ghost said by Father Boudreau. The Sisters returned here for dinner and will sleep and eat here until the Convent is completed. They reported a good stay.

Sept. 9 - Word came today that Sister Charles Bismarck leaves Swan River for Shubenacadie today. Sister Jean Berchmans is coming today to help can fruit and make a few pickles. Her skill is surpassed only by her generosity. A goodly supply of pickles and fruit has already been stored.

Sept. 12 - Sister Charles Bismarck arrived today making our staff complete. The extra Reserve Sisters add to our numbers and make for a pleasant household.

Sept. 13 - If the fumes throughout the house are any indication of good food, then our winter supply of pickles should be ideal.

Sept. 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. May the Cross of Christ bind us close to each other and to the work for souls which is here cut out for us. Oh how long for the Foreign Missions when souls need us right here!

Sept. 15 - Sister Eugene and Sister Charles Bismarck went to Halifax today to see their mothers, both aged. Preserving of peaches and peaches is still going on.

Sept. 16 - Two new mattresses bought today - one for Father Brown's bed as the one he had was beyond repair.

Sept. 17 - Colonel Neary, Mr. Morris and Mr. McFinnion arrived in time for Supper. Colonel Neary is the big chief from the Dept. and is especially interested in the educational end of the

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work. He conducted a School Meeting from seven to nine and gave some very practical suggestions. The Day School Sisters and Father Boudreau were here for the Meeting. Mr. McInnis R. O. P. Inspector was here over night.

Sept. 18 - Ottawa guests plus Father Devine and Father Grannon, C.S.S.R. a mission Father, were here for dinner. Ottawa visitors left in the P. M. Father Grannon remained to open a three day Mission. Senior Classes are making the Mission with the Catholics of the village and country. It is so beautiful to see the real faith of the good people who crowd the Chapel for Mission Devotions.

Sept. 19 - Mission Mass at 8 O'clock and a goodly number attending. Sisters and children went to Confession today. Father Brown was as usual pleased and helpful.

Sept. 20 - A visit from Sister Rosaria, Sisters Marie, Stella and Clarissa was a pleasant though unexpected surprise today. Lunch for all. House clean and in order.

Sept. 21 - Mission closed ten O'clock Mass; Apostolic Benediction given to all who made the Exercises. Mr. Morris still on quest. Missionary left for Enfield.

Sept. 23 - Father James Brown arrived this evening. He and Father Brown are planning a trip to Antigonish. Jimmie also leaving for school at St. J. G. Sent a package to St. Eugene, now a patient at the Infirmary, and a possible operative case. Classes in pottery and sewing are doing well under direction of Sister Madeline, Gertrude and Amelia. Sister Justinian is also taking classes in pottery.

Father James Brown gave a very lovely talk to the children today on "The Little Flower" and "Our Lady of Fatima". May the two devotions grow strong in the souls of our little ones.

Sept. 24 - Father H. Brown, Father James Brown and Jimmie left today for an overnight visit to Antigonish. Mr. Morris and Mr. Rice had dinner here. The former left for Ottawa on the afternoon train. He reports definite progress at the Reserve, the transfer of the heating system from the School to the Church is the cause of much delay.

Sept. 25 - Father James Brown left for home today. Sister Mary from the Infirmary has been here for the past two weeks.

Father Boudreau has been appointed to hear Confessions of Sisters and children at the School. Decides on 9:30 as suitable time to start. May we share abundantly in God's holy grace through his ministrations.

Sept. 27 - Father Boudreau brought Sister Eleonor Marie and Sister Mary Charles to Inuvik to buy dishes, etc. for the Reserve Convent. Not much variety but a nice selection was made. The Mills family came in the afternoon and found the going quite cold in the open truck.

Two new children admitted from P.E.I. today - La. ks. sadly neglected cases.

Sept. 30 - Local green apples bought today. They will tide us over until the big crop is harvested. An apple surely does cheer the heart and water the teeth of an Indian. The daily Rosary is bringing a blessing on the house.

Oct. 1 - October Devotions began today. Many villagers showed their goodwill and love for Mary.

Oct. 2 - Sister Eleanor Marie and Sister Mary Charles made a trip to Halifax in the interest of the Reserve Convent. A dining room suite being the object of their search. A very nice one was secured. Sister Mary Charles made a brief call on Sister Eugene who still complains of the old pain.

Fathers Deneau and Penny were supper guests. They left for the Reserve shortly afterwards.

Oct. 3 - Feast of St. Therese. Mrs. Limeray of Dartmouth sent a beautiful tea rose as souvenir of her interest in the Little Flower. Her novena ended today.

Oct. 5 - Our second monthly Retreat under the watchful eye of Our Lady of the Rosary. A visit from Judge Pothier's wife and sister-in-law was a pleasant surprise.

Father Mitchell, his Mother, and the Rudland's also arrived so the quiet of the Retreat Day was somewhat disturbed.

Oct. 6 - Another Dept. visitor, Dr. Paterson, came with Mr. Rice for dinner. School supplies are coming in from various houses.

Oct. 7 - Feast of the Holy Rosary. The electric lights fail during Devotion and there is much scurrying for the ever faithful oil lamp and flash lights. The children are ushered to bed from the Chapel. Sister Leonard's brother and (sister) arrive in the midst of the darkness. Such a calamity in this civilized land is not readily understood.

Oct. 8 - Sister Leonard's brother & wife were here for dinner with Father Brown. Plans for a trip to Halifax were made and Sister Leonard and Sister Mary Charles went along. There was much fun over the fact that the latter missed the Halifax road on the return trip and the party found themselves near Windsor before the error was discovered.

Oct. 9 - Father Brown and Mr. White went to Halifax. Mrs. and Mrs. Strain were here for dinner.

Oct. 10 - Father Boudreau was here for the healing of souls, and Dr. Harey for the good of the body. Serums & toroids are being given weekly. Sister Eugene is recovering from an operation for a displaced disc. Father Brown distressed with chest cold, called Dr. Smith during the night. Dr. Smith suspects a heart condition and advised Father to stay in bed for a day.

Oct. 11 - The altar made by Mr. White was set up at the Reserve Convent. The altar and candle sticks and vestments were all donated to the Convent by good Father Brown. Sanctuary lamp and vigil lights were also his donation. Plans for a speedy opening of the Convent are in the air. The daily round of visitors continues here. The children enjoyed a long sleep today.

Oct. 12 - Sunday Mass in the School and in the Village Church. The time for Mass at the Reserve will soon be over as the weather gets too cold. Good Father Brown will never be jidged for a lack of zeal in giving Holy Mass as often as possible.

Oct. 13 - The Deanery Conference is due to meet here soon. Father Mackey, Dean, to preside. How many will come is just a conjecture - about a dozen comprise the Deanery.

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Oct. 16 - Day of Deaneary Meeting. Nine priests all set for a turkey dinner. The turkey did happily arrive that morning after much reminding of the local meat man. The guests - Dean Mackey, Fathers Devine, Hatherly, Mahar, Hayes, Boudreau, Kline, Campbell, Doreau and Brown.

The Reading Room was converted into a most attractive and convenient dining room. All enjoyed the course dinner served by the Indian girls in white aprons + white headpiece. The Conference followed dinner, and later Benediction was sung by the priests. A cold drink was served and the clergy departed seemingly satisfied.

Father Mackey went to Halifax for a check-up and a possible operation.

Oct. 18 - Tomorrow's October weather keeps our now filled School of boys and girls happy and well. Three only of the new arrivals are confined to bed - Kalings Moose, our Eskimo, Andrew Mitchell, and Ernest Dixon. All three show signs of S.B.

Eileen Burns, the two Burns children, Aunt Jane, the Archbishop's housekeeper, and Sisters Justin and Gertrude Marie are visiting today. Meals and entertainment take time + patience. The Lynch family from Dartmouth are the next callers. Father Brown decided to baptize Kalings on Sunday. Mr. White and Pat Brooks are selected sponsors. Child - happy beyond words.

Oct. 19 - Our little Eskimo goes to the Holy Tomb as Kalings and returns as Peter. The ceremony was observed by all and beautifully and liturgically performed by Father Brown who wished to make an object lesson for all to see. After a brief rest our newly baptized Peter, and Andrew Mitchell left for Stadacona Hospital where the Navy has a S.B. ward. Father Brown remained at the Infirmary for treatment.

Oct. 21 - Father Boudreau is coming from Iqroo for daily Mass during Father Brown's absence. The Reserve Sisters are still with us.

Oct. 22 - We made 40 jars of grape jelly today. Father Brown is still in Halifax. Sister Madeline Gertrude fired the glazed pottery products. Success - uncertain.

Oct. 25 - A "red letter" day in the Community History and that of the Micmac Reserve - Holy Mass was offered in the Convent Chapel for the first time. The five Sisters of the Mission and Sister Mary Charles + Sister Leonard were taken to the Reserve for Mass by Father Boudreau at 7 a.m. Our Eucharistic Lord took up His abode in the Chapel, and the heart of the Community was settled there. The Sisters were almost reluctant to return to the School for breakfast and dinner. In the afternoon supplies for the Convent were purchased and a happy, earnest Community clustered round the Tabernacle to begin a fruitful service with the Indians.

Mr. Morris from the Dept. is again on the scene, down from P.E.I. by Mr. Ryan, the Agent. He will be with us over the weekend. Life has many ups and downs at Shubenacadie.

Oct. 26 - Feast of Christ the King. May He reign in our Convent and in the hearts of all. Exposition all day and Holy Hour from seven to eight - conducted by good Father Brown. The 10 o'clock Mass at the village was said by Father Brown.

for the last time this season, and possibly for the last time in his life. Sister Una's help in the kitchen is much missed by St. Charles Borromeo who is now alone until Sister Eugene recuperates sufficiently to take over.

Oct. 27 - Mr. Morris back again from Ottawa. Injis and more trips to the Reserve. Miss Elizabeth Mackey is with us for a few days - most pleasant. He brought Albert Condo to Stadacona today, and while there visited our other two patients - Peter Kalings and Andrew Mitchell, both seemed most contented. Father Mackey was operated on for double hernia - recovering nicely.

Oct. 28 - Storm windows and window washing are the order of the day. The glories of the Autumn foliage are beginning to fade and the coming of snow and frost is just a matter of days. Sister Mary Leonard develops Erysipelas in her arm and the work falls heavily on other willing hands.

Miss Mackey and Mr. Morris left with Mr. Rice for Halifax today. Oct. 30 - Mr. Morris, Mr. Rice, Colonel Power and Father Boudreau were here for dinner today. The good Sisters in the kitchen are so patient and generous. Sister Leonard is still in quarantine with a swollen arm - truly a cross for her.

Oct. 31 - Halloween is a day of great excitement for the children. They are anticipating it in their dreams for days in advance. Taffy, apples, doughnuts, bobbing apples, taffy and all the other goodies add much to the gaiety. Witches and ghosts abound and all are thoroughly frightened as well as tired before retiring. Calcannon, pie-eating contests and potato races are solemn parts of the Halloween ritual.

Dr. Harey, Father Fogarty and a French priest from St. J. G. were supper guests.

Nov. 1 - Month of the Holy Souls. Mass as on Sunday. Sisters Amelia and Adrian pay a visit to Suro Convent and the dentist.

Nov. 2 - Sunday - The observance of All Souls transferred to Monday. The postponed Retreat owing to St. Leonard's illness. Beautiful fall day. Children were out in their light dresses.

Nov. 3 - Three Masses for All Souls Day. Visitors from Halifax - Sisters Elizabeth, Oswin, Agnes Patricia, Florence Houlahan and Margaret Higgins. Lunch for all.

Nov. 4 - Feast of St. Charles Borromeo. Observed in a spirit of prayer.

Nov. 11 - Armistice Day. Children dressed up for the parade and the Cenotaph tour. Sisters walked with the children. Father Brown took two of us in the car. He was to announce the names of the dead, and he looked ^{the} princely priest that he is as he mounted the platform. Our Indian Boys placed a well done home-made wreath at the Cenotaph. The girls made taffy in the P.M. and all enjoyed the holiday.

Nov. 12 - The Reserve Sisters still return for their weekly baths. No hot water in the taps there. Washing is done here also.

Nov. 17 - A trip to Halifax with a sick child gave a chance for St. Charles Borromeo to visit her ailing Mother.

Nov. 20 - Wedding Day of Princess Elizabeth is a public holiday. Candy for children at dinner. The I.B. Clinic arrived here for work which really took much of the fun out of the holiday. St. Adrian went to the Infirmary for a check-up.

Nov. 21 - Good Movie for the children today.

Nov. 23 - Sunday - a fair crowd at Sunday Mass. Weather cold and ground icy. Our good Father Brown took a strange seizure during the afternoon and was not able to answer the bell for Supper. He called Dr. Smith and he gave Father some medication and warned him to go easy and to rest the following day. Benediction was called off and Father was able to come to the dining room and take a light supper before retiring. It was a relief to find he could walk, as a stroke was feared.

Nov. 24. The brought Eunice Bernard, who had been in bed for some weeks with some type of a puzzling malady, to the Children's Hospital today. It is a relief to have these obscure cases under hospital care. The left packages for the Girls at Infirmary, Orphanage and M.S.H. Sr. Adman returned with Sr. Emilian and me from the Infirmary.

Nov. 26 - Electricity failed us again today, so an early supper and retiring was the program for most of the School.

Nov. 28 - Dr. Hovey and nurse took throat and nose swabs of 26 children today. Kateri Sekaikwtha will take care of the results.

Nov. 29 - Sisters Justinian and Madeline Gertrude are off early to Halifax - X-Rays at the Infirmary and then to the Mount Fair are major objectives. Both returned late this evening elated over a pleasant visit. Sisters Eleanor Marie, Rose Anne, and Una were welcome visitors today. They are most enthusiastic and are doing a noble work. Mother General who left the Mt. early in September is still in the U.S.A. Today is St. Leonard's feast day and the children had candy for dinner as an extra in Sister's honor.

Nov. 30. - First snowfall - children excited and overjoyed. The children of the various families were brought together for their first parlour visit together. The get-together proved highly satisfactory. Letters were exchanged and a real family spirit prevailed. Father Brown made a call on each group with some special word of commendation for each one. The girls wore their brown tams and brown skirts to Mass today and looked quite chic.

Dec. 1 - The Advent Season is upon us and all seem determined to line the Crib of the Christ Child with the straws of sacrifice.

Dec. 5 - The triduum of preparation for our Renovation of Spirit starts today and all are in the proper attitude of recollection and generosity toward God. May our faith and fervour help to bring the Kingdom of God into souls strayed by sin.

Dec. 6 - Thirty years ago today the Halifax Explosion sent thousands into Eternity at a moment's notice. At what hour you think not the Son of Man will come.

Dec. 7 - Retreat today, a beautiful preparation for our Renovation tomorrow. Father Brown blessed new Monstrance today to be used for the first time on Dec. 8. He began today the new plan of making the hour meditation at 6:30 which proved satisfactory.

The morning quiet more conducive.
Dec. 8. A perfect eighth. Communion at 6:15 and a quiet thanksgiving. Mass at seven followed by breakfast for all. The altar beautifully decorated with flowers and lights. Envelope of cards at each Sister's place for breakfast. Very special dinner. Father Brown offered Holy Mass for the Sisters, their relatives and friends. Beautiful Monstrance used for the first time. Bought with potteny money. May it long give glory to God.

Dec. 10 - Mr. Morris breezed in today. His first greeting was in praise of the wonderful work being done at Eskasoni by the Sisters of St. Martha who opened there in September. Dr. Leonard and Joseph Adman went to do some shopping in Halifax. Each have \$15 to spend on toys, etc. for the children. Eunice Bernard returning today from the hospital fully recovered.

The big event of bringing home the spruce for Christmas tying takes place today. Albert Diction quite sick. Dr. not able to diagnose his case. Hope all goes well with him. Harry Sabbaths discharged from Inuro Hospital today. Boxes of used toys came from St. Thomas' School today. Father Boudreau and Mr. Morris dinner guests at the School.

Dec. 12 - Call from hospital puts our Indian boy on danger list as a T.B. Peritonitis case - not much hope for recovery.

Dec. 13 - Mr. Morris left for Ottawa. Miss McDonald, Reserve Nurse, here for a week's rest. Spruce tying at peak. Boxes of spruce sent to St. Mary's Convent, Lourdes Sanatorium, St. Joseph's Convent and Lourdes Convent.

Dec. 14 - Sister Justinian overjoyed at the news that a brother, she has not seen in years, is expected from Montana. He arrived about 10:30 P.M. and a happy meeting took place.

Dec. 15 - Sister Leonard, ever competent and equally generous, takes over in the Laundry to relieve S. Justinian from her charge.

Dec. 16 - Father Brown making his visit as Extraordinary at Inuro. Spruce tying and special novena begun today. Keep the coming Christmas feast vividly before us. Sister Justinian's brother left for Sydney today.

Dec. 17 - Father L. Dougan from Inuro here for his visit as Extraordinary Confessor. Sisters Patricia Joseph and Aloysie accompany him. Father Dougan full of news of recent visit to Rome. Santa made an anticipated Christmas visit to classrooms today. Children frightened as well as overjoyed.

Dec. 18 - Spruce is now in hangings of graceful festoons on walls and lights. We are coaxing along the joyous feast and making the last minutes not too long.

Dec. 19 - Christmas concert in Sister Cecily's and Sister Adman's room. Both were so good that we decided to have it for the School on Sunday. Classes were dismissed for vacation today and our thoughts as well as activities are centered on the coming Feast of the Christ Child. Jimmie is home from college and will be a great help.

Dec. 20 - Word came today that Sister Adman's Mother is dying, and Mother General granted permission for Sister to go home. Sr. Rose Francis is coming to play the Christmas music.

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Dec. 21 - Heavy snow fall and travel is almost impossible. Sister Adrian left on the 3:15 Bus. The Christmas concert in the Refectory was unique and all shared the realism given to the songs and tableaux by the innocent little folk.

Word came from Halifax that our little patient Albert Decton is dying. Sister Mary Charles, Sr. Emilian & Mr. White drove to the city. Father O'Driscoll of St. Mary's Cathedral was in the act of anointing the boy as they arrived. He was unconscious but the saving grace was about to do its work in the little brown soul.

Dec. 22 - Sister Madeleine Gestonde and Sister Cecily assisted by Jimmy Prosper and a few extra Braves are doing an artistic job in the Chapel. What a truly childlike joy goes with this great feast and especially here, where God's unwanted and uncared for, find shelter and loving care.

Dec. 23 - The children, young and old, are attentive listeners to the Santa Program at 5 each evening. The bell for beads must not be rung a moment too soon lest the spell be broken. Santa appeared today in the person of Maurice Young who filled the suit rather than the role as his tongue cleaved to his jaws when the time for speech arrived. Much hilarity and pleasure came from the visit.

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve - a busy but happy day. Terrific snowstorms block the roads and makes extra visitors impossible - a blessing in disguise for us. Most of Santa's packages are safely landed. Mass at Midnight is eagerly awaited and all the hymns are practised and rehearsed. Two incubated Indian parents mar the quiet and peace of the house for some hours until they were finally disposed of by being threatened with the R.C. M.D. The Adeste sung sweetly by a group of choir girls called all to the manger and a most devotional Mass and Holy Communion. How the heart of God must be touched by the faith and loyalty of the descendants of a one-time unchristian savage.

Dec. 25 - Mass at 8:00 A.M. for all, followed by breakfast. The children paid their passing respects to their charges before the opening of parcels was begun. A goodly number received most respectable parcels from home. Tissue paper, Christmas seals and neat wrapping is now the ordinary thing. All the unfortunates not favored by a package from home were given a substantial one from Santa's donations left under the tree. The Sisters show much tact & ingenuity in making each one feel that their package is just for them.

The Sisters went directly to the Community Room after breakfast, where letters and the Community package of generally useful gifts awaited them. The mail packages which came during the week were placed in the Sisters' rooms where they could unwrap them at leisure. This new arrangement seemed to please most of the Sisters; it was intended to be a help. Father Brown presided at dinner so the Community had the meal together.

Dec. 26 - The day after - all tired but happy in the thought that others were made happy. Ss. R. Francis, Justinian and

Sister Mary Charles went on a short trip to the Reserve Convent. Sister Rose Francis could not get permission to stay over the week-end so she started for home with a heavy heart. Dec. 28 - Children sang the carols with Sister Leonard's able assistance during Mass. Children had candy for dinner. Sisters from the Reserve came in a body for the afternoon. We did enjoy the extra group and the big lunch. Grabs, too, were part of the fun and all seemed to have a good time. Benediction at the usual hour, but without the organ.

Dec. 29 - All the girls went to the Reserve by truck with Charlie Crowell. Sister Justinian and Sister Cecily accompanied them. Candy, apples and lunch enjoyed by all. Today brought news of Sister Adman's Mother's death.

Dec. 31 - The biggest delight of all the vacation came today in the form of a sleigh ride to the Reserve. Mr. McKay drove the two spirited horses who seemed to increase their speed as they plunged through the heavy snow. Eleven boys Sister Madeleine Bertrude + Sister Mary Charles formed the cargo. The Sisters were treated to a lunch at the Convent while the children enjoyed their snack in the basement of the School.

Sister Adman's Mother was buried today. A terrific snowstorm yesterday makes going any distance impossible so no representative from the School was with Sister in her sorrow.

Jan. 1, 1948. - Another New Year. God grant all may see its close and that each day in it may bring us closer to the Heart of Christ. Very few at Mass owing to blocked roads. Father Brown could not even make the Reserve to extend New Year Greetings. Father spent the evening in the Community Room with the Sisters and made the visit a most pleasant one.

Jan. 2, 3 - Quiet days following the big feasts. The dear Sisters always generous are busy in preparing for Sister Superior's Feast Day. Sister Adman still in Lourdes. Winter weather with a vengeance - snow billowing around us everywhere and the big household revelling in it with skis, sleds, etc. Jan. 4 - Mother Seton's Day and the usual loving surprises! What the dear Sisters find so much to display is always a mystery to the surprised and delighted Superior.

Father Brown added the priceless gift of Holy Mass to the sacrifices of all, making the day a memorable one. A turkey dinner with all the "fixins" added to the joy of the inner man. Sister Mary Charles left for Lourdes on the 3:15 Bus to be some comfort to Sister Adman facing the trying task of closing the family house and disposing of the family effects. Roads still almost impassable with snowdrifts.

Jan. 5 - Blue Monday as holidays end for this season. The prospect of a Movie at the village on Tuesday P.M. lent a note of relief to the tension of "School in". Sister Mary Charles and Sr. Adman expected home on Wednesday.

Jan. 6 - Holy Mass at 9 A.M. Sisters from Enfield and the Reserve paid a last Christmas call.

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Jan. 8 - Confession and daily routine. Good Father Boudreau always so prompt and willing. Jimmie Prosper left for St. J. N. We are sorry to lose him as he is always helpful in repairs of all kinds. Mr. White is busy building the milk cooler, approved by the Dept., which we hope will result in less milk going sour. The children have their milk thrice daily and it certainly means much to their general health and well-being. The continued cold weather and abundance of snow keep the family busy out of School hours. Very little sickness of any kind.

Jan. 10 - Saturday - special lunch with ice-cream, etc. to wind up the Christmas Season. Sister Superior served so all could enjoy one meal in peace - candy, gingerale, and ice-cream were copiously served. A surprise "gift grab" added much fun to a pleasant afternoon.

Father Brown's two brothers Cyril & Walter arrived for supper. All enjoyed the family gathering as well as a good supper.

Jan. 11 - Sunday. Mass crowd only fair owing to snow blocked roads. Retreat Sunday for us and we started making the first Meditation the hour long with rising bell at 6 A.M. The Sisters find that it saves much of the morning rush that followed on late Masses. Sunday School which must be held regardless of the day or season makes a crowded afternoon on Retreat Day.

Sister Adrian was excused from Retreat today as her trying week beside her dying Mother was truly a preparation for death. Sister Julia William is still a patient at the Infirmary in what seems a vain hope that sight may be restored.

Jan. 12 - Sister Mary Charles made a hurried call to Halifax to bring S. Julia William back from the Infirmary. Sister Amelia was the prudent companion.

Jan. 13 - Early Mass today as Father Brown left for his trip to Antigonish to visit Mrs. Fogarty who has been seriously ill. Rain and snow make travel by car hazardous. Father Boudreau made a passing call today. Sisters Emilie and Leonard went to Halifax, the latter to bring back S. Anita Vincent for a visit. The visit did not materialize as Sister was too pressed with work. S. Emilie remained at the Infirmary.

Jan. 14 - Father Brown returned today, happy over the improved condition of his sister.

Jan. 15 - A vigorous ring on the doorbell during Mass announced the arrival of our ever-rushed & enthusiastic Mr. Morris who greeted the Superior with the remark that they really had a genuine Superior at Eskasoni, which left room for conjecture as to his present impressions. Mr. Morris gave the School a most interesting motion picture of his Indian projects and visits during the afternoon. Father Boudreau was a dinner guest too.

Jan. 17 - Mr. Morris left for Ottawa today after early breakfast.

Jan. 18 - Sunday again. Few at Mass + fewer at Benediction. Three big boys made the unusual effort of going to Confession before Mass. Let us hope that God's grace will soften hard hearts and sullen faces.

Jan. 20 - Gordon Denny, our tallest if not brightest senior was admitted to Grade Eight in the village School today. He will have longer hours in School and fewer distractions.

Jan. 21 - All are well physically but the discovery of notes of a questionable nature among the girls left us all very sad. Father Brown gave the Senior girls a talk on purity which should be a help with tomorrow's Confession. Dr. Harey was here to inspect cast on child's broken arm. He promises a weekly visit.

Sister Emilian who was a patient at the Infirmary returned today.

Jan. 24 - Sister Mary Charles and Sr. Cecily went to Halifax today, the latter to see her father, a patient at the Infirmary. Sr. Mary Charles visited Mrs. Frank Treney, nee Mame O'Sale who is a patient sufferer of the dread disease of cancer. Dear Mame, as we all know, was the staunch friend who really did everything to bring about the return of the Sisters to Dartmouth, after our dramatic expulsion by the demon himself.

Jan. 26 - Beautiful weather for coasting and skiing so the children were excused from night study. The Sisters, too, had early program, and the youthful nuns had some thrilling rides on the "double-runners".

Jan. 27 - Sister Mary Charles + Sr. Mary Leonard took twelve darlings to Halifax for X-Ray. Left by the jitney + returned on the 4:17. The children enjoyed the ride + the treats.

Jan. 28 - Irons plumbers doing a slow but hopeful job on pipeline.

Jan. 30 - Picture show for the children today and frozen noses in crossing the flats were forgotten in the delight of seeing a movie.

Feb. 2 - Candlemas - no candles to bless because they were done the previous year. Monsignor Comeau for dinner. Milk cooler about finished. Mr. White making sparks fly in various directions.

Feb. 3 - Our water supply has vastly improved and when the job is complete it will be a blessing indeed. The new milk cooler is also finished and the result is all that we hoped for.

Feb. 4 - Father Brown took Sister Mary Charles + Sr. Joseph Adrian to the Reserve today to extend congratulations to Mr. + Mrs. Wilnot on their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Albert Julian + Marion Marshall, both about five years old, went too, and extended the greetings of the School in song. Mr. + Mrs. Rice were also present.

Feb. 5 - Sister Mary Charles + Sr. Charles Borromeo in Halifax today. Sister Charles B. to see her Mother - the fourth time since coming East in August. Inspector Campbell

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at the School during the day - a happy coincidence. He wrote glowing reports in the Registers of classes visited.

Feb. 6 - Pre-Lenten show planned for tomorrow. S. Cecily & S. Justinian on trip to Halifax. Benediction this evening as on each Friday. Doreen Rice & Nurse McDonald here for week-end.

Feb. 7 - Saturday - Charges done in quick time today with prospect of show at 10 - S. Mary Charles was "proud" with S. M. Leonard. Reserve Sisters here for P.M. lunch. It is such a treat to have a big community.

Feb. 8 - Read Mother General's beautiful circular for Lent. What an inspiration for nobler living and really reaching the lofty goal held out to us. All on Retreat except S. Cecily & S. Mary Charles. Mr. Campbell here for supper, also nurse & Doreen.

Feb. 9 - Doreen Rice begged to stay over for Monday. Spent the day in Grade I. Mrs. & Mrs. Rice took Doreen home bodily. Grade I had a candy treat in their classroom today.

Feb. 10 - Shrove Tuesday - Sister Ellen Vincent brought four of her class here today to play & sing for us. They did very well and are a credit to our School. Candy for children at recreation & excused from study Mon. & Tuesday.

Feb. 11 - Ash Wednesday - How generously dear Father Brown reminds us of our origin with his drench of Blessed Ashes. All are beginning Lent with much trust and good resolutions. The children have permission to make the Stations daily. Our Lady's feast coinciding with Ash Wednesday added fervor to the day.

Feb. 12 - A day long to be remembered as the whole Indian family broke forth in full dress participation in the dialog Mass. The servers' responses as well as the sung parts were beautifully supplied by all the children. Father Brown was equally pleased and surprised.

Feb. 14. Feast of St. Valentine. Even the modern Indian gets excited over exchange of cards and ditties. Candy at table as an extra. Weather continues beautiful and health good.

Feb. 15. Sunday - Severe change in weather with reduced attendance at Mass for the people of the neighborhood. The Masses of St. Ignace is being faithfully observed. The doling out of Cod Liver Oil has begun.

Feb. 19. A week of freedom from extras in the parlor came to an end with the return of Mr. Morris from his cruise and the R. O. P. man also arrives for his monthly visit.

Feb. 21 - Our hospital cases returned from Trips. During the afternoon, we had a visit from Rev. Father Dorgan, the Co-ordinator. Sister Aloysie and Sister Elizabeth Patrice also paid us a visit.

Feb. 24. News of the death of Rev. Father Johnson, the Pastor at Sheet Harbour came to us today. Father died after a brief illness, and left his aged mother, bereaved of every earthly tie. Sister Leonard, always so willing and helpful, brought children to Halifax for R. rays today.

Feb. 26 - Rev. Father Bonneau came for Confession. What grace God places in our way. Father Brown left with Father Bonneau today, to attend Father Johnson's funeral.

Feb. 27. - Sisters Emilian and Sister Mary Charles left on early train to attend Father Johnson's funeral. A splendid group of of priests were there and everyone was in sympathy with the aged mother. Sister Emilian remained in Halifax. Sister Mary Charles returned.

Feb. 28. - Brought three Indians to Dr. Hasey's office. The Doctor was paternal and kind even though the session was a long one. Tom Barnaby back, after the tooth was extracted.

March: Years roll along in the daily routine. Mary Hand our presumed T. B. case has a splendid report and is now out of bed.

March 6: Another visitor, rumour - the Minister of Marine and party may call here. Sister Emilian returned after a week in Halifax. Sister Eleanor Marie and Companion made a short visit.

March 7. Retreat and all the Sisters well. D. I. Preparations for the arrival of Mr. Glen and party added few distractions. Chicken dinner is planned. Promptly at 5.30 the Ottawa visitors are welcomed in. Hon. Mr. Glen, Mr. Pratt, Mr. Joffly, and Captain Brans. Father Brier and Mr. Rice made a full table of six. The guests toured the house before supper and expressed regret at leaks in walls.

March 8. - Terrific snowstorm. Mr. Rice called to say that the Ottawa visitors charmed with hospitality. Sister Leonard and Sr. Adrian helped with the serving.

March 13 - New purple covers for statues in Passion week just in time. Good Sr. Mary Grace always so obliging gets things done. Lent takes on an added zest as Passion Week comes around.

March 14 - First public Novena to Infant Jesus began today. Children formed lines in corridor and carried statue in procession. Senior class draw for the privilege.

March 18 - Sister Mary Charles returned from the Mt. overjoyed at the news that she was to make the Easter Retreat. What matters only a single day of preparation with such a happy prospect in view.

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March 18 - Sisters busy getting gifts off to Jubilee of the year, most of whom are celebrating soon after Easter. It is a labor of love to prepare some little token for those saintly souls who have borne the burden of the day and the heats.

March 28 - Easter Sunday. Eighteen professions at the Mother House. All at the Indian School in best bib and tucker, and all extras at the table.

Mr. White and Jimmie called at the Mount for S. Mary Charles who was graciously welcomed by all. Sisters and children heard the Triumphant Hour on the radio from 8-9.

March 29 - Sisters Rose Francis and Patricia Joseph from Louro were callers today.

March 31 - Sisters Madeline Gertrude and Justinian visited Louro today. Four of the Reserve Sisters had dinner with us & returned with Father Boudreau who was here for Confessions.

April 1 - A lovely Holy Hour today with Sisters and children present to enjoy the privilege of Exposition. Hymns & prayers most devotional.

April 3 - Father Brown, Sisters Mary Charles & Emilie went to Stenacke at the invitation of Dr. Harvey to visit the new School now ready for occupancy. Father Langman & two Sisters from Bedford here for visit.

April 7 - Perpetual Rosary for the success of the Elections in Italy as suggested by the Holy Father. Lord, hear our prayer.

Apr. 10 - A visit from Sister Eleanor Marie and the surprising news that Sister Eugene & Sister Una are to change missions.

Apr. 13 - Mr. Campbell brought Sisters Mary Charles and Justinian to Louro today. A new felt cover for the altar was a pleasant surprise for the Louro mission. Sister Mary Charles brought the old green cover back from Louro and had it adjusted to the measurement of the altar at the Reserve and they, too, were proud of their gift.

Apr. 16 - Sisters Eugene and Una changed places today - the former a bit fearful of all the demands of a big house.

Another Novena to the Infant began today.

April 17 - Father Brown's continued absence in Halifax deprived us of Mass this week. Father Boudreau came to give us Holy Communion today for which we are most grateful.

April 19 - The success of the Italian elections is a further proof of God's protecting love. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

April 28 - Sister Mary Charles and Sister Justinian went to Louro for dental work.

What glorious news we heard today - Father Levesman named Auxiliary Bishop of Halifax. It does not seem possible. Sister Mary Charles called him by telephone and found him alone at supper accepting the Holy Will of God in

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humility and gratitude. Father Devine paid a short visit to share the good news.

May 1 - O glorious month of May. May our souls blossom out in the sweet communion of daily Benediction and prayer to Mary. Graces will be ours in abundance. May we profit by each one.

May 4 - Father Brown and Father Boudreau greatly excited over the full permit to start the new Church at the Reserve. Both left for Halifax to begin plans and purchases.

The clerk at the Community Store at the Reserve was dismissed for incompetency - a Scotch Catholic at that.

May 5 - Bishop McNally, Msgr. Burns & Father Carroll were at the Reserve to select the site for the new Church. Mr. Morris from Ottawa was also present. Plans are approved for the Church and building is to commence at once.

S. Leonard and S. Madeline Gertrude went to town to do some shopping.

May 6 - Ascension Thursday - Father Brown's Birthday. A lovely set of white vestments worn for the first time. Candy for the children for dinner. Big three tier cake for Father's birthday shared with the children. Fr. Boudreau had dinner with Father Brown.

May 7 - Children wrote pen pal letters today.

Sister Mary Charles & Sr. Una made a brief visit to the Macmac Convent today.

May 8 - Rainy & cold - no summer in sight. The children are cooping the season along by picking May flowers today.

Eldred McDonald, Sister Mary Charles' nephew came for a passing visit enroute from Guelph where he has been a student with the Redemptorist Fathers. A lovely supper and a cordial welcome from Father Brown and the Sisters made him feel quite at home.

May 9 - Eldred stayed over the week-end. A lovely Mother's Day sermon was preached by Father Brown on Sunday. A big surprise was Father Mackey's arrival for supper and the night. Father Devine also arrived but did not stay for supper.

Father James Brown celebrated his Silver Jubilee in N.B. today. Father Brown did not attend the celebrations but his brother plans to visit here next week.

May 10 - Eldred left on early train for Sydney. Father Mackey left about ten O'clock for Halifax.

May 11 - Father Brown brought Holy Communion to dear old Mr. Keohan today - an old saint & early benefactor of the Mission.

Father James Brown arrived today. We can look forward to the privilege of two Masses tomorrow.

May 12 - Fr. James & Fr. H. Brown left for Antigonish where they will visit Margaret Fogarty & Father Bill Fogarty.

Father Brown called from Antigonish to say he wouldn't be home in time for Benediction. They arrived late

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and we had the privilege of an extra Mass the next day.

May 13 - A special dinner was given today in honor of Fr. James Brown's anniversary. Fr. Boudreau shared the feast. After dinner the children went to the Chapel to hear a talk by Father J. Brown on Our Lady of Fatima, which I know produced a lasting effect on all. Father's zeal and devotion to Our Lady was most impressive.

May 14 - The memorable day for the turning of the sod for the new Church at Musmac. Bishop Legerman called here enroute to the Reserve & Sister Mary Charles & Sr. Amelia drove out with him. This was his first public function as Bishop & his sweet simplicity impressed all. The Bishop & clergy dined with Father Boudreau & the Sisters had lunch at the Convent.

The turning of the sod saw the passing of the century-old Church which was tottering to its ruin. The Indians - young & old - joined in the digging. Let us hope the new edifice will rise speedily.

May 22 - Fifteen well instructed little Indians became today living Tabernacles of Our Lord.

Three Reserve Sisters paid us a brief visit today.

Major McKay, Head of the Indian Affairs Dept. came today for a brief visit.

May 23 - Sunday - and all are astir over the May Procession. Patricia Brooks crowned & Georgina Charles was the crown bearer. Father Brown preached a lengthy sermon on Our Lady.

May 24 - Holiday appreciated though rainy.

Major McKay left for Reserve with Mr. McKenzie.

Sr. Jean Berchmans & companion from St. Joseph's came for a visit.

Marie McInnis was a week-end visitor.

Major McKay took Sr. Mary Charles & Sr. Jean Berchmans to the Reserve.

May 26 - Fr. Boudreau took Sr. Mary Charles & Sr. Charles Boursnes for a trip to Church Point. They enjoyed every minute of it. Sr. Leonard generously looked after the kitchen during Sr. C.B.'s absence. The Sisters visited Meteghan & Yarmouth Convents before returning to Shubenacadie.

May 31 - Back from the delightful trip. Major McKay still the honored guest. Sr. Despetra from St. Mary's come back with us to spend a week at Shubenacadie.

June 1 - Georgina Charles & Cecilia Denny, annoyed about the vacation plans take a knife to bed to wreak their ill-will on Sr. Leonard. Plot is discovered and both ladies land in the Good Shepherd Convent - one in Halifax & the other in St. John. Major McKay & Mr. Rice both approve of action taken.

Major McKay left for Ottawa today. Mr. Morris still with us. The usual general unrest before vacation - some are going & some are staying.

June 4 - Sr. Mary Charles left for St. John with Cecilia Denny. A gracious welcome was accorded by the Nuns. It

happened to be the Superior's Feast Day and for the Good Shepherd Sisters that means a gala day in every way. Cecilia the erstwhile commit is taking part in a concert to honor the day before she is one day in the School.

June 6 - Father Purcell said his first Mass in the Reserve Church today. A signal honor for obscure Micmac.

June 7 - St. Mary Charles returned from St. John much impressed by the hospitality of the Nuns of the Good Shepherd.

June 8 - School resumed with new zest for the remaining weeks of the year.

June 10 - Plans for a Movie for the children tomorrow. Father Boudreau was here for Confessions today. Dr. Haver took three of our children to Louis for tonsil operations today - Maurice Young, Bertie Beadle and Ellie Simonson.

June 11 - Friday and all the children off to a show. A hurried call from Louis Hospital brings the tragic news of the death of Maurice Young on the operating table. The Sisters are trying to locate the Mother in Maine. Dear Fr. Brown tireless in his devoted sympathy.

June 12 - Maurice Young's body was brought to the School about noon - an awesome sight for most of the children who had never seen death before. The parents & older girls arrived from Maine and after Requiem Mass in our Chapel on June 14 Maurice was laid to rest beside our Nancy in the cemetery at the Reserve. The children from the Senior classes were taken out in the truck & there formed a body guard on either side of the hearse. The family left on the P. M. train for Antigonish.

June 15 - Lists & plans for home going are the big items of interest. Word came today that four Sisters of St. Martha from Eskasoni were coming to visit us for the week end. They have the Indian problems as do we, so a little discussion should be of mutual help. The steady flow of visitors at this season is not easy for the Sisters already overburdened.

June 23 - The big day to be remembered for many moons had arrived - the day of the first Indian banquet. The ten old enough to leave School were all dressed up in their freedom clothes and lined up in the Reading Room for a course dinner - from fruit cup to ice cream & candy. Father Brown presided and all the Sisters were amazed at the poise and good manners displayed by even robust Florence Laboue. After the dinner they were permitted to go to the Show Chaperoned by Peggy McDonald & Jimmie Prosper. All were unanimous in proclaiming the last day the happiest of all.

June 24 - The Sisters left for the first Retreat at M.V. It does bring home the fact that another year has glided into Eternity.

June 25. Closing of School, and all take to the rails to various points. About 100 leave for the summer and those left behind assume a dejected mood for a few days.

July 1 - Quiet day - the Sisters at home busy with the children. Srs. Cecilia Agnes & Rose Francis here as helpers. Sr. Dorothy is also enjoying the good cream and the wide open spaces. Sr. C. Agnes takes short singing periods with children daily and they do enjoy a sing-song.

July 3 - Retreat over at M.S.V. Srs. Cecily & Madeline Gertrude went to Provincial Summer School and Sister Justinian at Mount Pottery classes. Early part of July spent in trying to make the summer pleasant for the children.

July 9 - Second group left for Retreat - staff small & everyone busy - the usual number of visitors.

July 20 - Canon Law course by Fr. Mueller, S.J. & Father McGriggan, S.J. began at M.S.V. today. All Superiors obliged to attend. What a precious privilege to spend a week in the exalted study of Canon Law and Moral Theology.

Fr. Brown busy with plans for the St. Anne's Day picnic at the Reserve. His whole heart is wrapped up in the advancement of the cause of the Indians and zeal for their souls. Work on new Church progressing rapidly.

July 24 - Srs. Agnes Gerald, Marcelle, Mary Charles & Eleanor Marie motored to Shubenacadie. The two latter remained over the week-end to help the picnic cause on Monday, July 26. The Lord favored us with fair weather and Charlie Crowell's "bus" plus a few cars transported the crowd to the picnic and the St. Anne's Day Devotions.

Fr. Dorgan from Lunenburg brought several Sisters to the picnic and the Charities had a grand reunion as well as a big supper at the Convent. The picnic was in good Indian fashion. The Sisters spent their time and money on Bingo in the vain hope of acquiring some very useful prizes.

Mr. Morris from the Dept. of Indian Affairs, and his wife were guests at the School.

Good St. Anne surely dealt us a severe blow today for it was made known that dear Fr. Brown must resign as our Principal. It truly was a grievous shock to him and to us all.

The children returned about 8 P.M. and Benediction was given by Father Brown who gave no outward sign of the heavy cross which was crushing him. It was not made public until Sr. Mary Charles returned from the Mount when packing plans got under way.

July 30 - Sr. Mary Charles, Sr. Rose de Luria & Sr. Charles Marie came from the Mt. for the week-end. Fr. Brown glad to see the guests.

Aug. 4 - Mr. White & Jimmie Prosper went to M.S.V. to bring Sr. Mary Charles & Sr. Eleanor Marie home. The old car quite rattly and about finished - no hope of a better one.

Aug. 5 - Another group for Retreat - Sr. Leonard, Sr. Cecily & Sister Charles Borrowers the last three. Four boys took to the road after looting the pantry. Vain search going on.

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Aug. 6 - Berry-picking excursion and lots of fun between showers as well as lots of berries. Sr. Rose Francis, Cecilia Agnes, Justinian, Adrian & Mary Charles risked the possibility of a ducking and went in the truck.

Aug. 8 - New blue uniforms for girls were worn for the first time today. Sr. Amelia may well be proud of her efforts. Sr. Amelia's sister & brother-in-law at Mass today as they are visiting Sister for a few days.

Srs. Rose Francis, Cecilia Agnes, Winifred & Dorothy went to the Reserve to sing Benediction & stayed for supper. Sr. Winifred was the life of the party despite her eighty years. Sr. C. Agnes is working hard with the Children's singing and the results are most evident. Sr. R. Francis went to Lums with Reserve visitors to bring them the fruits of her berry picking labours.

The Auditor is due anytime. The big question is "Who will succeed Father Brown."

Aug. 13 - Another berry-picking excursion and 100 quarts added to our store. A few rain showers added to our misery as well as to the fun.

Aug. 14 - Don Campbell took Sr. Winifred, Sr. Una, Sr. Amelia & Sr. Mary Charles to Enfield today. The nightmare of the Auditor coming and the 15th so near does not lend itself to pleasant thoughts for most of us.

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Once again Obedience assigns us all to the spot of the Vineyard destined for us by the Will of God. Our list was changed by only one name but what a big loss to the staff it meant to see Sr. Mary Leonard destined for the West. Sister is to be replaced by Sister Francis Manan from the West, and it is with much fear & trembling that Sister assumes her duty as Disciplinarian of our seventy Indian girls.

A very definite feeling of sadness pervades the house as our dear Father Brown shares with the Sisters of Charity a hard obedience. Father had hoped to be left here until his seventieth year - only a few years distant, but the Gov. decreed a superannuation and Father Brown unquestioningly began plans for his departure. Our grief over losing Father Brown was somewhat lessened when we learned that Monsignor Mackey, the former Principal, had consented to return and take over the Office of Principal.

Toward the end of Aug. Sister Adrian went to the Infirmary for her annual check-up and received the surprising news that she was not to return to duty for some months.

We were blessed in having the services of Sr. Maria Agnes as Sister's substitute. Sr. Mary Charles went to Grades Three & Four, while Sr. Maria Agnes took the Senior Classes - 5-8.

The adjustment was in force until Christmas when Sister returned to St. Joseph's Convent where she had been appointed Vicar on Aug. 15.

Aug. 31 - All took sorrowful leave of dear Fr. Brown who left by car with Father Fogarty preceded by the truck load of furniture. Fr. Brown is to make his home in Antigonish with his sister, Mrs. Margaret Fogarty.

About 4 P.M. when we were drawing a free breath after house cleaning the suite and putting things in order another truck loaded, this time, with Msgr. Mackey's belongings rolled up to the front door. A private car soon followed and Monsignor himself appeared. He stepped into the scene as though he had been away for a holiday. After a few days everything was running on schedule.

Sept. 1 - The children began the monotonous return to School and discipline which is so contrary to the Indian Temperament. Many were sad to find Fr. Brown gone and others glad to see Msgr. Mackey again reinstated.

School opened after Labor Day with the three classes filled to capacity.

Oct. - Our Lady's month of the Rosary. What a privilege to have daily Benediction and Rosary. All the children are presented with a rosary as an incentive to make the month more prayerful.

With Oct. comes Dr. Pett and his Nutrition Clinic. The children are given a thorough physical examination. The Clinic remains about three days and after due praise for the marvellous cooking and service they depart expressing the hope to return in the Spring.

A week after this group left two Nutritionists arrived to test and weigh the individual feedings given to the children. What a relief when these trying weeks came to an end.

Oct. 24 - Monsignor Mackey, who was cheated out of his Summer vacation by his transfer from Amherst decided to take a week off, and the happy substitute turned out to be Fr. Anthony, O.S.A.

Oct. 25 - Father was most pleasant and obliging and so with Msgr's permission we imposed on his generosity to have the Solemn Ceremony of the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart for the Sisters in the Community Room, the Girls & Boys in their respective Recreation Rooms. The solemn ritual of the Enthronement was carried out to the letter, including the procession to each room where a beautiful throne was erected to await the Statue of the Sacred Heart as He took over as Our Lord & King. Sr. Rose Brown came from Luss to help with the singing. The big worry in the preparations was the lack of flowers but Mrs. Beagley of Luss, as always, did the generous thing & sent gorgeous roses & carnations just in time to adorn the shrines. May we prove worthy subjects of our dear King who has taken possession of our humble home and our hearts.

Monsignor arrived home in time for dinner after which he left for Eskasoni. He planned to call at Antigonish for Fr. Brown who was to accompany him.

Oct. 27 - Today is Monsignor's Birthday. Since he is not home we celebrated by offering our prayerful remembrance at Mass & Holy Communion & the children enjoyed candy and a few extras at dinner.

Oct. 28 - A good show in the village was a special treat for the children today shared by Fr. Anthony. A big supply of apples and other fruit arrived and already the gladness of Halloween is in the air. Magr. tho' absent is thinking of his children left at home.

Oct. 29 - Sister Admas is still in Halifax. Sr. Maria Agnes is most willing but at her age finds the daily grind very trying.

The first Forty Hours Devotion at McNamara is beginning tomorrow, the Feast of Jesus Christ, King.

Oct. 30 - Exposition in our Chapel all day. Flowers profuse and beautiful.

Miss Killet, P. N. took a group of Sisters to visit the Reserve Church today. The wooden flowers on the altar were very attractive.

Oct. 31 - Funny faces and taffy apples are the vogue. The "young fry" had their Halloween party in the afternoon in the Boys' Basement. They had plenty to eat and drink which always means a good time.

When the Juniors had retired the Seniors enjoyed their good time of games and refreshments. 9:30 found them glad to go to bed, tired after a happy day.

Nov. 1 - Magr. arrived back from his holiday. Fr. Anthony left on the P. M. bus.

Mr. Campbell took a group of Sisters out to the Reserve for the afternoon closing of the Forty Hours.

Nov. 2 - Magr. officiated the privileged three Masses, all of which the Sisters enjoyed, while the children came for the last two. Benediction + Rosary brought the Oct. Devotions to a close.

Nov. 3 - Dr. Smith was here for the I. B. Clinic.

Nov. 4 - Feast of St. Charles - Sr. Cecily always thoughtful sent a group to sing "Happy Feast Day" to Sr. Superior this being her Patronal Feast Day.

Nov. 6 - The big excitement now is preparing the head for the Amherst Show. Magr. & Mr. Parker left for Amherst in high glee & hope of winning. We are all set for a peaceful day. Dr. Hovey here for supper. Fr. Jack Campbell called to say he would be here for Mass.

Nov. 8 - A call from Tours to say that Fr. Rankin from Iona was coming to spend the night with a nephew enroute to Bear River to attend a funeral. We were glad to have Mass the next day. Fr. Rankin kindly left \$6 as a parting gift.

Magr. returned from Amherst a bit chagrined over the poor showing of our head. It looks like a last public appearance.

Nov. 17 - Miss Perkins from Nutrition Dept. of Ottawa came for a two day visit to weigh & measure the children.

Dec. 8 - The beautiful feast with its precious memories & graces brings a special joy to each Sister. In the absence of Monsignor who had been invited to the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of the Amherst Church, Father Kline came from Tours to offer Mass & receive our Vows. In the afternoon we had a Holy Hour for Peace as the Holy Father had requested in honour of Our Lady Immaculate.

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Dec. 10. Monsignor returned from Amherst accompanied by Fr. Jack Campbell who was an overnight guest.

Dec. 12. Colonel Jones from Ottawa paid a visit to the School & was loud in his praise of the work being done.

Dec. 16 - Joy beamed on every countenance today as we welcomed back our dear Father Brown. Father spent the recreation period with us in the Community Room and we enjoyed all the old stories oft told but never losing their interest.

Dec. 18 - A Christmas concert today brought the Feast nearer to us. Sr. Rose Francis came for a brief visit from Iruos.

Dec. 19. Sr. Maria Agnes returned to St. Joseph's today accompanied by Sr. Emilian who brought several children to Halifax for 76-Days. Huge packages of Christmas surprises were the fruit of his shopping tour, and it is a question of who receives more pleasure out of the toys - the Sisters who unwrapped them or the children on Christmas morning.

Dec. 20 - Sisters Mary Charles & Cecily taught the extra days before Christmas so that we could enjoy a longer holiday.

Dec. 21 - Srs Cecily, Clare Margaret & Clea attended the Christmas Concert at the Reserve and enjoyed it very much. Sr. Rose Francis came from Iruos to help with the Christmas carols & stayed for the week-end to initiate Mrs. Rod Brown who is going to play for Midnight Mass. God always provides.

Dec. 22 - Last teaching day.

Dec. 24 - The Chapel was actually ready for Mass at 1 P. M. All gifts out and what a relief. Dear old Mr. Kuhn buried today - a long life ending so alone & forsaken.

The Youngs arrived from Antigonish to visit their darlings. Mrs. Marshall also on the scene & well in her wits.

Midnight Mass followed by Low Mass. The singing was very devotional and all in a happy mood. We paid our visit to Monsignor and admired his gifts after Mass. Lunch for the Sisters & retiring.

Dec. 25 - Sisters enjoyed their letters & gifts right after breakfast. Everything was in order for Mass at 8.

After Mass & children's breakfast the parcels were distributed - about 50% receiving packages from home - a big improvement over the years when only a dozen would be remembered by their parents. The Day of Days passed all too quickly for the Sisters & children.

Dec. 26 - A surprise call from Bishop Levesman inviting himself to supper with Monsignor. The Bishop always so unassuming seemed to enjoy the evening and we felt privileged in welcoming him.

Dec. 27 - The Micmac Sisters paid their Christmas call. The afternoon was a pleasant one for all who came. The lunch was the high light of the afternoon.

Dec. 28 - Sr. Mary Charles & Sr. Clare Margaret spent the day at M.S.V. The former to visit her niece, Sr. Ann Christine and the latter to renew old friendships of her former Mission.

Fr. Jack Campbell is spending the week at home & comes for Mass each morning. The news of old Mgr. McPherson's death came today. The Church is truly poorer for his passing.

Dec. 29 - Sr. Cecily & Sr. Joseph Adman left early for a visit to M.S.V. They had a delightful day. Bishop Levesman & Fr. Smith came for dinner today. Monsignor accompanied them to Antigonish for Mgr. McPherson's funeral.

Dec. 31 - Last day of a busy and, I trust, a fruitful year for all.

Jan. 1 - 1949 - God's greatest gift - another New Year!

Alarming news of Fr. Boudreau's 76-th Birthday and his departure for Antigonish San. Let us hope his stay will be brief. He will be sadly missed by Sisters as well as by the Indians.

Jan. 3 - Like Simeon who was privileged to reach the Temple when the Christ Child entered, Sr. Mary Charles arrived at Mother's door just as Sr. Mary Daniel was being released from her stay at Chezyetcook. Since the Residential School was in dire need of an addition to the Staff, Sr. Mary Daniel was promptly shipped as Sister's companion. Sr. M. Daniel was assigned as Sr. Joseph Adman's assistant since Sister had been alone after Sr. Madeline Gertrude's transfer to the Mt.

Sr. Adman who had been off duty since August arrived by car accompanied by Sr. Dorothy & Sr. Elizabeth Anne. Both were disappointed to find Sr. Mary Charles abroad but enjoyed the visit. Jimmy, who spent the holiday home from Camp Hill returned in the Halifax bound car. Let us hope his health continues to improve.

Jan. 4 - Mother Seton's Day & the usual generous effort on the part of the Sisters to make it a joyous feast day for the Superior. The three tier cake on the Refectory table bespoke Sr. Charles Borromeo's heroic efforts to make all as lovely as possible. One wonders where all the dainty things that grace the Community Room table on this happy day, come from because all has been concealed so carefully in the days of preparation.

Jan. 5 - Back to School with Sr. Mary Charles back to Grs. 5-8 and Sr. Adman taking over again in Grs. 3 & 4.

Jan. 6 - Mass at eight & a fine sermon by Monsignor.

Jan. 12 - The new Manual Training Room is ready for use & what a blessing to have the old manual emptied out. The pottery is being transferred to the renovated Garage.

Mr. Brown is a good mechanic as well as a good Catholic. His Catholic Action is shown in the fact that he plans to devote one night a week to the boys as Boy Scout training.

Jan. 18 - Church Unity Octave prayers begun.

Jan. 20 - A special announcement that Mother General's Feast Day will be observed on Feb. 11.

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Cash donations as well as Sisters' handwork requested.

News of the death of Monsignor Burns' Mother came today. A valiant woman who gave two splendid sons to God and the Church. Monsignor Mackey went to Halifax for the wake and funeral.

Feb. 2 - Our Lady's Day - Candles blessed but few people in Church.

Feb. 18 - Sudden call for Monsignor to anoint Ella Cooper. The dear soul so faithful to her religious duties went suddenly but not unprepared. Her Sunday Mass never missed brought her countless graces.

Feb. 19 - Sunday Mass fairly well attended.

Monsignor made his sermon on Ella Cooper's edifying life.

Feb. 21 - Monsignor took four Sisters and Mrs. McLeod to Enfield for Ella Cooper's funeral.

Feb. 23 - The dreaded visit of Inspector Campbell is happening today. Sr. Charles Borromeo made her usual good impression with a delicious dinner. He spoke in glowing terms of the work accomplished in the classes.

Feb. 24 - Ash Wednesday and its solemn warning of "ashes to ashes" - the children are quite in earnest about their Lent.

Feb. 25 - Srs. Justinian & Adrian left for Halifax - the former for sinus treatment, the latter for H. Ry. Had to detrain at Rockingham to take bus after 2 hr. wait in bitter cold.

Feb. 27 - Msgr. off to Halifax for the Murphy Sale.

Mounties brought a whole deer today.

March 1 - Ember Day. Fr. Campbell here for Confessor's dinner. Unexpected visit from Fr. Kline & Fr. Dungan - the latter as Extraordinary. Father Dungan greatly changed, so weak & haggard looking. Sr. Rose Francis' altar cloth finished.

Mar. 4 - Sr. Mary Charles & Sr. Mary Daniel left on early train for Halifax. Sr. M. Charles saw Mother at St. Mary's. The paying of board for the four Sisters drawing Civil Service Salaries was discussed & decided on rather than create any ill feeling with the Msgr. It seems to all concerned a bit arbitrary as the Sisters work with the children not the prescribed five hours daily but for the 24 hr. cycle they are on call for duty. It was heartening to find Msgr. at the Station at 7 P.M. after a tiring day in the city.

March 8 - Mr. Parker doing a splendid clean up job on the old Manual. A frozen pipe with its natural results leaks & floods rooms - caused a flurry for awhile. Everything back to normal by noon.

March 11 - Slashing rain storm & leaks aplenty. The floors & walls a mess. Msgr. called the firm that did the waterproofing only to receive some foolish alibi - leaks continue.

Mr. Brown doing the inside painting on the new Manual. His quarters & equipment are ideal.

March 12 - Fr. Jerry Mackey's invitation to his Ordination arrived today.

March 13 - Three plasterers appeared on the scene today. They plan to do repair work before the painters arrive.

- March 16 - Msgr. off to Halifax for Bishop Skinner's Consecration.
- March 17 - All praise to St. Patrick & Happy Feast to the Monsignor. Ad multos annos to the dear Bishop. His Consecration marks another milestone in Catholic History in Halifax. Msgr. returned well pleased with his visit & assistance at the impressive ceremony.
- March 19 - Laetare Sunday & dear St. Joseph's Feast overshadowed by a blinding snow storm.
- March 23 - Mrs. Dungan & Kline for a brief visit - also Fr. Devine. R.O.B. man overnight. Miss Elizabeth Mackey here for Father Jerry's Ordination.
- March 25 - No Mass on Our Lady's Feast Day. Monsignor & Elizabeth in Halifax for Ordination. Community said an extra Rosary for young priests being ordained. Fr. Boudreau made a brief visit. His health improves & the possibility of his return soon. Young Fr. Campbell doing a grand work in Memmis parish.
- March 27 - Fr. Dungan from Luns, Fr. Moore from the Monastery add to dining room guests. Walter Mackey left for Springhill.
- March 28 - Miss Mackey left today for Springhill.
- March 29 - Sr. Julia Whelham due for Easter Retreat at M.S.U. Left on early train - Sr. Mary Charles companion. Sister had hoped to see Mother but she was away attending a Mother Seton Conference. Peggy, Sr. Mary Charles' niece is now a sedate little Novice doing well physically & spiritually.
- Apr. 3 - School closing Holy Thursday for Easter holidays. Boys sporting new shirts & girls new dresses for Easter.
- Holy Thursday - Chapel devoid of flowers but let us hope Our dear Lord finds hearts well adorned with love & faith.
- Good Friday - blizzard rages - few for stations. The children toiled hard with their hours of silence. Sisters making Retreat.
- Apr. 9 - Easter Sunday - All looked lovely in bright new colors. Singing beautiful.
- Apr. 10 - Easter Monday - Souly blue Monday because our washer is out of order & all the washing must be done by hand. Boys & girls in relays in the deep sinks & they are doing a good job.
- Apr. 11 - Sr. Agnes Berchmans' Golden Jubilee.
- Apr. 12 - Brief visit from Sr. Superior & companion from Amherst enroute to Halifax - the chauffeurs - Father Gerald Murphy. Monsignor back from Springhill on 6:30 train.
- Apr. 13 - Father Jerry Mackey came for a brief visit to give us his priestly blessing.
- A pleasant surprise when Sr. Maria Charles & Sr. Marguerita from Mellesley came to spend the day with us.
- Sunday - Prayers asked for the repose of the soul of Bishop Morrison who died Friday night. A true apostle gone to his reward.
- Confirmation announced for May 13. Bishop Levesman to officiate.
- Fr. Mitchell & Fr. Graham here for dinner. Msgr. left with them.

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- for Bishop Morrison's funeral. As they were leaving we had a surprise visit from Bishop Bray and Bishop Levesman accompanied by Fr. Camillus and Fr. Ancon C.F.M. All had a light lunch and left for Antigonish after having given the Sisters their blessing.
- Apr. 19 - Fr. Campbell here for Confessions. Mrs. Donahue and two Sisters brought Lucene from the Infirmary. The children enjoyed the visit Mrs. Donahue's singing.
- Apr. 25 - St. Joseph's Patronage and no Mass - a real sacrifice.
- May 1 - Our dear Mother's month. May she bless us all with her benign smile. Benediction each evening - no study from now until school closes.
- May 2 - Early Benediction, Mr. Rice & Msgr. leave for Lunenburg to meet Dr. Pett & his Clinic.
- May 3 - Clinic at work. Dr. Pett, Miss Perkins, Dentist & two assistants make up the group.
- May 4 - Clinic still in full swing. Tomorrow they leave.
- May 6 - Word today that Enfield, Micmac & Bedford meet here for the General Chapter. Another busy day, big dinner and general good cheer.
- May 11 - Marks the 100th Anniversary of the founding of our dear Community. Sr. Mary Charles and companion attended the Solemn High Mass at the Cathedral and from there went to the Mount to see the magnificent pageant. It was a never to be forgotten moment when the whole chorus broke forth into the glorious "Jubilate Deo" that seemed really to rend the heavens. The three day celebration was a peon of praise and thanksgiving to God for the many graces of the past hundred years.
- May 12 - Confirmation Day. Monsignor said first Mass. The Bishop said Mass at 10 entering the Chapel in Procession while the choir sang "Veni Pastor Bonus". After vesting, the Bishop conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation & after a brief talk and a few questions Mass followed and all were impressed by the stately ritual. The Bishop, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Campbell & Msgr. enjoyed a lobster dinner which was heartily enjoyed by all.
- May 14 - Prayers asked today for dear Father Summers called home to God after several years at the Infirmary. Msgr. had early Benediction & left for Halifax to attend the funeral.
- May 17 - First Communion group went to Confession today.
- May 18 - Ascension Thursday & our first Communion group was perfect. Buns covered with white, oranges & candy extras for breakfast. The S.B. clinic here for the day. As they set down to dinner who should arrive but Frs. Smith & Mitchell. Dear Sr. Charles Borromeo always so agreeable had ample dinner for all.
- May 24 - The drawing for the honor of Crowning Mary on May Procession Day came to Lillian Pector & all felt it to be a worthy choice.
- May 28 - The Annual May Procession. Father Kline from Lunenburg preached a lovely sermon on Our Lady.

Important items omitted - October, 1949.

On October 5 we had the great opportunity and honor of welcoming the entire group of delegates who attended the 5th Conference of Mother Seton's Daughters at M.S.P. Bishop McNamee of Washington headed the group. Form members of each of the divisions of Mother Seton's Communities made up the assembly. They toured the classes and had dinner. After that, they drove in cars to the Reserve, where they visited the classes and partook of a lunch. Mother Coaristes, Sister Camilla and Sister Alice from the Mother House accompanied the Sisters.

On October 15 we were favored with the arrival of Reverend Mother General. Mother Coaristes, for her visitation here. Mother came to us from Mic Mac and remained three days. Mother's visit was truly a happy one.

May, 1950, cont'd. Devotions to Our Lady continued.

School closed on June 23. We had a small closing with distribution of prizes. Square dancing has become quite in vogue in these parts.

June 27, we had Mass at 5.30. After breakfast many children left for their homes or for friends who would take care of them for the summer.

Four Sisters left for Retreat, leaving the burden of the work for the hardest week in the year on the remaining Sisters.

Shows, picnics and candy treats were the highlights of the vacation months for the children who remained for the summer. Sister Francis Edmond and her sister, Sister Elizabeth Therese came to assist for the summer.

Sister Superior, Sister Adrian and Sister Charles Burrows left for the Retreat, beginning July 10. This Retreat was followed by the General Chapter, for which Sister Superior remained at the Mount. The glorious result of the Chapter was hailed as a direct answer to prayer.

The Council is as follows: Mother General; Mother Stella Marie Assistants: Sister Inviolata, Sister Vincent Marie.

Sister Teresa Carmel, Sister Miriam Vincas.

The Procurator - Sister Marie Stella.

Sister Mary Charles took a short vacation, a few days in Cape Breton. Sister returned and four other Sisters left for Retreat. Only seven Sisters remained to fill in the various duties.

Sisters Mary Mercedes, Gerard Myelle helped here during the summer. Sister Maria Ann came for a time to do some work in Rhythmic Band and Folk Dancing. All the helpers left before the last Retreat.

During this year, Sister Helen Alphonsus taught Domestic Science here and at the Reserve. A regular Manual Training class was opened in September, 1949, with Mrs. Rodenich Brown as teacher. Great work was done during the term 1949-50.

August 15 brought a billed-down for our good Sister Julia William who has labored here for several years. Sister went as a patient to Lourdes Sanatorium. Her sight has become very defective. There were other changes on the staff. Sister Clare Margaret was transferred to Quebec and Sister Martha May, from Quebec replaced Sister. The Economics teacher, Sister Helen Alphonsus was transferred to St. Margaret's, Rochester and Sister John Anthony replaced Sister. The new Primary Department opened in September and Sister Maria Agnes came as teacher.

Sept. 6, school opened with a large attendance. Numbers increased during the month, until we reached the usual attendance, nearly one hundred sixty.

On September 7, a mission for the parishioners of Shubenacadie began under the direction of Rev. Father Toner, C.I.C. All the exercises were held in our Chapel, and the older children had the privilege of attending. Considering the distance away from the Chapel for some of the people, the mission was fairly well attended.

On the same evening as the opening of the Mission, we were favored with a visit from His Excellency, Bishop Mulligan. The Right Reverend Bishop was accompanied with Reverend Monseigneur Clarke of Ontario. We were privileged in attending their Masses the next morning. Both left in the afternoon for Mount St. Vincent.

During September, Sister Florence, a Jubilearian from St. Mary's Convent, Halifax, was with us for two weeks. Sister enjoyed her visit and was interested deeply in the children and all the work of the Institution.

On Friday, September 22, between 7.30 and 9 p.m. the floating masses of light in the sky, a phenomenon of the Flying Saucers, were seen by the Sisters. The masses of light continued to pass at intervals of about two minutes, moving in an easterly to westerly direction. The contours of each were very distinct, and resembled somewhat the map of Newfoundland.

Late in September, Dr. Le Roux, a health officer from Ottawa paid a visit here.

The Corv Inspector came on his official visit. He was obliged to return in October when he shot a diseased cow.

On October 20, two Sisters from St. Theresa's Convent, Halifax, Sister Ann Catherine, Principal of St. Thomas Aquinas and Sister Lynn Marie came and stayed with us for days. Sister Lynn Marie decorated beautifully the boards in the new Primary Class-room.

On October 25, Reverend Jack Campbell, returning from Bermuda, paid us a visit. He gave Mass two mornings. On October 26, Reverend Father Smith and Rev. Father McDeville came. The four priests had supper here that evening.

The Feast of Christ the King, was observed with fitting solemnity. The children's choir, under the direction of Sister African, sang suitable hymns during the Mass. At about 2.30 p.m. the Blessed Sacrament was exposed, and Our King remained in the Monstrance until Benediction. The children, as well as the Sisters kept vigil, and there was a perpetual Rosary offered.

During the first week in November, we had a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Whalen, the leading Indian Agents of Canada. Mrs. Whalen visited the classes.

Halloween, afternoon and evening, was filled with a program of fun and entertainment for the children.

On Nov. 6, we had a visit from Reverend Father Jack Campbell and Reverend Jim Mackey, Jr. The Fathers visited the children in their classes.

On Nov. 8, a doctor, nurse, and X-Ray Technician, spent the greater part of the day here, X-Raying the pupils and the people of the village for the purpose of discovering possibly T.B.

During the first week of December, Reverend Wm. Smith, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Dartmouth, spent a few days at this Institution. Reverend Fathers Smith and Mitchell have made frequent visits here.

On November 30, Sister Superiora was privileged in receiving from His Excellency, Most Reverend A. B. Leachman, a relic of the recently canonized Saint Maria Goretti. The Bishop brought it from Rome.

On December 8, the Sisters made their Act of Renovation of Vows before Communion, at about 6.30. After breakfast, at about 4.30, they attended Mass with the children.

On December 21, under the direction of the Sisters, the children gave their Christmas concert. It reflected much credit on their teachers.

During December, Reverend Father Divine showed moving pictures of his trip to Rome and of the Vatican. The pictures included also some of a pilgrimage to St. Anne de Beupre and other events of interest.

On December 22, school closes for the Christmas vacation. This fact did not lessen the labors of the Sisters in charge of the children. Vacation days are busy days. Everything possible was done to make Christmas a happy one for the Sisters and pupils. We had the privilege, too, of attending three Masses, two at midnight and one in the morning. The children sang the High Mass at midnight.

During the season, we had visits from Sister Superiora and Sisters from St. Michael's, also from Sister Miriam Vincent, one of Mother General's assistants, and her companion, Sister Edwina from St. Mary's Convent.

Two days before Christmas, Sister Martha Gray left for Naschundale, to be present at the first solemn High Mass of her brother, Rev. Michael Gray, S.F.M.

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On December 17, Reverend Father Cox was ordained in Toronto. Sister returned on January 5.

Sister Superior's Feast Day, Goodness Day was celebrated with fitting solemnity. Reverend Monsignor said Mass for Sister. The gifts from the Sisters were many and useful. Sisters and pupils had a Holy Hour from 2 to 3 o'clock. The day was the third Thursday of the month.

On January 3, ⁽¹⁹⁵¹⁾ Dr. Irene Macpherson, arrived in order to do all the dentistry work of the pupils. On January 4, two Augustinian Fathers arrived, and remained over until the next day, the third Friday. On that morning, most of the Sisters had the privilege of assisting at three Masses.

On the evening of January 4, the visiting Fathers, Dr. Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Rice were present at the social evening of the children. All admired the good dancing of the children. The social evening was begun by the Superior, Sister Mary Charles, for the purpose of teaching the boys and girls how to act at such gatherings, and to give them an opportunity for real enjoyment. School opened on January 8.

Before Dr. Irene left here for the Reserve, she gave us a short talk on her experience as prisoner in the Concentration Camp. He got a first rate account of the almost unbelievable cruelty dealt to the innocent victims behind the "Iron Curtain".

In the second week of January, we were visited by Colonel Jones, an official from Ottawa. He made a visit to the recreation room one evening and enjoyed the dancing of the children.

Reverend Jack Campbell visited us during January, and said Mass for us one morning during Reverend Monsignor's absence.

On the morning of January 31, the Sisters received the shocking and sad news that our dear Mother House had been burned early that morning, and the Community had suffered a complete loss. Just the shell of the grand old building remained. The Sisters and pupils about three hundred people escaped with their lives, thank God. Most of them escaped in night clothes, covered by a cloak or a shawl. The temperature registered below zero that night. Here, Reverend Monsignor Mackey wired Ottawa, for permission to house some of the Sisters, who had lost their home. However, accommodation was found for them nearer the Mount grounds. Sister Superior collected and packed a large carton of clothing, to relieve some of the fire victims.

On February 2, Miss Campbell, a dietitian from the Department of Indian Affairs came and remained about a week. Miss Campbell observed at almost every meal, the kind and amount of food consumed by the children. She was to make an accurate report at Ottawa. We think that Miss Campbell is of the opinion that our children are very well fed.

On February 20, 21, Mr. Campbell, Inspector of Schools for Colchester County, visited our school. He remained some time in each of the four departments. He found the work satisfactory, and judging from a couple of remarks he made, he thought some of the work was above the average.

During the week beginning Feb. 19, the Institution was attacked rather severely by an epidemic of flu. About sixty pupils and three Sisters came down with it in about ten days. The nurse, Sister Emilia, was kept very busy. Under Sister's good treatment, the sickness died out.

In the first week of March, three clergymen visited our classes, Reverend J. Mackey from St. Theresa's, Halifax, Reverend Father Hayes and Reverend Father O'Driscoll from St. Mary's.

The Feast of Easter was celebrated with joy and festivity befitting the joyous season. The children's choir under the direction of Sister Maria Adrega, sang the Easter hymns during the Mass. The school classes were closed for one week.

During Lent, the Boys' Choir sang Benediction on a few evenings and songfests.

In the first week of April, we were favoured with a visit from His Excellency, Bishop Leveson. Bishop was accompanied with Reverend Father Camillus of the Sacred Heart Fathers. Father Camillus is a brother of Sister Edwina.

At the end of March, Sister Superior's sister, Sister Margaret James, of the staff of the Halifax Infirmary, came and stayed over the week end.

On April 7, we welcomed to our Community here, Sister M. Jessica. Sister came to teach pottery to the pupils. Sister Justa, Superior of St. Peter's Convent, Dartmouth, and Sister Maria Clare, came along as Sister's companions.

On April 24, two doctors and three nurses Drs. Pett and McLaren, Misses Perkins, Sugman and Warren came to give all the pupils a physical examination. They remained for three nights and two days. On their last evening here, the larger girls and boys, entertained them with singing and square dances. Dr. Pett gave the children a moving picture entertainment, emphasizing some health truths.

On April 27, Miss Walker, the Physical Education Supervisor of the rural districts, came to see the dancing and to give some suggestions in the work.

On April 28, Sister Superior and three other Sisters from St. Charles Convent, Amherst, paid us a visit.

May 2, brought us a visit from Sister Mary Grace, the Superior of St. Brigid's Home, Lunenburg. Sister remained with us until May 6.

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May 11 was a memorable day for this institution. On this day, we were favored with a visit and an address from the world-famous and saintly priest, Reverend Patrick Peyton, the organizer of the Family Rosary Crusade. To add to the solemnity of the occasion, he was brought here by His Excellency, Bishop Leverman. Rev. Father Mitchell accompanied the priest and the Bishop. The children, dressed in their Sunday apparel, assembled in the Chapel. Father Peyton spoke to them in a very touching way of their good mother in Heaven, and of her great love for them. Father urged the children to play hard for the success of the Rosary campaign in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and that Father may reach his objective of having ten million homes pledge themselves to say the Family Rosary every day. After hearing Father speak, we decided that he was burning with love of God and His Blessed Mother, and that it was his sanctity, more than anything else, that attracted so many to him, and to the great Crusade of the Family Rosary.

On May 19, twenty nine little children had the happiness of receiving their First Holy Communion. Nineteen of these were our own children. Two children were from the village and eight from St. Michaels. They all seemed fervent and in earnest. The order in the chapel, gave much credit to Sister Cecily who trained them. The choir sang appropriate hymns very sweetly.

On the last Sunday of May, we had our May Procession. All the girls and boys took part. It was a very beautiful procession. The arrangement, the colorful grouping, and the carrying of the large Rosary with other pennants and banners made a pretty picture. Better than their appearance, was the devotion with which the children said the Rosary, and sang their hymns. The honor of crowning Our Lady's statue, was given to Miss Lillian Pictou, assisted by Miss Mally Sabbath. Nora Bernard read the Act of Consecration. Reverend Monsignor Macky gave an instruction on Our Lady. The ceremony closed with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

May 29 was a memorable day for the Sisters and pupils of the Institution. Reverend Father Devine of Enfield, brought here the films of Rev. P. Peyton's two pictures, "The Triumphant Hour" and "The Hill." He saw these at about one o'clock. On account of the shutting off of the electricity in the district owing to trouble in one of the transformers, we saw just one reel of each picture. They were really beautiful and inspiring. In the evening of this day, we signed the "Family Rosary Pledge."

At about four o'clock of this same day, we welcomed Reverend Mother Stella Maria, Mother General, at her first visit here since she became our Mother. Mother was accompanied with our former Mother General, Mother Coaritis, and Sister Inviolata our first Assistant General. Mother met the Sisters and also the pupils. Girls and boys assembled in the girls' recreation room. He had

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supper at about 4:30 Standard Time. All were pleased with the visit.

On this same evening, May 29, the Sisters had their Coronation of Our Blessed Mother. Sister Justina was the favored one of the group. Sister drew the ticket for crowning Our Lady's statue. After our hymns and coronation, we made our Act of Consecration to our Blessed Mother.

On June 1, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Forty Hours Devotion began in our Chapel. Reverend Monsignor Mackay celebrated the High Mass, and the Children's Choir sang it well. They sang also the Pange Lingua, the Litany of the Saints and all responses remarkably well. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed on Friday and Saturday evenings until 10 o'clock. The great devotion closed on Sunday morning with High Mass at 8 o'clock. A very pretty procession of Altar boys and girls and boys of Grades I and II accompanied the Blessed Sacrament at the opening and closing of the Forty Hours. The altar was decorated beautifully.

On Sunday, June 3, some of the Sisters had the privilege of attending the Rosary Crusade Rally in Halifax. From the reports they gave, it was a memorable occasion for them, and for all who attended. Fifty thousand people thronged the Exhibition Grounds. Sisters, Novices, children, sodalities, boy scouts, girl guides, all with distinctive banners (excepting Sisters), walked to the places assigned and gave color to the gathering. The principal speaker was Reverend Patrick Peyton, whose touching address will not be forgotten. Other speakers were Reverend Harold Connolly, Richard Donohue, the Chairman, and Very Reverend Monsignor Curran.

On June 14, 15, a lady representative from the census department came to take statistics of Sisters and pupils.

On June 18, two Medical Students from St. Francis Xavier University came here for the purpose of research work. They took finger prints and blood tests from about one hundred children and worked through the entire week to the close of school.

During the same busy week, a medical student from The Till University was sent by the Dept. of Indian Affairs to give the new serum for the prevention of T. B. to the children. The work was not completed until some days after school closed.

On Thursday evening of the last week, Sister Superior invited the Sisters to her class-room to hear special work on the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, from Sisters' pupils of Grades 5, 6, 7, 8. There were forty-nine pupils present. The work was interesting and instructive. The children know the Mass very well. Let us pray that they will learn to love it.

The closing exercises took place on Thursday, June 21. The program was very good. Each department contributed numbers. Among these were Rhythm Band selections, songs and recitations, folk and square dances, and a little playlet comedy, "Mother Takes a Vacation" by Shade II. The Valedictory for the graduates was read by Betty Lou Pictow. Many of the pupils received prizes. The general excellence medal was merited by Molly Sabbatis. School closed on Friday before noon. On the evening of that day, the scouts, under the direction of Mr. Roderick Brown, gave a display of the work accomplished. Drills, relays and feats requiring a good deal of skill surprised the enthusiastic audience. During the same week, Mr. Brown, who is also the Manual Training Teacher, had on display, the work done by the boys from Grades 3 to 8. It was a very fine showing, giving much credit to the teachers.

On June 22, the Provincial Historical Society of Nova Scotia unveiled a plaque on the grounds of the Provincial Fire House, not far from our property. This event was to celebrate the first encampment made by Indians of the Maritimes, the Mic Macs over three hundred years ago. The plaque marks the spot. Our children under the direction of Monaghan Mackay and the Sisters were present at the unveiling. The Society requested their presence. They supplied the singing for the occasion.

On June 27, the majority of our pupils departed for their homes. About sixty-three remained for the summer.

Just before the departure of the pupils, Sister E. Miller left us to go to the Halifax Infirmary as a patient. Sister did not return until July 19.

At about the same time, Sister M. L. Daniel went to Halifax to be with her dying mother. Sister returned in about a week, until after the death and burial.

Busy days for the Sisters followed the school closing. On account of the loss of our Mother House, Sister Superior, with the Reverend Administrator's permission, to have here a Retreat, for about thirty-six of our Sisters. There was a good deal of house-cleaning begun, with much changing of beds and other transformations, in order to accommodate the Sisters and make suitable arrangements for a Retreat. The primary class-room was converted into a lecture room.

Our Retreat, under the direction of Rev. Father McBrigarty, a Redemptorist, opened on the evening of July 10. The Sisters came from Enfield, Bedford, Thuro, Micmac and five from the Halifax Infirmary. Sister Annette, Superior of St. Teresa's Convent, Halifax was among the number. The conditions in our Chapel, Refectory, Dining-room were very orderly and pleasing to the Retreatants. Sister Superior and three other Sisters of our Mission

were kept very busy. They were not on Retreat. The Retreat closed on the Feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The day was kept with the usual Community celebrity. At 7.15 we had a High Mass in honor of the Saint. At 8.30 Monsignor said a low Mass, at which nearly all the Sisters assisted. A choir of Sisters sang the High Mass and Benediction during the Retreat.

On July 21, Sister Emilien, who had returned from the Infirmary, left for Halifax, to make her Retreat at the Catholic Centre. On July 23, Sister Charles Bonomo went to Halifax for a few days rest. From early in July, until the middle of August, Sr. Maria Alberta remained with us to help in some of the duties of the Institution.

St. Ann's Day was marked here by a procession of children and Sisters in honor of the Saint. They carried the statue around the grounds. The procession ended in the Chapel, where Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was given by Reverend Monsignor.

On July 24, the Sisters took the children on a picnic to Grand Lake. They had an enjoyable day.

Near the octave day of the Feast of St. Ann the children and nine of the Sisters went to the Reservoir to the field day, a picnic in aid of the parish there. All enjoyed the afternoon.

Around the first of August, Sister Justine and Sister Joseph Adrian left for our Convent at Yarmouth to spend a few days there, before going to the Sacred Heart Convent, at Meteghan, to make their Retreat.

On August 5, Sister Superior left for her Retreat at Mount St. Vincent College. Sister returned on August 15.

During the second week of August, Monsignor's sister, Miss Elizabeth Mackey, and her cousin, Mrs. Hanna, both from U. S. A. visited Monsignor and remained with us several days. They drove to Yarmouth on their return trip on August 18.

On this day, Sister Carmen and Sister Delina from Lourdes Sanatorium drove to Yarmouth with these ladies. They were going to Pictou. The Sisters were present at the tercentenary celebrations for the founding of the town of Pictou. August 15, 1951

This day brought changes in our staff of Sisters. Sister Maria Adrian was transferred to Ladysmith, B. C. and was replaced by Sister Ursula from St. Paul's Convent at Herring Cove. Sister Mary Clara was transferred to St. Margaret's Convent, Dorchester, Mass., and was replaced by Sister Maria Michael from St. Paul's Convent, North Dartmouth.

Sister Emilien left for Boston on August 20, for the purpose of getting special eye treatment.

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Sister returned to us shortly after the opening of school.

Sister Justinian was a patient at the Infirmary for about three weeks, where she underwent an operation. Sister made a good recovery.

School opened on September 5, with a large enrolment. By the end of September, the registration was 147 - 74 girls and 73 boys. After a few months we reached nearly the 180 mark. The classes were arranged as follows:

Grades 6, 7, 8, 9 - Sister M. Ursula
 " 4, 5 - Sister Superior
 " 2, 3 - Sister Emily
 " 1 and beginners - Sister Maria Agnes.

On October 3, the Feast of the Little Flower, we had the privilege of a visit and a little talk from Miss Kelly Whidden, of Milford Village. This very cultured lady, a convert to the Faith, lived for about three years at Lisieux, at the dwelling where St. Therese of the Child Jesus learned some of her school lessons. Miss Whidden was a nurse during the First World War. During her stay on duty, at Lisieux, she came into the Church, and was baptized at the Carmelite Convent, where St. Therese lived and died. Miss Whidden became a friend of Reverend Mother Agnes, the Little Flower's sister, and corresponded regularly with the holy Nun. At the time of Mother Agnes' death, Miss Whidden was notified.

On October 8, Sister Rosalie came from Mount St. Vincent and remained several days. Sister decorated the altar and pedestal in the Chapel and painted the Stations of the Cross.

On October 18, Reverend Father Brown, our former principal, paid us a visit and remained a couple of days. Sisters were delighted to meet Father and so were the children. Reverend Father took an interest in all.

On October 28, the Feast of Christ the King was celebrated with the usual dignity. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed after Mass, until Benediction in the evening.

Halloween, long looked forward to by the children, brought them great fun and much happiness. The Sisters did not spare themselves in making the little ones happy.

October devotions brought many blessings for us all.

November 7, marks the visit of Reverend Father Hournier, a White Father, from Africa. Father showed us two interesting and instructive pictures about the Missions in Africa. Father said Mass at 6-30 the next morning.

On this same day, the Sisters accompanied the ^{children} Sisters to the Station to be there to welcome Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, as they passed

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through Shubenacadie on the Royal Train. The children gave much colouring to the group of people gathered there. The girls wore red, white and blue caps and boys and girls displayed flags and a good deal of the royal colours.

A mission, under the direction of Rev. Father Toner, S.S.C. began on November 15, for the people of Shubenacadie, Stewiacke and the surrounding villages. It was given in our Chapel. Some of our older children attended. After the first night, the evening instructions were well attended, and judging from the number who received the Sacraments the Mission was a success. The lectures were beautiful and practical. The mission closed on Sunday afternoon, November 18. The Sisters attended the mission and they were fortunate on Saturday in having a conference for themselves from Reverend Father.

On December 8, the Sisters renewed their vows before receiving Holy Communion at 6.30. Holy Mass was at the usual time 7.15. Reverend Monsignor gave us Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 8.15. The Feast occurred on Saturday, so the Sisters spent a very pleasant day, and let us hope received many graces through the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

On the second Sunday of December, the ninth of the month, we received the sad news that our good friend and father, Reverend Father Brown had taken a stroke and was not expected to recover. Father died on December 14, and was buried at Amherst December 18, just two months after he had visited us here.

On December 10, we had a visit from Reverend Father L'Amour. He was accompanied with Mr. Moore.

On the same day, Reverend Father O'Garty, a nephew of Reverend Father Brown, came with Mr. McIsaac, the undertaker, from Antigonish, to see about the coffin or casket for Father Brown, which, we understand had been ordered previously at the undertaker's in Shubenacadie.

We had our Christmas concert on December 19. The chief number was the play, "Camouflage," put on by the pupils of Grades 6, 7, & 8. This was directed by Sister Justineau and Sister Urgula. All the grades contributed members. The little playlet, "Not Room in the Inn," by the pupils of Grades 2, 3, gave the real Christmas story.

School closed on December 21. Then the house-cleaning and decorations for the great Feast began. We had a very pleasant vacation and a lovely Christmas. Everything was done by Sister Superior & ~~in~~ ^{the} real Christmas. Monsignor said two Masses at midnight, and a third at 8 a.m. Santa was very good to Sisters and children. The children's choir sang well.

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The Superior's Feast Day was kept by the Sisters on January 6. They spent a very pleasant day. There was a good display of gifts.

During the holidays some of our Sisters visited the Convent at the Reserve, and the Sisters from the Reserve spent an afternoon with us.

An epidemic of measles broke out in December and reached its peak during the Christmas Season. Thirty-nine cases were treated and in about two weeks all were better and the disease was arrested. Sister Emilian worked hard with the sick. She had an able assistant in Sister Justina.

The day after Christmas, Dr. Black, a Department Dentist arrived, and treated the teeth of all the children. He worked here for about three weeks.

School opened on January 7. ¹⁹⁵⁰ The weather was then becoming rather severe with plenty of snow.

On February 13, Mr. Doucet, the Inspector of Schools from Ottawa, visited us and remained for work in all the classes. He held a conference with the Sisters on Feb. 15. We have reason to believe that he was pleased with the work here.

During the same week, two Nutritionists of the Department came and worked on the children's nutrition records.

During the latter part of January, owing to the large amount of snow and rain that had fallen, the River overflowed. The post was impassible. A speed boat delivered mail and goods to the houses near us.

On February 6, we received the news of our good King, George VI. The day of his burial, February 15, was a holiday for the school.

On the day that Inspector Doucet left here, Mr. Campbell, the School Inspector for the county, arrived. He visited all the classes and remained in each a considerable time. He was much pleased with the work of the school.

Lent came in on February 27, this year. On Throe Tuesday, Sister Superior became quite ill. For a few days she seemed to get better, but on March 8, Sister became seriously ill, and was anointed at the Infirmary that evening. Sister recovered, but was operated on for gall stones. Sister did not return to us until May 22.

Early in March six members of Parliament, including Mr. Ettinger from Shubenacadie, paid a visit to our Institution. Mr. Megaw accompanied them on the tour through every department. The men were favorably impressed.

On March 17, the children gave their St. Patrick's Day concert. It was very good. The singing, dancing and speaking, reflected much credit on the Sisters who trained the children. The boys from Grades 5 to 9, had a number of their own, "McNamara's Band."

121st day

MONDAY, MAY 1

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On April 1, Dr. Pett, Dr. McLaren and three nurses from the Department in Ottawa came for the purpose of a physical examination of the children. They worked steadily for two days and left in the morning of the next day. They were pleased with the hospitality and the co-operation they received. During Passion Week, Sister Cecil received news of her father's serious illness. Sister left for Harbor on Bonaventure and remained there a few days. Her father rallied from this severe attack.

School classes for Easter vacation on Holy Thursday. Easter was kept, befitting the lovely Feast. The children sang much during the Mass. We had Benediction in the evening. Sister Superior was at the Infirmary during the season.

During Easter week we were privileged with a visit from His Excellency, Bishop Liverman. Bishop remained overnight, and had Mass at about 8.30. Children and Sisters attended. Not long after this visit, Reverend Father Bughexas, from Springhill, paid a visit here, remained over night and said Mass for us the next morning.

On May 11, Reverend Don Campbell a young man from Shubenacadie, was ordained at the Holy Heart Seminary in Halifax. Father said his first Mass here on May 12, and his first Solemn High Mass on May 18, at Enfield. During the two weeks that followed his ordination he said Mass in our chapel every day nearly.

On May 15, Reverend Monsignor left by plane for Detroit to see his brother who is seriously ill. Monsignor returned on May 19.

May 22 marks the day when Sister Superior returned from the Infirmary, after an absence of eleven weeks. She seemed on the road to recovery.

Two days later, nineteen of our little children made their First Holy Communion. They were very orderly and seemed much in earnest.

Our May Procession and Coronation of Our Blessed Mother was on May 25, the last Sunday of May. It was beautiful and very orderly. The children walked from the Front Entrance to the grounds and around the hedge saying the (say) Rosary. The entered and proceeded to the Chapel, singing their hymns. Rita Bernard had the honor of Coronating. Rosemary Sabbatis read the Act of Consecration. The singing was very good. Reverend Monsignor gave the congregation a devotional talk on Our Lady.

The Feast of the Eucharistic Feast of Jesus occurred this year, on June 20. The Blessed Sacrament was exposed after Mass. Sisters and children spent some time during the day in Adoration of the Sacred Heart. Benediction was at 7 p.m.

On Sunday, June 22, the closing exercises of the school took place. After a short entertainment which gave much credit to the

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TUESDAY, MAY 2

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Sisters who directed it, the prizes were awarded. The Catechism was read by Peter Christmas. He had four graduates, from Grade Nine - Peter Christmas, Daniel Paul, James Smith, and Donouett.

On June 23, school closed. On the same day, three Sisters left for the Retreat at Mt. St. Vincent College. The next day, Sister Daniel, who had been sick for a couple of weeks left for the Halifax Infirmary. During the next week, just before the children left for their homes, the work of the house was multiple and various. Sheets, mattress covers, and clothing that could be put away had to be washed, besides the regular laundry. Children were fitted out with clothing for the journey. Cakes cooking for train lunches had to be done. Transportation had to be arranged. (The Sisters must record names, number and destination of children going away for the summer.) Report cards were given out. Through all this work the children, nearly one hundred sixty, must be supervised. Four of our staff were not here during this extra rush. Children who had parents or some one else to care for them, left on June 27. About fifty-five remained for the summer.

On June 24, we had a visit from His Excellency, Bishop Levesman. Bishop was accompanied with Reverend Father Kingston, S. H. Cross.

On July 10, the Sisters of the Reserve, came to pay us a visit. Sister Florian, Sister Helen Stride, Sister Stella Vincent, came with them. On the same afternoon, Sister Superior and Sister Marion Dolores came with a Sister from St. Joseph's Orphanage and her sister.

During the first week in July, Sister Maria Michener received the news of the death of her dear mother. Sister went to Halifax and remained until after the funeral. Sister Charles, Bonhomme accompanied Sister, but remained in the City just a short time.

Sister Cecily left for her Retreat on July 14. After the Retreat Sister went to Antigonish to see her father who was still at the hospital there.

These Sisters left on July 18, for their Retreat at Mount St. Vincent Academy. Sister Theodore came here early in July to take the place of Sister Daniel. Sister Margaret Vincent helped for a short time, ten days. Sister Theodore supervised the boys and did grand work with the Community singing.

Sisters and children began their Novena to St. Anne on July 17. They carried the Statue of St. Anne around the grounds while they said their Rosary. They sang the hymn to St. Anne and said the prayers. All tried to honor the St. on the Feast of St. Anne.

On this day, Sister Justinian and Martha Mary left for their Retreat at St. Anne's Convent, Blue Bay. Three days later the Sisters who had made the Retreat at the Mount returned.

The Mic Mee Picnic was held on June 29,

on the school grounds at the Reserve. The children and the Sisters (except three, attended it. In spite of poor weather, they enjoyed the afternoon. A severe electrical storm came up during the picnic hours.

August 4, Sister Ursula left for her Retreat at North Sydney. On the sixth, Sister Superior, not fully recovered from her severe illness, with Sister Daniel, also recuperating from illness, and Sister Joseph Adrian, left for a Retreat at Mount St. Vincent Academy.

August 14 brought us a visit from Reverend Father Bortey, O.M.I., from Annapolis parish. He came on the 13th and said Mass on August 14.
August 15, 1952

August 15 brought some changes to our staff. Sister Superior, Sister Mary Charles, was transferred as Superior to our Sanatorium at Lourdes. Sister Paul of the Cross was appointed Superior here. Sister Maria Agnes was transferred to Seton Academy, Vancouver. Sister M. Ernest, from Reservoir, C.B. replaced Sister. Sister Martha Mary was transferred to St. Vincent's Convent, Edmonton and Sister John Margaret, from Ketchikan Harbor, N.T. replaced Sister.

The mission list for the year 1952-53 is as follows.

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| 1 Sister Paul of the Cross, Superior | 7 Sister Mary Justinian |
| 2 Sister Maria Ursula | 8 Sister Mary Daniel |
| 3 Sister Mary Emilian | 9 Sister Joseph Adrian |
| 4 Sister Mary Carmen | 10 Sister Mary Ernest |
| 5 Sister Maria Michael | 11 Sister Charles Barrowes |
| 6 Sister Mary Cecily | 12 Sister John Margaret |

September 1952-53

School opened September the 3rd the Wednesday after Labour Day. Quite a number of Juniors came to the School for the first time to replace the seats made vacant by the Seniors who had graduated in June.

On the morning of Our Lady's Feast Day, Sept. 12, Sister Cecily received the sad news that her sister, Mrs. Connie Mosin, had died at the Halifax Infirmary. Sister spent a few days with her bereaved family in Antigonish after the funeral.

Rev. Father Briche, Provincial of the Oblates, Ottawa, had dinner here on the first Sunday of October. He was the guest of Sister Superior whom he had met at Cranbrook, British Columbia.

124th day

THURSDAY, MAY 4

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The Feast of Christ the King was marked specially this year by the solemn opening of the Forty Hours Devotion in our Chapel by Father Moors, an Augustinian priest from St. Augustine's Monastery, Antigonish. The children's choir sang the High Masses and assisted the priest in the singing of the Benedictions during the Devotions.

Although the people of the Village were rather sparse in attendance during the day, the Sisters fervently made up for this indifference by spending extra time with Our Eucharistic Lord. All were grateful for the opportunity of increasing their devotion to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Pastor's birthday was pleasantly celebrated in the usual manner by the children on the closing evening of the Forty Hours.

The Parish Mission opened here in the Chapel November 9th. The Mission was conducted by Reverend Conrad Kane C. P., U.S. A. Rev. Father Devine, Pastor of Enfield and of Shubenacadie, a mission to Enfield, was in charge of the Mission. He asked to have the Sisters here sell the customary religious articles during the Mission which closed on the evening of November 13th.

The children's choir with Sister Maria Michael as organist supplied all the necessary singing during the Mission.

Nov. 20th. the Community assembled in the parlor to greet Bishop John R. McDonald, Father Sullivan, Father Jerome Chisholm, and a visiting priest from Ottawa. The group was returning from Halifax where they had attended the funeral of our late Archbishop McRally.

December brought its accompanying rush orders for spruce tying and the Christmas Concert practices. Sister Justinian, with her Indian girls laboured perseveringly filling the orders for tied spruce from other Convents, as well as supplying our own needs here. The were all rejoicing when the last box was sealed and despatched to its destination.

December 17th. saw us all in the Girls Recreation Hall awaiting the rise of the curtain for the opening number on the Christmas Concert programme. The Concert was excellent from the first to the last. The whole School took part. Sister Superior was called away before the end. A very sick child had to be removed to the Hospital, and Sr. Superior and Sr. Emilian accompanied Dr. Harey to the Innu Hospital.

The following day, Dec. 18th, we attended the Christmas Concert presented by the Indian children at the Micmac School. Two trucks conveyed our children to the Micmac School while Mr. Rice, the Indian Agent, and our Principal, Monsignor Mackey, taped the Sisters.

After the Concert the Sisters enjoyed a very delicious *gouté* at the Micmac Convent.

Our School closed for the Christmas holidays on the following day. Very few children returned to their homes for the holidays, which meant a busy vacation for the Sisters in general.

Christmas Eve everything was "spic-and-span". The pleasant odour of spruce permeated throughout the corridors. The spruce festooning in the Chapel was specially beautiful.

Santa Claus appeared in our midst at 4:30 O'clock, the only time at which the Sisters could all assemble. Shubie is not and cannot be like our ordinary Convents. It's an extraordinary place!

The singing of the "Adeste" by the children's choir resounded throughout the corridors awakening us for Midnight Mass. The people from the village were in attendance in goodly numbers at the Midnight Mass and many of them received Holy Communion. During Mass the children sang the usual Christmas carols with St. Maria Michael as organist.

The same routine of previous years was followed out to the letter in regard to the serving of the children's Christmas Dinner. The Sisters' Christmas dinner, as usual, was served with extraordinary care. Our dear housekeeper, Sister Charles Bonhomme, spares neither time nor labor in giving us the best.

During the Christmas holidays the Sisters from the Micmac Convent paid us a friendly visit. We had no other visitors. Some of our Sisters visited the city Missions during the holidays, thus taking advantage of the general permission to visit their "Bands" whether they be "Lillies" or "Cockles".

December 29th Sister Maria Michael left us for the city to enter the Halifax Infirmary for a surgical operation. Sister spent about two months at the hospital and then was missioned to St. Theresa's Convent, Halifax. We were given no substitute to replace Sister. Sister Justina, along with her own duty as Disciplinarian, conducted the sewing classes to the end of the School year.

126th day

SATURDAY, MAY 6

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1950 On January 12, Monsignor left for a month's vacation to the West Indies. He was accompanied by Reverend Father Smith of Dartmouth. Rev. Father Peterson from St. Augustine's Monastery, Antigonish replaced Monsignor here during his absence.

Monsignor returned in due time to distribute the Ashes on Ash Wednesday to remind us that the Holy Season of Lent was with us again.

It was very consoling to see large groups of the Indian children making the "Way of the Cross" everyday during Lent. What a consolation they must have been to Christ during His Passion and Death.

Holy Week brought its usual extra sacrifices and labours in the line of cleaning and decorating the large and spacious rooms in preparation for the glorious Easter Season. We were pleased to welcome during those days two of our Sisters from Hallsley, namely Sister Mary Alexander and Sister Elizabeth James enroute to Mt. St. Vincent Academy for the Easter Retreat.

Easter Sunday, Monsignor in full dress, celebrated Low Mass. The Children's Choir sang the usual Easter Hymns during Mass. The day was extraordinarily fine. So warm and sunny was it that several of the Sisters without shawls and rubbers to to Snyde's Road for a walk. In fact, the whole of Easter Week was exceptionally warm and sunny.

During Easter week the following Sisters paid us a friendly visit - Sister Mary Grace from Quebec, Sisters Marie Gertrude and Anna Gertrude from Mt. St. Vincent College, Sister Clarisita from St. Patrick's Convent, Halifax, a sister of St. Mary Ernest, and Sister Mary de Lourdes also of St. Patrick's Convent Halifax.

The Sisters at the McNamara Convent also paid their usual friendly visit during the holidays.

Several of the Sisters took advantage of the holidays to have some dentistry attended to in the City and while there visited some of the Convents.

During the month of May all attended the usual "May Devotions" in the Chapel each evening at seven o'clock.

On May 27 several of the Sisters attended the Music Festival held in the Community Hall in Shubenacadie. At the request of Mr. Campbell, the Inspector of Schools for Hants Co., Sister Cecily's Class gave an excellent demonstration in Choral Reading, also a little playlet entitled "Mother Takes a Vacation". Mr. Campbell, who had previously visited Sister's Class and saw the excellent work done in choral reading wished that his Public School teachers be given the opportunity of observing it. The whole Shubenacadie Community who saw it were loud in their praise of the good training received at the Indian School.

127th day

SUNDAY, MAY 7

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On May 28th eighteen Indian Children had the happiness of receiving their First Holy Communion.

Monsignor did not admit any of the Village children, although they were instructed here by the Sisters, to receive their First Holy Communion in Residential School this year. A special table in the Children's Refectory was faintly decorated for the First Communion Breakfast. Indian children, like all other children, like nice things to eat and they had them on this special day. Who saw to it? The good Sisters, God bless them.

Our May Procession and the Crowning of Our Blessed Lady was on May 31, the last Sunday of May. It was very beautiful and very orderly. The children sang their May hymns in honor of Our Dear Mother in full voice. The day was cold and cloudy. Monsignor suffering a nasty cold did not speak. The ceremonies were very brief with very few visitors in attendance.

The first Sunday of June, Sister Superior and Sister Cecily accompanied Monsignor to Father Martin's parish, there to be present at the administration of the Sacrament of Confirmation by Bishop Luerman.

June 10th, "Community Day", brought its annual community surprises, namely the retreat lists and the other summer programmes for the different Sisters. Sisters Mary Emilia, Cecily, Joseph Adrian and Charles Baromea making the first retreat at Mount Saint Vincent, Academy. Sister Mary Ernest is to attend Mount Saint Vincent College Summer School. Sisters Maria Ursula, Carmen and Justinian making the second retreat and Sister Superior, Sisters Mary Daniel and John Margaret the third retreat at the College. Sister Mary Ernest made this retreat also.

On June 20th the school closed. Monsignor distributed "Report Cards" in the Senior classroom to pupils of Grades four to nine. He gave a short spiritual talk to all and proclaimed to them that no more pupils from the Residential School would attend the Protestant Public High Schools, and that the pupils present who were promoted to High School were to contact their respective Indian Agents and make arrangements with them about their High School for the coming year. As a result seven of our Indian boys are attending St. Joseph's University, New Brunswick.

128th day

MONDAY, MAY 8

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June 26th, a large group of our pupils left for their respective Reserves, leaving behind them the goodly number of seventy - five to be trained and cared for during the summer months.

Mother General "out of the kindness" of her heart sent Sisters Mary Hilma and Mary Bertille from our Waterford missions to assist us during this time. These two Sisters are to be commended for their generosity and community spirit in the manner in which they undertook the different duties assigned them - "from singing in the choir to the gathering of the field crops".

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August 15th with its usual expectations and surprises, came this year bringing perhaps, more surprises than expectations. The Superior, Sister Paul of the Cross, who came to us a year ago was transferred unexpectedly to Mount Saint Vincent Academy. Her place here was taken by Sister Maria Gervase, who had finished a term at the Convent at Micmac. So the mission list for the year 1953-54 reads as follows:

Sister Maria Gervase, Superior
 Sister Maria Ursula
 Sister Mary Emilian
 Sister Bernadette Marie
 Sister Elizabeth Thérèse
 Sister Mary Cecily
 Sister Maria Justinian
 Sister Mary Daniel
 Sister Mary Raymond
 Sister Mary Ernest
 Sister John Margaret

Sister Bernadette Marie comes to replace Sister Maria Michael as sewing teacher. Sister Mary Raymond comes to replace Sister Joseph Adrian as disciplinarian of the Indian Boys. Sister Joseph Adrian has been here ten years and God has seen to it that God has seen to it that she be given a change in reward for her devoted and arduous labours of caring for so many for so long a time.

Sister Maria Gervase, the newly appointed Superior, who had spent a few weeks visiting her aged mother in New Waterford arrived in

time for the opening of the school in September. Sister was greeted at the front entrance by the Sisters and children and all with one voice hailed her with, "Welcome, Sister Superior".

School opened Wednesday after "Labour Day" with a very satisfactory attendance. Many new comers were added to the registration this year, many of them tiny-tots.

Forty Hours Devotion was omitted this year because there was no priest available to conduct it. However, an Oblate, Reverend Father Benign came to give a week's mission to the children of the school and also the adults of the Parish. It was well attended.

On October 27, the Children did justice to their Natal Greetings to Monsignor. A day, long spoken of and one always enjoyed by all. This truly a memorable one for Shubenacadie.

Reverend Mother General came for visitation during the early part of December. How the Sisters looked forward to Mother's days with us. Reverend B. Martin, Sister Agnes Carmel and Sister Elizabeth Patrice accompanied Reverend Mother here from Truro. All remained with us during a short greeting which our children extended to Mother. Monsignor drove Mother to Miss Mac on Sunday morning. We were most happy to have Mother with us for a few days.

Christmas, with all its activities was a most enjoyable one. The Children were as happy as can be with their gifts from Santa! The Midnight Mass was beautifully sung by the Children, due to the untiring efforts of Sister Ursula. The vacation passed all too quickly and we returned to school on January 7.

The Lenten Season was holily spent by all. As during previous years we have no Holy Week Services after Holy Thursday. Easter Sunday was gloriously celebrated with the beautiful Easter Mass. Benediction was at two o'clock, after which Monsignor left for Halifax to attend the funeral of the late Angus L. Mac Donald, Premier of Nova Scotia, who died very suddenly.

On Easter Monday Father Cameron arrived from

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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Prince Edward Island to replace Monsignor Mackey during his absence while visiting Europe. Monsignor left with Monsignor Burns and Father Smith on Thursday for Rome.

May 3rd. witnessed the drastic flood in Sister Ernest's classroom. Toward the end of Mass, we heard the "rushing of the waves". Great was our consternation when we beheld the waters pushing through the ceiling. Buckets were salvaged from all parts of the house. A faucet had been left on during one of the dry spells. Little Billy Pictou had noticed the flood and turned off the water.

May Devotions were held as usual and on the third Sunday we had our May Procession. It was beautiful. Father Cameron preached a lovely sermon on Our Lady. The choir was excellent and the children looked charming, due to the untiring efforts of Sr. Justinian.

June brought its usual activities and all were happy when school closing came and the children left for home. Our experiences were numerous at this time.

On May 27 - Ascension Thursday the Senior Choir sang High Mass. The altar was beautifully decorated with lights and flowers which Mrs. Chedoke sent. The X-Ray Clinic was held today and twenty-six children were x-rayed.

May 28 - Sister Cecily and Sr. Ernest took their classes on a picnic beyond Snypde's Farm. They all had a wonderful time. The Marian Hour Rally was scheduled for the last Sunday in May but because of the inclemency of the weather it was postponed until Monday. Six of the Sisters attended the Rally. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Logan very kindly drove them.

June 3rd. greeted us with another Inspector, Mr. Lambeau. He came to visit the Manual Training and Home Economics Departments. After school closed, the Sisters began to depart for Retreats and study.

On July 12 Monsignor returned from his trip to Rome. Father D. Campbell accompanied

him. They were all glad to welcome him home.

The summer months passed very quickly and soon August 15 was upon us. Sister Bernadette Marie left for Cranbrook. Sister Catherine Mary replaced her.

August 1954-1955.

The following is the staff for the coming year:

Sister Maria Geruase - Superior
 Sister Maria Ursula
 Sister Mary Carmen
 Sister Elizabeth Therise
 Sister Mary Daniel
 Sister Mary Cecily
 Sister Ernest
 Sister Raymond
 Sister Justinian
 Sister Gertrude Vincent
 Sister Catherine Mary

The usual school opening was on Sept. 5. Our classes for the coming year promise to be on the increase. We have eighty boys and seventy-eight girls. Sister Raymond and Sister Justinian will be kept very busy during the coming year. Monsignor Mackey left us at the end of September for the Infirmary. All were very sad to see him leave. He did not return to the school until late October. The children were all glad to have him back for his birthday celebrations. Monsignor was not feeling too well.

During October we had Confirmation. It was quite an experience for us to have His Grace come for such a ceremony, not having Monsignor with us. However, Father Campbell was most helpful and kind to us. His Grace arrived on Monday afternoon and about seventy-five of our children and fifteen village children received Confirmation. Everything went off beautifully. Monsignor Mackey was very pleased to hear that things went off so well. Father Boudreau and Father Divine came to assist His Grace. All left for Miramichi about 4.30 p.m. During October we had our usual Rosary Devotion. The beautiful month of the Holy Rosary climaxed with the Feast of

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FRIDAY, MAY 12

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Christ the King - a beautiful October day - one delightful to the hearts of all. We had Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - all day. The children as well as the Sisters kept Vigil during the day.

December brought with it the usual activities in preparation for Christmas. December 8 was a festive day for the Sisters. We had the usual renovation of Vows. The Chapel was artistically decorated and everything tended to add much happiness to the day. Sister Ursula's and Sr. Ernest's choir was certainly a credit to them.

Sister Justinian and her girls busied themselves with gathering spruce for the Christmas Decorations. Several orders for fir came from different Convents. As well as tying spruce, Sister had to spend many hours in preparing the Christmas entertainment. The Children, very beautifully played, "The Madonna of the Rose." Everything was very well done and great credit goes to Sister and the Children. Christmas day was simply beautiful. The Children sang the Midnight Mass. It was very well done. The highlight of the day was Santa's visit to the children. He was very good to each one and the day was very happily spent.

January 4th. was one of happiness for the Sisters. School re-opened on the seventh. For the remainder of the month our moments were spent in making plans for the coming jubilee. Sister Maria Gregory came from Miramichi to prepare decorations for the occasion.

The momentous month of February came and with it the eventful day of the sixth. The house was very beautifully decorated and everything was in readiness for our guests. Reverend Mather General, Sister Anita Vincent, Sister Paul of the Cross arrived on the 4.15 train. We were very happily engaged in entertaining them and forgot to send someone to the station for Sr. Mary Charles. Poor Sister had to find her own transportation from the station. His Grace, the Archbishop arrived in time for supper with Father Dan. Campbell. His Grace celebrated the High Mass in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening

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SATURDAY, MAY 13

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of the school. The Reading Room was artistically decorated as a dining room for the invited guests. There were about thirty invited guests including several priests and the officials of the Indian Affairs Branch. His Grace celebrated Benediction at 3 P.M. and all departed to their various destinations. Monsignor was very much pleased with everything. On Saturday evening the Children presented a short jubilee program and presented His Grace and Monsignor with a Spiritual Offering. Sister Charles Barromes was entering in her efforts to have everything superb. The banquet that Sister served was really outstanding. We were delighted to celebrate two holidays because of the Jubilee. Mr. Davery, the Superintendent of Education had visited us prior to the Jubilee and granted a holiday in its honor. Mr. Mac Kinnon, the Regional Supervisor also granted one.

March 17th brought the unhappy news that Monsignor had to return to the Infirmary and this time his stay was much longer. He did not return to us until June 1. In the meantime we were without any resident priest. Father Din Campbell used to come out on Saturday to have Mass for us on Sunday. Father Hampes was very good to us during Monsignor's absence. He came out to have Mass for us when ever he had a free day. On May 19th Ascension Thursday, Reverend Myles Power, O.M.I. arrived to substitute for Monsignor. We were all very happy to once again have a priest in our midst. It was nice to have our morning Mass again. The usual May Procession was held and was beautifully done. Sister Justinian and Sister Raymond were in charge of the Procession. Father Cameron came to visit us and see the procession "just for old times sake". First Holy Communion was in June and about twenty children received their First Holy Communion. Sister Ursula assisted Sister Mary Ernest to decorate the chapel. It was beautifully done.

A few days prior to the departure of the Children we had a lovely party for them. Sister Raymond and Sister Justinian prepared games, races, etc. Prizes were awarded

to the winners. Lunch was served and all enjoyed a very pleasant evening.

The Children left for home on June 25, and the following days. They were happier this year than ever as only thirty-eight children were to remain for the summer. Sister Mary Ernest left for Summer school. Sister Superior and Sister Cecily left for Cape Breton for retreat. Sister Catherine Mary and Sister Justinian left for Glace Bay on July 24th. Sister Ursula and the other sisters made retreats at the Mount. Sister Ursula left after August 15th for Cape Breton and Sister Raymond went to Amherst. Thus our family dispersed for the summer months.

August 1955 - 1956.

August 15th brought with it the usual changes so eagerly awaited with fear and trembling during the preceding months.

Sister Cecily was changed to Medford. Sister Ernest to Amherst, Sister Aloysia returned to St. Joseph's Orphanage. Sister Eleonore Vincent went off to Amherst as Commercial Teachers and Sister Justinian left for the Orphanage.

Our new staff for the year was as follows:

Sister Maria Guinase - Superior
 Sister Ursula
 Sister Carmen
 Sister Mary Daniel
 Sister Raymond
 Sister Catherine Mary
 Sister Hilberta
 Sister Charles Barronnes
 Sister Marion Clare
 Sister Francis Damien
 Sister Joseph Celeste
 Sister Aloysie Marie

Father Pouer left us on September 1st. Father received his appointment to Flin Flon as pastor during the latter part of August. They were all very sad to see Father leave. He had been extremely kind and would be greatly missed by the children and sisters. There were tear stained

eyes the mourning of his departure. Monsignor accompanied him to Truro. Mr. Rice drove them to Truro. That same day Mr. Parker took a group of our boys to Truro to the Exhibition. The boys enjoyed themselves very much and returned that evening tired out and bringing with them their treasured purchases.

On September 1, Father Hampes arrived with a new assistant to Monsignor Mackey. Father Lauder who came to spend a month at Shubenacadie, was to be the Assistant Principal. Father's stay lasted for ten months. Father was a most energetic and edifying priest. We were very fortunate to have him with us.

School re-opened on September 5 - Most of the children returned on the 4th. but as usual we had some late comers. The Eskasonians were numerous and came in a couple of groups. Our numbers decreased slowly. Sister Raymond was happy to have sixty-two boys instead of eighty. However, Sister Gilberta had the "eighty strong".

During October we had the "Forty Hours Devotions". Mrs. Chedley has been very kind in donating flowers for the Altar all during the summer months.

The usual T. B. Clinic was held during the latter part of October. Two young men from Ottawa who have been with the Department came to X-Ray all our Children. This had nothing to do with Dr. Smith's Clinical work. Both, however, were merged into one.

During November our new Dentist arrived. Dr. Black had been transferred to the West and the new Doctor from New Brunswick has been appointed in his place.

On December 8 the Annual Renovation of Vows took place. Monsignor was well enough to say Mass for us and everything was, as in past years. The day was a very pleasant one for the Sisters. Father Lauder gave us Benediction at 6:45 p. m. and afterwards showed us films of Bermuda. The pictures were very beautiful and we were very happy to see where our Sisters are laboring in another spot, so different from our own. Father liked Bermuda and spoke very highly of our Sisters there.

As soon as December 8 was over, the Christ-

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TUESDAY, MAY 16

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mas spirit began to pervade the place. That was going to happen this year, with no Sister Justinian for the fir decorations, etc. Sister Gilberta very nobly rallied to the cause and the fir came, was tied and was in readiness for those who wished to use it. The usual boxes went out to Saint Mary's and the San. The Sisters very beautifully decorated the house. Sister Catherine Mary had the Community Room a place of beauty.

Here we happy to have a High Mass for Midnight! It was like old times. The Children worked very hard in preparing it as did also Sister Francis Damien and Sister Joseph Celeste. Their efforts were not in vain as the children sang beautifully. We had three more Masses on Christmas Morning. The Christmas Tree Party and the visit from Santa went off in grand style. The Children's dinner was delightfully prepared and Sister Charles Barromeo spared no effort to have it the best she could produce. The children were very very good and certainly proved that they did not always destroy their toys on Christmas Day.

We had visitors from some of our Convents in Halifax during vacation. The Micmac Sisters also came to visit us.

January 4th was one of the most memorable days of the year. Mother Seton must have been very proud of her daughters here. A very great spirit of charity and kindness was noted, not only on this day but throughout the vacation. On January 7th Sister Superior took sick with the "flu". Sister Clare was very kindly loaned us from Lourdes to take Sister's place. Sister Superior was out of school for three weeks, but Sister Clare remained with us for almost two months.

Lent, with its usual devotions, passed all too quickly. Holy Week climaxed with the wonderful new Easter Vigil services. This was a real treat to us at the school since we had been accustomed to have no Holy Week services. Father Lauder was most desirous to have everything. He did, and all agreed that the Easter Vigil was magnificent. We were very happy that Father was able to get permission to carry out his wishes.

Easter Vacation was welcomed by all. The

had the usual run of visitors. During the week, Sister Superior suffered from a slight foot injury and was in the Infirmary for two weeks. Sister Clarus was again called upon to help us. Sister remained with us until June 1.

On May 18th six Sisters from Eskasoni came to attend the Teachers' Conference in Micmac. The Sisters remained with us for two nights. They were very happy to have them and we look forward to our going to Eskasoni in October. Father Lauder drove us to Micmac on the 19th. There we enjoyed a very profitable day; discussing our problems with teachers from other Indian schools in Nova Scotia. The day was all too short for all we had to discuss. We were most grateful to Father Boudreau for making the day possible.

The Annual May Crowning took place on the third Sunday. The weather did not appear any too promising but Our Lady took care of things until the Procession was over. The sun shone just as long as we needed it.

The Children made their First Holy Communion on the first Sunday of June. Sister Ursula had the pews beautifully decorated. Sister Joseph Celeste had the Children very well prepared. All went off in perfect order.

On Monday, June 18th. Father Lauder left for his annual retreat and on the 19th. Sister Superior left for retreat after which she was to attend the General Chapter. Father Lauder returned on Friday with the startling news that he was to leave on Sunday for Ottawa where he was to study Social Work; a two year course. There was great excitement in Shubenacadie.

Sister Superior returned home on July 2nd. with Sister Albert Marie and Sister Rose Clare. Sister brought the news of the changes among the local Superiors. Sister Superior was changed to Saint Brigid's Home in Quebec. Sister Ceily is to replace Sister Superior here.

Sister Superior and Sister Laurence Clare went to Cape Breton for a ten day visit home. Sister Francis Damien and Sister Joseph Celeste went to Nova Scotia Summer School. Sister Catherine Mary, Sister Gilberta and Sister Charles Barromeo left for the first retreat at the Academy. Sister

Mary Daniel made the July 19th retreat and Sister Ursula went down to Glace Bay July 25.

Sister Catherine Mary, Sister Raymond and Sister Marion Clare left for Boston on July 20. Sister Raymond and Sister Marion Clare are to make their retreat at St. Ellesley. Thus our summer runs for 1956.

August 1956 - 1957

Sister M. Cecily, appointed Superior by the 1956 General Chapter, arrived in Shubenacadie on July 28th.

August 1st brought the departure of Sister Maria Gervase for St. Brigid's Home in Lunenburg. The children, summer boarders, presented a short entertainment as a farewell gesture.

On August 4th, four Toronto teachers accompanied by Sister Blanche and Sister Aloysie, paid Shubenacadie a short visit.

August 15th brought the usual news of transfers. This year was the first time that each Mission had the entire list of changes which was read by Sister Superior in the Community Room.

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Sister Mary Cecily - Superior
 Sister Maria Ursula
 Sister Mary Carmen
 Sister Mary Daniel
 Sister Mary Raymond
 Sister Mary Gilberta
 Sister Mary Clarus
 Sister Charles Barromeo
 Sister Marion Clare
 Sister Francis Damien
 Sister Joseph Celeste
 Sister Maria Loretta

Father Patrick J. Collins, O.M.I. came on August 16th, to take over the Principalship of the school. He was accompanied by Fr. Gillis, who was en route to Cape Breton.

Mesgr. Mackay suffered a severe setback

and was taken by ambulance to the Halifax Infirmary.

School reopened on Sept 5th with an enrollment of one hundred fifty-nine. The following day Mr. Waller, Mr. MacKinnon, and Mr. and Mrs. Dubranchi paid a short visit. Mr. Dubranchi is our newly appointed Regional Inspector. Mr. Waller, a Supervisor from Ottawa, appointed Sister Superior - Senior Teacher.

September also brought the following visitors:

Bis. Excellency Archbishop Berry
Fr. Hall, O.M.I. Community Bureau
Fr. Senechagrin O.M.I. (French Province)
Fr. M. Gillis O.M.I.
Fr. A. Gillis O.M.I.
Sr. Anita Vincent, Sr. M. Grace, Sr. M. Clare, Sr. Rita Madeline, Sr. John Elizabeth, Sr. Paul of the Cross

October ushered in the beautiful Rosary devotion. The children seemed to put heart and soul into their devotion and the singing of Marian hymns.

On October 11th Sr. Maria Ursula, Francis Damien and Joseph Celeste attended a convention for teachers in Indian School in Eskasoni, Cape Breton. Mr. Brown, the Manual Training Teacher, acted as chauffeur. The Sisters stayed at St. Joseph's in North Sydney and were treated royally by the Sisters. After settling all the problems behind the Buckskin Curtain for another year, they returned to Shubenacadie.

Early in October, Sister Francis arrived from Laurens Ave. to take over the nurse's duties.

The summer fest days were celebrated collectively during this month. Fr. Collins kindly offered to preside at study, leaving the Sisters free for evening recreation. A short pantomime added to the evening's fun.

A Doctor, who is a Health Inspector from Ottawa, made a tour of the entire building. He remarked that it is one of the cleanest he had ever inspected.

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Nov. 2nd. - All Souls Day was brought home all the more clearly to us when Sister Maria Loretta received the sad news of her brother's sudden death. Sister went on to Lawrence, Mass., accompanied by our Provincial, Sister Stella Gertrude.

December 8th. The privilege of renewing our Holy Vows was once again ours. The renovation took place before Holy Communion. After breakfast, we had a High Mass - the Missa Brevis - sung by our school choir. Mr. and Mrs. Chisley attended Mass, and, since it was Mr.'s birthday, Father Collins thoughtfully invited them to stay for breakfast.

A lovely "new-to-us" piano arrived for the girls' recreation room a gift of our good Principal. It will surely prove a boon to our concerts.

"Santa Lucia the Day", an operetta, was prepared by Sister Gilberta, ably assisted by Sister Joseph Celeste at the keyboard. It was a finished product from start to finish and showed the tremendous efforts of the Sisters in always bringing out the best.

Deck the halls with boughs of holly, spruce and pine! Soon the house was filled with the aroma of pine, telling all - Christmas is almost here. Yards and yards of spruce were tied for the Lauree San., St. Mary's, the Vincentian Home and the Orphanage. "Shubie" too, took on a gay and festive air and all was in spirit and span readiness for our Infant King. The Angels sang the carols throughout the house, calling all to Midnight Mass.

The next day, Sr. Maria Ursula left for Cape Breton and Sister Francis Damien for Boston.

Several of the Sisters betook themselves to Halifax for a day during the holidays. Sisters Catherine Mary, Marlow Clare, Elizabeth of the Trinity and two Postulants paid us a visit.

141st day

SUNDAY, MAY 21

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Mother Seton's Day - and the usual generous efforts of the Sisters to make it a Happy Feast Day for Sister Superior.

Jan. 7th - School reopened and the regular program was resumed.

Jan. 9th - Monsignor Mackey arrived home around supper time. He visited the study and had a little word for each of the children present. It was quite evident that he had missed the children but his physical weakness was also very evident.

Jan. 12th - Monsignor asked to return to the Infirmary. He went by ambulance with Mr. Ettinger.

Early in the month, the entire house was awakened by the furious ringing of the fire alarm at 11:45 P.M. The trouble was caused by a defect in the bell system and was soon remedied by Mr. Parker. Fr. Collins expressed his appreciation of the fact that the staff was alert and so quick to investigate.

A pleasant afternoon was spent when Sr. Agnes Clare, Sr. Agnes Mercier and Sr. Francisella paid me a visit. The former is substituting for Sr. Francis Cecilia who is ill in the Infirmary. Sr. Charles Borromeo, as usual, served a delicious lunch and supper. The Sisters stayed for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and were taken home by Father Collins.

On February eleventh, Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady took Sister Francis Cecilia to heaven. On Feb. 13th, Sister Superior, Sisters Francis and Carmen attended the funeral at St. Theresa's.

Feb. 14th - Valentine's Day our Provincial, Sr. Stella Gertrude and Sr. Agnes Clare, came for a visit and remained for a turkey dinner.

The older boys, under the direction of Mr. Brown, made a cabinet for the new sink in the scullery. Mr. Parker did the necessary plumbing and also out-fitted the long table in the refectory with shelves and cupboards.

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Feb. 17th - Oblate Community Day - Mr. and Mrs. Chidley were invited as Father Collins' guests. A delicious dinner was prepared by Sr. Charles Borromeo.

Feb. 21st - Four Dutch Brothers from Holland, who are opening a school in New Glasgow, spent the day here. Fr. Humphreys and Tony also came to dinner.

Feb. 26th - Sr. M. Charles and Sr. Marie paid us a very short visit. Fr. Collins took them to Truro where they boarded the train for Laurier.

March 16th - Fr. Collins took Sr. Superior and Sr. Carmen into Halifax and they returned with Sr. Provincial. The next day, St. Patrick's Day, a concert prepared by Sr. Gilberta was held. The children sang a welcome song for Sr. Provincial and presented her with a spiritual book gayly decorated in Irish wrappings. The Sisters from the Reserve also attended. All remained for supper. The next day Fr. Collins brought Sr. Provincial back to Halifax accompanied by Sr. M. Raymond and Sr. Clare.

The movie "Angels in the Outfield" was shown in the children's refectory. Since then the general topic of conversation among the boys and girls, is baseball!

March 19th - Triduum was at three o'clock. A soiree was held in the Community Room. Fr. generously offering to take study.

For a few days before the Easter retreat, we were happy to welcome Sr. Germaine, our former Superior. She was accompanied by Sr. Cleto and Sr. Teresa Michael.

Holy Week - Fr. B. D. Dunlop, O.M.I. was appointed to give a retreat to the Augustinians at Tracadie. Fr. spent the week here, preparing his conference.

For the second time, the Holy Week services were carried out. The altar boys and choir did very well and added to the beautiful and inspiring services.

On Easter Sunday morning, Fr. Dunlop said the 8:00 Mass and then left by bus for Tracadie. The children were delighted with their gayly colored eggs. Baskets appeared at each one's place generously filled by the "Easter Bunny".

We had several visitors during the week of vacation and many of the Sisters spent a day in the city. The movie, "The Great Caruso" was enjoyed by all.

The month of May arrived and with it the Blessing of Daily Benediction. A slight innovation was made this year — Benediction at 3:15, due to another "Shubie" first — Daylight Saving Time.

May 4th brought the sad news of the death of Sister Charles Borromeo's sister, Mrs. Sullivan. Sister left the next day for Halifax.

Rev. Fr. Paupre, O.M.I. Provincial for the English speaking Oblates of Canada, spent a few days here on his visitation. Speculation is running high — shall we get a Brother for the boys?

May 10th brought the sad news of the death of Megr. Mackey. Although not well for many years, his death came suddenly. The remains were brought to the school on Sat. afternoon — the children forming a guard of honor down the steps and along the road. Megr. dearly loved the Indian children, and the tears and wet cheeks testified to all that the feeling was mutual. The visits to the parlor were almost constant and the Hail Mary's were surely heard in Heaven.

Sunday, a continual flow of visitors, both white and Indian, arrived to pay their respects, many leaving a Mass offering. The children of the school collected five dollars for a High Mass for the repose of Msgr.'s soul.

It was especially gratifying to see the many Indians from the Reserve and former students from Halifax and Truro. That evening six Knights of Columbus arrived and, with drawn swords kept a five hour vigil by the coffin. They also brought a chalice, which Mr. Mackey and Miss Mackey decided would be left at the school in memory of Msgr.

Monday morning the remains were brought to the chapel. Mr. Mackey offered a High Mass which was sung by the Sisters. Present in the sanctuary were Monsignori Burne, Granville and Martin. About twenty priests from the diocese were present and many Sisters, including Sr. Miriam Vincent, Sr. Miriam Loyola and Sr. Anita Vincent. The older children, grades 5 to 8, and many friends from the village were also present.

The remains were then brought to Springhill where Archbishop Berney presided at a Pontifical Requiem Mass. Mr. Collins was Deacon. Sister Superior, Sister M. Charles and Sr. Ireneau as well as two Sisters from the Amhurst convent, were also present to represent the Community.

And so Msgr. Mackey has passed from us, but his little Indian charges will never forget him. His life might be summed up in the words of one who knew him well - "He was a good priest, he never gave scandal."

The holiday - May 20th an invitation was extended to the Confield Sisters to see a movie - "When In Rome". A very small celebration was held to honor Sr. M. Daniel on her 25th anniversary.

Srs. Francis Damien, Joseph Celeste and Maria Loretta spent a day at the Religious Vocation Institute held at St. Patrick's High School under the direction of Rev. Fr. Gage, C. P.

The last Sunday of May was set aside as May Proclamation Day. The sun shone brightly and all Nature did its best to honor her who is Queen of the Universe. Rev. Fr. Jackson, O. M. I., an Air Force Chaplain, was on hand and delivered a beautiful discourse on Our Lady. Patricia Johnson, a graduate of this coming June crowned Our Lady and Judy Bernard read the Act of Consecration.

May 22nd - Mr. Campbell, our Provincial Inspector, dropped in quite unexpectedly. He visited the Primary and Senior classrooms and promised to return the following week "to do" the other two rooms. True to his word, May 29th, found him again at "Shubie". He was quite pleased with the work being done in all the grades.

And so it is June - the month that flies by.

A new and larger "walk-in" fridge has been installed opposite the kitchen. Mr. Parker put in shelves providing ample space for the meat supply, necessary for our large family.

After passing through a winter almost rick-free, a flu epidemic broke out early in the month. Sr. Francis was kept busy taking temperatures and dispensing pills and cough mixtures. At one time there were fifty in bed.

June 9th - Pentecost Sunday - a High Mass was sung for the repose of the soul of Mgr. Mackey. Another High Mass was sung on the following Sunday for the same intention. This latter Mass was requested by the Mac Donald family of the Sydney Reserve.

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FRIDAY, MAY 26

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June 10th - Community Day -

Sister Ireneau, Maria Ursula and M. Daniel to make their retreat in Cape Breton.

Sr. Joseph Celeste - Retreat on June 29th and then study at M. S.V.C.

Srs. Mary Raymond and Charles Borromeo, who both have permission to visit their relatives in Boston, are to make the July 5th retreat.

Srs. Mary Carmen and Mary Clare, July 19th Retreat.

Sr. Superior and Sr. Maria Loretta Aug. 6th Retreat.

Sr. M. Gilberta is to spend a few weeks in Boston, visiting her aged father, and Sr. Francis Damien is to attend the Nova Scotia Summer School. Both of these Sisters are to make the late retreat - Aug. 18th.

Sunday - June 16th - brought an over-night visit from Srs. Vincent Marie, Paulina and Rose Gabriel - all from St. Elizabeth's Hospital. The first two Sisters mentioned were en route to a Convention in St. Andrew, N.B.

June 18th - Father Collins left for his retreat in Ottawa. Fr. O'Connor, O.M.I. came as a substitute while Father is away.

June 27th - Father Collins has returned from Ottawa, having made a retreat there.

June 28th - School is closed! About one hundred children have dispersed for a happy vacation to various parts of the Maritimes.

June 29th - Rev. Father O'Connor, O.M.I., who replaced Father Collins during the retreat, left for Annapolis en route to his mission at Ottawa. Sister Joseph Celeste left for retreat at the Academy, today.

July 1st - Rev. Father Collins motored to N.B. where he saw to it that eight of his little flock were safely home. He was accompanied, on his return by Brother James Mae Donald.

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SATURDAY, MAY 27

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July 2nd - Sister Mary Daniel left for Serring Cove today. Sister will spend a well-deserved two weeks of rest and quiet. Sister Dolores Marie arrived in time to lend a helping hand. And this until Aug. 6th.

July 3rd - Sister Francis Damien is destined for the Summer School. Sister will stay at St. Joseph's Orphanage during this time July 1st - Aug. 8th.

July 4th - Sister Carmen has gone to Pubnico for a short visit.

July 5th - Sister Mary Raymond and Sister Charles Barrowes left for retreat at the Academy - 5th - 14th.

July 6th - The sisters were pleasantly surprised today when Sisters Mary Grace and Paul of the Cross arrived and stayed to dinner.

July 8th - Seven children, accompanied by Father Collins and Brother James MacDonald left for their homes in Cape Breton, by car.

July 9th - Sister M. Ursula left for retreat at North Sydney - July 10 - 19th.

July 10th - A telephone message from Truro stating that "His Excellency Archbishop Berry would be present for dinner, was received. His Excellency was returning from a visit in N.B.S., and was accompanied by Rev. Donald Campbell. All went well.

July 11th - Sister John Anthony arrived to help until Aug. 6th.

July 12th - Sister Superior and Sister Gilberta made a business trip to Halifax today.

July 14th - Surprises never cease - especially when they appear on the outside of the door. Sister Provincial, Sister Mary Grace, Sisters Paul of the Cross, Joseph Adrian and Joseph Marie arrived. The Sisters were coming through from Lourdes; and, since the latter two were being delivered via motor to spend a night with us, a brief visit was enjoyed by all.

Sister Mary Raymond and Sister Charles Barrowes returned from their retreat in time for supper.

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SUNDAY, MAY 28

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July 16th - Sister Mary Raymond took the "freedom train" for Boston. (Happy Day!)

On this date, too, both Father Collins and Father Blandreau left for Yarmouth to attend the funeral of Father Corneau.

July 18th - Sister Agnes Mercedes and Sister Francis Damien accepted a slight break in the Summer School program and came to spend the week end with us.

July 20th - Two more girls have gone on vacation leaving only nineteen girls and eight boys. Sister Gilberta and Sister Charles Bonromea left for Boston today.

July 25th - About twenty members of the "Brooklyn and Upper Newport Women's Institute" called here this morning to take a look at the school. They were very favorably impressed and showed their appreciation by giving a small donation to Sr. Superior. Sister John Anthony and six of our senior girls spent the day at Michmac to help prepare for the church picnic.

July 26th - Three Sisters and sixteen girls attended the religious celebrations in honor of St. Anne, at Michmac.

July 28th - Rev. Donald Campbell said Mass here this morning. He came home with his father, who has recovered from a serious illness at the Infirmary.

July 29th - All the Sisters and pupils of the school spent the afternoon at a picnic, in aid of the church, at Michmac.

The Sisters partook of a tasty supper in the convent while the children enjoyed a hearty meal on the lawn surrounding the convent. Sister Superior was most generous in supplying a delicious "picnic supper" and also "spending money" for all the sisters.

The day had opened with two masses, celebrated by Father Collins and Father Campbell. It was a well-filled and well-spent day for all. The "transportation" truck left at about 7:45 p.m. filled with tired but happy occupants.

149th day

MONDAY, MAY 29

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July 30th - Rev. Father Collins left for his vacation and is being replaced by Rev. Father McWade, O.M.I. and a former R.C.M.F.

Three of our sisters dropped in for a brief visit - Sisters Oswald, Perpetua and Dorothy Marie. They were on their way to Amherst.

July 31st - It was our privilege to have three Masses - Father Collins, Father Campbell, and Father McWade.

Aug. 1st - Three Masses today, again by the same Fathers.

Aug. 2nd - We welcomed Sister M. Raymond home. Sister had a nice visit with her dear mother.

Father Collins left the house this morning to enjoy a vacation.

Aug. 3rd - Sisters Edna, Reneguer and Jean de Paul arrived this afternoon for a visit. Sister Edna remained and called it her "Golden Jubilee" visit. Rev. Father Noolen, O.M.I. also arrived, and with a number of his relatives, who were served refreshments after an inspection tour of the building.

Aug. 4th - Sunday - Father Noolen celebrated the 8:00 A.M. Mass and spoke to the children. Father urged them to be grateful and obedient to the Sisters who are doing so much for them. He complimented the Sisters on the cleanliness of the Institution, while he assured them that the majority of other Indian schools could not boast of the order and neatness such as is found here.

Father was speaking from experience as he belonged to the staff of an Indian school in B.C., where over four hundred pupils were enrolled - ranging in age from five to twenty-five years; and from Grade I to Grade XII.

Father McWade celebrated Mass in the Village Church at 10:00 A.M.

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150th day

TUESDAY, MAY 30

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The year 1957-58 brought many changes - of staff - of management - and of hopes - .

The new sisters arrived one by one from the various missions. Towards the last of August came Sister Joseph Mildred, who was to take Sister M. Cecily's place as Superior. Sister Marie de Paul was to fill a most important post in the department, replacing Sister Charles Borromeo. Two changes in teachers - Sister Mary Euphemia and Sister Gertrude Vincent where Sister Maria Ursula and Sister Francis Damien had vacated. (A new classroom was opened this year but was staffed by Mr. Hugh MacLean) Sister John Anthony came as assistant to Sister Mary Raymond with her eighty or so boys. Finally, after much waiting and wondering, our nurse found his way here. Sister Mary Devota was most welcome. Not only did Sister attend the sick, with the greatest kindness and patience, but was also in charge of the children's refectory, which she supervised with great care.

Since the Reverend Chaplain was on tour in the U.S., the new sisters were given a friendly welcome by Rev. Fr. Fred McHade, O.M.I., as Father's substitute.

The children returned in droves until all beds were filled - about one hundred sixty or a few less.

All went well until October when a flu epidemic put more than half the school to bed, including Sisters. It lasted almost three weeks. When we thought it time for the all-clear signal, who, but our nurse, herself, should then share the fate. But Sister's illness was more than just flu. She was quickly removed to the Halifax Infirmary where good care and treatment, slowly but surely, spelled her cure. Sister, however, did not return to us.

The Institute doctor, Dr. _____ come in his wheelchair to give needles, vaccinations, etc. He was to be replaced later in the year by a much younger man, in the person of Dr. _____. Miss Paradise also came each week (Thursdays) to examine and recommend the children. She, too, was to leave us this year.

There were the usual tests, x-rays thru the year.

This year, for the first time, our grade 8 children, 7th, 6th, 5th grades children went to Micmac. The girls were taught "Home Economics" by Sister Joseph Francis, who gave us an exceptional exhibit of seamstress work. The 4th grades only spent one-half day (Wednesday). The boys were taught "Manual Training" under the capable direction of Mr. Brown. Their exhibit also showed the splendid results of much hard training and patience.

On the night of October 7th four Sisters of Martha came to stay overnight. We were having an "Indian Institute" for teachers at Micmac. These Sisters were from Eskasoni.

The "Institute" proved to be of interest. Mr. Brown, as chairman, showed a lively interest in the welfare of the Sisters. Mr. Waller of Ottawa, (England born) was representative for the "Federal Government". He was most interesting, and most interested.

We were introduced to our new Inspector, Mr. Mac Gillivray, who was later to pay a visit to our school. This splendid, Catholic young man showed a keen and exceptional interest in his new task as "Inspector". In his classroom visitation he expressed pleasant surprise at the work done by our Sisters, both in the classroom and out of it.

Cold weather was now taking its toll of the exquisite flower beds which graced the front entrance. These beds were planned, and planted by Sister Maria Thérèse who was to leave us for St. Paul's in Dartmouth. But, mother nature came to the rescue with her rich foliage of autumnal colors, and the surrounding countryside was a panorama of unrivalled beauty.

There was little frost during the winter, and the children had only two or three days to try out their skates. However, the hills furnished a share of gaiety when huge bobsleds went gliding over their crests, filled with laughing, happy children - some, of an older growth.

Christmastide brought with it the added tasks of fir-tying and wreath-making.

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THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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The talented brown hands did justice in both cases. The house was very attractive with the Christmas trimmings. This year, for the first time, lights were placed in the windows of the front part - central - of the building. The effects were pleasing.

Sister Gertrude Vincent left for North Sydney on the closing day before Christmas and returned for the opening of the new year. Sister Marie de Paul spent a few days at her former mission Lourdes. Sister Joseph Celeste visited Micmac for a day and night. Because of heavy snows there were few visitors at Shubenacadie house.

Sister Provincial, Sister Stella Gertrude honored us with a short visit. Each Sister had an opportunity to see Sister. We were very happy to have Sister stay with us and wished that she could remain longer.

The snow soon began to melt; and spring was just around the corner. With it came many unforeseen and unexpected happenings. One event was most unfortunate. Sister Superior (Sr. Joseph Mildred) had a fall in the front hall. Sister did not seem to mind it very much; but, a near-fall, soon after on the stairs, had its telling effect. Sister left us for the Halifax Infirmary shortly after Easter. Sister was in bed there until her departure for Boston in July, where she underwent an operation at the Deaconess Hospital. Sister will recuperate at St. Margaret's Convent, Dorchester. All bills will be paid by Indian Res. School. We hope for Sister's full recovery to health; and to hear that she is teaching in her new mission in New York.

Sister Agnes Patricia was appointed as "Acting Superior". Sister also substituted in Grades 5, 6 & 7 girls class.

On May 25, at the special request of Mr. Bart MacKinnon of Amherst, we had visitors who were representatives of the Federal office. They were Mr. Bart MacKinnon, Mr. Richards, Mr. Steves. These men made a thorough tour of the entire building. Blueprints of the original building were brought along and marked for alterations. Here our hopes were raised. Many promises were made.

Long hoped-for and necessary adjustments in plumbing were made in the "Specifications". Painting, too, was to follow these changes. Tenders were put out as soon as possible and we were to wait and see the outcome. A Irish firm took the job and work was to begin just as soon as School closed. It was on contract and had to be ready for the opening of School.

School closed on the 24th of June. But no signs of our workmen although plumbing supplies were deposited all round the boys recreation hall. We still hoped.

June 10th - Community Day was a memorable one for all the Sisters. Most Rev. Gerald Berry arrived at about 4:30 p.m. to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to about fifty children - all but seven were Indians. We were prepared for 3:00, but "His Excellency" had his programs confused slightly. However, all went well, and we were quite pleased with their alertness in answering the numerous questions put to them both by Rev. Father Collins and His Excellency. The Bishop congratulated the children on their answers and behavior. His Excellency left for Micmac to give Confirmation there.

With the close of School, the Sisters left for the various summer assignments, or, for retreats. Sister Mary Daniel and Sister Mary Euphemia made the first retreat. They then returned to the School for the summer months. Sister Daniel, however, managed to get a much-needed two weeks rest with Sister M. Gilberta as companion, at the Grand Lake "Chalet". Sister Marie de Paul went to Glace Bay for retreat and spent a few happy days afterwards in familiar haunts. Sister John Anthony also made her retreat at St. Anne's, Glace Bay. Sister had been helping out at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, so had a short vacation home. Sister Gertrude Vincent made her retreat at the College. Sister stayed a while there before leaving for Saint Patrick's, Halifax where she studied. Later,

Sister was to spend a few days with Sister M. Carmencita, her Sister at the Academy; then home to Shulie again. Sister Joseph Celeste attended Junior Xavier College and stayed at Mount Carmel. Sister Mary Raymond came back for two days or so after retreat. Then, as companion to Sister Joseph Mildred she went by plane to Boston. Shortly afterwards Sister M. Carmes received a hasty summons to go to Pubnico for a two weeks rest before her retreat. Sister Marie Loretta was "at home" until August sixth. Sister made the retreat and was to return only to pack her trunk.

On the 19th of August the work began. The new year well tell of its progress.

August 15, 1958

Twelve Sisters did not seem to satisfy the constant demands, in time, labor and services, so, with the new year all were in hopes of extra hands being added to the staff. With the arrival of the 15th, however, we found ourselves worse off than before for only ten Sisters were to staff the school this year — "Ten little Indian nuns."

Until the brother arrived in October it really was hard on the good Sisters; besides, Sister Mary Euphemia had been whisked off to Port Hawkesbury on September 30th to substitute in Grades 8 + 9 until such time as Sister M. Evangelist would arrive. Then, there were nine.

Meanwhile, things were really happening at the Residence. The work continued from August 19th up to the required date (Reset for Sept. 15th). Even then it was not complete, although the girls and boys lavatories had new and modern toilets and were painted, also. The boys were provided with showers (instead of the old tubs (two)). New extra sinks were put in both boys and girls sides with drinking fountains included. New sinks and toilets were also put on the other floors for the boys.

Before going further, there are the house lists for last year and this year. Set in here for convenience sake.

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Sr. Joseph Mildred (Supr.)	Sr. M. Clarita (Supr.)
Sr. Mary Carmen (laundry)	Sr. Maria Ursula (nurse, etc.)
Sr. Marie de Paul (Kitchen)	Sr. M. Carmen (laundry)
Sr. Mary Daniel (Kitchen)	Sr. Marie de Paul (Kitchen)
Sr. Mary Raymond (Boys)	Sr. Mary Raymond (Sewing)
Sr. M. Euphemia (class)	Sr. M. Euphemia (class)
Sr. M. Gilberta (girls)	Sr. M. Gilberta (girls)
Sr. John Anthony (boys)	Sr. John Anthony (Kitchen)
Sr. Gertrude Vincent (class)	Sr. Gertrude Vincent (class)
Sr. Joseph Celeste (class)	Sr. Joseph Celeste (class)
Sr. Maria Loretta (sewing)	
Sr. Mary Devota (nurse - with us only a few weeks).	

As said before, many changes were taking place here at the School. Besides the new equipment and more modern installments, the government was willing to pay women (Indians preferable) to help with the laundry and kitchen.

This brought about a change for the better for our School girls. They could now spend their time, entirely, or nearly so, on their schoolwork. Time, was to prove their ability, as regular students.

Women (Indian) were also paid to help with the children's mending.

During Sr. M. Euphemia's absence from the School, her place was filled by Mrs. MacRae, an Indian girl from Truro. She was truly admirable in the way she accepted her tasks. A beautiful girl in face and manner. She was kept on after Sister's return to help Sister M. Gilberta with the large group of girls. She took a keen interest in each child and did much to lighten Sister's burden. She left us on Nov. 13 for the West where her army husband awaited her.

Mrs. MacDonald, one of the twin girls who came to us in Feb. 1930 from Micmac, was to take her place in the girls' department. She, also, has taken a lively interest in the work. They both expressed their appreciation of the work done by all the Sisters since the opening of the house.

On the boys side, brother has taken over all responsibilities, at least

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for the time being. That means that three Sisters are released from duty on that side - two with the boys and one for the dormitory duties, etc. (How long, Oh Lord!)

The new laundry apparatus - so long promised - finally arrived on Nov. 5th. The dryer was still on its way. It was to come - and it did, on Nov. 19th. So far they are taking up space in the laundry. We were told that everything has to be completely installed by March, of 1959.

On Nov. 21st a group of important-looking gentlemen arrived. They went to the children's scullery-looking, measuring and writing. We hope the new dish-washer is in the offing. Mr. MacGillivray, our School Inspector, has paid us many surprise visits. He is most solicitous concerning the improvements to be made. His class visits will be later.

Nov. 23rd brought us a bus full of visitors, mostly social workers interested in Indian affairs. Three whites and the rest Indians made up the group. They spent two hours or so admiring the cleanliness of the building. They wished to see for themselves (so some of them remarked) whether or not it was worth while sending children here. Of course this particular group have practically nothing to do with sending children here. The Indian Agent of the particular place does all the deciding. Then, too, we get only the problem children, whose parents cannot possibly manage them; also, an occasional orphan case. However, in the event, each child received a little bag of nuts and peppermints from the visitors.

Our first snow fell on Nov. 21st, approximately three inches or less; it didn't last overnight though. There seems to be a deluge of rain around this time.

Five of the Sisters went to the city for Sister Provincial's feast-day. They had an enjoyable day, saw a movie "Good Morning, Miss Dove" and then went to Saint Mary's for supper. They were glad to get home again.

The remaining five were to attend the "Academy Fair" to which

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each Sister had sent some donation of time and talent.

On December 19th after much anxious waiting, men arrived with a pull-shovel to dig the pipeline for the propane gas. The large tank had been settled in the back yard near the clothesline awaiting the connections. However, the ground was so frosted that small sticks of dynamite finally, had to be used. The pipes were laid but the stored up laundry machines were not connected that day.

Groups of workmen showed up now and then, but each group was held up because the missing group hadn't done its task. And thus the time passed, until, at long last, on Dec. 30th when the new gas stove was delivered and a group of men once more appeared to do some measuring for tile floors (to come). But that was all for that day.

January 8th saw the washing machines temporarily set up for use. Sister Mary Carmen did her first wash on Friday, January 9th. But, although the dryer was connected, the attachment was in the wrong cycle so that was out. Whether this was a mistake was the cause, or whether it happened in the shipping - the fan of the dryer was smashed badly.

Achad reappeared on Monday, the fifth. A few pupils were missing. Some returned later, one was injured and in the hospital, and some may not return. We were very sorry to learn about the death of Mary Marshall, 13 yr. of age and one of our nicest little girls of last year.

The Government still holds the farm but we can't be sure for how long. The price asked for its sale is so high that there is difficulty in selling.

January 20 saw a new gas stove installed in the kitchen and on Jan. 23rd, the dryer, rather the mangle in the laundry was ready for use. Both are run by propane gas.

March brought in a long and varied list of men - seemingly - just doing what they did before - looking and measuring and marking and talking. But, no - this was the real thing.

The result was that the four old sinks were removed from the pupils' pantry. Not all at once though. Late March and early April were to witness the setting up and use of a dishwasher. This has its own "Booster" water tank. Again - these machines are run by propane gas. There had to be a new window with a fan and also tiled floor.

Continuing on into April we find ourselves surrounded on all sides by workmen. The carpenters led the way - laying a foundation of plywood on the floors of the classrooms and entrance hall. The painters following in their wake as soon as possible. Wainscoting was also placed around the rooms and corridors where the tiles were to be laid. These men were barely finished when the tile men appeared.

Due to the terrible upset of the house the teaching staff decided to postpone the Easter vacation to the following week. All should have worked, but nicely but the tile men did not come until Thursday evening of the vacation week.

Each staff member had the chance to pick her own paints and tiles. The results remain to be seen.

The principal remarked on the stamina and calmness of the household under the very trying noise of cement drillers, hammers, saws and the several other noisy devices needed in this work.

During the city vacation week, Sr. Gertrude Joseph came to spend a few days with her aunt, Sr. Gertrude Vincent. About ten other visiting sisters enjoyed a pleasant afternoon amid the debris. But there was many a start when the carpenter fired his nail gun. It sounded just like a shot. However, all is well, that ends well.

June found us with freshly painted classrooms and beautifully tiled floors. In fact, the school - both dormitory and recreation rooms were so attractive that some of the older children should have liked to have stayed here for the summer. Nevertheless all were duly assigned to some or other home for the vacation period.

June 22nd was the closing day for School. Rev. Fr. MacDonald, S.M.I. (and brother of Brother MacDonald) took the place of Rev. Fr. Collins, who had gone to make his retreat at Ottawa.

Sister Superior went to Wellesley, Mass. Sister Maria Ursula and Sister Marie de Paul made their retreat in Glace Bay. Sister Mary Carmen and Sister Mary Euphemia made the 2nd retreat at the Academy. Sister M. Carmen returned home for the summer, while Sister Mary Euphemia went to teach vacation school for three weeks at Sheet Harbour. Sister Mary Raymond left on the 22nd June for Quebec to make her retreat and then to help there at St. Bridget's. Sister Mary Gilberta took the music course at St. Theresa's. Sister John Anthony went to help at the Mackenzie house. Sisters Joseph Celeste and Gertrude Vincent were to study at the College for the summer. Sister John Anthony and Sister Joseph Celeste later made a short visit to Cape Breton where Sister John Anthony's father had taken a slight turn. He recovered somewhat, as time progressed.

August 15, 1959

Sister Mary Clarita (Sup.)
 Sister Maria Ursula
 Sister Mary Carmen
 Sister Marie de Paul
 Sister Mary Euphemia
 Sister Mary Gilberta
 Sister Gertrude Vincent
 Sister Joseph Celeste
 Sister Christina Joseph

August 15, 1959 brought not only surprises, but a rather startling prospect, also.

Sister Mary Raymond was to remain in Quebec, to help take care of the old men's department.

Sister John Anthony was to go as housekeeper to St. Vincent's in the West.

Sister Christina Joseph was to replace Sister John Anthony in the kitchen.

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No one came in Sister Mary Raymond's place; that left her with a staff of nine Sisters to manage the household duties. Sister Superior had grades 5, 6, 7 girls. Sister also undertook the job of Sacristan for the first few months, then the Communality flat, room. Sister Joseph Celeste succeeded Sister Superior in the duty of Sacristan. Sister Gertrude Vincent took over the dormitory duties on the girls side. (Women did the boys dormitories). Sister Mary Euphemia was to supervise the cleaning of the first floor, except the dining room and servery. That was Sister Mary Carmen's duty. Sister M. Carmen, assisted by Indian women, had the duty of laundress. Sister Christina Joseph was to assist in the kitchen with Sister Marie de Paul. Here, too, Indian women were hired. Sister Maria Ursula took on the responsibility of the children's refectory. Sister was also acting "Infirmarian". She had her hands full in this regard with even, diabetic children to care for, and carefully watch. Sister Mary Gilberta was mistress of the girls. Sister looked after the Sisters' refectory, forenoon corridor, and recreation hall with adjoining lavatories. Besides all these duties there was the supervision of meals and of study periods. Mrs. Mac Donald was hired to help Sister Gilberta in supervising the girls. She came around 9:00 a.m. and usually left at 5:00 p.m. Sister M. Gilberta also took on the duty of Choir Mistress. Sister Maria Ursula did her best to make the summer house a pleasant place for a little relaxation - but time for relaxation was scarce. The flower beds planted by Sister Maria Ursula were very pretty.

The backroom off the kitchen had new cupboards put up. The doors to these cupboards were to be put on later, when Mr. Parker could get around to it. It was a marvelous help to the kitchen staff.

School opened in September with a smaller enrollment than last year but, of course it would gradually grow. It was the first time known that the primary grade were all English speaking Indians - just one boy didn't understand or speak English.

This year, too, brought a new "Reading Consultant" in the person of Miss Rose C. Collison, a Métis from Ontario, with degrees in Education, and very much interested in our children. Under her guidance, the teachers of the various Indian, Day and Residential schools were to stock and catalogue their classroom library. It was a tremendous task but had to be done within a limited time.

Miss Collison visited the classes and gave tests in Reading and comprehension to all grades. She will make another visit for testing in the New Year.

The Indian School Teachers held their "Institute" at St. F. X., in Antigonish this year. The dates were Oct. 8-9. Fr. Collins drove the Sisters down and back. Since it was the "Fall" of the year - the scenery was a panorama of color, with all the Autumnal beauty of Nova Scotia in the picture.

The talk of selling the farm still goes on, and perhaps May will see the sale of our beautiful Dyeshire cows.

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January - The little new manger has been removed once more. (The larger crib with its shepherd, camels, and kings was not used this year. The altar was beautifully decorated and we were sorry to see it gradually dismantled.

So far we have had many, and varied visitors - Councillers, accountants, supervisors, priests, and inspector groups for the government business. But it was our privilege to welcome the Apostolic Delegate to Canada, His Grace, the Most Reverend Sebastiano Baggis. His Grace was accompanied by His Excellency, the

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Archbishop of Halifax, Gerald Berry; also Fr. Hayes. The children lined up outside the front entrance. He did not stay longer than fifteen minutes but it was very impressive. February was to bring many and varied changes.

The Kitchen was installed with beautiful stainless steel cupboards and a central table. This table has a deep, very useful sink at one end; then there is the dipper rack over it, reaching from end to end.

Electricians too, are busy putting in pipes and fixtures throughout the whole house. A new method or device supplants the old fuse box. It is called a "Circuit Break". The boxes (metal) for these are put on walls in plain view and are fixed there with pipes. The pipes act as security for the wires and are, in some cases about two to three inches in diameter. It is all new to us but with all the hammering, etc. there is no complaint, because the results are greatly anticipated by staff, and children alike.

All electrical fixtures were to be completed by April first. However, due to a lack of supplies such wasn't the case. Even in June there still remains a job here and there uncompleted. Those that have been installed are surely a wonderful improvement in the house with fluorescent lights in all of the five classrooms and reading room. New fire alarm system also put in.

Miss Callione arrived with a recording machine to take tests of the children's voices. She also took pictures of the "Library Corner".

Mr. Murray Campbell also paid his usual visit to the classrooms. He remarked many times about the fine appearance of the children and the marvelous progress they were making in the schoolwork.

This year the boys were under the care of Brother John MacDonald with Mrs. Peter Robinson the seamstress to give an occasional helping hand.

During May, the new Assistant came to help with the boys and look after them while Brother went to retreat.

He is the Nephew of Rev. Fr. Boudreau of Miramichi - Raymond Boudreau.

Rev. Fr. Boudreau's Parish Church was destroyed by fire on the morning of May 26th - Ascension Thursday. Everything was burned, including even the Blessed Sacrament.

An Indian woman told this incident to me, but whether it is true I cannot say - While they (the parishioners) watched their little church burn the sparks were flying in all directions. But one - particularly bright and rather large spark went up from the church - straight up into the air - until they could see it no longer - but it did not die out like the other sparks. The Indians like to believe that it was the Sacred Host. Who knows?

Many of these people from Miramichi came over to walk in our procession, with their children. Some even carried babies in their arms.

The last Sunday of May was as beautiful a day for a procession as one could wish. The children were seemingly fervent and prayerful - and looked very lovely, too. This year there was a little shrine outside by the summerhouse, on the girls' side. It was a beautiful addition to the glory given our lady on that day. Many white people also followed in the way. June brought a completion of the electricians work. It also brought a new group of workers who should be responsible for the installing of a new hotwater jacket. This required much digging and drilling. It meant also, that the house would be without hot water for at least three weeks - most likely four or five weeks in all.

On June 22nd Sr. Gertrude Vincent left with her relatives (visiting) for St. Joseph's - then to the College for her retreat - then Dalhousie Summer School. On the 25th Sr. Maria Ursula and Sr. Mary Euphemia went by Rail Liner

for retreat at the Motherhouse. Sister Ursula returned home for the summer while Sr. Dr. Euphemia left for vacation school at Joggins. Sister Joseph Celeste being a German went to the Academy. Sr. Marie de Paul made her retreat at St. Anne's, Glace Bay, and stayed there for a rest. Sr. Christina Joseph, after a short sojourn at the Motherhouse, returned to help in the Kitchen.

Sister Superior accompanied Sr. Marie de Paul to Glace Bay. Mrs. MacMillan gave opportunity by car. Sr. Superior was present for the beautiful celebration in honor of her grand parents who celebrated their 60th anniversary.

Sr. Superior and Sr. Dr. Gilberta leave for the Mount on Sunday the 10th. Sr. Mary Carmen makes her retreat Aug. 6-15.

All children are gone except the two hospital patients - two little girls who were in need of special care. All is calm - all is peace.

Reverend Fr. Collins left by plan for a visit to Ireland and Scotland. His old father resides in Scotland. Rev. Fr. Maloney is substituting for him. Brother John MacDonald also is staying here for the summer. And so ends 1959-1960.

1960 - 1961

Appointed Staff Members.

Director or Principal - Rev. P. J. Collins

Sister Mary Clarita - (Superior) taught Girls - 6-7-8

Sister Maria Ursula - Children's refectory and laundry

Sister Mary Carmen - Sewing - Suite - Sacristy - Dining-room

Sister Mary Euphemia - taught 4-5 - Sunday School (25 children)

Sister Mary Gilberta - Mistress of girls - choir

Sister Gertrude Vincent - taught 2-3

Sister Agnes Marie - Housekeeper - sewing

Sister Agnes Margaret - taught P-1 - Sunday School (25 children)

Sister Christina Joseph - Assistant housekeeper

When school opened in September the number enrolled was lower than usual; but, as time passed it increased almost to capacity for both boys and girls. Many of last year's group returned, but there were many new faces this term.

The children claimed to be very happy to be here.

In all, despite the fluctuating, there were, in June, about 79 girls, and 71 boys.

This year the school kept the grade 8 pupils in classes here. But classes in Manual Training, and Home Economics, were, as usual, held at MicMac. Sister Joseph Francis taught from grade 4 to grade 8. Mr. Rod Brown taught Manual Training. Both Teachers offered a beautiful display of the children's work and talent on June 15. We took the trip over to MicMac to enjoy the exhibit.

Sister Provincial was first to pay us a visit. We were happy to have Sister but her stay was all too short. Next was Miss Rose Collins with the "Fall Tests" in GS, ND, UD. The results were more than satisfying. Mr. Mac Gillinay dropped in to each one, for a social call as he put in - just to save face. We all respect and appreciate Mr. Paul Mac Gillinay. A "spiritual Bouquet" had been sent to him at the deaths of both his "Priest" brother, and his mother. He wanted to say "thank you" to us, all.

Mr. Campbell, as usual was late in his visit. He always praises the work done. The "Indian Teachers' Convention" was held on the 29th and 30th of September, in the Fort Cumberland Hotel in Amherst. The staff of the Hotel and the Managers gave us rooms and a meeting room. This was wonderful, for we did not have to go out at all. There was a banquet the last night, and His Grace, Archbishop Berry came in from Halifax to preside. It ended with a sing-song.

This year there were two rinks dug out in the back yard. This was a safer way than skating on the lake. Since the barn was free - Brother MacDonald flooded the lower part and it, too, became a skating place. Even the nuns made good use of it!

The barn was later renovated to be used as a gymnasium. The boys played volleyball and basketball, - and exercised their lungs as much as they pleased. A good time was had by all. However, the girls only went down on a few occasions - The Mason? Fear of hay fever. It has improved with time, though.

This year, we had a visit from Sister Miriam Vincent, as Reverend Mother General's representative. The sisters were happy to welcome Sister Vicar to our house; we hope, too, that Sister's stay with us was an enjoyable one.

The usual proceedings took place this year - The beautiful Midnight Mass of Christmas; The Easter Vigil and Mass; the usual May Procession. This year, the children were so much more devout in their attitude towards the procession. One of the grade 8 graduates crowned our lady.

Sunday School was held again this year. The numbers were between 40 & 50 except for stormy days, and they were few. 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. (St. Agnes Margaret - 1-3) and (Sister Th. Euphemia grades 4-9).

Brother MacDonald was changed to the Vancouver coast near the end of the year.

Brother Walsh went to Ottawa at the close of school. Brother Duffy took courses at St. Mary's University during the summer. Rev. Fr. Collins made his retreat at Ottawa and returned.

Sister Superior, Sister Gertrude Vincent, Sister Th. Gilberta, Sister Agnes Marie and Sister Agnes Margaret spent the summer in Rockingham, at the Motherhouse, Academy, and College.

Sister Th. Euphemia went to Jogging vacation school July 2-15 and returned to help out at the Residence.

Sisters Ursula, Th. Carmen, and Christina Joseph had been home all summer.

Sister Th. Carmen made the first retreat.

Sister Th. Ursula and Sister Christina Joseph are to make the Aug. 6-15th.

Sister Maria Aloysia and Sister Maria Josephine helped out for the first two or three weeks.

New furniture arrived in mid July - Bureaus, desks, lamps (floor, and bed) bedside tables, chairs (all very modern and beautiful in the first floor rooms).

Today is the 27th of July and the sisters are looking forward to the never-ending surprises of August 15th.

1961 - 1962August 15, 1961Appointed Staff Members

Sister Mary Gloysia (Superior)
 Sister Mary Carmen
 Sister Agnes Louise
 Sister Hilarian
 Sister Mary Gilberta
 Sister Regina Therese
 Sister Angus Marie
 Sister Agnes Margaret

The transfers out were as follows:

Sr. Clarita to O. L. Sarrows Convent, Vancouver
 Sr. Ursula to O. L. of Lourdes Convent, Lourdes, N. S.
 Sr. Euphemia to St. Agnes, New Waterford.
 Sr. Gertrude Vincent to St. Joseph's Convent, Needham.
 Sr. Christina Joseph to St. Charles Convent, Amherst.

The new members on the staff arrived from the following places:

Sr. Mary Gloysia - Our Lady of the Annacle - N. Y.
 Sr. Agnes Louise - Mt. St. Vincent Motherhouse
 Sr. Hilarian - Stella Maris Residence, C. B.
 Sr. Regina Therese - Seton Academy, Vancouver.

September 16

The local superiors of the Halifax province assembled at St. Mary's Convent, Halifax to attend a meeting presided over by the Provincial of this province.

September 28th and 29th

Reverend Fr. Collins, O. M. I. drove the teachers to Amherst where they attended an Indian Teachers' Convention.

October 5th

Dr. Stuart, M.D. arrived to give the complete staff, the needle for protection against yellow jaundice. The following day (6th) half the children were inoculated. Due to the fact that the supply of serum was not sufficient to inoculate all the children.

October 20th

Sr. Maria Austin and Sr. Margaret Joseph accompanied by Monseigneur Birmingham, Pastor of St. Midan's, New York, paid us a short visit.

November 11th

The Provincial's feast day was celebrated at St. Joseph's Orphanage. The program and lunch were held in the High School auditorium. It was a beautiful program and will long be remembered by the Sisters.

November 25th

Many Sisters attended the Mount Fair which was held in the beautiful gym and the surrounding hallway and girls' social rooms.

November 23rd

Brother Walsh was recalled by his Provincial to Ottawa.

December 8th

The privilege of renewing our holy vows was once again ours. The renovation took place previous to the high Mass sung by the school children.

December 10th

A mission lasting from Sunday to the following Saturday was held in the village church. It was given by a Redemptorist Father.

December 15th

A Christmas Concert and the singing of Christmas Carols was presented by the girls of the school who were trained by Sr. Gilberta. It took place in the girls' recreation room. All guests spent a very enjoyable evening and were thrilled with the talent exhibited by the Indian children. Their trainer Sr. Gilberta received great praise.

December 16th

Miss Rose Callion arrived and gave tests in silent reading to Primary, 1, 2 and 3. She left tests for the higher grades which were to be sent to her for correction.

December 20

Beginning of Christmas vacation to the joy of all the teachers and pupils.

December 25th.

A beautiful T.V. arranged — a Christmas gift to the Sisters from Father Collins and Brother Duffley. Reverend Father Collins is the Principal and Administrator of the school.

January 9

This week Reverend Father Collins, Principal and Director of the school visited the classes and voiced his appraisal of the work being done there.

January 13

The Superiors' meeting was held at St. Stephen's Convent. It was presided over by the Halifax Provincial, Sister Stella Gertrude.

January 20

The new high school at Saint Peter's Dartmouth had open house for all the Sisters in the vicinity. A large number attended. After a tour of the school, lunch was served.

January 22

Mr. Paul Mc Gillivray arrived for an official visit in the classes. He was very pleased with the work he saw and the results he witnessed.

January 25

School was dismissed at 2:30 and the teaching staff assembled in the reading room for a school meeting presided over by Mr. Paul Mc Gillivray.

January 31

Sister Mary Charles who is substituting for Sr. Frances Damien at Micmaq visited us and remained for supper! Sister was at one time missioned here. So it was a real thrill for her to see all the improvements since that time.

February 10

The Sisters assembled at 2 o'clock in the community room for the local chapter which opened with the "Come Holy Ghost". It was conducted

under the presidency of the local superior, Sister M. Aloysia who read Articles 335, 336, 337, 338 and 339 from the approved section of the revised constitution. The ballots were then distributed and 3 min. given for their immediate consideration. The Superior and then the Sisters in order of priority went to a table set apart and marked the two lists as directed.

On the completion of the voting the ballots were counted and then placed in an envelope addressed to the provincial with a letter stating the day and hour of the local chapter. The chapter closed with "We fly to thy patronage".

February 16

Sister Superior left today (Friday) at 3 o'clock by bus for Amherst. Sister will return to Shubenacadie Sunday.

On this day also the results of the Local Chapter arrived from the Provincial. This was posted on the community bulletin board.

March 2nd

Sr. Regina Therese and Sr. Agnes Louise left by bus for St. Mary's where they will stay while attending a geography seminar at which Sr. Marion was speaking.

March 3rd

Sr. Francis Damien arrived to stay for a few weeks as sister is recuperating from an operation.

March 26

Rev. Father Boudreau, priest at Micmac Reserve took very sick and was taken to the Infirmary.

March 30th

Mrs. Rosa Callow arrived to administer a test to the children.

April 23rd

Sister Agnes Louise left for Boston en route to Virginia to attend her nephew's ordination.

April 29th

Sr. Regina Maria arrived to substitute for Sr. Agnes Louise.

May 6th.

The provincial, Sr. Stella Gertrude arrived for her visitation.

Sr. Agnes Louise arrived home from Boston where she attended the first Mass of her nephew.

Sr. Regina Maria returned to St. Mary's.

May 10th

Sr. Provincial left for Micmac.

May 20th

Summer lists posted.

May 27th

May procession was held at 2:30 followed by benediction in the chapel.

June 2nd

Sr. Gilberta left for retreat at M. S. V. Mrs. McDonald took charge of the children and Sr. Huberta from Ketch Harbor substituted in the kitchen.

June 10th.

Community day and Sr. Superior's feast day was celebrated. The Mass on this day was offered for Sr. Superior. After breakfast the Sisters assembled to wish Sister a happy feast day and to see the lovely table of gifts prepared and given by the Sisters.

Sr. Gilberta arrived home from her retreat and Sr. Huberta left for her mission, Ketch Harbor.

June 18th

Today we heard the appointment of our new extraordinary confessor, Rev. D. Campbell who is replacing Rev. Fr. A. Driscoll senior curate at St. Urs who was appointed pastor.

June 21st Sr. Superior and Sr. Gilberta left for Cape Breton with a group of Indian children who were returning to their reserves for the summer.

June 23rd Sr. Carmen, Sr. Angus Marie, Sr. Agnes Margaret and Sr. Agnes Louise left today for their retreat. Sr. Carmen and Sr. Angus Marie are making theirs at the Motherhouse. Sr. Agnes Louise and Sr. Agnes Margaret at the college where they will remain for the summer to take courses.

Sr. Superior and Sr. Gilberta returned from C. B.

During the summer of 1962 an original and unique group spent some weeks at the Residential School. Under the auspices of the Oblate Fathers, a Vacation Workshop of nearly forty high school boys spent some weeks here in prayer, meditation and manual labour, so that the boys could have a practical knowledge of a Junior Seminary life. The boys were most enthusiastic about the venture and all feel great good will be the result.

Then the changes came on August 15th. Sister Carmen was changed to St. Theresa's Halifax and Sister Jean Marie from St. Patrick's came in Sister's place. Very shortly after the 15th Sister Agnes Louise went into the Infirmary for a check up. It was found that Sister had to undergo major surgery immediately. Sister Rita Marion took over Sister's grapes 4 and 5 for the three first days until the arrival of Sister Mary Margaret who came from North Sydney to substitute for Sister for the year. Since this year for the first time a local Council had been appointed for the house, Sister Agnes Louise had been appointed Local Vicar and Secretary. Sister Mary Margaret was also appointed its substitute for Sister in this capacity also.

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- Aug. 17 - Sr. Jean Marie arrived to replace Sr. Carmen.
- Aug. 22 - Sr. Anita Vincent arrived to spend a few days here before assuming her new appointment as superior of St. Mary's convent.
- Aug. 27 Sr. Agnes Louise left for the Infirmary.
- Sept. No Conventiox at Amherst this year due to Mr. Mc Gillivray's illness.
- Oct. 15 Mother Catherine Margaret, Mother Provincial came for her visitation.
- Nov. 25 Several sisters attended the Mount fair which was held in the gym and the surrounding halls and rooms.
- Dec. 7th. Sr. Agnes Louise arrived home from the Mount where she was recuperating after having had surgery at the Infirmary.
- Dec. 8th. On the return of this beautiful feast, the Sisters once again had the privilege of renewing our holy vows which took place previous to the high Mass which was sung by the children, trained by Sr. Gilberta.
- Dec. 15th. A Christmas Concert was presented in the girls' recreation room which was indeed most enjoyable and all were astounded at the talent displayed by the Indian children!
- Dec. 25th A day of great rejoicing! Rev. Fr. Collins, administrator of the school gave each sister a gift of money. During the vacation the Sisters visited the Motherhouse and had very enjoyable

time.

- Jan. 4th. Mother Seton's day was celebrated in a very quiet but happy manner.
- Jan. 24 Sr. Mary Margaret left for the Infirmary.
- Jan. 26th. A few of the Micmac Sisters came for supper after which they with us attended a movie in the girls recreation room.
- January 26th. On this day too the local superiors of the Halifax province assembled at St. Stephen's Convent for a meeting presided over by Mother Catherine Margaret, Mother Provincial.
- Feb. 21 Mr. Mc Gillivray paid a visit to the school but did not visit the classes.
- Feb. 22 A pattern of the new black sleeve was received with directives to alter them immediately.
- March 10th Sr. Francesca arrived to substitute for Sr. Superior.
- March 13 Sister Superior left for New York where she will board the jet plane to Europe. Sister was one of the first group of pilgrims to set out for Lisbon, Fatima, Rome, Paris, Lourdes and Dublin. These Sisters were representing the congregation at the solemn ceremonies in honor of the beatification of Venerable Elizabeth Ann Seton, our Founder.
- A detailed account is preserved in the files and records of this mission.
- March 29th Sr. Francesca returned to the Motherhouse.

March 31st.

Sr. Superior arrived home from Lowell where she spent a few days with her relatives on her homeward journey from Rome. Sister gave us glowing accounts of the pilgrimage and especially of the beautiful beatification ceremony of our beloved Mother, Elizabeth Seton.

April 26th.

Sr. Frances Damien and Sr. Jean Michael paid us a visit and remained for supper and movies.

April 27th

Sr. Superior went to Enfield to pick up the new collars.

April 28th

The Sisters donned the new collar and attended Mass for the first time with the new look.

May 14th

Mr. Campbell, inspector for Hants County visited grades 4, 1, 4 and 5.

May 17th

Mr. Campbell returned to complete his visitation in the classes (grades 2, 3, 6, 7, 8 boys and girls).

May 17th

Sr. Agnes Louise left for her routine check at the Infirmary.

May 19th

Sr. Daniel Noreen arrived from Mt. St. Vincent Juniorate to substitute for Sr. Agnes Louise who had to remain at the Halifax Infirmary indefinitely for treatment.

May 27th

Sr. Agnes Louise arrived home from the Infirmary.

May 28th

Sr. Daniel Noreen left for the Juniorate

176th day

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

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June 10th Community day a day of special celebration, we celebrated Sr. Superior's feast day in a quiet but very happy manner. On this day too were posted the summer assignment study lists.

June 20th School closed and the first contingent of Indian children left at 9:15 accompanied by Sr. Superior and Sr. Gilberta for their various homes in Cape Breton.

June 21st Sr. Superior and Sr. Gilberta arrived home from C. B.

June 22nd Sr. Jean Marie, Sr. Regina Therese and Sr. Agnes Margaret left for Halifax.

June 23rd Rev. Fr. Collins left by plane for Ottawa where he will make his yearly retreat.

The new desks for the Sisters' rooms arrived the week of June 16.

By the end of June, there were only four Sisters at the Residential School. Sister Superior Mary Helaron, Gilberta and Angus Marie. Sister Agnes Louise departed for the Motherhouse. Sr. Jean Marie to Halifax. Sr. Regina Therese and Sr. Agnes Margaret studied at the Motherhouse, St. Francis Xavier respectively.

June 14th: On this day the regular community changes were made known. Sister Agnes Louise was missioned to the Motherhouse but was later changed to St. Kevin's, Dorchester. Sister Jean Marie was missioned to St. Elizabeth Hospital in C.B. - was later changed to Mount Carmel, New Waterford, C.B. Sister Mary Margaret remained at the Motherhouse.

July: Sister Superior, Sr. M. Hilariou, Sr. M. Gilberta and Sr. Angues Marie were the only Sisters at the Residential School during the month of July.

The first week of July was occupied by a vocation workshop conducted by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. This was a follow up of a similar workshop last July. The workshop was directed by two Oblate Priests and four Brothers. There were twenty-six boys in attendance.

Father Paul Duffy O.M.I. spent some time at the Residential School in the middle of the month.

July 24th: Sister Superior and Sister Mary Gilberta left for Mellesley by plane. There they will make the 6-15th of August retreat.

August 1st: Sr. Mary Hilariou left for Enfield while Sr. Angues Marie went to the Châlet and then to Retreat.

August 15th: Sisters Regina Therese and Mary Hilariou returned to the Indian Residential School.

August 19th: Sister Angues Marie attended the Housekeepers' Workshop.

August 30th: At this date the complete staff of Sisters had all arrived at the Residential School.

1963-1964

Staff of Sisters for year 1963-1964

Sister Mary Alorisia - Superior - Grades 2-3; 3rd
 Sister Agnes Margant - Vicar - Grades P-1; Sunday School
 Sister Mary Hilasion - Laundry - Children's Refectory
 Sister Mary Gilberta - Disciplinarian of Girls
 Sister Regina Therese - Bursar - Senior Girls - Head Teacher
 Sister Angus Marie - Housekeeper
 Sister Helen Patrick - Assistant Disciplinarian
 Sister Joseph Marian - Grades 4-5, Main Flat - Sunday School

September 4th: School opened on this day with 87 pupils. More children will be coming in from day to day.

September 5th: Sister Rose Philomena and two other sisters from the Juniorate visited the Residential School.

September 17th: Mr. Le Blanc, assistant to Mr. Paul Mc Gillivray - the Regional Supervisor of Indian Schools visited the school. He spent some time in Sister Superior's, Sister Regina Therese's and Mr. McLean's classrooms. Mr. Le Blanc's interest is chiefly in the older children.

September 20th: The new chairs for the Community room and the Refectory arrived to-day. The new hostess chairs which had been in the Community room were placed in other rooms about the house. During the summer, these chairs had been placed in the Community Room and the Sisters' bedrooms.

September 21st. Father Collins O.M.I., the director of the I.P.S., has issued a standing invitation to the Micmac Sisters to visit the Residential School, and attend the children's movie every other week.

October 1st: Work on the plumbing has begun this week. A sink in the pharmacy has been connected. A complete bath room is being installed in a section of Sister Superior's room.

October 8th: Sister Marion Catherine, Community Supervisor of Schools, paid a short visit to each classroom. At the same time, Sister Mary Grace, assisted by Sisters Joseph Agatha and Anna Vincent, measured the Sisters for the new habit. The group were accompanied by Mother Catherine Margant, Superior Provincial. Mother Catherine Margant remained for dinner while the other Sisters performed the same chores at Micmac.

October 17th: Sisters Mary Colin and Michael Hugh from Enfield were with us for an hour. Since the X-ray machines were not functioning properly, their trip was in vain. The X-ray clinic will be repeated next month.

On this day also, two Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Father McNamee and Brother Jedd, arrived to spend a few days at the school.

November 3rd: On this day Sister Teresa Francis accompanied by Sister Gerard Magella paid a short visit to the Residential School. Sister Teresa Francis came to evaluate the use of the organ for use in the chapel.

November 9th: Sister Rose Catherine Superior and Sisters of St. Peter's Dartmouth were hosts to the Sisters who attended the short Math. workshop. Since this concerned itself mainly with the Primary grades only Sister Superior and Sr. Agnes Margaret attended.

November 12th: Sister M. Gervase made an informal two day visit to our institution. Sister returned to the Infirmary, November 14th.

November 16th: Much is being done to aid the teachers in their endeavors in the classroom. So on this day, Sister Regina Therese travelled to the Motherhouse to be present at an English workshop.

November 23rd: The Sisters were delighted to be able to attend the annual Mount Fair. Sister Superior and Sister Angela Marie remained at home, to attend to household.

November 28th: In union with our American Sisters we enjoyed a Thanksgiving celebration. Sisters Joseph Francis and Anne Mary from Micmac joined us for the evening.

December 7th. We were all very much surprised to have Sister Gervase drop in for a short visit, a detour from Micmac. There were several Sisters from the Infirmary accompanying Sister Gervase.

December 8th. The eight Sisters of Charity here at the Residential School made the Renovation of Devotion to the Vows during the Sunday Mass.

December 13th. Sisters Stella Gertrude and M. Adrian from Amherst spent the week-end with us. Sister Adrian's task is to see that we are properly fitted out with our new head dress.

December 17th. The Christmas spirit was mounting and the play was one of its peaks. The Residential School staff and children were present as well as the Agency staff from Micmac and a few friends of the school.

The following evening there was a repeat performance for Sister Marion Catherine, Sister Gervase, Sister Anna Bernadette, Sister Eileen Thierin and the Micmac Sisters.

December 20th: This was the last school day before Christmas. Some of the cleaning and decorating had been completed. The next few days were spent in putting on the finishing touches to the household chores and creating the holiday spirit and atmosphere. School reopened January 6.

December 25th: The real Christmas festivities were ushered in with the joyful mid-night Mass. Due to the snow-storm not many from the village were able to be present in our Chapel. Our girls sang the High Mass and the traditional carols.

After breakfast in the morning, we were present while the children opened their gifts. Each child was remembered by Santa. About 10 o'clock the Sisters assembled in the Community room to open mail and gifts.

January 1: Father Collins O.M.I. the Principal and Administrator left for the Halifax Infirmary to spend four weeks there under treatment. Father Copley O.M.I. replaced Father Collins.

January 12: The Sisters attended a very profitable workshop in Cathetics. The sessions were under the direction of Dr. Thomas A. Francoeur M.A. (Ps.).

This week of January 12th. also saw the beginning of the series of lectures on the Church and its role in the modern world. Father Grant began his series of three lectures. These are attended by the Sisters from Micmas and Enfield.

January 29th. Father Collins O.M.I. returned to Shubertacadie from the Halifax Infirmary. Father Copley remained on to make his retreat and take a short vacation.

February 8, 9th: On either of these days the Sisters did attend the production "Look to the Skies" in honor of Blessed Elizabeth Anne Seton. This was presented by the Novices and Postulants at the Motherhouse. Those who attended Saturday, Feb. 8 received an extra treat in having Mother General present and explain some of the slides made during her visitation of the West and Mexico.

February 10th: The children's Valentine Party was held in the gymnasium. The party itself went off very smoothly - but the extremely cold prevented it from being a complete success.

February 12th: Ash Wednesday ushered in the holy season of Lent.

February 17th: Father John Buckley began his series of lectures on Ecumenism. Father Buckley's other lectures will be on Feb. 27, and March 8.

February 23rd: We were all thrilled by the Heritage presentation of "The Greatest of These", a T.V. documentary on our community.

February 26-28th: Mr. Paul Mc Gillivray, Regional School Inspector - Indian Affairs spent these three days at the Residential School.

March 13 - 15: Sisters Stella Gertrude and Adrian spent the week-end with us, at Shubenacadie. Sister Adrian had completed our new head-dress and wished to see that they all fitted properly. They returned to Amherst Sunday evening.

March 22: With the second Sunday of the Passion or Palm Sunday, Holy Week was opened. It culminated in the glorious feast of the Resurrection, March 29th. On this day, eight of our little children made their First Holy Communion.

March 26: The Easter Vacation officially began. Much of the cleaning had been done before the solemn days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. However there was much still to be done. The Sisters enjoyed a relaxing week and were back in school, April 6.

April 1: Sister Angus Marie left us for the Infirmary for a check-up.

April 4: Our new habits arrived today. However Sister Mary Hilation is still without hers.

April 11: Sister Angus Marie was discharged from the Infirmary. During her absence, the Sisters and women had been preparing for the Silver Jubilee of their first profession.

April 12:

On this day we all celebrated Sister Angus Marie's Silver Jubilee. The altar, community room and the refectory were beautifully decorated. The women helped out in the kitchen. Sister received many beautiful gifts. The children did a little surprise entertainment in the afternoon. Sisters' dear old mother and other relatives were here for the afternoon festivities. The Sisters from Micmac had a special permission to attend.

April 15, 16:

Mr. Campbell, Inspector of Schools for Hants County, made his Annual Visitation to the classrooms at the Residential School. Mr. Campbell is very appreciative of the work being done in the school and most understanding of the difficulties.

April 20:

Father Theriault gave the second of his conferences on the ecumenical movement and spirit. Father was here previously April 6.

April 24:

Sister Anita Vincent, Local Superior at St. Mary's Halifax and the first Superior at Shubenacadie is spending this week-end with us.

May 8: An Institute for the teachers of the Shubenacadie Agency was held here at the Residential School. The Institute lasted all day: opening at 9:30 a.m. and closing at 4:30 p.m. Present were Mr. Paul McSullivan, Regional Supervisor of Schools; Mr. LeBlanc, Guidance Director for senior students from the Regional Office at Amherst; Father Collins O.M.S. I.R.S.; Father Boudreau, Micmac; Mr. Clench, Indian Agent for the Shubenacadie Agency. The teaching staffs from the Residential School and the Micmac Indian Day School.

May 17: The feast of Pentecost brought the lists containing the summer assignments and the retreat schedules.

The retreat program was as follows:

June	College:	Sister Joseph Marian
June 26 - July 5	M.S. V.M.	Sister M. Vilarion
July 10 - July 17	Motherhouse	Sister Angus Marie
Aug. 6 - Aug. 15	Mother House	Sister Superior
		Sister Agnes Margant
		Sister M. Gilberta
		Sister Helen Patrick
	Patchogue N.Y.	Sister Regina Therese

Summer Assignments:

Sister M. Vilarion - Vincention Home: July 15 - Aug. 25
 Sister Angus Marie - Motherhouse - July 10 - July 31
 Sister Regina Therese - Patchogue - June 29 - Aug. 15
 Sister Agnes Margant - Patchogue - June 29 - Aug. 15
 Sister Superior, Sister M. Gilberta, Sister Angus Marie and Sister Helen Patrick are to be home during the two vocation workshops beginning June 28th and ending July 11th.

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May 18:
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A series of lectures on Contemporary Theology conducted at our Motherhouse and St. Mary's University in Halifax were commenced. The lectures were presented by experts in the field, Miss Hoing, Father Sherrin of the Catholic World and Father Davis. The Sisters from the Residential School attended what lectures they could. Two Sisters accompanied Sister M. Dolores in the Micmac car each evening.

May 24:

Our annual May procession in honor of Our Blessed Lady was held. The weather was delightful so the first coronation by the juniors was held outdoors. The Rosary was said and hymns were sung between each decade. The procession then filed to the Chapel where the seniors crowned Our Lady. Father Collins O.M.I. spoke briefly to the children. After the act of consecration, the ceremony ended with Benediction of the most Blessed Sacrament.

May 25:

This week brought many Oblate visitors to the Residential School. They were in the vicinity for the ordination of one of their members in Digby N.S. Father Coussemaker, Provincial Father Sheehan, Making Noices, Father Hobart and Father Wallis spent several days here.

May 28:

The pupils of grades three, four and the Auxiliary Class at Terrance Bay visited our Residential School on this day. They arrived in chartered buses and were accompanied by Sister M. Cecilia,

Mrs. Scott another teacher and several of the parents.

June 6, 7. Our Provincial, Mother Catherine Margaret made her visitation of the Indian Residential School.

June 10. Community Day brought with it the yearly assignments. The house changes were as follows:
Sister Mary Aloysia to Canton, New York.
Sister Regina Therese to Westmont, New Jersey.
Sister Agnes Marie to St. Margot, Dorchester.

June 22: This was the last day of school. The children returned by car, bus, train and plane to various parts of Eastern Canada and the U.S.A. Over the days following the Sisters dispersed to make their annual retreat and for their various summer assignments.

Sister Aloysia, Superior, Sister Gilberta, Sister Agnes Marie and Sister Helen Patrick remained to assist during the workshop.

1964 - 1965Staff of Sisters at the Residential School

Sister Genevieve Marie - Superior Grades 2, & 3.
 Sister Agnes Margaut - Vicar, P. & I. - Sunday School
 Sister Charles Marie - Secretary, 6 & 7 - Head Teacher
 Sister Mary Helaron - Laundry, Children's Refectory -
 Boys' Infirmary.
 Sister Mary Gilberta - Supervisor of Girls, Choir
 Sister Helen Patrick - Assistant to Sister Gilberta
 Sister Joseph Marion - Local Burns, Grades 4 & 5, Sunday School
 Sister Pauline Thérèse - House Keeper.

August 18. Three sisters returned to the Residential School and spent the next two weeks in the kitchen and various duties in the house. By the end of the month the entire staff had arrived.

September: Early in September the children returned to begin the new school year. September 8th was the official opening day of school. The registration was quite small but increased in the next few months.

October: With the coming of October we were heartened by the beautiful fall days and the magnificent dress of the trees. This month also brought our Provincial Mother Catherine Margaut for her official visitation. Mother was with us October 19, 20, 21st.

November: By the month of November all was going on smoothly at the Residential School. The departments were well staffed and the children attending school and attending to their house chores.

The Teachers' Institute presided over by Mr. Paul MacGillivray was a source of stimulation especially in the matter of the teaching of language to our Indian Children. Miss Rose Collin an expert in the field kept the sessions going with many useful helps.

December:

Early in the Month, December 9th - Sister Lawrence Mary, the community director of Education for the Halifax Province visited the school. Sister was very understanding of our special circumstances.

In December our thoughts naturally turn to Christmas and the birth of the Saviour. The children had been preparing for months and now they could present their plays - a beautiful tableau, and "Raguel the Donkey". Both were very well done. Several members of the general administration were delighted to be present. The staff at the Agency Office were also pleased to be our guests on this occasion.

Christmas Day found the children in raptures over their gifts.

Father Collin's gift to the Sisters - a substantial check was used to equip a lunch room in our section of the house. A new refrigerator and a few accessories were bought. A new record-player delighted our more aesthetic tastes.

Sister Ann Christine spent a few days here during Christmas week with Sr. Charles Marie, her sister.

For several days during the vacation, Father Bernard O.M.I. was in charge, and we were all on a special vacation program which the Sisters thoroughly enjoyed.

January: On January 4th, the school bell began its call once again. However it was not all work and no play. Our beautiful snow covered hill provided much fun and needed relaxation.

February: This month had two interesting events. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Valentine Party in the refectory on February 14th. The party was replete with King and Queen of Hearts games, dancing and all sorts of goodies to eat.

February 15th. we all assembled in the girls' recreation room for the blessing and breaking of the New Maple Leaf Flag. Father Collins presided. Everyone was deeply impressed.

March: Early in March we were saddened by the death of Bryant Simon. Bryant had returned home in December to spend his last days in the midst of his family. He knew he was dying and accepted it bravely and in the spirit of faith.

Renovations on our Chapel began with the altar facing the congregation. The vernacular and the new liturgy officially commenced on March 7th.

March 7th was also the first Sunday of Lent. Thus we began our preparation for Easter.

At the close of the month we were happy to learn that there were to be no changes among the fixed teachers.

April: The first two weeks of April found us deep in the Passiontide Liturgy of the Church awaiting the glorious feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord. All the Holy Week services were held here at the Residential School.

On Easter Sunday, thirteen of our little Indian Children made their First Holy Communion. After Mass, Father Collins presided over their special table in the refectory at breakfast.

On this day also our beloved Father Boudreau was called to his eternal reward. Father had worked for eighteen years with the Indians at Miqmac. The Sisters attended the solemn Requiem Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral on April 21 and the funeral Mass at Miqmac on the following day.

During the week, Sister Superior attended the conference, held for Local Superiors at the Motherhouse. The vacation was a quiet, restful one.

May: With the coming of May there were still no signs of spring as the cold weather lingered on. However May 16th did bring the retreat list and the summer assignments.

The retreat schedule is as follows:

M.S.V.C. - June 24 - July 1. Sister Superior, Sister Agnes Margant, Sister Charles Marie, Sister Joseph Marier.

Motherhouse: June 24 - July 1 - Sr. Helen Patrick.
July 10 - July 19 - Sr. M. Hilary
July 22 - July 30 - Sr. Pauline Therese

Wellesley, Mass. - August 6-15 - Sr. M. Gilberta.

Sister Superior, Sr. Agnes Margant and Sister Charles Marie are to spend the summer in Antigonish attending S.H.B.

Sister M. Gilberta will attend a Church music course at St. Michael's Toronto. Sister Joseph Marion will spend the summer at M. S. V. C. Both Sister M. Hilariion and Sr. Helen Patrick are to assist at St. Bridget's Home in Quebec during the summer. Sister Pauline Therese will spend some time at the juniorate.

Sister Hilariion and Sister Pauline Therese will be at the Residential School during the Vacation Workshop for the boys. After July 12th. the house will be closed to the Sisters till September 1st.

Our May Procession in honor of Our Lady was held on May 23 with a coronation outside and one in the chapel.

Thirty-three of our Indian Children received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 7th. Bishop J. M. Hayes, auxiliary Bishop of Halifax administered the Sacrament. The children conducted themselves very well - answered intelligently and participated fully in the singing and responses.

Toward the end of May Mr. Campbell, inspector of schools for Hants County, visited the Residential School. He returned again on June 9th. to complete his visitation.

June: June brought with it the thoughts of the closing of school and the settling of the house and school in order. However we made it a point to have a picnic. Accordingly on June 12th. all the Sisters spent a wonderful day at the creek. The day was beautiful and sunny. The Sisters enjoyed every minute of the day.

On June 21st. our little Indian children began to return to their reserves. With the departure of the New Brunswick and Cape Breton groups on June 22, most of our children had gone.

The Sisters begin their departures on June 24th.

The Boys' Vocation Workshop will begin June 27th. conducted by the Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

After July 12th. there will be no Sisters here at the Residential School. The date set for our return is September 1st.

June 10th. brought the glad news that there were to be no changes here at the Residential School for the coming year.

(By SISTER AGNES MARGARET)

(Verified by Sister Genevieve Morrissey)

March 12, 1992.

1965 - 1966

There were no changes among the staff of Sisters at the Residential School for the year 1965-1966.

Sister Genevieve Marie, Local Superior, Grades 2 + 3
 Sister Agnes Margaret, Local Vicar, Grade P, 1, 2 - R. Inst.
 Sister Charles Marie, Secretary, Grades 6, 7, 8 Head Teacher
 Sister Mary Hilario, Laundry, Children's Refectory -
 Infirmerian to the boys.
 Sister Mary Gilberta, Supervisor of the Girls Choir
 Sister Helen Patrick, Assistant to Sister M. Gilberta
 Sister Joseph Maria, Local Bureau, Grades 4 + 5, Reb. Inst.
 Sister Pauline Thérèse, Housekeeper.

Toward the end of August and early in September the Sisters returned to the Residential School from their various summer assignments. By September 3rd. all were on duty.

The children arrived by train, bus, plane and car. Statistics at the end of the month showed an enrolment of one hundred fourteen - with quite an even distribution.

September 8: School was officially opened. All the children attended Mass, a fitting offering for their studies for the year. The senior boys' and girls' classes have been combined - making a heavy senior group.

The following day Mr. Gorman - the Regional Supervisor for Indian Schools made a courtesy visit to our classes.

September 28: Our Community Director of Education, Sister Mary Matilda spent a few days at the Residential School, observing the ways and means of the enlightenment of our Indians.

During the month of September, the large crucifix which had hung on the community room wall was donated to the chapel.

October:

The sisters among themselves decided to experiment with a new school program - with assembly in the afternoon at 1:00 p.m. and dismissal at 3:00 p.m. With the approval of the principal, Father Collins - it has been carried out. The morning recess has been placed at 10:45 a.m. Both changes seem to be satisfactory to the supervisors and the teachers.

October 4:

With the entire continent, we were thrilled by the T.V. coverage of Pope Paul's visit to New York.

October 11:

Sister Superior spent the week-end at the Chalet. Sister M. Gilberta attended the Liturgical Music Seminar at the Motherhouse. The remainder of the community enjoyed a very pleasant and quiet Thanksgiving at home.

October 14:

Mother Marion Catherine, Sisters Mary Grace, M. Nervase, Paul of the Cross were with us for dinner. The detour en route to Micmac was enjoyed by all.

October 15:

Sister M. Henry accompanied by Sisters Victor and Joe visited their former field of labor. Sister found many changes here at the Residential School.

October 29:

The Sisters of the Residential Schools were hosts to the Micmac sisters at a Halloween Party. They were delighted with the gracious pleasure and fun of the evening provided by Sister Superior and the Sisters.

197th day

SUNDAY, JULY 16

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November 4-6: Rev. Gerald Cousineau, Oblate Provincial, made his visitation. He met the Sisters, spoke on current affairs in the Church and their missions in South America in particular.

November 11, 13, 14:

Sister Superior and Sister Joseph Marian attended the conferences in Halifax and the Motherhouse for Superiors and Bursars.

The white habits for the four house Sisters have all arrived.

November 28: Mother Catherine Margaret made her annual visitation and remained with us until December 1. The Sisters enjoyed Mother's visit. Mother on her part equally enjoyed the visit.

November 27: All the Sisters availed themselves of the invitation to an "Evening of Music" presented by our Sisters to raise funds for the Vincentian Street House. We were all very proud of our talented Sisters. There were repeat performances on December 6, 7 and 12th. The radio presentation was also very much enjoyed by the Sisters.

December 1: With the month of December came preparations for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. In the background were the now proximate preparations for Christmas. The strains of the Christmas carols were reinforced by the odors of pine, fir and spruce.

December 18: On this day we saw and heard the climax of practising of Carols, piano, flutes and drama. In their annual Christmas concert, the children were delighted to show off their talents and excellent training. The Micmac and Enfield Sisters were present for the performance on December 18th. On December 19th, Mother Marion Catherine and Sister Maria Lervae very graciously attended on December 19th.

December 23: The Christmas vacation was officially inaugurated with the closing of school and the departure of some of the children to the near-by reserves. The Sisters spent a very quiet and restful week of vacation. Sr. Anne Christine spent a few days visiting with Sr. Charles Marie.

January 3: Our Christmas vacation came to an end with the re-opening of school on January 3rd.

January 8: Sisters Hilario, Agnes Margaret, Charles Marie and Joseph Marian enrolled for the Home Nursing course at the Infirmary which began to-day. There will be twelve lectures.

January 24: The Shubenacadie Sisters were guests of the Enfield Sisters and their Children of Mary Sodality at a skating party held at the East Hants Memorial Rink. Immediately after school, the Sisters departed for an evening of fun and socializing. At 6:30 we all assembled at the Enfield School where a delicious supper was served to all Sisters and children. Some of the Sisters and sodalists from St. Joseph's, Halifax came along for an enjoyable evening.

February 17: We were all stunned at the sudden death of Sister Agnes Louise. Sister had lived with some of us during the years 1961-1963, and had endeared herself to us all by her genuine kindness, affability and sense of humour. Knowing the virtue which Sister exemplified and practiced so well, we have no doubts about her reward in heaven. Father Collins along with some of the Sisters and girls attended the Requiem Mass at the Motherhouse on Feb. 19th.

February 20: A surprise visit by one quite young in spirit Sr. Mary Charles made us all very happy. Although Sister came to visit with Sr. Charles Marie, her niece, we all claimed part of the guest's time.

March: The traditional winds ushered in this cold, bleak month. At this point one week had passed of the Holy Season of Lent.

March 13: On this day the four teachers attended a Catechetical workshop held at St. Patrick's High School. The key-note addresses were delivered by Father Mark Link S.J. These institutes are always very inspiring. The exchange of ideas is always beneficial. Great good must come from all the firm resolutions which are made at this time.

March 16: Mr. Ernest Côté, Deputy Minister of Northern Affairs, visited the Residential School for a very brief period. Mr. Côté was accompanied by Mr. B. McKinnon, from the Regional Office in Amherst.

March 28: Sister Agnes Margant received word from Mother Provincial to resign her teaching position at the Residential School.

The end of the month also brought word that both our ordinary and extraordinary confessors have been changed. Father Charles Burke from Truro is now our ordinary confessor, while Father B.J. Landry from Pictou is our extraordinary confessor.

April: Early in April we entered into Holy Week with its solemnity and special liturgical functions in preparation for the great feast of Easter. The children's choir was very well trained by Sister M. Gilbert and carried the burden very well.

April 10: This was a very happy Easter for all. Classes were in session up to and including April 7th. That evening many children from the nearby reserves returned to their families for the Easter Vacation. Thirteen of our children made their First Holy Communion on Easter Sunday morning.

April 11: We were delighted to have three Sisters from Hare Beach spend an hour with us. Sisters Mary Anne, Maureen and Mary Arnel were escorting a group of sodalite girls to the Motherhouse for the day when they dropped in to greet us.

April 12: Sister M. Joseph from St. Theresa's came to spend the Easter vacation with us. Toward the end of the week she was joined by Sister M. Henry. Both the Sisters enjoyed their stay with us very much.

April 23: The home-nursing classes at the Infirmary ended today. The staff at home prepared a graduation party for the four graduates. All the Sisters entered into the fun.

May 1. The month of May began with the devotions in honor of Our Lady. These devotions continued throughout the month.

May 15: On this day we received the retreat list and the summer assignments. Sisters Superior, Mary Gilberta, Charles Marie and Agnes Margant are to make the June 24 retreat at the Motherhouse. Sr. Joseph Marian will make the June 24th. retreat at the College. Sr. Helen Patrick is to make the July 15th retreat while Sisters Hilario and Pauline Thierice will make the retreat beginning August 6th.

The other summer assignments are as follows:

To St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish were assigned Sisters Superior Agnes Margant and Charles Marie. Sister M. Gilberta will continue her music in Toronto. Sister Joseph Marian will attend M. S. V. C. Sister Pauline Thierice will make her tertianship at the Juniors. Sister Helen Patrick is one of this summer's renovants. Sister M. Hilario will assist at the St. Vincent's Guest House during the month of July. Sisters Gilberta and Helen Patrick will assist there during the month of August.

The Sisters will not return to the Residential School till September.

May 19: On this day Mr. Campbell began his visitation of the school. He visited two classes and then returned on May 31 to visit the two remaining classrooms. He seemed quite pleased.

May 30: Our Lady was honored by the annual procession and two coronations. The juniors crowned the statue outside while the seniors crowned in chapel. It was a fitting preparation for the feast of the Queenship of Mary, the next day.

June 5: All the Sisters made the June monthly retreat this year.

June 10: As in the past several years this day brought the changes for the ensuing year. Sister Agnes Margaret who is missioned to Terrence Bay was the only change at the Residential School. Sister M. Elina from Micmac will replace Sister.

June 19: There were two events which took place on this day. In the afternoon the children's farewell party was held. Maurice Burris - the boys' supervisor brought in his band from Iuro. This was followed by a party supper.

The girls under the direction of Sr. Gilberta presented a recital of their musical accomplishments. Mother Catherine Margaret, Provincial and Sisters M. Joseph and Josita were our guests. Father Collins attended and thanked the children and the Sisters for their work and devotion. Sister Agnes Margaret, who is leaving was also remembered by the Sisters and children in a special way.

June 22: This was the official closing of school. The children departed by plane, train, bus and car for their various destinations.

June 24:

Five Sisters leave for retreat at the Motherhouse and College. Sisters Hilairion, Helen Patrick and Pauline Thiers, will be here till July 1. Then it is good-bye to Shubenacadie till September.
June 12th. the Micmac Sisters were invited to Shubenacadie and there was a joint fare-well party.

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(Verified by Sister Genevieve Morrissey)

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Staff of Sisters at the Residential School.

Sister Genevieve Marie - Superior - Grade 3
 Sister Mary Hilarion - Laundry, Children's Refectory, Local
 Vicar, Boys' Infirmary.
 Sister Mary Elvira - Grades P. 1 & 2.
 Sister Mary Gilberta - Supervisor of Girls - Choir.
 Sister Helen Patrick - Assistant Girls Supervisor.
 Sister Joseph Marian - Gr. 4 & 5. Bursar
 Sister Pauline Therese - Housekeeper.

Our new Principal Father M. P. Kearney, O.M.I. has replaced Fr. Collins O.M.I. who was transferred to the Residential School in Kuper Island, B.C.

The new member of the teaching staff is Sr. M. Elvira replacing Sr. Vagney Margaret who was transferred to Terrance Bay, N.S.

By September 1st all the sisters had returned to the Residential School. Sr. Superior, Sr. Elvira, Sr. Joseph Marian and Sr. Charles Marie left to attend the four day Catechetical Workshop at Mount Saint Vincent. The Institute was conducted by a German priest Fr. Goldbrunner. The three day workshop was a fitting preparation for the Catechetical work to be carried on by the sisters during the new school year.

School opened officially on September 7, with the staff and children assembling in Chapel for the offering of the Mass of the Holy Spirit by Rev. Fr. Kearney.

The school registration for September was 70 children a considerable drop from last year's registration of 114 for September.

A very welcome addition to the staff is Patricia Hughes who came from British Columbia to be Father Kearney's Secretary. Pat has done considerable work with the Indian children in B.C. - and is already busy organizing "Cubs" on the boys' side.

We also have the pleasure of having Father Walter Murphy O.M.I. with us. Although Father is resting after a lengthy illness he says Mass every day at 9.15 so that the sisters who are free at that time may attend his Mass. Father also says Sunday Mass so Fr. Kearney will be free to say Mass in the Village or Enfield.

Sept. 24. We were pleasantly surprised when Sr. Agnes Margaret paid us a short visit. She and Sr. Paul of the Cross were returning from a trip to Windsor, N.S. Sister was happy to be back and interested in seeing all the improvements made since her departure.

September 29. Feast of St. Michael the Archangel and our Principal's Feast Day. Fr. Murphy offered Mass for the intentions of Fr. Kearney at the request of the children. The staff and pupils joined with Fr. Murphy in begging Our Lord to bless the work of our new Principal in his new position. After the evening Mass all assembled in the Pupils Refectory where the children were served pop and cookies and a big bag of candy. This was followed by a pleasant get together with the sisters and priests chatting with the children while the older pupils danced until about 9:30. Before the party broke up Fr. Kearney thanked the sisters and children for the Mass and Party - the first Feast Day Celebration he had ever been shown by an Indian school. Brother MacDonald from B.C. was also present.

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The classes were visited by the Language Arts Consultant from the Department of Indian Affairs. Miss Marjorie Goffeld held a very informal meeting of the teachers after school on the 6th and explained the scope of her work. On the 7th she gave a demonstration of an Oral English lesson using Sr. Superior's Class for the pupils. She was very pleased with the progress of the children and seemed to be pleasantly surprised to find the class rooms so brightly decorated with the children's work.

October 1st

Sister Superior went to Halifax for her first driving lesson. Her instructor found her so much at ease at the wheel that he had her plow through the traffic of downtown Halifax for her first lesson. If she continues to make such rapid progress she should have her licence after only five "easy" lessons instead of the usual ten.

October 9. Thanksgiving proved to be a red letter day for Sr. Superior. Sr. M. Celina, Sr. Joseph Marie and Sr. Charles Marie. The weather was actually balmy and the autumn scenery too beautiful to pass by so we got on our walking shoes and walked all the way to Micmac where we were

met by the Micmac sisters at the entrance to the Reserve. They joined us in the last lap of our five mile trek to the Convent. After we rested our weary feet we partook of a delicious lunch prepared by Sr. Kilron and the sisters. Although we were ready to attempt the return trip by foot, we thought it wiser to accept Sr. Francis Daniels' offer to drive us home to Shubie. He proved to ourselves that it "could be done".

October 14 and 15. Sr. Superior attended the annual Conference for Principals and Administrators.

October. Sr. Matilda the Provincial School Supervisor paid her annual visit to the school. After a brief visit to the classes Sister held an informal school meeting in which she praised the sisters for their work with the children in the classrooms and remarked on the appearance of the children and their politeness. Sister stayed two days.

October 16. A car-full of Principals from Halifax area dropped in at Shubie on their return from the Administrators Conference in Truro. Sr. Paul of the Cross, the sister driver, Sr. Marion Davis, Sr. Mary Ralph, Sr. M. Colin, Sr. Angela de Lourdes and Sr. Theodore comprised the group. We took them on a tour of inspection of the classrooms, girls dormitories, recreation rooms etc. They had never visited Shubie before and were very pleasantly surprised at the attractiveness of classrooms, and other departments.

October 30. The Childrens Halloween party was held after supper. The sisters established a precedent by eating with the children at table. It was hard to decide which table to occupy because the children were all so anxious that we sit at all the tables. After supper the children had the usual treats of Candies and apples followed by dancing.

October 31. The sisters invited the Micmac sisters over for a Sister Halloween Party. Supper was served at 6.30 followed by games of guessing for prizes, musical chairs, pin the tail on the donkey. Those of us who had any voices left after having laughed so much, joined in the sing song. The Micmac Sisters thoroughly enjoyed the evening and warmly thanked us for our gracious hospitality.

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Nov 11 - 12 - 13 - (Sr. Superior) Sr. Charles Marie
 Sr. Elvira and Sr. Agnes Margaret attended
 a Workshop for Religious at Mount St.
 Vincent Motherhouse. The workshop was
 conducted by Fr. Van Kaam Fr. Van
 Croonburg and Mr. Clark. The sisters found
 it very profitable and it formed the topic
 of discussion among the sisters here for
 days after.

Nov. 16 - 17. Sr. M. Raymond, at the invitation of
 Father Kearney spent a day visiting us
 and stayed over night. This was her
 first visit back to her old Mission for
 many years. Sister was very much
 impressed by the many improvements in the
 house.

November 23 - Sr. Superior took her driver's test
 at the Highway Dept in Shubenacadie and
 passed with flying colors. That evening
 we 'fêted' the graduate at a special
 supper with appropriate honors.

November 24. We celebrated the American Thanks-
 giving by accepting an invitation to
 supper at Misamis. The eight of us were
 able to attend and enjoyed the delicious
 meal followed by a sing-song and games.
 We all said good-bye and left with
 our arms laden with prizes or presents.

November 29 - A farewell lunch was tendered to
 Matilda Chaissin, our assistant house-
 keeper who had to go back to Cheticamp to
 take care of her mother. The sisters decorated
 the table in the Pupils Refectory very appropriately
 with place mats bearing attractive maps of
 Cape Breton and the Cabot Trail while the
 beautifully decorated cake was decked with
 tiny flags of various spots in C.B. Fr. Kearney
 and Fr. Murphy were present and the former
 thanked Matilda for her years of devoted
 service here at Shubenacadie. We shall miss
 Matilda who always had a cheerful word and
 such a hearty laugh.

December 12 - The children settled down to serious
 study as the exams began on Monday Dec.
 12. This year. We decided that it would
 be better to have the exams early as the
 children take so long to settle down
 after the Christmas holidays. Their first
 period exams used to be in the middle of January.

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December 8. The sisters had the privilege of renewing their Vows at the 9 o'clock Mass offered by Fr. Walter Murphy. In the evening we had the Micmac sisters over for a special supper as their housekeeper Mr Kierker hadn't been too well.

December 11 - The sisters and girls were invited to a Christmas Vesper Service in the United Church in the Village. One of the Micmac girls from the high school had been chosen to take the part of our Lady in a pageant on the Nativity based on the Indian Carol of the Jesuit Father Jean de Bre Beuf. After the service the minister and several parishoners from the Village spoke to the sisters and expressed their pleasure at having the sisters attend their service. We were very proud of our girls who behaved so well.

December 17. Continuing in the ecumenical spirit we were invited to a Candle Light Tea at Hants East Rural Highschool. There was a special table prepared for the sisters and we didn't have to sit at the minister's table as we had expected. Fr. Kearney and Fr. Murphy also attended and circulated among the other Non-Catholic guests. Frs Superior Joseph Marion M. Hilarion & Charles Marie represented Shubie and Fr. Etienne - Enfield convent.

December 18. Sr Helarion, Sr Elvira and Sr Charles Marie attended a very fine Christmas concert at Enfield School. At home we had the honor of having Mother Catherine Margaret, Sr. Servace and Sr. Mary Dolores for the first showing of the Children's Christmas Concert at 7 P.M.

December 19 - The girls Recreation Hall was filled to capacity for the second night of the Christmas Concert. The children were nice on Saturday but really excelled on Monday night. Even though the night was stormy the whole staff from the Indian Agency at Micmac came. The guests included Mr & Mrs Clench, Dr. Superintendent, Mr. J. Chiasson and his wife, Mr & Mrs Thompson and our special guest The Reverend Murray and his wife, who attended our concert for the first time. The Micmac sisters also attended the concert. After the concert the guests and sisters were

invited into the Sisters Refectory for a delicious lunch. The Reverent Murray thanked Father Kearney for inviting him and his wife to the Concert and paid tribute to Sr. M. Gilberta for the fine work she did in training the children. He hadn't realized that the Indians were so talented.

December 20. Sr. Superior and Sr. M. Gilberta brought the children about twenty in all to the television studio in Halifax for the program "Firehouse Frolics". Here the girls performed some of the numbers from their Christmas Concert. One group played Silent Night and Adeste Fidelis on the flutes. They sang "Adeste Fidelis" in Indian and about ten girls in Indian costume did a very fine Indian dance. Fire Chief Murray then interviewed Sr. Gilberta and praised the children for their lovely singing and dancing. Then he insisted that Sr. Superior answer a few of his questions concerning the Residential School since Fr. Kearney could not be prevailed upon to appear on T.V. We were very proud as we watched our children on the T.V. program.

December 26. Sr. Agnes Margaret returned to our school for a week's vacation. Immediately after supper she went on duty in the refectory and filled in for the various Sisters who visited the city during the holidays. The children were also happy to have Sister back for a visit.

December 28-29. Sr. Superior and Sister Charles Marie attended the Management and Human Relations Workshop conducted by Mr. W. J. Christopher from St. Paul's Missouri. They stayed at the College both nights and found the Workshop very profitable. Sister Superior returned home after the Workshop but Sr. Charles Marie stayed and spent a day and a half with her sister Sr. Anne Christine at St. Mary's Convent in Halifax.

December 31. All the sisters on the staff were the guests of our good friends Mr. & Mrs. Chidley at a buffet lunch at 6 P.M. This was the first time we were able to accept their invitation and they were so pleased and honored to have the Sisters partake of lunch at their lovely home.

- January 3. The sisters and pupils went back to school. The senior grade had two pupils less as Christine Labadie did not return from her home visit to Lennox Island and Gregory Pictou stayed with a foster family in the Innu Reservation. Rose Marie Labadie also of P. E. I. did not return to Gr. IV.
- January 11 - A provincial holiday in honor of Sir John A. Mac Donald - the Father of Confederation to celebrate the Centennial year. The children enjoyed the holiday by spending the day skating on our new outdoor rink or tobogganing down the snow covered hills.
- January 13. We invited the Enfield and Micmac sisters for supper followed by a movie. It was the first time the three Convents got together and all the sisters enjoyed the social evening.
- January 27. A lovely evening of tobogganing came to a sad end when one of the boys crashed into the sisters toboggan and Sr. Helen Patrick had a fractured leg. Dr. Stewart X-rayed it and put it in a walking cast which meant that sister would be off duty for eight weeks.
- February 6. The Micmac sisters were invited to Shubie for a pre Lenten supper and get-together.
- February 7. Sr. Gilberta brought about twenty of the girls to the Halifax Music Festival where the flute band won first place with a mark of 87. We were very proud of our girls who presented such a beautiful picture in their pleated white skirts, white blouses and red velvet vests.
- February 11. Four of the sisters attended a prayer service at the United Church in honor of the World Day of Prayer. After the service we were shown a series of film strips on the missionary activities of the United Church. This was followed by lunch served in the Church basement. Many of the ladies thanked us for coming and considered it a "privilege" to have the sisters join with them in prayer.

- February 11. About twenty-five C. G. I. J. Girls from Steweach and Shubenacadie visited our school. After we conducted the various groups on a tour of the classrooms and other departments they were entertained by the girls down in the Recreation room. They were then served a delicious lunch in the refectory with the sisters who poured the coffee. The girls and their captains were very much impressed by the children and the hospitality shown them.
- February 14. The sisters had supper with the children and stayed with them for the rest of the evening of dancing and games in honor of St. Valentine's Day.
- February 18. Three sisters attended an inter house discussion on the Religious Life at Terence Bay. Sr. Albertus from the College was the speaker and gave us valuable help in answering the questions on the "green sheets". The meeting was attended by sisters from St. Josephs, St. Stephens, Enfield, Micmar and Shubie.
- Feb. 23-24. The sisters attended a two day Institute at Hants East.
- March 4. Sr. Genevieve Marie, Sr. Joseph Marion and Sr. Kilarion attended a discussion on Community Living at St. Joseph's at Halifax.
- March 6. Dr. Stewart from Steweach came to Shubie for the sisters' physical examination. He was assisted by the nurse Mrs. Wasson. He examined the sisters from Shubie and Micmar the same evening.
- March 8. Governor General Vanier was buried. All the schools in the Province had a half holiday in his honor. The children here at Shubie attended a Requiem Mass for his soul and watched the funeral services on T.V.
- March 12. The sisters from Micmar and Enfield came to Shubie to hear a talk by Sr. M. Albert from Mt. St. Vincent. Sister discussed the various topics on Community Life with us. The discussion was followed by a lunch served in the Community Room.
- March 13. The sisters from the two neighboring convents gathered in Sr. Charles Marie's classroom for a lecture from Fr. Lawrence Meehan of Dartmouth. Father gave a very interesting talk on the 2nd Vatican Council.

This was followed by a question and answer period. Before leaving the sisters were served a tasty lunch in the Sisters Refectory.

March 16-17. The teaching sisters attended a 2 day Community Development Seminar on Indian education at the Rainbow Motel. It was attended by teachers from Micmac, Eskasoni, Afton and Truro. There were also Indian chiefs and Council members from the various reserves as well as officials from the Indian Affairs Dept. The sisters were very much impressed by the sincerity and earnestness of the various Indians who spoke about the necessity of a good education and character formation for their children.

March 24-25-26 - The Holy Week Services were carried out by Fr. Kearney assisted by Fr. Murphy. Many people from the village attended our Good Friday and Easter Vigil Services as there were no services in the village. On Easter Sunday morning Father Murphy offered Mass at 8 o'clock.

March 31 - The children again performed on Firehouse Frolics at the T.V. Station in Halifax. They played several numbers on their flutes and sang their Easter bunny songs. They returned home on the chartered bus laden with presents of bottles of "Bleep" and cans of cocoa or chocolate.

April 1. Srs. Joseph Marion, Charles Marion, Pauline Therese were in Halifax for Province Day and had the pleasure of attending the movie "Man For All Seasons". Later on in the day we greeted Mother Provincial in one of the city houses.

April 8 - Sr. Joseph Marion, Sr. Hilario, Sr. Charles Marion and Sr. Elvira attended a meeting of the sisters at St. Charles Convent in Amherst. The Shubie sisters were transported in the cars from Sorence Bay, Enfield or Micmac. We arrived just before 11 o'clock in time for the special Mass in the Convent. Fr. Cairnie the celebrant gave a short homily on religious life to the visiting sisters. After a delicious dinner we divided up into five groups and had some very lively discussions on the "Apostolate". Shortly after a visit to the lovely classrooms we started off on the long drive home. The weather was beautiful so it was an ideal day for the trip.

April 18 and 20. Sister Gilberta entered the children from the Residential School in the annual East Hants - Windsor Musical Festival. The eighteen or so girls in the recorder group walked off with the trophy after competing with five other groups. Debby Paul won high praise for her vocal solo "Minuet" and Phyllis Augustine and Debby received the highest mark in their group for the piano duet "The Merry Farmer". Jimmy Copage and Ida Marshall were rated highly for their duet "O No John No" as well as "Doctor Dannie". Most of the members were called back for the final concert on Friday April 21. We were all very proud of our Indian children who were such a credit to the tireless work of Sr. M. Gilberta.

April 22. Sister Charles Marie Sr. Joseph Marcan attended the Regional Meeting at the Mount. It was unfortunate that more sisters could not attend due to their very bad colds. The sisters who could attend gave very satisfactory reports of the very enlightening talks given by Rev. Mother General on her trip to Rome to the Conference of Superiors General, Sr. M. Fabian on the proposed apostolate for the summer in Halifax and Sr. Francis Dennis on the Spiritual Apostolate.

On the morning of the 22 - Sr. Joseph Marcan had her first driving lesson.

April 15. Sr. Mary Dolores, former Superior of Misamis, and at present Superior of St. Stephen's Convent Halifax, spent the week end here and also visited her old Convent in Misamis.

April 25. The girls were invited to the Home and School Meeting at East Hants High School. The theme of the meeting was Indians of Canada so the girls were asked to put on a little program of numbers they had performed so successfully in the Festival. In keeping with the theme Chief Neven and Mr. Thompson, Indian Affairs Officer and Sr. Charles Marie (called on during the meeting to substitute for an absent panelist) took part in a panel discussion concerning Indian Education and the closing of the Residential School.

May 3. Elmisdale Y.C. (Young Christian) group of young people revisited the school and were conducted on a tour of the classrooms and other departments. This was followed by a little

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musical program by the girls and a lunch served in the children's refectory. Their director Reverend Mr. Ralph was greatly impressed both by the children and facilities and thanked the sisters and Fr. Kearney for their gracious hospitality.

May 4. The boys "Cub" group put on ~~an~~ one hour program of a two act play depicting the history of Indians of the past and modern Indians. The little fellows played their parts well under the direction of their "Cub" leader Miss Pat Heenan. The classroom was well filled with interested members of the staff and invited guests from Miramichi. Another evening the play was staged for guests from the village and a third performance for the Boy Scouts from Shubenacadie village.

May 7. A farewell supper for Sr. Helen Patrick. Sister left after supper for her new appointment at the Orphanage. We were sorry to lose sister but we realize that our turn for final departure is coming soon.

May 5. A short visit from Sr. Thomas Maria and Sr. Leo John.

May 11 - 12 - 13. Several busses of students of Grades 8 and 9 from St. Thomas Aquinas School and Oxford schools were taken on a tour of the school. On Saturday a bus full of girls from St. Patrick's High School returning from a convention in Truro, called in and were conducted on a tour of the school. All groups expressed surprise at the lovely bright class rooms and other facilities.

May 13. Sr. Anne Christine, sister of Sr. Charles Marie, spent a very enjoyable week-end here at Shubie with her beloved Indian children.

May 14. The sisters staged a surprise birthday party for the priests and brother, since Father Murphy's birthday had slipped by unnoticed during the week. The dining room was attractively decorated and the priests and brother were presented with humorous gifts. Their hilarious laughter could be heard all over the house as they opened their gifts.

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- May 17 - We were honored with a visit from Mother Storey and her companion Mother Murphy. Mother visited all the class-rooms and was charmed with the children. After a delicious dinner Mother and her companion went to visit the Misman Convent.
- May 21 - Sr. Charles Marie went to Antigonish for the Ordination and first Mass of a former pupil Billy Crispo of Haver Boucher.
- May 26 - The Misman and Enfield sisters were treated to a farewell supper at Shubier. After the supper when the sisters gathered in the Community Room, Sr. Gerard Majella read a farewell poem and gifts were presented to the Shubier sisters by the Enfield & Misman sisters. The address and gifts came as a complete surprise to us and we were deeply moved by the kind thoughts expressed in the address.
- May 27 - The Misman & Enfield sisters were invited here for the movie "Trouble With Angels" the final movie of the year and much enjoyed by the sisters and children.
- May 28 - The last May Procession at Shubier.
- June 4 - We were especially privileged to have a visit from Reverend Mother General, who stayed for the day. Sister interviewed three of the sisters who would not be having Visitations at their new missions. Mother invited the Fathers Kearney, Murphy and Bernardo down to the Sister Refectory for supper with the sisters. After supper we all sat outside the Summer house for a final chat with Mother. Mother was impressed with the lovely family spirit among the sisters and counselled us to carry that same spirit to our new missions.
- June 7 - Brother Sanson's Silver Jubilee! A further cause for rejoicing was the visit of the seventy-five Novices and Postulants from Mt. St. Vincent. The hills were white with the white veils of the Novices who quickly explored the whole countryside. A fitting climax for the day's celebrations was the Mass for Brother Sanson, celebrated by Fr. Kearney while the Novice voices swelled

the Chapel with glorious praise to the God who had made this wonderful and memorable day possible. Mass was followed by a box supper on the hill for the Novices while Mother General Sr Mary Grace her companion and sisters and priests enjoyed a buffet supper in the girls' recreation room. The children were thrilled with the Novices and Postulants. It was a reluctant group of Novices who filled the two waiting buses to leave for the Mount. The time had sped by all too quickly and they had to leave the Indian children who had made friends of so many young sisters. Incidentally Brother Sanson now proudly boasts that he is the only Oblate Brother in the history of his community to have the privilege of having seven - four Novices and Postulants singing at his Jubilee Mass.

June 10 - Community Day brought the long awaited "obediences" from Mother General. The new assignments are as follows:
 Sr. Genevieve Marie - Terrence Bay - Superior
 Sr. Joseph Maroon - Terrence Bay.
 Sr. M. Hilarion - St. Stephens - Halifax
 Sr. M. Elvira - Micman Convent
 Sr. Charles Marie - Arveda - Quebec
 Sr. M. Gilberta - Academy of the Assumption - Wilkely
 Sr. Pauline Therese - Halifax Infirmary

June 13 - Final picnic for the whole school and staff at (Bonaventure) Montavista near Exfield.

June 20. At 3.0'clock P. M. transportation will be provided to return the children to their homes on the various reserves in Nova Scotia, P. E. I. and N. B.

June 24 - Srs, Genevieve Marie, M. Elvira, M. Hilarion, Joseph Maroon, Charles Marie leave for Retreat at Mt. St. Vincent. Sr. M. Gilberta leaves for a home visit before music summer school at St. Michael's in Toronto. Sr. Pauline Therese will stay at a city convent till she leaves for Retreat and Expo beginning July 3.

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