



REUNION DAY 2022

CLASS OF 1942

CELEBRATING 80 YEARS



Left to right

GRADUATION May 20, 1942

Marguerite Wright	Helen King	Patricia Murphy	Margaret O'Donnell	Norma Walsh	Rita Granton	Ellen Stuart	Isabel Craig	Jean Morrow
Betty Cridland	Helen Whitwell	Barbara Hughson	Margaret Crowther	Jane Heysel	Ruth Bedard	Viola Clark	Dorothy Jaffray	Rita Osbaldeston
Kathleen Overholt	Eva Dunkin	Teresa McIssac	Helen Caraher	Blanche Young	Mary O'Mahoney	Ruth Ryerse	Elizabeth Laing	Mary Haley

Field For Nurses' Work Never Greater Than Now

War-Time Makes Many Demands on Profession, Graduates
Told—Large Class Receives Diplomas at St. Joseph's
Hospital—Value of Spiritual Help Empha-
sized By Bishop Ryan *May 20th 1942*

THE responsibilities which would face them as nurses in a world at war were emphasized by the speakers addressing the large graduating class of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing, at graduation exercises yesterday afternoon in Undermount, the nurses' residence. Many relatives and interested friends were present for this interesting occasion, when the graduates received their diplomas from His Excellency, Most Rev. Joseph F. Ryan, D.D.

Mayor William Morrison, K.C., congratulating the graduates upon their achievement, said that they were graduating at a time when more work lay ahead of them than they could ever think of doing, due to present conditions. He warned them that they might find mental discontent among people with whom they had to deal, because of the trying times. A right mental attitude towards their work was important, he said. Their satisfaction would be in knowing that they had done their work to the best of their ability.

Hospital Praised

Dr. O. W. Niemeier, president of the Hamilton Academy of Medicine, told the nurses that they might consider themselves fortunate in having trained in St. Joseph's Hospital, which was considered one of the finest in the province. The addition of the new suite of operating rooms had placed the hospital among the forefront of hospitals of its size on the continent, he said. He referred also to the spirit of kindly sympathy pervading the institution, a spirit created and preserved by the sisters.

If the nurses wished to obtain the greatest success they should develop their knowledge of the profession and their efficiency to the utmost, advised Dr. Niemeier. Education in nursing must continue throughout their careers.

Referring to the rewards of the profession he said that the monetary reward, though adequate, would be moderate, and that it depended upon how each nurse developed her proficiency. If she did so, opportunities would be open for them. Their greatest reward would be satisfaction in their work and the supreme reward would be the privilege of rendering, when occasion demanded, the type of service which went beyond the requirements of routine duty. Such occasions arose most frequently in war-time, he added.

Divine Comfort

The strength and comfort to be found in turning to Christ as the Divine Protector was the message of Bishop Ryan to the class. In the extremely trying and arduous days through which the world was passing, all must have recourse to Christ, he said. In their work as nurses they should constantly invoke Christ, the Divine Protector.

Giving examples from the Scriptures, Bishop Ryan told the graduates that they could find an answer here no matter in what difficult circumstances they found themselves. If at times their faith seemed weak and faltering, they had but to remember Peter, whose faith was weak and for whom Christ prayed.

Calling for a prayer front at home, Bishop Ryan implied that this meant support in prayer of the government, leaders and the troops. If people expected Christ to help them, they must be on His side, he suggested.

"From Christ alone we will receive the power to conquer what must be conquered and the power to forgive when we have conquered," he concluded.

Dr. W. P. Downes, chairman of the staff, presided over the graduation exercises.

Graduation ceremonies were held in Undermount Nurses Residence.
There were 27 graduates in the class of 1942

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The Sisters of St. Joseph
and the Graduating Class of 1942

St. Joseph's Hospital
School of Nursing

cordially invite you to be present
at the

Graduation Exercises

Wednesday afternoon, May the twentieth
at three o'clock, D.T.T.

"Undermount"
Hamilton, Ontario

Graduating Exercises

St. Joseph's Hospital
School of Nursing

Nurses' Residence
"Undermount"

3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 20th
1942

Graduation Exercises

The Sisters of St. Joseph and the graduating class of 1942 of St. Joseph's Hospital school of nursing have sent out invitations to the graduation exercises, to be held on Wednesday afternoon, May 20 at 3 o'clock, at Undermount. The graduating class comprises the following:

Miss Ruth Aileen Bedard, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Miss Helen M. Caraher, Fort Erie; Miss Viola J. Clark, Peterboro'; Miss Isabel C. Craig, Dundas; Miss Betty H. Cridland, St. Williams; Miss Margaret M. Crowther, Regina, Sask.; Miss Eva B. Dunkin, Delhi, Ont.; Miss Rita Mary Granton, Paris, Ont.; Miss Mary Rita Haley, Cainsville; Miss Jane M. Heyssel, Thorold; Miss Barbara L. Hughson, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Miss Dorothy A. Jaffray, Dunkirk, N.Y.; Miss Helen R. King, Niagara Falls, Ont.; Miss Agnes Elizabeth Laing, Dundas; Miss Mary Teresa McIsaac, Hamilton; Miss Jean M. Morrow, Gull Lake, Sask.; Miss Patricia J. Murphy, Merritton; Miss Margaret E. O'Donnell, Drayton; Miss Mary R. O'Mahony, Jarvis; Miss Rita M. Osbaldeston, Hamilton; Miss Kathleen M. Overholt, Wainfleet; Miss Ruth G. Ryerse, Simcoe; Miss Ellen Grant Stuart, Hamilton; Miss Norma Ann Walsh, Hamilton; Miss D. Helen Whitwell, Richlea, Sask.; Miss Marguerite D. Wright, Moose Jaw, Sask.; Miss Blanche I. Young, Portage La Prairie, Man.

Graduates of 1942

MISS RUTH AILEEN BEDARD. NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO	MISS MARY TERESA MCISAAC. HAMILTON, ONTARIO
MISS HELEN M. CARAHER. FORT ERIE, ONTARIO	MISS JEAN M. MORROW. E.N.T. GULL LAKE, SASKATCHEWAN
MISS VIOLA J. CLARK. PETERBOROUGH, ONTARIO	MISS PATRICIA J. MURPHY. <i>OBSTETRICS</i> <i>CONNEC. ST.</i> MERRITTON, ONTARIO
MISS ISABEL C. CRAIG. DUNDAS, ONTARIO	MISS MARGARET E. O'DONNELL. DRAYTON, ONTARIO
MISS BETTY H. CRIDLAND. <i>SURGERY</i> ST. WILLIAMS, ONTARIO	MISS MARY R. O'MAHONY. <i>BEDSIDE NURSING</i> JARVIS, ONTARIO
MISS MARGARET M. CROWTHER. REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN	MISS RITA M. OSBALDESTON. <i>OB. MEDICINE</i> HAMILTON, ONTARIO
MISS EVA B. DUNKIN. <i>P. HEALTH</i> DELHI, ONTARIO	MISS KATHLEEN M. OVERHOLT. WAINFLEET, ONTARIO
MISS RITA MARY GRANTON. PARIS, ONTARIO	MISS RUTH G. RYERSE. SIMCOE, ONTARIO
MISS MARY RITA HALEY. CAINSVILLE, ONTARIO	MISS ELLEN GRANT STUART. HAMILTON, ONTARIO
MISS JANE M. HEYSEL. THOROLD, ONTARIO	MISS NORMA ANN WALSH. <i>(GYNECOLOGY)</i> HAMILTON, ONTARIO
MISS BARBARA L. HUGHSON. NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO	MISS D. HELEN WHITWELL. RICHLEA, SASKATCHEWAN
MISS DOROTHY A. JAFFRAY. DUNKIRK, NEW YORK, U.S.A.	MISS MARGUERITE D. WRIGHT. <i>CLINICAL PATHOLOGY</i> MOOSE-JAW, SASKATCHEWAN
MISS HELEN R. KING. <i>P. MEDICINE</i> NIAGARA FALLS, ONTARIO*	MISS BLANCHE I. YOUNG. <i>PROFESSIONAL ETHETICS</i> PORTAGE LA PRAIRIE, MANITOBA
MISS AGNES ELIZABETH LAING. <i>G. PRACTICE</i> DUNDAS, ONTARIO	



Sister Daniel Theresa
(Helen Caraher '42)

Sister Pauline Marie
(Pauline Gibbons '43)

Aia Clinic

The cost of mailing supplies to a clinic near Hong Kong will be paid by the Nurses' Alumnae Association of St. Joseph's Hospital. The decision was made at a recent meeting of over 175 members of the association held in the auditorium at the hospital. Mrs. Russell Fletcher presided. The supplies will go to Sister Paula Marie, a missionary and member of the association, who is in charge of the eastern clinic. Members endorsed a policy of paying membership fees for any St. Joseph's graduate who is engaged in the mission field.

1962

Alumnae paid cost of mailing supplies
to clinic near Hong Kong
Supplies were sent to Sister Paula Marie '43
A Missionary at the clinic



Violet
Jennings '38

Edith
Douglas

Helen
Caraher '42

Nina
Hinks '38

Kathleen Overholt '42

1942 - served on the Executive Committee of the Nurses Alumnae overseeing Christmas Remembrances
1943 - served as the Corresponding Secretary
1944 - 1945 - she served as the Representative to the R.N.A.O.
1947 - 1948 - she served on the Executive Committee

Graduation Dinner and Dance was held at the Royal Connaught Hotel

Programme

Orchestra - - - - - O Canada

Chairman
W. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M. - Chairman of Staff

Presentation of Diplomas and Pins by

HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Addresses to Graduating Class

HIS WORSHIP
MAYOR MORRISON

O. W. NIEMEIER, M.B., M.D., F.R.C.S. (E.)
President of Hamilton Academy of Medicine

HIS EXCELLENCY
MOST REVEREND JOSEPH F. RYAN, D.D.

Presentation of Prizes

Programme

Prize for General Proficiency
Given by L. L. Playfair, M.D., F.R.C.S. (E.)
Presented by Mrs. Playfair.
MISS AGNES ELIZABETH LAING

Prize for Efficiency in Bedside Nursing
Given by F. Woodhall, M.B.
Presented by Mrs. Woodhall.
MISS MARY R. O'MAHONY

Prize for Surgical Nursing and Examination
Given by John R. Parry, B.A., M.B., F.R.C.S. (C.)
Presented by Miss Rosa Parry.
MISS BETTY H. CRIDLAND

Prize for Medical Nursing and Examination
Given by Wm. P. Downes, B.A., M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. Wm. P. Downes.
MISS RITA M. OSBALDESTON

Prize for Professional Ethics
Given by H. J. Sullivan, M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. H. J. Sullivan.
MISS BLANCHE I. YOUNG

Prize for Nursing and Examination in Preventive Medicine
Given by A. C. Martin, M.B.
Presented by Mrs. A. C. Martin.
MISS HELEN R. KING

Prize for Obstetrical Nursing and Examination
Given by A. A. Cauley, M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. Cauley.
MISS PATRICIA J. MURPHY

Prize for Gynecological Nursing and Examination
Given by Wm. Jamieson, M.D.C.M.
Presented by Mrs. Wm. Jamieson.
MISS NORMA A. WALSH

Prize for Examination and Nursing in Diseases of the Eye, Ear,
Nose and Throat
Given by W. L. Crewson, M.D.C.M., and
H. W. Whytock, M.B., F.R.C.S. (E.)
Presented by Mrs. W. L. Crewson.
MISS JEAN M. MORROW

Prize for Clinical Pathology
Given by John Tilden, M.D.
Presented by his mother, Mrs. Isabelle Tilden.
MISS MARGUERITE D. WRIGHT

Prize for Public Health Nursing
Given in memory of the late Dr. Jas. Roberts by
Mrs. Jas. Roberts.
To be presented by Mrs. Jas. Roberts.
MISS EVA B. DUNKIN

GOD SAVE THE KING



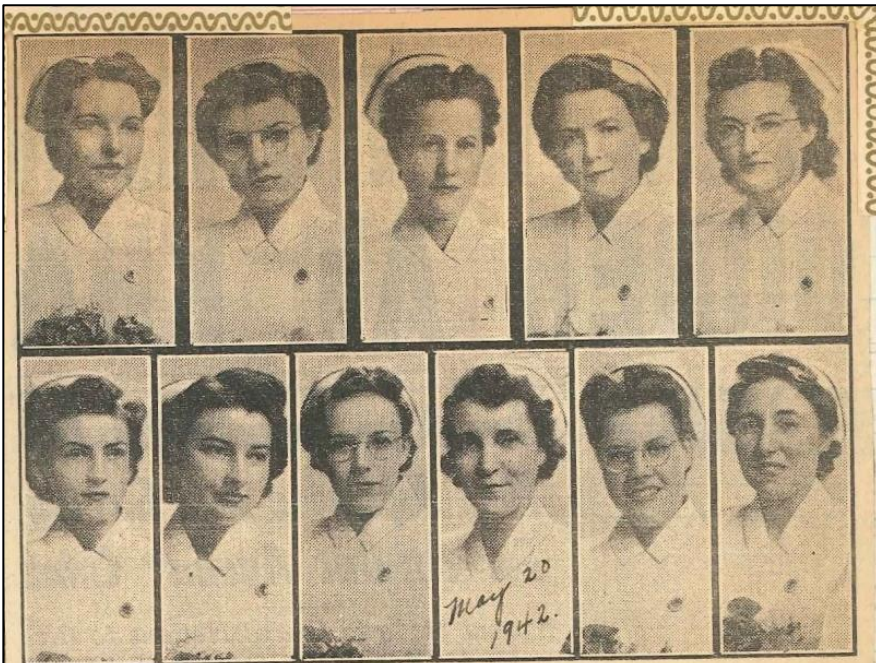
*Casa Maria Nursery
Pictures donated by Frances Ruffing '46*



*1942 Staff in Casa Maria
Alice Lindsay'41 Betty Brown'44*



*Left to right:
Nina Irene Violet Mary Mildred
Hinks'38 Faulkner'43 Jennings'38 Haley'42 Nelles'43*



SPECIAL AWARDS—At graduation exercises of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing to-morrow afternoon the graduates shown above will be presented with prizes. In the centre of the upper row is Miss Agnes Elizabeth Laing, who will receive the prize for general proficiency, given by Dr. L. L. Playfair. Others in the top row are: At the left, Miss Blanche I. Young, prize for professional ethics, given by Dr. H. J. Sullivan; Miss Norma Ann Walsh, prize for gynaecological nursing and examination, given by Dr. William Jamieson. On the other side of Miss Laing are Miss Helen R. King, prize for nursing and examination in preventive medicine, given by Dr. A. C. Martin; and Miss Mary R. O'Mahony, prize for efficiency in bedside nursing, given by Dr. Frank Woodhall. In the lower row they are, from left to right, Miss Rita M. Osbaldeston, prize for medical nursing and examination, given by Dr. William P. Downes; Miss Betty H. Cridland, prize for surgical nursing and examination, given by Dr. John R. Parry; Miss Patricia J. Murphy, prize for obstetrical nursing and examination, given by Dr. A. A. Cauley; Miss Eva B. Dunkin, prize for public health nursing, given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts, by Mrs. James Roberts; Miss Jean M. Morrow, prize for examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, given by Dr. W. L. Crewson and Dr. H. W. Whytock; Miss Marguerite D. Wright, prize for clinical pathology, given by Dr. John Tilden.

—Photos by Hubert Beckett.

1942

Alumnae presented each nurse going overseas with a small gift of an identification bracelet.

Alumnae filled "Ditty Bags" for the Merchant marine from available war funds and donations by Alumnae members.

Alumnae sent Laura Secord Chocolates to nurses overseas as Christmas gifts

PRIZE WINNERS - Class of 1942

TOP ROW left to right

Blanche Young
Norma Walsh
Elizabeth Laing
Helen King
Mary O'Mahoney

professional ethics
gynecological nursing and examination
general proficiency
nursing and examination in preventive medicine
efficiency in bedside nursing

BOTTOM ROW left to right

Rita Osbaldeston
Betty Cridland
Patricia Murphy
Eva Dunkin
Jean Morrow
Marguerite Wright

medical nursing and examination
surgical nursing and examination
obstetrical nursing and examination
public health nursing
examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat.
clinical pathology

"Probies" Class of 1942



Barbara Hughson is 2nd from the left kneeling

Prizes were presented as follows:

Prize for general proficiency, given by Dr. L. L. Playfair—Presented by Mrs. Playfair to Miss Agnes Elizabeth Laing; prize for efficiency in bedside nursing, given by Dr. Frank Woodhall — Presented by Mrs. Woodhall to Miss Mary R. O'Mahony; prize for surgical nursing and examination, given by Dr. John R. Parry—Presented by Miss Rosa Parry to Miss Betty H. Cridland; prize for medical nursing and examination, given by Dr. William P. Downes—Presented by Mrs. William P. Downes to Miss Rita H. Osbaldeston; prize for professional ethics, given by Dr. H. J. Sullivan—Presented by Mrs. H. J. Sullivan to Miss Blanche I. Young; prize for nursing and examination in preventive medicine, given by Dr. A. C. Martin to Miss Helen R. King; prize for obstetrical nursing and examination, given by Dr. A. A. Cauley to Miss Patricia J. Murphy; prize for gynaecological nursing and examination, given by Dr. William Jamieson — Presented by Mrs. William Jamieson to Miss Norma A. Walsh; prize for examination and nursing in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat, given by Dr. W. L. Crewson and Dr. H. W. Whytock—Presented by Mrs. W. L. Crewson to Miss Jean M. Morrow; prize for clinical pathology, given by Dr. John Tilden — Presented by his mother, Mrs. Isabelle Tilden, to Miss Marguerite D. Wright; prize for public health nursing, given in memory of the late Dr. James Roberts by Mrs. James Roberts—Presented by Mrs. James Roberts to Miss Eva B. Dunkin.

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Patricia Borden from New Hampshire contacted the librarian at St Joseph's Hospital regarding information about her mother who graduated from St Joseph's School of Nursing. "My mother's full name was Barbara Lundy Hughson Borden." She was a graduate of the class of 1942. Her daughter identified her mother in the class picture of "probies"

Barbara was Canadian, but her mother went to Niagara Falls, N.Y. when she was born (1921), so she could choose her citizenship when she came of age. She grew up partially in Niagara Falls, Ont. Her mother's maiden name was Lundy and they had a home near the battlefield of 1812, and this home is now gone.

Her father was a civil engineer, but during the depression they moved 1 – 2 times per year looking for work. She lived all over Ontario, New York and Michigan, often going to multiple schools each year.

She entered Nursing School at age 18, knowing that it was a practical profession and that she would always have work. She described her 3 years at St Joseph's with pride, but that it was also extremely hard. She worked 12 hour shifts, 6 days per week, taking the bloody sheets to the basement to wash them. They were never allowed to take off the starched collar and cuffs and were expected to be spotless at all times.

She said there was one Nun, I can't recall her name, who was always finding something wrong with anything she did. Apparently she took a dislike to her and just reprimanded her the entire three years. She had to make the beds so tight that you could bounce a penny off the bottom sheet. On her ½ day off, she would take her brother, who was five years younger, to the movies and fall asleep.

After she graduated, she went to further training for 9 months in New York in Obstetrics, At that time, she chose to be American and joined the US Army. After training in New Jersey, she was sent to Italy to relieve the nurses who came up through Rommel's African Campaign. She was stationed in Naples and in 1945 met my father in the Officer's Club. After they were sent home, they wrote for a while and finally he asked her to marry him. She moved to California and they married in 1947. There she raised her family. My sister, brother and I were born in Pasadena California.

She went to college part time and graduated from the University of California at Irvine in 1969, majoring in English with a minor in French. She also worked per diem at the local hospital, but only started working after 1969. Prior to that she was able to be a full time mother and homemaker while taking college classes one class at a time.

She was also a big volunteer after she stopped working, running the gift shop at the hospital, organizing the library, and running errands for the shut-ins etc.

She travelled some, going to England, Italy, Alaska and Hawaii. She went back to Ontario only several times, once in the 1950's to see her father prior to his death, and again in 1967 with the family when we also went to the World's Fair in Montreal. Her brother lived in Ottawa until his death, but he never visited her in California, and they both died within one month of each other in 2007.

She remained lifelong friends with her nursing school friend, who I believe was Rita Ingersol. Rita lived near London Ontario. They wrote and talked on the phone several times per year. Rita died prior to my mother and she kept in touch with her daughter.

I also chose to become a nurse, and in 1970 my mother said I should go to University, as this was the wave of the future. I now have a Master's Degree and live and work in New Hampshire.

The training my mother received as a nurse shaped her into the person she was and also shaped me as she "trained" me as a child. As a 10 year old, I could make a bed so tight you could bounce a penny off the bottom sheet. Organization was her middle name and mine as well. So even though the Nun reprimanded her for three years, she made her a stronger person for it. She had a good life, her nursing training was the start to a great future.

I wanted to visit Hamilton and close the circle, so to speak, for myself. I wanted to see the place that formed her into the person she became. She held her nursing pin with pride, it was a symbol of all she worked for and became a cherished item.

Thank you for allowing me to share her story. She always said she should write it all down, but never did.



Barbara Hughson '42



Jean Morrow Martin '42



Jean Morrow '42



Aileen McNamara Morrow '44 Jean Morrow Martin '42



Elizabeth Laing '42

Elizabeth Laing '42

1943 convened the dinner for graduating class of 1943 in the Crystal Ballroom of the Royal Connaught Hotel and dinner in the Starlight Room afterwards May 20, 1943 \$1.50 per plate



Mary Haley '42 Sister Mary Austin '43 Norma Walsh '42



Norma Walsh '42



*Front:
Ruth deMontmorency '45 Marion Ionson '45 Frances O'Brien '41 Katherine Dashner '45
Back:
Helen King Marcellus '42 Loreen Leatherdale '43 Catherine Boyle '44*

Helen King Marcellus '42

*1944 The Nurses Alumnae sent two delegates Mildred Hayes '27 and Helen King Marcellus '42, to the R.N.A.O. Convention April 12 – 14, 1944 with all expenses paid .
1945 January Alumnae Bridge & Dance was convened by Mrs. Helen King Marcellus '42 and Mrs. Edith Galloway Wheatley '20
1952 Graduation dance for the Class of 1952 was convened by Mrs. Helen King Marcellus '42 at Brant Inn; dinner in the Burgundy Room.*



Helen King '42



*Frances O'Brien '41 Helen King '42
Loreen Leatherdale '43*

REUNION DAY 2017

Mary Haley Class of '42

Mary Haley Tilden was a graduate of St. Joseph's School of Nursing in 1942. She attended her 75th Anniversary at the Reunion Luncheon in May of 2017 with her niece. She was the most "senior" graduate present and enjoyed looking back at her rewarding career in a variety of nursing roles in the Hamilton area. Mary's niece was at the Archives table and saw a photo album from the 30's and 40's. She recognized Mary and her classmates. She took the album to show Mary and Mary recognized herself, classmates and even her husband. The smile on her face was priceless. Sadly Mary passed away Oct 27, 2017 in her 98th year.



Mary Haley Tilden '42 *Theresa Lobsinger Walsh '45*



Mary Haley '42



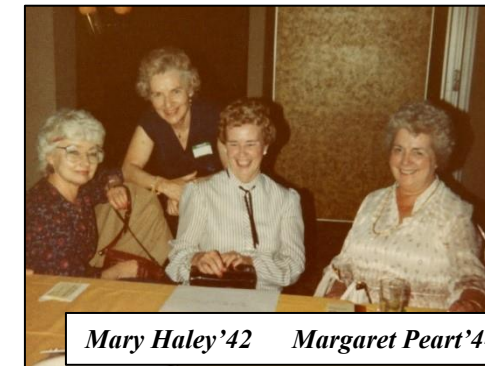
Patricia LaFlamme Savelli '57 *Mary Haley Tilden '42* *Marie Andrychuk Yakimoff '54*



Mary Haley '42



Mary Haley '42 *Marg Enos '41*



Mary Haley '42 *Margaret Peart '44*



Dorothy Duncan '44 *Mary Haley '42*



Reunion Day 2015
Sister Patricia Hanlon '50 *Joan Robinson Phillips '57*
Sister Virginia Hanlon '45 *Mary Haley Tilden '42*

Mary Haley '42 served on the Executive of the Nurses Alumnae

1944 – 1945 served as the Representative to the Canadian Nurse

1947 served on the Executive Committee

1949 – 1950 served as the Recording Secretary

*1949 She convened the February Dance
\$3.00 per couple*

Reunion Day 2015

Theresa Lobsinger Walsh '45 *Mary Haley Tilden '42*



To the Grads of 1942

For those who were able to attend the Reunion Day Events but were unable to stay for the photos, and to those who were unable to attend the Reunion Day Events:

Happy 75th Anniversary



1942 - 2017



LEFT TO RIGHT

1942

MARGUERITE WRIGHT, HELEN KING, PATRICIA MURPHY,
MARGARET O'DONNELL, NORMA WALSH, RITA GRANTON, ELLEN STUART,
ROSIE CRAG, JEAN MORROW, BETTY OGDON, HELEN WHITWELL,
BARBARA HUGHSON, MARGARET CROWTHER, JANE HEYSEL, RUTH BEDARD,
VIOLE CLARK, DOROTHY JAFFREY, RITA OMBALDESTON,
KATHLEEN OVERHOLT, EVA DUNN, TERESA McISSAC, HELEN CARANOR,
BLANCHE YOUNG, MARY O'MAHONEY, RUTH RHODES, ELIZABETH LARK,
MARY PALEY.

Sr. Mary Dympna Dies at Hamilton

In the death of Sister Mary Dympna which occurred on Friday evening, January 18, the Sisters of St. Joseph, Hamilton, lost one of the oldest and most revered members of the Community.

Daughter of the late John Sullivan and Catharine Brennan, early settlers of Owen Sound and exemplary Catholics, Sister Dympna entered the Community as a young girl, and devoted her entire life to the service of God.

God was munificent in bestowing on Sister Dympna rare spiritual gifts to which she, with the evident determination of imitating Christ, as far as humanly possible, responded generously throughout the fifty-six years of her religious life. In her care of the sick, the old, the poor, the afflicted, she manifested a zealous devotion and revealed the beauty of her character and the sincerity of the sacrifice of her life as a true spouse of Christ. The Community seeing her holiness, prudence and executive ability placed her in positions of trust to all of which she brought the same spirit, the same indefatigable labor. In her humility her self-effacement, she sedulously shunned the attention and honor attached to the office she held. With the sole motive of pleasing God and fulfilling His Will, she gave herself to her work, quietly and entirely, seeking the approval of Him only for Whom she labored so faithfully. The traditions of the Community were especially dear to her, and remarkable for fidelity in the observance of the Holy Rule, she strove to inculcate and maintain the spirit that inspired the early members of the Community.

One of the three Sisters who formed the first staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton, she maintained a keen interest in its development and expansion. While holding the office of Superior in St. Joseph's Hospital Guelph, she successfully completed the extension of the building. After fifteen years as Mother Assistant at St. Joseph's Convent, Hamilton, she returned in 1942 to the staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton. The failing strength inevitable with the passing years, evoked no complaint from the lips of this truly gentle servant of God; and until two days prior to her death, she faithfully completed the duties of the charge assigned her. Hers was the rare privilege to assist at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and receive Holy Communion until almost the end. Fortified with the Sacraments of the Church and all its benedictions her life closed peacefully and she passed to her eternal reward.

Solemn high Mass of requiem was celebrated in the chapel of the Motherhouse by Rt. Rev. J. F. Hinchey, assisted by Rev. Jos. McCowell and Rev. J. A. O'Brien as deacon and subdeacon. Present in the sanctuary were: Rt. Rev. Jos. Englert, Rev. L. Batte, C. R., Rev. J. J. Hennessey, S. J., Rev. T. F. Mulhall, Rev. V. Priestner, Rev. A. J. O'Brien, Rev. P. Bodendistel, Rev. J. L. Wilhelm, Rev. L. Ryan.

The pallbearers were: Leonard Walsh, John Walsh, Joseph Sullivan, James Sullivan, Terrance

Hamilton nephews of the deceased and Dr. W. P. Downes.

Surviving are two brothers, John Sullivan, Detroit, Mich., Edward Sullivan, Toronto, and two sisters, Mrs. Edward O'Connor, Walkerton, and Mrs. H. J. Nelly, Evanston, Ill.

Committal prayers in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery were said by Re. Rev. J. F. Hinchey, assisted by Rev. J. L. McBride and Rev. T. F. Mulhall. R.I.P.

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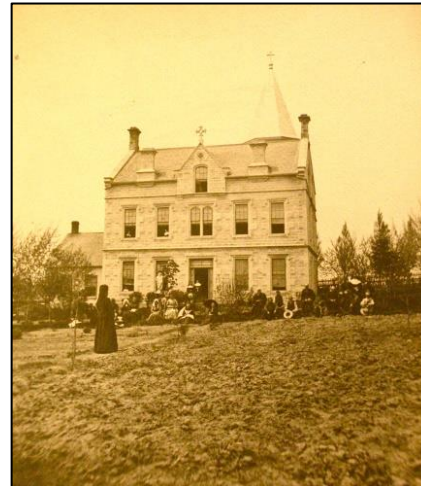
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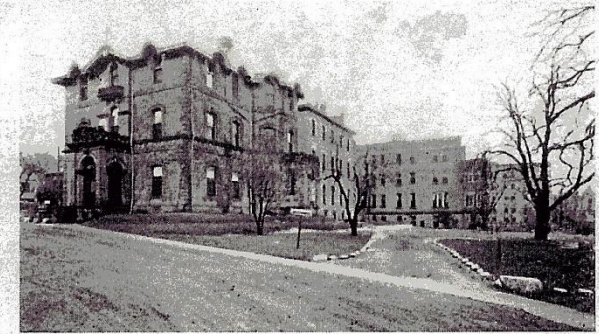
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She entered eternal life on January 18, 1946.



**St. Joseph Hospital, Guelph.
Early 1900's**

St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton



This hospital was opened on June 11th, 1890. The building on John Street South which, as the home of Honourable John Young, had been known

as "Undermount," was purchased by the late Bishop Dowling for an episcopal residence. It was decided, however, to convert it into a hospital under the direction of the Sisters of St. Joseph, four of whom undertook its establishment—Mother M. Philip Lenatin, Superior, and Sisters M. Bride Cleary, M. Regina Tobin and M. Dympna Sullivan.

The original stone building which forms the administrative wing of the present hospital had a capacity of twenty-five beds. To this, St. Ann's wing was added in 1902 which increased the capacity to fifty beds, surgical and medical. The addition of a surgical wing of seventy-five beds was made in 1916, and the department of obstetrics, which had been opened in 1912, was in 1924 transferred to Casa Maria, the former Bisby residence.

The home of the late Adam Brown was acquired and used as a Nurses' residence and training school in 1911. The first class of nurses graduated in 1914. The expansion of the hospital and the consequent growth of the training school necessitated, in 1922, the building of the present modern and very attractive Nurses' Residence and School, known as "Undermount."

In 1929 a fireproof domestic residence was completed which provides accommodation for the employees and the staff of the hospital.

Our Lady of Victory wing, built in 1941, added a new suite of five operating rooms and a central supply room, as well as further bed accommodation.