## THE GOLDEN CROWNING

## AN IDEAL TEACHER

The central figure in St. Ann's corps of teachers was Sister M. Loretto. She was born at Lacolle, P.Q., and came to Victoria in 1882, being then in her twentieth year. A brow of superior intellect displayed her rich endowments.

Sisten M. Loretto was one of Nature's noblest women; affable and generous, a deep student, and refined scholar. To her learning was added a charm of manner, a subtle attraction in conversation, by which those who came under her influence always experienced pleasure and profit.

Combined with her rare gifts and talents was a deep-rooted humility, which caused her at all times to regard herself as "the feeble handmaid of the Lord."

Though her attainments and participation in the government of the Sisterhood raised her to an elevated plane, love of poverty and docility to the slightest wish of her superior, were her distinctive traits.

According to human views, so valuable a career should have been prolonged into the years, but Sister M. Loretto was still in her prime, having taught twenty-two years and been Superior three, when the Divine Master called her to the reward promised those who leave father and mother, home and country for His sake.

## MOTHER M. GUARDIAN ANGEL

Six provincial superiors have guided the destinies of St. Ann's Institute in the West. Of these, four are living.

Mother M. Guardian Angel, known as the "gracious French lady," was the third provincial. She came to British Columbia in 1901, on the completion of a second term in the onerous charge of Superior General, with headquarters in the Mother House, at Lachine, P.Q.

So esteemed is her worth as a gentle and efficient ruler that fortynine years, out of her fifty-one in religious life, have been spent as Superior in the most important Convents of St. Ann's Institute.

## **MOTHER M. DES CINQ PLAIES**

The fourth provincial superior was Mother M. des Cinq Plaies, an energetic woman, full of initiative, and prompt in execution. The period of her succeasful administration—1908-1914—was marked by the erection of new Convents in Kamloops and Nanaimo, and by considerable extensions to St. Ann's Academy in Victoria, and the Convent in New Westminster.