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Some Memories of Miss Grier

ROSE GRIER, the eldest daughter and third child of the large family born to the Rev. John Grier and his wife, a member of the well-known family of Geddes, was born at the Carrying Place, near Trenton, Ontario, her father's first parish. She seems to have inherited strength of character and great common sense from both parents. She was very bright and talented, and when quite young became organist and choirmistress at Belleville, her father's later charge. Here she is said to have introduced for the first time "Hymns Ancient and Modern" to choir and congregation. She engaged in private teaching through the week.

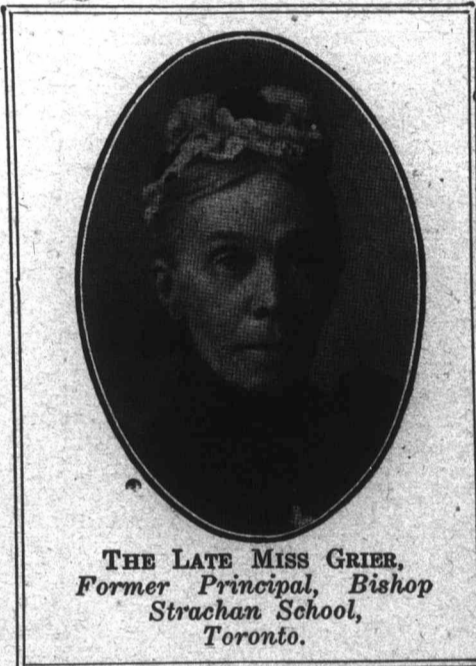
Two cups of happiness were offered her in her young days, the one holding the prospect of a happy marriage, the other, some years later, offering a life of dedication to God's service as a Sister of the Community of St. Mary, Wantage. Both were taken from her, the one by the death of her betrothed, the other by the summons to her father's deathbed just before her intended entrance on the novitiate.

In 1876 Miss Grier was chosen to fill the vacant post of Head Mistress of Bishop Strachan School. The call for the higher education of women which had worked such a change in England was being loudly heard and echoed in Canada, and Miss Grier's gift of sanctified common sense, her powers of teaching and governing, and her broad outlook, from the viewpoint of the Catholic faith, over the whole field of women's activities, rightful aims, and highest life, were urgently needed.

She threw herself heart and soul into the work before her, with what searchings of heart, what intense prayer, those who know her best may best understand. One side of her vigorous personality was her steady, consistent, humble life of communion with God. Another characteristic was her eager watchfulness over each child sent to her. Every girl in the

school felt that Miss Grier loved her individually, that she was the object of her personal care, that she was prayed for, and that she could go to the Head for sympathy and help at any time, and find it. Her Scripture classes were a joy, for her religion was a real thing, and she was devoted to her Church. A girl might be heard to say that Miss Grier would find religion in "that disgusting Euclid and arithmetic."

One great secret of her influence, over teachers and pupils alike, was her belief that each one was doing



THE LATE MISS GRIER,
Former Principal, Bishop
Strachan School,
Toronto.

her best, and so she won the best from them. She was very just in punishment, and her sense of humour saved her from the mistake of preaching or over zeal, and a sulky fit would often be averted by a few words of timely fun. "Look for the eyes in the back of my head before you do that again," she said suddenly to a girl who was writing a note when she thought Miss Grier safely em-

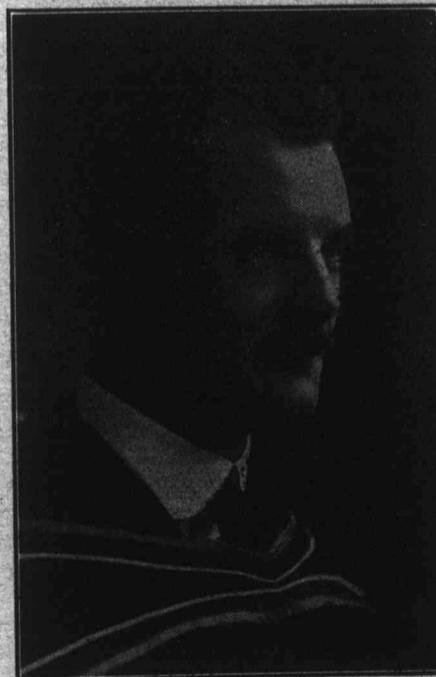
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Our New Missionary for Japan

Last Sunday morning Rev. Cuthbert Cooper Robinson, who is leaving for Nagoya, Japan, as a foreign missionary, was ordained by the Bishop of Toronto, at St. Alban's Cathedral. The ordination sermon was preached by Canon Morley.

Rev. Cuthbert Robinson is the son of one of the first missionaries to leave Canada for the foreign field. Following in their father's footsteps, the entire family, the one son and two daughters, have taken up missionary work, Miss Hilda Robinson in Japan, Mrs. George Bryce (formerly Miss Lucy Robinson) in India, and Rev. Cuthbert Robinson also going to Japan.

Rev. Cuthbert Robinson is a graduate of Toronto University and of Wycliffe College. He served with the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry for three years and eight months. He was recently married to Mrs. Jean Bryce, of Ottawa. Mrs. Robinson is a graduate in Arts of the University of Toronto and, besides interest in Student Christian Association work, showed leadership in women's athletics being captain of hockey and tennis teams.



REV. CUTHBERT COOPER ROBINSON, B.A.

At the service Canon Gould read special prayers for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and Miss Cooke who is returning to her field.

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