

untimely death of their dearly-loved and estimable Mother Mary Scholastica, whose name has been so closely interwoven with the welfare of the community for many long years and whose affable disposition and sweet motherly manner endeared her to all who came in contact with her.

### ***Decoration of Church.***

But sorrows and separations, heart-breaking though they be, cannot stay the progress which God's holy work demands, and, within a year, the beautifying of God's sacred temple, the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows, was commenced. This work comprised the decorating and painting of the interior, which magnificent piece of art is fully described in another passage. Let it be mentioned that this elegant finish on the interior of the Church was accomplished chiefly through the valuable support and generous co-operation of the energetic sisters themselves, who strove by every means to raise sufficient funds for this praiseworthy work of beauty.

### ***Novitiate and Orphanage.***

So increased was the number of candidates during the next few years, that the over-crowded Novitiate demanded further enlargement, and thereupon was adopted the plan of erecting a Novitiate and Orphanage as well, at St. Mary's of the Lake, a most picturesque and healthful location. After two years of laborious planning and various disappointments in the enterprise, the immense and elegant structure known as St. Mary's of the Lake, stands to view on a breezy bluff, overlooking the magnificent scenery of Lake Ontario.

Here it is that Mother Mary of the Sacred Heart (Gardiner) who from the early days of the foundation, has worked so zealously in the spiritual and temporal interests of her community, is charged with the sacred duty of moulding the hearts and minds of those young ladies who desire to learn the secrets and practice the virtues of a true religious life.