

Another young aspirant who had not yet pronounced her final vows, Sister Bridget (Ellen Hynes) was next called from her devoted labor of caring the infirm and aged. Her life had been faithfully passed in serving God in the persons of His poor, and after passing only a few but happy years in religion, she has gone to join her kind Sisters in heaven, who wear the crowns their works have earned.

The Feast of the Annunciation, 1905, was rendered sadly memorable by the early and sudden death of Sister Mary Raphael (Catherine Slavin). She was in truth one of the best loved and devoted members of the Institute, but it was especially to the Sisters of the Mission house in Brockville where her death occurred, that she was particularly endeared. In Sister Mary Raphael's life we have an exquisite blending of labor and prayer; she followed in the busy footsteps of Martha zeal serving the poor and lowly, without however, neglecting to nourish the soul with Mary's restful spirit in holy meditation and pious aspirations. In death a calm serenity beamed on her angelic countenance expressing the candor, modesty and goodness which characterized her during life. May her soul now enjoy the sweet company of the Mother of God, whom she so strongly loved during life.

Fittingly compared to the rose ruthlessly plucked in life's summer morn, was the primal bloom of Sister Mary Rita's (Catherine Cournoyier) life in God's garden—the religious state. For scarcely had this amiable young novice pledged her sacred vows to her Heavenly Bridegroom to labor among Christ's distressed members, when to the grief of the Community, the voice of the Divine Reaper summoned her innocent soul to the glories of heaven. She was a "Victim of Charity" for it was while waiting on a fever patient outside the convent, that this lovable Sister contracted the disease which terminated her young life March 11th, 1906.

The painful wound of separation was barely healed, when, God, Whose ways are not our ways, demanded from His precious chosen band, whom He had so recently called on for a sacrifice their reverend and gentle Mother Mary Scholastica (Bridget