

honors of the altar. "

When the Foundress was taken away, the Congregation possessed four houses ; it counted thirty professed religious members, seven novices and as many postulants. To-day, after the lapse of sixty years, it directs one hundred and twenty-four establishments, all teaching centers ; has a professed membership of nearly sixteen hundred, and imparts education to almost, if not quite thirty thousand pupils.

Four years after the Mother's lamented decease, it was decided to cut off from the Convent grounds a portion that would serve as a cemetery. Bishop Bourget blessed this " God's acre," even at that early date so shaded with trees as to be quite hidden from the casual eye, and authorized the Sisters to transfer hither the bodies until now interred beneath the chapel. Mother Mary Rose found place at the foot of the great central cross, so that, in the field of rest after labor, she might still be, as it were, in the midst of her children. Filial piety has made of this sequestered spot a place of pilgrimage. Upon the low mound draped with ever green and fragrant