

At the close of the fortieth year of its history the Death Record of the Institute comprises on the bead-roll of sanctified souls, twenty-three cherished members, and sadly is the new era, prefaced by a loving tribute in memory of a pious young religious, Sister M. Patrick [Mary Agnes Donovan]. In the vineyard of Christ she cared for the orphans with great kindness, and to the aged and afflicted with a tenderness almost incredible. The Community early recognized the superior qualities that characterized the youthful soul, and placed her in the responsible position of Assistant, Secretary and Bursar of St. Vincent de Paul Hospital, but it is not for her ability and her intellectual gifts that she will be remembered but for her cherry disposition and warmth of heart, her unaffected piety and zeal for the glory of God. Just ten months since death had visited the Community, elapsed when a precious young religious whose life-span though short, had merited an enduring place in the recollection of her Sisters, was crowned by a beautiful death. This was Sister Mary Veronica [Maud Dennee] whose humble submission and reverence for the voice of God, through Superior, characterized her in the pursuit of her noble calling. In the class-room she was revered, ever benign and wholly religious. Her vigilance and promptness in every thing pertaining to school and pupils signalized her as a successful teacher, and it is hoped that the remembrance of her good deeds will secure many a fervent prayer for the repose of her soul.

On the evening of September 29, 1903, cold death again invaded the ranks of this religious family and took from their midst one who may be designated a Perfect Religious, Sister Mary Rose, of Lima (Mary Brickley). It was particularly in trying circumstances that she gave good example, ever counselling her companions to be silent under real or imaginary injustice. In February she departed from the Brockville Mission where she had most devotedly labored in the hospital and office of Secretary, and ere seven months had passed this valuable life was gently and