

twenty-five days in the religious life.

APRIL 2, SUNDAY.— **Death of Sister M. Agnes (Mary Ives), choir Sister.**— Since to die is not, in reality sad, we borrow, from the office, of the Liturgy of Palm Sunday, the following words and we say, " Blessed be death which came in the name of the Lord to take our dear Sister M. Agnes to introduce her into the celestial Jerusalem ".

Sister M. Agnes belonged to a well-to-do family of Boston, studied three years at our boarding-school at Hochelaga. She obtained not only her graduation medal but a solid culture quite vast. Due to her intelligence and her love of study, she continued after her entry into our Community to increase her learning and she became one of our most competent English teachers.

We are indebted to one of her pupils for the following : -- From the year 1909 to that of 1928, there dwelt in our midst at St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg, a little lady known to the students and faculty as " Sister M. Agnes ". Of frail physique, slight in build, she gave to the casual acquaintance, the impression of one whose efforts might be of necessity limited and whose influence, in consequence, would be narrowed in scope. Yet, how quickly this impression gave way to one of very different character, we who knew her and loved her, learned very quickly.

A worthy successor of the first : " Sister M. Agnès ", one of the first three members of the Holy Name Order, she was a woman of culture, sincerity and deep piety. At once to her pupils she was the teacher and friend. No difficulties were too great, no limit existed to her patience in carefully presenting to them a well-balanced aspect of the particular study of the moment. The characteristics of the Holy Names' teaching had their highest exponent in this qualified member of their Community : " love of piety, attentiveness to the work in hand, respect, moderation, deference, punctuality, a constant cheer-

fulness, a sane and judicious valuation of ordinary happenings." To these may be added the virtue of humility which she possessed in a very marked degree. In this, it seems to the writer, she excelled as a teacher and example, for possessed of so brilliant a mind, capable of such beauty of expression in thought and in word, she constantly referred all to the Great Creator — to quote her own words in a letter acknowledging a gift of flowers from the writer. "Of course I did not keep them long in my little cell's seclusion, as I thought that other sisters should share the pleasure with me-- and above all the dear Lord who created those lovely flowers and all things beautiful."

A devoted teacher, Sister M. Agnes was also a writer of great ability, her plays, founded upon Holy Scripture, for presentation in colleges and schools being in great demand, not only in our country but also from points overseas -- Australia, Philippine Islands, England, etc. Sixty-eight of her compositions were printed and scarcely a day passed without bringing her an order to fill. Sister also wrote *cum permissu superiorum* for various magazines and though retired from active teaching duties, in late years she continued to labor in Our Lord's vineyard till the last. She translated the "Little Chronicle" for several years and Mother General's circulars until last year. She edited "The Mission Review", a magazine published by the Sisters of the Holy Names in aid of their missions in Africa, and to bring to the pupils of the Order, past and present, the work being done by the Community. That she should have been the means of promoting, from her wheelchair, -- to which she had been confined of recent years, -- the work of the missions, after her long life of active hours in the class-room, must have been a great consolation to her. "The missionaries are the greatest heroes of the world", she would often repeat.

Her life was but a preparation for the greater life to-come

and those of us, her former pupils, whose rare privilege it was to have had Sister M. Agnes as our inspiration, do not regret her entrance into the home of her Father, that home towards which she had travelled so long and so faithfully. Rather do we joyfully give thanks that so gentle, so courageous a sister taught us the lessons of her foundress, Mother Marie Rose. With Saint Paul, we say from our hearts, "I give thanks to my God in every remembrance of you."

Sister M. Agnes was seventy-seven years, eight months, thirteen days old and spent fifty-five years, seven months, twenty-seven days in the religious life.