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## INTRODUCTION.

GTN the forlowing pages is a brief sketch of Villanova, the second foundation of importance in the United States, belonging to the Augustinian Order.

Towards the close of the last quarter of the eighteenth century two Fathers of the Irish Augustinian Province, Rev. Matthew Carr, D.D.and Rev. John Rosseter, made the first foundation of the Order at Philadelphia, Pa.

Here in 1796 was begun on Fourth street the church of St. Augustine, the first in the newly united Colonies to be dedicated to this great Saint and chief of the Latin Doctors.

In I8ir was opened St. Augustine's Academy, and some years later on a novice-house of the Order.

In this sketch of the later foundation of the Order at Villanova, will be told the story of its foundation in 1842 , of the blessing given to it by Pope Gregory XVI, in 1843, and, in brief, of the various vicissitudes that have befalien the monastery, the college and the missions-in charge of the Fathers-during the first fifty years of their residence.

At the outset, it seems only proper for the compiler to declare that. unless otherwise noted, the various data that appear herein have been drawn from original sources of information. Should his labor prove as interesting and useful to the reader, as it has been pleasing to him, his
work in gathering and verifying the large mass of facts, names and dates contained herein, will not have been in vain.

At the close of this volume will be found four appendices containing: I.-A summary of the chief events in Villanova's history ; II.-A list of the Presidents of Villanova College; III.-The number of students in each year, and, IV.-A list of students from 1843 to February r, 1893, with their residence, and the years of their entry and departure.


## ODE FOR THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF VILLANOVA COLLEGE.

## I.

$\square^{H}$
H ! blest be the day, when the sun's golden ray
First shone on these shades, Villanova revealing !
Like the sunrise that shone on King Memnou's famed stone, Awaking a strain full of fervor and feeling !

Grave doctor and sage
In that long-vanished age,
Their record inscribed on our history's page, While the sons of St. Austin, with tears and with toil, Their altars uprear'd on this prayer-hailow'd soil !

## II.

Their altars, their school, where the Monk's kindly rule With Virtue and Wisdon form'd loyal alliance, Guiding youths, (now grown gray, or at rest 'neath the clay,) To the fountains of Faith, and the well-springs of Science !

Ah! should we not clain
For its guardians, the fane,
That linger'd, of yore, 'round each love-lighted name:
The perfume of sages and saints passed away,
Still hovers around Alma Mater to-day !

## III.

With immortal renown, 'tis St. Thomas we crown, When we chant, with delight, Villanova's glad praises; For Angustine's great son for his brethren hath won A giory, that earth and its minions amazes !

Not the glory of Time,
(A mere vapor sublime!)
But the glory that lives when Time's death-knell shall chime !
The halo, all fadeless, that Faith loves to paint 'Round the altar that shrines Villanova's dear Saint!.
IV.

Fifty years have gone by, since we throned him on high, As patron and guide of a past generation;
And the rapture, to-day, of our JUBILEE gay,
Proclaims him our patron and guide to salvation!
While his sons have increas'd, And while prelate aud priest Assemble to honor and brighten our feast,--
Let us toast with a tear, the blest shades we revere, Our FOUNDERS and friends-the departed and dear !

## V.

All homage be paid the illustrious Dead!
May their mantle descend on our guardians and masters !
And success to the Boys, full of knowledge and noise, Who have pass'd from these halls to Life's dreams or disasters!

Time, trembling and old,
Like a be: mit hath told
On his glittering chaplet, five decades of gold,-Villanova still lives !-Like the stars of the morn, May she live, may she shine, thro' the ages unborn!
-Eleanor C. Donnelly.*

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## CHAPTER I.

BELLE-AIR FROM 1806 TO 1842.


ELLE-AIR, or Villanova, as it has now been known for the last fifty years and more, has been in Catholic hands from almost the beginning of the century.

On October 13, 1806, John Rudolph, that old-time sturdy and well-known Catholic merchant and gentleman of Philadelphia, purchased one hundred acres of land in Radnor township. Delaware County, Pennsylvania, belonging to Jonathan Miller, "innkeeper" in Haverford Township, and Sarah, his wife, for $\$ \mathrm{ro}, 000$, "in current gold and silver money of the United States." The land, as described in the title deed, begins "at a post, a corner of the widow Jerman's land ; thence W. S. W. by the same, 134 perches to John Evans' land; thence by the same, S. S. E., 120 perches ; thence E. N. E., by land of Henry Reese, 134 perches; thence N. N. W. 120 perches to place of beginning." On this tract are located the monastery and college buildings of Villanova.

By subsequent purchases Mr. Rudolph acquired four other pieces of land near by and adjoining the Miller tract; on April 16, 1812, from James Paul, administrator, two farms of 150 and 56 acres respectively, the estate of Thomas Paul, of Sussex county, New Jersey, deceased, for $\$ 11,000$; on April $1 \mathrm{r}, \mathrm{r} 8 \mathrm{r} 8$, from Peter Gaskill, "farmer," and his wife, Elizabeth, a farm of 35 acres and 26 perches, for $\$ 6,622$, and on March 30, 1831 , from Abraham Carear and the Guyger family, a fourth farm of 86 acres and 79 perches. In so fat as concerns our story; it may be added that Mr. Rudolph parted with 229 acres of his land, the

Carear and Guyger farm being sold, on December 11, 1832, by John Rudolph and his wife, Elizabeth, to Bernard Flynn, "gentleman."
John Rudolph, the former owner of what is now Villanova, was born in Philadelphia, about $\mathbf{1 7 6 0}$; served as lieutenant in the Revolutionary War ; was many years in business at Burlington, N. J., and in Philadelphia, and married three times: (r) Anna Brand, by whom he had two daughters, Catharine, born Oct. 22, 5762, and Mary, born Dec. 21, 1782; Catharine died at Burlington, N. J., in 1798 , and Mary in 1872. (2) Elizabeth Courtney, or Cooper, of Philadelphia, who, a year or so before her marriage, was received into the Church, and, (3) on January 7, 1836, Miss Jane Abeel Lloyd.

At the date of Mr. Rudolph's purchase of the Miller property, there were no improvements on it. Mr. Miller had started to build a residence, when by its sale, the unfinished building-with the land-passed into the hands of John Rudolph. He shortly after had the dwelling completed.

A certain Jesse Horton, a carpenter of the neighborhood, was its builder. On the completion of his residence, Mr. Rudolph left his city for his country home, and after a fashion of the day christened it "Belle-Air," in remembrance, it is said, of his father's native place in Maryland.

On an old chart of the Rudolph property the name "Belle-Air," is spelled as given in the text, though by reference to geographical atlases, it. appears that, now-adays at least, the town in Maryland, in Harford county, is spelled diversely, namely, Belair.

In the possession of the compiler of this sketch is a chart, entitled "A Plan of Belle-Air," made in Mr. Rudolph's day, representing his country seat at Radnor, the location of its various buildings, and the field lines dividing the property. It is a neat piece of drafting in

India ink, done evidently by an expert. A reduced facsimile of this chart has"been prepared for this work. The original measures 14 by $121 / 2$ inches. On the chart, but


PLATR II.-"A PLAN OF BELLEAAR" - bowing (1) the buidings namely, the mansion-housc between two willow trees; a little north-west of it the carriage-house; towards the upper right hand corner, the spring-house, itside a circle: beyond it, the fatm-house shaded by a tree and, near by, a barn; (2) the carriage drives from the Lancaster Road, and the private ways connecting the buitdingo and (3) the various divisions of the land in acres, perches and fractions of perches, namely, $t$, the lawn
 field ( 176.70 ) ; 6, field ( 16.18 .39 ) ; 7, field ( 13.5 .65 ) ; 8, field ( 44 437.93) ; 9. wood-1and (ix. 2I.49);
 the total acreage given as $\log$ acres, $6 \%$ perches and 25 huudredths.
outside of the square is a "Table of References" giving the contents of the several fields; these in condensed form are printed with the chart.*

[^1]At Belle-Air Mr. Rudolph passed the last thirty years of his life; he died on March 30,1838 . Yet with all its comforts, there was one draw-back to Belle-Air's being an jdeal country home. Until the late '2os, there was no Catholic church nearer than Philadelphia, whither Mr. Rudolph drove every Sunday.

In 1828, on Thursday, May 15, St. Denis' Church at Cobb's Creek, about three miles away, was blessed by Rev. Dr. Hurley, O.S.A. of St. Augustine's. Mr. Rudolph had offered Bishop Conwell, a site for a church, namely, that piece of land which lies just east of and adjoining the college woods on the Lancaster Road, but his offer was not accepted.

For the accommodation of visiting clergymen, Mr. Rudolph had an altar fitted up at Belle-Air, in the parlor at the south-west corner of the mansion, between the two front windows, and many a time was Belle-Air blessed with the Holy Mass within its walls. Among the priests who are known to have said Mass at Belle-Air, in Mr. Rudolph's day, were Fathers William and Nicholas O'Donneil and Dr. Hurley, of St. Augustine's, Philadelphia.

These three priests were Augustinians; Father William left the United States for Europe in 1831. It is also on record that some secular priests said Mass at Belle-Air, namely: Rev. James A. Miller, Rev. William Loughran and Rev. Edward J. Sourin, who afterwards joined the Society of Jesus. Fr. Miller sang Mass at Belle-Air some time in 1838 , and Mr. Rudolph played the organ. As Fr. Miller was ordained on March 11, 1838, and Mr. Rudolph died a few days after, viz., March 30 , the time of Fr. Miller's celebration may be closely approximated. Fr. Loughran said Mass at Belle-Air on July 30, 1839 .

At Bernard Flynn's house, near by; baptism was administered by Rev. Bernard Keenan, of St. Mary's Church, Lancaster, to a newly born child of the Flynns. This is the earliest baptism on record near Beile-Air.

On Friday, March 30, 1838, after a long life, replete with good deeds, John Rudolph was gathered to his fathers. His remains were interred at St. Mary's, Philadelphia.

In 1841, Mr. John R. Vogdes, who had been appointed trustee by Mr. Rudolph two years before his death, offers Belle-Air for sale. Here is a copy of the trustee's proclamation, to wit:
"Positive Sale by Order of Trustee.-The very valuable Farm, well known as the Estate of the late John Rudolph, deceased, containing about 200 acres of first rate Land.

Will be sold at Public Sale on Thursday, the 14th day of October, A. D., 1841, at I o'clock in the afternoon, on the Premises,

All that valuable Farm beautifully situated on the Lancaster Turnpike and Philadelphia and Columbia Railroad, in Radnor Township, Delaware County, about to miles from the city, containing about 200 acres of first tate Land, about 40 acres of which are wood of superior quality of oak and hickory. The improvements are a two story stone Mansion 46 feet front by 36 feet 6 inches deep, and two story stoue kitchen (back) 38 feet by 21 feet 6 inches, with piaz$z a s,-5$ rooms on the first floor, with a spacious hall, 7 rooms on the second floor, and 3 large garrets; a large stone Barn, 69 feet by 46 feet, with stabling for 40 head of cattle and 15 horses, with spacious garners; a stone Coach House, with stabling for 6 horses; a small Farm House, and a stone Barn sufficient to stable 20 head of cattle; a stone spring Honse and spring of excellent water; a large stone smoke house and poultry house, under which is a commodious hog house, also, a double corn crib.

The Farm is divided into fields of convenient size enclosed with good fencing. There is a fine apple orchard of choice fruit. Both of the above mentioned Roads pass through the premises. The above Farm will be sold together or in parts to suit purchasers.

Persons inclined to purchase are particularly requested
to visit the premises and attend the sale, as there will be no postponement on account of the weather.

Terms and conditions and all other information made known at time of sale, or on application to the subscriber, T. W. L. Freeman, Auctioneer. September 14, 1841. Auction Store, No. 50 North 6th St."

So excellent an opportunity for a charming country-seat could not well go long without a bidder. Its elevated site* and healthful location, its abundance of wood and water-there are four large springs on the property-the high state of tillage of the farm and orchards, and its rich meadow lands, not to speak of its comparative easiness of approach from all quarters, were advantages more than sufficient to recommend it either as a private residence or a public institution. Rev. Thomas Kyle, of St. Augustine's, and Dr. Moriarty, commissary of the province, recognized it as just the spot for an establishment of the Order, and, on Wednesday, October 13,1841 , the day before the one announced for the public sale, Belle-Air was purchased by them for $\$ 18,000$. The deed of conveyance describes the property as consisting of 197 acres, 2 roods and 3 x perches, and says that it is composed of the whole of the Miller, part of the Paul, and the whole of the Gaskill estates. On January 5, 1842, title to Belle-Air was granted to the "Brothers of the Order of Hermits of St. Augustine."

Shortly after the sale of the farm, Mrs. Rudolph sold the Fathers the house furniture and farming utensils, appraised by Messrs. Dennis Kelly and Firman at $\$ 3,400$. In five years' time, the Fathers had paid off all this indebtedness, with the exception of $\$ 2,000$.

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## CHAPTER II.

## VILLANOVA FROM 1842 TO 1846.

In 1842 there were but five priests of the Order in the country namely, Dr. Moriarty, commissary, and Fathers Kyle and O'Dwyer, in Philadelphia, and Fathers Nicholes and James O'Donnell, in Brooklyn.

Some time late in the fall of ' 42 , or during the early winter of ' $43, *$ Fr. O'Dwyer, being in poor health, was sent abroad to recruit. In the summer of ' 43 , he returned with health much improved, with Rev. Francis Ashe, priest, and Rev. William Harnett, deacon, who had made their novitiate and studies in houses of the Order in Italy. Fr. Ashe a native of Cork, Ireland, and Brother Harnett, of Philadelphia, were born in the same year- 1820 .

In the meantime, in the early spring of ' 43 , Brothers Dennis Gallagher and Jeremiah Ryan were sent from St. Augustine's to Belle-Air to open the house. Brother Ryan, a native of Tipperary, in Ireland, was a kinsman of the Fathers O'Donnell and of Rev. James Dolan, a secular priest of Baltimore.

Brother Gallagher, better known as Brother John-his name in religion-was a native of county Donegal. These two Brothers were the first members of the Order to reside at Villanova. Mrs. O'Leary, honsekeeper at St. Augustine's, was installed as matron, and with the Mouldens, who lived in a $\log$ farm-house on "Mount Misery," $\dagger$ helped in taking care of the farm and dairy.

[^3]William and Julia Moulden are the first known colored Catholics in the neighborhood. William had lived at Belle-Air since about 1833, and Julia in the neighborhood from girlhood. In 1841, Feb. 21, they were married at St. Denis', by Rev. Michael O'Connor, afterwards bishop of Pittsburgh, and their wedding dinner was given to them by Mrs. Rudolph in what is now the pantry.

As regards the first establishment of community life at Villanova, it is tradition* that Fr. O'Dwyer said Mass in the parlor oratory and blessed the new monastery on St. Augustine's Day, Monday, August 28, 1843, and placed it under the especial patronage of St. Thomas of Villanova.

Besides the community present at this Mass were the housekeeper, the two Mouldens and a few Catholics of the neighborhood, viz., Thomas McNally and his wife Mary, their son and his wife, James McKeever and his wife, James Dougherty and a few others, whose names are forgotten, numbering in all about a dozen souls.

The selection of St. Thomas of Villanova as chief patron of the institution was a most appropriate and a singularly happy choice of the Fathers. For early in the sixteenth century the Augustinian province of Castille, in Spain, was ruled by Thomas of Villanueva,-in LatinVillanova, a man of saintly character, distinguished even at that day, when Spain was so rich in great men, for his prudence and skill in managing affairs, and especially for his kindheartedness toward the poor. For these he established hospices, schools, and at Valencia a college, and it was to honor this predominant trait of the Saint that Spanish piety bestowed on him the title-Almsgiver, while the famous Murillo has immortalized it on canvas by his

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PLATE IIL.-VERY RYV. PATRICK F. MORIARTY, D.D., O.S.A., TRESIDFNT OF VILLANOVA COLLEGF. [From a drawing in 184o, by A. Newsam.
picture-La Caridad de San Tomis-in the Cathedral at Seville.*

During St. Thomas' provincialship, the first band of Augustinian missionaries-seven in number-under the leadership of Fr. Francis de la Cruz, came to Mexico in 1533, and were followed by four other colonies of their Order sent by the same holy provincial. With these spiritual children of St. Thomas begins the history of the Augustinian Order in the Americas. One of them-Alonzo Gottieres, or Guttierez, or-as more commonly known-of Vera Cruz, where he received the habit of the Order-the first of his brotherhood to be vested in the New World, was chiefly instrumental in establishing in the city of Mexico, a university-the first of its kind in North America.

With the Mass and dedication ceremonies of the 28 th of August, Villanova, no longer to be known as Belle-Air, was launched on its religious and educational career. In the following year, when Bishop Kenrick blessed the new chapel at Villanova, he dedicated it to the same holy Saint.

The next formal and solemn act of religion was the vestition of the two Brothers Gallagher and McDonnell, who under the names of John and Thomas were received into the Order on All Saints' Day, 1843 .

Yet one thing chiefly was wanting to place the new monastery on firm and canonical basis namely, the sanction of the Holy See. Accordingly in this same year, Fr. Philip Angelucci, Vicar General of the Order, in a petition to the then reigning Sovereign Pontiff-Pope Gregory XVI, represents the desires and aspirations of his brethren of the American province, and says that they are unanimous in supplicating His Holiness for leave to establish a novicehouse of the Order at their monastery of St. Thomas of Villanova. In reply, His Holiness, by a brief-issued on December 22, 1843 , through the Congregation of Bishops

[^5]and Regulars-deigns benignantly to accede to the prayer of the Fathers. Because of its importance, the brief is given in the original as follows:

## [Brief of Foundation.]

"Ex Audientia SSmi habita a Drio Sub-Secretario Sacrae Congnis Episcoporum et Regularium sub die 22 Decembris 1843 .

Sanctitas sua benigne annuit, et propterea mandavit committi Patri Vicario Generali Oratori, seu Religioso ab eo subdelegando, ut attentis narratis, facultatem, qua concorditer cum Episcopo Philadelphiae uti debeat, erigendi praefatum Conventum in Novitiatus domum, ibique recipiendi Novitios, eosque admittendi ad professionem juxta preces, pro suo arbitrio, et conscientia concedat, dummodo tamen in eodem Conventu vigeat claustralis, et regularis observantia, adsit locus separatus pro recludendis Novitiis seorsum ab aliis Religiosis professis. Ceterum super praemissis servari debeant Conditiones, et cautelae per Sacros Canones, Sacrum Concilium Tridentinum, et Apostolicas Constitutiones praescriptae. Contrariis quibuscumque non obstantibus. Romae. P. Card. Ostinius, Praef.

> [L. S.] F. Archiep. [?] Secretarius."

Mass continned to be said in the old south-west parlor. For the convenience of the students, and of the people, Fr. O'Dwyer had folding doors put between the oratory and the room back of $i t$, then the study hall, and now a pantry ; in this back room the congregation met to hear Mass. In the fall of 1843 , another room on the east side of the house, now the Fathers' refectory, was fitted up as community oratory. Hexe the altar was set up against the wall opposite the window; here the community assembled for religious exercises, as prayers, meditation, Mass and Divine Office, and here were vested the two Brothers Gallagher and McDonnell. In Holy Week of 1849, the ceremonies of the last three days were performed in this
room; the repository for Holy Thursday was erected in the old oratory, whither Fr. O'Dwyer, celebrant, bore the Blessed Eucharist in procession.

Classes were opened a few days after the blessing of the monastery. The only official data relating to the collegians at this time are in a register of accounts, marked "V," wherein, at page 206, Fr. James O'Donnell has written the names and addresses of the students of the first two years. His list is headed as follows :-"No. of Students from Sept. 17th, ' 43 until Feb. 20th' $45^{\prime \prime}$ ', and is given below with no other change than merely to set the names in alphabetical order, and the addition of the names of nine students, who are said to have been among the first comers. These are marked in the following list with an asterisk, thus (*):

## [STUDENTS FROM I843 TO 1845.]

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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| *Barr, Robert | do do | McRarron. James | Pottyville, Pa |
| Batson, John | do do | McCaully, Cornelius | delp |
| Bogue, Johr | do do | *McCaully. Thomas | do |
| Burke John [or Thomas ?] | ] do do | McCormack, Eugene for |  |
| Chambetlain, Antony | do do | Frant ?] | do |
| Chisel, James | Nicetown, Pa. | McCosker, Fitancis | do |
| Dohan, John | adelphia, Pa. | MMcCettigat, Edward | do |
| *Dohan, Patrick | do do | MeGettigan, John | do |
| Downing, John R. | do do | *Moran, Thomias | do |
| Downs, Michael | do do | Murphy, Eusebius [A.] | do |
| * Doyle, James | Detroit, Mich. | Nowlen, Miles [C.] | do |
| Doyle, Michael |  | Nowlan, Whliam | do |
| Egan, Thowas [A.]. | iladelphia, Pa. | Parks, Richard | do |
| Ewing, Thomas [s.] | do do | Robinson, Samuel | tg'y Co.. Pa |
| Flood, Edward [H.] | do do | *Rogan, Michael | Yor |
| *Flood, [John ?] |  | Ryan, Edward | hiladelphia, |
| Immendoerffer, Theo- |  | Tohin, James |  |
| dore C . | do do | *Tobin, Michael | , |
| Kelly, Charlea [F.14 | do do | Topinard. Paul | Philadelphia, ${ }^{\text {Pa }}$ |
| Magee, James Henry. | do do | urner, Willam (J.) | do |
|  | hn [D | esturg, Pa. \|N. |  |

Among the first students enrolled were William $\mathfrak{J}$. Turner, Charles F. Kelly, Michael J. Downs, Thomas A. Egan, James Henry Magee and John R. Downing. These came the first day school was opened, which, it seems, was Monday, September 18, 1843. Shortly after came three
others namely, James P., * John S. and Robert P. Barrsons of Mr. Hugh Barr, of Philadelphia. In an account of the commencement day exercises, in 1855 , published in "The Catholic," of Pittsburgh, Pa., it is stated that "in 1843, the college began its careet," and that "thirteen youths opened the establishment."

Studies were opened in the room back of the oratory. Mr. William P. Dalton was study master. During the first two years the teachers associated with Fr. O'Dwyer were : Fr. Ashe; Brother William Harnett ; a Rev. Father Bonduel, whose Christian name seems to have been Florimond; Mr. Dalton ; Mr. E. A. Ainsley, or Ansley ; Mr. Joseph O'Donnell and Mr. Rogan. Fr. O'Dwyer taught Greek and Latin ; Fr. Bonduel, who had been a missionary for some seven years among the Indians in Michigan, taught a French class; Mr. Ainsley, a convert from the Episcopalians, is remembered as being a quiet and gentlemanly person, very scholarly in his tastes, a good teacher, and a performer on the clarinet. He joined the teaching staff in 1844, and left in ' 48 ; he taught Greek and English. Mr. O'Donnell, who came in 1844, was a graduate of Mt. St. Mary's, and subsequently entered into the practice of medicine in Baltimore. Mr. Dalton had been associated as teacher in St. Augustine's Classical Academy with Mr. Peter Madigan-headmaster. Subsequently he joined the ranks of the secular clergy and died on the mission in Virginia; at Villanova he taught English and mathematics. Mr. Rogan is remembered only as a very athletic young Irishman; he, too, like Mr. Dalton, became a secular priest, and was drowned "out West," while crossing a river.

Classes were taught partly in the study hall and partly in the parlors. Little is known about the course of stadies.

[^6]Some of the boys read Cicero's Orations and Virgil ; there was a Greek class, and Master James P. Barr followed an advanced course in the classics.

Up to the late fall of 1843 , the refectory was held in the room opposite the study hall, now the Fathers' refectory, and then in the basement of the monastery, where it continued until 1852 . Back of the basement refectory was the kitchen, now a boiler-room, and the pantry. With the removal of the refectory downstairs, the study hall was opened in the former big kitchen-a nice, cheerful place, with plenty of light from three windows on the east and two on the west side.

The Fathers and teachers lodged in the second story of the monastery; the collegians in the attics and the Brothers over the kitchen. The President's room was at the south-east corner of the second floor.

Until the erection of the chapel in 1844, the students' lavatory was in Rudolph's old wagon shed. Here a long wooden trough to hold the basins was set up along the far side of the shed; it was open in front, and water was procured from the pumps some 100 feet away; over the trough and against the wall were hung towels, glasses, etc.

So things ran on until the completion of the new college building in the late summer of 1844 , when the studentswith bag and baggage-were removed from the monastery, leaving it wholly to the community and teachers.

During the first year the play-ground was the field on the Road, now the church lawn, and in the following year the large field, then known as "the meadow," the present base-ball grounds.

In the spring of 1844 , appeared the first prospectus of Villanova; it was published in the "Catholic Herald", of Philadelphia, and read as follows:

## Prospectus.

"St. Thomas of Villanova's College, Pennsylvania-
This institution under the direction of clergymen of the Dobready, Google
order of St. Augustine, has been established for the purpose of affording the Catholic community a means of giving their children a thorough Catholic education. None but Catholics are received. In accordance with wishes of parents or guardians a classical and scientific, or purely mercantile education will be given to their children, or the one will be so blended with the other, as to qualify the pupil to embrace any of the learned professions, or to apply himself to business. It is hoped that experience will show that proper attention is paid to the young gentlemen who may be sent to this institution.

The College is situated in the midst of a highly cultivated and salubrious country, close by the Columbia Rail Road, and about eleven miles from Philadelphia. The scholastic year begins in September and terminates in July. No leave of absence is given to any pupil during that time, except at the express request of parents or guardians.

## Terms.

For pupils over twelve years $\$ 125$. per annum, payable half yearly in advance. Under that age $\$$ roo. Further particulars may be learned on application at St. Augustine's church, Philadelphia, or to the Rev. Mr. O'Dwyer, president of the College."

During the troubled times of 1844, Fr. O'Dwyer was at college, Fr. Nicholas O'Donnell at St. Paul's church, Brooklyn, Fathers Kyle, James O'Donnell and Ashe at St. Augustine's, Philadelphia, and Dr. Moriarty, superior in chief, down South, engaged in lecturing and collecting for his church; at the time of the riots, he was at Charleston, South Carolina, and Fr. Kyle was in charge of St. Augustine's, in Philadelphia.

Naturally at Villanova deep anxiety reigned all along. For weeks, after the burning of St. Augustine's, the community and students were kept in almost continual alarm and panic. On three separate occasions were the college authorities warned by friends in town that they were to be
burned out. But ample precautions were taken for the defence of the property; the doors and windows of the lower stories of the monastery were kept heavily barricaded at night, and the Brothers did sentry duty on the grounds.

During this troubled period, the younger lads were not allowed to stay on the premises at night ; every eveningafter supper-they were sent in charge of Mr. Dalton to stay for the night at Mrs. Rudolph's, about a mile away from the college, precisely the old stone mansion on the Lancaster Road, the first to the right on passing the tollgate at Rosemont. Here the youngsters were somehow or other housed till morning, when they were marched back to college for breakfast and class. So amid frequent alarms passed the long weeks from the 8th of May, until the commencement season in July. But prudent counsels prevailed; there was no public display; the students made their examinations, were awarded their prizes and sent home until the re-opening of classes in September. Thus passed year one of college life. These had been stirring times. In the interim-during the summer vacation, Fr. O'Dwyer was employed in caring for the churchless congregation of St. Augustine's. With the departureshortly after the fire-of Dr. Moriarty and Father Kyle for Europe, he was left superior in chief of the missions, an office he held continuously up to his death in 1850. All responsibility now was resting on him.

Alongside the ruined church Fr. O'Dwyer began, early in June, to build a chapel, known for many a year after as the Chapel of Our Mother of Consolation; it was opened on Sunday, October the 27 th, 1844 . At the same time he began the erection of a chapel at Villanova, precisely on the site of Rudolph's carriage house. But in order to provide first for farm needs he had two wings added to the barn, one on the east for corn, etc., and the other, on the west side, for wagons, carts, etc., and partly for a gymnasium for the students in bad weather. The carriage house
was then torn down, its east line extended, and on some day in May, (the precise date is not remembered,) at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon, Fr. O'Dwyer laid the corner stone (of the future church) at the southeast angle of the new building; in it he deposited some documents. Work was pushed forward rapidly; stone was taken from the old barn on "Mount Misery," dismantled for the purpose, and sand gathered from the highways. The builder at first in charge was Thomas O'Rourke, then, on his departure, Brother Thomas McDonnell, who completed the chapel. The building is 68 by 30 feet in size. The larger part of the ground floor formed one large hall, having at its rear two small rooms, one in each corner, the south room for class purposes, and the north for a sacristy; between these two-in the recess-an altar was built and back of it was placed the organ. Sliding doors cut off the sanctuary.

On Sunday, September r, 1844, feast of Our Lady of Consolation, the large hall was blessed and opened to the uses of religion by the Right Rev. Francis Patrick Kenrick, Ordinary of the diocese. Notice of this solemnity appeared in "The Catholic Herald", of Philadelphia, as follows:-"The annual celebration of St. Augustine's Feast next Sunday, the ist of September, in the new Chapel at Villanova. The panegyric by Bishop Kenrick, a solemn $T e$ Deum before Mass, which will begin at $101 / 2$ o'clock. The College is within a few paces of the Columbian Rail Road. The Harrisburgh cars run from Eighth and Market at 7 A. M. on that morning and will let off visitors at the College gate and take them up on their return about $6 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$. A collection will be taken up towards defraying the expenses in finishing the chapel."

During the dedication services, Miss Cassandra Holmes, now Mrs. M. F. Aledo, who was organist at St. Augustine's, played the organ, which was placed back of the altar.

The collection taken up during the services amounted to $\$ 13$.

On the completion of the chapel, the collegians were transferred thither. On week-days the main hall served them for study room; the desks were ranged along the soutl side, while benches used at class hours, and, on Sundays, by the people at Mass, took up the rest of the floor.


PLATE IV,-VIEW OF THF CHAPER OF IB44-with ice house in the foreground and the college bell in the locust tree. From a photograph by J. McLees, about $\mathbf{8} 56$.

On Saturday nights the desks were ranged against the wall, and the place put in order for the morrow's services.

Until about New Year's Day of 1845 , the students' dormitory was in the attic, it was then removed down-stairs, and the Brothers sent thither from the house. The southwest room on the second floor was Mr. Ainsley's, and later
on Fr. Meagher's. In 1849, on the completion of the college wing, the boys were transferred thither, and their old study hall devoted thenceforth wholly to the uses of religion, and the house oratory removed from the east side of the monastery building.

Thus did Fr. O'Dwyer pass his summer vacation in ' 44 . In September classes opened as usual, and the school-year of $1844-45$ began not inauspiciously. Brother Harnett was ordained priest by Bishop Kenrick on Ember Saturday, September 2I, in St. John's church, Philadelphia, and with Mr. Ainsley and the others continued on the teaching staff. Nothing relating to the course of studies, during this time, has come down to our day.

With the opening of the second term in February, 1845, Fr. O'Dwyer began apparently to feel the reaction consequent on the ordeal of the past year. Moreover, he had to erect a new church building at St . Augustine's, and conduct suits at law for damages against the city of Philadelphia. Fr. James O'Donnell now surrendered his missions on Long Island to Bishop Dubois; Fr. Ashe was in delicate health; he died March 13, 1848, and Fr. Harnett, just ordained, was convalescent from an affliction-a scrofulous eruption, that had troubled him many years. These four Fathers with Fr. Nicholas were the only priests of the Order in the country. So some time in February 1845, Father O'Dwyer determined to close the college temporarily, and, on February 20, published the following announcement in "The Catholic Herald", of Philadelphia, namely: "In consequence of the losses sustained during the May riots in the destruction of their church and property, the members of the Order of St. Augustine are compelled to close the college lately opened at St. Thomas of Villanova near Philadelphia. It is hoped that the justice of their fellow-citizens by awarding a fair compensation for the losses sustained will soon enable the Augustinians to re-open the college."

On the same day, it is said, after supper, Fr. O'Dwyer
called the collegians together, and, to their astonishment and regret, told them that the college was closed. The following day the lads went home; they had been a contented and happy set.

Thus, after less than two years of a rather chequered existence, during which time it had harbored some 45 aspirants after Christian instruction, did the infant institution close its portals, not to be re-opened until the fall of 1846 .


## CHAPTER III.

## VILLANOVA FROM 1846 TO 1865.

In the interval the monastic and missionary labors of the community gave them ample scope for their zeal and industry. During the summer of ' 46 , the Fathers determined to re-open the college, and published the following aunouncement-here somewhat condensed namely: St. Thomas of Villanova's College . . . is now re-opened

Each pupil should be provided with three suits for winter and three for summer ; three pairs of shoes and one pair of strong boots; a cloak or overcoat ; six towels; the same number of napkins and handkerchiefs, and at least a half dozen of the different articles of under dress which require a frequent washing, and a large silver spoon duly marked. . . . . The terms are \$150 a year, with a discount of 10 per cent. for prepayment.

Sunday, September the 6th, was set as the opening day. With Fr. O'Dwyer, president, were associated Fathers Ashe and Harnett, and, about a month later, Fr. Kyle just returned from Ireland. Mr. Ainsley was re-engaged at a salary on a graduated scale namely, \$I 50 a year, if the students did not number 40 , and $\$ 200$ if they exceeded it. Mr. John Gibney comes as teacher at $\$ 150$ per annum.

On Wednesday, July 2r, 1847, were held the closing exercises of the year, on the green-just north of the college building, a charming spot for a mid-summer's festival. Here for the convenience and comfort of the guests, a large canvas canopy had been stretched from hooks in the second story window frames to the apple trees on the campus, and underneath this grateful shelter were seats for all. In its account of the day's festival "The Catholic Herald", says that the cars arrived at the college about to o'clock; Mr. J. D. Bryant read an essay on "Education,"
and Rev. James O'Donnell presided. This was Villanova's first public commencement.

The tide of hope for the young college now began to fill. Fresh blood was infused into its teaching corps. Early in September, 1847, arrived from Europe, three clerics of the Order, namely, the two brothers Edward M. and Ambrose A. Mullen, the first a deacon and the latter an acolyte, and Patrick A. Stantou, sub-deacon, who in the early fall of 1842 had been sent to Italy to study. On Ember Saturday, December the 18th, 1847 , Brother Edward Mullen was ordained by Bishop Keurick to the priesthood, and Brother Stanton, on July the 3oth, of the following year.

On November 18, 1847, Mr. George J. Corrie, who had been the organist at the Lady Chapel at St . Augustine's, Philadelphia, since September the rst, 1846, entered in charge of the music classes at Villanova. He is the first lay teacher of music at the college.

The pipe organ, that by its dulcet tones has added to the solemnity of church services for so many years, was built by Henry Corrie, Professor Corrie's father, about 1837, for St. Mary's Episcopal Seminary for Young Ladies, at Burlington, N. J. ; after using it for a while, they returned it to the builder for a large organ, and it was sold to the Augustinian Fathers for their Lady Chapel on Crown Street, where it served until their new church was built, when it was sent out to Villanova. This was about 1847.

The present college bell, cast by J. Bernhatd, of Philadelphia, was purchased by Fr. James O'Donnell, in 1847, to replace the old black metal bell that was cracked. It is made partly from the metal of St . Augustine's church bell that was destroyed during the riots of 1844 .

In 1847 a lavatory-a one-story frame structure-was erected at the north-west corner of the chapel, and a stove put in on December rsth. It served until the erection of the wing in 1849 .*

In the early spring of 1848 , the Fathers petitioned the

[^7]Legislature for a charter, and on Friday, March 10 , of that year, Francis R. Shunk, Governor of the State, signs "An Act to incorporate the Augustinian College of Vilianova, iii the County of Delaware and State of Pennsylvania."

The extracts from the college charter, that serve the purpose of this sketch, are as follows:

Section I.-" Be it.enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same That there be and hereby is erected and established at Villanova in the County of Delaware in this Commonwealth a college for the education of persons in the various branches of science literature and ancient and modern languages by the name style and title of The Augustinian College of Villanova in the State of Pennsylvania."

Section II. -" . . . that the trustees shall be seven in number, members of the Roman Catholic Church, citizens of the United States and conforming to the rules and discipline of the said Church," and
Section VI.-"That the President and professors for the time being shall have power to grant and coufirm such degrees in the arts and sciences to such students of the college and others when by their proficiency in learning professional eminence or other meritorious distinction they shall be entitied thereto as they may see fit or as are granted in other colleges or universities in the United States and to grant to graduates or persons on whom such degrees may be conferred diplomas or certificates as is usual in colleges and universities."

The seven gentlemen designated as incorporators were Right Rev. Francis P. Kenrick, ordinary of the diocese; Rev. John P. O'Dwyer, Rev. William Harnett, Rev. James O'Donnell and Rev. Edward M. Mullen, members of the Order, and Messrs. Daniel Barr, merchant, and William Axon Stokes, member of the Philadelphia Bar. On Monday, May the rst, 1848, at St. Augustine's, the
trustees hold their first formal meeting and elect Fr. O'Dwyer, president; Mr. Stokes, secretary, and Fr. Harnett, treasurer of the Board. At the same meeting are chosen the officers and instructors for the ensuing year, namely, Fr. O'Dwyer, president; Fr. Harnett, "vicepresident and professor of theology and moral philosophy"; Fr. James O'Donnell, "prefect of studies and


Plate $t$ - VIIJANOVA-from the south; in the centre the monastery, formerly the Rudolph mansjon : to the right, the college wing of 1349 , and to the left, the chapel of 1844 . From a drawing made in April, 1849.
professor of English literature and history "; Fr. Edward M. Mullen, "professor of Latin"; Fr. Stanton, "of Greek "; Brother Ambrose A. Mullen, "of natural philosophy and chemistry"; Mr. John Gibney, " of mathematics", and Mr. Charles A. Egan - a candidate for the Order-, "professor of modern languages".

Some months later, viz., on December 30, of the same year, the trustees adopted a seal for the corporation, consisting of this device, namely: a Bible, cross, crozier, cincture and a flaming heart pierced with an arrow; this seal was without any inscription. During the Centennial Year, the form of seal now used by the college, of which a fac-simile is given in this sketch, was adopted on December $15,1876$.

A word or so relating to the ecclesiastical department may here be in order. Villanova was established for the dual purpose of educating candidates for the church and for the world. Up to this year all cleric members of the province, with only one exception, had been sent to Europe to make their studies. Now they were to be kept at home to pursue their ecclesiastical course at Villanova. Rev. James O'Donnell, who entered the Order in $\mathrm{IS}_{32}$, .made his studies at Mt. St. Mary's and at St. Augustine's. In 1848, Mr. Charles Egan, a native of Cork, Ireland, about 27 years of age, was received into the novitiate on May the 18th. He is the first cleric novice at Villanova. A few months later, on August the rgth, Rev. Michael F. Gallagher is vested with the same holy habit of religion. Fr. Harnett, prior, was also novice-master. The ecclesiastical, or scholastic department, has always been distinct and separate from the collegiate, with different text books, classes and teachers.

According to the description of the commencement festivities of Wednesday, July 19, 1848, given in "The Catholic Herald ", the exercises, as in the preceding year, were held on the green. At least 1,000 persons were present ; Masters Michael Rooney, -- Eagle, John Knight and Thomas McGeoy were the speakers of the day. Rev. Edward J. Sourin gave out the premiums and at the close addressed the audience.*

The prospects for 1848-49 were bright and hopeful.

[^8]Rev. (eorge A. Meagher, who had just arrived from Europe where he had studied in houses of the Order at Lucca, Perugia and Rome, was added to the faculty.

In 1848 , the Fathers began the erection of another college building; their plan was to put up a wing only, enough for their present needs, and let their successors


PLATEVI -VILIANOVA-from the north ; in the centre, the kitchen and the rear of the monastery; to the tight, the chapel of 1 ti44 and the lavaloty of lid: ; to the left the college wing of $184 y$, and at the lower left hand corner the railroad station. From a drawing made in April, 1849.
complete the main building. This wing, begun in 1848, was completed by February, 1849 ; it is 80 by 55 feet in dimensions, and cost $\$ 11,958.77$.

At the same time Fr. O'Dwyer had a small one-story building of stone erected at the railroad for a college station.

With the completion of the wing, the students were removed from the chapel; their former dormitory given to the Brothers, and the attic turned into a clothes room. The chapel-on the ground floor-was now devoted wholly to church purposes and the house oratory dismantled.

In 1848, the parish registers open with a baptism, the earliest of record at Villanova. On August 15, of that year, the day he entered the novitiate, Fr. Gallagher baptized Michael Horten, born a few days before. The earliest marriage recorded is dated April 17, 1854. Up to 1848, Villanova mission was attached to St. Augustine's, in Philadelphia, where all earlier registrations must be sought.

The closing exercises of ' 49 , held on Wednesday, July 18 , are thus referred to by "The Catholic Herald ", namely :"The Exhibition,"-such was the name not unfrequently given to school commencements at that time-." "opened at to o'clock in the morning; the speakers were Vincent Harold Hutchinson, on ' Poetry'; Paul Murray, on 'The Blessings of a Good Government '; James F. Bradley, on 'Pius.IX'; Florence McCarthy, on 'The present condition and gloomy prospects of Ireland '; and James Chrysostom Noon, on 'The Advantages of a Religious Education'; President [O'Dwyer] made some remarks; stated that the college was free of debt, and the company then adjourned to the woods, south of the Lancaster Road, for cakes, ice-cream, mineral water, and candy".*

The year 1849-50 verified the hopes of the authorities. According to the prospectus, issued by Fr. Harnett, "the regular course of studies, requisite for graduation, comprises the Greek, Latin and English languages, History; Geography, the Mathematics, Logic, Rhetoric, Poetry, Natural and Moral Philosophy and Chemistry"; "the modern languages-French, Spanish, German and Italian", were taught at $\$ 15.00$ each per annum ; each student was

[^9]"required to bring with him three suits for winter and three for summer, six shirts, six towels, six handkerchiefs, six pairs of stockings and drawers, three pairs of boots or shoes, a cloak or overcoat for winter, and a knife, fork and tablespoon, all marked with his name", and "every six months a Bulletin, it says, would be forwarded to parents and guardians, informing them of the health, progress, general conduct, etc., of their children or wards". A Mr. Bouguereau was engaged as teacher of French and drawing.

A large and beautiful hall was opened in the second story of the wing for library and reading room. Most of the treasures rescued from St. Augustine's library, during the riots of ' 44 , found their way here. The hall was open to students during free hours and all day on Sundays and holidays. Each member of the reading room paid $\$ 1.00$ a year.

In 1850 the Fathers-with the approval of Bishop Ken-rick-open a Manual Labor School at Villanova for orphans, over 16 years of age, from St. John's Orphan Asylum. The Asylum paid $\$ 25.00$ a year for each one besides supplying bed and bedding. A year or so afterin 1851-Dr. Moriarty, with Mr. Henry A. Fleming, takes charge of a similar institution at Govanstown, in Maryland.

But Fr. O'Dwyer did not live long enough to witness more than the first steps towards providing the orphans with a country home. He had been ailing for some three months; nothing in particular seemed to be the matter with him; he was simply worn out; all his life he had been an untiring and energetic man; besides liis labors on the missions of his Order, he was ever ready to lend assistance in the confessional and pulpit to the hard-worked clergy of the diocese. In the hope that a change of air might benefit him he was taken to Mt. Hope, near Baltimore. The chaplain in charge at the time, Rev. John A. Neumann, C.SS.R., afterwards venerable bishop of Philadelphia, told Fr. Stanton, of

St. Augustine's, that in his last illness, Fr. O'Dwyer, in his humble reverence for his Saviour, insisted on not receiving the Holy Eucharist in bed, but would get out, and kneeling on the floor, thus received his ViaticumFr. O'Dwyer died on Friday, May 24, 1850, at the age of 36 years. He was a native of Callan, in Ireland.

On his death Fr. Harnett was chosen president.
The following is a copy of college rules that were drawn up about this time:
"College regulations.


In 1850, on Sunday, June 16, Right Rev. Francis P. Kenrick administered Confirmation to 35 persons, of whom 23 were collegians, 6 of them having made their First Communion that same morning. This is the first time the sacrament was conferred at Villanova. In all Confirmation has been administered fourteen times at Villanova, as follows :-on June 15, 1851, by Rt. Rev. Francis P. Keurick to 39 ; on April 23, 1854, by Rt. Rev. John N. Neumann, C.SS.R., to 35 ; on June I, 1856, by the same, to 20 ; on June 13, 1858, by Rt. Rev. James F. Wood, to 25 ; on May 13, 1860, by the same, to 20 ; on May -,


PLATE VIT. - PRESIDENTS OF VILLANOVA COILEGGF-REv. Johil P. O'Dwyet, O.S.A.: Rev. William Harmett, O.S.A.; Rev. Atnbiose A. Mullem, O.S.A.

1867, by the same, to 43 ; on September 15, 1872, by the same, to 80 ; on July 2, 1876 , by Rt. Rev. Thomas Galberry, O.S.A., to 93 ; on November 14, 1881, by Rt. Rev. Jeremiah F. Shanahan, to 106 ; on June 3, 1883 , by the same, to 106 ; on September 19, 1886, by Most Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, to 130 ; on November 24, 1889, by the same, to 149, and on October 30, 1892, by the same, to 123 .

At the exercises on commencement day, Wednesday, July 17th, "The Catholic Herald", from which this description is condensed, says :-" the American Flag was thrown to the breeze; Right Rev. Bishop Kenrick presided; the Fathers all wore their habit; James Hutchinson delivered the "Salutatory"; Theodore McCalla, the German speech; Achille Laroque, the Spanish; Auguste Archambaudière, the French ; Thomas Galberry spoke on "Our Country"; Charles Bowlby on "Utilitarianism"; Philip Noon on "Literature" and Charles Hart on "Eloquence"-the Valedictory.
The Right Rev. Dr. Barron was present; Professor William A. Newland directed the music; Master Allen, aged 12, son of Professor George Allen, of the University of Pennsylvania, gave a solo on the violin.

About the year 1850, the collegians make a swimming pond at the lower end of the south woods.

In 1850, Brothers Ambrose A. Mullen and Charles Egan were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Kenrick, on December 17th.

Mr. William A. Newland, instructor of music since 1849, was re-engaged.
The Program for commencement day, July 16th, 1851, reads as follows: March from La Favorita (Donizetti)College Band, led by Professor Wm. A. Newland.
"Introductory",-by Master Francis Lancaster. "Oh! would I were a boy again !" (Quickstep by Grafulla.) "One of the heroes of the American navy, (1812)" German Speech by Master Hutchinson. Violin Solo,-De Beriot's Tremolo, (Variation on a Thema of Beethoven, ) by a young gentleman amateur, pupil of C. F.

Hupfeld. "Ireland and her Rulers",-by Master Thomas Stanton. Elfin Waltz, (Labitzky) and Evening Star Wallz, (Lanner.) "The Present Age", Master Thomas Galberry. Shepherd's Quickstep by Grafulla. "Portrait of Washington," French speech, by Master Henry Alexander.

Overture to Elisa e Claudio, by Mercadante. "Amer-ICA".-Master William Boone. Violin Solo, by the amateur (above,) Yankee Doorle, (Introduction and Burlesque Variations by Vieuxtemps.)
"Valedictory",--Master Charles O'Donnell. Galop from the Opera of Leonora, by Fry. Distribution of Premiums. Villanova Quickstep, with National Airs."

In 1852 , the monastery was enlarged by the addition of a stone building making it altogether 89 feet long and 45 wide. With its completion, the refectory, kitchen and pantry were moved up stairs. At the same time, a large two story house of stone, 49 by 24 feet in size, was erected about 100 yards east of the barn, for laundry and baking departments.

On Sunday night, March 14, 1852, while the community was at night prayers in the chapel, the monastery was by the Providence of God and the watchfulness of its holy patron saved from destruction by fire from a hanging lamp in the basement refectory that had ignited the ceiling.

The order of exercises on commencement day, Wednesday, July 14, 1852, was as follows:-Coronation March, from the Prophet, by Meyerbeer. "Introductory"-Master James Murray. Kathinka Polka, by Strauss. "Colum-bus"-Master Philip Noon. Duetlo, from Linda di Chamouni, by Donizetti. "Kosciusko" (French)-Master William Gigon. Violin Solo (Amateur)-Air, with Introduction and Variations, by De Beriot. "The Middle Ages"-Master Thomas Stanton. Anna Polka, by Lumbye.
"Patriotism" Master Henry Alexander. Rondo, on a
Thema from Donizetti's Belisario, by Brunner.
"Valedictory"-Master Francis Harper.
The Oriental Waltzes, by Labitzky.
Distribution of Premiums.
Postillion Polka.
Villanova Quickstep and National Airs".

In 1853 , the Fathers open their theological department to candidates for the secular priesthood. Among the first applicants were Mr. Farren, of Boston, Mass., and Mr. Stack, of Pittsburg, Pa. Dr. Moriarty had the class of Sacred Eloquence.

Commencement day exercises of 1853 , were held on the


Plate Viti--VILLANOVA-from the south ; to the left, the monastery as enlarged in t852; in the centre, the college, and to the right, the barn. From a photograph by J. McLees about isj6.
last Wednesday of June, and the July commencements abandoned.

In 1853 , the Fathers regain their old mission of St. Denis'.

In 1855 , the college used, for the first time, the powers granted to it by the State of conferring degrees. On commencement day of this year, Wednesday, June 27, the
bachelorship of arts was granted to James F. Dooley and Henry C. Alexander. Two years later, Mr. Dooley received from Villanova the mastership of arts.

The speakers at this commencement, were: Mr. Dooley, on "Moral Education", Mr. Alexander, on "Physical Science ", James Plunkett, George H. Sayen, and John J. Boyle. The music was under the direction of Professors Henry G. Thunder and - Cunnington. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Neumann, C.SS.R. presided, and, assisted by Dr. Moriarty and Father Meagher, distributed the prizes. The premium list, published in the Pittsburgh "Catholic " of the day, names the prize-winners in Natural Philosophy, Mathematics, Geometry, Algebra, Arithmetic, Ancient and Modern Geography, History-ancient and modern, Latin, Greek, French, English, Book-keeping-single and double, Ornamental Writing, Drawing, Piano, Violin, Elocution and Christian Doctrine. At the close of the exercises, "the Bishop delivered a paterual and appropriate address, in which he congratulated the students, their parents and professors, on the proficiency, industry and good conduct of the students of Villanova College. '"

The scholastic year- $1855-56$--opened with Father Harnett, president of the college; among the teachers were Fathers Ambrose, Lewis Matthew Edge, and Revs. John KeIly and Patrick Duffy, two secular priests, who had come to the college, the first, in the preceding year, and the latter, some time in May.
In 1856 , the premium list of commencement day mentions prizes in logic, surveying, rhetoric, Spanish, architectural drawing and the flute.*

In 1857, the Fathers, after long deliberation, conclude that their interests would be best served by closing the college department at Villanova, and devoting their zeal and energies wholly to their missions at Philadelphia; Chestnut Hill, opened in 1855; Atlantic City, N. J.,

[^10]opened in the same year ; St. Denis and Villanova. The Fathers were ten in number. So on commencement day, Wednesday, June 24, 1857, the boys were called together for their last assembly ; awarded their prizes for the year's work ; bade farewell, and the college was closed. This was the second crisis in Villanova's college life.
During the eight years' suspension of college duties at Villanova, the Fathers realized their hopes; new missions were given to them in New York and Massachusetts; Fr. Peter Crane was in charge of Doe Run, Parkesburg and Dromore, missions on the line of the Pennsylvania railroad, from January, 1859 , until his appointment as prior of Villanova at the close of that year.

In the late fall of 1857 , by invitation of Fr. Stanton, commissary, the Bishop of Philadelphia held a clergy retreat at Villanova, and, on All Saints' Day, conferred sacred orders on Brother Peter Crane; this was the first ordination held at Villanova. In the spring of ' 65 , a second clergy retreat was held at the college.

Between 1857 and ' 65 , when the college was re-opened, 27 young men were taught at Villanova, some of them members of the Order; the others laics.

In 1862, two Mexican Fathers of the Order-Maximus Jurado and Cyril Castro-on their way homeward from Italy, where they had been studying, remained at college for awhile.


## CHAPTER IV.

## VILLANOVA FROM 1865 TO 1883.

In 1865 , the Fathers determined on re-opening the college. In September of that year, with Fr. Ambrose A. Mullen as president, classes were again formed. With him were associated Fathers Pacificus A. Neno, Philip Izzo, Francis M. Sheeran, the new vice-president, and Thomas C. Middleton, members of the Order, who had just arrived from Italy; Rev. Dr. P. J. Madden, a secular priest, and Messrs. Michael O'Farrell, Timothy Donovan, Charles Marsden, John Devir and Thomas Cullen-candidates for the Order, and Mr. John K. McGuire, an alumnus of '57. The next year, Mr. Angelo F. dos Santos was instructor in music, and after a year or two was succeeded by Mr. George J. Corrie.

The course of college studies was, with little change, the same as of old namely, Greek, Latin, English, mathematics, natural philosophy, book-keeping, history, poetry, French, German and music. The next year drawing was added to the course, under direction of Mr. Reed; from 1867-69, Mr. Robert Brooks was drawing master.

The ecclesiastical department was in charge of Fr. Neno, and Fr. Izzo was novice-master. With Fr. Neno, who in 1869, received the doctorship, were allied during his 16 years of regency in the studies, Fathers Augustine L'Anaro, Middleton, O'Farrell, Fleming, Nazzareno Proposta, Joseph A. Locke and Maurice M. Ryan. Under him the church course embraced logic, metaphysics, ethics, natural religion, moral and dogmatic theology, canon law, church history, 'Sacred Scriptures, and liturgy.

On Palm Sunday of 1866, the Passion was sung for the first time at Villanova; Fathers Izzo, Neno and Middleton being the chanters.
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The play ground was, for a couple of years or so, what is now the church lawn; then, for one year, the field beyond the Spring Mill Road, and, since about 1869 , the present campus.

In 1866, Mons. Pierre M. Arnù-a Heidelberg and Geneva graduate-was added to the teaching corps, as instructor in French and German. In this same year, a course of military drill-broad sword exercise, under direction of Major Beatty, an ex-U. S. army officer, was introduced, but the year after, it was dropped from the course. In 1867, Mr. Thomas O'Reilly was engaged as instructor of German ; he remained two years.

During the summer vacation of 1869 , on Thursday, July 29, Fr. Neno was invested with the master's cap and ring, by Dr. Moriarty acting as delegate of the Father General. This was the first ceremony of its kind in the province. On only four occasions since then, has a similar honor been granted to members of the province namely, on November 25th, 1874, to Fr. Thomas C. Middietnn ; on October 29th, 1877 , to Fr. Patrick A. Stanton ; on January 26, 188 r, to Fr. Nazzareno Proposta, and on May 3oth, 1889, to Fr. Joseph A. Locke.

The degree of lectorship of sacred theology was conferred on the following professors in the ecclesiastical department:-in 1867, on Fathers Francis M. Sheeran and Thomas C. Middieton; in 1874, on Fathers Michael M. O'Farrell and Henry A. Fleming, and in 1888 , on Fr. Charles M. Driscoll. In 1885 , Fr. Michael J. Locke received the same degree at Rome, Italy.

In 1869 , Fr. Stanton was installed as president in succession to Fr. Ambrose, transferred to Andover, a mission of the Order in Massachusetts. Uuder Fr. Stanton things prospered greatly. In 1869 , a gymnasium was erected, a frame building 8I by 40 in size, with all the needed equipments as: teu-pin alleys, horizontal and inclined ladders, trapezes, a vaulting horse, swinging and parallel bars, climbing pole, bouncing board, breast bars, striking bag, etc.

In 1869, Mr. Miles Tempany was engaged as teacher of classics and English, and Mr. Maximilien Clavé, as German teacher.

In 1870, debating and dramatic societies, and the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin, were reorganized; and in December, of the same year, a cornet band formed, with eight members; Mr. Corrie being its director. Since 1876, the college catalogue has published the annual commencement exercises of the Sodality, in that year designated as the "Ninth Annual Commencement." The Sodality was originally started in 8867 by Mr. McGuire, of the teaching staff.

Under President Stanton catalogues of the college were issued for the first time,-the first appearing in 1871.

In 1871 Charles S. Gauntt, M.D., comes as professor of chemistry and physics.

In the same year water works to supply to the various departments, college, monastery, and stables, were erected at the foot of "Mount Misery." The first jet of water reached the college reservoir on Wednesday, December 6th, of that year.

A couple of months before, on Saturday night, October the 7 th, Villanova, aided by its great patron, succeeded, after more than four hours' battling with the flames, that had been started by the ignition of coal oil in the monastery cellar, in saving the buildings from dreaded destruction.

After being three years in office, Fr . Stanton is succeeded by Very Rev. Thomas Galberry, as president.

The new president begins the erection of the main college building, that had been the dream of his predecessors for twenty years and more. As a preliminary work the college bell is dislodged from its old home in the locust tree, and raised to its present position.

Work on the new college was begun in 1873. On Tuesday, April ist, of that year, the first stone was laid in the.
trenches; on Thursday, September 4th, the cross- 100 feet from the ground-was raised over the college, and on Tuesday, February 3, 1874, the building was occupied by teachers and students. It has a frontage of 174 feet.

The former study hall was fitted up for public assemblies. In 1879, President Fedigan had it neatly decorated with paintings of Saints Augustine and Monica and "The Charity of St. Thomas, of Villanova"; during the closing months of 1892, President McEvoy had it adomed with


Plate X.-VILLANOVA IN 1872 - from the south; in the centre, the monastery; to the right, the college; to the lefl the chapel aud the gymasium of 1872 , From a lithograph of 1872 .
new mural paintings of St. Augustine, the Prophet Isaias and St. Cecily.

In order to meet the requirements of the Faithful, the gymnasium was dismantled and the hall fitted up for church purposes; three altars were erected at its north end and a choir gallery built at the south. Mass was said, for the first time, in the new church, on Sunday, July 14, 1872 ; and on Sunday, the 15 th of the following September,

Bishop Wood blessed the edifice. The old chapel of ' 44 was reserved as a community oratory, and served too during Holy Week for the Repository.

In 1872, a post office was opened in the new station at the foot of the college hill, and mail delivered for the first time on Wednesday, the 6th of November. Up to the late ' 40 , the nearest mailing place was an old country storea frame building some two miles away, between the VIII and IX milestones on the Lancaster Road, and then, for a generation or so, at Henderson's, a country store at West Haverford.

In 1873-74, Mr. Charles Oscar de Juville is engaged as instructor in French, and Mr. Joseph A. Kene, in German. Mr. Juville painted for one of the Fathers the exquisite "Mother of Good Counsel", that for many years was the altar piece in the old chapel, and now liangs in the monastery parlor.

Mr. Alfred C. Wernicke taught drawing and German from 1874 to 1878 .

During this year, on Sunday, October igth, 5874 , the college and parish of Villanova was solemnly dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Under Fr. Galberry was introduced at Villanova the devotion of the Forty Hours.

On the eve of commencement day in 1875 , Tuesday, June 29, the college alumni met in the house parlor and, with Very Rev. President Galberry-bishop-elect of Hart-ford-in the chair, formed an Alumni Association.

During the school year of 1876 , the college lost the official services of one to whose industry and thoughtfulness it owed many improvements. Very Rev. Father Galberry, president since 1872 , having received from the Sovereign Pontiff his appointment to the vacant see of Hartford, Conn., leaves Villanova, on Tuesday, March 7, 1876, and Fr. Thomas C. Middleton is chosen president for the remainder of his term.

On commencement day in $\mathbf{1 8 7 6}$, the degree of master of


PLATE XL-RT. RFV. THOMAS GALEFRRY, D,D., OSSA.. PRFSIUFNT' OF VIILANOVA COI,LIGGF,
arts was awarded to Thomas F. Milby, of Philadelphia, and to Lucien F. Prud'homme, teacher of drawing and French at Villanova in the early ' 50 s, and some years afterwards professor at the Naval Academy at Annapolis. Gold medals, the first to be distributed by Villanova, were awarded to John E. Cronley and John J. Ryan, for "General Excellence" and for "Mathematics" respectively.

During the following year nothing of especial note took place. The straight avenue leading from the campus to the railroad was laid out, and trees planted.
On Sunday, January 14th, 1877, was established at Villanova for the parishioners a Total Abstinence Society, under the special protection of the holy patron of the church. At their first meeting, sixty-three members gave in theit names to Rev. Fr. Fleming-rector in charge, through whose efforts chiefly the Society was founded.

Fr. Fleming, who was ever active in good works, established also a society tolook after the adornment of the church altars. This was entitled St. Monica's Altar Society.

During the long vacation of ' 78 , Rev. John J. Fedigan was elected college presjdent. During his two years of office many improvements were made. In 1879, a fourth story was added to the monastery, and steam introduced throughout the building. On November 25th, St. Catharine's Day, the new quarters, having been blessed by Very Rev. Father Provincial Neno, were occupied by the cleric members of the community.

On the preceding Wednesday, November 2oth, the monastery graveyard just north of the church was blessed by the same Father, and on the same day interment made of the remains of Brother Thomas M. Darragh, deceased on the preceding Saturday.

In the early part of 1879 , namely, Tuesday, January 7 th, the Most Rev. Archbishop of the diocese gave the Fathers leave to say Mass on alternate Sundays at Reeseville, now Berwyn, a station about 6 miles west of the college. For many years, in fact ever since their residence at Villanova
the Fathers had ministered to the spiritual needs of the Faithful in this region. Now the Divine Mysteries are offered for the first time in their midst. Prior Fedigan celebrated this Mass in the public hall at Reeseville. In 1887, the present Most Reverend Ordinary of the diocese gave the Fathers permission to celebrate two Masses there every Sunday. Sunday, August i4th, witnessed for the first time this double celebration, Fr. Blake, rector of Villanova parish, saying the early Mass at 6.30 , and Fr. Sheeran, president of the College, the late Mass at 10 o'clock. Two years after-in 1889, on Sunday afternoon, June 3oth, Feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, with sanction of the same venerable prelate, the corner stone of Berwyn's first Catholic Church, to be dedicated to holy St. Monica, is laid-with all the ceremonies prescribed by rit-ual-in the presence of a large and respectful audience; Prior McEvoy, of Villanova, officiating, and Fr. Fedigan, of Atlantic City, delivering the dedicatory address. The foundations of the building had been laid on Wednesday, the 16 th of the preceding January, and on Christmas Day, 1889, Mass was sung in the church basement by Rev. Edward A. Dailey, of Villanova, rector in charge of Berwyn. The church-Gothic in style-is 106 by 40 feet in size with a transept 58 feet broad. The two main windows, in the transept, by Morgan, of New York, are gems of art.

At the opening of the first school term in 1879, Fr. Maurice M. Ryan, Lector in Theology, and lately a member of the Irish Province, is added to the ecclesiastical staff of teachers.

The next school year opened in September with Fr. Joseph A. Coleman, president in place of Father Fedigan, transferred to Atlantic City, N. J. During Fr. Coleman's six years in the presidency, many improvements were made at Villanova. On Friday, December the ist, 1882, he established in the parish a confraternity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in which by the 7 th of the Jantuary following, 103 members were enrolled.


Ps, O.S.A, Rev. lrancis M. Sheeran, S.'T.B., O.S.A., and Very Rev. Christopher A. McFwoy,
O.S.A.

At the commencement exercises of 188 r , which opened at io o'clock in the morning, Very Rev. James A. Corcoran, D.D., of Overbrook Seminary, presided, and Rev. Charles F. Kelly, D.D., of Towanda, Pa., addressed the graduates. The college Glee Club re-organized after two years' suspension, added to the harmony of the proceedings. Dinner was served to all.

During the summer holidays of '81, the custom was introduced of chanting the Psalms at Vespers on Sundays by a double choir of clerics, one in the organ galiery and the other with the rest of the religious inside the chancel. It was a pleasing innovation but did not continue long.


## CHAPTER V.

## VILLANOVA FROM 1883 TO 1892.

In 1883, the Fathers began the erection of a church worthy of St. Thomas of Villanova, patron of their monastery, college and mission. In the earlier pages of this sketch the reader has seen the little oratory in the monastery parlor-the church of 1843 , then the chapel of 1844 and the gymnasium church of 1872 .

On Easter Thursday, March 29, 1883, ground for the new building was broken by Prior Coleman and the Brethren, each digging a spadeful ; on St. Mark's Day, April 25 , the first stone was laid in the trenches; on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, Feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary, the corner stone of the new church was solemnly blessed and laid in place by Rt. Rev. Jeremiah F. Shanahan, Bishop of Harrisburg; Dr. Stanton delivering the dedicatory oration. In a cavity of the stone, inside a glass jar, are enclosed a memoir of the proceedings, and a collection of relics, of Agnus Deis and of coins of the United States-presented by Mr. Charles McKeone, a member of the parish. On Sunday, November 23, 1884, the cross on the front gable was hlessed by Very Rev. Maurice A. Walsh, vicar of the diocese, and the sermon delivered by Rev. John P. Gilmore, O.S.A. In 1887 , Fr. Coleman having been transferred the year before to the Australian missions of the Order, the church was completed by Rev. James J. Blake-his successor in the parish, and, ou Sunday, July the 3 rd, blessed by Most Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, of Philadelphia; the Right Rev. Michael J. O'Farrell, of Trenton, delivering the benediction sermon.

The church is Gothic in style, and, exclusive of the sacristy, measures $1433^{1 / 2}$ feet in length, and 60 in breadth; the facade of the building is flanked by two towers, each 18


ELATE XIII,-CHURCFOF ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, from the south.
feet square and 63 feet high, surmounted by eight-sided spires that make their total height, 126 feet. Over the central gable of the church is a corbelled niche with a pedestal for a statue of St. Thomas of Villanova. Three front doorways, reached by 8 granite steps, give entrance to the church from the south; the ground plan of the church embraces in its inner arrangement a singular feature, common enough in Europe, but rately seen in this country, a prolongation of the sanctuary, terminating in a latge and deep apsidal choir for the use of the religious. There are seven altars in the church, four of them for the congregation, one being in the beautiful side chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and the other two in the retro choir. The mural decoration of the church-in distemper, the altar-pieces"The Assumption of St. Joseph" and "Our Mother of Consolation", in the choir, and the seven figures-the four Evangelists in medallions, and Saints Augustine, Patrick and Thomas of Villanova, in panels-on the choir vault, are by the Venitian artists Achille Gobbato and Ferdinando Baraldi.
In the Lady Chapel, decorated at the expense of the Total Abstinence Society, in memory of Rev. Father Fleming, their founder, is a beautiful altar-piece-a "Mother of Good Counsel"-in oil, that was touched to the original at Genazzano ; and in the rose window over the altar a charming little copy-in glass-of Raphael's "Madonna della Seggia."

The stalls, pews and chancel railings are of oak. Mr. Edwin F. Durang was architect in charge.

With the opening of the new and the dismantling of the old church, the gymnasium was refitted in accordance with its original plan, and the chapel of ' 44 reserved for the collegians' week-day Mass, meetings of church societies and Christian Doctrine classes for the children of the parish.

In 1885 the Fathers, after a fruitless attempt some thirteen years before, succeeded in opening a mission at Bryn Mawr, about two miles east of the monastery. On

Sunday, July 26th, of that year, Feast of the blessed St. Anne, mother of the Holy Virgin, Prior Coleman said Mass in the school building, back of the Presbyterian Church. This was the first Mass said within the limits of that settlement. In the following year, on May the isth, ground for a church was broken by Prior Coleman, and on the Fourth of July following, the church building-in honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel-was biessed by Right Rev. Ed ward Fitzgerald, of Little Rock ; Rev. Francis X. McGowan, of the college faculty, delivering the dedicatory sermon on "The Triumphs of the Church."

The dimensions of the building were 67 by 35 feet. Three years after-in 1889, the building was moved over the bridge across the railroad to its present site on Penn Street, and enlarged, and Mass said in it on Easter Sunday, April 21st, by Rector Blake, who had succeeded Fr. Coleman in the charge of the mission.

In the fall of the same year, Monday, October rith, a school for the parish children at Bryn Mawr, under cbarge of the Sisters of Mercy, was opened in the church basement, with 119 pupils-namely, 69 boys and 50 gitls. This was the second parish school established in Villanova's mission, the first having been founded sometime in the early '6os at St. Denis', through the generosity of Mr. Dennis Kelly, on a lot not far from his residence. A Catholic lay teacher was employed, but after some years the school was discontinued.

In $\mathbf{1 8 8 5}, \mathrm{Fr}$. Sheeran, for many years professor and vicepresident of the college, receives the degree of Bachelorship of Sacred Theology, and, in 1886, on the transfer of Fr. Coleman to Australia, is elected President of Villanova.

In this same year, Fr. Joseph A. Locke, professor in the ecclesiastical department since 1875 , is honored with the Bachelorship of Theology, and Fr. Dominic Filacciani, D.D., who had been on the South American missions of the Order for $\mathbf{I}_{7}$ years, is added to the teaching corps of the same department.


PLATE XIV.-VERY REV.JAMES D. WALDRON, O.S.A., PROVINCIAL.

In 1888, a St. Vincent de Paul's Conference is established in the parish on Sunday, April the 22nd.

During 1889, the chief material improvement, due mainly to the efforts of Fr. Blake, monastery procurator, was the rebuilding of the old Rudolph barn, that had been erected sometime in the early part of the century. Mr. Durang drew up the plans of the new structure.

During the long vacation in 1890, Very Rev. Christopher A. McEvoy was elected president of the college, with Rev. Richard A. Gleeson vice-president, who, in the year after, was succeeded by Rev. Laurence A. Delurey.

During 1891, on December 15 , the college lost by death the services of its amiable and very efficient instructor of elocution and oratory, Samuel K. Murdoch, of Philadelphia, who had been on the staff since 188 r .

Since, with the year 1892, closed the fiftieth anniversary of Villanova's foundation, here, as a memorial of the event, are recorded the names of the Fathers in residence and of the officers and teachers, who, during that year, were connected with the monastery, the college and the missions of Villanova. They were as follows: Very Rev. Christopher A. McEvoy, O.S.A., prior of the monastery, president of the college and parish rector; Rev. Thomas C. Middleton, D.D., O.S.A., prefect of the ecclesiastical department and professor of moral theology, church history, canon law and homiletics; Rev. Francis M. Sheeran, S.T.B., O.S.A., subprior of the monastery, clericmaster and professor of liturgy ; Rev. Michael J. Locke, S.T.L., O.S.A., professor of dogmatic theology, sacred scriptures, and mental and moral philosophy ; Rev. Edward A. Dailey, O.S.A., rector of St. Monica's mission at Berwyn; Rev. John H. Devir, O.S.A., rector of Our Lady of Good Counsel mission at' Bryn Mawr ; Rev. John J. Ryan, B.S., O.S.A., sacristan ; Rev. Daniel J. Murphy, A.B., O.S.A.; Rev. Timothy F. Herlihy, O.S.A., professor of Latin, English literature, rhetoric and history; Rev. Daniel J. Leonard, A.B., O.S.A.; Rev. Charles J. McFadden,
O.S.A., professor of Latin, English grammar, mathematics, reading and spelling; Rev. Richard A. Gleeson, O.S.A., professor of Latin, Greek, rhetoric and mathematics; Rev. Laurence A. Deiurey, B.S., O.S.A., vicepresident of the college and professor of elocution and oratory, book-keeping, writing, English, orthography, arithmetic and modern history; Rev. Patrick H. O'Donnell, O.S.A., rector of St. Denis' mission at Cobb's Creek, and professor of physics ; Rev. Richard F. Harris, A.B., O.S.A., professor of Latin, Greek, English grammar and arithmetic; Brother Walter A. Coar, O.S.A., professor of United States history and of geography; Mons. Pierre M. Arnù, A.M., professor of French and German ; Mr. Dennis O'Sullivan, professor of higher mathematics; Charles Stockton Gauntt, M.D., professor of chemistry; Samuel K. Murdoch, M.D., professor of elocution and oratory; and Mr. George J. Corrie, professor of music; the latter four instructors being nou-residents.

The college disciplinarians were: Bro. James E. Vaughan, O.S.A.; Bro. James T. Collins, O.S.A.; Bro. James F. Green, O.S.A.; Bro. Edward P. Flynn, O.S.A.; Bro. Walter A. Coar, O.S.A.; and the physician in charge was George S. Gerhard, M.D., of Ardmore.

The religious connected with the monastery and missions of Villanova, St. Denis at Cobb's Creek, St. Monica at Berwyn, and Our Lady of Good Counsel at Bryn Mawr, and the college, numbered 45 , namely: 16 priests, 10 professed clerics, 5 novice clerics, 4 professed lay brothers, 6 novice lay brothers and 4 postulants.

The societies connected with Villanova parish were : the Sacred Heart, with 80 members ; the Pious Union of Our Lady of Good Counsel, with 130 ; the Rosary, with 60 , and the T. A. B. Society, with r3o.

The number of souls in the parish-exclusive of the above-named missions-was about 1,750 .

The students numbered 90 , namely: 15 in the ecclesiastical and 75 in the collegiate department.

The college societies were: Holy Rosary, with 46 members, Rev. John J. Ryan, O.S.A., spiritual director; Debating, with 23 members, Rev. Laurence A. Delurey, O.S.A., president; Dramatic, with 18 members, Brother Walter A. Coar, O.S.A., president ; Literary, with $3^{6}$ members, Brother James F. Green, O.S.A., president ; Athletic Association, with 34 members, Rev. Laurence A. Delurey, O.S.A., president, and the Glee Club, with 19 members, Brother Walter A. Coar, O.S.A., director.


PLATE XV, -VII, $A$ ANOVA-MAIN COLLEGE BLILDING, from the cast.
With these statistics of $189 \mathrm{r}-92$, closes the main purpose for which this historical skeleton of Villanova has been jointed together. In the preceding pages have been related with more or less detail, according to their prominence, the chief events in its story.

Yet, as will be apparent, all that has been told of the Fathers, Brothers, professors, students, and the Faithful associated with Villanova, during these 50 years, has related merely to their outer or social being. Nothing
has, or properly could be said, of the inner or spiritual life of these faithful servants of the Most High ; of their many good deeds; of their exercises in virtue; of their trials, sufferings, hardships and sacrifices-quickened by the spirit of religion ; or of the innumerable Masses said, and graces received at this shrine of St. Thomas of Villanova. Let their good works speak for them.

Since September of 1892 , preparations are in hand for the celebration of Villanova's Golden Jubilee during the commencement season of the present year. A large and powerful organ built by Roosevelt, of New York, with 1, 530 pipes, 38 stops and three manuals, has been placed in the church ; the Dramatic Hall freshly decorated and Villanova's first periodical-"The Villanova Monthly"published.

The lay students received from September, 1892 , to the opening of the present school term, February ist, 1893 , number 94 ; the sum of their ages is $\mathrm{r}, 472$ years and the average age of each student is i5 years, 7 months and 27 days.


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## APPENDIX I.

## SUMMARY OF CHIEF EVENTS IN VILLANOVA'S HISTORY.

Villanova founded, ..... 1842
First religious vestition, ..... 1843
Papal sanction,
Chapel blessed, ..... I844
College closed, ..... 1845
College re-opened, ..... 1846
First public commencement, ..... 1847
East college wing built, ..... 1848
Baptismal Register opened,
1850
Confirmation administered,
1852
Monastery extended,
1854
Marriage Register opened
1855
Bachelorship of Arts
$\left\{18_{87}\right.$
Mastership of Arts,
College closed, ..... )
College re-opened, ..... 1865
College Catalogues first issued ..... $\} 1871$
Commercial diplomas granted,
\}1872
Baclıelorship of Science granted,
Gymnasium opened, ..... 
Second Church opened,
1873
Alumni Association formed, ..... 1875
Gold Medals awarded, ..... 1876
First Masw at Herwyn, ..... 1879
Third Church founded, ..... 1883
First Mass at Bryn Mawr, ..... 1885
Church at Bryn Mawr founded, ..... 1886
Church at Berwyn founded, ..... 1889
Parish School opened at Bryn Mawr,
Parish School opened at Bryn Mawr, ..... 1893
Baptisms since 1848 , ..... 1,630
Marriages since 1854 , ..... 385
Confimations since 1850 , ..... 1,004
Students taught at Villanova since 1843 , ..... I.548

## APPENDIX II.

## LIST OF PRESIDFNTS OF VILLANOVA COLLEGE.

1. Rev. John P. O'Dwyer, O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . . . . . . I843-47

Rev, William Harnett, O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1847-48
Rev. John P. $\mathrm{O}^{4}$ Dwyer, O SA A. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1848-50$
4. Rev. William Harqett, O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1850-5i
5. Rev Patrick E. Moriarty, D.D., O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . $185 \mathrm{I}-55$

6 Rev, Willani Harnett, O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1855-57
7. Rev. Ambrose A. Mullen, O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . . . . J865-69
8. Rev. Patrick A. Stanton, O.S A.s . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1869-72$

9 Rev, Tlıottas Galberty, O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . . . . . I872-76
Io Rev. Thoutas C. Middleton, D D., O.S.A. . . . . . . . . $1876-78$
ıi . Rev. John J. Fedigan, O.SA., . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1878 -80
12. Rev. Joseph A. Coleman, O S A., . . . . . . . . . . . . . $1880-86$
13. Rev. Francis M. Sheeran, S.T.B., O.S.A., . . . . . . . . 1886-90
14. Rev. Christopher A. MeEvoy, O.S.A., . . . . . . . . . . I8go--

APPENDIX III.
NLMBER OF STUDENTS—ECCCLESIASTICAI AND LAY- AT VILLANOVA FOR EACH YEAR FROM 1843-FEB. I. I893.

| Years. | ECCLESIASTICAL. | Lay. | TOTAL STUDENTS. | YEARS. | ECCLESI- <br> ASTICAL. | LAY. | TOTAL students. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1843-45 | - | 45 | 45 | 1873-74 | 15 | 77 | 92 |
| $1846-47$ | - | 24 | 24 | 1874-75 | 12 | 76 | 88 |
| 1847.48 | 4 | 47 | 51 | 1875-76 | 12 | 66 | 78 |
| $1848-49$ | 7 | 39 | 46 | 1876-77 | 14 | 54 | 68 |
| 1849-50 | 5 | 62 | 67 | 1877-78 | 12 | 51 | 63 |
| 1850-5 | 4 | 77 | 8 L | 1878-79 | 16 | 83 | 99 |
| 1851-52 | 3 | 90 | 93 | 1879-80 | 22 | 97 | 159 |
| 1852-53 | 6 | 65 | 75 | 1880-81 | 26 | IIO | 136 |
| 1853-54 | 7 | 67 | 74 | $1881-82$ | 24 | 112 | 136 |
| 1854-55 | 5 | 86 | 95 | 1882-83 | 27 | 75 | 102 |
| 1855-56 | 4 | 72 | 76 | 1883-84 | 20 | 66 | 86 |
| 1856-57 | 5 | 55 | 60 | 1884-85 | 2 I | 71 | 92 |
| 1857-65 | 7 | 20 | 27 | 1885-86 | 24 | 73 | 97 |
| 1865-66 | 5 | 45 | 50 | $1886-87$ | 23 | 71 | 94 |
| 1866-67 | 9 | 79 | 88 | 1887-88 | 22 | 56 | 78 |
| 186\%-68 | 14 | 94 | 108 | 1888-89 | 21 | 51 | 72 |
| 1868-69 | 12 | 71 | 83 | 1889-90 | 17 | 52 | 69 |
| 1869-70 | 19 | 74 | 93 | 1890-91 | 14 | 59 | 73 |
| 1870-71 | 18 | 70 | 88 | 1891-92 | 15 | 75 | 90 |
| 1871-72 | 14 | 90 | 104 | I892-Fe | ,'93 10 | 94* | 104 |
| 1872-73 | 16 | 92 | 108 |  |  |  |  |

Total number of ecclesiastical students, by years,-531; of Iay do., 2,833 ; of both, -3.364.

* From Februaty 1 , when the above lists were drawn up. to date eleven lay students have entered College, making the total numbet received since September, 1892,105 .


## APPENDIX IV.

## ROLL OF STUDENTS-ECCLESIASTICAL AND LAY, WHO HAVE BEEN <br> EDUCATED AT VITI,ANOVA, FROM 1843 TO FEBRUARY I, <br> 1893, TOGETHER WITH THEIR RESIDENCE AND <br> THE VEARS OF THEIR ENTRY <br> AND DEPARTURE.

In the list are also mentioned the degrees, as "A, M, " "A, B." and "B S.," that have been awarded to the sanse by the College.

The total number of Students in the list is one thousand, five hundred and forty eight ( $\mathrm{I}, \mathrm{S} 4^{8}$ ).


| Name, | Residence. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Burrough, John Augustus, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 84-50 |
| Brightly, Charles Joseph, | " | 1848-51 |
| Bradley, James F., | , Ireland, | 1849-50 |
| Bowlby, Charles Thomas, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1849-50 |
| Barr, Hagh, | " " | 1849 |
| Byrne, Terence, | Baltimore, Md. | 1849-50 |
| Betts, Thonas James, |  | 5I |
| Boone, William Marshall, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1851-52 |
| Byrnes, James, | New York, N. Y. | 1851-52 |
| Baker, Greenbury Mathias, | Baltimore, Md. | 1851-51 |
| Barnard, Thomas Edward, | Tallahassee, Fla. | 1851-51 |
| Brown, Cornelius, | Philadelphia, Pa. | 1851-55 |
| Baker, George Augustine, | Baltimore, Md., | 1851-52 |
| Boyle, John J., | Haverford, Pa., | $1851-56$ |
| Bétancourt, Gaspar, | , Cuba, | 1852-53 |
| Baker, Caspar John, | Philadelphia, Pa. | 1853-54 |
| Buck, Jerome, |  | 1853-54 |
| Benet, Pedro, |  | 1853-54 |
| Bacon, | Philadelphia, Pa | 1853-54 |
| Burke, Washingtou, | Harrisburgh, Pa. | 1853-54 |
| Benavides, Francisco, A, B.,'56 | . Puerto Principe, Cuba | 1853-56 |
| Butler, William, | Washington, D. C., | 1854-55 |
| Barr, Hugh, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1854-55 |
| Brooks, William, | " " | 1855-56 |
| Ballisty, Francis James, | Manayunk, Pa., | 1855-57 |
| Buck, Augustus, | Philadelphia, Pa | 1855-57 |
| Brooke, Albert, | Upper Marlborough, Md. | 1855-57 |
| Bates, Louis Wiltiam, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1855-56 |
| Brown, James, | ension Parish | 1855-57 |
| Bétancourt, Dionisio, | , Cuba, | 1856-57 |
| Brown, Charles, |  | ? ? |
| Bright, Jacob, |  | 1856-57 |
| Brooks, Thomas, |  | 1857-57 |
| Bloomer, James John, | Philadelphia, Pa. | ?-61 |
| Brennan, John, | Boston, Mass., | 62 |
| Brennan, Michael, | Roxbury, Mass., | 1865-66 |
| Bloomer, Joseph, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1865-66 |
| Boylan, Francis, | . " | 1866-67 |
| Bowles, John Joseph, | Limerick, Ireland, | 1866-71 |
| Bradford, David Taylor, | Wilmiagton, Del , | 1866-67 |
| Bradford, George Stephen, | * | 1866-67 |
| Rauman, Henry Augustine, | Wilmington, N. C. | $1866-67$ |
| Buggy, Robert Francis, | Leiperville, Pa., | ${ }^{1866-70}$ |









| Name. | Residence. | 烒 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dempsie, Francis Vincent, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1890-93 |
| Da Costa, Charles, | Villanova, Pa., | 1890-91 |
| Dickinson, William C., | Renovo, Pa. | 1891-92 |
| Dore. Damiel Joseph, | New Haven, Conn., | 1891-93 |
| Duque, Luciano Gabriel, | Los Angeles, Cal., | 1891-93 |
| Dougherty, Francis William, | Wilmington, Del., | 1892-93 |
| Dugan, Cornelius Aloysins, | Jeddo, Pa., | 1892-93 |
| Darragh, Alonzo Stanislaus, | I'hiladelphia, Pa, | 1892-93 |
| Donlin, William Michael, | Scranton, Pa., | 1892-93 |
| Dinan, Francis Thomas, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1892-92 |
| Egan, Thomas A., | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1843-44 |
| Ewing. Thomas S., | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1843-50 |
| Ewicg. John, |  | 1846-47 |
| Egan. Charles Augustine, | Cork, Ireland, | -50 |
| Eagle. William, | Philadelphia, Pa. | $1847-48$ |
| Eagle, Joseph, |  | 1847-51 |
| Eagle, Sylvester, |  | -49 |
| Edelen, Raphael Benedict, | Piscataway, Md., | 1850-50 |
| Eyre, Manuel Francis, | Wilmington, Del., | 1850-51 |
| Edge, Louis Matthew, | Irelaud | 1852-54 |
| Edelen, William Joseph, | Prince George Co., Md., | 1852-54 |
| Edelen, Walter A., |  | 1853-54 |
| Ecker, Woolvert L. William, | Darien, Ga., | 1855-56 |
| Evans, William, | Philatelphia, Pa. | 1860-63 |
| Ellicott, Salvador, | Baltiniore, Md., | 1867-69 |
| Escandon, Marcellino, | , Cuba, | 1869-69 |
| Ellinger, Bernard G., | Baltimore, Md., | 1875-76 |
| Emmett, John Thomas, | Johnsonville, N. Y., | 1875-82 |
| Erneman, William S | Roxborough, Pa., | $1883-84$ |
| Egan, Thomas, | Eagle, Pa | $1883-85$ |
| Fisner, George, | Philadelphia, Pa | 1885-87 |
| Errickson, Joseph Andrew, |  | $1891-93$ |
| Errickson, William Augustine, | " " | 1892-93 |
| Early, Gcorge Joseph, | Brooklyn, N. Y., | 1892-93 |
| Flool, Edward H., | Phitadelphia, Pa., | ${ }^{1843-45}$ |
| Flood, John, | " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | $1843-45$ |
| Fenlon, Johu, | " ${ }^{\prime}$ | 1846-48 |
| Flanigan. Hugh, | " ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ | 1846-48 |
| Fenlon, Thomas P., | " " | 1847-48 |
| Fritot, Alfonso, | Matanzas, Cuba, | 1847-48 |
| Flannery, Heury Michael, | Douglassville, ra, | 1848-48 |
| Flannery, Jacob Aloysius, | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1848-48 |
| itggerald, Thomas Aloysius, | Norfolk, Va. | 184 |


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Flynn, Edward Philip, Mechanicsville. N. Y.,Entered.
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Foy, James, Mount Holly, N. J ..... 1884-84
Friel, Daniel, . . . . . . . . . . Church Hill, Md., ..... 1884-85
Fleming, John Michael Joseph. . . Dundas Ontario, ..... 1885-89
Flood, George, . . . . . . . . . Philadelphia Pa., ..... 1885-87
Fennessey, Thomas, ..... " ..... 1886-87
Fyan, Robert, Bedford, Pa., ..... 1886-87
Fisher, Edward Patrick, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., ..... 1887-90
Farrell, John James, Philadelphia, Pa. ..... 1887-88
Finnegan, Joseph Jannes, ..... 1888-92
Fagan, James Henry, Lansingburgh, N. Y. ..... 1888-88
Fisher, Richard John, Hoosick Falls, N. X., ..... 1889-90
Farrell, Lester William, Philadelpbia, Pa. ..... 1890-91
Farley, Robert Louis, ..... 1890-93
Ford, Walter John ..... 1891-93
Elwyn, Pa.
Finnigan Joseph J,. ..... $1891-91$
West Chester, Pa.,
Flood, James Benedict, ..... 1892-93
Philadelphia, Pa.,
Fitzgerald, Thomas John ..... 1892-93
New Haven. Conn
Fitzpatrick, Steplen Peter, ..... 1892-93
Black Rock, Conn.
Galberry, Thomas, ..... 1849-56
Galbraith, John, ..... 1851-52
Gibbons, Henty Boyce, ..... 1851-52
Gilligan, William, ..... 1852-53
Gough, James. ..... 1851-52
Gigon, Floret W ..... 1852-52
Guédron Alexander, ..... 1852-54
Gallen, Edward, ..... 1852-53
Gamble, Joseph, ..... 1853-54
Gannon, Thomas, ..... 1854-55
Gallagher, ..... 1856-?
Gilmore, John Phillips, Philadelphia, Pa. ..... 1860-63
Gallagher, Patrick A. Haverford, Pa. ..... 1865-67
Gallagher, Patrick M. ..... 1865-66
Gill. Thomas, ..... 1865-67
Gallagher, Patrick J ..... 1866-68
Gallagher Peter Dennis, ..... 1867-68
Garden, Alexander, ..... 1867-68
Gorman, Joseph H ..... 1868-69
Geraghty, James A. ..... 1869-70
Gleason, Daniel F. ..... 1869-70
Graeber, Edward N. ..... 1869-73
Geraghty. John Joseph, ..... 1869-70
Gallagher, Thomes, ..... 1870-72
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Gough, James A., Chester, Pa., . . . . . . . . 3870-72
Giltinan, William, Philadelphia, Pa. ..... $1870-71$
Gonváles, Gonzálo, Arecjbo, Puerto Rico, ..... 1871-72
Gayvor, John F., Waterbury Conn., ..... 1871-73
Gabancho, Velix. Bilbao. Spain, ..... :871-73
Grady Jas. F., B.S. '74; A.B.'75, . Mahanoy City, Pa, ..... 1871-75
Gallagher, Jidward P. Gloucester, N. J., ..... ${ }^{18} 871$-75
Golden, William H ..... 1S71-75
Garcia Abelardo, ..... 1572-73
García Arturo, ..... 1872-74
Geegan. John. ..... 1873-74
Gumman Juan J ..... 1874-76
Griwim, I'rancis J., ..... 1874-75
Gaughan, I'atrick A. ..... 1874-75
Gregg. William R. ..... 1877-79
Gibbons, William H., A.B. '79. . Hazzardville, Conn., ..... 1877-79
Giceson, Richard Anthony, . . . Villanova Pa., ..... 1877-88
Gormily. John, Ptiladelphia, Pa., . . . . . . 1877 -80
Gill, William J., ..... 1878-81
Gill, Thotnas J. ..... 1878-82
Gilson. Philip R., A.B. '8t, . . . Lawrence, Mass. ..... 1878-81
Gallagher, Thomas A., . . . . . . l'biladelphia, Pa , ..... 1878-81
Gallagher Johu V. ..... 1878-81
Giilan, James J ..... 1879-80
Gough. Daniel J., ..... 1879-83
Gallagher, John I., A.B. '\$I, . . . Lawrence, Mass. ..... 1879-81
Gardiner, Joseph D., . . . . . . . Baltimore. Md., ..... 1879-82
Gartiand, Daniel, Philadelphia, Pa. ..... 1879-80
Garin, José Martín, Yaucí, Spain, ..... 1880-81
Gaynor, John Joseph, Cambridge, N. Y., ..... $1880-84$
Gannon, John J., Albany, N. Y. ..... 1880-82
Gill Charles J. Philadelphia, Pa., ..... 1880-82
Gormley, Michael, ..... $188 \mathrm{o}-8 \mathrm{I}$
Port Richmond, Pa.
Gravelle, Andrew J. ..... 1880-82
Griffin, William H. ..... 1881-83
Gordon, John H. ..... $188 \mathrm{I}-8 \mathrm{I}$
Gallagher, Hugh Angustine, . . . Philadelphia, Pa. ..... 188I-87
Gallagher, John, ..... 1881-84
Gorman, Martin J., ..... 1882-84
Griffith Panl Augustine, ..... 1882-83
Geraghty, Mortin John Aloysius, ..... 1882-90
Greagan, Francts Augustine, ..... 1883-37
Gínbel, Louis A. ..... 1884-85


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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hirsi, Stephet Pelix, | lmiladelphia, l'a., |  |
| Hirst, James William, |  | 1866-67 |
| Hagan, Michael l', | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1867-69 |
| Hacker, Thomas, |  | 1867-68 |
| Hacker, I'rank, | $\cdots$ | 1867-68 |
| Hindemeyer, l'tilip, | Koliterstown, Pa., | 1867-68 |
| Hindeneyer, George, | " " | 1867-68 |
| Hanmer, Jacol, | . Philadelphia, Pa., | 69 |
| Hobson, Clarence E., | . Paltimore, Md. | '79-79 |
| Hobson, Frank Viucent, | " " | 1870-80 |
| Hughes, Martin, | Castlebar, Ireland, | 1870-71 |
| Hannigan. John, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1871-72 |
| Hanuiyan, Thomas, | Unionville, Pa, | 1875-73 |
| Harley, John J., | Mahanoy City, Pa., | 1871-75 |
| Hatt, Malachy, | Lawrence, Mass., | 1871-72 |
| Hart, P'atrick Francis |  | 1871-78 |
| Hamburger, Carlos, | . Parranquilla, Coloubia, | . 1872-74 |
| Hart. Daniel F., | Waterbury, Conn. | .1872-73 |
| Harley, Henry, | . Montgomery Co., Pa., | . 1873-73 |
| Hemphill, Robert Coleman, | West Chester, Pa., | 1873-75 |
| Hasson, Henry S., | - Glasgow, Scotland, | 1873-74 |
| Hartuett, John J. | Dover, Del | 1874-76 |
| Hickey, John J., | . Shenandoah, Pa., | . 1875-77 |
| Hisgins, Thomas J., | " | . 1875-76 |
| Hughes, Francis Patrick, | lompsonville, Conne, | ${ }^{1876-83}$ |
| Herlihy, Timothy Francis, | awrence, Mass., | 1878-85 |
| Halley, Patrick W., B.S. '8t |  | . $1879-81$ |
| Hickey, William H., | Stauford, Conn., | :879-8t |
| Hayes, James, | Radnor, l'a., | 1879-80 |
| Halloran, Thomas F , | Stamford, Contr., | 1879-79 |
| Harrah, William A. C., | Rio Janeiro, Brazil, | :880-81 |
| Higgias, William James, | Shenandoah, Pa., | . 1880-8t |
| Holton, Thomas P | Waterford, N. Y., | 1880-81 |
| Harper, John, | Garrettville, Pa., | 8 |
| Holahan, Joseph E., | Waterbury, Conn., | $1885-8 t$ |
| Hanlou, James A., | Norwalk, Conn., | $1881-84$ |
| Hernandez, Joseph Everal, | ${ }_{3} \mathrm{St}$. Augustine, Fla. | 1881-85 |
| Hannigar, Joseph J., | Douglassville, Pa., | . $1882-83$ |
| Hartnett, William, | Dover, Imel., | . $1882-82$ |
| Hennessey, Joseph, | Middletown, Conn., | . $1882-83$ |
| Hogan, John Augustine, | . Callan, Ireland, | 1883-88 |
| Hannau, Daniel, | Plitadelphia, Pa., | 1883-84 |
| randez, Henry E. | St. Augustine, Fla., | . $1883-87$ |



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Kelly, WHtiam F. Philadelphia, Fa. ..... 1878-79
Kelly, Edward J. Berwyn, Pa. ..... 1880-86
Kelly, Michael J. Hartforl, Conn. ..... $1880-82$
Kotzebue, Richard, ..... $1881-83$
Keville, Thontas, ..... I $88 \mathrm{I}-82$
Ketntrev, James Thomas, ..... $1882-86$
Kelly, Thotnas, ..... $1882-\mathrm{H}_{2}$
K゙elly, Michael, ..... $1882-\mathrm{H}_{3}$
Kelly, John, ..... $1882-83$
Keenan, John Joseph ..... 1882-83
Kieran Thomas, ..... $1882-83$
Kerns, Joseph, ..... 1883-86
Keen, John, ..... $1884-87$
Ketterer. Firancis Witliam, B.S.'SS; Woodsfield, O. ..... 11886-88
Kelly, l:mntet, ..... 1886-87
Berwyn. Pa.
Kane, Janes ..... 1886-87
Averill Park N. ${ }^{2}$.
Kennedy. John Francis, ..... 1887-93
Jawrence, Mas
Kiernan, Charles Francis, ..... 1888-89
bethlelient, Pa
Kennerly. John Augustine, ..... 1890-90
Hawrence, Mass.
Keavens. John Thomas, ..... 1890-90
King. Victor, ..... 1690-91
King, Hubert Joseph, ..... IW90-91
Kelles, C'harles Ftancis, ..... I891-93
Kavenaugh, Willianı James, . . . Brooklyn, N. Y.. ..... 1891-93
Kelelier. John Francis, 13.S. '92 : . Lawrence. Mass. ..... 1891-93
Kiernan, Thomas R., . . . . . . Bridgeport. Conn. ..... 1891-92
Kellev. Joseph John West Philadelptia, Pa. ..... 1891-93
Kirsch, James . . . . . . . . . Radnor, P’a, ..... 1892-93
Kimes, Yrederick J. Washington, D. C. ..... 1892-92
Kerr. Richard Gcorge, Annamdale, $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{J}$. ..... 1592-93
Nentedy, Michael Thomas, Philadelphia, I'a. ..... 1892-93
Longstreth, Joseph Cooke, Whitemarsh, P'a. ..... 1847-50
Jancaster, Henry Clay, . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa., ..... $13_{4} 8-50$
L.ancaster. Francis Aloysins, ..... $1548-50$
Loughborough, Alexander James. Creorgetown. I). (C. ..... 1849-50
L.aromue. Charles Gabricl. ..... 1*i49-5!
Laroque. l'rancis I,ouis, ..... 1849-50
L.ery, William, ..... 1851-52
Jatkitn. George, ..... 1851-52
L.ecompté. Benjamin, ..... 1851-53
Jopez. Joneph ..... 1852-53
I.onı̧heŗ̧, Bernard, ..... 1853-57
1,oughran, William, ..... 1854-55
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Lacoste, Charles Heary Philadelphia, Pa., . . . . . . 1855-56
Levering, Abraham, White Hall, Pa, ..... 1857-57
Lambert, Joseph, Philadelphia, Pa., . . . . . 1865-66
Lee John Peter, Easton, Pa ..... I $865-68$
Lee, William (ieorge ..... 1865-68
Logue: John, Philadelphia, Pa , ..... 1866-68
Litzinger, Bernard W. Loretto, Pa ..... 1866-68
Lenahav, Joln Thomas Mauch Chunk, Pa ..... 1866-70
Lynch, John H Jawrence, Mass. ..... 1867-70
Lynch, Patrick H., Douglassville, Pa. ..... 1867-71
Lynch, John J ..... 1867-72
Iee, Edward New Orleans, La ..... 1868-69
Larrien, Gennaro ..... $1870-74$
Ifartien, Francisco, ..... 1870-74
Lefevre, Léon, ..... 18770-73
Lacoste, Perfecto, ..... $1 \mathrm{~S}_{7} 1-73$
Laroque, Achitle, ..... $\mathrm{IS}_{5} \mathrm{I}-72$
Iynch, l'atrick Augnstine, ..... 1872-79
Leary, Francis J. ..... 1872-74
Latour, Auguste, ..... 1872-75
I,evis, Samuel, ..... 1874-77
Locke, Joseph Augustine, ..... 1875-80
Lara, Carlos. ..... 1875-76
Lacey, Joseph W. ..... 1875-76
Locke, Michae! Joseph, ..... 1878-81
Lucas, Harry C. ..... 1878-80
Lanning. Edward A. ..... 1878-80
Leach, Thomas I. ..... 1879-82
Leonard, William Aloysius . . . Lawrence, Mass ..... ISSO-8I
I,eonard, Daviel Joseph, A.B. 'Si, ..... ${ }^{1} \mathrm{SSO}-85$
Lancaster, Edward J., . . . . . . Hartford, Conn., ..... $1850-81$
Lynch, David s. ..... $1850-80$
Leonarl, Jantes Augustine Am- brose Mary, . . . . . . . . . Lawrence, Mass., . . . . . . ISSO-84
Luhn, Willian Luke, Fort Bridger, Wy ..... 1881-84
Luhn, Henry Bernard, ..... IS8I-85
Lanahan, Williann, Coopertown, Pa. ..... 1881-82
Losada, José, Havaua, Cuba, ..... ISS2-83
Loftis, Samuel, ..... 1882-84
Loftis, Joseph M. ..... $158_{3}-84$
Leonard, John Bernard, . . . . . Lawrence, Mass. ..... 1885-91
Leonard Thomas Francis, ..... 1885-86
Loughran, William, Philadelphia, Pa ..... 1886-86







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| Name. | Residence. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O'Toole, Michael | Wilk esbarre, Pa | 1870-73 |
| O'Leary, Michael J. | Lawrence, Mass., | 1870-73 |
| Oblinger, Clement | Miltonburg, O., | $187 \mathrm{I}-75$ |
| O'Connor, John P. | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1872-72 |
| O'Rourke, Thomas, | " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | 1873-73 |
| O'Connell, Patrick Joseph, | Williamstown, Mass. | 1873-80 |
| Ogden, James B., | King of Prussia, Pa., | ${ }^{1873-74}$ |
| O'Connor, James P., | Lansingburgh, N. Y., | -75; |
| O'Neil James, | nesbury, Mas | 1874-75 |
| O'Mahony, Daniel John, | wrence, Mass., | 1874-81 |
| O'Sullivan, John Mary. | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1874-80 |
| O'Kane, Daniel, | Gloucester, N.'J., | 1874-76 |
| O'Reilly, John, | Philadelphia, Pa | . 1875-76 |
| Ortiz, Luis Reyes, | San Antonio, Tex., | 1877-77 |
| O'Connor, Thomas H., | Tombannock, N. Y., | . 1877-78 |
| O'Reilly, Joseph P., | Reading, la., | 1878-79 |
| O'Brien, John Joseph, | orth Andove | 1878-85 |
| O'Connor, James P., | Louella, Pa | 1878-79 |
| O'Grady, William, A.B. 'so, | Eastport, Me. | . 1878-80 |
| Oyster, Edward A., | Washington, D. | . $1879-81$ |
| O'Grady, Dominick Pat'k,A.B. '84 | Kelly ville, Pa., | 1879-85 |
| 0 'Brien, Willians S , | Lynn, Mass., | 1879-82 |
| O'Connell, Daniel, | Philadelphia, Pa. | 81 |
| O.Sullivan, Daniel Jas. Augustine, | Lawrence, Mass., | 1880-86 |
| O'Shea, Joseph Francis, | Lynn, Mass. | -83 |
| O'Hara, John, | Philadelphia, F | $18883-85$ |
| O'Connor, Joseph J., | Louisville. | 1884 -85 |
| O'Condor, Gerald Jolm, B.S. ${ }^{8} 7$; |  |  |
| A. B. '8S, | Waterford, N. Y., | 1884-88 |
| O'Neill, James, | Fhiladelphia, Pa, | 884-86 |
| O'Brien, Terence Francis Mary, | Carrickbeg, Ireland, | 885-87 |
| O'Donnell, I'atrick Joseph Hugh, | Donegal, | 1885-89 |
| O'Brien, James, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1885-85 |
| O'Brien, John, | " | 1886-86 |
| O'Neill, John J., | " ${ }^{\prime}$ | $.1886-87$ |
| O'Hearn, John, | Shenandoah, Pa., | 1886-87 |
| O'Leary, Timothy, | Conshobocken, Pa. | 1887-88 |
| O'Hay, John Joseph, | Germantown, l'a. | :887-88 |
| $O^{\prime}$ Neill, John J., | Phitadelphia, Pa., | 1887-89 |
| O'Rourke, Charles, | New York, N. Y., | $1887-87$ |
| O'Donnell, John Francis, . . . . Manayunk, Pa., . . . . . . . $1889-9$ |  |  |
| O'Connor, Edmund A., . . . . . Waterford, N. Y., . . . . . . ${ }^{\text {1891-91 }}$ |  |  |
| 1, Bernard Joseph, |  | $189$ |





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| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sullivan, William, | Lawrence, Mass. |  |
| Shoemaker, Edward, | Ebensburgh, Pa, |  |
| Shoemaker, Francis, A.B. '56 | " | 1852-56 |
| Shoemaker, Edward, | " ${ }^{\prime}$ | 1852-54 |
| Sayen, Edward, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1852-54 |
| Smith, Otho Augustine, | Boonsborough, Md., | 1852-54 |
| Smith, Francis James, | . ${ }^{\prime}$ | 1852-54 |
| Sweerey, James, | Pittsburgh, Pa., | 1852-53 |
| Sharkey, Francis, | , Ireland, | 1852-53 |
| Stack, - | Pittsburgh, Pa., | 1853-? |
| Sales, James, | Harrisburg, Pa., | J853-54 |
| Sales, Francis Augustine, |  | ?-54 |
| Stokes, Chatles Bortonteo, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1853-56 |
| Sayen George, | ' 6 | J854-55 |
| Stanton, John, | , | 1855-56 |
| Solms, Sydney Ambrose, | , | 1855-56 |
| Scanlan, | -, Venezaela, | 1856-57 |
| Staley, John, | - , - . | 1856-56 |
| Sheeran, Francis Michael, | Pbiladelphia, Pa., | 1857-58 |
| Stanton, Samuel Michael, | " 6 | 1857-? |
| Stanton, William Augustine, |  | 1857-? |
| Scravendyke, John, . | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 860-? |
| Scravendyke, James, | " ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 1860-? |
| Shoemaker, Samuel A., | Ebensburg, Pa., | 1865-68 |
| Sheridan, John, | Philadelphia, Pa., | 1866-67 |
| Shields, Robert, | Loretto, Pa., | 1866-68 |
| Siegfned, Adolph, | Philadelphia, Pa., | . 1867-73 |
| Sieberlich, Thomas M., |  | 1867-69 |
| Schæffer, William, | " ${ }^{\prime}$ | 1867-68 |
| Smith, Edward J., | New York, N. Y., | 1869-72 |
| Strith, George R., |  | 1869-70 |
| Stang, William, | Chester Co., Pa., | 1870-70 |
| Sambalino, William, | . Philadelphfa, Pa., | 1870-71 |
| Sieberlich, Edward, | - " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | 187i-72 |
| Sweeney, John, | Summit Hill, Pa., | 1871-73 |
| Sheeran, John H., | Jersey City, N. Y., | 1872-74 |
| Sherman, Louis C., |  | . 1873-74 |
| Stanton, Thomas F, | Pottsville, Pa., | 1873-74 |
| Slattery, James, | Jersey City, N. Y., | 1873-76 |
| Suarez, José Rafael, | . Cienfuegos Cuba. | 1875-77 |
| Smith, Roberto F., | Cardenas Cuba, | 1875-77 |
| Sexton. Philip F., | Lawrence. Mass., | 876-77 |
| Schultz, Henry J. | Indianola, Tex. | 87 |

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Schultz, John Henry. . . . . . . Indianola, Tex., . . . . . . . 1877-79
Sullivan, Peter F., . . . . . . . Lawrence, Mass. . . . . . 1877-83
Slamon, John F., . . . . . . . . Thompsonville, Conn,, . . . 1877-80
Strong. George J., . . . . . . . Windsor Locks Conn., . . . 1878-79
Sarria, William E. C., . . . . . . Cienfuegos. Cuba, . . . . . 1878 -80
Sullivan, William J., . . . . . . -_————— . . . . . 1879-80
Sarria, John, . . . . . . . . . . Cienfuegos Cuba . . . . . 1879-81
Sinnot, James, . . . . . . . . . Upton, Pa., . . . . . . . . 1879-80
Schlenk, Fidward J., . . . . . . Philadelphia, Pa., . . . . . . 1880-8t
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Amesbury, Mass.
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[^0]:    *The same gifted poetess has composed the Salutatories forseveral of the commencements of Villanova College. Among them are the following poems :--'Legend of the
     "Coriolanus, or a Mother's Victory :" "St. Wulstan's Crozier ;" "The Conversion ot St. Augustime:" and "The Inspiring of Caedmon."

[^1]:    * See Plate II.

[^2]:    *By survey the top of the college hill is 465 feet above tide water mark at Market Street, Philadelphia.

[^3]:    * His name is absent from the parish registers at St. Augustine's, Philadelphia, from September, 1842 , to late in the summer of ' 43 .
    $\dagger$ From time immemorial the hill beyond the brook has been known as "Mount Misery." The origin of the epithet is as follows, viz. : Some time in the eatly ' 408 , not long after the Fathers had come into possession of Belle-Air, Rev. Dr. Moriarty, being struck with the generally iorlorn and comfortless look of things around the hilltop, christensd the place

[^4]:    "Mount Misery," a name that since then it has always gone by among college folk. This is recorded that posterity may understand the now meaningless term given by their ancestors to the hill above the spring house.

    * During the riots of '44, in Philadelphia, along with the destruction of the church and convent of St. Augustine, perished nearly all the records belonging to the archives of the province.

[^5]:    * At Villanova are two copies of this picture, one in stained glass over the main door of the church, and the other in oil in the Dramatic Hall.

[^6]:    *This Jantes P. Barr had been a student at Mt. St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg, Md., from Jan. 22, 1838, to about July 22, 1843 . See Letter dated "March 2, 1893," from Rev. Edw. P. Allen, D.D., President of Mt. St. Mary's, to the compiler.

[^7]:    *Plate YI shows the lavatory of 1847 .

[^8]:    * The premiun list for this conmencement is published at page 240 of "The Catholic Herald ', of the day.

[^9]:    *The premium list for this commencement is published on page 240 of "The Catholic Herald ", of the day.

[^10]:    *The list is published in "'The Catholic Herald"', for Saturday, July 12, 1856.

[^11]:    seal of villanova college.

