

is indelibly intertwined with that of the hospital's founding and growth. The first hospital accommodated 12 to 13 patients at one time and records show 451 patients were cared for in the first year.

The seven years the Sisters managed this small hospital were ones of personal sacrifice and trial; conditions were rudimentary and space limited. Numerous accounts tell of the sisters giving up their apartments and sleeping on the floor or sometimes even the operating table to make room for patients.'

By 1881 the planning for the larger 125 bed facility was begun: The choice of a lot on a hill with good drainage; good water supply first from Red Butte Canyon and later Parleys Canyon; planting of groves of trees, landscaping of gardens and walk ways. The foundation of a hospital dedicated to personal care in surroundings of beauty and grace are the heritage left by Sister M. Holy Cross.

Her staff began with only Sister Bartholomew and by the next year they were joined by Sisters Aubin and Bernard. By the time Sister M. Holy Cross retired to the Mother House in August 1895, 18 sisters were listed on the obedience records. A glimpse of her personality was given in a Pontifical Mass by Father Dennis Kiely.

"If she should make a mistake, it was an error of heart, and not of head, and her humility would disarm criticism. She was patient beyond endurance. I often said to her, "How can you be so patient?" And she would answer, "Was not our blessed Lord always patient, kind and charitable?"*

This need for religious, moral and professional perfection shows up in a variety of ways. A job' description given to floor nurses in 1887 gives a very strong indication of what life in the hospital was like, as well as the values and priorities set by Sister M. Holy Cross.

The directive read, "In addition to caring for your fifty patients, each nurse will follow these regulations:

1. Daily sweep and mop the floors of your ward, dust the patients' furniture and window sills.
2. Maintain an even temperature in your ward by bringing in a scuttle of coal for the day's business.
3. Light is important to observe the patient's condition. Therefore, each day fill kerosene lamps, clean chimneys, and trim wicks. Wash the windows once a week.

4. The nurse's notes are important in aiding the physician's work. Make your pens carefully, you may whittle nibs to your individual taste.
5. Each nurse on day duty will report every day at 7 A.M. and leave at 8 P.M. except on the Sabbath on which day you will be off from 12 noon to 2 P.M.
6. Graduate nurses in good standing with the director of nurses will be given an evening off each week for courting purposes or two evenings a week if you go regularly to church.
7. Each nurse should lay aside from each pay day a goodly sum of her earnings for her benefits during her declining years so that she will not become a burden. For example, if you earn \$30 a month, you should set aside \$15.
8. Any nurse who smokes, uses liquor in any form, gets her hair done at a beauty shop or frequents dance halls will give the director of nurses good reason to suspect her worth, intentions and integrity.
9. The nurse who performs her labors and serves her patients and doctors faithfully and without fault for a period of five years will be given an increase by the hospital administration of five cents a day providing there are no hospital debts that are outstanding. "9

This woman of strength, human empathy, energy and religious devotion who retired in 1895, set a mark that cannot be erased from the institution she founded.

When Sister M. Bartholomew retired to the Mother House in Notre Dame, Indiana, 10 years later in 1905, she was accompanied by Sister Lidwina who replaced Sister M. Holy Cross as Superior in 1895.

Sister Bartholomew's personality of gentle, loving and merciful assistant to Sister M. Holy Cross was ideal for such a calling. She served with great strength and love for 30 years.

She was one of the first who responded to the call to go to the battlefields during the Civil War, but most of her long period of service was in the hospital she helped found.

A 1905 Tribune article gave a person glimpse of Sister Bartholomew when it reported, "The poor suffering miner dressed in overalls and canvas coat received the same care and attention from her as those who were clothed in purple. She knew no distinction and her oft repeated expression, 'He is a perfect gentlemen,' would be applied to the former oftener with greater emphasis than to the latter."¹⁰

With her passing, the continuous thread was carried by Sister M. Lidwina. Sister