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Sisters of St. Joseph
St. Joseph's Hospital
Elmira, New York

Dear Sisters:

I feel that I have a very special right to add my congratulations to the many you are receiving on this fiftieth anniversary of the founding of your hospital.

Coming to Elmira when St. Joseph's still occupied the small original building, a former girls' academy, and had but lately made its first addition, the present Maternity Building, when the operating room and the chapel were each about the size of one of the present rooms for patients, I have seen St. Joseph's grow into one of the largest groups of buildings in Elmira.

Today the Sisters of St. Joseph may feel proud not only of the work of the little band of heroic women who pioneered St. Joseph's Hospital, but also of their successors during those fifty years, who have made the hospital one of which any city might boast.

Only God can count the thousands who have found tender care, relief from pain, courage, recovery of health, and even recovery of God in the rooms of St. Joseph's.

With gratitude for your many kindnesses to me, I pray for St. Joseph's Hospital a future even more glorious than its past.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Very Rev. Leo G. Schwab, V.F.

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CITY OF ELMIRA

St. Joseph's Hospital
555 East Market Street
Elmira, New York

Dear Friends:

As St. Joseph's Hospital completes a half-century of dedicated service, it is impossible to place too high a value on the contribution this fine institution has made to our community.

Speaking for all the people of Elmira, I want to express to the Board of Directors and to Sister Margaret Adelaide and to every member of the Staff our sincere appreciation and gratitude.

We extend to you our cordial good wishes as you continue your unselfish task of ministering to the needs of all who come to your doors.

Yours sincerely,
Edward A. Mooers,
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Behind The Scenes

IN EVERY LARGE industry, the maintenance of the utility service and the upkeep of the buildings are vital to the normal flow of production, and the normal flow of production, in turn, is the normal flow of the life of the community.

At St. Joseph's Hospital the maintenance of hundreds of pieces of equipment, miles of electrical and steam lines, and the maintaining of buildings and grounds are major behind-the-scenes functions of the Administration and Engineering Department.

A quick glance at the job classifications in these departments illustrates the variety of tasks involved in the hospital's functioning efficiently. There is the Building Supervisor, the Chief Engineer and his assistants; plumbers, carpenters, electricians, painters, grocers, mechanics, night watchman, janitors, and a host of other jobs in maintenance and renovation. They are also responsible for the rating for the grounds.

In the event of the interruption of the water supply, a condition which could result except that St. Joseph's has a standby generator for such emergencies. The hospital is connected with two power houses, and it is not

likely that both would fail at once.

However, in the event of complete failure of the water supply, an entire staff would be required to carry out the emergency operation within a few minutes.

The Maintenance and Engineering Departments have a vital part in all such emergencies. Patients do not often see the many behind-the-scenes services performed by these important departments of the hospital team. Yet the hospital would be unable to carry on its emergency operations on a routine basis. In emergency situations or routine assignments by day or by night, these talented employees play a major role in the smooth running of St. Joseph's.

IN HER NEXT YEARS, there has been a growing trend in hospitals to honor employees for faithful service by presenting them with service awards. In keeping with this trend, St. Joseph's Hospital has given such recognition to its employees annually since 1934.

Since the inauguration of this program, one hundred sixty-one employees have been recipients of these awards. Five year plans have been presented to one hundred three eligible workers (on year plans to thirty-five year plans to ten; twenty year plans to eight; twenty-five year plans to five; thirty year plans to two; and a five-year plan has been awarded one employee.