

can found on the grounds, and scoured, was converted into a coffee pot.

Father Felix DeGrasse, O. S. B. (afterward Abbot of Sacred Heart,) and Father Savinian Louismet, O. S. B., were the missionaries for the Osage Reservation at the time; they, too, were very poor; their beds were made of horse blankets. In the chapel the altar was made up of doors and flour barrels, while nail kegs, with boards stretched across, served for benches.

School opened December 1, 1887, the Government having granted a contract for seventy-five girls.

The Sisters were indefatigable in their efforts to promote the spiritual and temporal welfare of their young charges.

After two years of up-hill work pupils came in in such numbers that a larger building became necessary. One was purchased and completely furnished, but it was destroyed by fire during night—the work of an incendiary. The inmates had a narrow escape. Fortunately no one was injured.

The present building is a magnificent four-story stone structure, erected by the munificence of Mother M. Katherine Drexel, of Philadelphia, and speaks volumes for her zeal in behalf of the noble red man.

It is delightfully located west of Pawhuska, just outside the city limits, on a tract of one hundred and sixty acres of land, donated by the Indians. The environment is picturesque and healthful.

The school is in a flourishing condition and no effort is spared by the Sisters of St. Francis, under the wise direction of their Superior-General, to imbue the pupils with a deep love for religion and morality, to develop them intellectually, to safeguard their health, and to familiarize them with the domestic arts. Much credit is due Father Edward Van Waesberghe for his strict attention to the religious and moral instruction of the pupils throughout the scholastic course. Thus the Osage girls who attend St. Louis, under the careful tutelage of the Sisters and the wise guidance of the missionary, grow up equipped for the battle of life with faith, good principles, and a practical education.