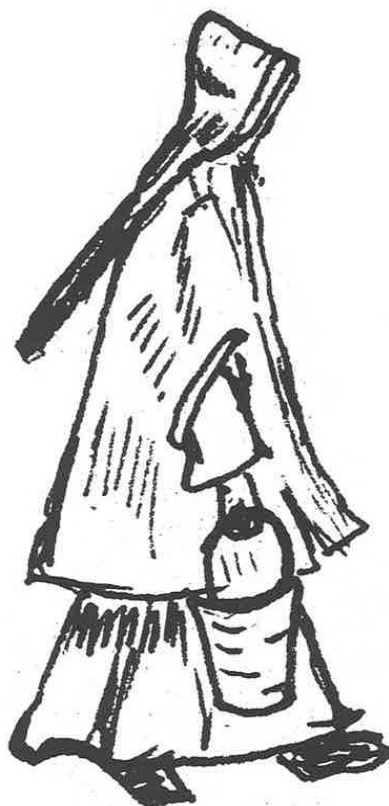


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Anna McKinnon was one of the Antigonish girls who traveled to Halifax between 1894 and 1900 to become a Sister of Saint Martha, with her religious formation provided by the Sisters of Charity. She was a young girl from the country and most probably raised on a farm, like so many of her confreres. When the option to return to Antigonish as a member of the St. Martha's Congregation or stay with the Charities of Halifax was



Sister Mary Simeon McKinnon



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posed, Anna, then known as Sister Mary Simeon, chose to stay with the Charities.

Apart from one year at the Academy of the Assumption in 1906, S. Mary Simeon's only other mission was taking care of the Mount farm house. She did that for over 50 years. This provided all the sustenance for the Motherhouse inhabitants. When she was quite elderly, Sisters who were in formation at the Mount recall seeing

S. Mary Simeon daily walk to and from the farm. She brought fresh milk to the farm hands for their refreshment. Coming home she would be carrying a basket of fresh eggs as she tended the chickens. One of our Sisters recalls seeing S. Simeon when she herself was a young novice noting "S. Simeon always seemed so kind and gentle."

We Sisters of Charity are blessed to have her as one of our own.