

As summer began to wane, though, Togo, became distressed, evidently realizing that Nance O'Neill would never return for him. *"Of late Togo has had some bad crying spells; they say that formerly Miss O'Neill always came for him at this season or earlier; a few days ago he whined piteously to come in when two ladies were in the parlor; from the distance, he saw them coming and flew down to the house probably thinking it was his mistress."* It seems that poor Togo never saw O'Neill again and was taken into the Cassidy family, the estate's caretakers.

The following year, the Lowell sisters returned for another six weeks to Tyngsboro and their days soon were *"divided between religious and household duties; study, rest and recreation."* With Togo apparently under the Cassidy family's care, the sisters welcomed two new arrivals, *"a strong noble mastiff of about eighteen mos. He is the gift of one of our old time boarders who, accompanied by her son and another gentleman, brought the dog all the way from Lawrence in an auto. He was warmly greeted and named Gaspar, after one of the Kings, Melchior having been bestowed on a four month old Newfoundland, which we received a week or two before. The intelligent little pup is developing fast and profiting of the training he receives. He has already learned by instinct to carry a parcel in his mouth and barks at every unusual sound. A third dog—a bulldog has been promised us but by request he will not be forwarded until we have the much prayed for structures to be guarded."*

In their selection of names as evidenced by the choices for their new dogs *"we are moved by devotion to the Holy Magi, as we learned that every dog in the . . . district is called after one or the other of them and has never been known to be affected with hydrophobia."* As life fell into a routine, with the sisters finding time to relax as well as host other communities for their vacations, mention of the animals and dogs grew less and less.

And though the Notre Dame Academy in Tyngsboro was more than 15 years in the future, they already were thinking that they should, *"begin to build and success will follow. This is the right place for an academy. . ."*



Another dog from the Tyngsboro summer home for the Lowell Sisters of Notre Dame

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