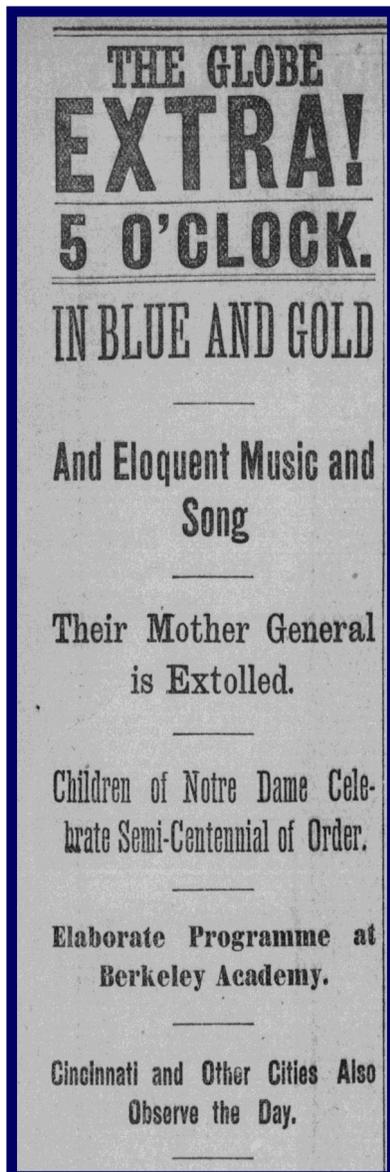


The Somerville sisters stated that, “*The Distribution of the Jubilee year, 1890, was like Notre Dame. Nearly every number on the programme referred to the coming anniversary. The portrait of the Venerable Mother Julia, crowned with garlands hung in a conspicuous part of the hall, seeming to gaze lovingly at her large family of Sisters and children. . .A pleasing feature of the entertainment was, “A March of Fifty Years,” in which the labors of the Order in America were briefly recounted. At the close of the Exercises many friends came forward to congratulate the Sisters on the glorious anniversary they were celebrating. . .*”

The anniversary was also noted many times in area newspapers. The articles not only described the events, but recounted the history of the beginnings of the Sisters of Notre Dame, both in the U.S. and in Massachusetts. Starting on November 11, 1890, the *Boston Globe* wrote of the jubilees held across the country. All the schools were decorated for the jubilee with flowers and flags, usually in the blue and gold associated with the Sisters of Notre Dame. In addition, to the exhibitions of student work, there were also literary presentations and musical entertainment. At the Notre Dame Academy on Berkeley Street in Boston, the hall used for the celebration displayed banners listing the sites of other celebrations across the country: Washington, DC; Philadelphia, PA; Columbus, Hamilton, and Cincinnati, Ohio; Arlington, Virginia; Waltham, Lowell, Worcester, Woburn, Chicopee, Springfield, Holyoke, Somerville, Salem, Roxbury, East and South Boston and Milford, MA.

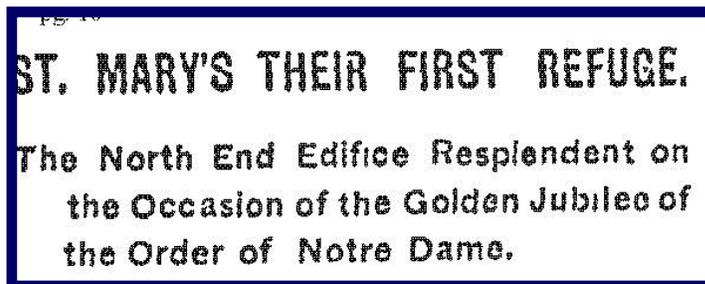
In addition to the Boston papers, the Salem *Sacred Heart Review* provided an overview of the history of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Salem, as well as a outline of the celebrations held at St. James Church. A detailed overview of the decorations at St. Mary’s Church were given, including demonstrations of the sewing and other textile lessons provided to the girls by the Sisters. Paintings and other art created by the students were also on display.

To view one of the jubilee volumes preserved in the New England Archives, click [here](#).



On the left, an excerpt from
The Boston Daily Globe, November 11, 1890

Below, an excerpt from
The Boston Globe, November 29, 1890



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