LINDENWOOD GHOST MATERIALIZED

Long tradition has it that the ghost of Mary Easton Sibley, co-founder of Lindenwood College, arises from the quiet cemetery on the college grounds each year on Hallowe'en night. The ghost is said to wrap itself in a sheet, walk up hill by a cinder path, to reach the Old Chapel in Sibley Hall at the hour of midnight. Then, while students throw windows to the top and listen intently, the deep notes of a pipe organ come to waiting ears in confirmation that Mary Easton Sibley's ghost still 'watches over you'.

It is particularly fitting that a diary written in Mrs Sibley's hand has just been presented to the college. A letter of transmittal says in part:

"I am sending this diary of Mary Easton Sibley in accordance with the wish of my late husband - Emmet Crawford Morton. My husband was a great nephew of Mary Easton Sibley. His grandfather was Gen. Langdon Easton, a brother of Mary Sibley."

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The leather-bound, and hand-tooled printing bears the date "Nov. 14, 1829". The first entry is of March 23, 1832, the day Mary Easton Sibley presented herself to the Session of the Presbyterian Church of St. Charles as a candidate for the ordinances of the church. The diary is largely an intimate revelation of the search for religious enlightenment, and for strength to live by that enlightenment. The meticulous handwriting, the use of English, the candor of intimate thoughts and the revelations of strength of character are each evident in these precious pages.

One inclines to a belief - like that of Stana Claus - MRS SIBLEY'S GHOST DOES WALK EVERY HALLOWE'EN NIGHT AT LINDENWOOD COLLEGE.