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October 6, 1882

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Sister Adelaide, formerly Anna Bernert, died at the Motherhouse on October 6, 1882. She was the third member of the Bernert family of St. Michael's, Chicago, who joined the Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate at Joliet. In early childhood she had been a boarding pupil at St. Francis Academy and later an aspirant to the Community. She entered as a postulant in 1878. An older brother of hers still is a member of the Congregation of the Brothers of Mary in Dayton, Ohio, where he is engaged as a teacher. Sister Adelaide's years as a religious were only few, but owing to the innocence of her life we may hope that it was enriched with merits before God. She died of consumption five years after the death of her sister, Sister Charles, who as mentioned before, had been the first victim of consumption in the community. Of Sister Adelaide it could be said, as of so many other Sisters who had entered the convent in early youth and died in the prime of life that she never regretted her choice and when her end drew near, made a willing sacrifice of her life to Him who had chosen her for His bride. At the time of her death she was in the twenty-first year of her age and the fourth of her religious career.