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Sister M. Rufina, formerly Mary Carrig of Shell Creek, Nebraska, met with a sudden death caused by an internal hemorrhage on December 5, 1880, in the twenty-second year of her age and the second year of her religious life. She died at our mission house in Columbus, Nebraska, and was buried in the cemetery at Shell Creek near Columbus, Nebraska, where her parents resided. She had been ailing for about two weeks, but the physician did not think her case serious, yet the superior Sister Aloysia sent word to the Father Praeses at the monastery asking him to come to hear Sister Rufina's confession, as she was unable to go to Church. But the Fathers, who were in charge of several outside missions were all engaged and on ascertaining that she was not seriously ill, the Father Praeses said that he would send one of the Fathers on Monday. Sister Rufina expressed her joy at this news in these words: "I am glad that I can go to confession, for I am somewhat uneasy." But the good Sister was to die without the comforts of Holy Mother Church. At eleven o'clock on Sunday, when Sister Bonaventure gave her a dose of medicine and some water to take after it the Sister said, "I am fainting." A moment later she was a corpse in the Sister's arms.