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June 1, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, had certainly been replete with graces and blessings for the inmates of the house, none suspecting that the Angel of Death would before the hour for retiring take from their midst a beloved member. The one so suddenly called away was our good Sister Julia, formerly Gertrude Meyers of Eagle (near Richland) Illinois. She had for some months been confined to the infirmary on account of ill health, which she had contracted while stationed at St. Mary's School in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Immediately after the chapel bell had summoned the Sisters to their evening prayer and Sister Julia was in the act of laying off her garments, in order to retire, she was overcome by an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs. She sank into the nearest armchair and in a few moments calmly expired. A few minutes before she had been planning on soon being able to teach again. But God disposed otherwise. He spared her the agonies of death, on which she had so often meditated and had expressed her fears. She was a faithful religious to the end. Like so many of our companions she had forsaken the world and entered the religious life at an early age to serve a Master who would be her exceeding great reward. At her death she was in the twenty-fifth year of her age and the tenth of her religious life.