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Sister Flavia Ellis, OSF

On the 24th of June Sister M. Flavia, formerly Anna Ellis of Freeport, Illinois, died of tuberculosis of the brain at the Mother-house at Joliet in the thirty-first year of her age and the seventh of her religious life. She was a full sister of Sister M. Eucheria who had entered the convent a year earlier.

Sister Flavia was one of those good religious who appreciated life in the cloister, for she could hardly wait the day of departure for her new abode within the convent walls. After her entrance it was her constant endeavor to practice the virtues required in that state of perfection. While in the novitiate she won the esteem of her mistress by her exact observance of the rules and she was beloved by her associates for her amiable and obliging conduct. From her first day at school she showed an aptitude for learning and in due time became a brilliant scholar. Her progress in virtue and in her studies kept on parallel lines for within the second year of her novitiate the small girls of the primary department in the academy were entrusted to her, in which position she proved herself an excellent teacher and a model disciplinarian. Her kind and gentle way of dealing with children gained for her their love and esteem. For some months previous to her death she was much troubled with severe headaches which, unfortunately, could at first not be accounted for, but as physicians later on discovered, had been caused by tuberculosis of the brain.