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Sister M. Teresa, formerly Mary Flanagan, died of Cancer of the bowels at the Motherhouse, Joliet, on December 8, 1907, in the sixty-fourth year of her age and the thirty-eighth of her religious life. She was a native of Galway, Ireland, and came to America when quite young.

Although it had fallen to her lot to be among those of our pioneer teachers who had to be sent out with but a very limited knowledge of school duties, yet like many of the old stock she was a successful teacher in the primary grades and, be it said to her credit, neither her superiors nor the pastors where she was engaged ever found fault with her teaching or her discipline. She worked faithfully for a number of years and being at length taken ill with a malignant disease she begged to be allowed to continue her work as long as possible. When at last her ailing condition compelled her to discontinue her school work, it was a heart-rending sight to witness her final adieu to her affectionate little pupils. She afterward remarked to me of her companion sisters: "I have borne the yoke of my school duties until now when I am obliged to take to my bed." Though her disease was a very painful one, she never uttered a complaint but suffered all with great patience and resignation until the end.