



Sister Eusebia Hiermeier

On the third of March, 1884, Sister M. Eusebia, formerly Veronica Hiermeier of Mendota, Illinois, died at the Motherhouse in the twenty-seventh year of her age, and the thirteen of her religious life. Endowed with a vocation for teaching school she excelled in that profession from her first entrance into the schoolroom and she may be classed with those teachers who have been especially successful in disciplining the larger boys. In 1876 she was placed in charge of a class of boys in one of our schools in Chicago. Conditions were such that many of the youths were determined not to submit to authority. They, no doubt, owed their unfortunate disposition to the fact that they had been reared in a district of the city where they imbibed the atmosphere of anarchistic principles. So successful was Sister Eusebia in effecting a reformation among her pupils that the most unruly striplings soon yielded to her wishes and demands with the docility of little children. She gained the mastery over their hearts to such an extent that they relished spiritual things and delighted in performing devotional exercises. In the spring of the year they gave their teacher a fine proof of their sincerity and good will by joining their brave and virtuous classmates in surprising her with a statue of the Blessed Virgin wherewith to adorn the May altar. They had bought it with their own savings. Sister Eusebia was blessed with the gift of a strong faith in the teachings of our holy Mother Church. This virtue, together with great confidence in God, never faltered during her long illness and we may hope that the Almighty who has said that He will not confound those that trust in Him, has fulfilled His promise in her regard.