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On the feast of St. Catherine of Siena, April 30th, Sister M. Crescentia formerly Susan Krauser of Portsmouth, Ohio died of the effects of a malignant tumor, at the Motherhouse, in the fifty-seventh year of her age and the twenty-first of her religious life. With only one exception, she had been the farthest advanced in age when admitted, having passed the limits fixed in our constitutions by ten years. It is well known that most religious communities, particularly those who are devoted to the teaching profession, do not admit candidates that are over thirty years of age. Our limit for admission at the time was twenty-five. An exception was made by the Mother Superior in the above case which could then easily be done, as our Constitutions were not yet approved by Rome. The community, however, never regretted having received Sister Crescentia, because she became a docile and obedient member, a humble daughter of our humble Father, St. Francis. She faithfully discharged her duties, at first as seamstress at the Motherhouse, then as housekeeper in the mission house at St. Francis, Chicago, and later for some years at Zanesville, Ohio.