



Sister Emerentia Schmitt

Sister M. Emerentia, formerly Barbara Schmidt of Cleveland, Ohio, departed this life on October 28, 1894, in the thirty-sixth year of her age and the tenth of her religious life.

Sister Emerentia was a conscientious and hard-working religious. Although suffering for several years from asthma and heart trouble, her energetic will would not permit her to abandon schoolwork until she was obliged to do so by obedience. During the last days of her life her ailment became so severe that another physician was consulted, who was able to give her some relief. The following morning at about four a.m. the nurse found her patient apparently much improved. After the Sister in charge had attended to her wants the patient folded her hands and told the nurse to retire, saying that she felt quite comfortable. At 5 o'clock when the signal for rising was given to the community the nurse again went to see her patient. But what a shock awaited her! She found the sister lifeless and lying in the same position in which she had left her an hour before. Sister Emerentia evidently had been spared the agonies of death, for neither the nurse or any one else in the room had heard the slightest sound indicative of one departing from this life.