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Sister Liboria Vollmer

Sister Liboria, formerly Anna Vollmer, of Portsmouth, Ohio, died at the Motherhouse in the fiftieth year of her age and the thirty-fourth of her religious life. Being a bright scholar, Sister Liboria proved to be one of the most efficient teachers of the Community. During her first years of experience she had to contend with hardships in school management and once, in order to escape the justice of civil law, she had to be abruptly transferred for indiscretion in administering corporal punishment. This incident served her as a lesson from which dated her subsequent success. She possessed the tact of gaining the confidence and affection of her pupils.

Sister Liboria's last years on earth were years of suffering brought on by a complication of diseases, yet she remained faithfully at her post as teacher in our parochial schools until she became unable for further duty. Her last mission as teacher was at St. Joseph's, Freeport, Illinois, from whence she was brought to the Motherhouse fully prepared for her final journey into the world to come.

On the morning of her departure and a short time after breakfast the Mother Superior, who had been warned by the doctor regarding the nearness of Sister Liboria's death, found it advisable to acquaint the Sister with the fact. This news the good Sister did not quite expect, yet she seemed perfectly resigned to God's Holy Will. After the Mother Superior had left the room, the Sister Infirmarian entered to arrange the sick Sister's bed, while the patient sat on a couch conversing with a companion Sister who was also confined to a bed of sickness. "Reverend Mother has told me that my hour of departure is near at hand," she said to her sick companion who was in the adjoining room, "but after all, you may die sooner than I, if so, will you wait for me?" Sister Liboria's death, however, came first and before her sick companion could answer, Sister Liboria called to her nurse. "Sister, I am about to faint." Having said these words the nurse at once helped her to bed when she fell into a swoon and did not again regain consciousness, but died shortly after. This incident is given as an example to show that people, as a rule, do not realize the approach of their death even when warned of the immediate danger. In Sister Liboria's case it was fortunate that she was fully resigned to her fate and prepared to meet her Judge. Her death occurred on March 22, 1911.