



Sister Elizabeth Eumelen

Shortly after seven o'clock on the evening of September 9, 1933, Sister M. Elizabeth Eumelen passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital in Joliet.

When the appointments for the year were announced Sister Elizabeth was among the group of Sisters appointed to St. Boniface, Chicago. She had been there the previous year also, assisting with the lighter household duties. In the designs of God, however, Sister Elizabeth scarcely began her duties when she became sick and was brought home to the infirmary of the Motherhouse on August 26. Her condition was critical, and the attending physician ordered her to the hospital. After an examination the doctor said an operation was imperative if Sister was to be helped in any way. It was difficult to get her to consent, and when she finally yielded, it was only very reluctantly. Because of her weak condition, the doctor said the operation would have to be postponed for a time. However, Sister was not to undergo the operation. Only a few days after the decision had been made God called her to Himself.

At the time of her death Sister Elizabeth was in the 74th year of her age and the 53rd year of her religious life. She was buried in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet. Rev. A. Milchelski, the pastor of St. Boniface, Chicago, assisted as deacon at the solemn Requiem Mass.

On the twenty-sixth of the previous January Sister Elizabeth received word of the death of her brother, Very Rev. Msgr. Henry Eummelin of San Diego, California. Although Sister Elizabeth had made the trip to see her brother during the summer of 1932, she was nevertheless desirous of attending his funeral. She was given this permission and Sister Rosalinda was appointed her companion, so that she could at the same time see her mother who was living in California. After about six weeks, they returned from California. A short time after her return Sister Elizabeth had to undergo an operation because of an infection in her mouth. This operation was successful, but the following morning Sister had developed pneumonia. Her condition was considered almost hopeless. She received the last Sacraments and was prepared for death. However, after a short time Sister began to improve and from then on she recovered steadily. No doubt, the weakened condition of her heart just previous to her death was due in some measure to the pneumonia.