

SISTER M. CLEMENTINE KOCH  
232. NOVEMBER 24, 1939

Sister M. Clementine, Margaret Koch, daughter of Franz and Sabine Bilstein Koch, natives of Buerstadt Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, died at the Motherhouse on November 24, 1939, at 9:30 p.m. She was in her 80th year and had been in the community for 64 years. The cause of death was chronic parenchymatous nephritis with chronic myocarditis. Funeral services were held in the Motherhouse Chapel on November 27 at 8:15 a.m. with burial in St. John Cemetery, Joliet, IL. Due to Sister Clementine's condition a special coffin, 6.6 ft long and 34 inches wide, was used. Eight men carried her remains. Many Sisters of the Chicago and Joliet schools were able to attend the funeral since it was during the Thanksgiving Vacation.

Margaret was born in Germany on April 25, 1860. Her family emigrated to the United States and settled in St. Boniface Parish in Chicago. Margaret entered the postulancy on April 24, 1875, the day after her 15th birthday. She became Sister Clementine on July 12, 1875, and professed her First Vows on August 19, 1876, at the age of 16, and Final Vows on August 19, 1882, when she was 22 years old. Jubilee celebration of 1935 included only Sister Clementine for Diamond Jubilee, Silver Jubilarians: Sisters Bertille, Imelda, and Florence.

Sister Clementine's Mission Record:

1875-76 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	Grades 1-4
1876-78 St. Nicholas, Zanesville, OH	3,4
1878-79 St. Mary, Rock Island, IL	5-8
1879-82 St. Bernard, St. Bernard, NE	1-6
1882-91 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL	7,8
1891-93 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	8
1893-99 St. Joseph, Galion, OH	5-8
1899-00 St. Michael, Sigel, IL	5-8
1900-01 St. Francis Convent/St. John, Joliet, IL	8
1901-02 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI	5-8
1902-11 Ss. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL	6-8
1911-14 Guardian Angel Home, Joliet, IL	Superintendent
1914-15 St. Francis Academy, Joliet, IL	Art Department
1915-17 St. Joseph, Freeport, IL	7,8
1917-23 Ss. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL	7,8
1923-24 St. Joseph, Joliet, IL	Principal
1924-25 St. Mary, Columbus, OH	Elementary Principal
1925-26 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Normal School
1926-29 Ss. Peter and Paul, Chicago, IL	7,8
1929-31 Holy Family, Bayfield, WI	Superior
1931-37 St. Francis Assisi, Chicago, IL	Superior/Principal
1937-39 St. Francis Convent, Joliet, IL	Convalescing