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Sister Bonaventure Kolljung

Sister Bonaventure Kolljung, one of the oldest members of the Congregation, died Wednesday, March 16, 1927 at 8:00 p. m. at the Mother-house after a short illness.

She was born in Bollendorf, Preussen, Germany, on May 27, 1848. She entered the Congregation on the 27th of August, 1873 and received the holy habit on October 4, 1873. She made her simple vows on Aug. 19, 1876 and her final vows, August 20, 1879.

The greatest part of her life was spent in the service of the Congregation as a religious teacher in many of our parochial schools. The care of "The Little Ones" fell to her lot. Even after she retired from the teacher's career, she was very active despite her advanced age, ever ready to assist wherever possible. She was known as a dutiful religious, ever mild and cheerful, and her life was marked by patient submission to God's Holy Will.

A Solemn Requiem High Mass was offered for the repost of her soul on Friday, March 18, 1927 in the Convent Chapel. The Rev. Gratian Gehrig, OFM chaplain, was celebrant of the Mass and was assisted by Rev. Alexius Bender, OFM., as deacon, and Rev. Theodor Wemhoff, OFM., as subdeacon. Sister Bonaventure was buried in Saint John's Cemetery, Joliet, Illinois