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Sister Matthias Popula

The death of Sister Eulogia on July 3, was followed quite soon by that of Sister Matthias Popula on July 10, 1913. Sister Matthia was formerly Rose Popula of St. Ludmilla's Parish, Chicago. Although Sister Matthias's heart was not in a perfect condition, yet this physical defect had given no alarm and had not prevented her from doing her full duty as a teacher. However, after the close of school at the end of June, on the day of her arrival at the Mother-house, whither she had come to make her annual retreat, she became quite sick. The summer of this year was remarkable for its intense heat, and this no doubt, had a baneful effect on her. The doctor's prescriptions failed to improve her, and after the short illness of eight days she succumbed to violent attacks on the heart and expired without fear and struggle, fortified by the devout reception of the last Sacraments. She was laid to rest in St. John's Cemetery, Joliet, an aged mother sobbing loudly at the open grave.

Sister Matthia was in the 32nd year of her age and the 11th of her religious life.