



Sister Aquina Ruhnke

On the 20th of August 1896, Sister M. Aquina, formerly Mary Ruhnke of Chicago, died at the Motherhouse in Joliet in the twentieth year of her ^{life} and the second of her religious life.

In the spring of 1896 a certain Mr. Clancy, a chemist in Chicago, was supposed to have discovered a cure for tuberculosis. Hundreds of persons afflicted with the disease or even only suspected of having a tendency towards it, had recourse to the remedies, among these many sisters of different religious communities. About fourteen sisters from our convent at Joliet tried the remedies also. The mother of our Sister Aquina visited her daughter and begged her with tears to join these sisters in taking the treatment. But all persuasions of her motherly heart were in vain. Sister Aquina answered her in a manner which highly edified and consoled her grief-stricken mother. "You know, dear mother, that I am perfectly willing and fully resigned to die now; I do not know whether I should ever be so well prepared again if I should live longer". She lived but a few months more continuing to her happy end in these pious dispositions.