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Early this morning at 2:15 one of our Community pioneers, Sister M. Victoria Steidl, died peacefully at Our Lady of Angels. She would have been 94 years old on September 2nd. Sister was in her 73rd year of religious life, a life dedicated almost entirely to the Indian Missions in Wisconsin. Except for one year at St. Boniface, Chicago, Sister had spent all her life at Bayfield and Red Cliff. She began her work among the Indians in 1890 at Holy Family, Bayfield. In 1893 she was sent to Chicago, but returned to Bayfield the next year. In 1896 she was sent to Red Cliff where she remained until hospitalized by a stroke in November, 1956. From the 18th of November of that year until February of 1957 Sister was convalescing at the Motherhouse. She returned to her beloved Indians the same year, but was hospitalized in February of 1962 with the opening of the new Retirement Home, Sister was received as an infirmary patient.

Sister Victoria was never able to reconcile herself to the fact that she could not go back North. The Chippewa people among whom she had labored so long were still very close to her heart. She died quietly, peacefully, early in the morning of August 29th, 1962, and was buried on the 31st in Resurrection Cemetery. Sister M. Cordula (Neveaux) who had worked with Sister so long with the Indians was one of her pall bearers.