



Sister Nazaria Van Aarle

The second death of the year 1887 was that of Sister M. Nazaria Van Aarle of Toledo, Ohio. She departed this life on the first of April in the thirty-fifth year of her age and the fourteenth of her religious life.

Having taught for some years in our parochial schools in Illinois and Missouri, she was in October, 1880, to open an Indian day school for boys and girls in Buffalo Bay (Red Cliff Reservation), Wisconsin. She delighted in teaching the Indian children and worked zealously among them for five years. During their first years at Buffalo Bay the Sisters had many hardships to undergo; they had no place where to lodge, so they were obliged to make a daily trip to Bayfield and return - a distance of three miles one way - either on foot or in an open vehicle. In 1886 Sister Nazaria's health began to fail and she had to be brought home to the Mother-house at Joliet. It was a sad parting from her dear little flock which, in turn was also much attached to its beloved teacher. During her illness her thoughts often wandered back to her dear children at Buffalo Bay and she would not tire speaking about them. The years she had spent among them now afforded her more consolation than all the comfort she had formerly enjoyed in her parental home, and we may hope that they also gained for her an eternal reward in heaven.