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Sister Anastasia Werckmann

On July 2, 1913, Sister M. Anastasia, formerly Friederica Werckmann, of St. Anthony's Parish, St. Louis, Missouri, died at the Motherhouse in Joliet, in the 59th year of her age and in the 42nd of her religious life. Her entire convent life was devoted to teaching in the primary grades, where she achieved not only good results, but without fail, the affection and esteem of her little charges. Although the malady which ended her life -- cancer of the bowels -- troubled her for some years, she constantly remained cheerful and refused the offer to retire from active work, until combined pain and weakness compelled her to retire from her field of labor. In her declining days at the Motherhouse she edified her religious companions by her patience and her perfect resignation to God's Holy Will. Sister Anastasia was an older sister of Sister M. Augustine; the family had become acquainted with our Community when the Sisters taught in St. Anthony's Parish of St. Louis, Missouri, and was much devoted to us.