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REV. FATHERS AND DEAR BROTHERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

Once more, before the close of this eventful year, it is my sad duty to call upon you to pray for the repose of one of the old pioneers of the Congregation in the New World. BROTHER BENOIT, for twenty years Prefect of the Seniors here, departed this life at 11.30 this forenoon, fortified by the Sacraments of the Church, after a short illness of ten or twelve days. He was in his 66th year. He came to Notre Dame with me on my first return from France, in 1846. As a Prefect, he was for many years considered an accomplished disciplinarian; of late, owing to infirmities and advanced age, he had been removed from the study-hall to the infirmary, where he continued, to the last, to act as Prefect of Discipline among the convalescent. For his long and faithful services, BROTHER BENOIT well deserves to be gratefully remembered in the Congregation.

May his dear and precious soul rest in peace; and let all the members of our Religious Family hasten to offer in his behalf the suffrages prescribed for the Professed.

E. SORIN, Superior General.