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OF THE

VERY REVEREND SUPERIOR-GENERAL

TO THE

Congregation of the Holy Cross.

NOTRE DAME, January 14, 1875.

REV. FATHERS AND DEAR BROTHERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

Last night, towards 1 o'clock, our dear Brother Paul the Hermit (John O'Connell), died suddenly in our Infirmary, where he had retired yesterday afternoon, suffering a little, he said, from colics. A few moments before his last, he rose and spoke to Brother James, whose bed was next to his, and manifested no sign of additional pain; and when, ten minutes later, Brother James called him, no answer was returned; he was dead. Brother Paul was in his 49th year, and a Professed since August 26, 1866.

He was a good, humble and devoted Religious, well deserving of the Community.

This new visit of Divine Providence, so sudden and unlooked for, will strike us all as a serious warning that we must be ready at any time to be summoned and give an account of our stewardship. May we all profit by it and pray earnestly for our departed Brother, thus gone to the Sovereign Judge without a moment's notice.

His burial will take place to-morrow at 9 a. m.

*Requiescat in pace.*

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Superior General.