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REV. FATHERS AND BELOVED CHILDREN IN JESUS CHRIST:

This morning, at nine o'clock, our excellent BROTHER ALPHEUS, (Patrick Owens,) died here in the Infirmary, fortified by the Sacraments and Indulgences of the Church. For a few days he had been ailing, without inspiring any apprehension for his life, until scarcely two hours before he rendered his pure soul to God.

I well remember the day when, shortly after burying his pious wife, he presented himself to be received with his two interesting young children. This was in 1855. Since then, both of them, docile to the counsels of their good father, have become members of our Religious Family, and for many years have been among the worthiest.

Brother Alpheus was in his 65th year, and the 12th of his Profession. Let us all pray for this dear, aged and faithful Religious, whose loss will be long felt here, where everybody loved him. May his precious soul rest in peace!

The burial will take place at half-past nine to-morrow forenoon.

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