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REV. FATHERS AND BELOVED CHILDREN IN JESUS CHRIST:

Sorrows and afflictions are never far separated from our joys here below.

Last night our aged and excellent BROTHER AUGUSTINE expired in the Professed House here, fortified by the Sacraments of the Church, in his 83d year, and much regretted by all our Religious.

For more than a quarter of a century, Bro. Augustine had been, and, until lately, the regular Baker of the Institution, which he never left even for a moment since his arrival in 1849. He was ever a model of regularity and devotedness; he was possessed of a rare genial and kind disposition, and never knew what it was to offend any one by an unkind act or word. In his death, the Community loses an uncommonly meritorious member, whose memory will long live among those he fed, literally, with excellent bread for so many years. For my own part, who knew him so well, and but to esteem and love him the more, I will remember with pleasure and edification, as long as I live, his many virtues, his long and substantial services to the Community, and even his ever-cheerful countenance, which alone would make it a delight to converse with him. May his precious soul rest in peace.

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