

CIRCULAR.

NOTRE DAME, September 1, 1872.

MY DEAR DAUGHTERS IN CHRIST:

Yesterday afternoon our good SISTER M. DE PAULE suddenly dropped dead at St. Mary's, without a single premonitory sign of increasing pain or danger. For several years she had been almost a daily sufferer of heart disease, and at times she suffered intensely; hence her frequent declarations, which I credited myself, that she should end some day as she has. Although not altogether unexpected, the suddenness of this good Religious' death has justly cast a gloom over the Community. Let all fulfil their duties towards her the more fervently and the more promptly, and turn to the best account a warning as yet unprecedented in the Congregation.

Her name in the world was JOHANNA SULLIVAN. She was born in Ireland, A. D. 1826. She received the holy habit July 19, 1856, and made her profession August 15, 1859.

Requiescat in pace.

E. SORIN.

P. S.—It would appear that the new move at Notre Dame is yet by a few subjects somewhat misapprehended. Therefore I deem it my duty to say that I have simply accepted the offer and written proposition of St. Mary's Council, after the same had been thankfully subscribed to by the joint Local and Provincial Councils of Notre Dame, with only one point that made a shade of difference, and on which both parties have since cheerfully agreed, viz.: the new Novitiate here for the present, as proposed in my first Circular. Let it be, then, clearly understood that both administrations are fully satisfied on the subject, and equally anticipate the best results for either side. In a little while every one will see by its harmonious workings what has been gained for the two Institutions. I only ask twelve months for the sanction of the experiment. The success is already visible, and I readily credit St. Mary's with it; for it is and will be St. Mary's work.

E. S.