

offer to God in her behalf the special suffrages secured by the Rules to the Assistants of the Mother Superior. *Requiescat in pace.*

E. SORIN, C. S. C.

No. XV.

ST. MARY'S, April 16, 1873.

MY DEAR DAUGHTERS:

Last night, at 10 o'clock, our dear Sister Mary of St. Louis de Gonzague calmly expired here, after a long sickness, and fortified by all the helps of holy religion. She had entered the Community September 23, 1852; had received the holy Habit March 18, 1853, and made her Profession August 25, 1854. She was born in France, in 1823, of a pious and worthy family named Housset.

The universal and unexceptional esteem and warm affection in which she was ever held at St. Mary's, to the last hour of her life, testify better than any empty praise of ours, to her real worth as a Religious.

Sister Mary of St. Louis de Gonzague, as far as can be ascertained, carries with her the enviable honor of never having grieved any one in the Congregation, whether Superiors, equals or inferiors; and to have proved a joy and an edification to all ever since she entered in 1852. Is it a matter of surprise that she died, last night, an admirable death? What a consoling sight it was around her death-bed! Everyone there seemed to realize that a saintly soul was departing for heaven. May we all die the same precious death!

E. SORIN, C. S. C.,

*Superior-General.*

No. XVI.

NOTRE DAME, IND., November 16, 1874.

MY BELOVED DAUGHTERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

On this day, on which we commemorate the Festival of the Patronage of the Blessed Virgin, at a quarter of two o'clock, our excellent Sister M. Calasactius (in the world, Honora Slattery) expired here, after an illness of two weeks, strengthened with all the helps of religion, and perfectly resigned to God's holy will. She had received the holy Habit on August 15, 1866, and made her Profession three years later. I need not say what all the Community know already; namely, that she was eminently a Religious of great faith; all her life with us was a proof of it, and her last moments have left on my mind an impression I can never forget. At half-past one o'clock this afternoon she sent for me, in the hope

of receiving once more her Blessed Lord. When I reached her bedside she expressed to me plainly the same desire. I immediately complied with it, and before ten minutes had elapsed she gave up her pure soul to her Divine Redeemer who had just given Himself to her in the Sacrament of His love. *Requiescat in pace.*

E. SORIN, C. S. C.

No. XVII.

NOTRE DAME, INDIANA, May 3, 1875.

FEAST OF THE INVENTION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

MY DEAR DAUGHTERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

For serious and weighty reasons, I feel obliged to forbid all night Exhibitions or Commencements. If they cannot be had in daytime, they must be omitted altogether.

In the second place, I feel still more strictly bound to interdict all journeys, unless the necessity of the same has been acknowledged in Council, and made known to proper authority here, and a favorable answer been received and communicated to the members of the Administration. No Sister should ever go alone. From which everyone will readily understand that all visits to parents or friends are and remain suppressed. We have not renounced the world by half. Let us exhibit ourselves true to our solemn engagements.

E. SORIN, C. S. C.

No. XVIII.

ST. MARY'S, August 19, 1875.

MY DEAR DAUGHTERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

It is again my sad duty to inform you of another death. Our dear Sister Mary Jane has just returned to God her pure soul, fortified with the Sacraments of the Church, and much consoled by the presence and prayers of her pious and devoted companions. She had been long despaired of by the doctors; she knew it herself, and yet, to the last, she preserved a cheerful serenity, truly edifying to all, while to the moment of her death she tried in every way to save her attendants all fatigue and trouble.

She was in the twenty-ninth year of her age, and the third of her Profession. Let all hasten to offer in her behalf the suffrages prescribed by the Rules. May her precious soul rest in peace!

E. SORIN, C. S. C.