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St. Michael's Convent  
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Dear Sisters:

It has pleased God again to call one of our Sisters home. It is our dear Sister M. Ladisla whom He called to her eternal reward this morning at 10:00 o'clock. Sister had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage on Sunday after the High Mass in Northampton. She had played the organ and the Holy Mass had been for her departed sister, news of whose death had reached her a few days ago. Sister became unconscious and received Extreme Unction in church. Since delay in supplying her with oxygen would have proved fatal, she was rushed to the nearby private Haff Hospital. The Sisters took turns in staying with her. Though she did not regain consciousness altogether, there were moments when she responded to the prayers that were said aloud, and it seemed that she realized her serious condition and accepted the will of God asking her life. We may, therefore, assume that she was well prepared especially since of late she had often commented on death and expressed apprehension and fear. Now she is beyond all fear and, as we trust, with God.

Sister M. Ladisla, Anna Laczika, was a native of Hungary and asked admission to our Congregation at Hiltrup since she wanted to become a Missionary Sister. She entered in 1913; made her first profession in 1915; and her final profession in 1918 in St. Michael's Convent, Reading. In 1916 when only a senior novice, she was appointed for America.

Being a qualified teacher, she began teaching the same year, first in Bethlehem and subsequently in Lansford, Coaldale, Reading, Hyde Park, and Northampton. Sister also was ever ready to instruct and prepare converts for Baptism. During these 34 years of uninterrupted teaching she has trained many children the love of God and many of her former pupils gratefully remember her. Death found her still at the work she liked so much, playing the organ. She clung to her work in spite of poor health and her age; she was 64 years old. The prayers of grateful children accompanied her while she was ill and will do so now where she has passed away. We all remember our departed Sister in our prayers and at the Holy Sacrifice, so that she may soon be admitted to heavenly bliss and receive the reward promised to "those that instruct many unto justice". Sister will be buried on Saturday, April 22, on our Convent cemetery.

With cordial greetings in Corde Jesu,

*Mother M. Hillberg, M. S. C.*