

*Death of a Venerable Superior.*—Sister Mary Elizabeth Lange, the first member and superior of the Oblate Sisters of Providence, a colored Catholic order, died yesterday at the convent and school, Chase and Constitution streets. She was about 95 years of age, and was a native of Santiago de Cuba, a city in the Island of Cuba. She fled from there when a young woman with her mother, landing at Charleston, S. C. There were at that time restrictions in the laws on the admission of colored persons into that city, and they were indebted to the good offices of some captains of vessels for removing these difficulties. Her mother had done some friendly acts for them in her native place, and they were grateful for them. Later they came to Norfolk and thence to Baltimore, where, fifty-three years ago next July, she took the vows of the order with four others. Rev. James Joubert, a sulpician, a native of France, but a professor of St. Mary's Seminary, formed the idea of a colored order of Sisters, and the vows were taken before him. Sister Lange was made superior, and continued such until 1840. They started a boarding-school at once on Pennsylvania avenue, near the seminary, moved thence to George street, thence to Richmond street, and ten years ago to their present location. There are now thirty-eight Sisters. Sister Mary Louisa Noel is the superior, and has been since 1861. The late superior was well educated, and possessed her faculties, mental and bodily, to the last, except that she could not move about well the past few years. She died quite suddenly.