

Script key (for teacher)

Names in **bold face** are on name tags but didn't die so they continue standing. Point out those children. The ones in yellow **highlight died** so the child with their name tag sits down after their death is announced. Note: The first time Rev. Louis Schuyler is mentioned it is in b.f. because he didn't die, but he eventually does die.

Sister Constance

August 27

Met man with a telegram, who stopped us and said, "Read that." I read, "Father and Mother are lying dead in the house, **brother is dying**, send me some help, no money," signed **Sallie U.**...We went at once. Found small neat house, pretty young girl, one corpse on the sofa, tall young man in bed, delirious, rocking himself back and forth...I did what I could...I just crawled home and fairly dropped into bed, first time for three nights.

August 29

Yesterday I found two young girls, who had spent two days in a two-room cottage with the unburied **bodies of their parents (listed as mother of 2 young girls and father of two young girls)**...One grows perfectly hardened to these things—carts, with eight or nine corpses in rough boxes, are ordinary sights.

August 31

At Mrs. F.'s I found the nurse ill on the floor. **Lucy died**. Mr. H. dying. His young daughters, E. and B. here. **Fanny S.** dead. **Dr. Harris**, the wise and holy priest upon whom we depended daily for direction, and much of our strength was stricken with the fever.

Dr. Charles Parson

September 1

Friday I was called to see, at the Whitmore House, a sick family consisting of a **mother (Mrs. Whitmore)** and two children...They were bringing down the stairs the remains of the son. In a little room at the head of the stairs the faithful nurse composed the body of the little daughter in death, and on the bed hard by the mother was breathing her last...Why, it is a perfect waste of death, and destitution, and desolation all around us here.

Sister Thecla

September 2

I had to go get garments in which to bury a girl...This is the **fourth in the same**

family that I have seen die...Oh, it is heart-breaking! One can do so little.

Sister Ruth

September 7

Rev. Parsons died this morning...There are nearly fifty children here now at the orphanage; we have no clean clothes, and it is utterly impossible to get any washing done. It looks utterly hopeless, and all we can do is to go on until each one drops...

September 10

Our hearts ache, and we have not many words. Yesterday morning, dear **Sister Constance** entered into rest...Few know what a wonderful life it was that ended, for this world, when Sister Constance died...She was but thirty-three years old when called away.

September 12

When **Sister Helen** and I came in...this morning we learned **Sister Thecla** died. **Dr. Armstrong** is ill now...I am not very well, but it is nothing like the fever.

Sister Helen

September 12

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, the **Rev. Louis Schuyler** arrived from New York, and came directly to the aid of the Sisters. For four days he worked with deep earnestness and a might spirit of love

September 14

Dr. William Armstrong died. Armstrong has been our physician, tending to the ill priests and nuns at St. Mary's.

September 17

Rev. Mr. Schuyler died. **Sister Ruth died.** She was 26 years old and only had been a nun for a year. **Sister Frances** became ill. She died on October 1.

Point out that out of 19,000 people left in Memphis, 5,000 died, but the death rate was higher for the caregivers like our people today. Remind them these are actual diary or journal entries that were written in 1878.