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### REV. FRANCIS H. SINCLAIR.

Rev. Francis H. Sinclair for the past forty-two years pastor of SS. Peter and Paul's Church was stricken with heart disease yesterday afternoon on Exchange street, while on his way to the Erie station and died almost instantly. Coroner Killip who was called, granted a certificate of death due to heart disease, and gave permission to have the remains removed to the parsonage on Maple street.

Despite the fact that Father Sinclair was 69 years of age he was a very active man and took a large share of the parish work upon himself. Yesterday he preached at mass in his own church and later participated in the closing services at the Hall Star of the Sea Chapel at Grand View Beach. In the afternoon he returned to Rochester and made preparations to go to Dansville where the forty hours' devotion was in progress at one of the churches.

He left the rectory at about 3:30 o'clock and it was shortly after 4 when he was seen crossing the Exchange street bridge, walking rapidly along the east side of the street. When directly in front of the Northway garage he staggered and pitched forward to the walk. Bystanders ran to his assistance and carried him into the garage.

The ambulance from the City Hospital was summoned and Rev. Rev. Edmund Rawlinson of St. Mary's Church hurried to the scene to perform the last rites of the church. When the hospital surgeon arrived he immediately advised that he could do nothing and the body was turned over to the coroner.

The news of Father Sinclair's sudden death soon became known throughout the city and many

Maple street. In the meantime Father Ferdinand Scheid, who was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, taking part in the ceremony of the blessing of the graves, was called home. It was decided to hold the funeral on Wednesday morning. The office of the dead will be chanted at 9:30 o'clock and at 10 o'clock there will be solemn requiem mass at which Co-adjutor Bishop Hickey will officiate. Bishop McQuaid will be present and will take part in the services. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Father Sinclair was born in Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany, in 1839. When he resolved to become a priest he was sent to Rome, where he was educated and ordained. He came to this country forty-three years ago and went to Buffalo where he remained one year after which he was assigned to SS. Peter and Paul's Church of this city.

He found the parish a small one with but 200 families. Under his guidance it grew to be one of the most flourishing in the city.

Deceased leaves one sister, Mrs. Paul Pohl, and three nephews, Frank Pohl, organist at SS. Peter and Paul's, Herman Pohl also a musician, Fred Pohl organist at St. Michael's Church, one niece, Sister Pauline S. at Notre Dame, Carver, Pa.

A special meeting of the Society of St. Francis Xavier has been called for to-night at 7:30, to make preparations for the funeral and to take action on the death of Father Sinclair.

It has been decided to have the body lie in state in the church until the funeral. The various organizations connected with the parish will furnish