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place of training for one, as for the other, for though the special aim and object of the Institute, was, and is, the education of Catholic young ladies, still at that period the York Religious were accustomed to visit the sick poor, and on such visitations were probably accompanied by the Irish Sisters of Charity who had come to them to be formed to the Religious life in their own characteristic vocation. Frances Ball's Novitiate was a peculiarly happy one. Her mistress, the saintly Mrs. Chalmers, whose life almost from the cradle to the grave, was spent within the shadow of the cloister—to whom the practices of the religious life were familiar from her infancy, found that the Irish novice gave early promise of the perfection to which she afterwards attained. Her aptitude for the various duties of her chosen state was decidedly marked. During the period of probation her fitness for the religious state was thoroughly tested, and after having edified the York Community for over two years, a great part of which time was occupied in teaching in the schools,—a duty for which her talents and acquirements eminently fitted her, she pronounced her Vows on the morning of the ninth of September, 1816.

Her exterior duties did not interfere with the interior recollection, which marked her life as quite supernatural, and she never lost sight of the purpose for which Dr. Murray had selected her, to go forth from her friends and kindred. Dr. Murray, on his side, did not neglect making inquiries of the Superior at St. Mary's, concerning his spiritual *charge*, and sought to know the light in which she regarded the future