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Prayers For the Dying Recited In the Public Streets.

"A few evenings ago while we were at dinner in our hotel," writes an American author visiting in Porto Rico, "we heard the tinkling of a small bell just outside the hotel door. Instantly Salvador, the waiter, stopped in the little bustling run with which he waits on the guests, hurriedly procured a candle, lighted it and carried it out on the balcony. Almost as soon as that candle was on the balcony railing we three Americans were beside it, questioning Salvador, for we were sure something unusual was going on. "We saw a procession of many people, led by two priests, coming down the street, each person bearing in his hand a lighted candle. They stopped in front of a house facing the hotel, and Salvador told us that somebody was dying there and they were praying for his soul. Up and down the street as far as we could see on every balcony railing was burning either a candle or a

kerosene lamp.

"From the absorbed interest of the people gathered in front of open doors and windows of the afflicted house the sufferer was apparently trying to die in full view of the spectators.

"Presently the bell began to ring again, the procession formed once more, and they all moved up the street, Salvador telling us in explanation that there was a second person dying and they were now going to pray for him."—Exchange.

The board of supervisors at its meeting Monday allowed thirty-five dollars to pay the expense of clothing and transportation of Walter Haight's sister to the Indian Training school at Chemawa. The girl is fourteen years of age and has been a charge of the county for several years. Walter is trying to get other Indian boys and girls to return with him to the school, and the residents of Del Norte should assist him in every possible way in this good work. The place for Indian children of Del Norte county is Chemawa. Help us to get them started for the above school and thereby do your christian duty. Walter went to Smith River Wednesday to solicit children for the school.—Del Norte Times.