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REV. FATHERS AND BELOVED CHILDREN IN JESUS CHRIST:

I cannot think of starting again for Europe without addressing you a few parting words. First of all, let me thank you for the good wishes with which you recently greeted me on the 13th ult. I will not forget the kind expression of your filial sentiments on that occasion, and were it in any way compatible with duty I would never dream of again placing the ocean between us, especially at a time when my presence among you might be some assurance of security against the dangers of the day. But there are occasions when sacrifices must be offered. The interests of the Congregation imperiously require now my return to France and to Rome. I have just come back from a brief visit to the South, and must go, for at least a few days, to Canada, and thence to New York, where I intend to take the boat on the morning of the 13th. I shall leave here on Sunday night. Until Friday, the 12th, all letters for me should be directed to Sweeney's Hotel, New York; after that to Notre Dame de Ste. Croix, Neuilly, Paris, France; and later on to Sta. Brigida, Rome, Italy.

I need not commend my journey to your pious prayers, for I well know they will be freely and fervently offered until we meet again. I hope to make my Jubilee in the Eternal City, where, I may safely say, none of our dear American Family will be forgotten.

For the fifteenth time, I leave, on duty, our beloved America. I will not conceal from you that I never started out with a heavier heart. Times are trying! But I carry with me the soothing conviction that our dear Religious Family is at this moment more than ever united, regular, devoted to duty, and, therefore, better prepared to withstand everything that may befall us here, as in many parts of Europe. Let us all pray for our Infallible Guide and Father, whose precious blessing I am going to solicit as a sure pledge of new favors.

E. SORIN, C. S. C.,  
Superior General.

P. S. Monthly reports to be forwarded here as before. The Secretaries will send me the *resumé* of the same.

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