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REV. FATHERS AND DEAR BROTHERS IN JESUS CHRIST:

At last it is my painful duty to convey you the melancholy intelligence of the death of our Rev. Father Augustine Lemonnier, for the last two years President of this University.

After a long sickness of five months, which he bore with pious resignation, he expired at 10 o'clock last night, without a struggle, strengthened with all the helps of our Holy Faith.

He was in his 34th year, and would have commemorated on the 4th of November the 11th anniversary of his ordination. I commend him most earnestly to the prayers of the Congregation.

With my habitual fears of the dangers of nepotism, I never left him a chance to benefit by our relationship: the reverse, I believe, is the truth; and even now, when he is gone, I prefer abstaining from any further remarks concerning him, save to thank from my heart the faithful souls who attended him through his long sickness, and all the members in this Province who have, to the last hour, shown him such gratifying sympathies. If their fervent prayers did not obtain his recovery, they likely secured him something more precious—viz.: a happy and edifying death, which is, undoubtedly, the greatest blessing he could receive, as it is the first consolation he could leave us. According to his own desire, the burial service will take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock, after the first Vespers of the Feast.

Requiescat in pace.

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