

C I R C U L A R .

NOTRE DAME, Sept. 19th, 1878.

MY DEAR DAUGHTERS:

You must know by this time how much I wish to see our Congregation everywhere and in every way respectable and in nothing beneath other Religious Communities in the land.

While I take a special gratification in acknowledging the excellent dispositions of the vast majority of our pious and zealous *Religieuses*, I must say that in our ranks, as in all large bodies, there must be some exceptions of queer beings whose whims are their rule and their admiration. You know them as well as I do. We pity them, but should never allow ourselves to be influenced by their doings. They always ignore the rules or prohibitions that do not suit their fancies. For such I repeat here that *playing the organ and singing in the church* is, and remains, absolutely forbidden to our Sisters. Nor are they allowed to attend any late exercises in the Church.

E. SORIN, C. S. C.