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Rev. dear Mother

I would feel indeed very happy to revisit dear St. Mary's of the Woods, which I have not seen for 30 years, & renew my acquaintance with a few holy souls you have yet of / olden times; as also to thank you for the kind hospitality given to some of our Sisters last fall; but I am more of a slave than anything else in our free country, especially at this season of the year.

Meanwhile I think often of you in my prayers, I assure you. I will never forget St. Mary's, nor its precious dead, whose countenances are still fresh in my memory- How glad also I would be to meet there your model Bishop! But we must deal once in a while, with sacrifices in order to secure a permanent meeting ----- in Heaven.

Pray for me.

Your devoted serv^t in X.

E. Sorin, C. S. C.

Rev. Mother Superior

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