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This letter was presented to the University by Mrs. John F. Downey, of Evanston, Illinois. The letter was written by Father Sorin to her aunt, Miss Cleary, on August 5, 1861, as indicated by the month and year which have been written in.

The two little cousins referred to in the letter were Mother Aquinas, late Mother-General of the Sisters of Holy Cross, and Mrs. Harris, who is just completing arrangements to reside permanently in the Convent at St. Mary's. (Mrs. Harris (nee Kerwin) is the daughter of Dr. Kerwin of Ottawa, Illinois. The reference to the generous and noble hearted brother is Mrs. Downey's brother, Colonel P. M. Cleary, of Chicago

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(This is letter George O'Brien called to our attention)

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