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Very Rev. & Dear Father,

You want, it seems, to have a reckoning with me; take care however, you will come second best. You owe me many letters; I did not keep as strict account, my friendship would not permit a ledger of numbers and dates; but you owe me many letters. I did not answer your question concerning my future whereabouts; how could I? Nescio... Dicitur... Who cares concerning Castles in the air? I am still at Fort Wayne, and who knows where I shall be next week next month, next year? One thing is certain - The Cathedral is covered, and with Glaze, if you please. It is one of the finest churches in the West... Come here, take a good peep at it, and contradict if you dare - Your brother is doing very well - Yours truly O. Bennett