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Historical Reminiscences.

No. II.

A LETTER FROM THE RT. REV. BISHOP  
HAILANDIERE.\*

REV. E. SORIN, NOTRE DAME:  
MY DEAR CONFRERE:—To select the most  
suitable spot for the building of your house,  
though it is but a matter of taste,—supposes  
that he who makes the choice should be either on  
the ground, or at least have a more distinct recol-  
lection of the local position, the surrounding pros-  
pect and other material points, than I possess. This  
will appear plain enough from the following cast  
of ideas: The situation most favorable, from my  
point of view, and which seems to have even some-  
what of a charm is that which I have marked 1.  
The other, marked 2, is, as far as I can remember,  
the plan proposed by Mr. Martin.

It is impossible for me to think of visiting you  
at the date you mention. My time is all taken up,  
and I am so much the sorrier for it as it would be  
a real satisfaction for me to see you settle down on  
this tract of land. Your designs please me more  
and more, and I dare prophesy a happy result for  
them in the future.

I regret that Mr. B. did not leave with you  
some more worthy *memento* of himself. Try to  
have the affair as little spoken of as possible.  
Much that is said concerning it is false. He has  
many enemies who misconstrue his actions every-  
where. Unfortunately, laying aside what is done  
against him through ill will, there still remains so

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Hailandière was the second Bishop of Vincennes, Ind. At  
the date of the above letter, the whole of the State of Indi-  
ana was embraced in the one diocese of Vincennes; a divi-  
sion was made in 1857, resulting in the formation of the  
diocese of Fort Wayne, which includes the north portion  
of the State. Bishop Hailandière was born in Combours  
France, on the 2d of May, 1798, and his youth and early  
education was passed amid the perilous times of the French  
Revolution. After the subsidence of those stormy days,  
he had, owing to his talents and graces, many profitable  
preferments presented before him, but he renounced all to  
devote himself to the work of the Sacred Ministry. In  
course of time he was ordained priest, and after several  
years passed in the fulfilment of parochial duties, at the call  
of the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bruté—first Bishop of Vincennes—he  
left his native shores to assume the labors of a missionary  
to the "Wilds of Indiana." He was consecrated Bishop in  
1839. The details of his life and labors are well portrayed  
in that valuable work entitled "A History of the Catholic  
Church in the Diocese of Vincennes," by the Rev. H. A.  
Ardering, Rector of St. Joseph's Church, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Suffice it to say here that it was through the instrumen-  
tality of this distinguished prelate that our Very Rev.  
Father General Sorin came to this country and laid the  
foundations of the great monument to the cause of Reli-  
gion and Education which is now the pride of our continent.  
The foregoing letter we select for publication among many  
others as being of particular interest, inasmuch as it refers  
to sites recommended for the establishment of Notre Dame  
University.

much to his discredit that we can answer it only  
by being silent and doing better (than he did). At  
present he is penitent, well disposed, and it is to be  
hoped that henceforward he will be more exem-  
plary. I gave him his *exeat* some months since.  
But how consoling the contrast between this per-  
son and Mr. De Seille! This latter was a saint.  
Dear and noble friend! where can such piety, de-  
votedness, kind-heartedness and talent again be  
found? He, too, alas! is dead. I suppose you  
have read all about him in the *Annals of the  
Propagation of the Faith?* if not, I will procure  
it for you. They are your predecessors—it be-  
longs to you to collect all that regards them. It  
is a treasure, a perfume of virtue, a true glory.

I could wish you had delayed the removal of  
Mr. De Seille's remains until you had things in a  
more complete state. But no matter; if the log-  
house answers the purpose. Ah! what a host of  
reminiscences is associated with it!

P. S.—Let Mr. Coquillard continue. Perhaps  
he will succeed in the city. If he does not wish to  
build the church, ask him to pay you, on my ac-  
count, the \$250 with interest for two years and a  
half. We will settle it afterwards.

If, contrary to what I have said, it be possible  
for me to go to see you I will let you know by  
letter.

I have the honor to be, with respect, my dear  
*confrere,*

Your humble servant,  
✠ CEL., *Ev. de Vin.*

VINCENNES, March 30, 1843.

P. S.—Dear Mr. Winizaephlin! His case was  
to be decided yesterday. We await news of it this  
evening.

In great haste.

Art, Music and Literature.

—An Italian journal announces that the Pope  
has accepted the dedication of Gounod's new ora-  
torio, "Mors et Vita."

—A French party in Mauritius have started a  
new journal, called *Madagascar*. The name in-  
dicates its object—it is to promote the annexation  
to France of the great African island.

—A Prince, a Marchese, a Pasha, a Marquis,  
an Earl, two Barons, and a Baronet and Privy  
Councillor (the two last are not allowed much  
space) make up the writers in the *March Nine-  
teenth Century*. This recalls Sir G. C. Lewis's  
essay "On the Influence of Authority in Matters  
of Opinion."

—*The North American Review* is to have a new  
department. The editor who has long been im-  
pressed with the value of the letters of criticism  
which the contributions to *The Review* have  
called out, has finally concluded to make a place  
for them by setting apart a special portion of his  
pages for their benefit.

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