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Episcopal Residence,

Cleveland, O. July 22^d 1881.

V. Rev. E. Sorin.

Dear Friend,

A protracted absence from home & great accumulation of business since my return have left Mr Jeger's kind favor of 8th inst. unanswered up to this. The Portrait came safely, but there is considerable criticism on it. The defects noted when I was leaving have not been remedied. as for instance the nose, lip-upper and lines round the mouth. Could I have sat once or twice more a very good picture would have been the result, but as it is I fear. If I could sit again & have it touched up it could no doubt be much improved. As it is I do not think it a success. though it lacks not much to make it so. If thought well of I'd go either again to N. D. or Chicago to let Mr Jeger have a couple of sittings & so improve it. I can not ever thank you as I feel for your great kindness from past & present. the gratitude is not the less kindest regards to all. Ever m^y & d^y, R. Gilman Esq.