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Res Dear Sir

Your letter of the 2<sup>d</sup> of March, has remained too long unanswered, owing to the extraordinary occupations, that have engaged my time since it came to hand. I am most happy to hear of the success of your institution and the promise it holds out of great service to the Church of God in this country. I who am unusually sanguine, have not as yet been strongly convinced of the possibility of carrying out your design in this country, in the same manner as it has been done in France, & other Catholic nations of Europe. I fear that the genius of the country will ~~give~~ <sup>come</sup> to disturb the peace of mind that would render teachers content with their situation, from the moment that they will find themselves of those advantages of education, by w<sup>h</sup> they will flatter themselves as being capable of filling higher & more important situations, whether in the church, or in the state. We know on the other hand, that this is no argument ag<sup>t</sup> the grace of God, & a real vocation.

With regard to the questions w<sup>h</sup> you ask, I think in reply to the first - that wherever it can be avoided, no mixture of the sexes should exist, but that the school should be composed of boys alone; care might occur however, particularly in the west

where they would be unexpected if not impossible.  
In answer to the second, I do not think that  
the schools ought to be gratuitous, but at a  
price so moderate, as not to impose either a  
burden or a humiliation on the Parents.

In reply to the third - I think that the labors of  
the Brothers need not at first especially, be  
confined to any one Diocese; for should the ex-  
periment succeed, there is no reason why,  
at a later period, each Diocese might not have  
a house of its own, for the supply of its own wants.  
Nothing can be more reasonable than that the Order  
requiring a brother, should pay his travelling ex-  
penses, & I will not say \$40. wh. I think too  
little, but \$50. <sup>a year</sup> for his clothing. I think, however,  
that the Brothers ought in every case, to be too at least  
part one alone.

Wishing you every success, wh. your  
zeal & devotion deserves,  
Rev. E. Corin, I remain very sincerely,  
Yours in Christ

J. John Bp. N.Y.

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