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to Father Edward Sorin,
Notre Dame, Indiana

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The bishop apologizes for not answering letters of Father Sorin sooner. Frequent absences from Vincennes and multiplicity of work upon each return has precluded a prior answer. ~~He trusts that the tardy reply will not be considered indifference~~ Father Sorin should not consider his silence as a sign of indifference -- he has a habitual repugnance to writing. He appreciates Father Sorin's services to the diocese. In the past, when he ~~had~~ ^{has} had the opportunity he always praised the zeal of Father Sorin's priests. The bishop has mentioned perhaps ~~at Fort Wayne that~~ ^{that at Fort Wayne} the community of brothers as a teaching body turned out to be a sad affair, and attributed that to the establishment of a high school; but he is no more opposed to Father Sorin's high school than ~~to~~ ^{to} any other. Father Sorin's is even better than many he has seen that supposedly have a better reputation. As to the duties he has promised Father Sorin, he had some time ago asked ^{Father (E.)} Mr. Audran to make a copy of them to be sent to Father Sorin, ~~he has forgotten to do it and by my absences I have failed to do it~~, which he still hasn't done. The bishop has examined the faculties of Father Bazin; they need not be written anew for Father Bazin to be used in the missions of Father Sorin. He reserves to himself two points of jurisdiction which he enumerates. He asks Father ^(Francis) Cointet and Father ^(Alfio) Granger not to send the folios of Father Bayerly to Father ^(Christian) Schilling; that the better ~~way~~ ^{is permitted to} to let ~~back~~ ^{Hack} (?) rest easy is not to bother with him. Father Sorin ~~is~~ ^{is permitted to} give to Father Masterson put Father Masterson in charge of Mishawauka. ~~Should~~ ^{Should} Father Sorin should tell the Literary Society that he accepts with recognition the honor they bestowed on him. The tract on New Orleans is well received for the bishop is without money. He is indebted to Father Sorin for the collection made for the orphans.