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Very Rev dear Father,

After my  
return from Notre Dame I  
was so much indisposed  
as to be unable to attend  
but in a half way manner  
to my many duties and  
since quinine has restored  
me I have been immersed  
in the distracting cares of  
packing to leave my home  
perhaps forever. I have

thought a great deal of the  
valued note I received  
from you at the hour of  
my leaving South Bend  
I have read & re-read it  
many times and I  
know not whether to  
consider it a warning  
a rebuke or an encour-  
agement. I do indeed  
regard the faith as the  
best inheritance, the  
greatest gift of God ever.  
I feel too that I would

gladly make any sacrifice  
or do any labor which  
would preserve or restore  
that faith to all the  
children of my loved  
Parents. The great sorrow  
& anxiety of my life  
now is for my brother  
Thomas who seems to  
have lost his faith  
entirely. My husband  
never was instructed  
in the faith and would  
therefore seem to be less  
responsible. I never can

cease to be grateful to you  
dear Rev. Father General  
for all your zeal in our  
regard in the past, and  
I beg you will still  
bear us in mind when  
before the Altar in your  
prayers to Our Blessed  
Mother; especially my  
dear Brother who is so  
sadly in need of grace.

I trust you will remember  
also. Yours, with great  
respect and affection,  
Ellen Eviey Sherman