

Cleveland, Dec. 6th. 1850.

Rev. and dear Father Superior,

Although I have been here a full week, I have been so busy with the opening of the school that I have found it impossible to take advantage of your kind permission to write to you sooner.

On arriving here, I found the excellent bishop absent; he had gone to the consecration of his friend, Bishop Lamy. On his return however, I presented the letter, which you were so good as to give me, and which procured me the pleasure of a short interview with him; for he is so very busy and so constantly out, that I have not been able to say a word to him since. I urged him as much as I could however to pay a visit to St. D. du Lac, telling him that his visit would not be a matter of compliment, but that you would make use of him, as soon as he arrived. He answered very decidedly, that it was also on his part, through no consideration of ceremony that he refused, but that his episcopal duties confined him to his diocese. In fact he started a few days after for the south eastern

part of the diocese. He is to return for Christmas and then he sets out again.

Our school opened last Tuesday, and we had on the first day fourteen scholars: the number has been increasing slowly, and we have now about twenty. They all pay \$3.00 pr. yr. and those who study German or Latin, (some five or six I believe) pay \$5.00. For both together, the charge is \$7.00. Mr. de Goebriand thinks that in a short time we shall have between thirty and forty.

As yet all are Catholics. The free school is to open on Monday next. They are making extensive preparations for the reception of the scholars. They anticipate having nearly two hundred. The sisters, in their free school have between two and three hundred girls. In this (the boys) free school, each scholar must pay half a dollar on entering and after that no more. It is to be taught by some of the seminarians.

There is at present no large church in Cleveland. St. Mary's, the largest, which the Bishop uses as his cathedral is perhaps as long as the church of the Sacred Heart at N. D. and twice as wide. The other, the church of the nativity, I should think,

not half as large. On account of the want of room, they celebrate two high masses every Sunday in both churches. At one there is an English, and at the other, a German sermon. At St. Mary's they have no organ, but only a pretty powerful seraphine. At the Nativity there is an organ but such an organ, that I sometimes think they would be better without it.

The large Cathedral is progressing slowly. It is a large building in the plain Gothic style - 180 feet long. When finished, it will be a splendid building.

The Bishop himself is the architect, I understand. He is putting on a slate roof - the first in Ohio. The slates were imported from Europe.

And now begging you to remember me kindly to all my friends, at St. C. I remain,

Rev. and dear Father,

Your most obt. Servt.

J. V. Byrley

To the

Rev. E. Lorin.



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Rev. E. Souin.

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