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My dear Brothers,

Having arrived safe in Cincinnati yesterday morning, I hasten to make known to you some remarks, which I have to make as visitor. I also give you an order of the daily exercises as they are most convenient for you. I send a copy of this to Rev. Father Superior at Notre Dame, and inform him that you also have a copy of the report. Should he think proper to make any alteration, I think he will let you know.

Rise at 5 O'clock and perform your Meditation and morning prayer that you be ready to hear Mass at 6 O'clock. Immediately after Mass say the Little hours.

Divine Office, meditation, Part. Examen, Spiritual reading and night prayer are public exercises and may be performed in your room. Take Breakfast at 7 O'clock, afterwards prepare for Class. Commence school at 8 O'clock, but try always to be in the schoolroom at least 15 or 20 minutes before time. Do not allow the children to play in the schoolyard before school in the morning, it will distract them too much - but collect them into the room as soon they arrive and let them prepare their lessons in silence.

Close the school at 11 O'clock. If boys are kept in detention, the ordinary time ought not be more than half an hour. Never deprive the boys of their Dinner.

Part. Examination at $\frac{1}{2}$ 12 followed by dinner and Recreation. Try to be in school or in the yard to superintend the boys conduct 15 minutes before 1 O'clock. Open school at 1 O'clock and dismiss again at 4. Always dismiss them, going in ranks. Try also your best to make the children go very orderly when they go to Mass, so that it edify the people. Say your Vespers at $\frac{1}{2}$ 6 O'clock, after this make a visit to the Bl. Sacrament and say the Beads.

6 O'clock Supper followed by recreation. From 5 to 6 and from 7 to 8 must be a time for study.

Make your ^{reading} spiritual, at 8 o'clock — 8½ night prayer
with subject for meditation for next morning. Be in bed at 9.
Say Matins and Lauds only on vacation days.
One hour adoration at 2 o'clock on Saturday, confession
afterwards make a walk.

Take great care, that the schoolrooms are always clean;
it pleases the people, procures esteem for the teacher and
makes the children regard the school.

Never dismiss a boy from school for bad conduct or for any
cause whatever, not before you have taken the thing in
consideration with the parents of the children, — and not even
then without the consent of the Pastor.

You must have no communication with the Sisters,
and never pay them a visit in their Convent. By doing so
the people will regard you the more. Some very curious
remarks regarding this point were made to me, when I was
with you last week.

Whenever you are in need of anything, let it be clothes
or any thing of that kind, get it from Notre Dame —
we write first, to secure a permission from proper author-
ity. By doing so, you will never feel uneasy in that regard.
Be careful to keep an act, even of the most trifling things.
Rev. Father Jarbois is truly your friend, he is a Religious himself,
and therefore, do not only regard him as pastor, but ask him freely when
ever you are in doubt, — regard him in some measure as your
Superior — never forget however, that you have Superiors at
Notre Dame, who will never refuse to solve your doubts.

By punishing a child, he never quits — always considers first,
if the intended punishment suits the boy's character.

Read often the treatise on the 12 Virtues of a Chr. Master,
see Chr. Gov. Government. For the rest, you have Rules
to be guided by, read a chapter of them every day.

Yours sincerely yours — B. G. Mifflin