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Very res. Father General,

Although

I sent you a letter last week from St. Meade, I am obliged to trouble you again. I find that the congregation here is able & willing to have & support a resident priest & that the number of Canadians is so large here & all over the hills, that one of the priests must be prepared not only to hear confessions but also to give instruction in French. It would be very desirable that the three priests in charge of this corner of the Vicariate should belong to your

Congregation, because they would assist one another & interchange their services according to the necessity of the people as well as their own.

The end of the scholastic year being on hand & with it the time of the new disposition I am in hopes, that you can find a man of energy & zeal speaking English & French to send here before the middle of August. If he was like Father Rose, he would be the right man for this new place, where the church is to be plastered & a parsonage to be built this fall; but if

he should be less active, he
might take Father Russin's place
at Deadwood, where every im-
provement is now complete
& Father Russin could take care
of this place, whilst Father
Shea would continue in Lead,
whence he visits Central, Sturgis
& Ft. Meade.

These & other congregations, which
are now being organized, will
before long will repay the care
bestowed, as the resources of
this country are so ample as
they are reliable.

With renewed expression of
respect & gratitude I am

Your Reverence's
humble servt. & Disciple
[Bp. Martin Marty]