

Very Rev. Father General,

Next Sunday it will be three weeks, I have spent in the Black Hills, where I find a large number of Catholic families & bachelors & everybody well disposed towards the Church. The influence of the two Fathers is very good & would be still more beneficial if supported by at least one good Cath. School. The Sisters of Notre Dame have a building in Deadwood which without great expense could be utilized for that purpose & if one of the teachers knew French well & the other Mission their support would at once be abundant.

From Yankton the Sisters have also received an invitation by S. Rev. Father Willard. The building there is as beautifully located, as solidly constructed & would make an excellent point d'appui, from which gradually many & at last even all the prosperous parishes of Southern & Middle Dakota could be supplied with Cath. Teachers. The welfare of the growing generation & the future of the Church can not be secured in any other manner, than by placing Sisters in charge of a school, whenever we have a resident pastor. If Eastern Catholics would do only one tenth of what Eastern Protestants do for Dakota, we would accomplish this easily.

If you could comply with both these invitations  
you would contribute more than anybody has done  
yet towards the development of Catholicity in this  
Island & secure the perpetual gratitude & recogni-  
tion of

Your willing & grateful servant

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