Episcopal Residence,

Cleveland, July 22, 1881.

V. Rev. E. Sorin,

Dear Friend,

A prolonged absence from home and great accumulation of business since my return have left Mr. Gregoire's kind favor of the just unanswered up to this. The Portrait came safely, but there is considerable criticism on it. The defects noted when I was leaving have not been remedied as for instance the nose, lips, upper and lower lines around the mouth. Could the hair sat once or twice more a very good picture would have been the result, but as it is, it is poor. If I could have it touched up, it could no doubt be much improved. As it is, I do not think it a success though it lacks not much to make it so. If thought well of I'd go either again to N. Y. or Chicago to let Mr. Gregoire have a couple of sittings to improve it.

I can not ever thank you as I fee for your great kindness from past & present. The gratitude is as the last. Kindly regards to all.

Ever truly,
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