Alton, May 12, 1855.

To Rev. E. Doran, Superior General of the C. S. C.

Rev. Rev. Father:

Last week I visited Springfield of this diocese. Amongst other things I was called on to select the lots on which the prospective house of the brothers teaching there should be built. The only piece of church property now vacant upon which they could build, is adjoining the church of the immaculate conception. I suppose you are aware that there is question of removing the bell of Alton to Springfield. If this be done, every material change will have to be made about the above named church, which my associates the ground on which the brothers would
like to build, to be used for other purposes, I am very sure it must be decided within a year or two, the lot will be removed to Springfield or not. The brother will feel much disappointed when they find it will not, for the present at least, be allowed to build on the mentioned ground. I do not wish to infer that yet of the contemplated change of Bel of Alto.
Please, therefore, my dear father, see your own way of inducing the brother to desist building for the present without giving them the reason I have given. Hoping you trip to Rome has benefited you, I that you are in the enjoyment of good health, I am most respectfully,

My dear father,

L.C. Atris