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Rt. Rev. E. B. Ledvina, D.D.
Corpus Christi, Texas.

My very Dear Bishop:

I am very thankful to you for accepting Clement Hageman. I feel sure that his late experience together with the great kindness you have shown him will help him to correct the attitude which motivated his not being admitted to the final vows. If he does it, he will be a valuable addition to your secular Clergy and will do good work in the diocese.

Clement is more or less a stranger to me. He came to St. Anthony's after I had left it. He made his Novitiate and his Scolasticatè whilst I was in New Orleans; but he came to me when he had to leave and has been here ever since. I studied him and I found in him very excellent qualities which endeared him to me. I feel that he will not be a disappointment and that the money we have spent on him is well invested.

Father Gourmelen spoke to me about a young Mexican of Mercedes who desires to study for the priesthood; I encourage him to speak to you about him. I have three Mexican boys now at the St. Anthony's and I must say that they compare advantageously with any other student for conduct and studies. I really bank on them. Of course, I may be disappointed some day; but I consider that it is worth while trying.

I have been working very hard during this vacation trying to put the house in a fair condition and I wish I could get out for for a change. But it is too late now. I am going to take it easy these two weeks and I hope to be fit to begin on Sept. 4th.

Thanking you very much for past favors and tokens of friendship and wishing you all kind of success in all your undertakings, I remain

Yours very devotedly.

A. Antoine M.I.