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All'arcivescovo di Glasgow, Charles Eyre

Turin, 6 dicembre 1887

My Lord Arch-bishop,

I humbly beg Your Grace to pardon my unwilling delay in replying to your gracious favour of the 18 November last. I should have been more solicitous in thanking your Grace for the marked benevolence with which you have honoured our Pious Society and my poor person in particular. But my advanced age and many infirmities are telling on me lately, so that I am often obliged to suspend duties which it would be my desire to ultimate with all possible dispatch.

I have taken the liberty of transmitting Your Graces' letter to my Vicar-general, Don Rua, who, I hope, may be able to find a good, zealous priest, willing to take charge of our Compatriots in Glasgow.

I am sorry to be obliged to inform your Grace that the Rules of our Society do not permit of our sending one of our members alone.

I have recently accepted a Church in London, and I would willingly open a house of education in Glasgow or any other town in your Grace's Archdiocese, but at present I have scarcely any English-speaking subjects.

Again begging your Grace to excuse my long delay and renewing my best thanks for your gracious benevolence, while I implore your pastoral Benediction.

I have the honour to profess myself

My Lord Archbishop

Your Grace's very humble obd servant Sac. Gio. Bosco