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Letter to Mr. Pugin dated May 10th 1868
The Convent. St. L – on Sea

My dear Mr. Pugin,

I shall not be here & I have nothing to say to Mr. Hodgson – if he does come. He is bound to fulfil his contract and to leave his work finished in a workman like manner. He will not blame anyone but himself if he is a loser by his bargain. He saw what he had to do & he had no falling down of Arches or any mishaps, so he may truly blame himself for his bargain – At least the Community shall not be dragged into debt. I neither can nor will allow myself to bring on any further expense for any matter whatever. If the walls leak for the want of pointing, it must be to Mr. Hodgson's shame & loss. We shall certainly not incur any further expense. I am extremely sorry that we ever attempted more than could be covered by the £2500 as this requires thirty years to pay off & the extras are now bringing us into more anxiety than is good for us. We have no Congregation to call upon to assist us in a public church & are dependent on our own savings.

I remain my dear Mr. Pugin.

Yours very faithfully in J.C.

Cornelia Connelly

To E.W. Pugin Esq.